



The Fact Finder

FIRST SEMESTER 2019-2020



Mesa Ridge High School
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Dear Mesa Community,

Mesa Ridge is a comprehensive four year, grades 9-12 high school located in southern Colorado Springs. We are tucked away in the community of Widefield/Security. Mesa Ridge High School is Professional Learning Community (PLC) school. We provide our teachers with collaboration time for planning and data review. Intervention strategies for student achievement are used on a regular basis to support the needs of every child. Incentives are provided through Positive Behavior Support model and The Grizzly Way Program—Respect * Integrity * Excellence. For more information please visit the Whatever It Takes and The Grizzly Way pages.

We offer rigorous and challenging classes and course work such as, Honors, Advanced Placement, and dual college credit courses. We have an experienced staff that offers an academically rich environment conducive to life-long learning.

We are fortunate to offer Project Lead the Way courses which provide a transformative learning experience for 9-12 students and teachers across the U.S. We create an engaging environment and empower students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an evolving world. PLTW gives students in high school a chance to apply what they know, identify problems, find unique solutions, and lead their own learning. There are three pathways presented, Engineering, Computer Science, and Biomedical Science. We have the privilege to provide AVID, a postsecondary readiness program focused on preparing students for college. We continue to offer vocation class at the Manufacturing Industry Learning Lab (M.I.L.L.) where students will have the opportunity to learn general construction and basic plumbing and electrical skills in the Construction Wods program and woodworking and manufacturing skills in the Peyton Woods program.

Mesa Ridge is able to provide varied opportunities in the classroom—and beyond—that appeal to many different types of students. Students who come to our school quickly find a place and environment in which they can excel both socially and academically. Mesa Ridge is an outstanding school with an enthusiastic staff eager to help all students succeed. Welcome to our web site. **WE ARE MESA RIDGE!!!**

Scott Sage, Principal

Important Dates

*Parents please remember to be
punctual when picking up students
from after school activities*

Report Card Dates:

Students will be given their report cards during Advisory on the following dates with the exception of January and June, which will be delivered via United States Postal Service.

September 16, 2019

October 14, 2019

November 12, 2019

January 9, 2020

February 10, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 22, 2020

Important Dates

Sept 13	TLC Professional Development Day - No School
Sept 20	Homecoming Football Game 7:00 PM
Sept 21	Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Sept 28	District Parade-Community Day 10:00 AM
Oct 7	No School—District Closed
Oct 11	TLC Professional Development Day—No School
Nov 11	TLC Professional Development Day - No School
Nov 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22—Jan 7	Winter Break
Jan 6 & 7	TLC Professional Development Day - No School
Jan 8	First Day of Second Semester - Students Return

Mesa Ridge Kitchen Information

Breakfast is served

7:00 AM– 7:20 AM

Cost is \$1.70

Lunch is served at 11:40AM

Lunch cost \$2.90

Payment envelopes are located

in the Office. Please include

your drivers license number on

your check. Pay online at

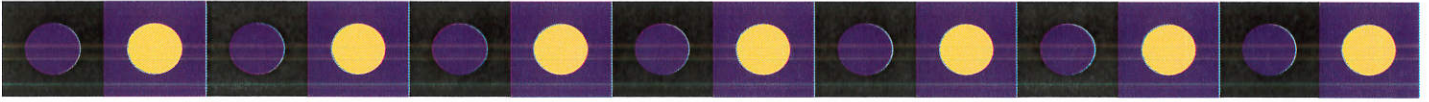
[https://widefield.revtrak.net/](https://widefield.revtrak.net/tek9.asp)

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Federal Aid Forms

Your Student will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Form on October 15, 2019. Please complete and return to school by October 17, 2019.

