

Meadow Brook Intermediate

Student/Parent Handbook



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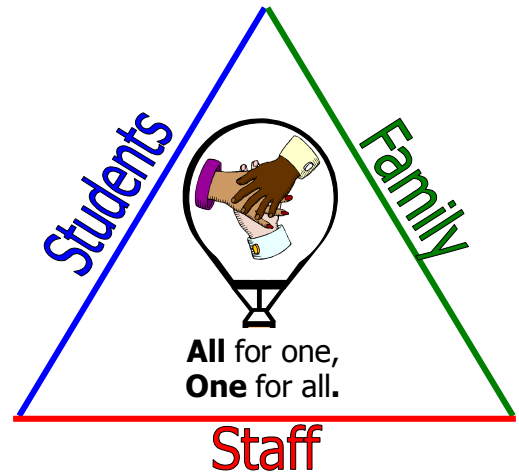
MEADOW BROOK FLIERS STUDENT HANDBOOK

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MEADOW BROOK VISION

All for one, One for all
"focusing on kids and
their learning"



MEADOW BROOK MISSION STATEMENT

Meadow Brook Intermediate
School - educating students to
become life-long learners and
responsible citizens.



Schedule

8:10	First Bell
9:55-10:00	Recess
11:15-11:55	4 th Lunch
11:27-12:07	5 th Lunch
11:39-12:19	6 th Lunch
3:05	End of School Day

Delayed Starts: Wednesdays 9:25 AM

MEADOW BROOK - ROUTINES

Friends and Family

My parents and other adults are always welcome to visit the school. All visitors must report to the office upon arriving at the school grounds; classroom visits need to be pre-arranged. Only enrolled students are allowed on school grounds.

Don't Tune Out Your Education

I understand that the primary focus at Meadow Brook School is to create a positive and productive learning atmosphere. Because we work together to achieve this climate, I recognize that equipment, such as radios, tapes, tape players, computer games, Walkman radios, CD players and games, will not be allowed on our campus. Meadow Brook will not accept responsibility for the disappearance of or damage to any such equipment. We are not responsible for looking for these items. I further understand that if I choose to use these items during school hours, they will be kept in the office and can only be released to the custody of my parents or guardians.

A.T.&T. and Me

As a Meadow Brook student, I have access to the office telephone, but not for arranging my social life. The office telephone is available (with staff permission) before and after school and in case of an emergency. My after-school activities must be cleared by my parents or guardians **before I come to school**. Telephones in classrooms are OFF LIMITS to students without teacher assistance.

TLC and Chicken Soup

If I am really sick, my bed at home is what I should pick. If I am at school feeling sick and low, the health room is the place to go (with teacher permission). I must bring all medication to the secretary with the proper medication form signed by my parent/guardian and physician. The original container and specific directions will be kept in the health room. If I am hurt at school, I will immediately report the accident to an adult.

Yellow Cadillac

I have the privilege of utilizing the transportation services of this school district. If I do not follow the rules on the bus, that privilege can be taken away. Drivers are carefully trained and do not need advice from "backseat drivers". If I plan to "catch" a ride on a bus with my friend, I will ask the office to stamp a written parent permission slip, before lunch time. I will present this slip to the bus driver before getting on the bus.

Cruzin'

My school recognizes that some of us may rely on wheeled (bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, scooters, etc.) as a means of transportation to and from school. I may not use my wheels on campus - is the rule. Also, there are no motorized vehicles allowed on campus, this includes motorized scooters.

I will walk my bicycle to the bicycle rack for the day. Locking my bike will make sure it does stay. To keep my bike safe, buying a license from the City of College Place is a small amount to pay.

Skateboards, rollerblades, or scooters are secured in the office first thing in the morning. No wheels touch the floor or they might not return after a warning.

Lost and Found

I need to check the lost and found by the office if I have misplaced my belongings. Any items not claimed will be donated to a worthy organization.

MEADOW BROOK - PROGRAMS

Dear Abby: Help!

Getting picked on? Grades down? Parents don't understand? We have just the person! Our counselor is the most caring person in the whole wide world. She will listen to my concerns, explore solutions with me, and help me get back on my feet.

Social Butterflies

We have a lot of fun at the social events offered during the school year. Possible activities include sports, music, and science. All currently enrolled students are welcome to attend, but, **if you miss the day, you can't come and play.**

Good character shines like gold – Show your strengths!

I will strive to be: caring, trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, hard working, make goals, solve problems, and show good citizenship. Let your character shine bright, do what is right, strive to show strengths with all your might.

Be bold and go for the gold slip. If my slip is drawn at the end of the week I get a reward and I could see my name displayed on the bulletin board.

V.I.P.

My actions may make me eligible for Good Citizen of the Month. Each month I have the chance to be nominated as Student of the Month by my teachers. If I am the chosen one, I get some extra fun!

Meaningful Work

I may apply for a job in the Meaningful Work Program. There is a job posting near the office. I can fill out an application. If I am interviewed and hired, I may miss up to 20 minutes of the school day to fulfill my assigned task. Parental permission is a must for this program. Academic work is a priority. I must be responsible for school work missed. I will learn about the world of work.

MEADOW BROOK - ACADEMICS

BE PREPARED

I will bring books, paper, writing tools, completed homework, and any other **classroom** materials required by my teachers to **every class.**

Accelerated Reader

What's my reading level, I ask? A STAR test can handle this task. I'll discover what colored dot will connect me with books I like a lot. To the library I will go and pick a book whose dot I know. I'll read, read, and read some more. Then take a test with a computerized score. I can earn points. Yippee! Hooray! Receive recognition the AR way!

I've Got The Power

I will receive formal grade reports at the end of every grading quarter. In addition to these grade reports, my parents/guardians and I will receive a Midterm Progress Report. It is important that my parents/guardians contact my teachers with any questions they might have about my classroom performance.

Meadow Brook's A B C'S

A excellent

A 93-100% , A- 90-92%,

B above average

B+ 88-89%, B 83-87%, B- 80-82%

C average

C+ 78-79%, C 73-77%, C- 70-72%

D below average

D+ 68-69%, D 63-67%, D- 60-62%

F failing

F below 60%

We use a number scale to align our grading system to the State Essential Learnings. Students may receive the following on a report card to indicate application of skills learned:

INDICATORS	CRITERIA
4 Exceeds Expectations	Demonstrates excellent grasp of concepts presented. Requires little teacher support. Displays self-control and self-motivation.
3 Consistent	Demonstrates adequate grasp of concepts presented. May require limited teacher support. Displays adequate self-control and self-motivation.
2 Frequently	Shows limited understanding of concepts presented. Requires teacher support. Exhibits limited self control and/or self-motivation.
1 Inconsistent	Does not understand concepts presented. Requires constant support. Difficulty with self-control and/or self-motivation.
0	Chooses not to perform concepts presented.
NA	Not assessed at this time
@	Assessed by specialist

MEADOW BROOK - ATTENDANCE

I Miss School - I Miss Out

At Meadow Brook Intermediate, I understand that attendance affects what I learn in my classroom. I know it is essential to attend school regularly and to be on time to every class. The only time I can be out of class is with teacher's permission. When it is necessary for me to miss school for a legitimate reason, **I must be excused by a written note or phone call from my parent or guardian.** Parents will be contacted regarding all absences. [After three absences, I will need a Dr.'s note.](#)

Fines

[Be sure to pay all fines. I will check library, music, office, and lunchroom charges to make sure I owe no money of any kind. If I owe fines from this school year or a previous year, I will not attend the year end activity until the fees are paid or payment arrangements are made.](#)

Successful Meadow Brook Students Know

It is important for me to clearly understand the following procedures regarding **my attendance**:

- *If I am late to school, I will report to the office.
- *If I need an early dismissal, I will take my note to my teacher. I will be called from class when my parent/guardian arrives at the office to sign me out.
- *If I am absent from school for a legitimate reason, I know it is my responsibility to check with my teachers at an appropriate time to arrange for make-up work.
- *I will contact the office for my homework if my absences will exceed three days.

