Wawona PK-8 School

Student/Parent Handbook

2026-2027



4524 N. Thorne Avenue
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(559) 248-7310

Principal: Isacc Villanueva-Langdon
Vice Principals: Maria Tafolla, Christina Xiong
School Counselor: Denise Nava

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Wawona K-8 School!

It is my hope that you and your child will have a rewarding experience as a Lancer. Wawona School is a place for children to learn and grow, therefore it is essential to create an environment of mutual respect. We want Wawona students to experience the excitement and joy of learning and a place where the students, parents, and school staff form a partnership. Working together, there is no limit to what we and our children can achieve. This parent/student handbook is only the introduction to your child's school program. After reviewing it for general information, I encourage all parents and students to become actively involved in the Wawona experience.

Wishing all an exciting and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Isacc Villanueva-Langdon
Principal

Wawona School Office Hours

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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- Principal: Isacc Villanueva-Langdon
- Vice Principals: Maria Tafolla, Christina Xiong
- School Counselor: Denise Nava
- Office Manager: Margaret Riedinger
- Attendance/Records: Cynthia Cortez
- Office Assistant: Carrie Palmer
- School Psychologist: Manuel Garcia, Jr.
- Clinical School Social Worker: Trisha Baeza
- Expanded Learning Coordinator: Jesus Gonzalez
- Home School Liaison: Alicia Cruz
- School Resource Officer: Deputy De La Cruz

Daily Schedule

Preschool:	(AM) 8:00 to 11:00 and (PM) 12:00-3:00
TK -Kindergarten	8:00 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.
Grades 1-6	8:00 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
Grades 7-8	8:16 a.m. to 2:47 p.m.

Breakfast Schedule

7:20 – 7:45 a.m. (TK-6th Grade)

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. (7th & 8th Grade)

**All Wawona students receive breakfast and lunch at NO charge.*

Important Dates to Remember 2026-2027

Aug 13 Back to School Night
Aug 17 First Day of School
Sept 7 Labor Day
Oct 12 Buy Back (No School)
Nov 11 Veteran's Day
Nov 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 21 – Jan 8 Winter Break
Jan 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 8 Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 15 Presidents Day
March 8 Buy Back (No School)
March 22 – 29 Spring Break
May 31 Memorial Day
June 10 Last Day of School

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Elementary 2026- 2027

Instructional Schedule

Preschool AM	Preschool PM
AM Class 8:00 – 11:00	PM Class 12:00-3:00
Regular Day	**TK/K**
8:00 – 9:25	Instruction
9:25- 9:40	Recess
9:40 – 10:30	Instruction
10:30 – 10:47	Lunch
10:47 – 11:04	Recess
11:04 – 1:05	Instruction
Regular Day	**Grades 1-3**
8:00 – 9:45	Instruction
9:45 – 10:00	Recess
10:00 – 11:10	Instruction
11:10 – 11:27	Lunch
11:27 – 11:44	Recess
11:44 – 2:05	Instruction
Regular Day	**Grades 4-6**
8:00 – 10:05	Instruction
10:05 – 10:20	Recess
10:20 – 11:50	Instruction
11:50 – 12:07	Lunch
12:07 – 12:24	Recess
12:24 – 2:05	Instruction

Important Dates to Remember:

Early Release Days:

Tuesdays of a 5-day Week

Grades TK-K: Dismissal 12:00pm

Grades 1-6: Dismissal 1:00pm

- Aug 18, 25
- Sept 1, 15, 22, 29
- Oct 6, 20, 27
- Nov 3, 17
- Dec 1, 8, 15
- Jan 12, 26
- Feb 2, 23
- Mar 2, 16
- Apr 6, 13, 20, 27
- May 4, 11, 18, 25

Parent Teacher Conferences Week:

October 26-30, 2026

Grades TK-K: Dismissal 12:00 pm

Grades 1-6: Dismissal 1:00 pm

Last Day of School:

June 10, 2027

Grades TK/K: Dismissal 12:00 pm

Grades 1-6: Dismissal 12:00 pm

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Middle School Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Zero Period 7:20-8:15 am	***Zero Period*** 7:20-8:15 am	***Zero Period*** 7:20-8:15 am	***Zero Period*** 7:20-8:15 am	***Zero Period*** 7:20-8:15 am
1st Bell 8:16 am	1st Bell 8:16 am	1st Bell 8:16 am	1st Bell 8:16 am	1st Bell 8:16 am
Advisory 8:20 – 8:48	Period 1 8:20 – 9:17	Period 1 8:20 – 9:17	Period 1 8:20 – 9:17	Period 1 8:20 – 9:17
Period 1 8:52 – 9:42	Period 2 9:21 – 10:16	Period 2 9:21 – 10:16	Period 2 9:21 – 10:16	Period 2 9:21 – 10:16
Period 2 9:46 –10:36	Period 3 10:20 –11:15	Period 3 10:20 – 11:15	Period 3 10:20 –11:15	Period 3 10:20 –11:15
Period 3 10:40 - 11:30	Period 4 11:19 –12:14	Period 4 11:19 -12:14	Period 4 11:19 –12:14	Period 4 11:19 – 12:14
Period 4 11:34 – 12:24	Lunch 12:14 –12:49	Lunch 12:14 –12:49	Lunch 12:14 –12:49	Lunch 12:14 –12:49
Lunch 12:24 –12:59	Period 5 12:53 -1:48	Period 5 12:53 -1:48	Period 5 12:53 -1:48	Period 5 12:53 -1:48
Period 5 1:03 -1:53	Period 6 1:52 – 2:47	Period 6 1:52 – 2:47	Period 6 1:52 – 2:47	Period 6 1:52 – 2:47
Period 6 1:57 – 2:47				

Rally Day/Dance		Early Release Days Tuesdays of a 5-Day Week		Last Day of School 6/10/27	
1st Bell 8:16 am		1st Bell 8:16 am		1st Bell 8:16 am	
Period 1	8:20-9:07	Period 1	8:20 – 9:07	Period 1	8:20 – 9:00
Period 2	9:11 -9:56	Period 2	9:11 – 9:56	Period 2	9:04 – 9:40
Period 3	10:00 -10:45	Period 3	10:00- 10:45	Period 3	9:44- 10:20
Period 4	10:49-11:34	Period 4	10:49- 11:34	Period 4	10:24- 11:00
Period 5	11:38-12:23	Period 5	11:38- 12:23	Period 5	11:04-11:40
Lunch	12:23-12:58	Lunch	12:23-12:53	Period 6	11:44-12:20
Period 6	1:2-1:47	Period 6	12:5-1:42	Lunch	12:12-12:35
Rally	1:47-2:47	Dismissal	1:42	Dismissal	12:35

Wawona's Two-Way Dual Immersion Program
Preschool-8th Grade

Celebrating Bilingualism:
The ability to speak, read, and write in both English and Spanish!

Two-Way Immersion is a challenging academic program, which offers students the exciting opportunity of being bilingual and biliterate and becoming academically successful in both English and Spanish. We are an additive bilingual program.

The Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program brings together students from English and Spanish language backgrounds to learn academic content through instruction in both languages. All students are provided with a standards-based curriculum with a focus on bilingual and biliterate academic achievement.

To achieve the goal of bilingual literacy, long term parental commitment is necessary to ensure that students remain in the program from Preschool through Eighth grade. To further promote success, students from both language backgrounds are integrated, leading to high levels of academic, social, and linguistic development. Over the years, students in a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion program not only achieve a high level of bilingual proficiency, but also become biliterate, acquiring academic content knowledge and skills in both languages. Students that participate in the program typically achieve high levels of proficiency o7n both district and state assessments and in both languages. Applications into the program must be submitted for lottery selection to the Transfers office no later than December 1of the previous year for which you are applying.

How does the Dual Immersion Program develop bilingual, culturally competent students?

The Dual Immersion Program combines students from two language groups and teaches them in both languages. The program includes balanced number of English, Spanish and bilingual students. Initially, students are taught the majority of the day in Spanish to ensure Spanish literacy by the end of 2nd grade. Students are also taught in English during their Academic English Language Development instructional block. Gradually, the language of instruction shifts from 90% in Spanish and 10% in English to a 50%-50% model in both target languages.

<u>Wawona utilizes the 90/10 model for the language program</u>.

