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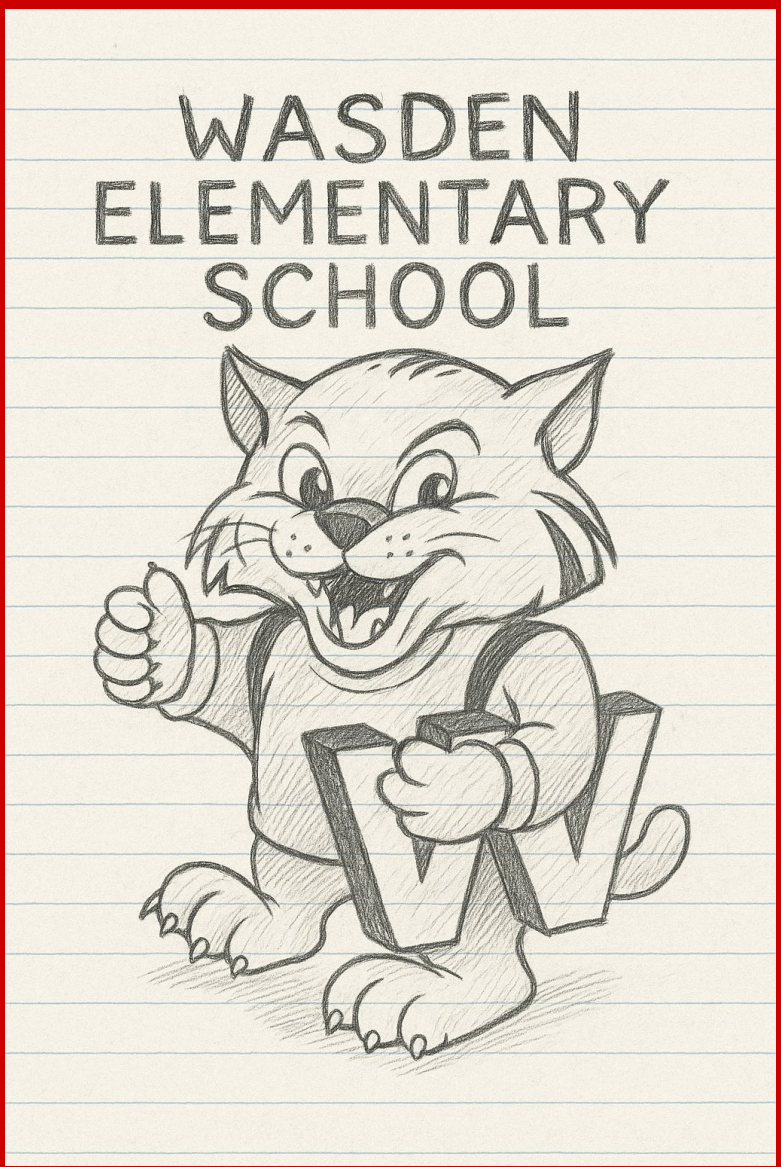

Parent Handbook

Things to know for the 2025-2026 school year.

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WELCOME

A Message from the principal:

Dear Wasden Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I hope you had a summer filled with rest, joy, and meaningful moments with your loved ones. Whether you're a returning family or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our Wasden family.

This year, our theme is **"Next Level"** —a powerful reminder that growth doesn't stop, and there is always room to aim higher, dream bigger, and achieve more. As we step into this new school year, we are committed to taking our learning, leadership, and relationships to the *next level*—together.

At Wasden Elementary, we believe in building strong foundations through academic excellence, character development, and strong partnerships with families. In part, this is done by having your child atschool everyday. Our dedicated staff is ready to inspire, support, and challenge every student to reach their fullest potential in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

We are excited for all that this year will bring—new goals, new challenges, and many reasons to celebrate. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education and for being an essential part of our school family. Your support and involvement truly make a difference.

Let's make this year unforgettable as we take Wasden to the **Next Level** !

With excitement and gratitude,

Casandra Woodall

Principal, Howard Wasden Elementary School

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WELCOME

Mission Statement:

Wasden Elementary School fosters the intellectual and personal growth of students within a safe environment designed to cultivate each child's full potential. Diversity is cherished and celebrated, and the unique learning style of each child is embraced.

Vision Statement:

The vision of Howard Wasden Elementary School is to involve parents, staff, community, and students in the full development of the potential of all students academically, socially, and emotionally. Students will become learners as they are provided a safe, nurturing and motivating educational environment. Through the partnership between dedicated parents, supportive community, motivated staff, and visionary leadership, our students will explore and invest in their educational future.

