

First Creek Middle School



Our First Creek Why:

Empowered learning and opportunities for all stakeholders.

Our First Creek Motto:

Always on time, on track, and on a mission to academic excellence.

This planner belongs to:



Nondiscrimination Statement

Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

First Creek Staff

ADMINISTRATION:

Principal – Montell Carter

Assistant Principal – Anna Kang

Athletic Director—Donald Webster

COUNSELORS:

Sheila Williams-Griffis: Last Names A – L

Adam Sanders: Last Names K – Z

OFFICE STAFF:

Office Coordinator – Samuel Hernandez

Attendance Secretary – Lucinda Torres-Staats

Guidance Secretary – Machel Salado

HEALTH SPECIALISTS:

RN— Katie Meers

LPN— DeAnn O’Leary

School Phone Numbers

Main Office253 571-2700

Principal253 571-7711

Assistant Principal253 571-2702

Attendance Office253 571-2700

Guidance Office253 571-2712

Library253 571-2221

Nurse253 571-2716

Teachers253 571-2700

Teachers are available to speak with parents by telephone between 7:30am and 8:00am and 2:45pm to 3:00pm. Teachers also have voice mailboxes for messages and are available for conferences by appointment. Please call 253-571-2700 if you need to speak to a First Creek MS teacher or staff members.

School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Breakfast at 7:45 AM – 8:05 AM

Classes start promptly at 8:15 AM

School day ends at 2:45 PM

Wednesday

Breakfast at 8:45 AM – 9:05 AM

Classes start promptly at 9:15 AM

School day ends at 2:45 PM

The school day ends at 2:45 PM. Students need to leave campus at this time, unless they are involved in athletics or other school sponsored and supervised activities.

Emergency School Closures

In the event of severe weather, school may be closed or school starting time may be changed. If this happens, an announcement will be made over several tv stations, social media and on the district website.

Please listen carefully for announcement concerning “Tacoma School District # 10.”

www.tacomaschools.org

The Rules of Good SPORTSMANSHIP

Play by the rules.
Always play fair.
Encourage teammates.
Respect your opponents.
Accept official rulings.
Learn from your mistakes.
Be a team player.
Don't make excuses.
Lose with dignity.
Win with class.

2023 - 2024 Middle School Sports Seasons

The Tacoma Public Schools All-City League includes teams from all 10 comprehensive middle schools and student athletes have the ability participate in 11 different sports.

Session 1 (Dates TBD)	Session 2 (Dates TBD)	Session 3 (Dates TBD)	Session 4 (Dates TBD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Basketball• Girls Soccer• Baseball• Cross Country (No Cut)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volleyball• Boys Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Basketball• Football• Bowling (No Cut)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wrestling (No Cut)• Fastpitch• Track and Field (No Cut)

STUDENT CALENDAR

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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DECEMBER 2023						
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JANUARY 2024						
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FEBRUARY 2024						
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MARCH 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2024						
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JUNE 2024						
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School Starts

Sept. 7, grades 1-12
Sept. 12, kindergarten
Jan. 2, school resumes all grades

Late Start

One hour late start every Wednesday

Conferences / Early Release

Oct. 17, PreK-5 conferences, early release 12:15 p.m.
Oct. 18-19, All grade conferences, early release:
H.S. 10:50 a.m. / M.S. 11:30 a.m. / E.S. 12:15 p.m.
March 21-22, All grade conferences, early release:
H.S. 10:50 a.m. / M.S. 11:30 a.m. / E.S. 12:15 p.m.

Elementary Only No School

Dec. 8, Elementary trimester break

Middle and High School Only No School

Feb. 5, Secondary semester break

No School for All Students

Oct. 13, Data Day
Nov. 10, Veterans Day Observed
Nov. 22-24, Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18-29, Winter Break
Jan. 1, New Years Day
Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 16, Snow make-up day if needed
Feb. 19, Presidents Day
Feb. 20 Data Day
April 1-5, Spring Break
May 24, Snow make-up day if needed
May 27, Memorial Day
June 19, Juneteenth

Last Day of School / Early Release

June 21, Last day K-12, early release:
H.S. 10:50 a.m. / M.S. 11:30 a.m. / E.S. 12:15 p.m.

