

Kratt Elementary Parent Handbook 2024 - 2025



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Welcome to Kratt Elementary

On behalf of the staff at Kratt Elementary, we welcome you to our school. We are committed to providing a quality education for all students. We want the experience for students to be both rigorous and rewarding and look forward to their continued development and successful learning. This handbook provides information about Kratt's procedures and policies. Please review it and keep it handy for future use. We encourage parents to become involved in their student's education and the activities at our school. Working together we can ensure a successful year for your child.

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MISSION

We nurture and cultivate the interests, intellect, and leadership of our students by providing an excellent, equitable education in a culturally proficient environment.



VISION

Fresno Unified School District:
Where students, families, and staff are valued and empowered to achieve their greatest potential.



VALUES



We Value Learning



We Value Accountability



We Value Positive Behavior



We Value People & Our Community



GOALS



Student Goals



Improve academic performance at challenging levels



Expand student-centered and real-world learning experiences



Increase student engagement in their school and community



Staff Goal

Increase recruitment and retention of staff reflecting the diversity of our community



Family Goal

Increase inclusive opportunities for families to engage in their students' education

Core Beliefs, Commitments and Goals

ACHIEVING
our **GREATEST**
Potential!

OUR COMMITMENT, OUR BOLD STAND, OUR EXPECTATION

**Every student can and must learn at grade level and beyond.
Every student moves a minimum of a grade level each year.**







VISION

Our vision is to cultivate a culture of continuous improvement, where data is at the heart of our Professional Learning Communities, so each student learns at a high level.

MISSION

At Kratt Elementary, our mission is to:

-  Foster data-driven Professional Learning Teams that empowers educators and maximizes student achievement*
-  Promote collaboration among staff*
-  Use data to inform our instructional practices*
-  Create an environment that meets the diverse needs of each student*

The Office

Our office is open M-F from **7:45 – 4:00**. If you need assistance, please feel free to call us at 451-4510 or email us at krattelementary@fresnounified.org.

Office Manager: Caressa Smith

Regular School Schedule

PreK – AM Session	8:00 am – 11:00 am
PreK – PM Session	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
TK and Kindergarten	8:15 am – 1:20 pm
1 st – 6 th Grades	8:15 am – 2:20 pm

Early Release School Schedule

PreK – AM Session	8:00 am – 11:00 am
PreK – PM Session	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
TK and Kindergarten	8:15 am – 12:15 pm
1 st – 6 th Grades	8:15 am – 1:15 pm

Important Dates for the School Year 2024-2025 – (Some dates subject to change)

August 15	Back to School Night
August 19	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 12	Fall School Pictures
October 18	Buyback Day – No school for students
October 21-25	Parent Teacher Conference Week (TK-6) - Early Dismissal
November 10	Veteran’s Day Holiday
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23- January 10	Winter Break
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
February 10	Abraham Lincoln Birthday
February 18-21	Kindness Week
February 17	Presidents’ Day
March 14	Buyback Day – No school for students
April 14-21	Spring Break
May 29	Open House
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
June 12	Last Day of School – Early Release Dismissal 12:15

Health and Wellness

The health and safety of all students and staff at Kratt is of the utmost importance to us. To help prevent the spread illnesses please screen your child each morning for the symptoms below:

- Feeling fever, body aches, or chills
- Respiratory symptoms (new or worsening shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell)

If your child has any of the above symptoms, please use caution and keep them at home.

We have set up safety protocols throughout the school to include:

- Each classroom will have their own set of disposable first aid items
- Daily disinfecting and sanitizing
- Teaching students how to properly cough, sneeze, and wash/sanitize their hands
- Proper use of face masks (if required)
- Students and staff who show symptoms throughout the day will be evaluated by the school nurse and could possibly be sent home.

Technology Routine

It is critical that every child has access to an electronic learning device both at home and at school. Upon entering any FUSD school, every child is provided a learning device through our FLATS centers. It is expected that all children will bring their technology device to and from school with them every day. You can help your child be successful with this by making sure they have an adequate backpack to carry their laptop and charging cord, know your child's log in information, as well as familiarize yourself with how to access our online learning curriculum, to help support your child. If you need support with accessing FLATS please communicate with our Home School Liaison.

Family Technology Center

Parents can call #457-3939 for assistance with technology needs. You can also visit their website at: flats.fresnouiifed.org to find a FLAT center location nearest you. You can visit them during school hours for assistance with technology needs (lost, stolen, damaged, or non-working devices and troubleshooting). Issues with technology are not addressed at the school site or by school site personnel.



Attendance/Tardies

It is very important that your child be at school on time each day when healthy. School begins promptly at 8:15 am to be on time. Students will be marked tardy when arriving to class after 8:15. If arriving after 8:15 am, students should report to the office to get an admittance slip to enter class.

