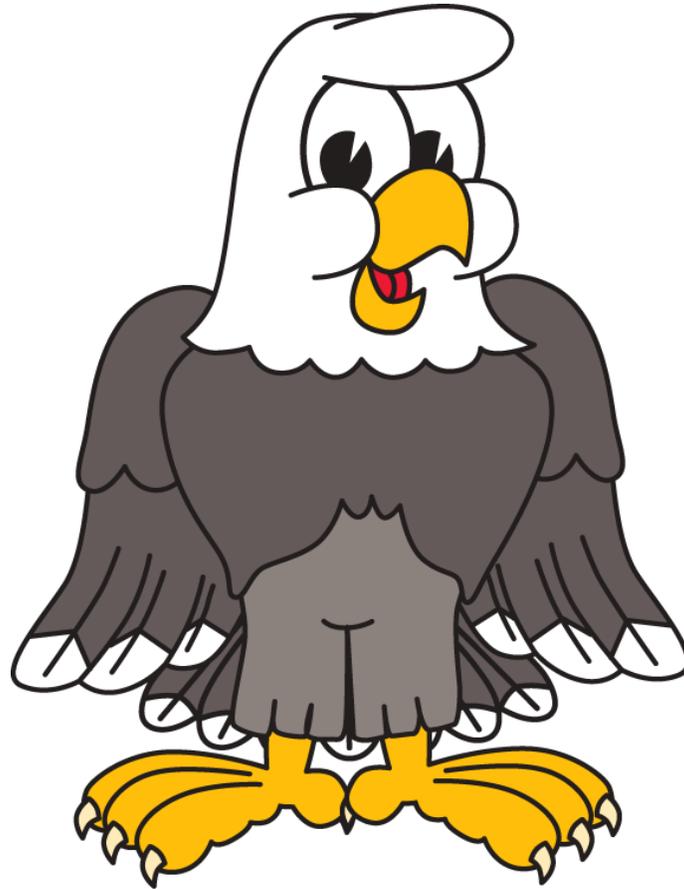


Liberty Point Elementary



Student/Parent Handbook

2025-2026
386 E. Hahns Peak
Pueblo West, CO 81007
719-547-2191

Pueblo County 70 Mission Statement: To educate each student to achieve or her full academic potential.

Liberty Point Elementary Vision Statement:

The vision at Liberty Point Elementary is to create life-long learners and compassionate individuals who are prepared academically and socially for their tomorrow.

Liberty Point Elementary Mission Statement:

The mission of Liberty Point Elementary is to cultivate compassionate and confident individuals by modeling positivity, respect, integrity, determination and engagement. Our goal is for students to leave LPE as risk-takers and critical thinkers who are academically prepared for their next steps.

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! It is an honor to be part of the Liberty Point Elementary community and we are looking forward to another great school year. Shared dedication and commitment are what makes a school successful, and we plan to work as a team with you to promote your student's individual success. As you walk through our school you will see energized, dynamic teachers and students engaged in quality learning. The staff at Liberty Point is continually striving to provide your child with the highest quality of education possible. It is my privilege to work with them as we strive to meet the needs of all children at Liberty Point. We are proud of our school and want to share that pride with our students and families. With all of us working together, our children will be prepared for the future through a quality education!

Thank you for entrusting your child to us!

Mrs. Nichole Banuelos
Principal

Liberty Point Elementary utilizes PBIS to promote a school-wide approach to positive discipline:

Students will demonstrate:
Positivity, Respect and Integrity. They will do their best and be actively engaged

This handbook was prepared to provide information to the Liberty Point Elementary School Community. We hope it serves as a reference to the learning environment in which students spend a large part of their day.

