The Welte Big Picture High School

Handbook

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The policies and procedures contained in this handbook are to serve as guidelines for your attendance and conduct. These policies and procedures are provided with the intention of making your education a successful and meaningful experience.

This handbook is for students as well as parents. It is provided by the school district. Please read the information provided. If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please contact The Welte Big Picture High School at 382-1550. You are responsible for its contents.

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Fountain-Fort Carson School District Eight Mission Statement
The mission of Fountain-Fort Carson School District Eight is to develop generations of world class learners capable of being successful members of society by providing a positive, empowering, and safe environment where academic excellence is the desired result for all students.

The Welte Big Picture High School Mission Statement
To keep diverse students in a safe learning culture that incorporates social and emotional skills with challenging academics in order to create individuals who are proactive in their family, community, and work setting.

The Welte Big Picture High School Guiding Principles

As members of The Welte Big Picture High School "Wolfpack", WE Commit to:

- Working towards accomplishing our goals, knowing that there is no progress without struggle
- Uniting people rather than dividing them
- Building one another up instead of tearing one another down
- Always striving to grow and improve upon ourselves
- Taking academic risks and persevering even when things are difficult
- Treating one another with dignity
- Living in the present and treating each day as a fresh start
- Demonstrating empathy instead of sympathy
- Doing what's right even when it is difficult
- Working together to achieve success

Admission Procedure

An enrollment meeting (made by appointment only) is required between the administrator, counselor(s), student and parent/guardian prior to or during enrollment. Student records are required and will be reviewed.

If transferring from FFCHS, students must be referred by a counselor. Transfers will happen at the quarter or semester, and students will not be able to transfer during the middle of a Welte Session.

Special Education

The goal of The Welte Big Picture High School is to serve students who have issues that place them at a high risk of dropping out of school. The Welte Big Picture High School supports all students, but has limited access to special education services, as compared to the larger comprehensive high school in the district.

Students currently receiving special education services will not be considered for enrollment until an IEP meeting is held to determine whether the alternative school is an appropriate placement to meet the student's needs.

Withdrawal from Previous School

Students must provide proof of withdrawal from their previous school before attendance at The Welte Big Picture High School may begin. If transferring from Fountain-Fort Carson High School, their computers and all accessories must be returned.

Student Records and Transcripts

Official transcripts and other student records are not given to students or parents; they will be sent directly to another school or educational entity upon receipt of a request for

records. Students may be given a credit summary in lieu of a transcript. Students who wish to view their credit and grade history should meet with the school counselor.

Returning to Fountain-Fort Carson High School

Students may opt to return to FFCHS after they pass a minimum of two consecutive terms with passing grades Cs or better in all classes (these must be the two grading periods immediately prior to transfer), with no discipline or attendance problems. Additionally, students must have a graduation plan that demonstrates the ability to graduate on time at FFCHS. Transfers must be done at the semester break, in August or January. Students are not required to transfer but may stay at The Welte Big Picture High School if they choose.

Students considering a transfer must meet with Mrs. DeNardo at least 2 weeks prior to the time of transfer.

A student staffed into Special Education programs will be placed appropriately as determined by a staffing.

Graduation Requirements

In pursuit of its mission to ensure that all students reach their learning potential and are prepared for post-secondary and career opportunities, the Colorado State Board of Education has established the following graduation requirements for students entering ninth grade.

To receive a high school diploma from the district, students must meet or exceed the district's academic standards and measures required by this policy. Students with disabilities must be provided with access to all graduation pathways provided by this policy and shall have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma from the district.

The Colorado State Board of Education has adopted state graduation guidelines that identify college and career readiness measures in English and Math. The Board has selected its own measures from these state graduation guidelines.

The below requirements are the minimum required to graduate, and students may need to complete more than the minimum in some areas to fulfill all requirements. Due to limited course offerings, Welte Big Picture High School students' elective requirements are grouped into one elective category. As is available, students will be expected to take a variety of electives.

Students may be expected to take a career exploration course, college course or community service course as part of their individual graduation plan.

