





CAMERON RANCH HANDBOOK

CREATED FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS

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Our Commitment

At Cameron Ranch Elementary, we are proud of our vibrant, globally diverse community. We embrace our rich mix of languages and traditions to create a dynamic learning environment where every family is valued. Our dedicated staff is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and inspiring space where students grow into critical thinkers, confident communicators, and curious, lifelong learners. By prioritizing empathy, inclusion, and mutual respect, we ensure positive learning experiences that honor the unique strengths of our entire community.

Welcome to the Falcon Family — we're so glad you're here!

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Stay Connected

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@CameronRanchElementary
@Principal Sloss



Grow with us!

The Cameron Ranch Experience

Home of the Falcons



Why Cameron Ranch Elementary?

When you chose Cameron Ranch, you are joining a child-centered learning community dedicated to providing meaningful educational experiences for all students.

TUTORING
We offer academic tutoring to support reading and math skills, in partnership with the American River College and SJUSD.

CLUBS
Students have the opportunity to enjoy before and after school clubs taught by members of the Cameron Ranch staff.

FIELD TRIPS
We are proud to offer academic field trip experiences for all students throughout the school year, free of charge

INCLUSION
Our school fosters an inclusive community, ensuring students of all abilities learn, grow, and thrive alongside their peers.

ASSEMBLIES
Each month we gather as a school community to celebrate our successes and build connections as a Falcon family

GARDENING
Weekly garden lessons provide hands-on learning for students to understand food science and biodiversity







Our Community

"I have made a lot of good **friends** at Cameron Ranch. I like how we earn points and Falcon Feathers for **school spirit**."

-3rd grader



"I love Cameron Ranch because I feel it is a **positive and safe environment**. The teachers are nice, always willing to help, and not shy about making time for extra tutoring when I need it."

-5th grader

"I like the **fun** ways our teachers educate us and all the **field trips**. On Fridays we learn about the students who are recognized for positive things. I also like the **incentives** for working hard in school."

-4th grader

"Cameron Ranch Elementary provides an **outstanding** educational experience with its **dedicated** and **supportive staff**. The school **excels** in creating a warm, welcoming environment where personalized attention and **innovative programs** are prioritized. Whether addressing academic or behavioral needs, the team's commitment to student growth and community makes Cameron Ranch an **excellent choice** for my family. Highly recommended!" -Daley Family

"As a family that has lived up and down the West Coast over the past 15 years, Cameron Ranch has been our **favorite school experience**."

From the warm, welcoming feel to the exciting clubs and programs, everyone feels at home on the Ranch. I appreciate that my children have had the opportunity to meet and befriend **kids from all over the world**, learning how much we all truly have in common with each other." -Morgan Family

"Our experience at Cameron Ranch has **exceeded expectation.** The staff, administration, and families have created a welcoming and accepting community where every child can **thrive**. As a parent of a child with a speech delay, I am deeply grateful for the support, services, and care provided through his IEP. Cameron Ranch truly feels like a **breath of fresh air! "**

-Martinez Family

Community Parter

"The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael is **proud** to **partner** with Cameron Ranch Elementary School in our shared beliefs of valuing diversity and full inclusion. They build **impactful programs** and learning experiences to support the children and families who are part of the Cameron Ranch community."

Kiwanis Club of Carmichael

"Cameron Ranch is a **model school** where the collaborative effort of strong leadership, dedicated faculty, and supportive families has created a **positive, inclusive, robust learning experience** for students who thrive due to the dedication from the school's community."

-Turki Family

"I could write a Ted Talk on how much I love Cameron Ranch!"

Front Office Team



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Office Hours

Daily 8:00-4:30

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How to Report an Absence

Send a **Talking Points** message to Ms. Cheryl in the office, or
Call the school office: 916-575-2302, or
Send an **email** to cameronranchabsence@sanjuan.edu

Useful Quick Links



Cameron Ranch Website

School Year Calendar

Parent Portal

Volunteer

District Dress Code Policy

School Meals and Menus

8 Point Commitment to Educational Justice

District Family Handbook

District Mobile Device Policy

Helpful Information



School Hours

The school office is open daily between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Transitional Kindergarten: Monday-Friday 8:55-12:15
ILS Kindergarten: Monday-Friday 8:55-12:55

Kindergarten-Grade 5: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:55-3:30
Kindergarten-Grade 5: Thursday 8:55-2:15

Minimum Days: 8:55-12:20

Breakfast and lunch are served daily, free of charge.
Breakfast service and supervision begins at **8:20**
Students may not be dropped off prior to 8:20am

Morning Routines

Students in grades TK and Kindergarten begin their day in the classroom. Doors open at 8:40.

Students in grades 1-5 begin their day on the lower lot for Walk Club.