Better Late Than Never?

[BE ON TIME! Tardies will be tracked and discipline will be assigned depending on the number of tardies.](#)

Missing in Action

Too frequently gone from school? Home visits will be the tool! We care about seeing your smiling faces and want you at school on a daily basis.

MEADOW BROOK - BEHAVIOR

Where To Be or Not To Be

I am not to arrive before 7:45 AM. The office will be open for students at 7:55 A.M [on most days. On days of staff meetings, the secretary may not be available until the meeting is over.](#) Prior to that time I can wait outside (the parking lot is off-limits). I understand we have a closed campus, and I will remain on the Meadow Brook grounds during the school day.

These Boots Are Made for Walking...

Save your running for P.E. or track! Walking in the halls and passing on the right is the way to go at Meadow Brook. Meadow Brook students use the sidewalk and not the Sager Campus to get to and from school.

First Come First Served

I understand that standing in lines at lunch, at the bus stop, or at other times is a part of the Meadow Brook scene. The rule is no "cuts" or "saving places", and "only my body saves my place".

Hangin' Around area with my supervisor. Any time I am on the school grounds I will follow school rules.

Halt! Who Goes There?

At lunch time I must have in hand a pass signed by a staff member to be in the building. I will show my pass to the office personnel when I enter the building. I will also have a note from my teacher if I am in the halls during class time.

Food and Lunches

[I will demonstrate good table manners at all times and will clean up after myself. I can eat or drink only in the cafeteria. I will only bring food in my cold lunch and I will bring only appropriate sized drinks \(12 ounces or less\). High energy caffeine drinks are not appropriate for school. Only single sized portion snacks are appropriate for school lunches.](#)

AVOID STICKY SITUATIONS!

[I WILL LEAVE MY GUM AT HOME. If I choose to chew gum, I will be disciplined accordingly.](#)

Playground Equipment

I will leave my playground equipment at home, there are balls provided by the school. Be safe, avoid arguments and theft and use the school's equipment.

Clothes Case

Students should come to school well groomed and appropriately dressed. Student clothing must not advertise or relate to gangs (including Old English script and gang related clothing and jewelry), alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or sex. Sunglasses are for wearing outside. Hats/hoods are not to be worn on campus. Pants must stay up with out having to be held. No excessive length. Shirts must be tuckable length and reach the top of pants (no exposure of undergarments or midriffs). Belts should be in loops with no hanging straps. Chains are not allowed.

Even when hot, no thin straps, tank tops, halter tops or crop tops will be in view. Mesh fabric will not be allowed. No shorts/skirts will be allowed that can't reach the fingertips when standing. No pajamas. Clothes can be neither too loose nor too tight. Students dressed inappropriately will be required to call home for proper dress.

That's Entertainment

I am privileged to be a Meadow Brook student and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of entertaining and informative assemblies. Students and staff are proud of the fine tradition of courteous and orderly conduct that we display at all school assemblies.

Paying My Dues

I know that I should have self-discipline. I am proud of the opportunities and activities I have to show that I can make responsible choices at school. I will be courteous, cooperative, friendly, and exhibit an attitude of respect for people and property.

In the event that I need help with my self-discipline, I realize that I will receive appropriate consequences for my behavior. I know that my parents/guardians will be notified. Other consequences might include: forfeiting free time, lunch detention, parent conference, custodial duty, in-school suspension (ISS), out-of-school suspension (OSS), short or long term suspension, or expulsion. The consequences I receive will depend upon the nature and seriousness of the inappropriate behavior and the number of previous misbehaviors. ISS/OSS will cancel my attendance and/or participation in any after-school events on that day.

Affectionate Behavior

How students behave when away from school and on their own time is their own private rule. At school show your affection in kind words and deeds. Keep your hands to yourself please, please, please.

Let's Play Ball!

A limited amount of balls and other sports equipment are available for students to checkout. I realize if I check it out, I am responsible for returning it.

Write Right!

I understand that walls and bathroom stalls are not places to practice my penmanship! **Graffiti is illegal!** Body writing is unhealthy and considered a distraction.

Offending students will be asked to wash up. [If writing on the body continues, the student will face disciplinary consequences](#)

Safe Schools

I understand it is important for school to be safe. It is not fair that any individual(s) be allowed to disrupt my learning. Students' threats of violence will be dealt with promptly. Students' behavior, dress, signing, [artwork](#) or symbolism representing gang affiliation will not be tolerated on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, either on or off-campus, or en-route to and from school. Weapons are not allowed at school.

Respectfully Yours

Theft, harassment, and fighting will get me nowhere in a hurry! I know that name-calling and profanity are not acceptable. I know disagreements among students will occur, and the counselors and other adults at my school are ready, willing, and able to help me with problem solving. I will involve them at the first sign of difficulty.

Not In Our School!

The rules are very clear when it comes to substance violations:

I will not sell, possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kind on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities (either on or off-campus), en-route to and from school, or while in attendance during the school day.

ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL

[Equipment, such as MP3 players, cameras, cell phones, laser pointers, music players and so forth, are considered a distraction to the learning environment. Additionally, such items are easily misplaced or stolen. As such, electronic devices are not welcome on the Meadow Brook campus. Meadow Brook will not accept responsibility for the disappearance of or damage to any such equipment, and will turn all reports of theft of such equipment to the College Place Police Department for investigation. If a student uses these items at school, they will be kept in the office and can only be released to the custody of parents or guardian.](#)

NO

Bad language

Unkindness

Leaving other out

Laughing at others

Inflicting harm verbally and/or physically

Excluding others

Singling others out

HERE

Choice Cards and You

In the event that you should receive a Choice Card ...

Learn and **Follow** these rules exactly:

1. Do not say anything to the Issuing Staff Member. Do not argue, explain, protest, or try to get the "last word."
2. Leave the room or area immediately and quietly. Take a pencil or pen with you along with the Choice Card. Talk to no one as you leave.
3. When you reach the hallway, go directly to the **detention room**. No other stops of any kind are allowed in the hall, and you should not talk to anyone.
4. Enter the **detention room** quietly, and go directly to the place where the Behavior Referral Forms are kept. Don't seek or acknowledge the attention of anyone in the classroom, and do not talk. Carefully fill out the top half of the form and then wait.
5. When it is convenient, the Time Out teacher will come and talk to you and check the Behavior Referral Form. The Time Out teacher will give you further instructions that should be followed exactly. **You will not return to your classroom until 30 minutes as passed.**
6. Many students will make a mistake big enough to get a Choice Card. The important thing now is that you make the necessary changes in your behavior, and avoid getting a second one.

Meadow Brook Intermediate School Choice Card Consequences

A Choice Card will have the following consequences each quarter:

1st Choice Card ...Parent notification, Lunch detention, Loss of Positive Promotion (for that month and quarter celebration)

2nd Choice Card...Requires parent notification, 1st recess and Lunch detention

3rd Choice Card...Requires parent notification, 1st recess and Lunch detention for 3 days, Parent/Teacher/Administrator conference

4th Choice Card...Requires **1 full day** of IN School Suspension, Parent notification.

