

Walnut Grove PreK-2nd Schools

Parent and Student Handbook



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FERGUSON-FLOISSANT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Students,

We are looking forward to working with you and your family this school year. We work hard to ensure that we meet the diverse needs of all of our students so that they can reach their full potential. We look forward to building strong partnerships with our students and families while providing meaningful learning opportunities to embed a love of learning.

We are hopeful that this handbook will be a resource as you navigate through this school year. We've changed the format so things are more direct, easy to find, and organized for you. We always appreciate your feedback as we work hard to build our partnership with you; ultimately focused on your child's success as they prepare for intermediate school.

Please never hesitate to contact me with questions or feedback. I value your input and look forward to our working relationship together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Leo Ganahl - "Mr. G"

No School Calendar Dates 2025-2026

<https://www.fergflor.org/domain/2532>

There will be NO SCHOOL on the following dates:

September 1st	No School for Students - Labor Day-District Closed
September 2nd	No School for Students - District Offices Open
September 30th	No School for Students - District Offices Open
October 30th	No School for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences) - District Offices Open
October 31st	No School for Students - District Offices Open
November 3rd	No School for Students - District Offices Open
November 4th	No School for Students (Election Day) - District Offices Open
November 26th-28th	No School for Students - District Offices Closed Thanksgiving Break
December 18th-19th	Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:40 pm
December 22nd-January 2nd	No School- Winter Break
January 19th	No School for Students - District Closed - Martin Luther King Day
February 13th	No School for Students - District Offices Open
February 16th	No School for Students - District Offices Closed - Presidents Day-District Closed
March 16th-20th	No School for Students - Spring Break-District Closed
April 6th	No School for Students - District Offices Open
April 7th	No School for Students (Election Day) - District Offices Open
May 21st	Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:40 pm
May 22nd	Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:40 pm - last day of school

Please be sure to mark these days on your calendar and, if necessary, *notify your Daycare provider.*

2025-2026 Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education

8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042
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FFSD Mission

We provide high-quality instruction to every student in every neighborhood while prioritizing equity and compassionate relationships

FFSD Vision

All learners graduate believing that anything is possible and prepared to realize those possibilities

Core Values

Student-Centered

We use an equity lens to focus our policies, our actions, and our resources on students' academic, social-emotional, and physical well-being

Excellence

We have high expectations for all of our students and are relentless about providing high quality, culturally competent teaching and resources to meet those expectations.

Innovation

We ensure our students are ready for a dynamic, ever-changing world by exploring real-world issues and promoting curiosity and critical thinking to find innovative solutions.

Relationships

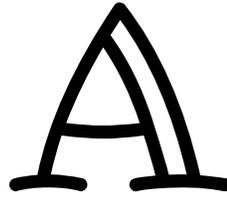
We build relationships across our schools and community to ensure everyone feels welcomed, heard, and involved as agents of positive change to create access and opportunity for students.

Walnut Grove Mission

The mission of the Ferguson-Florissant School District is to provide high-quality instruction to every student in every neighborhood while prioritizing equity and compassionate relationships.

Walnut Grove Vision

The vision of the Ferguson-Florissant School District is for all learners to graduate believing that anything is possible and prepared to realize those possibilities.



Absence	If your child is unable to attend school, please call the school before 9 am. You can call the office at any time to leave a message or speak to the Office Manager. If you've not called by 9:30 am, Infinite Campus will use an automated call to alert you of your child's absence.
Arrival	Students are to arrive at school between 9:05-9:20 am. If students arrive after 9:36 am, they are considered late. Breakfast is served from 9:05-9:20 am. No breakfast will be served after 9:20 am. Students will not be allowed in the building prior to 9:05 as there is no supervision available. If students are being dropped off early, parent contact will be made via letter and/or phone call.
Art	Students attend Art class once per week for 55 minutes. It is recommended that students bring an oversized t-shirt to use as their art shirt when painting.
Attendance	Students need to be at school each day to ensure they are receiving the best education possible. Irregular attendance and tardiness can result in students not mastering standards, academic retention, as well as a referral to outside agencies.
Attendance Hours	A student's full day of attendance is 9:20 am-4:05 pm.

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Birthdays

This year we will host a celebration in all classrooms on the last Friday of the month. Parents will provide a sweet snack, a salty snack, and drinks. We are asking families to communicate with classroom teachers to arrange for each month. The goal is to provide the following for each student in the class every month (nut-free):

- One juice box
- One salty snack
- One sweet snack

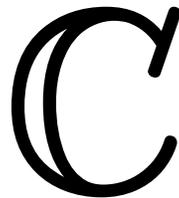
All items MUST be store bought and nut free.

Also, you can purchase items from the Food Service Department by going to the district website at www.fergflor.org - Department - Food Service. There you will find the form; including the list of Celebration Items that meet the Smart Guidelines (also found on our school website under the “parents” tab. If you would like to bring a non-edible treat, you are welcome to do so as well (ex. Pencils, etc). Students may not have balloons or flowers at school. We ask that those items be kept at home.