TACOMA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.



2023-2024 First Creek Bell Schedules

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

(57-minute classes with 3-minute passing periods)

First Lunch		Second Lunch	
1 st Period	8:15 AM – 9:12 AM	1 st Period	8:15 AM – 9:12 AM
2 nd Period	9:15 AM – 10:12 AM	2 nd Period	9:15 AM – 10:12 AM
3 rd Period	10:15 AM – 11:12 AM	3 rd Period	10:15 AM – 11:12 AM
1 st Lunch	11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	4 th period	11:15 AM – 12:12 PM
4 th Period	11:48 AM – 12:45 PM	2 nd Lunch	12:15 PM – 12:45 PM
5 th Period	12:48 PM – 1:45 PM	5 th Period	12:48 PM – 1:45 PM
6 th period	1:48 PM – 2:45 PM	6 th period	1:48 PM – 2:45 PM

Wednesday

(39-minute Advisory, 40-minute classes and 3-minute passing periods)

First Lunch		Second Lunch	
Advisory	9:15 AM-9:54 AM	Advisory	9:15 AM-9:54 AM
1 st Period	9:57 AM – 10:37 AM	1 st Period	9:57 AM – 10:37 AM
2 nd Period	10:40 AM – 11:20 AM	2 nd Period	10:40 AM – 11:20 AM
3 rd Period	11:23 AM – 12:03 PM	3 rd Period	11:23 AM – 12:03 PM
1 st Lunch	12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	4 th Period	12:06 PM – 12:46 PM
4 th Period	12:39 PM – 1:19 PM	2 nd Lunch	12:49 PM – 1:19 PM
5 th period	1:22 PM – 2:02 PM	5 th period	1:22 PM – 2:02 PM
6 th Period	2:05 PM – 2:45 PM	6 th Period	2:05 PM – 2:45 PM



2023-2024 First Creek Dress Code

ALL CLOTHING: No exposed skin from collar bones to three inches above the knees and no see-through material. Students should not wear hoods or hats in the building.

1. TOPS:

- First Cree Eagle Shirt – purchased at First Creek Middle School *** This is required attire***

2. BOTTOMS:

- All pants should be worn at the waistline.
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts should be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- No tears, holes, or cuts higher than 3 inches above the knee unless solid leggings are worn underneath.

3. FOOTWEAR:

- Must have toe covering and back/heel straps and soles.
- No flip flops, sandals, slides, slippers, or moccasins.
- No heels taller than 2 inches.

4. ACCESSORIES:

- The following items are not allowed at school:
 - Bandanas, Do-rags, Spikes, and Sunglasses
- Clothing items can never promote or reference the following:
 - Alcohol, Bigotry, Drugs, Gangs, Racism, Sex, Suicide, Tobacco, Vandalism, Violence

5. PE GEAR:

- Students must wear athletic shoes on PE days.
- Locker rooms will be available. Students are encouraged to bring comfortable clothes to school on the days they have PE. If weather permits, PE will be outside. Please bring a coat.

Dress Code

The purpose of the school dress code is to provide a means of identification and belonging to First Creek Middle School; it helps us better define ourselves as a community. This is also a safety protocol that makes it possible for us to easily identify intruders. Our First Creek dress code is designed to help students focus on learning. It also contributes to our safe and orderly school environment. Students must dress appropriately and according to the guidelines. There will be no modifications to intended style. Students must remain in dress code the entire school day including arrival and departure. Students who do not comply with the First Creek uniform will be asked to make adjustments and/or have a guardian bring the appropriate items. We will have **Free Dress Days**. Students are required to dress appropriately and according to the guidelines set forth by staff and administration. Questions regarding this attire must be clarified beforehand. *** Please notify the office or counselors if you are having difficulty fulfilling the dress code expectations.**



FIRST CREEK
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

2023-2024 First Creek Student Cell Phone Expectations

Maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is the top priority.

- Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their possession throughout the school day.
- Students **MUST** have their cell phones on silent during the school day; ***cell phone use shall cause no distraction or disruption.***
- Cell phones will be out of sight during instructional time (***inside and outside of classrooms***)
- Cell phone charging is not allowed on campus.
- **The only exception to the above policies is as follows:** cell phones used for instructional purposes will be permitted, with the teacher's explicit permission and supervision.