Elementary		**Middle School**	
Grade	**Instructional Time**	**Grade**	**Instructional Time**
PK, TK, K, 1	90% Spanish/ 10% English	7	30% Spanish/ 70% English
2	80% Spanish/ 20% English	8	30% Spanish/ 70% English
3	65% Spanish/ 35% English		
4-6	50% Spanish/ 50% English		

Wawona 26-27 Teacher List

Grade	Teacher	Room	Grade	Teacher	Room
DLI Spanish PK—AM/ PM	Alvarenga, Morena	91	7/8 ELA/GATE	Estrada-Correa, Alicia	16
DLI Spanish TK	Flores Lozano, Lidia	90	7 ELA/LIF/CoTeach	Kern, Richard	18
DLI Spanish K	Ramirez, Erika	92	8 ELA/LIF/CoTeach	Cantu, Christina	19
DLI Spanish K	Phaphouampheng Tafolla, Maria	93	8 Math/Algebra	Jobinger, Trevor	64
DLI Spanish K	Carmona, Natalia	70	7/8 Math/CoTeach	Cardona, Donna	65
DLI Spanish 1	Sanchez, Socorro	71	7 Math/Acc. Math	Moua, Brandon	66
DLI Spanish 1	Aguilar Martinez, Suridiana	72	7/8 History	Martinez, Julio	25
DLI Spanish 2	Butler, Angelica	54	8 US History/Eth. Stu	Sexton, Sarah	26
DLI Spanish 2	Valencia, Yuliana	53	7/8 World/US History	Coffman, Alex	48
DLI Spanish 3	Camacho, Blanca	52	7 Science	Grimmer, Matthew	42
DLI Spanish 3	Dominguez, Erika	51	7/8 Science (DLI)	Moreno, Denize	61
DLI Spanish 4	Meza Macias, Nancy	50	8 Science	Bowen, Elisa	40
DLI Spanish 4	Zarate, Hermila	34	8 PE	Thornhill, Chad	Gym
DLI Spanish 5	Peña, Edwin	32	7 PE	Ward, Gretchen	Gym
DLI Spanish 5	Soto, Daisy	33	7/8 SPED	Castell, Gabriela	2
DLI Spanish 6	Lozano, Lucia	31	7/8 SPED	Lazar, Rachel	6
RSP	*TBD*	30	7/8 SPED	Childs, Lauren	5
Acad. Coach DLI Span	Flores, Angelica	63	7/8 SPED	DeLeon, Elba	3
PreK-8 Speech	Hernandez, Cesar	62A	7/8 ALPS	Burriss, Alondra	4
Band, Grades 1-4 Music	Joshua Van Heusen		Spanish	Tinoco, Fernando	47
Strings	Derek Stewart		Music	Clark, Christopher	21/115
Choir	Edward Hinojosa		Tech/ Art	Yang, Gene	62/44
Dance	Brittnie Perotti		CCD/Leadership	Van Well, Jena	12
			Re-Engagement	Pancotti-Keller, Zaida	15
			TSA- Middle School	Villarreal, Danielle	63
			TSA- Middle School	D'Morias, Sarah	63
			Teacher Librarian	Agazarian, Jennifer	Library
			Tech/ Art	Yang, Gene	62/44
			Re-Engagement	Pancotti-Keller, Zaida	15
			RCA	Smith, Lisa	15
			RCA	Diaz, Maddison	15

Attendance Policy

Attendance-Goal 95%

Regular attendance is extremely important to help your child succeed in school.

Students who miss even a few days of school each month are at far greater risk of academic failure and dropping out than students who attend regularly and on time. We have set a goal that every student at Wawona attends school regularly. (Nine absences or fewer in a school year).

Because attendance is so important, please send your child to school every day unless he/she has a contagious illness or is running a fever.

Attendance is taken first thing in the morning in each classroom (or each period in middle school).

Therefore, it is important that each student gets to school on time.

Elementary: (TK-6th grade and AM PreK)
School starts at 8:00 a.m. for elementary students. Students should be in class, ready for instruction at 8:00 am. Preschool through 6th grade students arriving **after** 8:15 am must report to the office and will be marked tardy.

Middle School: (7th and 8th grade)
School starts at 8:16 a.m. for middle school students. Any students arriving at school after 8:35 a.m. must report to the office and will be marked tardy. Middle school students who are tardy (unexcused) on a regular basis to ANY class will be given a consequence, such as lunch detention or after school detention.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please call the school office at 248-7310 or leave a message on the Attendance Hotline (248-7311) to clear your child's absence.