Subject Area	Credit Requirement
Language Arts	4.0
Social Studies	1.5
US History	1.0
American Government	.5
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Health	.5
Electives/PE	10.5

The district will accept the transcripts from a home-based educational program. In order to determine whether the courses and grades earned are consistent with district requirements and district academic standards, the district shall require submission of the student's work or other proof of academic performance for each course for which credit toward graduation is sought. In addition, the district may administer testing to the student to verify the accuracy of the students' transcripts. The district may reject any transcripts that cannot be verified through such testing.

Student Grade Placement

New students to Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 from an out of state school will be placed in grades 9 through 12 based upon the following number of credits earned, regardless of the number of years in high school.

Credits	Grade
0 - 5.9 credits	9th grade
6 - 11.9 credits	10th grade
12 - 17.9 credits	11th grade
18 - 24 credits	12th grade

Students from another Colorado school district will be placed in their previously determined cohort group per CDE regulations. Students will be moved up chronologically; however, students will not graduate until they have earned the total credits required.

Grading and Credit

The goal of all classes at The Welte Big Picture High School is for students to complete the classes at the proficiency level or higher. Letter grades will be awarded for transcript purposes. Students are required to work daily on achieving the established class objectives. Credit is awarded each quarter based upon the completion and mastery of the predetermined objectives for each subject. Report cards are issued upon the completion of each quarter. Progress reports can be viewed in Infinite campus.

Assessments

Students at The Welte Big Picture High School are required to take all required assessments according to state law.

The School Year

The 2026-2027 school year calendar is available online and in the office. This calendar is specific to The Welte Big Picture High School and should be kept in a convenient place. The school year is divided into quarters, with credit being issued at the quarters and the semesters. Credits for classes are based upon the completion and mastery of a predetermined set of objectives for each class and session.

School Hours

School is in session Monday through Friday from 7:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Teachers are available every day before and after school for help with schoolwork.

School Supervision

School supervision begins at 7:50 a.m. Please do not drop off your student before that time. Students who are dropped off prior will need to remain outside and will be unsupervised. All students will be able to eat breakfast from 7:50 – 8:10 in the cafeteria.

School supervision is provided after school until 3:20 p.m. **Students remaining at school after 3:20 p.m. will need to leave.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Research shows that parental involvement is vital to a student's success. For this reason, we hold **Parent-Teacher Conferences in October and February**. Students are expected to attend conferences along with their parents. If you cannot make it to

conferences you will be expected to contact your student's teachers to make other arrangements. You may also schedule a conference with your student's teachers at any time.

October 14-15, 2026
February 17-18, 2027

Parent-Teacher Conference dates are also listed on the Welte Big Picture High School calendar.

Guidance

A Guidance Counselor is available to help each student in his/her social, educational, vocational and personal development.

Sports/Activities

Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the CHSAA may participate with Fountain-Fort Carson High School. Interested students should see the administration.

Free/Reduced Lunch Program

We encourage all students to review their eligibility for this program. If you need an application, please inquire in the office. Even though there is free lunch for all students, it is important that you still complete the application if you feel that you qualify. It really helps with our data and federal tracking and support.

Full Pay Prices are as follows for the 26-27 School Year:

Student
Breakfast: Free
Lunch: Free

Adult
Breakfast: $2.50
Lunch: $5.25
Milk: $0.50

The Welte Big Picture High School Attendance Policy

Students will be required to maintain an 80% or higher attendance rate. Failure to do so could result in a student not meeting Welte graduation requirements.

In accordance with Colorado State Compulsory Attendance Law: School attendance is of paramount importance to academic success. Students and parents should make every effort to ensure that students attend school regularly. An absence is classified as non-attendance in one or more periods during the school day.

We understand that students may be absent due to illness, family events, or other essential reasons. As long as a parent or guardian notifies the school, the absence will be considered excused until a student reaches ten total absences for the year.

Once a student reaches ten absences, they are trending toward being identified as chronically absent, which can significantly affect academic success. After this point, schools will require written documentation (such as a doctor's note or official paperwork) to excuse any additional absences.

Whether excused or unexcused, all absences can, over time, impact a student's academic progress and connection to school.

Parents and guardians will receive a notification if your student is marked absent. Additionally, families will receive notification when a student reaches 5 or 10 total absences in a school year, along with supportive next steps. You can track your student's attendance in real time using the InfiniteCampus Parent Portal.