Blackboard Messaging

We will use the Blackboard Communication System throughout the year. We will send out email and text notifications, as well as phone messages. Please be sure to check your **Spam Folder** in

	your email for messages that may come through and make sure your contact information is up to date in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
Board of Education	BOE meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the Board Room of the Ferguson-Florissant Administration Building (8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042).
Breakfast in the Cafe	Every child is able to eat breakfast free of charge at school each morning. Students will be allowed into the building at 9:05 am for breakfast. Students will eat their breakfast in the cafeteria from 9:05-9:20 am.



Cell Phones (Students)	<p>See policy EHBA https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/PolicyListing.aspx?S=428</p> <p>See Student Expectation Code https://www.fergflor.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=12060&ViewID=ed695a1c-ef13-4546-b4eb-4fefcdd4f389&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=20645&PageID=5585&Comments=true</p>
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<p>Classdojo</p>	<p>The expectation is that all students have at least one parent connected to classdojo. Classdojo will be used by teachers and the office to communicate and share pertinent information and updates.</p>
<p>Closing of School</p>	<p>https://www.fergflor.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=4629&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=19983&PageID=1</p> <p>Any decision to close schools due to weather will be announced using Ferguson-Florissant School District's automated messaging system (email, text, and/or phone calls). Announcements will be made on local television stations, the District website, and FFSD's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. When possible, announcements regarding inclement weather days will be made before 10 p.m. the day before or at approximately 5:30 a.m. the day inclement weather is expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District website: www.fergflor.org provides notification of school closings and cancellations. ● Email, Phone Call, FFSD App & Text Message: Phone, email, and text messages are sent to school families and employees when classes are canceled, delayed, virtual, or students are released early. ● Social Media: Information will be posted on the District's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. ● Radio & TV: Local stations share announcements on air and on their websites. <p>There may be instances where the school would need to dismiss early when not planned (weather, power, plumbing, heating, etc). Staff will attempt to notify you in these situations, but please be sure you have a contingent emergency plan for your child if these situations should occur. Please be sure all contact information and emergency contacts are up to date!</p>

<p>Communication</p>	<p>Clear communication for our parents and students is a high priority. There will be multiple methods that the school may communicate with you: phone calls, emails, website, Clasdojo, Let's Talk, the school marquee, electronic flyers, newsletters, and face-to-face meetings.</p>
<p>Concerns</p>	<p>If you have a concern, please contact the classroom teacher or person you have a concern with to attempt to clarify the facts and correct the situation. We are committed to what is best for all students. We have a team of teachers, a counselor, special educators, and more who are available for support and consultation. If you've contacted the person you have concerns with, and feel you need further support, please contact the assistant principals or principal.</p>
<p>Counselor & Social Worker</p>	<p>The counselor and social worker works with students in multiple capacities including individual counseling sessions, small group counseling sessions, classroom lessons, and more. The counselor is also available to meet with parents as needed. Please feel free to contact the counselor (and teacher) if there are changes at home that you feel are important to share with us as they may be affecting your child at school as well (divorce, death in the family, new sibling, moving, etc).</p>
<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>The district provides curriculum guides per grade level as needed. Walnut Grove follows the Missouri Learning Standards / Common Core State Standards for instruction. You may access those standards for each grade level at : http://www.missourilearningstandards.com/ The district's curriculum can be found at https://www.fergflor.org/Domain/2490.</p>

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Dismissal (Early)	There will be half days throughout the school year. On these half days, dismissal is at 12:40 pm. Please arrange appropriate pick up for your child in advance, including contacting the daycare if necessary.
Dismissal (Regular Time)	<p>Students will be dismissed from school at 4:05 pm. Late pick up is considered after 4:25 pm. If students are late to be picked up, parent notification will be made via letter/phone call. <u>If a student continues to be picked up late, law enforcement will be called as there is no supervision available for students past 4:25 pm.</u></p> <p>If your child is going home in a way other than their “normal” or “expected” dismissal routine, that change MUST be communicated to the teacher and office in writing before 3:15 pm (note, email, Class Dojo). If we do not have written permission, your child will be sent home via their “normal” dismissal routine. Late changes impact the safety and effectiveness of our procedures.</p>

	<p>We ask that students not be picked up from school between 3:15-4:05 pm to reduce confusion with busy office staff, teachers, and students so close to dismissal time. The main office closes at 3:15 pm.</p>
Dress Code	<p>School Uniforms are described below:</p> <p>Shirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White, navy blue, black (school spirit color), or red (school spirit color) shirts with collars such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt (no logos required)• Walnut Grove’s school colors are black and red, so <p>Bottoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy blue shorts, pants, slacks, skirt, skorts or jumper• Khaki shorts, pants, slacks, skirt, skorts or jumper• FFSD Red/Navy blue plaid skirt, skorts or jumper <p>See Student Expectation Code https://www.fergflor.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=12060&ViewID=ed695a1c-ef13-4546-b4eb-4fefcdd4f389&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=20645&PageID=5585&Comments=true</p>