**EVERY
STUDENT MUST
COMPLETE THIS
FORM.**



SCHOOL SAFETY

The riding or use of bicycles, skateboards, inline/roller skates, and scooters upon Mesa Ridge High School campus is prohibited at all times, day or night, whether school is in session or not. Although, Mesa Ridge realizes the importance of healthy activity, we also need to realize the safety concerns and well being of other students and staff. Mesa Ridge supports the activity of riding the human propelled devices to school, but once students enters the campus, they must walk their bike to the bike rack and carry their skate board into the building and stow it in their lockers. Students will not be permitted to carry their skate boards to and from classes during the regular school hours of 7:25 am – 2:45 pm.

Opt-Out-Personal Identifiable Directory Information

Parents/Guardians:

In Widefield School District #3, the practice regarding release of appropriate information about students has been to publish the names in various school publications or on a list posted in the school regarding the following: Student's name, date, and place of birth, participation in activities and sports, honor roll, scholarships, photographs, etc. A parent/guardian may elect to disallow directory information of this type listed above.

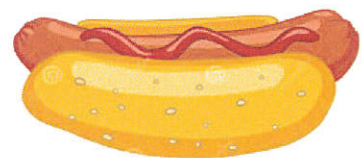
The parent/guardian may notify the principal to that effect by means of appropriate communication and/or by using a form that may be picked up in the office.



Parents/guardians who wish to provide treats/snacks for students' birthdays or for any other holiday must make arrangements with their child's teacher prior to bringing the treats/snacks to school. If the provision of treats/snacks is not pre-arranged, treats/snacks may not be allowed in the classroom. Treats and snacks provided by parents/guardians must not include trans fats as defined by Federal and State Law. Industrially-produced trans fats are foods with "vegetable shortening, margarine, or any type of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil that contains more than zero grams of trans fat per serving as labeled," and include, but are not limited to, soda water, water ices, chewing gum, jellied candy, hard candy, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, cotton candy, candy coated popcorn.

[Student Wellness and Nutrition Policy](#)

Parents, yourself or your student's emergency contact may deliver lunch to your student. No one else. This is part of our building Safety and Security Protocol.



Widefield District Late Start/Early Release Times

LATE START TIMES		
May 19 & 20	Widefield High School	None
	Mesa Ridge High School	None
	Watson Jr. High School	9:56
	Janitell Jr. High School	9:56
	Sproul Jr. High School	9:56
	Discovery High School	None

EARLY RELEASE TIMES		
May 19 & 20	Widefield high School	11:42
	Mesa Ridge High School	11:42
	Watson Jr. High School	11:06
	Janitell Jr. High School	11:06
	Sproul Jr. High School	11:06
	Discovery High School	12:00

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents/guardians are hereby notified that:

Every child who has attained the age of six (6) on or before August 1 of each school year and is under the age of seventeen (17) shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours.

One thousand fifty-six (1056) if secondary school pupil;

Nine hundred sixty-eight (968) if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten;

Nine hundred hours (900) if a full day kindergarten pupil;

Four hundred fifty hours (450) if a half day kindergarten pupil

Red Flag Guidelines

- *The Red Flag Temperature will be 25 degrees *including* wind chill. This is for all schools *prior* to the start of the school day.
- *Each school will have the flexibility to determine when they will take children out for their daily recesses - this may be when the temperature is between 10 and 25 degrees *including* wind chill.
- * Communicate this information to staff and parent community in newsletters, mailings, and handbooks.
- *Flashnews: This is the site we use at the district level to make weather related decisions. Go to flashnews.net, click on Colorado Springs/Pueblo, click on Colorado Springs/Pueblo forecast on the left hand side, enter the 80911 zip.
- *WeatherBug: you may download this site and keep it on your desktop-kooa.com. Go to weather, then WeatherBug, and click on the Widefield High School site. There you will find the free download and use the 80911 zip.

Parking and Building Information



All students will need a parking permit for the 2018-2019 school year.

When registering a car, students will need to show proof of current insurance, registration, their drivers license, and a vehicle parking registration form. These forms are located in the Discipline Office.