General Information

Liberty Point Elementary
386 E. Hahns Peak
Pueblo West, CO 81007
Phone: 719-547-2191
Fax: 719-547-0677
Transportation: 719-544-7589 – First Student

Administrative Staff:
Nichole Banuelos, Principal
Maria (Teresa) Cullison, Dean of Students
Linda Ivory, Office Secretary

District Website: www.district70.org
LPE Website: lpe.district70.org

School Mascot: Eagle
School Colors: Blue and Yellow

School Hours

Please do not drop off students until 7:25 AM

7:25-7:40 AM Breakfast and students enter school/classrooms
7:40 AM.....Tardy Bell Rings/Full day PreK-5: Classes Begin
7:35-10:50 AMMorning Pre-School
12:00 PM – 3:05 PMAfternoon Pre-School Begins
3:05 PM - 3:15 PM..... Full day PreK-5 : Dismissal
7:15 AM – 4:30 PM Mon - Thurs..... School Office Hours
7:15 AM – 3:45 PM Mon - Thurs..... Teacher Contract Hours

PLEASE OBSERVE CONSIDERATION FOR THE STAFF BY:

- NOT DROPPING YOUR CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL BEFORE 7:25 A.M.
- PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR OWN CHILD BEFORE 7:25 AM.
- PICKING YOUR STUDENTS UP NO LATER THAN 3:20 PM.
- STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT AT SCHOOL WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS AFTER 3:20 PM
 - 1^{ST-3RD} INCIDENTS- WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH A REMINDER OF THIS POLICY
 - 4TH INCIDENT- WE WILL CONTACT THE SRO TO ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION OF YOUR STUDENT HOME

Address, Phone & Emergency Information

It is vital that every child has on file in PowerSchool current emergency phone numbers where parents can be reached. Please designate local individuals for the school to call in the event of an emergency if a parent cannot be reached. **All Addresses, phone and emergency contact changes must be made in PowerSchool. We need all parents/guardians to update their student's information through your parent portal in PowerSchool. You can find "how to" documents on the District 70 website (www.district70.org)**

AI Usage in Classroom

This policy applies to all classroom and standardized assessments administered within District 70. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including but not limited to automated content

generation, calculators, and predictive text, is strictly prohibited during assessments. This includes any software or device capable of providing direct or indirect assistance in completing an examination. Students must ensure that all work submitted during assessments is completed without the aid of AI tools. Violations of this policy will be considered academic misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the student conduct code. Teachers and testing administrators are responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy. Appropriate measures, including the use of monitoring software, active proctoring and physical inspection of devices, may be employed to ensure adherence.

Arrival and Departure

School begins at 7:40 a.m. and is dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Students should not arrive before 7:25 a.m. Students may enter the school upon arrival at 7:25 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and late arrivals should report to the office before going to class. If your student is tardy, please walk up to the building to sign them in. Early departures must be arranged through the office. Please notify the office (in writing if possible) of any change in a student's routine (staying after school for an activity, not riding the bus, etc.). We make every effort to protect students, and we need to know about any changes to their normal routine. **Without notification from a parent/guardian of a change, the student will be expected to ride his/her bus as usual, or follow his/her normal mode of transportation.** **If students are dropped off prior to 7:25 a.m. parents will be contacted to come to the school to pick up their child.

Assignments/Homework/Grading Procedures

Homework assignments given by teachers at LPE will be directly related to the curriculum presented in the classroom. Students may complete assignments while at school; consequently, some students may report that they do not have homework. If this is the case, we encourage students to read, practice math facts, or work on I-Ready.

Class assignments and/or homework are the primary responsibility of the student. Students need to turn in assignments promptly and as neatly and accurately as possible. Students should check on assignments missed because of absences, etc. Students will be given one school day for each day absent to make up assignments when they have an excused absence.

Please review the grading policies/procedures for your student's classroom. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher through email or by leaving a message in the office. Teachers do not have phones in the classroom and are with students during the school day, so you can expect a return call within 24 hours.

Parents can view their child's grade online at <http://powerschool.district70.org/public>. UserID and password to this website can be obtained in the LPE office.

Attendance

One indicator of student success in school is regular attendance. Students are expected to attend school every day it is in session, unless they are ill or there are other circumstances which prevent their attendance. If your child is ill, please call the school office @ 719-547-2191 as soon as possible on the day of your child's absence. Students will be counted tardy if they miss 1-90 minutes of the school day (ie: a student would be tardy if he/she left for an appointment for 45 minutes during the school day, also a student who leaves anytime between 1:30-3:00 p.m. will be issued a reverse tardy/left early). Students must be in school for 3 ½ hours to be counted present for a ½ day.

If homework needs to be picked up by a parent, please make sure you call the office to request that it be ready prior to 9:00 a.m. Please plan on picking it up after 3:20 p.m. If homework is requested more than two times without being picked up, the school will then provide homework upon the student's return for future absences.