5th Choice Card....Requires **2 full days** of IN School Suspension, Parent notification and conference, behavioral plan

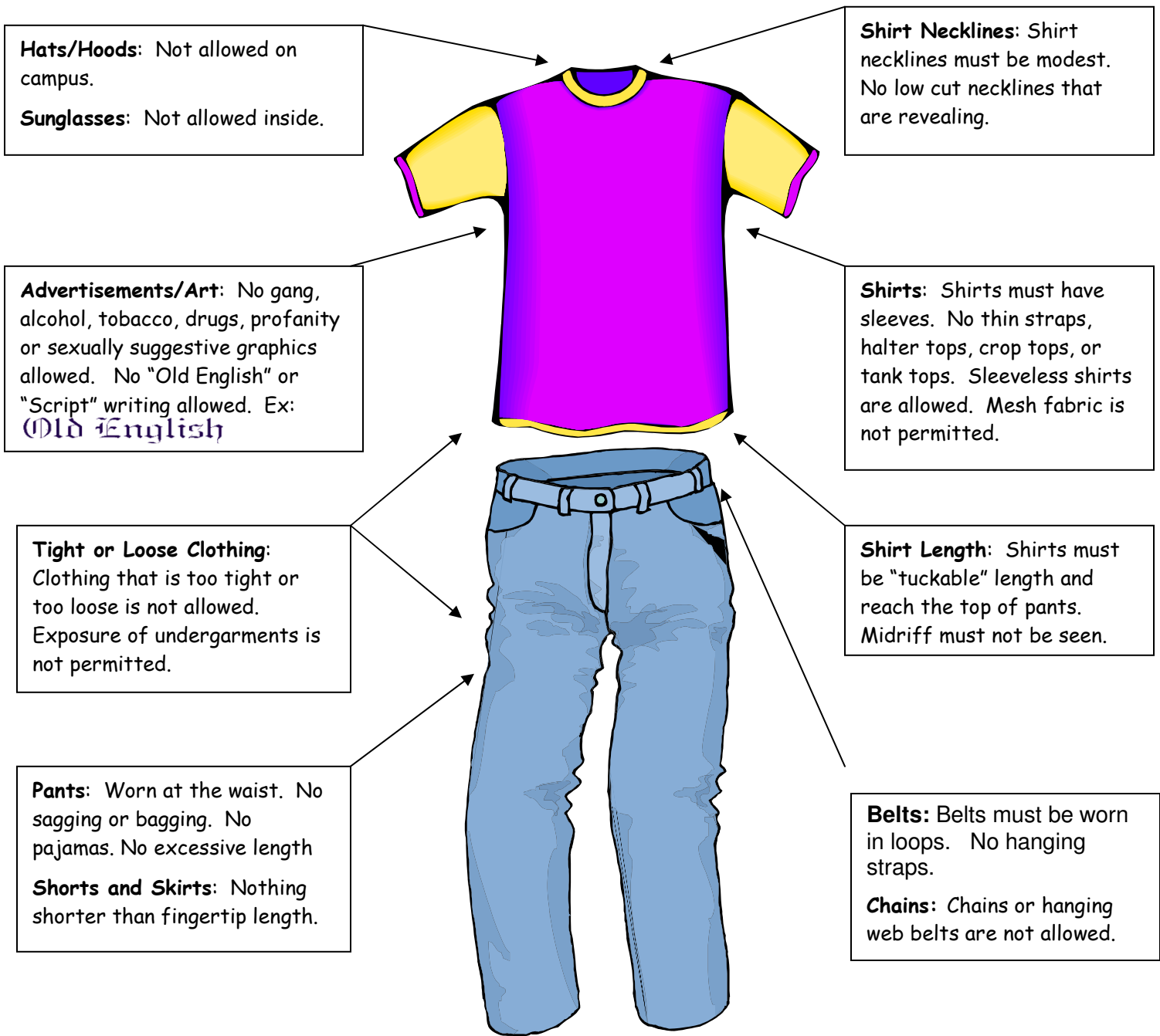
6th Choice Card...Requires **2 OSS and 2 ISS days**, Parent notification

7th Choice Card...Requires **3OSS and 3 ISS days**, parent notification and conference

****Failure to follow Choice Card Rules 1-5 moves a student immediately to a 4th Card Consequence. Two Choice Cards in one day moves a student to a 4th Card Consequence.**

- **Anyone who earns 4 or more Choice Cards in any quarter starts at level 4 the next quarter. (A Choice Card would give them 2 days of ISS)**
- **If a student does not earn a Choice Card before the Midterm of the next quarter, the Choice Card resets to level zero.**
- **A student who accumulates 5 Choice Cards in a quarter of 10 Choice Cards throughout the year will be placed on a behavioral plan.**

Please note that certain offenses, such as drugs, fighting, weapons, refusing to comply with teacher requests, etc., may result in consequences beyond those indicated in the choice card section. For example, a first offense for fighting may result in ISS or OSS, even if the student has no prior choice cards.



CLOTHING AT SCHOOL

Students should come to school well groomed and appropriately dressed. Student clothing must not advertise or relate to gangs, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or sex. Sunglasses are for wearing outside. Hats/hoods are not to be worn on campus. Pants must stay up without having to be held. No excessive length. Shirts must be tuckable length and reach the top of pants (no exposure of undergarments or midriffs). Belts should be in loops with no hanging straps. Chains are not allowed. Even when hot, no thin straps, tank tops, halter tops, or crop tops will be in view. Mesh fabric will not be allowed. No shorts/skirts will be allowed that can't reach the fingertips when standing. No pajamas. Clothes can be neither too loose nor too tight. Students dressed inappropriately will be required to call home for proper dress.

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PARENT SECTION

ATTENDANCE

The school district shall not deny any pupil equal opportunity or discriminate against any pupil because of national origin, race, religion, economic status or sex.

Compulsory School Attendance **Policy No. 3121** Adoption Date: December

All parents, guardians or persons residing in this school district, having custody of any child eight years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend the schools of this district, if the child resides in College Place, the full time district schools are in session. The following situations are exceptions.

- (1) The child attends an approved private school for the same time;
- (2) An educational center as provided in Chapter 28A.205RCW;
- (3) The child is receiving approved home-based instruction;
- (4) The superintendent has excused such child from attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school;
- (5) The child is attending a residential school operated by the Division of Institutions, Department of Social and Health Services;
- (6) The student's parents have requested a temporary absence for purposes agreed to by the district and which will not cause a serious adverse effect on the student's educational process
- (7) The student is sixteen years of age, regularly and lawfully employed and either has parent permission or is emancipated pursuant to chapter 13.64 RCW;
- (8) The student has met graduation requirements in accordance with the State Board of Education rules and regulations;
- (9) The student has received a certificate of educational competence (GED).

Any law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests can take a truant child into custody without a warrant and must then deliver the child to the parent or to the school.

The district shall not require enrollment for either (a) a minimum number of semesters or trimesters or (b) a minimum number of courses in a semester or trimester which exceeds the enrollment time or courses necessary for a student to meet established course, credit, and test requirements for high school graduation.

Procedure 3122P

Excused/Unexcused Absences and Tardiness

The best school achievement is accomplished with good attendance, which is less than 5% absence. Anything more frequent is disruptive to the child's educational progress. Nonetheless, it is recognized that at times students may appropriately be absent from class. The parent/guardian must notify the school office on the morning of the absence and/or send a signed note of explanation with the student upon his/her return to school. If a student's absence was caused by illness, a health condition, or an emergency, the parent/guardian is to notify the school office. The notes must be received within 24 hours of the student's return to school. For students who are gone for three (3) days, who have habitual illness, or a doctor-diagnosed illness, we must have a note from the doctor stating the diagnosis. A student will be unexcused until one of these conditions is met. Five (5) days are allowed for notes to excuse an unexcused absence.