If you are unable to call the school, a note must accompany your child upon his/her return to school. Please provide this note to the office staff.

Excused Absences: (still counts against regular attendance)
Illness- Parents may excuse only 12 absences per year without doctor's note.
Medical/Dental appointments (must provide a doctor's note)
Funeral

Please note*:* Although excused, students are still missing key important instruction. We ask that parents make every effort to make sure their child is well and has regular school attendance. We ask that appointments be scheduled after school hours.

Unexcused Absences:
Any other reason outside the scope of excused absences is considered unexcused. Also, a student may be subject to disciplinary procedures if their absence is without their parent's knowledge.

Early Pick Up from School or Late to School:
Any early pick up or late to school (30 minutes or more) will be counted against a student's regular attendance. If excused due to a medical/doctor appointment, a doctor's note must be provided immediately after.

***Please note*:** At times throughout the year, Wawona may implement an attendance incentive system to encourage regular attendance for a period of time. Students must be present to qualify for the incentive.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

DRESS CODE POLICY 2026-2027

At Wawona, we recognize that students express their individuality and personality through their choice of attire. To support this self-expression while ensuring a safe and respectful learning environment, Wawona has adopted the following Dress Code Policy in alignment with Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) guidelines.

This policy is designed to maintain a focus on learning while promoting safety, inclusion, and school pride. We are committed to supporting students by consistently upholding the dress code during the school day and at all school-related events, both on and off campus.

Students **<u>may</u>** wear:

· tops that completely cover the torso area and chest area.
· professional or college sports team attire.
· shoes must be worn at all times while on campus and at school functions.
· shoes/sandals must have heel straps. (Elementary)
· sunglasses outdoors only, unless prescribed by a physician.

Students **<u>may not</u>** wear attire that includes:

- tops that do not completely cover the torso area and chest area i.e. tube tops, half shirts, halter, clothing where the buttocks or torso is exposed or clothing where the entire thigh is exposed, such as micro minis or short shorts
- clothing that is see-through (clothing must be opaque)
- clothing where undergarments are exposed
- more than one (1) red item
- paramilitary/full camouflage
- gang symbols or what would otherwise be considered "gang related" (as determined by SRO & Administration).
- profanity, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or sex
- pictures or slogans that are deemed obscene or that violate state hate crime laws
- attire that could be used as a weapon (as determined by admin)
- any item that creates a safety hazard
- slippers, pajamas, other sleepwear, or blankets (only on special occasions approved by admin)
- backless shoes cannot be worn by elementary students

Our goal is always to guide students in making appropriate choices while treating each student with dignity and respect. When a student's attire does not meet the expectations outlined in the Dress Code Policy, the following steps will be taken:

<u>First/ Second Violation</u>

1. The student will be privately reminded of the dress code expectations and given the opportunity to correct the issue (e.g., changing clothes, borrowing loaner clothing if available, or contacting a parent/guardian to bring a change of clothes).
2. The student will again be asked to correct the issue and will receive a verbal warning. A parent/guardian may be contacted to discuss the policy and ensure understanding.

<u>Repeated Violations</u>

Continued non-compliance may result in:

- A parent/guardian conference
- Loss of privileges (such as participation in extracurricular activities or school events)
- Referral to a school administrator for further support and intervention

We emphasize education and collaboration over punishment. Our staff is committed to helping students understand and follow the policy while maintaining a positive and inclusive school climate.

Student Behavior Expectations

At Wawona K-8, we believe in recognizing and celebrating our students for their positive behavior, academic effort, and contributions to our school community. In alignment with our commitment to creating a supportive and encouraging environment, we have implemented a **school-wide Positive Incentives Program**.

This program is designed to motivate students and reinforce behaviors that reflect our school values—Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience.

Students may be recognized for:

- Demonstrating kindness and respect toward peers and staff
- Showing academic growth or consistent effort
- Maintaining good attendance and punctuality
- Participating in school activities and helping others
- Being positive role models on campus

The BIG 3- School wide Rules

1. *Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.*
2. *Use appropriate language, including body language.*
3. *Follow directions the first time given*

Behavior that is disruptive and/or dangerous is not acceptable. All students are expected to follow rules that are explained in Fresno Unified Policies. This applies while on campus, on the bus, at the bus stop and all school related events.