If a student arrives late to class, they will be admitted with a pass and counted tardy unless it's the last 15 minutes of class, then it's considered an absence. School sponsored activities (ACAX), which result in a student's absence, will not be recorded or counted as an absence. However, students should obtain assignments BEFORE leaving for field trips, if possible.

Absence codes in Infinite Campus:

1. ABU – Absence Unexcused
2. ABE – Absence Excused (guardian contact)
3. ACAX - Activity
4. OFC – Any Office Visit (counselor, nurse, etc.)

Notifying the School: Parents must contact the attendance office within 2 business days to excuse an absence. The attendance number is: **719-382-1550**. Absences that have not been excused will be converted to unexcused after 2 business days.

Closed Campus: The Welte Big Picture High School is a closed campus. If a student chooses to leave after being on school grounds, including before classes begin, they will not be allowed to return to any classes that day and will be suspended for the remainder of the day. Students who leave campus will not be allowed to ride district transportation home at the end of the day.

Hall Passes/Out of Classrooms: Students are expected to always be in their regularly scheduled classes. The only exceptions to this are: going to the restroom or to get a drink, conducting official business in the office, going to the Zen Room, or if another teacher has requested that they be in another classroom at the time of their regularly scheduled class. In such instances a student must have a signed and dated hall pass by the requested teacher or front office staff.

Lunch/Food in Classrooms: It is expected that all students will eat in the cafeteria during their regularly scheduled breakfast and lunch times. Food will not be allowed to be taken from the cafeteria to other locations in the building, unless approved by administration. Students will not be allowed to eat lunch in classrooms and will be expected to eat lunch in the cafeteria.

Tardies: Any students arriving late to class will be admitted with a pass and counted tardy unless it's the last 15 minutes of class, then it will be considered an absence.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Cellular phones, headphones, MP3 players, handheld games and other electronic devices are not part of the educational needs of students and are disruptive to the learning environment. They should not be brought to school. Students bring these items at their own risk. The school and/or school personnel are not responsible for lost or stolen personal electronic devices. Cell phone use will be **allowed ONLY before school, during passing periods, at lunch, and after school. In order to limit distractions, teachers may collect student cell phones at the beginning of the class period, in a safe and secure location. Students will be given cell phones back at the end of the class period to use for a few minutes. If a student refuses to comply with cell phone collection at the beginning of class, they may be referred to the office.** Cell phones found to be **in use** (making calls, as calculators, listening to music, texting, and checking the time) during class time **will be confiscated by a staff member. Teachers will follow the following discipline matrix for phone use during class time:**

- **1st Offense** - the cell phone will be returned to the student at the end of the period and the teacher will contact parents;
- **2nd Offense** - the cell phone will be kept by the teacher for the remainder of the day and the teacher will contact parents;
- **3rd Offense** - the cell phone will be turned into the office, and parents will be contacted by the administration. Parents will be required to come to the school to retrieve the phone.
- A student who continually and willfully violates school policies will be suspended. Remember **"SEE, HEAR, KNOW"**; if a staff member
- SEEs a phone, if a staff member HEARs a phone, if a staff member KNOWs a phone was in use, it will be confiscated.
- **Note to Parents:** We are asking for your cooperation in not calling or texting your student during school hours. If you need to speak to your student, please call the main office and the office will forward the message to your student. We appreciate your cooperation in limiting these messages to those of an urgent nature.

Music

Listening to music during class is at the discretion of the teacher; however, during direct instruction and testing, listening to music will **not be allowed**. Any student violating this

policy will have their device **confiscated by the classroom teacher**. The teacher will follow the same policy guidelines for music violations as for cell phone violations. Students should not listen to music during passing periods. Students who consistently violate this policy may face disciplinary action for insubordination.

Video taping

Student videotaping of any disturbance or other event without the participants' consent may be cause for suspension.

Dress and Grooming

It is important for students to dress appropriately at school, just as they would in the workplace. **Students may be sent home to change for dress code violations and will be considered absent.** Repeated or willful dress code violations could result in a suspension. *We are asking for your partnership in helping your teen dress appropriately each day for school.* As our culture changes and evolves, so do the items of clothing or other personal belongings which may be unacceptable. This means that our dress code may also fluctuate to reflect these changes.