Excused Absences

The following are valid excuses for absences and tardiness. Assignments and/or activities not completed because of an excused absence or tardiness may be made up in the manner provided by the teacher. The affected teacher and/or principal must be notified prior to the absence unless it is clearly impossible to do so.

- A. **Participation in school-approved activity.** To be excused this absence must be authorized by a staff member and the affected teacher must be notified prior to the absence unless it is clearly impossible to do so.

- B. **Absence due to illness, health condition, family emergency or religious purposes.** When possible, the parent/guardian is expected to notify the school office on the morning of the absence and send a signed note of explanation with the student upon his/her return to school. Students fourteen years old or older who are absent from school due to testing or treatment for a sexually transmitted disease shall notify the school of their absence with a signed note of explanation, which will be kept confidential. Students thirteen years and older may do the same for mental health, drug or alcohol treatment; and all students have that right for family planning and abortion. A parent/guardian may request that a student be excused from attending school in observance of a religious holiday. In addition, a student, upon the request of his/her parent/guardian, may be excused for a portion of a school day to participate in religious instruction provided such is not conducted on school property. A student shall be allowed one makeup day for each day of absence.
- C. **Absence for parental-approved activities.** This category of absence shall be counted as excused for purposes agreed to by the principal and the parent/guardian. An absence may not be approved if it causes a serious adverse effect on the student's educational progress. In participation-type classes (e.g., certain music and physical education classes) the student may not be able to achieve the objectives of the unit of instruction as a result of absence from class. In such a case, a parent/guardian-approved absence would have an adverse effect on the student's educational progress which would ultimately be reflected in the grade for such a course. A student, upon the request of his/her parent/guardian, may be excused for a portion of a school day to participate in religious instruction provided such is not conducted on school property or otherwise involves the school to any degree.
- D. **Absence resulting from disciplinary actions — or short-term suspension.** As required by law, students who are removed from a class or classes as a disciplinary measure or students who have been placed on short-term suspension shall have the right to make up assignments or exams missed during the time they were denied entry to the classroom if the effect of the missed assignments shall be a substantial lowering of the course grade.
- E. **Extended illness or health condition.** If a student is confined to home or hospital for an extended period, the school shall arrange for the accomplishment of assignments at the place of confinement whenever practical. If the student is unable to do his/her schoolwork, or if there are major requirements of a particular course which cannot be accomplished outside of class the student may be required to take an incomplete or withdraw from the class without penalty.
- F. **Excused absence for chronic health condition.** Students with a chronic health condition which interrupts regular attendance may qualify for placement in a limited attendance and participation program. The student and his/her parent/guardian shall apply to the principal or counselor, and a limited program shall be written following the advice and recommendations of the student's medical advisor. The recommended limited program shall be approved by the principal. Staff shall be informed of the student's needs, though the confidentiality of medical information shall be respected at the parent/guardian's request.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences fall into three categories:

- A. Submitting a signed excuse which does not constitute an excused absence as defined previously; or
- B. Any student who presents false evidence, with or without the consent of his/her parent/guardian, in order to wrongfully qualify for an excused absence shall be subject to the same corrective action that would have occurred had the false excuse not been used; or
- C. Failing to submit any type of excuse statement signed by the parent/guardian.

Unexcused Absence Procedure

First unexcused absence during any one month period

Each unexcused absence shall be followed by a warning letter or by phone to the parent/guardian of the student. The parent/guardian contact shall include the potential consequences of additional unexcused absences. Each

notice shall be in writing in English or in the primary language of the parent/guardian. A student's grade shall not be affected if no graded activity is missed during such an absence.

Second unexcused absence during any one month period

After two unexcused absences within any month a conference shall be held between the parent/guardian, student and principal. This conference is in addition to the written or phone contact identified above. At such a conference the principal, student and parent/guardian shall consider:

- a. Adjusting the student's program;
- b. Providing more individualized instruction;;
- c. Assisting the student to obtain supplementary services that might eliminate or ameliorate the causes of absence; or,
- d. Imposing other corrective actions that are deemed to be appropriate.

Fifth unexcused absence during any one month period

A letter is sent home to inform the parent/guardian as the number of absences and a parent/guardian conference is required. At this conference the district shall enter into an agreement with the student and parent/guardians that establishes school attendance requirements, refer the student to a community truancy board, or file a petition and affidavit with the juvenile court alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010.

Seventh unexcused absence during any one month period

If the above action fails to correct the attendance problem, the student shall be declared a habitual absentee. The principal shall interview the student and his/her family and prescribe corrective action which may include suspension for the current semester and expulsion.

No later than the seventh unexcused absence within any month during the current school year **or upon the tenth unexcused absence during the current school year** the district shall file a petition and affidavit with the juvenile court alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010 by the parent/guardian, student or parent/guardian and student. The petition consists of written notification to the court alleging that:

- a. The student has unexcused absences in the current school year (petitions must be filed if the student has seven or more unexcused absences within any month during the current school year or ten or more unexcused absences in the current school year, but a petition may be filed earlier; also unexcused absences accumulated in another school or school district shall be counted for all purposes in this procedure);
- b. Actions taken by the school district have not been successful in substantially reducing the student's absences from school; and
- c. Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the school district to reduce the student's absences from school. Additionally, the petition shall include the student's name, date of birth, school, address, gender, race and ethnicity; and the names and addresses of the student's parent/guardians. The petition must include facts that support the allegations made in the petition, must generally request relief available under the statute, and must describe what the court might order. Petitions may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, but if such service is unsuccessful, personal service is required. At the district's choice, it may be represented by a person who is not an attorney at hearings related to truancy petitions.

A student who has been expelled for attendance violations may petition the superintendent for reinstatement. Such petition may be granted upon presentation of a firm and unequivocal commitment to maintain regular attendance.

Students six or seven years of age, who have been enrolled in the district, are required to attend school and their parent/guardians are responsible for ensuring that they attend. Parent/guardians who wish to withdraw their children before the children are eight years old and against whom no truancy petition has been filed, may

withdraw the students from school. When a six or seven year old student has unexcused absences, the district shall do the following:

- a. Notify the parent/guardian or guardian in writing or by telephone after one unexcused absence in any month.
- b. Request a conference with the parent/guardian or guardian and child to analyze the causes of the student's absences after two unexcused absences in any month (a regularly scheduled teacher-parent conference held within thirty days may substitute).
Take steps to eliminate or reduce the student's absences, including: adjusting the school program, school, course assignment; providing more individualized or remedial instruction; offering enrollment in alternative schools or programs; or assisting in obtaining supplementary services.
- c. After seven unexcused absences in a month, or ten in a school year, the district shall file a truancy petition.

Assignment Makeup

As a means of instilling values of responsibility and personal accountability, a student whose absence is **not** excused shall experience the consequences of his/her absence. A student's grade shall be affected if a graded activity or assignment occurs during the period of time when the student is absent.

If an absence is excused the student shall be permitted to make up all missed assignments. Acquiring missed assignments is a collaborative effort between the classroom teacher and the student/parent/guardian. However, the primary responsibility for acquiring missed assignments is that of the student and/or parent/guardian. Assignments will be made up outside of class and under reasonable conditions and time limits established by the appropriate teacher(s).

Tardiness

Students are expected to be in class on time. The student who has four (4) or more unexcused tardies in a sixty (60) day period commencing with the first tardy, may be required to, but not limited to, stay after school, stay in for recess, and/or he/she may be given in-school suspension.

