

Statesville Road Spirit Rock — Guidelines

The decorating of Statesville Road's Spirit Rock is subject to Board Policy [S-SFRS](#) – Student Free Speech. Nothing in this school-based policy should be interpreted to contradict Board Policy in any way.

Content/Subject Matter for Spirit Rock Messages:

Spirit Rock messages may address only the following subjects:

- Congratulations or celebrations of student or staff school-based achievement
- School-sponsored events
- Birthdays of students and staff

Reservation, Approval, & Access

- **Who may paint:** Current Statesville Road students, their parents/guardians or other immediate family members, officially recognized school clubs or teams, and our staff.
- **How to reserve:** Email rachel.l.peterson@cms.k12.nc.us and submit the completed [Spirit Rock Reservation Request Form](#) at least 48 hours before your requested painting date. If you are unable to submit the form electronically, you may deliver a printed copy to the school and provide it to Ms. Peterson for consideration.
 - Your application must include the name of all participants painting the rock, including any third-party artists.
 - Your application should include a proposal of what will be put on the rock.
- **Approval:** The Principal will review applications based on Policy [S-SFRS](#) and the standards below. Applications will be approved, and reservations granted, on a first come/ first served basis.
 - No student proposal that is compliant with this policy and Board Policy [S-SFRS](#) will be rejected based on viewpoint, including religious or political perspective.
 - If an application is rejected for any reason, then the applicant may appeal using the procedures found in [S-SCOM](#).

When: Reservations run from 5 p.m. on the selected day , through 4:59 p.m. on the following day. Only the reserving party may paint during that window. Messages may be displayed for more than one full school day only if there are no valid applications to paint the Spirit Rock on subsequent school days.

- **Frequency:** No more than one reservation may be made for any given school day. To help ensure that all members of the school community have a fair opportunity to paint the Spirit Rock, each Statesville Road Elementary School student, family, officially recognized student group or team, and staff member may paint it no more than once per month.

Paint & Safety Rules

- Students must provide written permission from their parent/guardian, and the parent/guardian must sign an assumption of risk form.
- Only **latex/water-based paint may be used**. No spray paint near vehicles or sidewalks; protect grass with a drop cloth.
- Do **not** paint sidewalks, trees, buildings, or the ground around the rock.
- No ladders/scaffolding may be used without prior approval from the principal; paint only the rock surface you can reach safely.
- Bring your own supplies, clean the area when finished, and remove all materials the same day.

Restricted Speech:

As explained in Board Policy S-SFSR, depending on all the facts and circumstances, the school may deny student applications, paint over messages painted on the Spirit Rock, or otherwise restrict student expression on the Spirit Rock if the planned or actual message falls within one of the following categories of the speech as described in Board Policy S-SFSR (1) Disruptive Speech, (2) Speech that Invades the Rights of Other

Students, (3) Profane Speech, and (4) Promotion of Illegal Drug Use. Please see Board Policy S-SFSR for further description of each of these categories.

Enforcement & Maintenance

- The Spirit Rock may be painted over if this policy, Board Policy S-SFSR, or any other school system policy is violated.
- Violations of this policy and/or Board Policy S-SFSR may result in loss of reservation privileges and/or disciplinary consequences per the CMS Code of Student Conduct, provided that any such consequence will be administered fairly, objectively, and without regard to viewpoint.

Questions:

Franswa Hill, Principal
Statesville Road Elementary

SPirit ROCK RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Date of Request: _____

Requested Display Date: _____

Name of Requestor: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____

Grade Level: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Purpose of Spirit Rock Message

- ☐ Student Birthday
- ☐ Staff Birthday
- ☐ Student Achievement/Celebration
- ☐ Staff Achievement/Celebration
- ☐ School-Sponsored Event
- ☐ Other Approved School Activity: _____

Proposed Message or Design

Please describe the message and/or artwork that will be displayed on the Spirit Rock.

Individuals Participating in Painting the Spirit Rock

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the Statesville Road Elementary School Spirit Rock Guidelines and agree to abide by all requirements, including CMS Board Policy S-SFRS.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY WAIVER

I understand that participation in painting the Statesville Road Elementary School Spirit Rock is voluntary and may involve certain risks, including but not limited to slips, falls, weather conditions, exposure to paint products, and other hazards associated with outdoor activities.

I voluntarily assume all risks related to participation and agree to follow all school safety expectations and Spirit Rock guidelines.

Participant Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

(Required for students under 18 years of age)

I am the parent/legal guardian of the student named above. I give permission for my child to participate in painting the Statesville Road Elementary School Spirit Rock and acknowledge the risks associated with this activity.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

SCHOOL USE ONLY

Date Request Received: _____

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Reason for Denial (if applicable):

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

Assigned Reservation Date: _____