Visitors

All visitors must show photo identification before entering our school.

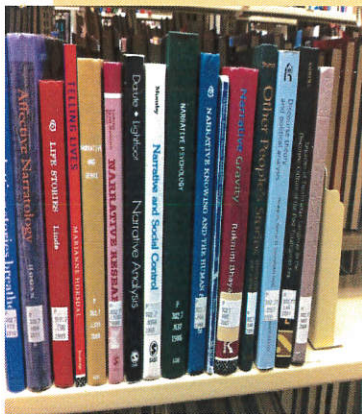
Please be sure to bring your ID when picking your student up for an appointment. Only parents and those listed as an emergency contact can excuse a student's early departure. If a student needs to leave during Advisory or Lunch, a parent must physically come in and sign the student out. Exceptions must be approved by the Administration.

Former students can visit staff members before or after school by appointment only.

Office Information

Attendance Office Hours 6:45-3:15	391-3600
Principal's Office Hours 6:30-3:00	391-3690
Discipline Office Hours 7:00-3:30	391-3616
Business Office Hours 7:00-3:30	391-3610
Counseling Center Hours 6:45-3:15	391-3631
Health Office Hours 7:00-3:30	391-3622

Library News



Our library is open for student use Monday-Friday until the end of the school day. Students may come in if they need individual help with research or the opportunity to use a computer. Library hours are 7:15-2:45

Please remember that our library does accept donations of books, both fiction and nonfiction, if they are clean, current or classic, and in good condition. If books are donated which we do not need at Mesa Ridge, then they will be passed on to another library. Thanks for thinking of us!

Did you know that many items can be paid for online?

Here is the link:

<https://widefield.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

Yearbook Information

Mesa Ridge High School yearbooks are sold all year long.

\$60.00—Until Oct. 10, 2019

\$65.00—Until Dec 20, 2019

\$70.00—Until Mar. 20, 2020

\$75.00 While supplies last

Yearbooks can be purchased at the school or by following this link:

<https://yearbookforever.com>

Senior pictures are due Oct 10, 2019

Senior Tribute/Baby Ads are due:
Dec 13, 2019

Prices for a yearbook ad are:

1/8 page ad \$50.00

1/4 page ad \$100.00

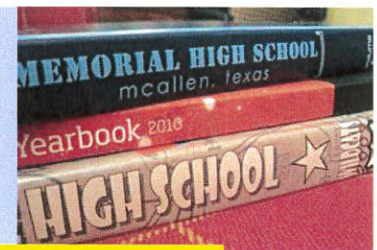
1/2 page ad \$150.00

Full page ad \$300.00

All money, pictures, and writing are due for

Senior Tribute/Baby ads

Dec. 13, 2019

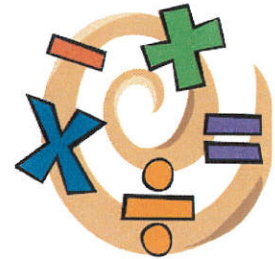


Be sure to get your yearbook today!

**Email questions to:
galaydickb@wsd3.org**

Math Tutoring

MRHS Math Teachers offer Math Tutoring every day after school (3:00-4:00). Please encourage your student to get help right away, especially if they seem to be struggling, have had trouble with math in the past, are repeating a course, or just need a quiet place to do their math homework. We also encourage students to become math tutors at this same time, in order to strengthen current math skills and earn volunteer hours. See any Math teacher for more info.



Math Tutoring Don't wait! Get help now!