1. Parents/Guardians of students who are habitually tardy from class, whether excused or unexcused shall be referred to the principal or counselor. Parents/guardians will meet with the counselor to devise a contract that defines a program to keep tardiness to a minimum.
2. Five (5) unexcused tardies in a sixty (60) day period will be equal to ½ day unexcused absence.

The following tardies will be considered excused at College Place Public Schools:

1. Health condition
2. Medical, vision, or dental appointment - must have a doctor's note
3. Family emergency
4. Prior approval from principal

A tardy that does not meet these requirements is considered unexcused. Each building will determine what consequences are appropriate for individual unexcused tardiness.

Leaving school early is a type of reverse tardiness and is discouraged. A no tolerance philosophy is maintained for leaving school early due to disruption of learning. An afternoon appointment will require a doctor's note upon return to school.

All sanctions imposed for failure to comply with the attendance policies and procedures shall be implemented in conformance with state and district regulations regarding corrective action or punishment. (See policy 3241.)

STUDENT LIFE

Student Registration Packet

At the beginning of each school year, Meadow Brook families receive a Student Registration Packet. This packet includes: confidential registration, home language survey, free/reduced lunch application, a field trip permission form, an extra-curricular sports permission form, insurance information, an internet users agreement, a school calendar, Student Handbook Agreement, School Wide Parent/Teacher/Student/Principal Compact, and information on the opening weeks of school. This is an important part of your student's school record and also enables communication with you in case of emergencies or other situations as needed. Please read over this packet carefully and return it to school with your student as soon as possible. The Student Registration Packet is part of the registration process and is required each year.

Lunch and Breakfast Programs: The schools serve hot lunch and breakfast daily. Seating is provided in the cafeteria for students bringing sack lunches from home. Money (for breakfasts, hot lunches and milk) may be deposited in any amount at the **office each morning before class begins**. A computer is used to keep track of each student's individual account. Parents may complete an application for free or reduced price hot lunches or breakfasts at the principal's office. A new application must be processed when a family's income changes. The application must be filled out each year.

No food may be taken from the lunchroom or eaten in the hallway or on the playground.
Parents wishing to have their children go home for lunch should notify the school in writing.

Lunch Charges:

When a child has a "minimum" balance to no balance, notify (phone and/or note) child and parent
@ 1 charge, notify child
@ 2 charges, notify child and parent
@ 3 charges notify child and parent that on **day 6 the child will not be fed**

Closed Campus: Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless given permission by the school office secretary or principal and the parent or parent's emergency designee. If students leave without securing permission, it is considered skipping school and will be treated as such.

School Pictures: Pictures of students will be taken early in the school year. Parents/guardians will be notified in advance. Purchase of the pictures is optional. School pictures are provided by a private business, and the school district does not receive remuneration for this service.

Classroom Parties: All parties other than regular holiday room parties must have prior approval of the classroom teacher.

Fines: Students are held responsible for proper treatment of books and other school property. Lost and/or damaged school property will result in a fine or replacement cost. Fees from this school year or a previous school year must be paid or the student will not be allowed to participate in the end of the year activities.

Student Accident Insurance: For a **fee**, parents/guardians may obtain insurance which will not only insure children while they are participating in school activities, but will also "cover" children while they are going directly to and from school. Parents will be given information regarding insurance during the first few weeks of school.

Accidents: Students involved in an accident while at school should report such accident to the office and the supervising teacher and have the necessary forms filled out. This must be done at the earliest possible time.

Health Room: The school health room is provided to give preliminary care to students who become ill or injured during the school day. If a student is injured or ill to a degree where medical or home care seems advisable, the parents will be notified. If the parent cannot be contacted, the school will exercise its best judgment in giving the student proper care.

Medication: Any medication, prescription or over-the-counter, taken at school must be dispensed at the office. Authorization for administration of oral medication at school, signed by doctor and parent/guardian, must be on file in the office for medication to be taken at school. Medication is brought to school by parents, or specific arrangements are made. Medication is not sent with students.

Building Safety Plan:

Meadow Brook School has a detailed building safety plan. Staff members are assigned to an emergency response team for emergencies or disasters. Our emergency response plan is activated by:

1. Spontaneous events such as fire, earth quake, hazardous material incident or intruder alert
2. Weather warnings/watches

Students will be trained in evacuation and lock down procedures. In the event of a school emergency, a Student-Parent Reunion Team will be established on the playground between the Sager and Meadow Brook schools. This is the location where parents may pick up their child in the event of an emergency.

Please realize that in an emergency or disaster situation, order is our strongest ally. Our goal is to protect the life of your child and will do so to the best of our ability until we are able to release the child into your custody. Your calm and cooperation will be a huge asset to the successful operation of the Student-Parent Reunion Team.

General Procedures/Emergency Numbers IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 9-911

1. In all cases of emergency the principal or his/her designee shall dial 9-911 (if emergency services – fire, police, utility, ambulance, etc. are required), then call the superintendent's office (525-4827).
2. **The safety of student and staff in all situations is the prime consideration.**
3. In the absence of orders from superiors, each teacher is authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to save lives and mitigate the effects of disaster.

Emergency Lock-Down Procedures

1. If a lock-down is announced, teachers will ignore all bells and fire alarms. If evacuation is necessary, it will be announced by the office.
2. Teachers will immediately check the hall to retrieve straggling students and then lock and close their room doors.
3. Every student who is out of class will go to the nearest occupied classroom and remain there.
4. Any classes outside the building when the lock-down announcement occurs should remain outside and move away from the building to an area deemed safe by the teacher.
5. Teachers will compile a list to report missing/absent students and extra students. The secretary will call each classroom to account for any missing/absent students.
6. If the lock-down announcement occurs during a recess, students outside should report to the designated site. Students in the cafeteria, gymnasium, or lobby should follow the directions of supervising staff.
7. The Superintendent's office will be notified.
8. When the unsafe condition ceases, an announcement will be made explaining the situation and giving staff and students further directions.
9. If appropriate, an after-school staff meeting will be held and /or a letter will be sent home with students explaining the situation.

• Lock-Down:

All exterior doors locked, all lockable interior doors locked with students locked in classrooms, drapes pulled and interior door windows covered. Students assume position (to be determined room by room) in a designated classroom area and wait until the all clear sign is given. Children on playground are taken to a predetermined safe site or into building if possible. Teachers maintain calm setting until an "all clear" message is broadcast over the intercom.

- **Fire Drill**

Meadow Brook Students and staff will practice monthly fire drills. All individuals in the building evacuate to the designated space on the playground. Attendance is taken, evaluation of the situation performed by the incident management team, and then the direction is given to return to the building. If there were a real emergency, students would remain with teachers as the Student-Parent Reunion Team Center is established between Sager and Meadow Brook campuses.

Equipment: Sports equipment must be checked out through the P.E. teacher or the P.E. Department.

Lost and Found: Lost and found articles will be taken care of through the office. A Meaningful Work student will regularly display items to be returned to owners. Items not claimed will be donated to a worthy organization at the end of the school year.

Code of Conduct for Students at Meadow Brook

**Three words are used in describing expected student behavior at Meadow Brook—
Respect, Responsibility, and Safety**

1. Meadow Brook School students should always conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit and honor to their school, their parents, their teachers, and their friends. They should always be truthful and accept the responsibility for their actions. Being on time, completing homework, being prepared with school supplies, and exhibiting positive behavior at sports events are examples of responsible behavior.
2. Students should always be respectful to others, and well mannered. They should treat other people's property with respect. Walking in the halls, not taking food in halls or outside, returning play equipment to the classroom, eating one's own lunch, and not teasing or calling others names are examples of respectful behavior.
3. Students should strive to be safe at all times on the school premises. Staying on the blacktop side of the playground, using play equipment appropriately, careful boarding of buses, and waiting patiently for drinks at the drinking fountain are examples of safe behavior.