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HOURS, CALENDAR, ATTENDANCE

School Hours and Calendar

Instructional Hours: 9:00am-3:11pm

Students may arrive as early as 8:30 am. Class begins promptly at 9:00 am. Dismissal is at 3:11pm. Students who are not riding the bus must be picked up by 3:20pm.

Office Hours: 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Please see the calendar linked below for all holidays and school closures.

2025-2026 CCSD Student Calendar

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HOURS, CALENDAR, ATTENDANCE

🐾 Wasden Elementary Attendance Policy

At Wasden Elementary, we believe that regular school attendance is essential for student success. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, can disrupt a child's progress. Students who attend consistently are more likely to stay engaged, perform better academically, and develop strong habits that support lifelong learning.

🔔 School Day Basics

- **Instructional Hours:** 9:00 AM – 3:11 PM. Students may arrive at 8:30 AM.
- **Tardy Bell:** Rings at 9:00 AM. Students arriving after this time must check in at the office.

✅ Reporting Absences

- If your child is home **sick or has a doctor's appointment** , we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. Students who are ill are advised to stay home.
- You may use our online form for convenience: 👉 Wasden Absence Note
- You may also turn a physical absence note in to the office.
- To be excused, absences must be reported within ***3* school days** .
- **Excused Absences** include:
  - Illness
  - Medical or dental appointments
  - Religious observances
  - Family emergencies
- **Unexcused Absences** include:
  - Vacations or travel
  - Missing the bus
  - Oversleeping

📉 Chronic Absenteeism

Students who are **absent at least 10% of the time** (approximately 18 days over the school year) are considered **chronically absent** . This includes both excused and unexcused absences. Students who are chronically absent may:

- Be referred to **Clark County's Truancy Prevention Outreach Program** for additional support.
- Be **considered for retention** at the end of the 2025–2026 school year.

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TRANSPORTATION

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

When picking up or dropping students off, please:

- **Stay in or next to your vehicle:** The pick-up/drop-off lane is for quick loading and unloading only. Drivers must remain in or next to their car.
- **Be ready:** For drop-off, make sure your child has their backpack, lunch, and belongings ready to go.
- **Use curbside only:** Children should exit the vehicle on the **passenger side** only, directly onto the sidewalk.
- **No parking:** Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the drop-off lane at any time.
- **Follow staff directions:** School staff are present to ensure student safety—please follow their instructions and drive slowly.
- **Arrive on time:** Students arriving after 8:45 am will need to enter through the front office. Please be courteous to staff members closing gates at 8:45 am or walking students who have not been picked up to the office at 3:21 pm. They are following school policy.

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Late or Mid-day Pick-Up

- **Midday Pick-Up Deadline:** All midday pick-ups must occur **before 2:50 PM** . After this time, students will remain in class until regular dismissal.
- **Authorized Individuals Only:** Students will **only** be released to parents or individuals listed on their emergency contact form.
- **Valid ID Required:** All adults, including parents, must present a **valid photo ID** when picking up a student from the office.

Repeated Late Pick-Up:

The school office closes promptly at 4:00 PM. On a student's **third late pick-up** (after 3:20 PM), if no authorized adult has arrived, your child may be transported by a **Truancy Enforcement Officer** to the Bill and Lillie Heinrich YMCA for supervision.

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Changes to Transportation Arrangements

We understand that, at times, unexpected circumstances may require a change in your student's transportation arrangements. For example, a usual bus rider may need to be picked up at the gate, or a student who is typically picked up may need to ride the bus.

To ensure a smooth process, we kindly request that any changes be communicated to your student's teacher, by a guardian, **in writing** , no later than 2:00 PM on the day of the change. You may use Class Dojo as a convenient way to send this information. However, if you do not receive confirmation by 2:00 PM that your message has been received, please call the office at (702) 799-4239 so that we can alert the teacher to check their Dojo account or email for your sent request. For the safety of our students, these requests can not be made over the phone.

Students who typically ride the bus will be loaded on the bus at the end of the day if a written request for pick-up has not been received by the classroom teacher.

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Bus Transportation

In the event you need to pick up a student who regularly rides the bus, you should report to the main office and request your child report to the main office prior to bus loading at 3:11 PM. For the safety of our bus riders, the staff is not permitted to release student at the bus gate.

CCSD Transportation Department

Phone Number: (702) 799-8100

Here is the link for CCSD's Transportation Department.

At this web address, you may access your child's transportation information, including routing and schedules, download the Onboard app, and find AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

As a note, you will need your child's CCSD ID number to access any information about him/her.

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FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Home/School Communication

Open and respectful communication between home and school is essential to student success. We encourage families to stay informed and connected throughout the year.