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Email	Please have a working email address on file with our office. At times, we do communicate via email so it is important that we have your correct email address.
Enrollment	Students enrolling for one of our schools must first register at the district admissions office at 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Their phone number is 314.824.2035. You will need to have the following documents : https://www.fergflor.org/cms/lib/MO01000341/Centricity/Domain/2741/Ferguson-Florissant%20School%20District%20Admission%20Requirements.pdf STUDENT RECORDS see policy JO-1 https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/PolicyListing.aspx?S=428

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Field Trips	Educational field trips that support curriculum and instruction are scheduled at various times per year. Parents are informed in advance of the date, time, transportation, cost, etc. Written permission is required for your child to attend. We cannot accept verbal permission.
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Gifted Programs	The Ferguson-Florissant School District operates a gifted and talented program called PROBE (Personal Research Opportunities for Better Education) and Firecrackers (for 1st grade). Students who qualify according to the guidelines would attend a full day of classes weekly at the PROBE center (located at the STEAM High School). Students are transported via district transportation.
Grades	Student progress reports are emailed to the email address on file at the mid quarter point for each quarter. Student report cards are emailed following the end of each quarter. These reports are an effort to keep you and your student(s) informed of their progress throughout the year. Please check the calendar included in this handbook for dates.

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Homework

Walnut Grove has established that students will receive homework in Math and English Language Arts Monday - Thursday. Homework may come as a packet for the week or each day.

Students should ALSO be reading at least 20 minutes nightly.

If your child does not have homework, it is suggested that you continue to practice reading, spelling words, math facts, sight words, etc.

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None at this time

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Library

The library is open each day during school hours for students to check out / return books and to research topics. Students also receive instruction during their library visit. Library fines are

	<p>assessed for damaged library materials; however, students are encouraged to report these damages to the librarian in an effort to repair them first at a lower cost. If students are late turning in a book, it does prevent them from checking out additional books during their next visit.</p>
<p>Little Creek</p>	<p>With initial funding from the federal government in 1968, the Ferguson-Florissant School District had the vision and foresight to acquire 97 acres for a nature and wildlife refuge that has served students as an experiential science classroom. Known as Little Creek Nature Area, this natural preserve serves all students, Kindergarten through 12th grades, through a curriculum that offers unique hands-on learning experiences unparalleled in other school districts throughout the metropolitan area. Little Creek is located on Dunn Road, and offers students an opportunity to study a variety of biological and interrelated subjects in this beautiful and natural setting. Little Creek is a favorite with teachers, parents, and students. Little Creek's animals, insects and vegetation provide a wealth of learning opportunities for our community.</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>The Ferguson-Florissant School District will be participating in the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year, which provides breakfast and lunch AT NO COST to all students in pre-kindergarten through high school throughout the District. This program is fully funded by the USDA through reimbursable meals for breakfast and lunch.</p>

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Music

Students attend music class an average of 90 minutes each week. Specific grade level programs and activities are developed to enhance student learning and connect to classroom standards/concepts.

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Nurse/Health Information

Illness at School

If a child becomes ill at school, a HAZEL HEALTH VISIT can be initiated if consent is on file. Otherwise, the parent will be contacted for pick up. If a parent cannot be reached, the person designated on the registration card is called and asked to care for the child until a parent can be notified.

It is essential to have a current emergency phone number on file in the office.

A child with a temperature of **100 degrees Fahrenheit** or higher will be sent home and should not return to school until the temperature has remained normal (97-99 degree Fahrenheit) for **24 hours without fever-reducing medication**. A child who has **continuous** vomiting will be sent home

and can return when vomiting subsides. A thorough assessment will be completed by Nursing staff and individual consideration will be given to each child's symptoms before the child is sent home.

Immunizations

Required immunizations should be completed prior to registration. At no times will students be permitted to attend school without proof that they have been immunized or properly exempted. Proof of immunization must show types of immunization received and dates.

Medication at School

All medications must be kept in the nurse's office. Those students with chronic health problems requiring daily medication must have a Ferguson-Florissant Medication Form completed and signed by a healthcare provider. Medication must be in a container from the pharmacy with complete instructions as to time and dose. No prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be administered to students at school unless the medication form has been completed and signed by a healthcare provider. Medicine prescribed for a student by a doctor on a short-term basis that is to be given during school hours (example: an antibiotic to be taken four times a day), must have a completed Ferguson-Florissant Medication Form signed by a provider and be brought to school in the container from the pharmacy with complete instructions as to time, dosage, doctor's name and date. **Students are not allowed to keep cough drops.** Please see Policy 3055 for a complete description of the medication policy.

School Physicals

Physical examinations are essential for all kindergarten students, students new to the District, and fourth grade students. The child must have been examined within one year before entering school. An Emergency Health and Medical History Record also must be completed in full by parents.

Screenings

School nurses administer vision, hearing and dental screenings to students. Parents will be notified if there is a concern. Services of school nurses are available to all students.