The school will be contacting parents of students who are excessively absent and/or tardy. If attendance does not improve, the student will be referred to the School District 70 attendance officer for further action. Excessive absences can lead to students and their parents being submitted to the court system for truancy charges. Please help your child succeed at school by expecting regular attendance. **If you are an out-of-area student and you have less than a 90% attendance rate, your transfer permit may be revoked.**

The following procedures will be utilized for documenting student attendance at Liberty Point Elementary:

- Unexcused: A student is absent and there has been no communication from a parent or guardian.
- Excused: A student is absent and a parent or guardian has contacted the school with the reason for the absence or a student is absent and parent or guardian has provided documentation from an outside source stating the absence is excused (ie: doctor's note). Excused absences still count towards truancy/out-of-area contracts.

Perfect Attendance

Liberty Point recognizes perfect attendance at the semester/end of the school year. In order to receive a perfect attendance award, students must have 0 (excused/unexcused) tardies, and 0 (excused/state excused/unexcused) absences per semester.

Balloons/Flowers/Deliveries

No balloons, flowers or other gifts will be delivered to classrooms as this causes a distraction to the learning environment.

Birthdays/ Classroom Treats/ Parties/Special Activities

Please plan any birthday celebrations with your child's teacher in advance. **Birthday celebrations will be held during the last 30 minutes of the academic school day. The actual time may vary depending on when your child's class goes to specials (music and P.E.) ONLY store bought AND individually wrapped treats are allowed for classroom parties.** Snacks that do not fall within these guidelines will not be passed out and will be sent home with the student at the end of the day. Please remember when choosing snacks that many children have allergies to certain foods, i.e., peanuts, chocolate, gluten. Please work with your child's teacher on this.

Birthday invitations distributed at school: Birthday invitations may be passed out at school if the student invites all students in his/her classroom. If all students are not included, please deliver invitations off school grounds.

Breakfast: Liberty Point Elementary offers a daily school breakfast program. A monthly menu can be found at www.district70.org. Under the D70 menu, click on 'Parents', scroll to 'Food Menus' and click the link to access <http://district70.nutrislice.com>. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH FORM EVEN IF YOU DO NOT THINK YOU QUALIFY. MANY PROGRAMS/FUNDING ARE TIED TO THE COMPLETION OF THESE FORMS.**

Bullying

Bullying is against the law in Colorado. School District No. 70 has adopted a policy regarding bullying. It is the responsibility of teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students to report any bullying incident to school administration. Bullying incidents will be investigated and dealt with promptly.

Bus Transportation -(First Student 544-7589)

Pueblo County School District 70 provides transportation for our students through a third party provider, First Student Inc. District 70 no longer provides transportation services (bussing) for elementary students living within a 1-mile radius of their home school. Parents, if you believe that your surrounding area is unsafe for your

child to walk or ride a bike to school, please think of other means of sending your child to school. It is important to note that generally, bus ridership is a privilege and is available to all students until the student's conduct on the bus proves otherwise. As a result, we believe that parents and students should be aware of the First Student Code of Conduct expectations that govern ridership. It is important for parents and students to keep in mind that severe violations of the bus code of conduct can also result in school disciplinary action as well as ridership disciplinary action. Additionally, any suspension of bus ridership on any bus means that ridership on all buses is suspended. We hope and expect that students will have a safe and pleasurable experience riding the buses provided by the services of First Student. We encourage families to review these basic rules and regulations and support a positive educational experience.

Cell Phones

We recognize that cell phones have become a common tool for communication. However, they have also become a major distraction to the learning environment, and are vulnerable to theft. We ask that you allow your child to carry a cell phone only if absolutely necessary.

Students will be allowed to carry cell phones to school, however, phones must be turned off and stored out of sight during school hours (backpack). Phones may not be used to talk, take pictures, play games, record or text during school hours, including recesses.

- **1st infraction - students will have their cell phone taken away and returned at the end of the day.**
- **2nd infraction - students will have their cell phone taken and locked up in the office until a parent can come to school to retrieve it.**
- **3rd infraction - students will no longer be allowed to bring a cell phone to school until a parent conference with the Dean of Students or Principal is held.**

WE WILL NOT CONDUCT SEARCHES FOR LOST OR STOLEN ELECTRONICS, DEVICES, OR TOYS.