If your child is absent from school, please call the **attendance line** on the morning of the absence at **451-4512**, or send a note on Parent Square. Please be specific when stating the reason for the absence: cold, fever, out of town, etc.

**Download the
ParentSquare
mobile app**

Send and receive school
communications on the go



Visitors and Volunteers

For the safety of our students, all visitors and volunteers must bring valid ID and check in at the office before entering campus. Volunteers are required by FUSD policy to complete a District Volunteer Form to be kept on file in the school office. This form includes a requirement to disclose any prior criminal convictions and must be filed annually. All volunteer forms for field trips must be on file three weeks prior to the scheduled field trip. All visitors must wear a Visitor's Badge and be checked in by the Raptor Visitor Management System while on campus.

Emergency cards

Yellow emergency cards are sent home on the first day of school or upon registration. It is very important that the information on these cards be current. Please make sure to include a valid email, so that we have another way to communicate with you. You can also update contact information on the Atlas Parent Portal or email our school office throughout the year. Your parent portal log-in information can be found on your child's report card. Having up to date information is critical in the case of an emergency or the need to contact a parent/guardian.

Medication

No medication may be taken at school unless it is prescribed by a doctor and a signed consent form has been filled out by that doctor. This form must be updated annually and any time the medication changes. Medications must be delivered to the Nurse's Office in the original bottle and will be kept in a locked cabinet. You can pick up a medication consent form from our school office.

Court Orders

Parent/guardian must give the office copies of any legal documents that explain special circumstances regarding custody, visitation rights, etc. All parents will be given equal rights for information about their children UNLESS you provide documentation that states otherwise.

Homework for Absent Students

If your child is absent from school and you wish to obtain his/her homework, please notify the school before 10:00 am. This will give the teacher time to gather materials and send the homework to the office for pick-up after 2:45 pm. This should be done for each school day of the absence period so that your child can keep up with the classroom assignments.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of each student's education at Kratt. All students are expected to complete their homework on time and to the best of their ability, as assigned by their classroom teacher. Homework may be a completion of work begun in class, a review of concepts, or an extension of previously introduced work. Parents can help their children with this important student and organizational skill by:

1. Providing a study area at home, free from distractions.
2. Providing a designated time each day for homework.
3. Encouraging your child and offering positive reinforcement.
4. Supervising the completion of homework and giving assistance, if needed, without doing the homework for your child.
5. Discussing concerns with your child's teacher, if your child is struggling with homework.

Grades

Kindergarten and Grade 1: Students are given progress indicators based on growth in Language Arts, Mathematics, and social skills.

Grades 2-6: Grades will be given through a variety of assessments and class assignments. The grading scale is:



90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
Below 60%	F

Progress Reports/Deficiency Notices (Grades 1-6)

Parents will receive a mid-quarter progress report in addition to the quarterly report cards. Please sign and return these to the teacher. Teachers will gladly schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress.

You can check your child's grades anytime at the ATLAS parent portal -

<http://m.fresnou.org/parents/index.php> or by signing up with Edu Text at 28527.

All parent log-in information can be found on your child's report cards or by calling our office.



Prohibited Items:

- Food items such as seeds, soda, energy drinks, gum, and similar snacks are strictly prohibited at school. Please provide healthy alternatives for your student while at school.
- Toys and electronic devices are not allowed at school. These items will be taken away and parents will have to come to school to pick them up.
- Cell phones are not allowed on any elementary campus per FUSD policy, however many Kratt students walk to and from school. If your child needs to carry a cell phone for safety purposes, it must be turned off and kept in a backpack. **Cell phone use on campus is unacceptable for any reason.** If your child does not follow these guidelines, the phone will be confiscated and sent to the office for parent pick up.

Breakfast/Lunch

Kratt School provides a free breakfast and lunch satellite meal program to all students, which is prepared in a FUSD central kitchen and transported to the school daily. The lunch consists of a hot or cold pack, cold vegetables, fruit, and milk. Students with allergies must have a doctor's verification for an alternative meal choice to be provided.

To access the menus online, please visit: fresnounified.nutrislice.com/menus



Arrival to School

- Grade TK-6 students who are eating breakfast may arrive at school beginning at 7:45 am. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 – 8:00 am daily. Students need to line-up in front of the cafeteria and wait for an adult to enter. Grade 1-6 students will be released to the blacktop after they eat, TK and Kinder students will be walked to their classrooms.
- Grade 1-6 students who do not want to eat breakfast, may arrive to school at 8am and report directly to the blacktop. Students are not allowed to wait by their classroom door or walk around the campus.
- Grade TK/K students who do not want to eat breakfast, will enter the gates on Colonial Ave. and follow your teacher's procedures for arriving to school.
- Parents may drop off students either on Colonial Street or utilize the drive thru in the front parking area. Please always pull forward before allowing your student out of the car.
- Our parking lot is for staff parking only. If you wish to walk your child on campus, please park on Sierra Ave. or Colonial Ave.