- Vision Screening: Kids Vision For Life provides vision screenings to all students each year. Parents are notified of any concerns found during the screenings. The results of any further testing required will be communicated to the school nurse. Please sign and return the consent for further testing and glasses (if needed) if your student fails the vision exam.

- Hearing Screening: Every school year the Special School District Audiology Department provides hearing screenings for the following students: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade, new students, Special School District students, and any students with a hearing concern. Parents are notified of any concerns found during the screenings. The results of any further testing required should be communicated to the school nurse.

- Dental Screening: Dental caries (cavities) are the #1 chronic illness in children. The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services Oral Health Preventive Service Program allows the School Nurse Team to provide a dental screening and fluoride varnish (helps to prevent cavities) application to students' teeth.

ALL SCREENINGS ARE FREE

Health Department Requirements

Treats (cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc.) must be store bought and in individual wrappers. Drinks provided must be store bought and unopened. If possible, individual containers are preferred. We highly recommend healthy snacks in lieu of snacks with high sugar and fat content.

Communicable Diseases

Parents are required to have their children immunized against communicable diseases (see immunizations). There are some communicable diseases where this is not possible. If your child contracts a communicable disease and has to stay home for a long period of time, each teacher

will make arrangements for makeup work. If you are not sure when your child should be sent back to school, call the school nurse or your physician. We prefer that children make a complete recovery so they can resume normal activities when they return to school.

Conjunctivitis or “Pinkeye”

Inflammation of the conjunctiva from infection or allergies. Symptoms include red eye, burning eye, itchy eye, burning eye, painful eyes, watery eyes, puffy eyelids, blurry or hazy vision, being extra sensitive to light, lots of mucus, pus, or thick yellow discharge from your eye that can make the eyelashes stick together. While the virus is contagious, students **WILL NOT** be sent home. The School Nursing staff will demonstrate proper hand hygiene and washing your hands often to minimize the spread.

Head Lice

Usually the only symptoms are itching of the scalp and the presence of tiny, white eggs or nits that cling to the hair shaft. Students **WILL NOT** be sent home or isolated when the school nurse determines head lice. The school nurse will place a plastic shower cap on the students head and allow them to return to class. Parents will be contacted to discuss head lice and treatment. **Classroom parents WILL NOT be notified and there WILL NOT be a classroom check of students for lice.**

Emergency Forms

This form contains vital information pertaining to your child’s health and should be completed and returned with your child on the first day of school. The telephone number of the student’s family doctor must be listed on this form. For your child’s safety, please notify the school of any changes in medical information or telephone numbers immediately.

Excuses from Physical Education or Outdoor Activity

Students may be excused from going outside or from P.E. class upon receipt of a note from a doctor. This note must state the reason for the excuse, specify the dates the child should be

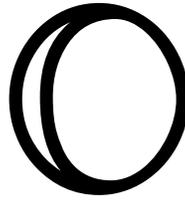
excused, and must be approved by the principal. Students who are excused from P.E. will not be allowed to go outside at recess. Any extension of time to be excused for specific illness may be granted upon receipt of a signed statement from a doctor stating that: (a) the child should be excused from outdoor activity and P.E., and (b) the duration of time for which the excuse applies.

Home Teaching for Long-Term Illness

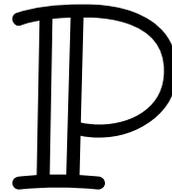
If your child must be out of school for a prolonged period, contact the principal as soon as possible so that it can be determined whether your child qualified for services which would bring a teacher to your home or to the hospital.

School Violence Hotline

On October 1, 2001 Governor Holden announced the establishment of a school violence hotline that allows students, parents and citizens to call a toll-free number and report potential threats affecting schools, students and school personnel. The hotline is in operation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). The phone number is 1-866-748-7047.



Office Hours	The office is open from 8:00 am-3:15 pm. You may also contact the school by phone and leave a message at any time 314.524-8922. Fax Number: 314.866-4917
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Parent Teacher Group (PTG)	All parents are encouraged to become active participants in the school's Parent Teachers Group. PTG meetings will occur on either the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month throughout the school year. As part of this committee, parents will be able to help plan family activities for the school year.
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in October and 100% parent/teacher participation is the expectation. This is an excellent time to synergize to find win-win strategies for the success of your child(ren).

<p>PBIS</p>	<p>At our schools, we utilize Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports as our framework for supporting students with their behavior. We ask that students follow our S.R.K. traits: Safe, Responsible, Kind. Students will be able to earn incentives throughout the school year for demonstrating the character traits of our school. CT3 and PBIS are connected and we use multiple pieces of data/information about our students to determine appropriate supports or interventions for students who may need them.</p>
<p>Physical Education (PE)</p>	<p>Students attend PE classes an average of 90 minutes each week. They must wear gym appropriate tennis shoes to receive credit for participation (a part of their overall assessment).</p>
<p>Personal Items</p>	<p>Skateboards, roller blades, scooters, toys, video games, phones, cameras, collections, electronic items, sports equipment, expensive jewelry, large amounts of money, and other personal items are not allowed at school. If your child should choose to bring one, our school is not responsible for lost or damaged items.</p>
<p>Phone Calls (to teachers)</p>	<p>Teachers are not able to receive phone calls during instructional times. If you need to contact a teacher, you will be directed to their voicemail between the hours of 8:50 am - 4:25 pm. If you and your child's teacher schedule a time in advance, the teacher will let the office know, and they will send your call to the room. We appreciate your understanding as we try to protect instructional time for students and teachers.</p>
<p>Phone Calls (to/from students)</p>	<p>Students are only allowed to call home in case of an emergency or if there is an urgent need. If you need to contact your child during the day, please speak to / leave a message with the office staff and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. <u>Please call prior to 3:15 pm to ensure your child gets the message.</u></p>