Check-out & Check-in Policy

The safety of our students is of utmost importance. Liberty Point Elementary is a closed campus during school hours, therefore no student is to leave the school grounds at any time. The parent/guardian must sign their child in or out of school in the office. Students will be called to the office after this has been done. Students will not be called to the office until they have been signed out. Students will not be released to anyone not listed as an emergency contact or as a Pickup/ Callout Contact on PowerSchool. ****PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHOW I.D. to office staff. We will not release a student to anyone without proper identification.**

Classroom Management

All teachers will maintain a safe, secure and respectful classroom atmosphere. A student who violates this atmosphere will be asked to correct the behavior. Students who choose not to follow school rules will be sent to the principal's office and parents may be called to pick their student up from school.

Discipline Standards

It is the responsibility of Liberty Point Elementary to establish a comfortable, yet well-disciplined environment. Mutual Respect and understanding are two important components of such an environment. Teachers have the responsibility to set classroom rules and procedures consistent with school and district policy. No student has the right to behave in any way that interferes with the safety, welfare or educational progress of any student. Neither do students have the right to interfere with the responsibilities of any adult staff member. Students will be given consequences for behaviors that do not comply with the standards of behavior set forth by Liberty Point Elementary and Pueblo County School District 70. Parent involvement is important and will be required in an effort to solve discipline problems. Parents will be notified of incidents in which the student is referred to the principal or dean for disciplinary action.

Dress Code (JICA-R)

District 70 dress code policy is available on the District 70 website.

School District No. 70 has adopted a dress code policy. The complete policy can be found in the “Student Conduct and Discipline Code” policy book. If once at school, the student’s clothing and attire are identified as disruptive to the educational process by a building staff member then the student will be referred to the building level administrator for a final review and decision. If the building level administrator deems the student’s attire to be disruptive to the educational process, then the student will be asked to contact their parents to create alternative solutions to the disruptive attire.

Below are general guidelines for all students. Please see the complete list in the D70 handbook.

1. Clothing may not advertise drugs, alcohol, vulgar language or violence.
1. Clothing worn must cover the student appropriately. Shoulder straps on shirts must be at least 2 inches wide “three fingers wide”. No midriff shirts or muscle shirts are allowed.
2. Shorts must be longer than fingertip length. It is suggested that girls wear shorts under skirts or dresses.
3. Although shorts can be worn all year, students are expected to participate in outside recess. Please be aware of cold weather.
4. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear long dangly or large hoop earrings. Piercing through the tongue, eyebrow, or lips is not acceptable and cannot be worn in the school building
5. Mohawks must remain short. (Below one inch) If higher than that they will need to be cut or combed down.
6. Hats and caps are not allowed to be worn within the school building unless it is a recognized “hat day.”
7. Building administration reserves the right to make any modifications or changes to the dress code as it deems necessary.
8. Pueblo School District No. 70 accepts all hair colors whether natural or colored through dyes. Any hairstyle, haircut, hair arrangement, piercing or tattoo that distracts from the educational environment or presents a danger to the individual or others is considered unacceptable. Administrators at the school level will have the final authority to determine educational distractibility pertaining to their building and students. – see policy JICA

Emergency Drills

Fire, Tornado, and Intruder Drills are held as important safety precautions. Students are given instructions in each classroom. Routes, exits, and protected areas are designated for each classroom. In the event of the need to evacuate the school, students will be taken to Liberty Point International.

Emergency School Closing

In the event of extreme weather conditions or any unforeseen reason for a school closure, announcements relative to the closing and/or early dismissal of school will be announced on radio and local TV stations, posted on the District 70 website, and a School Messenger will be sent. Radio and television stations are notified by 6:00 a.m. of any closings. Please do not call the school or administration office until you have checked the radio/ television announcements Parents, please instruct your child regarding an emergency plan if they should arrive at home and no one is there. In the event that school is dismissed early due to weather, your child will ride home on their assigned bus. Please make sure that all information is up-to-date in Powerschool so you can be reached.

End of Day Routine

Please notify the office (in writing if possible) of any change in a student’s routine (staying after school for an activity, not riding the bus, going home with a friend, etc.) We make every effort to protect students and we need to know these changes. Any last minute ride changes must be submitted to the office no later than 2:30 p.m. to ensure that we have time to notify your child of the change. **Without notification from a parent/guardian of a change, the student will be expected to follow their normal routine.**

Faculty/Building Use

Those wishing to use the building must complete an Application for Building or Facility Use Form, which can be

obtained through the school office. All applications must be approved by the principal. Applicants will be asked to provide a certificate of liability insurance.