The following includes some, but not all, of the clothing, backpacks, purses or other accessories, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, body ornaments, and/or styles that are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:

- Profanity, references to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons or is of a sexual nature; references by color, trademark, arrangement, or otherwise denotes membership in gangs; clowns or references to ICP; pants that sag revealing undergarments when bending or sitting down; pajamas;
- Hats, bandanas, hoods, do-rags, other headgear and sunglasses; visors or sweat bands worn around the neck or on the belt;
- Extreme piercings that could be distracting to other students and/or staff;
- Chains worn on clothing or on backpacks and wallets;
- Clothing revealing cleavage, bare backs or midriffs (this includes midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps); straps on shirts should be at least 4 fingers width;
- Transparent clothing, including clothing made with fish net, mesh or similar fabrics;
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be fingertip length or longer, including when worn with leggings. Leggings are not appropriate to be worn as pants on their own.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times. Bedroom slippers are not shoes.
- Pajamas are not appropriate attire for school.
- **The teachers and administration will interpret questionable clothing and will make the final decisions regarding suitability. Students will be asked to change or cover up with options provided by the office.**

Unacceptable References
Student belongings and behaviors, including body language, are subject to the dress code and the zero-tolerance policy. This means that backpacks, notebooks, papers, etc. cannot contain references to gangs, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, gambling, racial slurs or items of a sexual nature. This includes drawings and doodlings in or on notebooks and papers, conversations, and hand signals.

Trespassing
Any persons on or around The Welte Big Picture High School campus who do not have legitimate business here will be charged with trespassing and/or loitering. This includes, but is not limited to, students from other schools, former students, and in some cases siblings and friends of students.

Just as we expect students from other schools to keep their distance from our campus, The Welte Big Picture High School students should not be on or around the campuses of other district schools. Welte Big Picture High School students who violate this policy may be charged with trespassing.

School and the Law
Any unlawful act taking place during school, on school grounds or school buses not only makes the student subject to penalties which the court may prescribe but also will result in suspension from school and possible expulsion. Students may be expelled for any crimes of violence, even if they occur off school grounds.

Weapons
School District 8 has a ZERO TOLERANCE for the use and/or possession of weapons, as defined in Section 18-1-901(3)(e), C.R.S. A dangerous weapon is further defined by Colorado School Law in C.R.S. 22-33-106(d)(II)(C).

Bomb Threats
Bomb threats are a felony by law. Students involved in such an incident will be suspended from school with a recommendation to the School Board for expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year. A report will be filed with the police.

Drugs and Alcohol
School District 8 has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for the use and/or possession of prohibited drugs by any student. Students will be dealt with in accordance with District Policy JICH-R.

Smoking or Use of Any Tobacco Products
Board Policy of School District 8 does not permit the use of tobacco or nicotine (including “e-cigarettes”) in any form on any school property. This is in accordance with Colorado State Law. Students will be suspended if they violate this policy.

School Closing

In the event of inclement weather or mechanical breakdown, school may be closed or the starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate an early dismissal. School closing, delayed starting time, or early dismissal will be announced over the major radio and television stations.

In the event of a **two-hour bad weather delay**, school will start at 9:50 a.m.; buses will pick up two hours after the regularly scheduled time. As always, students should not be on campus more than 5 minutes before the start of school. If students are here prior to 9:50 a.m. on a day with a two hour delay they must be outside and off campus. A limited breakfast menu will be available on these days.

All closures and delays will be announced on local television and radio as Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8. Delays for Fort Carson should not be confused with delays or closures for Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8. Closures and delays will be announced by 6:00 am via the district website (view the district website). Parents may also subscribe to the FlashNews alert option (view the Flash Alert website).

Crisis Management Plan and Practice

Today's society requires that students and teachers be prepared for life activities in and out of the classroom. As part of this preparation, District 8 has developed a district wide Crisis Management Plan to assist students, teachers, administrators and other social agencies dealing with potential disturbances or hazards to the normal school environment. Just as the schools have always held fire drills, we will occasionally have crisis drills throughout the school year.

Transportation

Transportation will be offered for all students attending The Welte Big Picture High School. Students who wish to utilize the school district's transportation must read and complete the rules and regulations sheet in the registration packet.