Disciplinary Steps will be as follows:

1. *Verbal Warning*- unless students or others are in danger
2. *Teacher/Student Conference with written documentation* (classroom referral)
3. *Parent Notification*- Phone call, email or in person (method of contact arranged with teacher)
4. *Office Referral*- Supported with previous documentation.
5. *Suspension* – if warranted
6. *Should behaviors not improve*– Student will be referred to **T**argeted **S**upport **T**eam (TST) for intensive interventions/support.

CA Ed Code Violations

The Governing Board has established policies and standards of behavior to promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students. When these policies/standards are violated, it may be necessary to suspend and/or expel a student from regular classroom instruction.

CA Ed Code states that students who violate the following will be subject to penalty:

· *Found in possession of a loaded or unloaded firearm.*
· *Found in possession of laser and/or explosive devices.*
· *Found in possession of knife/knives*
· *Found in possession of other dangerous objects*
· *Found in possession of and/or sale of controlled substances.*
· *Caused, attempted to cause or threatened to cause serious physical injury to another person, willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense.*
· *Committed or attempted to commit arson.*
· *Committed or attempted to commit sexual assault or battery.*
· *Made terrorist threats.*

Mandatory Expulsion Offenses:

There are five (5) mandatory expulsion offenses:

1. *Possessing, furnishing, or selling a firearm*
2. *Brandishing a knife at another person*
3. *Selling a controlled substance*
4. *Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or committing a sexual battery*
5. *Possessing an explosive*

If the school principal finds that one of the above has occurred, he or she MUST recommend an expulsion. These are the only five offenses where school officials are **WITHOUT** discretion to find that a recommendation for expulsion would be inappropriate.

School Bus Expectations

Riding the school bus is a privilege. All school rules are in effect while riding the school bus and while at the bus stop.

1st bus referral is a warning.
2nd bus referral results in a 5–10-day suspension from the bus.
3rd bus referral results in suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Recess

Recreational equipment is available during recess. Do not bring personal playground equipment. We are not responsible for lost or stolen playground equipment. Wawona offers many lunch time activities and clubs for students to engage in regularly.

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival: TK-6 grade students must be dropped off at the student valet in the Thorne Ave parking lot. A staff member will greet your child and direct them to the cafeteria. For student safety, please do not drop off your **TK-6th** student **BEFORE** 7:20am. Zero period drop off for Middle School Students (only students assigned with prior approval) is at 7:15am. All other Middle school student drop off begins at 7:45am. All Middle School students are to report directly to the quad area.

Dismissal: Students are to leave campus immediately after school, unless they are enrolled in the After-School Program or extracurricular activities. Loitering on or around the campus is not permitted. Students **must** be picked up on time. *Contact will be made with families who repeatedly fail to pick up students on time.* Before arriving to school, please make sure your child knows the pick-up/walk home directions for the day. Parents, please wait in designated areas for student pick up and respect our neighbors and do not block their driveways.

Breakfast/Lunch and Snacks

Breakfast: All Wawona students are provided with a free breakfast. Breakfast for TK-6th grade will be served from 7:20-7:45 a.m. Breakfast for Middle school will be served from 8:00-8:15 a.m. The only exception will be late bus arrivals.

***Parents:** One of our priorities is to encourage student independence. Please use the first week of school to establish a morning drop-off routine with your child. Beginning the second week, elementary parents will be asked to wait outside of the cafeteria for the remainder of the school year.

Lunch: All students are provided with a free district lunch. Please notify our school nurse of any food allergies to ensure appropriate accommodation.

Food Warm Up

Students ***do not*** have access to a microwave. School staff ***may not*** warm up food for students during lunch or recess that is brought from home. For example, cup of noodles or popcorn.

Snacks

If students bring snacks from home, they must fall within the following guidelines:

- They must be healthy in nature.
- Containers should be taken home daily, wrappers, papers and plastic bottles must be disposed of in the proper manner.
- Snacks are for recess only and must be eaten in the elementary designated area.
- No sodas, candy, gum, or energy drinks.
- No food or drinks (except for water) in the classrooms or on the bus.