Classroom behavior expectations will be set forth by the individual supervisor in charge.

ACADEMICS

A list of materials needed for each classroom will be given to every student at Meadow Brook. It is the students' responsibility to come prepared to work.

Agenda: A daily planner, called an Agenda, is a book including assignment tracking, space for recording daily notes, and parent contact opportunities. This study guide will assist some students to become organized and independently responsible for their schoolwork.

Assignments: Students will be required to turn in their assignments by their **DUE DATE**. We believe this prepares students for the deadlines and time limits that will be part of their adult lives. Students who fail to comply with due dates will encounter established grade level consequences and may be referred to the principal and counselor. Parent Conferences will be arranged.

Homework: Homework may be required of pupils on a regular schedule. Teachers may assign homework to supplement class assignments. Students who do not complete daily assignments in class should plan to complete the assignments at home in preparation for the next school day.

Academic Achievement Reports: Report cards will be given each quarter. Mid-term reports are also provided in the middle of each grading period. Mid-term reports are not official grades. They are an indication of a student's progress so that parents and students can respond to improve a grade if necessary.

Grading System: The following is the guide for letter grades.

A excellent	B above average	C average	D below average	F failing
A 93-100%	B+ 88-89%	C+ 78-79%	D+ 68-69%	F below
A-90-92%	B 83-87%	C 73-77%	D 63-67%	60%
	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%	

We also be use a new number scale to align our grading system to the State Essential Learnings. Students may receive the following on the new report card to indicate application of skills learned:

INDICATORS	CRITERIA
4 Exceeds Expectations	Demonstrates excellent grasp of concepts presented. Requires little teacher support. Displays self-control and self-motivation.
3 Consistent	Demonstrates adequate grasp of concepts presented. May require limited teacher support. Displays adequate self-control and self-motivation.
2 Frequently	Shows limited understanding of concepts presented. Requires teacher support. Exhibits limited self control and/or self-motivation.
1 Inconsistent	Does not understand concepts presented. Requires constant support. Difficulty with self-control and/or self-motivation.
0	Chooses not to perform concepts presented.
NA	Not assessed at this time
@	Assessed by specialist

Promotion/Retention: Policy and Procedure 2421/2421P

Each student who attends Meadow Brook shall pass 70% of his/her courses each trimester and be in attendance at least 85% of the time. If these conditions are not met, the student may be referred for retention.

The goal of Meadow Brook Intermediate is for each student to have a strong background in each subject area.

College Place School District's Student Retention Policy Procedure infuses more parent participation and responsibility with school staff in the process to determine student eligibility for retention or acceleration. A child study team (CST) composed of all teachers involved academically with the student, the counselor, and the parents will design a written plan to help the student. This team will meet periodically to review student progress.

Parents will retain the final approval authority the "first year" retention is recommended by the principal. However, the school will have the final approval authority on a "second-year-in-a-row" retention recommendation by the principal. In a second consecutive year, final recommendation to retain a student will "require" retention. Retention students leaving the district and returning, during retention year, will be grade placed according to the previous year's retention decision. There will be a follow up team meeting to examine student progress in the fall of the retention year - no later than October 1st, with periodic meetings held thereafter to review student's progress.

Specifics for policy and procedure may be viewed on the College Place School District Website: www.cpps.org OR at the College Place School District office.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: These conferences are twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. We urge parents/guardians to come and meet students' teachers. We are more effective if we are **all** working on your student's progress.

PROGRAMS

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Our counselor is ESA Certified and in accordance with the Washington State EALRs offers the following services:

1. **Guidance Curriculum** - provides student awareness, skill development, and application of skills needed in everyday life.
2. **Individual Planning** - assists students' educational and occupational planning, decision making, and goal setting.
3. **Responsive Services** - addresses the immediate concerns of students such as academics, school related problems and personal issues.
4. **System Support** - includes program, staff, and school support activities and services including parent education, community outreach and public relations.

CARE TEAM:

Meadow Brook has a student assistance program called the Care Team, facilitated by the school counselor, and made up of Meadow Brook staff. Care Team provides direction for the evaluation of a student's problems, behavior or academic difficulties, and then develops a plan of action for resolving those problems.

Most behavioral concerns can be talked over between teacher and student. If this does not resolve the issue, it may be brought to the counselor's attention. At that point, the counselor will visit with your child unless you have come in, met with the counselor, and signed a form refusing counseling services. After talking with the student, the counselor may notify you for your support or ideas. The counselor does not necessarily notify the parent every time the student visits the counseling office. Notification is mandatory if your child is in danger of harm to self or others. A full brochure addressing all of the counseling program components is available in the office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education services include specially designed instruction, provided at no cost, to meet the unique needs of the student. Every student with a handicapping condition has the basic right to a free, appropriate education designed to meet the child's unique educational needs. A student becomes a possible candidate for special education when parents, school personnel or other concerned persons bring the student to the attention of the school district because of a potential handicapping condition (such as difficulty in walking, talking, seeing, hearing and/or learning).

Both state and federal laws are written to explain and protect the rights of parents and handicapped children in their attempt to find the best available school program. These laws direct states to seek out handicapped children, to make parents aware of services available to these children, to provide programs based on each child's need, and to offer a means to appeal if parents disagree with the school district's evaluation or placement of a child. The intent of these laws is to involve parents as much as possible in the educational plan for their children. Especially in the case of the handicapped child, cooperation among all important persons in the child's life is necessary for successful adjustment.

Specifics may be viewed on the College Place School District Website: www.cpps.org OR at the College Place School District office.

MEANINGFUL WORK PROGRAM:

Students may apply for jobs in the Meaningful Work Program at Meadow Brook. There is a job posting near the office. Students fill out an application after reading the job description. Students selected for an interview will be informed of the behavior expectations as well as job qualifications. Students who are hired for a job may miss up to 20 minutes of the school

day to fulfill their assigned task. Parental permission is a must for this program. Student academic work is a priority; students must be responsible for work missed.

A goal of this program is to provide students some visibility and attention for a job well done. Students who feel good about what they are doing have a feeling of belonging and a purpose for coming to school. Jobs provide a format for engaging the student as a member of a community. Jobs may be matched to individuals to develop social skills, positive peer interaction, self confidence, and regular attendance.

Students learn responsibility, interpersonal skills, teamwork, respect, and problem solving. During the year there may be activities for these workers such as field trips to a local work place to visit with an employer and learn about requirements of a real job.

Adult supervisors and the school counselor may provide an opportunity for communication on how the job is going and give students ownership in changes that are needed. Any student, who cannot fulfill the requirements of the position, will meet with supervisor to refocus on expectations. If this is unsuccessful, the student may be requested to write a letter of resignation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The following criteria is expected of students in Meadow Brook School physical education and health classes.

1. All students in the College Place Schools are to participate in all physical education classes unless a written excuse is received from the student's parents or doctor. A note from the doctor is requested from the student when a physical ailment necessitates he/she miss P.E. classes for any period exceeding three days. If a student is excused from class by a doctor, we should also have a note from the doctor stating the child may resume class activity. Excuses should be given to the instructor when the student first enters class at the beginning of the period.
2. Students are to respect the rights and safety of other students, aides and teachers.
3. Students are to respect all school property. Any damaged school property will be replaced by the student causing damage.
4. Students are not to enter the ball storage room at any time without permission of the P.E. instructor or their assignee.
5. Students are to leave any valuables they may have in their classroom during class. Please do not wear watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. during class.
6. Students are not to play on any apparatus unless instructed to do so by the teacher.
7. Students are to report any missing articles or any personal injuries to your instructor at once.