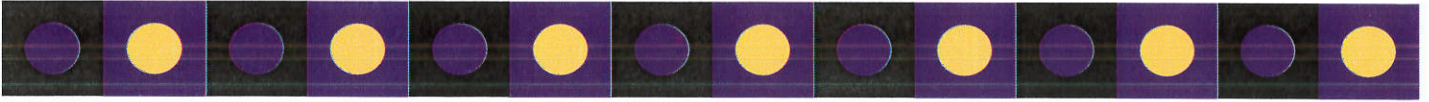
Mon-Mr. Reimer-201 Tue-Ms. Bungler-204 Wed-Mr. Bungler-204
 Thur-Mr. Bungler-204 Fri-Ms. Berns-203—Ms. Andrews-209

Parent Opt-Out For Information to Military Recruiters

Names, addresses and home telephone numbers, as well a directory information, of secondary school students will be released to military recruiting officers within 90 days of the request unless a parent/guardian or eligible student submits a written request that such information not be released. Reasonable and customary actual expenses directly incurred by the district in furnishing this information will be paid by the requesting service. Opt out forms can be obtained from the Registrar.

MRHS Bell Schedule

Regular Bell Schedule		
Period	Times	
First Bell	7:15 AM	
Block 1	7:25 AM	8:55 AM
Block 2	9:01 AM	10:31 AM
Advisory	10:37 AM	11:17 AM
Horn	10:42 AM	10:45 AM
Lunch	11:17 AM	11:47 PM
Block 3	11:55 PM	1:25 PM
Block 4 (KMRG 2:21—2:45)	1:31 PM	2:45 PM



COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATION

College Fairs: **September 26th at Colorado College**
 October 1st at Fountain-Ft. Carson High School

These College Fairs are open to Seniors with **NO FAILING** grades this semester and are serious about going to a 2 or 4 year college or university. The fairs are during the day, seniors must sign up and turn in a field trip permission slip to ride the bus. Students may only sign up to attend one of the college fairs. Both fairs will include many of the same colleges and universities. Check your email on when to sign up.

FAFSA Night (Financial Aid for College): **October 2nd @ 6:30 pm Mesa Ridge Café**

This is an opportunity to apply for FAFSA with PPCC financial aid advisors. They are present to assist you if you run into problems completing the application. Student and parent must attend. Laptops will be checked out to the student.

*You must register for an account with FAFSA and have your FSA ID number **BEFORE** FAFSA Night

College Admission Counselor Visits to Mesa Ridge—Representatives from colleges, universities, community colleges, and technical colleges from all over the state and country come to visit seniors at Mesa Ridge. Watch for email and hallway TV monitors for the list of visits and sign up on Naviance to attend these visits.



The new Photography courses have grown in popularity since their introduction last year. Last year we had approximately 90 students in the program. This year we have 125. Three of our continuing students are studying in an advanced course and have a mentor from industry who is helping guide them in their path to success in Photography either in college or business. They have exciting opportunities ahead of them.

Next year, we hope to offer a Photoshop/Multimedia course for our students who complete the Photography program. Students will be able to learn and apply their skills in Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign as well as new software that may include Capture One and Topaz Studio.

The Fundamentals of Photography course has been successfully articulated with PPCC where students are able to earn college credit for the course. The Photoshop course is in the process of being articulated as well. This gives our students here at Mesa tremendous opportunities to advance their skills and knowledge at the college level.

As always, students' work will be on display at many of the year's art shows. Most of these are in the spring, so stay tuned for news of dates as the time approaches.



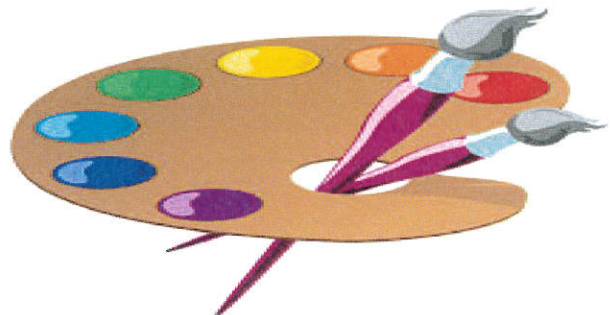
ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Our Art Department is excited to announce that we are officially a fully certified CTE funded program! This means we can provide better materials, opportunities, and new equipment, like a Raku Kiln, hopefully someday to include a 3-D printer that prints in ceramic. Along with this new funding we also have 3 pathways students can take courses in. These pathways need to be taken in order as the curriculum builds on each class previous class: 2-D/ Painting, Multi-Media, and 3-D Pathway. These pathways will provide students with career readiness experiences and although students to explore the possibilities with creative careers. We are excited to have had our first AP Art Portfolio Submission this year which was accepted for college credit. This year we will have 5 portfolios to submit. Below are a list of all the courses we offer here at Mesa Ridge:

Foundations of Art
Freehand Drawing
2-D Visual Concepts
Fundamentals of Photography
Photography Applications
Photoshop and Multimedia 1 & 2
Painting
Advanced Techniques & Applications
Ceramics and Sculpture 1 & 2
Art Portfolio Prep 1 & 2

Whether in an art class or not and would like to still get involved in the arts join our art club. Our art club has officially taken on a new name, M.U.S.E. (Multimedia United Student Enthusiasts). We are continuing to paint murals around the school, but are taking on more projects that promote the creative minds and careers while improving our community in positive ways. Last year we were able to raise over \$500 for the counseling center to put into the holiday baskets for our Grizzly families in need by hosting our own Empty Bowls Dinner. We have made this an annual event which we are currently planning to happen in the beginning of October. We also held our first Silent Art Auction to raise donations for our M.U.S.E. students. This money will go towards helping to host other events or to help send our students on a field trip to art exhibits in Denver. Next semester we have several large art shows that our students in the club and in art classes here at Mesa Ridge will be involved in. Keep an eye out for our in house MRHS Creative Showcase in February, Bank Show in April/May, District Art Fair in April, and possibly a Senior Showcase in May.

Stay tuned for more events to come.



School of Choice & Boundary Waiver Information

If you **live within** Widefield School District 3 boundaries and plan on attending a school other than your home school, you must complete a School of Choice Permit Application. Applications are available in the offices of all District 3 schools. They must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you are currently attending a school in District 3 on a School of Choice Permit and would like to continue your education in District 3, you must reapply and return the permit to the appropriate school by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you live **outside** of Widefield School District 3 and wish to attend District 3 school, a School of Choice permit must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **first Friday in May**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript, attendance and discipline record, are required. A copy of his/her birth certificate and immunization record will be required.

If your student has **qualified for Special Education Services**, a copy of the most recent or current Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be required.

A School of Choice Permit Application must be completed and returned **every school year** to the school you wish to attend.

If your student's application is received after the appropriate due date, his/her name will be placed on a waiting list.

MEDICAID

As a Medicaid provider, Widefield School District 3 will access Medicaid eligibility information for students enrolled in Widefield School District 3 from Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). HCPF is the designated Medicaid agency in the state.

Directory information of name and date of birth will be released to HCPF to verify Medicaid Eligibility of students in the District. The description of health and health-related services delivered to Medicaid eligible students will be released to Medicaid and/or the District claiming agent for proper administration of the program.

Bus and Student Drop Off

Parents, Guardians, Friends and Family,

I wanted to thank you for your continued patience with the bus and student drop off area. Things have been running pretty smooth so far (with hiccups here and there). I would like to share a few things to help us be more efficient getting you in and out of the drop off.

1. Please pick a lane and pull as far forward as you can.
2. Watch for direction from Campus Security to pull forward and switching lanes (We will hold students to move traffic out).
3. Please tell your students to walk the line down to the cross walk and wait for direction.
4. Please stay out of the one bus lane until further directed by Campus Security.
5. Do not stop and block the entrance to the bus drop off area to drop students off or pick them up at the end of the day
6. If you have a student who needs assistance, please communicate with personnel on duty.
7. Please do not drop off or pick up students on the roadway in front of the school or Mesa Ridge Parkway.
8. Please do not use the Mesa Ridge storage facilities parking lot to turn around to help us maintain a positive relationship with our community.
9. Please do not park in the fire lanes in ANY of the parking lots.
10. Please do not drop off in staff parking lots on north or south end of the building.
11. Please do not drive on the access road behind the school for safety purposes.
12. Please continue to practice patience, we are wanting to make sure our children and everyone else's children are safe.