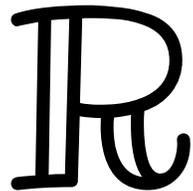
Pictures

We will have two picture days - one in the Fall and one in Spring. Students who miss or need to retake Fall pictures will have a make-up day later in the Fall.



Questions

Your child's teacher is the first important communicator when you have questions! Please see "Phone Calls to Teacher" above for more information. You may also call our office and our Office Manager will be happy to assist you. The counselor is another staff member willing to help, along with the building principal.



Recognitions

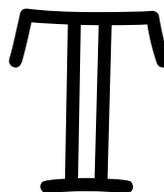
Students have multiple opportunities for recognition / awards / motivation for showing their hard work and leadership at school:
Positive Acknowledgement: Teachers will recognize students by sharing their names with administrators to be acknowledged schoolwide.

	<p><u>Positive Calls Home:</u> Teachers will place positive phone calls home to a student going above and beyond to help others learn at Walnut Grove.</p> <p><u>School Reward Systems:</u> Students can receive rewards for showing positive attendance, academics, and behavior.</p> <p><u>PBIS Assembly:</u> students will be honored in an assembly for the following: Academics, Positive Attendance, and Positive Behavior.</p>
<p>Recess</p>	<p>Students will receive a total of at least 20 minutes of daily recess supervised by a staff member, unless reteaching is necessary. Students should come to school dressed for outdoor recess daily. In times of extreme cold temperatures, students will only stay indoors if the temperature or windchill “real feel” is 20 degrees or below. In extreme heat, the temperature or “real feel” index will have to be 105 degrees for students to stay indoors. Teachers may choose to have indoor recess at their discretion. Open toe shoes are not safe for students to wear during recess, therefore students need to wear tennis shoes.</p>

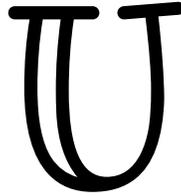
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<p>Sign Out (a student from school)</p>	<p>Students are only released to their parent/guardian or someone you (the parent/guardian) has listed on the student information sheet. Please be prepared (and let others know) to show ID to the office staff when you sign out your child. We will call the child to the office to be dismissed. It</p>
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	is encouraged to write a note and/or communicate using email, text, or other messaging apps with your child's teacher to let them know your child will be leaving early. All students must be signed out of the office when they leave for the day.
Special Education	Walnut Grove has a strong support for special education through a partnership with the Special School District. We have one program classroom that serves students with intellectual and behavioral disabilities, as well as, resource level classrooms for students with other support areas. Please contact the counselor with your special education questions.



Technology	Students will be able to access technology through the use of Chromebooks. Students are expected to follow the district's code for technology use and should only visit websites that are appropriate. The district does monitor student email, chat, and website usage and will make the principal aware if a concern arises. Students can face disciplinary actions for the misuse of technology.
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Uniforms

All students in K-12th grade will wear school uniforms for the 2025-26 school year.

The Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education approved gradually introducing a school uniform policy. For the 2025-26 school year, the uniform policy remains and includes all students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

School Uniforms for K-12th grade

Shirts

- White or navy blue shirts with collars such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt (no logos required)
- Information on school spirit color shirts will be shared from your child's school.
- FFSD cardigan, vest, fleeces, or blazers may also be worn.

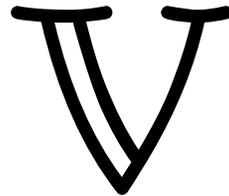
Bottoms

- Navy blue shorts, pants, slacks, skirt, skorts or jumper
- Khaki shorts, pants, slacks, skirt, skorts or jumper
- FFSD Red/Navy Plaid skirt, skorts or jumper

Updates

Please be sure you notify your child's classroom teacher and the office when your contact information changes. We always need a working number to contact you and your emergency contacts, so please keep us in mind! You may send a note, email, or fax, but it must be in writing. You can update this information at any time in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

<https://fergflormo.infinitecampus.org/campus/fergflor.jsp?status=login>



Visiting

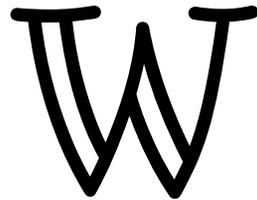
Visits to classrooms must be scheduled in advance with the classroom teacher. These should not interrupt instruction or the privacy of other students.