If a student is using a cell phone during class, the following consequences will apply:

- **First few infractions** – Verbal and/or non-verbal warning
- **Continued Issues** – Teacher will reach out to guardians.
- **Continues issues after several contacts made to parents by the teacher** – Teacher will submit a behavior referral. Admin, student, and families will work together to make a plan for success. Phones may be confiscated for the period or the day.

Certain infractions will result in students immediately losing the privilege to carry a cell phone on campus.

Consequences include, but are not limited to, infractions such as:

- Recording fights, drugs/alcohol use, bullying, or recording students and staff without consent.

**During times of testing, teachers may request that students remove their cell phone from their possession
reducing the possibility of compromised test security**

How to be a Successful Eagle

The Eagle Way:

Empowered learning and opportunities for all stakeholders.

TPS Land Acknowledgment:

We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Twulshootseed language.

Rights of Eagle Learners:

1. The right to say what makes sense to you.
2. The right to make mistakes.
3. The right to revise your thinking.
4. The right to share unfinished thinking and not be judged.
5. The right to be confused.

Hall Passes:

- Students **MUST** have a pass when leaving class.
- If students are in the halls without a pass, it is assumed they are not where they are supposed to be
- ONE PASS PER CLASS AT A TIME, unless it is an emergency or a different situation.
- Students should not be gone more than 5 minutes from class.

Let's Keep it REAL – learning and engagement starts and finishes with every Eagle, every period, every day.

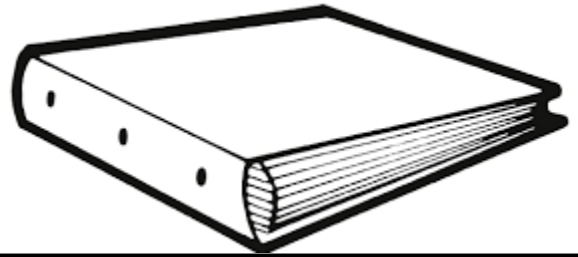
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No hall passes the first and last 15 minutes of class.

How to be a Successful Eagle

Bring all materials and supplies to class. This includes the following:

- Laptop, fully charged
- Charger for Laptop
- Binder w/ planner, pencil pouch & dividers
- Notebooks for all classes
- Pencils and/or pens
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Textbook or consumable

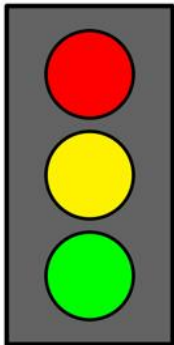


All students will need to carry a backpack or bag with their school and personal things.

Turn in Assignments on time.

Ask for help.

Devices **D**uring **C**lass Phones, Earbuds, Computers, Etc.



RED – Keep the device put away

YELLOW – You'll need to ask

GREEN – You're good to go

It's GREEN before & after school, lunches, & passing periods.

September 2023

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2/3	4	5	6
9/10	11	12	13
16/17	18	19	20
23/24	25	26	27
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September 2023

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
7	8	
14	15	
21	22	
28	29	

October 2023

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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7/8	9	10	11
14/15	16	17	18
21/22	23	24	25
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October 2023

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
5	6	
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November 2023

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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November 2023

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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9	10	
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December 2023

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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December 2023

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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January 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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6/7	8	9	10
13/14	15	16	17
20/21	22	23	24
27/28	29	30	31

January 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
4	5	
11	12	
18	19	
25	26	

February 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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17/18	19	20	21
24/25	26	27	28

February 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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March 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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23/24	25	26	27
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March 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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28	29	

April 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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6/7	8	9	10
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April 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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May 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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May 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
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June 2024

Sat/Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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June 2024

Thursday	Friday	Notes/Goals/Reminders
6	7	
13	14	
20	21	
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CODE OF PROHIBITED CONDUCT
NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS
REQUIRED BY FEDERAL DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS
AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 1989

All information and details can be found using the following link:

[District Handbook - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org/district-handbook)

[Policy Manual - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org/policy-manual)