Remember, there is a HUGE parking lot on the south end of the school at the top that is empty in the morning for you to drop your student off and pick them up in the afternoon.

Your continued support and patience is greatly appreciated. We want to keep our students safe and get you on your way.

Respectfully,

Scott Sage
Principal

Student Driver Reminders

Students,

Please think safety in the student parking lots as well as being patient when entering and leaving school grounds. Here are some reminders we want to bring to your attention.

1. Please slow-down in the parking lots.
2. Keep music turned down to hear what is going on around you.
3. Please do not ride (Car surf) on the outside of a vehicle that is moving.
4. Please follow the directional signs marked in the parking lot.
5. Be patient! Stop, look both ways and slowly back out of your spot
6. When exiting the top parking lot onto Mesa Ridge Parkway, BE PATIENT, only one person turns left at a time, and do not pull into the median area and wait for traffic to pass by.

Respectfully,

Scott Sage
Principal

Annual FERPA Notice

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

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 or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student 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 or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal [or appropriate official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student 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 or eligible student 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 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 as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (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 or student 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 district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

[NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the records request unless it 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 the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

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

EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Students have a right to:

- ***GO TO SCHOOL, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE OR HOW LONG THEY HAVE LIVED THERE***
- ***CHOOSE BETWEEN THE LOCAL SCHOOL WHERE THEY ARE LIVING, THE SCHOOL THEY ATTENDED BEFORE THEY LOST THEIR HOUSING, OR THE SCHOOL WHERE THEY WERE LAST ENROLLED.***
- ***ENROLL IN SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCY, IMMUNIZATIONS, SCHOOL RECORDS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS.***
- ***GET TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN***
- ***GET THE SCHOOL SERVICES THEY NEED***
- ***BE FREE FROM HARASSMENT AND ISOLATION; AND***
- ***HAVE DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE SCHOOL SETTLED QUICKLY.***

Widefield School District 3

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

DISTRICT 3 WILL:

- make inclement weather decision(s) based on students' safety,
- collect data at the earliest appropriate time,
- make the decision as to whether schools will be open and announce no later than 5:30 am by calling radio stations and TV stations.
- not penalize students if parents keep them home or pick them up from school early on questionable snow days.

IN THE EVENT THE DECISION MADE EARLIER IS TO OPEN SCHOOLS AND THE STORM WORSENS UNEXPECTEDLY, DISTRICT 3 WILL:

- inform the same media as stated above that schools will dismiss students early,
- keep buildings open as long as necessary to evacuate all students safely,
- announce that if an early dismissal occurs, afternoon kindergarten, afternoon activities, and evening events will be cancelled.

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- be responsible for custody of children,
- listen to the news broadcasts on stormy days,
- decide whether or not to send children to school on threatening, stormy days.

IN THE EVENT THE DECISION MADE EARLIER IS TO OPEN SCHOOLS AND THE STORM WORSENS, PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- know that students may be dismissed earlier than normal.
- listen for an early dismissal announcement,
- make sure children know what to do and where to go if dismissed early,
- not rely on telephones to make last minute arrangements for their children. (Lines tend to malfunction during storms.)

NOTICE CONCERNING DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Widefield School District No. 3 ("the District"), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

If you do not want the District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 20th each year. The District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

¹ These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

**Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U. S. Department of Education (ED)—

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with a lawyer, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

**Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of—*

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

**Inspect, upon request and before administration or use—*

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Investments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Widefield School District No. 3 will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Widefield School District No. 3 will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Widefield School District No. 3 will also directly notify parents and eligible students, such as through U. S. Mail or e-mail, at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

*Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.

*Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.

*Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

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

Search and Seizure Drug Dog Sweeps of Widefield School Buildings/Property

In our continuing efforts to ensure that our schools are safe and free of illegal drugs, Widefield School District will initiate a building program of random drug detection sweeps by utilizing trained, certified drug detection dogs and their police handlers.

Students, parents, and staff of each participating building will be informed of the district's intent to conduct drug dog sweeps prior to the initiation of this program. School assemblies and question/answer forums will be held in each affected school.

At unannounced times, under the direction of the building administration, a sweep of student lockers and or all parking lots will be conducted with the assistance of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department Canine Units. The sweep may occur during school hours or after hours. The police and dogs will in no way interact with students nor interfere with the normal building activities other than when sweeping school during school hours. Students may be instructed to not be in the halls for a short period of time.

In the event that a dog indicates on a locker or vehicle, the building or district administrator (or designee, such as a campus supervisor) will conduct a search of the locker or vehicle. If illegal substances are determined to exist, such evidence shall be transmitted to the police for possible prosecution. Parents of involved students will be notified of the investigation. The assigned school resource officer will be notified if any evidence of illegal substance is found and such evidence shall be tendered to the officer. In addition to implementation of applicable Widefield School District disciplinary actions, the identification of illegal substances could result in criminal prosecution.

Law enforcement officials may request a court issued search warrant authorizing law enforcement officials to search a vehicle parked on Widefield School District property, a locker or other physical location within a Widefield School District facility or a student allegedly in possession of illegal substances. If a search warrant is issued, the law enforcement officer executing the warrant shall notify the building administrator of the issuance of a warrant. Law enforcement officers will conduct any search pursuant to the search warrant. If illegal substances are discovered as a result of the warrant search, the law enforcement officers may arrest the alleged offender or issue a citation. Widefield School District will also implement applicable disciplinary actions, which may include parent/guardian contact, mandated suspension expulsion, and referral to counseling.

In the event a search warrant is issued, the property that is the subject of the search warrant is subject to the control of the law enforcement agency. In the event the search warrant is obtained for a locker, no one is permitted access to the locker and no contents may be removed until the law enforcement search has been completed. In the event the search warrant applies to an automobile parked on Widefield School District property, no one may enter the vehicle or otherwise remove any contents until the search has been completed.

If contraband other than illegal substances is found in the locker or vehicle, district procedures will be followed.

Again, we look forward to working with parents, students, staff, and local law enforcement agencies to do everything possible to assure a safe and drug-free educational environment.

OPT-OUT FORM FOR STUDENT IMAGE PUBLISHING

Classroom activities and school events are sometimes photographed or videotaped by the school or media groups (newspaper, television, university, district public relations, etc.) In addition, the district or school may want to post articles, video or photography on district or school websites.

This form applies to classroom activities and school events that are not open to the public. Public events such as sporting events, theatre productions, etc. are open to the public and are not covered by this form.

If you DO NOT want your child's photograph, video and/or electronic image to be published for news media or school publicity purposes, please complete this form and return it to your child's school by the first day of school.

NOTE: Under FERPA, student photographs can be considered directory information, which is information that does not require written consent from the parent or eligible student prior to disclosure. FERPA requires the district to notify parents and eligible students of their right to refuse disclosure of directory information. 34 C.F.R. 99.37(a)(2). The district must specify a "period of time" for parents/eligible students to tell the district not to disclose directory information. 34 C.F.R. 99.37(a)(3). Ideally, the deadline stated in the above paragraph of this exhibit will match the deadline for nondisclosure of directory information stated in accompanying policy JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students.

- I do not wish to have my child photographed or videotaped for purposes of news coverage or school district publicity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name

School Name

Student's Current Grade Level

Date

This form applies for the current school year.