After -School Program

Wawona offers an After School Program. Students ***must be enrolled to participate*** in this program. Please call 559-248-7310 for more information. Students who are not signed up for this program will have to leave campus immediately after dismissal. ***Supervision is not available for students who are not enrolled in the After School Program.***

Acceptable Use of Technology

The use of technology/internet is a privilege. The district Acceptable Use policy is located in the student portal. All students must complete the electronic form to be eligible to use technology on campus. Violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Electronic Devices: The Governing Board, with the State of California, has determined that no cell phones or electronic devices are allowed by anyone under 18 on any campus. However, we understand that some students bring a cell phone to school. **Please make sure that student cell phones, smart watches, headphones, and earbuds are silent and turned off during instruction**. This policy supports student learning, mental wellness, and peer connection by reducing distractions during the instructional day. This policy will be enforced with student reminders, admin referrals, parent/guardian outreach.
For ongoing offenses:

- Phone held by teacher until the end of class
- Phone held by admin or representative for student pick up after school
- Phone held by admin for parent/guardian pick up after school
- Loss of privilege of having a student cell phone on campus.

Personal Property

All personal property is the responsibility of the student. **The school is not responsible for the loss of personal property including** but not limited to such items as sports equipment, purses, shoes, wallets, money or any electronic devices such as cell phones or headphones/earbuds.

Lost and Found

Be sure to label (with student's full name), every item of clothing your child might bring to school. Items such as backpacks, lunch pails, etc. must reflect the student's name to be returned, if misplaced. The lost and found bin may contain lost items. Articles of clothing not claimed at the end of each semester will be given to local charities.

Bicycles/Skateboards/Scooters

Wawona provides a bicycle and skateboard area located in the quad area of the school. Be sure to lock the bike and skateboard on the racks provided. If a student rides a bicycle or skateboard to school, a helmet is recommended**. STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LOCK.** Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades, and motorized scooters are not to be ridden on campus. *Wawona is not responsible for the theft or vandalism of any bike or skateboard*.

Toys or Stuffed animals

Toys nor stuffed animals are not allowed at school unless they are part of an assignment given by the teacher.

Request for homework

If your student is ill for two or more school days, parents/guardian may request assignments through the office or teacher email, giving a **24-hour** notice prior to picking up the missing work. If a student's illness lasts for an extended time, your child may be eligible for home instruction. Please contact the school nurse for more information.

Teacher Requests

The creation of a class is a very important responsibility of the faculty and administration. Classes are formed based on several criteria such as the child's academic level, citizenship, gender, primary language needs, peer relationships, class size, etc. Each child's placement is individually considered and the final assignment for each student is based on a collaborative effort between teachers and the administration. Requests made by parents for specific teachers will not be honored.

ATLAS/Parent Portal

We're asking all families to complete their registration/emergency card online starting 2026-2027 school year. This is important as it ensures we have the most up-to-date contact information to keep your child safe Update the names of contacts and phone numbers. No one will be able to sign your child out of school if they are not listed on the emergency card. We cannot get permission over the phone. No exceptions will be made. For information visit: https://www.fresnounified.org/families/atlas-parent-portal

Medication at school

The school nurse must be informed if a student is taking medication. Any medication to be taken at school must be kept in the nurse's office. This medication cannot be given without a medication at school form signed by both physician and parent. Inhalers may be carried by the student if indicated on the medication at school form on file in the Nurse's office.

Emergency Procedures

Fire drills are conducted monthly. Lockdown and earthquake drills are conducted two times per year. All staff and students will participate in these drills while on campus to train students how to conduct themselves in the event of an actual emergency. If guests arrive during an emergency drill or procedure, please wait outside the gates, and follow all directions to ensure the safety of all.

Food Deliveries

Commercial food deliveries such as Door Dash or Uber Eats, etc. are not permitted and will not be given to students. Food delivered by parents is allowed for your child ONLY and will not be distributed to share with other students. Students may not remove take-out food delivered by parents from the office area.

School Parties
Classrooms are permitted to have a limited number of parties per year. Treats vary and are based on the discretion of the teacher.

Birthday Celebrations
Birthday parties are not permitted at school. However, a small treat during the last 5-10 minutes of the school day is permissible. ***Please make arrangements with the teacher prior to bringing treats.*** Please do not pass out party invitations during the school day. Treats should be commercially pre-packaged and nut-free.

Sending Gifts
Please do not have balloons, flowers, or other gifts delivered to individual students. Although we appreciate parents' intent, it causes a disruption to the educational environment. Any such items will be held in the office and given to the student at the end of the school day.