Field Trips

All students participating in a field trip will be expected to ride the bus to and from the field trip. A permission slip will be sent home prior to each trip with necessary information for parents. Permission slips for students must be signed by parents and returned prior to the trip. Students not eligible to attend the field trip, will be placed in another area/classroom in the school for the day. Students are also asked, in some cases, to bring a small fee for each trip to cover the cost of transportation. Field trips are a learning opportunity, however, they are also a privilege and lack of appropriate student behavior prior to a trip may result in the loss of this privilege. Parents/guests are not allowed to ride the school bus. Only Liberty Point Elementary students and staff are allowed on school field trip buses.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

District #70 is committed to meeting the unique needs of gifted students by providing services through GATE: Gifted And Talented Education Program. Gifted children are those students whose abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishments are so outstanding that they require differentiated educational programs and services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program. LPE's GATE committee develops a yearly personal learning plan for each eligible student. The needs of those students may be addressed in a variety of ways through differentiated instruction within and outside the classroom. Each student's learning plan is then evaluated at the end of the school year.

Hair Color

Liberty Point Elementary accepts all hair colors whether natural or colored through dyes. Any hairstyle, haircut, hair arrangement, piercing or tattoo that distracts from the educational environment or presents a danger to the individual or others is considered unacceptable. Administrators at the school level will have the final authority to determine educational distractibility pertaining to their building and students. – see policy JICA

"Hands Off" Policy

Liberty Point Elementary has a "hands off" policy. Students are not to touch other students in an unwelcome manner. Pushing, shoving, tripping, bumping, grabbing or hitting other students is prohibited. Students are expected to refrain from horseplay while at school.

Consequences for noncompliance with Student Behavior Standards (consequences may or may not happen in this order):

1. Loss of recess time
2. Isolation from classroom in another area (detention)
3. Loss of participation in a "special activity" with parent notification
4. Parental meeting with teacher and Principal to write behavior contract
5. Suspension or expulsion

Immunization –BOE Policy

Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child care to be vaccinated against certain diseases unless a medical or non-medical exemption is filed. For more information about vaccine requirements, resources and exemptions, please visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's [School Immunization](#) page.

Learning Environment

Any device, toy, or item(s) that distract from the learning environment should be kept at home. If school personnel determine that an item is a distraction, the following may happen:

1. **1st infraction - students will have items taken away and returned at the end of the day.**
2. **2nd infraction - students will have items taken and locked up in the office until a parent can come to school to retrieve it.**

Legal Custody of Students

A LEGAL document is required to support any questions of custody between divorced or separated parents. Unless the principal is informed otherwise, either natural parent is considered to have the right to request early dismissal of a student.

Liberty Point PWSA

The Liberty Point Parent organization is a group of dedicated parents and teachers who work together for the betterment of LPE.. They are an important part of our school community and are instrumental in raising funds for improvements to our school and school programs. We urge all parents to become involved with this worthwhile organization and become active in helping us meet your child's educational goals.

Breakfast/Lunch Information

Breakfast and lunch are available and free to all students at LPE during the 2023-2024 school year. Extra pizza is available once a week and the cost is \$1.75.

If preferred, students may bring a cold lunch: however, **we strongly discourage peanuts**. For the safety of those with severe peanut allergies, please consider alternatives for your child's lunch. Students that bring peanut-based food will have to sit at a separate table.

Lunchroom Rules:

Students may either bring a cold lunch from home or participate in the school's lunch program. Students will sit at their classroom table and be dismissed to line up in a single file line. They will be courteous and quiet while in the serving line. Each student will identify him/herself to the cashier.

- ▶ Students are expected to be Respectful, Resourceful, and Responsible in the lunchroom.
- ▶ Good table manners are expected.
- ▶ Helpers monitor the noise level.
- ▶ Food and drink are not to leave the cafeteria.
- ▶ Soda pop/carbonated beverages are allowed only if sent in the student's lunch or brought by the parent.
- ▶ Students will sit 6 to a side at grade level tables with their classroom.
- ▶ All coats, jackets and hoodies will be hung on the coat hooks in the cafeteria prior to going through the lunch line.