In addition to the above, physical education grades will be based on participation, attitude, effort, and written and skills tests.

Criteria for Participation in Extracurricular Sports

All students participating in extracurricular sports activities will be subject to the following rules and regulations.

Academic: All students must maintain passing grades in all classes. Student's grades are to be brought up to passing to play in the next game.

Citizenship: Meadow Brook athletes have the obligation to display good citizenship and proper behavior at all times. This applies in the athletic setting as well as during the school day, both in and out of the classroom. Student athletes are leaders and set an example for others. If a student is suspended or disciplined for any reason, that student may face further disciplinary action by the coach of the sport in which he/she is participating.

Any student who is disciplined for the possession or use of any tobacco, drug, or liquor will be dropped from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of that [sports season](#).

General Rules:

1. If a student is absent due to sickness, he or she cannot participate in a sports practice the same day.
2. A student must attend the last activity practice prior to a scheduled activity, event, game, or match to be eligible to participate. Exceptions to this requirement may be made by the coach.
3. A student must participate in regular P.E. in order to take part in any activities occurring on the same day.

LIBRARY

The Library is designed and administered to supplement the school curriculum with print and non-print materials. The library also provides books and magazines for leisure reading.

MUSIC/BAND

Vocal music classes include music appreciation with an emphasis on singing. Sixth grade band instruction is offered for interested students. Students are encouraged to buy or rent their own instruments, although there are a few school instruments available for student use.

LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP)

Students with an identified need may participate in this program. The purpose of LAP is to provide basic skills assistance to students not receiving other similar supplemental compensatory services.

SCHOOL WIDE TITLE I

The goals of this program are to improve the educational opportunities of qualifying educationally deprived children by helping them to: 1) succeed in the regular program, 2) attain grade level proficiency, and 3) improve achievement in basic and more advance skills.

HIGHLY CAPABLE

The highly capable program provides additional challenges for qualifying students. These students are given different educational challenges that include, but are not limited to, the social studies curriculum with a more in depth focus, creative problem solving, and other extended studies.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

This program is for students whose primary language is other than English and whose language skills are sufficiently deficient to impair learning. The ESL program may include instruction in the primary language, as well as English, to help develop content area concepts and strengthen English skills.

MEADOW BROOK INTERMEDIATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PARENT VISITATION

Staff members invite you to visit the school. We feel that we should know one another and you should know your schools. Please call ahead of time so that arrangements can be made in the office. We ask that you identify yourself at the office prior to visiting the classrooms. This is done to prevent a disruption of the educational process, protect the children from unauthorized visitors, and to help you locate your child.

Please do not send children to school who are not officially enrolled in the school, to visit or for parties, unless accompanied by a parent. Prior approval by the principal is required.

STUDENT SCHOOL HOUR PICK UPS BY PARENT/GUARDIAN/FRIEND

We ask that Meadow Brook parents/guardians/friends observe some simple student pick up procedures because of the many varying family situations in which our students live and due to the increase child-related crime in our country today. Please observe the following procedures that will be the safest for your child:

- a) Identify yourself as **either a parent**, guardian, or friend at the school office. If not parent or guardian you will need to give the secretary proof of pick up authority (letter and phone number for verification). Please don't send a friend to pick up your child without notifying the school secretary in writing of pick up authorization for the third party. We cannot release students to friends without the letter.
- b) Report to the school secretary upon entering the building asking that your child be called to the office for early departure.

- Please do not approach the teacher in the classroom for early release. All releases must go through the office.
- c) If a restraining order has been issued against an individual whom you fear may come to school to visit or pick up a child, you must early on, give the secretary a copy of the order and a photo of the individual restrained.
 - d) Canceled restraining orders need to be brought to the secretary's attention also. We won't release a child to anyone who has been restrained by court order.
 - e) Parents/guardians/friends who wish to pick up a child from the playground, must report to the school office first. If all is in order, a written pass will be given to the individual to take to the adults on playground duty. Parents, guardians, friends are asked NOT to attempt pick up directly from the playground or directly from the classroom. To do so will leave the school office out of the screening process, which must be observed to access and provide safety for all students.
 - f) When picking up students at [Sager](#), at the end of the day, please be patient as the line of cars moves forward to safely load students in individual vehicles. All students must remain on the sidewalk until their parent/guardian's vehicle is stopped next to the student loading zone curb. This policy will prevent possible accidents.

Prior to sending a student to his/her home for illness, discipline or a corrective action, the principal shall attempt to reach the student's parent to inform him/her of the school's action and to request that he/she come to the school for the child. If the principal or designee cannot reach the parent, the student shall remain at school until the close of the school day. A student may be released to a law enforcement officer in accordance with the district policy.

Board Policy # 3124 Specifics for may be viewed on the district website at: www.cpps.org

Your cooperation in all the above will be greatly appreciated. If you have a question please call the school for clarification at **522-3265**

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Policy:

- A. Health, safety, and decency will be the basis for the dress and grooming standards. Dress and grooming shall not be disruptive of, or impede the teaching or learning activities of, the individual or class. **The Meadow Brook student dress code is stated in the student handbook.**
- B. Safety and sanitation will be the basis for hair standards. Hair standards should be appropriate to the teaching area so that the safety of the individual, or others, is not endangered (shop, labs, etc.). In the cases of specific classes where hair standards are a part of the designated uniform (band, athletic teams and extracurricular activities) students shall meet hair standards deemed appropriate by the advisor and administration.
- C. Footwear is to be worn at all times. Sandals and flip-flops are unsafe for P.E. Students should wear appropriate footwear to participate without possible injury. [Hats are not worn on campus.](#)

LOITERING

Policy: A person (except a person enrolled as a student, or parent or guardian of such student or person employed by the school) without a lawful purpose, is not allowed to loiter about the buildings of the school or the public premises adjacent thereto during normal school hours or special school functions.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Policy: Students are not allowed to obstruct or disrupt school assemblies or programs. Unless excused, students will attend school-sponsored assemblies during regular school hours.

OFF-CAMPUS SPONSORED EVENTS

Policy: Students are expected to observe the same school policies at off-campus school-sponsored events regarding conduct that are observed during the regular school day.

DISCIPLINE

It is the goal of the teacher and the school to take a positive approach to discipline with the development of self-discipline and self-direction. Each student must assume the responsibility for his/her own actions. In order to insure each student the proper school learning climate, the following discipline plan will be utilized:

Choice Card Rules

A “Choice Card” system will be used by staff at Meadow Brook this year. It is used to curb behavior problems, promote a better learning environment, and encourage Meadow Brook students to make good behavior choices. The Choice Card system is a “step between” what a teacher chooses to handle in class or on campus, and what ends up in the office as a disciplinary referral. Offenses of a more serious nature (i.e. fighting) will be referred to an administrator. Part of the intent of Choice Cards is to ensure that small problems remain small. Briefly, the Choice Card system works in the following way:

1. A staff member gives an offending student a Choice Card after repeated warnings or after a serious rules violation.
2. The Choice Card is marked with the staff member’s name. Written on the back are instructions for the student to follow. The student should go directly to [the detention](#) room for a time out and will return to that class after debriefing with the issuing card staff member.
3. Entering the [detention](#) room quietly, the student moves to a predetermined area to fill out the Behavior Referral Form (BRF) supplied at that location. This form must be completed with the absolute minimum amount of distraction to the other students.
4. When it is convenient for the Time Out teacher, he/she will check, sign, and record the time on the Behavior Referral Form. The student waits quietly until this time. There may be some discussion regarding appropriate behaviors and consequences.
5. [The student will remain in the detention room for 30 minutes before returning to that class or activity.](#)
6. The Time Out teacher will return the Choice Card and a copy of the BRF to the issuing staff member. All Behavior Referral Forms will be filed for one quarter.