We will ensure school safety by making sure all visitors show a state issued ID before entering the building. Once inside, visitors will sign in and receive a visitor's badge. In order to ensure instruction begins on time, parents will be unable to walk children to their classrooms. If you are visiting during instructional time without an appointment, you will not be able to visit the classroom.

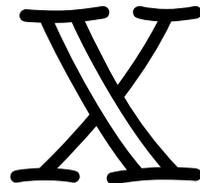
Policy KK: VISITORS TO DISTRICT PROPERTY AND EVENTS

Classroom Observations:

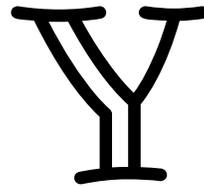
	Parental involvement with school activities is encouraged, and the district provides opportunities for such involvement. However, because classroom visits can be disruptive to the educational process, violate the privacy of students, and compromise safety and security, the district does not permit parents/guardians or others to visit classrooms during instructional time for the purpose of observing students unless the principal has approved the visit in advance after consulting with the teacher
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Weather	Please be aware of the changing weather. Students will be outside for recess each day unless it is raining, there is extreme heat, or there is extreme cold weather. Please dress them appropriately or send layers. In times of extreme cold temperatures, students will only stay indoors if the temperature or windchill “real feel” is 20 degrees or below. In extreme heat, the temperature or “real feel” index will have to be 105 degrees for students to stay indoors.
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Exits / Entrances	During the school day, all doors to the building will be locked. Please use the buzzer on the right of the main entrance doors to call the office to enter the building. Please state your name, child's name, reason for your visit, and have your ID ready to show the camera. Please understand this is to ensure the safety of all students at Walnut Grove.
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You (the parents)	We want to thank you, the parents and guardians, placing your children in our care each day.. We love each student and work hard to help ALL students achieve at high levels. Your hard work and support at home makes this even more possible. You are the key to your child's success!
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ZOOM & Google	Video communication platforms for online meetings, audio conferences, training, learning, etc.
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Arrival Procedures for Students

To ensure the safety of all of our students, please adhere to the following procedures:

- All students can enter the building at 9:05 am for the start of the day/breakfast.
- If a student wishes to have breakfast at school, he/she may enter the building at 9:05 am and go straight to the cafeteria.

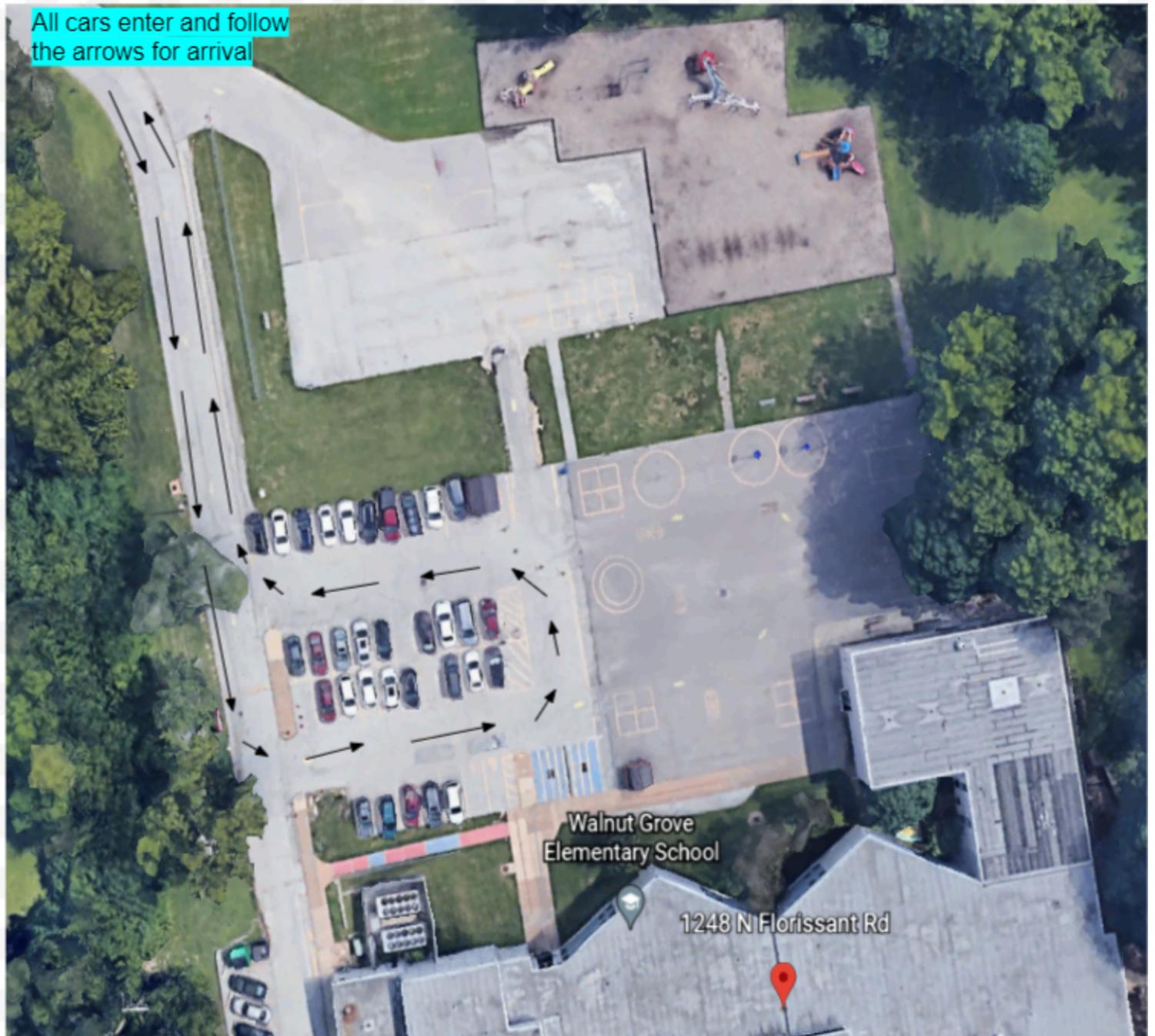
- If you are a **car rider**, please pull onto our back parking lot via Argo . Students will enter through Door 6. Students will go to breakfast in the cafeteria.
- **Bus riders and daycare riders** will be dropped off in the front of the building at the front door. Students will enter through Door 1. Students will go to the cafeteria.
- If you arrive after 9:20 am, all students must be walked to the building's front door by a parent or guardian to be signed in at the front door.