- Helpers will dismiss students by tables as a group.
- All students will eat lunch.
- Students are not allowed to share food.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication to be given at school, please obtain a medication form from the school nurse or on the LPE website. Colorado Rules and Regulations for Health Services require that this form be completed and signed by a parent/guardian and the child's physician. The rules and regulations apply to any prescription and over the counter medications such as Tylenol, cough drops, cold remedies, natural medicines, etc. All medications must be in their original container. If a liquid medication is to be given, please send an appropriate measuring device with the medication. At the end of the school year, please pick up any remaining medication. (We cannot send it home with the student.) It cannot be stored at the school over the summer and will be destroyed after the last day of school. If your child has asthma that requires the use of an inhaler, even occasionally, it is recommended that an inhaler be provided to the school in case of emergency. A medication form is needed for inhalers as well. Please do not allow your child to bring an inhaler back and forth to school. They sometimes get lost, shared with others or forgotten at home. If your child must carry an inhaler with him/her, written permission from the child's doctor and parent/guardian is required. The school nurse/aide must also be notified. **STUDENTS CANNOT BRING ANY PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION INCLUDING COUGH DROPS TO SCHOOL.** Parents must transport needed medication to and from school as no meds can be transported on the school bus.

Money Sent to School

When sending money to school for any reason, please send it in a sealed envelope marked with the child's name and the purpose. Checks are preferred, especially for school lunches. We encourage children not to bring money to school that is not for a specific planned school purchase.

Outside Day's Policy

Liberty Point Elementary policy is that all students will go outside everyday for recess unless weather conditions are unsafe for students such as rain, lightning, wet snow, ice or the temperature or wind chill drops to 32 degrees or below. Please ensure students come to school prepared to go outside for the day.

PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

- Liberty Point implements a school-wide approach to positive behavior intervention.

Personal Property

Please mark all personal property with your child's name (coat, lunch box, backpack, notebooks, etc.). We will maintain a lost and found area in front of the office doors. Please have your child check this area for lost items. Lost and found items will be donated to charity at the end of semester 1 and the end of semester 2.

PETS/Animals

Children should not bring pets to school. Dogs and other small animals may be gentle at home but unpredictable at school when confronted by a large number of unfamiliar children. Due to liability of personal injuries and allergies we do not allow pets/animals to be brought to school at any time.

PICTURES

Individual school pictures will be taken in the Fall. All students will take an individual picture for school purposes, even if they do not wish to purchase a picture packet. Class pictures will be taken in the Spring and will be available for purchase. Information will be sent home with each student as the dates come near.

MTSS

Multi-Tiered System of Supports is a team approach to address student concerns in academic and behavior areas. The team consists of teachers, specialists, and parents that come together to address the student's concerns.

Sexual Harassment

It is a violation of school policy and is illegal under federal law for any student to harass staff members or other students, or for any staff member to harass staff members or students, through conduct or communication of a sexual nature. A sexual harassment policy and grievance procedure has been adopted by School District No. 70 School Board and is written in detail in the "Student Conduct and Discipline Codes" Policy book that is made available on the district website.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP:

Students will walk themselves to class in the morning to help ensure safety and adequate instructional time.

Front of Building: Outside Bus Loop

- Students riding the bus will be picked up and dropped off in the outside loop in front of LPE
- There is no parent parking in bus loop at any time
- Students that walk will exit the building and be dismissed once buses are released. This is at approximately 3:15 p.m.

CARRY-OUT (Parent drop-off/pick up)

Front of Building Parking Lot:

- **Due to limited parking and a rise in parent drop-off and pickup, only Pre-K and Kindergarten families will be able to utilize the carry-out option during the 2023-2024 school year. This will allow our youngest students a little extra time to get in and out of the vehicle and will speed up the loop process for everyone. We do not have enough parking to allow all families to use this option. If you have students in other grade levels, we will send them to preschool and kindergarten to be released with their siblings at the end of the day. You will need an LPE parking pass to access the parking lot both in the morning and afternoon. Students in grades 1-5 will need to utilize the parent drop-off loop, ride the school bus, or walk.**