Dismissal from School

- Supervision is only provided for 15 minutes after dismissal. All students not enrolled in the afterschool program are expected to leave each day.
- TK and Kindergarten dismisses in the kinder/TK area. Please see your child's teacher for specific dismissal procedures.
- Students enrolled in the After-School Program must report to the cafeteria immediately upon dismissal.
- Colonial Street should be used for student pick up. Pull over to the curb to wait for your child. Do not double park or allow students to load in the street. Students **must** use the crosswalk if being picked up across Colonial. Students **are not** allowed to cross in the middle of the street.
- Students may **not** be picked up in front of the school or in the parking lot. This area is for **buses only**. The entrance gate to the parking lot will be locked from 2:00-3:00.
- Students **must use** the crosswalk to cross Colonial or Sierra Streets. Please remember adults set examples for our children. Safety First!

Lost and Found

Be sure to label each item of clothing your child may take off while at school with his/her full name. Also, label any other items sent to school such as binders, backpacks, and lunch pails. We do house unclaimed items in our Lost and Found bin that you can check if you are missing an item. Items not claimed by the end of each quarter will be donated to one of our local charities.

Educationally Appropriate Dress and Appearance:

It is our intent to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students at Kratt.

According to FUSD Board Policy, the responsibility for the dress and appearance of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians. In the interest of maintaining an appropriate learning environment, the district believes in the following basic principles:

- All students are encouraged to dress in a manner that is appropriate, comfortable, and conducive to an active academic school day.
- Students should be able to wear clothing without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- The student dress code should serve to support all students to develop a body-positive self-image.
- The district standard dress and appearance policy is gender neutral and applies to all students equally regardless of gender on school campuses and at school-sponsored functions and will be enforced consistently and fairly by all members of the school staff
- Clothing and hair styles are a matter of personal choice (except for schools with uniforms). The school shall be concerned only when this impacts the health and safety of students and staff.
- Principal or designee may add additional requirements based on site and student need.

Examples of inappropriate clothing include:

- clothing where the torso is exposed, i.e., tube tops, half shirts, halters
- clothing that is see-through. (clothing must be opaque)
- clothing or accessories which show profanity, obscene words or pictures, sexually suggestive statements, or incites to violence
- clothing representing gang-related activities
- clothing where the entire thigh is exposed, such as micro minis or short shorts.
- bathing suits or cut-offs
- the wearing and carrying of tobacco promotional items, or items promoting controlled substances (drugs) and/or alcohol,
- clothing where undergarments are exposed
- clothing that has text that is libelous, bullying, constitutes harassment or discrimination
- footwear must be worn at school and all functions

Additional information can be found in the District Parent Handbook: <https://go.fresnou.org/handbook>

Kratt Guidelines for Success

The Guidelines for Success represent a set of skills, traits, and attitudes that everyone in our school strives to demonstrate. They should remind everyone of our efforts to promote a culture of respect.

Kratt Bulldogs BARK Everyday:

B – Be Respectful
A – Act Responsibly
R – Remember Safety
K – Kindness Matters



Kratt Behavior System

Kratt has developed a 3 level Behavior System.

Level 1 behaviors are minor and will be corrected by the adult in charge.

Level 2 behaviors are more serious, and the student will receive a consequence from the teacher.

Possible consequences could include loss of privileges, timeout, phone call home.

Level 3 behaviors are those behaviors that are chronic level 1 or 2 behaviors, behaviors that pose a threat to students or adults, pose a threat to physical safety and/or shut down the learning environment.

Level 3 behaviors will be handled by an administrator and necessary disciplinary action will be taken.

Possible consequences could include loss of privileges, detention, pre-suspension, restitution, suspension, or expulsion.

Classroom Behavior Protocols

All classrooms support the school wide discipline policy; however, each individual teacher may design a separate behavior system that is more relevant to the needs of their individual classroom. Please make sure that you are aware of the expectations of your child's teacher and support those expectations.

Bus Rules

Bus transportation is a service and a privilege. Students who are cited for the violations listed below will be issued consequences by a school administrator following written communication from the bus driver involved. Students receiving bus citations will lose their bus privileges:

1st citation=warning

2nd citation= no bus for 3 days

3rd citation = no bus for 5 days

4th citation = no bus for 10 days

5th citation = no bus for the rest of the school year

Please note: Serious offenses may result in the immediate loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Violations of District bus regulations:

1. Leaving seat while bus is in motion
2. Obstructing the aisle with legs, feet, or other objects
3. Not sitting facing the front of the bus
4. Putting any part of the body out of bus windows
5. Using vulgar or profane language or gestures
6. Smoking or lighting matches on the bus
7. Eating or drinking on the bus
8. Failing to cross the street in front of the bus under the driver's supervision
9. Having dangerous objects, glass, knives, etc. on the bus
10. Being defiant or uncooperative with the bus driver, needing constant correction
11. Fighting or abusive body contact on the bus, or while loading and unloading
12. Damaging or defacing the bus
13. Making unnecessary noise or commotion, whistling, or calling people from the bus
14. Giving improper identification when requested by the bus driver
15. Throwing objects from the bus window or while at the bus stop



Students are responsible for obeying all bus rules and school rules while at the bus stop and walking to and from the bus stop.