The benefits of this system include, first, using the principal less frequently for minor disciplinary issues. Second, this system provides better documentation for unacceptable student behavior. Third, the removal of a student to the [detention](#) room allows for a brief cooling off and refocusing period, hopefully keeping smaller problems in perspective. Finally, the short BRF will give students a chance to acknowledge their misbehaviors and to explain their point of view. Copies of any BRF can be made available to any interested parent or guardian.

A Choice Card will have the following consequences each quarter:

- 1st Choice Card ...[Parent notification, Lunch detention, Loss of Positive Promotion \(for that month and quarterly celebration\)](#)
- 2nd Choice Card...[Requires parent notification, 1st recess and Lunch detention](#)
- 3rd Choice Card...[Requires parent notification, 1st recess and Lunch detention for 3 days, Parent/Teacher/Administrator conference](#)
- 4th Choice Card...[Requires 1 full day of IN School Suspension, Parent notification.](#)
- 5th Choice Card...[Requires 2 full days of IN School Suspension, Parent notification and conference, behavioral plan](#)
- 6th Choice Card...[Requires 2 OSS and 2 ISS days, Parent notification](#)
- 7th Choice Card...[Requires 3OSS and 3 ISS days, parent notification and conference](#)

- Anyone who earns 4 or more Choice Cards in any quarter starts at level 4 the next quarter (A Choice Card would earn them 2 days of ISS). If a student does not earn a Choice Card before Midterm of the next quarter, the Choice Cards reset to level zero.
- A student who accumulates 5 Choice Cards in a quarter or 10 Choice Cards throughout the year will be placed on a behavioral plan.

***Failure to follow Choice Card Rules 1-5 moves a student immediately to a 4th Card Consequence. Two Choice Cards in one day moves a student to a 4th card Consequence.**

We believe this Choice Card System will make Meadow Brook a great place to go to school. We appreciate the support of our parents!

Please note that certain offenses, such as drugs, fighting, weapons, refusing to comply with teacher requests, etc., may result in consequences beyond those indicated in the choice card section. For example, a first offense for fighting may result in ISS or OSS, even if the student has no prior choice cards.

In-School Suspension (ISS): Any student whose conduct is such that he/she must be removed from the regular classroom may be placed in the in-school suspension room located at John Sager Middle School. The student's entire day will be spent in this staff supervised room, with classroom teachers providing the necessary schoolwork. This program is in lieu of suspension from school.

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS): Any student whose conduct is such that he/she must be removed from the regular classroom may also be placed in out-of-school suspension. A student who has OSS may not attend any school functions on that day.

Disciplinary Procedure Policy: RCW 28A.58.201 provides that a certified staff member shall have the authority to exclude a student from his/her classroom for all or any part of the period or until the certificated staff member has conferred with the administrator, whichever occurs first. Prior to excluding a student, except in emergency circumstances, the teacher shall have attempted one or more corrective actions. In no case shall an excluded student be returned for the balance of a period without the teacher and administrator conferring.

Disruptive Conduct Policy: Conduct which interferes with the educational process is prohibited. Every teacher and school administrator, as provided in RCW 28A.67.100, shall have the authority to discipline any pupil for any disruptive or disorderly conduct while under his supervision and to make recommendations to the proper school authority for suspension or expulsion of any pupil: provided that no teacher, administrator or other school employee shall maltreat or abuse any pupil by administering any unreasonable punishment as set forth in RCW 28A.87.140.

Threats of violence will be taken seriously at Meadow Brook. The following steps may be taken when an incident occurs:

1. Contact the Mental Health Crisis Team
2. Contact the local police
3. Contact the parent
4. Retain the child in isolation while at school until the parent meets with the administrator.

Search and Seizure Policy: "Pupils shall have the right to be secure in their persons, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." (WAC 180-40-055). School authorities have the responsibility for the health and safety of all the students. Although not having unlimited entry or search powers, school authorities may do so to the extent that they have reasonable cause to believe that the student desks or other intended object of the search is being used for some purpose inconsistent with school policy and/or regulations.

TRANSPORTATION RULES FOR STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

- 1.** The driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils. Pupils must obey the driver promptly and willingly for the safety of all.
- 2.** Pupils shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times, unless written permission has been granted by the school authorities. School authorities should verify with the drivers the availability of extra seating space and will not issue bus passes for non-regular riders if there is no room.
- 3.** Unless written permission from parent has been approved by school authorities, no student shall be permitted to leave the bus other than at his/her regular stop.
- 4.** Each pupil may be assigned a seat in which he will be seated at all times, unless permission to change is given by the school principal and/or driver.
- 5.** Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct must be observed.
- 6.** Pupils are to assist in keeping the bus clean by keeping their waste paper off the floor. Pupils must also refrain from throwing refuse out of the windows. Eating and/or drinking is not allowed.
- 7.** No pupil will smoke or light matches on a school bus.
- 8.** No pupil shall open a window on the school bus without first getting permission from the school bus driver.
- 9.** No pupil shall at any time extend his/her head, feet, hands, or arms out of the windows whether school bus is in motion or standing still.
- 10.** Pupils must see that they have nothing in their possession that may cause injury to another, such as sticks, breakable containers, hair spray, perfume, any type of firearms, straps or pins extending from their clothing or school bags. Also, any type of animal is not permitted on the bus, except for "seeing eye" dogs.
- 11.** Each pupil must see that his books, personal belongings, or musical instruments are kept out of the aisle. Special permission must be granted by school authorities to transport any large items.
- 12.** No pupil shall sit in the driver's seat nor shall any pupil be to the immediate left or right of the driver.
- 13.** No pupil will be allowed to talk to the driver more than is necessary.
- 14.** Pupils are to remain seated while bus is in motion and are not to get off or on until the bus has come to a full stop.
- 15.** Pupils must leave the bus in an orderly manner and must obey the directions of the school staff on bus duty. They must not cross the highway until given consent by the school bus driver. When boarding or leaving the bus, pupils should be in view of the driver at all times.
- 16.** Pupils must cross the highway 10 feet in front of the school bus and never behind it.
- 17.** Pupils must not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Pupils should leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop before the bus is due.
- 18.** Self-discipline should be exercised by pupils at the bus loading area. Students should refrain from pushing and shoving other students.
- 19.** Pupils who have to walk some distance along the highway to the bus loading zone, where practical, must walk on the left-hand side facing the oncoming traffic. This will also apply to pupils leaving the bus loading zone in the evening.
- 20.** Students' misconduct on bus will be sufficient reason to discontinue providing bus transportation to those students involved.
- 21.** In the event of an actual emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, will be followed.
- 22.** Parents of students damaging school buses will be responsible for proper reimbursement to the school district.
- 23.** Pupils are not to run errands between the bus stop and their home.
- 24.** Parents will be notified in writing of student bus misconduct. They must sign the notice and return it to school before the student is eligible to ride the bus again.

CONFIDENTIALITY (FERPA) NOTICE

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.
Parents should submit to the school principal or appropriate school official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent believes is inaccurate.
Parents may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the school principal or appropriate school official, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent, the school will notify the parent of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); A PERSON SERVING ON THE School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. [NOTE: FERPA requires an institution to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent of the records request unless the institution states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by College Place Public Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605**