DRIVE THRU -Drop off and Pick up LOOP – No Parking

Front of Building: Inside Loop

- Please utilize the drop off and loading loop for efficiency and safety.
- Once you reach the sidewalk, if traffic is stopped, please allow your child to exit your vehicle.
- If you are the first person in line, please pull all the way to the front of the loop. This helps us get more students out onto the sidewalk at one time. If a car exits the loop please pull forward. This keeps traffic moving for ALL.
- The right hand lane is for dropping off or picking up students.
- The left hand lane is for pulling through the loop after students have entered or exited the vehicle from the right lane. **After your child enters or exits the car, you may merge left to exit the loop.**

Student Pick-Up During the School Day: Please utilize the parking lot. The front loop is a fire lane and cars should never be parked and left unattended.

- Parents who need to come into the building with or without their children need to park in the parking lot between 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. **If you know ahead of time you need to pick up your child early for any reason, please do so by 2:45 p.m.**

Special Note: We know it takes extra time, but it is very important that students be dropped off ONLY in the parent drop-off area or the loop. We make every effort to keep traffic moving so that pickup and drop-off can happen efficiently. It does take a bit of time, but NOTHING is more important than student safety! Just remember to be patient and keep your good humor and we can all get in and out of school happily, safely, and efficiently!

TITLE I READING

A child may receive support in reading and/or math if their standard proficiency level in reading is below the District standard. The goal of the Title I program is to progress the student to the individual rate to become proficient at grade level. When students reach standard proficiency levels, they will exit the program. Title I holds many parent/family involvement activities throughout the school year. Parent support and input are a vital part of the Title I program.

Treats in the Classroom

We work hard to keep a clean environment at LPE, therefore students will not be permitted to chew gum or drink any flavored or colored drinks in the classroom. Only water will be allowed in the classroom during the regular school day. We do make exceptions for parties.

Visitors-

Visitors are welcome at Liberty Point Elementary. If you wish to visit a class we ask that you call the school to make prior arrangements with the teacher for a date and time. ALL visitors & volunteers are required to check in with the office before visiting classrooms and must bring a valid Colorado State driver's license or ID card. All visitors are required to wear a visitor badge. Children from other schools are not allowed to visit unless a parent or guardian accompanies them. Children from other schools are not permitted to participate in LPE activities during the regular school day (i.e., field day). Visitors and volunteers are not permitted to discipline students. If any disciplinary concerns are displayed by children, please contact a Liberty Point Elementary staff member.

Volunteers-

Volunteers are welcome at Liberty Point Elementary. Volunteers must be pre-arranged with the teacher and approved by the Principal. All volunteers must complete a volunteer form to be submitted to Pueblo School District 70 for a background check. Volunteers are not accepted in special program settings such as Exceptional Student Services, Title One, etc.

Weather Guidelines

Outdoor play is essential to children's health and well-being. Children need to run, climb, jump and play outdoors. The time children spend outdoors each day is just as important to their learning as the time they spend in their classrooms. We ask that students have winter coats, hats and gloves each day during the winter season. No scarves please; with climbing equipment the scarves pose a possible danger. The only time students will be allowed to stay in from recess will be with a note from a medical professional stating that it is required. We will go outside for recess if the temperature is 32 degrees or above.

Liberty Point will adhere to Pueblo County School District 70's Student Handbook.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Pueblo County School District 70 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, marital status, national origin, religion, age, disability, need for special education services, genetic information, pregnancy or childbirth status, or other status protected by law in admission or access to, or treatment, or employment in its education programs or activities. Additionally, a lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation in activities. Inquiries about ADA, Section 504, Title VI, and Title IX may be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, 301 28th Lane, Pueblo, Colorado, 81001. 719-295-6548 or krein@district70.org

DECLARACIÓN DE NO DISCRIMINACIÓN

El Distrito Escolar 70 del Condado de Pueblo no discrimina ilegalmente por motivos de raza, credo, color, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad/expresión de género, estado civil, origen nacional, religión, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, necesidad de servicios de educación especial, información genética, estado de embarazo o parto, u otro estado protegido por la ley en la admisión o acceso, tratamiento o empleo en sus programas o actividades educativas. Además, la falta de habilidades en el idioma inglés no es una barrera para la admisión o participación en actividades. Las consultas sobre ADA, Sección 504, Título VI y Título IX pueden dirigirse al Superintendente de