- **Your Child's Teacher is Your First Point of Contact:** For questions about academic progress, classroom behavior, homework, or daily routines, please reach out to your child's teacher first. They know your child best and can provide the most direct support.
- **Use Class Dojo:** Class Dojo is our school's preferred platform for parent-teacher communication. It's quick, easy to use, and allows you to message your child's teacher directly. Most teachers check messages regularly throughout the day and will respond as soon as they are able.
  If you are not yet connected on Class Dojo, please contact your child's teacher by email or phone to get set up.
- **Email:** Teachers may be emailed from the Wasden website's staff directory. Just click on the name of the staff member you are trying to reach.
- **Calling the School Office:** You may also call the school office at **(702) 799-4239** . Please note that during instructional hours, calls to teachers' rooms will go to voicemail so as not to disrupt learning.

We are committed to partnering with families and ensuring that communication remains supportive, respectful, and student-centere

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FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Parent Volunteers and Visitors

We warmly welcome family involvement and believe that strong partnerships between families and our school community benefit all students.

- **Volunteer Check-In:** All volunteers must check in at the front office upon arrival. This helps us maintain a safe and organized campus.
- **Volunteer Training:** Before volunteering on campus, all volunteers are required to meet briefly with an administrator for a short training session. This ensures everyone understands our policies and safety procedures.
- **Badging Requirements:** Volunteers who participate regularly or assist on field trips must be officially badged through the Clark County School District (CCSD). This process helps us keep students safe and maintain district compliance.
- **Classroom Visits:** Family visits to classrooms must be arranged in advance with your child's teacher, with at least **24 hours' notice** . This allows teachers to prepare and minimize disruptions to learning.

Thank you for supporting our school by volunteering and staying involved in your child's education!

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FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Online Grade Portal Access

Infinite Campus (IC) is the official platform used by the Clark County School District for posting all student grades, report cards, attendance, and more. It is an essential tool for families to stay informed and actively support their child's academic progress.

- **Real-Time Grade Access:** One of the most powerful features of Infinite Campus is that grades are visible to parents **as soon as teachers enter them** . This means families can monitor academic progress in real time—no more waiting for report cards to know how things are going.

- **New to CCSD?** If you're enrolling in CCSD for the first time, setting up your Infinite Campus Parent Portal is part of the registration process. You should receive your access instructions during enrollment.

- **Already Have an Account?** For returning families, if you need help finding your login information, resetting your password, or accessing your account, please visit the school office. Our staff will be happy to assist you.

Keeping up with your child's grades and attendance in Infinite Campus is a key way to stay involved and support their success in school.

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FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT

In-School Celebrations

We recognize the important social and emotional role that celebrations play in a child's school experience. We want to ensure that students have opportunities to feel recognized and share joyful moments with their classmates—while also protecting valuable instructional time.

- **Birthday Treats:** Parents and guardians are welcome to send **store-bought, labeled treats** (with ingredient lists visible) for their child's class in celebration of a birthday.

- **Advance Notice Required:** Please notify your child's teacher **in advance** if you plan to send treats so they can plan accordingly.

- **No Classroom Visits for Birthdays:** To maintain our academic focus, families will **not** be permitted to visit classrooms during the school day for birthday celebrations.

Thank you for helping us keep the school day fun, but focused for all students.

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BEHAVIOR

The Wasden Way

At our school, we believe that **behavioral learning is just as important as academic learning** . Helping students grow into responsible, respectful individuals is a key part of our mission.

We approach behavior as a learning process—one that takes time, guidance, and support. Through this process, we teach and reinforce the values that make up **the Wasden Way** :

- **Self-awareness**
- **Sound decision-making**
- **Taking responsibility for one's actions**
- **Showing respect for others and the learning environment**
- **A willingness to accept consequences and grow from mistakes**

These are the behaviors and mindsets we model, teach, and celebrate every day.

We use the **CCSD Student Code of Conduct** (Spanish Version) to classify and address behaviors in a fair and **progressive** manner, ensuring students are supported in learning from their choices while maintaining a safe, positive environment for all.

Just as important, we believe that **strong partnerships between families and teachers** are one of the most effective ways to support student behavior and growth. When home and school work together, students thrive.

Together, we uphold the Wasden Way and help students build the character and skills they need to succeed, in school and in life.