Safety Gates will be closed and locked at 9:15







Arrival & Dismissal



Parking Lot Safety

DO:

- Go slow and pull up to curb
- Move forward and stay in your vehicle
- Right turn ONLY out of parking lot
- Use crosswalks
- Practice patience and care
- Follow guidance from staff

DO NOT:

- Hurry
- Double park
- Stop in middle of lot
- Run across street
- Leave car unless parked in stall
- Disregard staff guidance

Arrival Procedures

Upper Parking Lot

Reserved for students with disabilities and their families

Lower Parking Lot

Reserved for students in grades TK-5

Dismissal Procedures

Upper Parking Lot

Reserved for students with disabilities and their families
Reserved for TK students (dismissal only)

Lower Parking Lot

Reserved for students in grades K-5

For the welfare and protection of our students, the following procedures and policies are in place to maximize safety.

Student Safety

Early Dismissal

Adults requesting an early dismissal are required to come to the front office and record the dismissal with proper identification.

A student may only be released to a parent, guardian or adult noted on the student's emergency card.

You can update your emergency card and contacts in the Parent Portal or contact the school office.



Safety Fence

Campus will be locked and secured during school hours. All visitors and volunteers must route through the school office to sign-in prior to gaining access to campus.

Safety Drills

Various drills are taught and practiced throughout the school year. Reach out to your student's teacher or contact the office if you have specific questions.

Medication at School

If your student requires access and administration of regular medications, the school must receive a Medical Release form completed by your child's physician. Selected school staff may store and/or dispense prescribed medication when in the original container. Inhalers must be kept in the office while a child is at school. No medication may be with a student at any time including cough drops, pain relievers, and/or over the counter medications.





Attendance

Why is attendance important?

For your child to get the most from their educational experience, it is important and necessary to attend school each day. Students miss valuable instructional time whenever they are late or leave early from school. By regularly attending school, your child strengthens learning and increases the knowledge needed for them to reach their full potential.

Reporting an Absence

Please notify the school office if your child is going to be absent as soon as possible. To do so, either:

- Send a **Talking Points** message to Ms. Cheryl in the office, or
- Call the school office: **916-575-2302**, or
- Send an email to **cameronranchabsence@sanjuan.edu**

Please state the student's name, teacher, date, and reason for the absence. We truly appreciate your timely communication.

Please Note

If a student is tardy or absent an excessive amount, the school attendance clerk, along with the principal, will schedule a meeting to discuss concerns and offer support. If the pattern continues, the school may refer the student to the San Juan Unified School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for further action. Punctuality and attendance are very important for all students' academic success for a bright future.

As easy as 1-2-3

Get Involved

1) Stay Connected
2) Complete Required Forms
3) Join Us and Have Fun!



Help in our Garden of Learning



Join a Field Trip or more than one!



Contribute to School Projects



Share a Talent or Skill



Assist in your Child's Classroom



Support & Attend Campus Events

Parent Voice!

Families First Friday

This special time is designed to bring us together on the **first Friday of each month**. **Meet other families and connect!**

Join **Grades 1-5** at Walk-Club from 8:40-8:55
Join **TK and Kindergarten** Classes from 8:40-8:55
Join **ILS** near the office from 8:40-8:55

Connect with Principal Sloss in the Library @ 9:00

School Site Council

A **School Site Council** (SSC) is group of teachers, parents, school principal, and interested community members who work together to develop and monitor a **school's** improvement plan. It is legally required for any **school** receiving federal funds. As vacancies become open, we will seek parent interest. Meetings occur on the third Tuesday of the month throughout the school year.

ELAC English Language Advisory Council

The **ELAC** is a committee for parents or other community members who want to advocate for English Learners. The purpose of ELAC is to advise the principal and school staff on programs for English learners on the development of the school plan. Please look for details and meeting dates throughout the school year. Translators provided.

Partner with us!

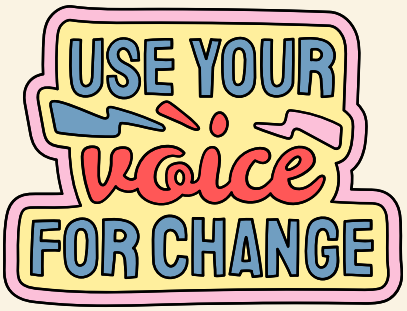


We are always seeking volunteers to support our community in a variety of ways. If you have an idea, skill, interest, talent, etc.... please share with us by contacting the school office. Your contributions help our entire school community.

Student Voice!

Operation Conversation

Students are given opportunities to join Principal Sloss throughout the school year to share student perspectives to build engagement and connections.



Student Leadership

Our student leadership team is comprised of 4th and 5th grade students who regularly meet with staff mentors. Students in leadership help manage the student store, support our campus fun days, share information school-wide, and present during school assemblies.

Best Buddies



We believe all students deserve to feel valued and respected. Our Best Buddies Club is specifically designed to educate and empower young people, with and without IDD, to form relationships and be leaders and advocates.

Inclusive Clubs

Clubs are offered before and after school to students in grades K-5. Clubs are aligned to student interests, such as such as soccer, ceramics, music and art.