The maps on the next pages are to support arrival.



During arrival all families will follow the same procedure.

Dismissal has a different routine for parents of 2nd grade students. Parents of 2nd grade students will use the lower parking lot during dismissal. Siblings of 2nd grade students will be united with the 2nd grader.



Dismissal Procedures for Students

To ensure the safety of all of our students, please adhere to the following procedures:

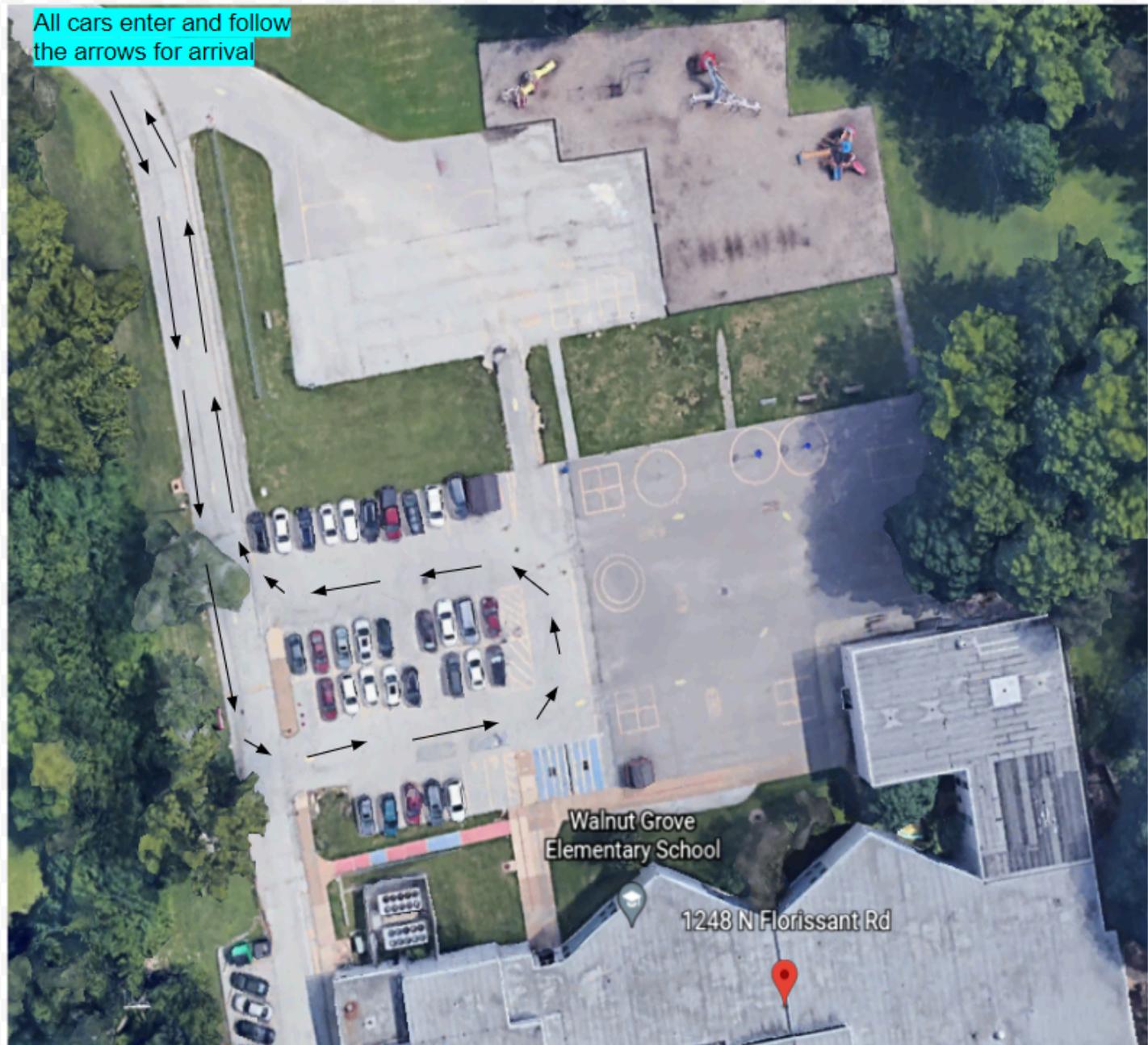
- Students who are **walkers and day care riders**, will be dismissed at 4:05 pm. Students who are **car riders** and **bus riders** will be dismissed at 4:05 pm.
- If your student is a **walker**, then they will be walked to one of two areas. Walkers will either be dismissed out the: **Side** door which will lead to the back of the building playground for students walking to the back neighborhood or students will be lead to the crosswalk at the top of the hill at Florissant Road. All students need to have someone who will meet them at their location (an older sibling, adult, etc).
- If you are a **car rider**, please pull onto our back parking lot entrance by taking Wadsworth and making a right onto Argo. All parents with a PreK or 2nd grader will pull into the lower parking lot and follow the flow of traffic. All other parents (Kdg, & 1st) will follow the morning routine and pick up students near where they were dropped off in the morning (Door #6, #8, and #9). Please be sure to have your Car Rider number sign visible hanging on the rear view mirror of the car. **All parents must stay in the car and your child(ren) will be brought to you.**
- **Bus riders** will load the buses outside of the front doors (Door 1). At least one adult will escort the line to the bus.
- If you are a **daycare rider**, then the daycare vans will be available on the inner circle of the front loop. You will wait in the van/daycare room until an adult walks you to your van once it arrives.