Library Policy

1. Grade 2-6 students in good standing can check out no more than two library books at a time. (Teacher discretion applies: Teachers may start off the school year with one book at a time until good reading habits develop.) First grade students in good standing can check out one book at a time.
2. If a book is overdue by 6 weeks, it will be marked as lost. Students who have an outstanding fine for lost or damaged library books from Kratt Elementary School will not be allowed to check out any library books until: the book is found and returned in good condition; or the fine has been paid in full. If the fine is for a damaged book, the book will be given to the student once paid in full.
3. Appropriate and respectful library behavior is expected from all students during their visits to the library with their class..



FUSD Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

The policy was written to inform students, their families, and staff about the acceptable ways in which information technology systems may be used in FUSD. FUSD is committed to improving student achievement and preparing all students to be career-ready graduates. District Technology, which includes but is not limited to computer hardware, software, and the Internet provide powerful tools to access information and communicate with people, enhancing learning and enabling the district to operate. With the constant introduction of new technology, new ways to communicate, and new ways to access and transfer information, it is therefore critical that the district continue to define a policy that ensures a safe learning environment for student and staff as well as the protection of the district's technology. The use of FUSD technology is offered to students and staff as a privilege which must be safeguarded by all learners. For more information go to: <http://www.fresnounified.org/aup/default.aspx>

Awards and Recognition

Students will have the opportunity to earn the following awards and recognition throughout the year.

- **Academic All Star** – All O's in Academic Areas (quarterly for grades 1-2)
- **Principal List** - 4.0 grade point average (quarterly for grades 3-6)
- **Honor Roll** – 3.5-3.99 grade point average (quarterly for grades 3-6)
- **Merit List** – 3.0-3.49 grade point average (quarterly for grades 3-6)
- **PAWS Award** – Perseverance Award with Success (awarded to 2 students per quarter)
- **Bulldog of the Month** – Demonstrates the six traits of good character (monthly)
- **Rising Bulldog** – iReady Diagnostic Typical Growth Goal (semester)
- **Principal's Medallion** – 4.0 grade point average all year (end of year for grades 3-6)
- **Honor Roll Medallion** – 3.5 & above grade point average all year (end of year for grades 3-6)
- **Merit List Medallion** – 3.0 & above grade point average all year (end of year for grades 3-6)

As part of Kratt's school wide recognition program, students will also receive charms that represent their achievements. Every Friday is Kratt Spirit day. Students should wear their charm necklaces to showcase the awards they have earned.



Bicycles, Skateboards, etc.

Riding a bicycle, skateboard, etc. to school comes with expectations. Rules for these are discussed with all students and should be observed for safety. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and roller blades are never to be ridden on school grounds. All the above must be secured and/or locked up during school hours. Therefore, please provide your child with an appropriate locking device. The school is not responsible for damaged or stolen property.

Parent Partnership

We at Kratt School are committed to a Parent Partnership relationship. Research has proven that students whose parents are involved in their child's schooling achieve more in school. Some of the activities we currently have at Kratt include:

- Back to School Night
- Blacktop Fridays
- School Site Council – (4-5 times per year)
- Open House
- Parent Teacher Conferences - October
- Parent Volunteers
- Assemblies
- Special Events (school sponsored and PTA sponsored)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Kratt website
- Weekly "Bulldog Brief" online newsletter from the school



Home-School Communication

Ongoing communication between school and home will help everyone stay informed and involved in providing the best education possible for students. The school provides this Parent/Student Handbook, a Kratt communication folder, updated information on our website: kratt.fresnounified.org, and a weekly "The Bulldog Brief" online newsletter to inform you of school policies, procedures, and events. You can view our weekly online newsletter by visiting our Kratt website.

All paper communication from the school will go home on Mondays so please make sure to check the communication folder each Monday and return the folder to school on Tuesday.

Student progress is communicated through teacher notes, phone calls, e-mails, parent conferences, progress reports, graded work, report cards, and district and state test results. Parents can regularly check ATLAS to access student grades and assignment information. Student performances and other school wide events provide the opportunity for parents to celebrate student accomplishments and see how students are achieving. Please call or email the school any time should you have questions or concerns.