School and Family Compact
Title-1

Cameron Ranch Elementary **values the partnership between school and home** as a way to strengthen our learning community relationships. This compact is shared each year and has been **translated into several languages**.

CAMERON RANCH ELEMENTARY
School and Family Compact Title-1 2026-2027

Cameron Ranch Elementary values the partnership between school and home to strengthen the academic, social-emotional and learning community relationships between families, staff and students.

The Teacher Pledge
I understand the importance of the school experience for every student. I recognize my duties as an educator and agree to act as a positive role model. As a member of the Cameron Ranch Elementary staff, I agree to support the following responsibilities to the best of my ability.

- I will deliver rigorous, standards-based lessons and provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- I will ensure ongoing communication through parent-teacher conferences and frequent reports on student progress.
- I will provide opportunities for parents/families to volunteer and participate in their child's class.
- I will provide opportunities for parents/families to observe classroom activities.
- I will encourage respect and appreciation of the diverse cultures on campus. I will provide a safe environment that nurtures academic and social emotional success.
- I will model and promote professional behavior school wide.
- I will work with parents/families to access district resources as needed to support student success.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Student Pledge
My education is important and will give me more choices and opportunities in life. Education will help me develop tools that I will need to become a positive and productive person in society. I understand that my parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher(s) want me to put forth my best effort. I know I am responsible for my own success, and that I must work hard to achieve it. I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability to prepare for my future.

- I will respect our school cultures and diversity.
- I will follow all school expectations and positively contribute to our learning community.
- I will put forth my best effort in academics to promote pride in myself and prepare for my future.
- I will actively participate in school wide opportunities and events.
- I will work hard to **S.O.A.R.**
  - Solve Problems Peacefully
  - On-task Learner
  - Aim High and Achieve
  - Respectful Choices

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Parent/Family Pledge
I realize that my student's education is very important. I understand that my participation in my student's education will support academics and social-emotional success. I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability.

- I will support and attend school wide activities that build community and connection for my student.
- I will review my student's progress via academic reports through the online parent portal.
- I will provide a productive space for my student to study and complete their homework.
- I will ensure my student is prepared for school each day and arrives on time.
- I will keep open communication with Cameron Ranch regarding my student's attendance.
- I will attend all requested conferences related to my student's academic and behavioral progress.
- I will partner with my student's teachers to learn how to support learning at home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



To view the translated compact on our website, click here

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Engagement Policy
Title-1

We believe in the **power of family engagement**. Cameron Ranch Elementary has developed a written Title-I **involvement** policy with input from Title-I parents. This document is distributed on an annual basis.



To view the entire policy on our website, click here

Title-I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Cameron Ranch Elementary School

Cameron Ranch Elementary School has developed a written Title-I parental involvement policy with input from Title-I parents and has distributed the policy to parents of Title-I students. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program
To involve parents in the Title I program at *Cameron Ranch Elementary School*, the following practices have been established:

1. The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents and families of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents and families to be involved in the Title I program.
   - **a.** Parents and families are informed of the school wide program, including ways to get involved during the annual Back to School Night meeting.
   - **b.** Cameron Ranch Elementary School has a Meet and Greet event and Back to School Night within the first three weeks of school to build relationships with families. Cameron Ranch hosts Principal Chats throughout the school year to strengthen opportunities to inform parents about academic and social-emotional programs, as well as ways to volunteer and get involved.
   - **c.** During Back to School Night, each teacher provides information to the parent about grade level and state standards (Common Core State Standards), as well as district approved research-based curriculum and school-based assessments.
   - **d.** Information is provided during ELAC and SSC meetings.
   - **e.** During scheduled teacher-parent conferences, teachers inform parents of their child's progress on reaching grade level proficiency and performance on school-based assessments, district assessments, and state assessments.

2. The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or afternoon.
   - **a.** Parents are invited to schedule an appointment with the teachers, principal, and/or counselor at any time throughout the year.
   - **b.** Parents are invited to attend monthly School Site Council meetings.
   - **c.** Parents of English Language Learners are also encouraged to participate in ELAC, which meets a minimum of four times a year, and are provided the same information during SSC, including information about Title I programs and funding resource
   - **d.** Parents are informed and invited to participate in the School Site Council (SSC) which meets a minimum of seven times throughout the year.
   - **e.** Meeting minutes and agendas are listed on the school's website.

3. The school involves parents and families of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy.
   - **a.** The Academic Program is reviewed and input is provided during School Site Council meetings.
   - **b.** In the annual revision of the SPSA, parents are invited to the SSC/ELAC meetings to provide input.
   - **c.** Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request is fulfilled.

4. The school provides parents and families of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs.
   - **a.** Parents are provided information about school wide programs during Back to School Night, School Site Council meetings, ELAC Meetings, and are welcomed to schedule an appointment with the teachers and/or principal at any time throughout the year.

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