*Students will not be dismissed early from the school office after 3:45 pm.
Adults are not permitted to enter the building to wait or pick up their child*

Arrival routine once you enter through the back

During arrival all families will follow the same procedure.

Dismissal has a different routine for parents of PreK & 2nd grade students. Parents of PreK & 2nd grade students will use the lower parking lot during dismissal. Siblings of 2nd grade students will be united with the 2nd grader.



Dismissal routine once you enter through the back

Walnut Grove Family (WGF) Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal Information for the 24 - 25 School Year



Enter from Argo court starting at 4:05 and follow directions

Cars can enter school grounds through Argo Court starting at 9:05 am for arrival & 4:05 pm for dismissal. There are restrictions prohibiting cars from parking in the neighborhood and numerous concerns from residents. Arriving between 4:05 - 4:20 will ensure that our arrival and dismissal process is safe and efficient. We will follow the same procedure during rainy days.

Consider using the bus.. Bus stops and routes are assigned to every student at Walnut Grove and students ride with other Walnut Grove students, no older students. Kindergarteners must have someone waiting at the bus stop to meet them or they will be returned to school.



Walnut Grove Behavior Matrix

Teachers will be utilizing Class Dojo to recognize positive behavior in the classroom. This is a great tool that allows teachers to communicate with you as well throughout the day. Please help us reinforce positive behavior by speaking to your child at night about the positive choices and points that they earned at school.

Walnut Grove Behavior Matrix

	Classroom	Restroom	Hallway	Playground	Cafeteria	Bus	Assemblies
I can be... Responsible	I can work hard I can be flexible	I can flush the toilet. I can throw away my trash.	I can use a 0 voice. I can raise my hand if I need help.	I can solve small problems. I can clean up equipment.	I can stay seated. I can throw away my trash. I can use a level 2 voice.	I can follow the driver's directions. I can keep the bus clean.	I can use a 0 voice. I can listen to the speaker.
I can be... Safe	I can follow directions I can make smart choices	I can pick an empty stall. I can get my hands wet. I can use soap. I can wash my hands. I can dry my hands.	I can stay to the right. I can keep my body to myself. I can use walking feet. I can keep my right hand on the rail. I can walk one step at a time.	I can stay within the boundaries. I can ask an adult for help to solve big problems.	I can hold my tray with two hands. I can eat my own food. I can raise my hand for help.	I can keep aisles and exits clear. I can keep myself and my objects inside the bus. I can stay seated until the bus has stopped.	I can stay seated. I can keep my hands and body to myself. I can stay with my class.

<p>I can be... Kind</p>	<p>I can be helpful I can be honest</p>	<p>I can use a 0 voice. I can give privacy.</p>	<p>I can take care of school property.</p>	<p>I can line up quickly. I can include others. I can play fair.</p>	<p>I can wait my turn.</p>	<p>I can use a level 1 voice. I can stay seated in my assigned spot until the bus has stopped.</p>	<p>I can be an engaged audience member. I can cheer for my friends.</p>
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