School Board Policy JICC states, in part: *"This school district is not required by law to provide transportation services but may do so as a convenience to all eligible students. The privilege of riding a school bus is contingent upon a student's good behavior and observance of established regulations for student conduct both at bus stops and on board buses."*

The administration at The Welte Big Picture High School fully supports the school bus rules and regulations and stands behind the decisions of the transportation staff regarding discipline. Additional consequences for bus rule violations may be imposed by the school administration and could include lunch detention, after school detention, in or out of school suspension or loss of bus privileges.

Student Automobiles: Students may drive their own vehicles to school. Students may go to their vehicles only with permission and only if their vehicle is parked in the designated area.

1:1 Laptop Initiative

Please refer to the Laptop Use and Care Policy

Per federal guidelines, the eligibility status of your child you gave on your Free and Reduced-Price School Meals application form may be shared with other school programs for which your children may qualify. Regarding Welte Big Picture High School's 1:1 Laptop Program, the information will remain confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of determining your student's annual laptop use and maintenance fee. ***If you do NOT want your child's free and reduced-price meal eligibility shared for this purpose, please notify the Welte Big Picture High School in writing.*** By doing so, your students will be charged the full "regular lunch" annual laptop fee. Please note, sharing this information with the 1:1 laptop program administrator will not change whether your children qualify and/or receive free or reduced-price meals. Fountain-Fort Carson School District is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

Student Guidelines for 1:1 Laptop Program

The following are guidelines which require ethical and legal utilization of all technology devices.

- Access to the District's computer services is a privilege and not a right. Students will be expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and are required to sign the student/parent laptop use agreement in order to be granted access to District computer services. All policies and restrictions of the district's computer services will be followed.
- District 8 has a content filter to block potentially dangerous Internet sites from students. No filter system is 100% effective, but best efforts are made to block dangerous and inappropriate content. Efforts to circumvent the filter in any way are strictly prohibited. Students are expected to notify a staff member whenever they come across information or messages that are inappropriate, dangerous, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable. Student devices are filtered regardless of where they connect to the Internet. For more information about Internet safety go to www.isafe.org. Students will have access to all available forms of electronic media and communication that are in support of the educational goals and objectives of the district.
- The district does not allow the use of personal devices (BYOD or BYOT) on the district network.

Netiquette

- Be polite and use school appropriate language.
- Do not reveal personal data (home address, phone number, photos, etc.).

- Be respectful to all - remember that other users are human beings whose culture, language, values and perspectives may differ from those of your own and all deserve respect.

General Precautions

- No food or drink is allowed near your laptop at any time.
- Cords, cables, and removable storage devices must be inserted carefully into the laptop.
- Students should never carry their laptops while the screen is open or without its protective case.
- Laptops should be shut down while not in use to protect the life of the device.
- Laptops must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not the property of Fountain-Fort Carson School District. Spot checks may be done by district staff at any time.
- Laptops should never be shoved or wedged into a book bag as this may break the screen.
- Laptops must never be left in a car or any unsupervised area.
- Students are responsible for keeping their laptop's battery charged for school each day.
- Students should also bring their laptop charger to school each day.
- Do not expose your laptop to extreme temperature, direct sunlight, or ultraviolet light for extended periods of time. Extreme heat or cold may cause damage to the laptop.
- Do not attempt to repair the laptop.
- Do not open the case or screen enclosure of the laptop at any time.
- Keep air vents unblocked when the laptop is turned on.
- Under no circumstances (except in emergencies, drills) may laptops be left in unsupervised areas. These areas include the school campus, cafeteria, locker rooms, library, unlocked classrooms, hallways or any public setting.
- Students must log in under their assigned username/password and are not to share this information with others.

Screen Care

The laptop screen can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. The screen is particularly sensitive to damage if excessive pressure is placed on it.

- Do not lean on the top of the laptop nor place objects on top of it when it is closed.
- Do not place anything near the laptop that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the case or backpack that may add excessive pressure on the laptop.
- Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the laptop lid (e.g. papers, pens, pencils, or headphones).
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry anti-static or micro-fiber cloth. Do not use any type of liquid or on the laptop.

Sound

Sound will be always muted unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes. Personal earphones/buds are not permitted for use in the classroom without teacher approval.