Animals on Campus
Please help us keep all students safe by keeping pets off campus. Many of our students suffer from severe allergies and/or asthma, and their health could be negatively affected if exposed to animals.

After School Detention
For a variety of reasons, teachers/administration may keep students up to 30 minutes after school, if needed. Teachers and administration will contact parents to inform them of the student's whereabouts.

Search and Seizure
Wawona school officials may search individual students and their property when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law.

Staff Communication:
To protect instructional time, please make an appointment, email, or leave a message for classroom teachers. No phone calls will be sent to the classroom during instructional time. We want to be able to provide students with the best education possible and maximize instructional time. We also want to ensure, when we communicate with parents, you are given undivided attention. All Wawona staff members have a **48-hour** turnaround policy related to communication.

PTSA
The Parent Teacher Student Association assists and advises the school in planning, developing, and implementing, school activities and programs. There are many ways to get involved with the PTSA and parent volunteerism is one way we can accomplish great things together. Proceeds support efforts which directly impact our Wawona students. If you have any questions related to PTSA, please contact 559-248-7310.

Volunteers
Wawona encourages parents/guardians and other community members to share their time, knowledge, and abilities with our students. Each volunteer is required to complete a Fresno Unified School District Volunteer Application Form. The form will be kept on file in the front office. Once the volunteer has been cleared, they will be contacted by a staff member, and the volunteer may commence service. While volunteering, confidentiality polices are to be adhered to by the volunteer.

School Site Council (SSC) and English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)
Wawona's SSC and ELAC are designed to advise program planning and budget allocations. Voting members are elected by their respective constituencies; however, all parents are invited to attend the meetings that are held four times during the school year.

Parent Partnerships

At Wawona, we are committed to parent partnerships. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in the day-to-day aspects of their child's education have a higher rate of achievement. This involvement can vary depending on parents' schedules, and school/child's needs. We encourage you to participate as often as time allows you to, but most definitely make sure you are in constant communication with your child and his/her teacher. The easiest method of participation is daily conversation with your student regarding the day's events. This includes looking over homework and checking backpacks for notices and graded papers. Some activities you may wish to participate in include:

- Back to School Night
- Sports Activities
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Field Trip Volunteer
- PTSA
- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Noontime Assistance (NTA)
- Classroom Volunteer
- School Site Council (SSC)
- Awards Assemblies / Performances
- Open House
- School Carnival / Jog-a-thon

Parent Square

Parent Square is a safe and secure platform for all district and school-to-home communication. The group messaging, two-way direct messaging, district wide alerts and notices, keep everyone connected, creating a vibrant school community. Download the free mobile app for Android or iOS. Sign up at **www.parentsquare.com/signin**

School Visitors

Parents/guardians are always welcome to visit Wawona and our classrooms. **All** visitors must first check in at the office, go through the Visitor Management system, and wear a "VISITOR" badge while on campus. For the safety of our students and staff, you will be asked to have your visitors' pass visible.

Student Transfers

All transfers can be revoked if at least one of the conditions below are met:

- *Academics*: student does not earn satisfactory grades (minimum of 2.0 GPA)
- *Behavior:* student has two (2) or more school suspensions in any (1) semester
- *Attendance*: student has 7 or more days of unexcused absences or 42 class periods for secondary
- *Unverified address* or other misrepresentation in the application process

MTSS/TST (Targeted Support Team)

We are committed to supporting the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional growth of every student. We follow the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework, which helps ensure that all students receive the instruction and support they need to succeed. All students are provided with high-quality, grade-level instruction as part of our Tier 1 support. We regularly review data related to student achievement, attendance, and behavior to identify students who may benefit from additional support. When needed, targeted strategies and interventions are put in place to support students in their learning or social-emotional development.
If a student continues to need additional support beyond Tier 1 and Tier 2, the Teacher Support Team (TST) will meet to collaborate with teachers and families. The goal of this team is to work together to develop and implement effective, individualized interventions to help the student succeed. By partnering with families and using data to guide decisions, we strive to create a positive, inclusive learning environment for every student.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics/Clubs

At Wawona, we believe extracurricular activities are an important way for students to stay connected, build positive relationships, and grow as responsible Lancers. We encourage all students to get involved while continuing to demonstrate positive behavior, responsibility, and academic effort in alignment with our school-wide expectations.

Guidelines for Succes


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