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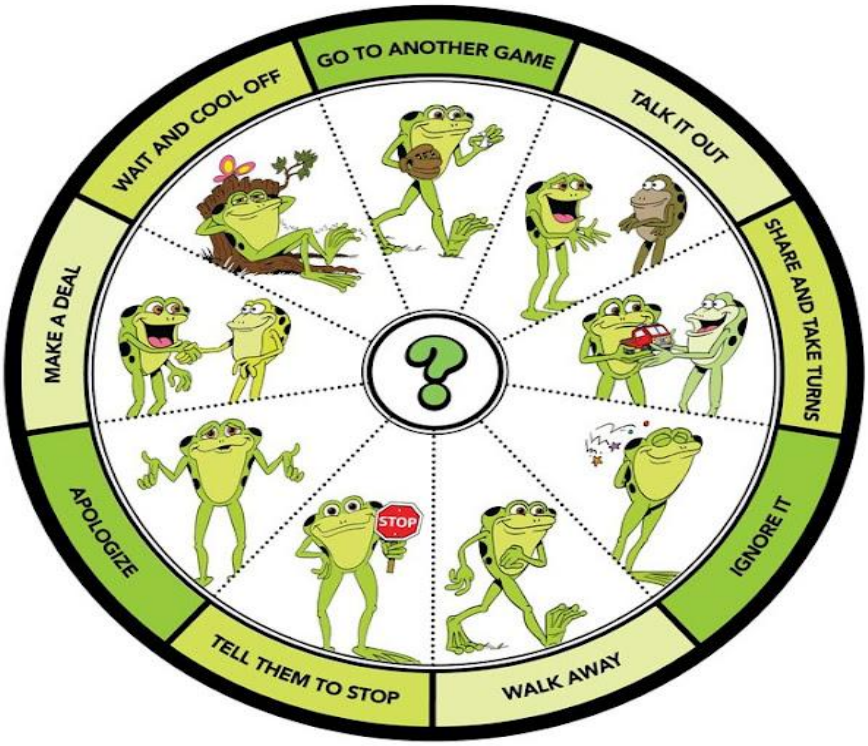
BEHAVIOR

Kelso's Choices

At our school, we use **Kelso's Choices** to help students learn how to resolve minor conflicts on their own in a safe, respectful way.

Kelso, a friendly frog, teaches students that **small problems** can often be solved by using simple strategies like:



Students are taught to try **two "Kelso choices"** before asking an adult for help, unless it's a **big problem** (dangerous, unsafe, or scary), in which case they should go to a grown-up right away.

Kelso's Choices empower students to build confidence, solve problems independently, and develop important social skills that support lifelong success. Try them at home, too!

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BEHAVIOR

CHAMPS

This year, our school will be using the **CHAMPS** approach to support positive behavior and create a safe, predictable environment where expectations are clear for all learners.

CHAMPS is a classroom management system that helps students understand what is expected of them in every situation by clearly defining:

- **C** – Conversation: Can students talk? At what voice level?
- **H** – Help: How do students ask for help?
- **A** – Activity: What is the task or goal?
- **M** – Movement: Can students get out of their seats?
- **P** – Participation: What does active participation look like?
- **S** – Success: When expectations are clear, students are set up to succeed!

CHAMPS helps students feel confident, stay focused, and take responsibility for their behavior. It also gives teachers and staff a consistent, positive way to reinforce expectations throughout the school.

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This section will be updated once our AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and clubs have commenced.

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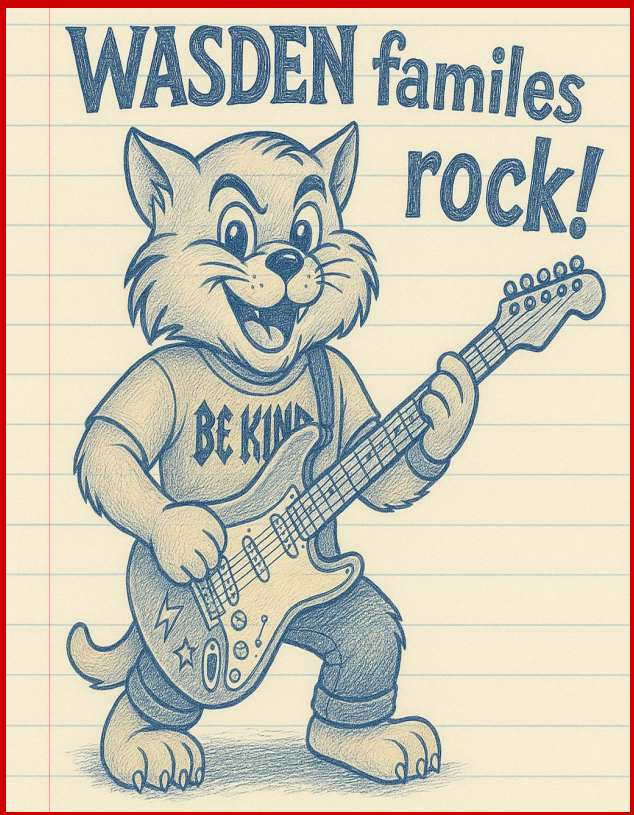

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