Email Communication

FFC8 will provide students in grades 4-12 with the privilege of email accounts for the purpose of school-related communication. Availability and use may be restricted based on school need. While users are provided with email accounts, the account(s) should be used with care.
Users:

- Should not send personal information to anyone via email.
- Should not attempt to open attached files or follow links from unknown or untrusted origins.
- Should use appropriate language.
- Should only communicate with other people as allowed by the district policy or the teacher.

Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. All email communication will be monitored and archived.

Limited Expectation of Privacy

District technology devices are owned by the district and are always intended for educational purposes. Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district technology devices. The district reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store (at any time and without prior notice) all usage of district technology devices, including all internet sites, electronic communications access, transmission/receipt of materials and other digital information. All material and information accessed/received through district technology devices shall remain the property of the school district. Electronic mail, network usage, and all stored files will not be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by District staff to ensure appropriate use.

Document and File Storage

FFC8 students are provided with Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive and Google Drive accounts for backing up student data. Students can save important items in this online location, keeping a backup to access from anywhere an Internet connection is available. Students are responsible for keeping their data backed up on Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive, Google Drive and/or any other external storage device.

Consequences for Misuse

The student in whose name a system account and/or technology device is issued will always be responsible for its appropriate use. Noncompliance with the guidelines

published here, in the Student Code of Conduct, and Board Policy JS may result in disciplinary actions which may include suspension and/or termination of technology privileges. The district will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to violations of computer crime laws.

Examples of Unacceptable Use

All examples below are a violation of the District Acceptable Use Policy. Students shall not:

- View movies, social media, install or play games that are not assigned by staff.
- Install or use a VPN (virtual private network) for any reason.
- Create a personal mobile “hot spot”, use a “proxy site”, or other method to circumvent the school's network safety measures and filtering tools.
- Delete any system folders or files that you did not create or recognize as this may negatively impact your use of the computer.
- Attempt to find, view, or share inappropriate content.
- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct towards others.
- Use school technologies to send spam or chainmail or on-line gambling activities.
- Post or otherwise disclose personally identifying information about yourself or others.
- Use language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- Use school technologies for illegal activities or to pursue information on such activities.
- Attempt to hack or access sites, servers, or content.
- Install programs or games for which FFC8 does not own a valid license.
- Use the network for financial or commercial gain.
- Loan laptop to other students or family members.
- Borrow a laptop from another student.
- Share passwords or usernames.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technology.

Laptop Damage & Repair Fees

- The student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) will be charged repair/parts cost for damage resulting from intentional acts or negligence.
- Repair costs will vary depending on the device and extent of damage.
- Student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for costs associated with unreported losses, deliberate damage or vandalism.
- Students will pay the annual user maintenance fee on or before taking possession of the laptop.

Laptop Theft, Vandalism, Criminal Acts

- In case of theft, vandalism, and other criminal acts, a police report MUST be filed with the School Resource Officer by the student or parent within 7 days of the occurrence. Incidents occurring off campus must be reported to the city police by the parent, and a copy of the police report must be brought to the school by the next school day.
- Withdrawing student's parent(s)/guardian(s) must pay all laptop-related fees at time of withdrawal.

Annual Use & Maintenance Fee

Students will pay a non-refundable annual use and maintenance fee. Families with multiple students enrolled in District 8 will pay the full fee for the first student, and then one half of that fee for each additional student, per the chart below.

Per federal guidelines and the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals (FRL) application form, your child's eligibility status may be shared with other school programs to qualify for reduced rates, such as a reduced annual maintenance fee for school laptops, per the chart below.

Regular Lunch: $20
Reduced Lunch: $15
Free Lunch: $8

Regarding the school's 1:1 Laptop Program, FRL information will remain confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of determining your student's annual laptop use and maintenance fee.

If you do NOT want your child's free and reduced-price meal eligibility shared for this purpose, please notify the school in writing. By doing so, your students will be charged the full "regular lunch" annual laptop fee.

Please note, sharing this information with the 1:1 laptop program administrator will not change whether your children qualify and/or receive free or reduced-price meals.

Title IX

Fountain-Fort Carson School District is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment. It is a violation of policy for any staff member to harass students or for students to harass other students through conduct or communications of a sexual nature or to retaliate against anyone who reports sexual harassment or participates in a harassment investigation.

Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), sexual harassment is conduct on the basis of sex that meets one of more of the following descriptions:

- Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment: Any District employee who conditions the provision of educational benefits to a student's participation in sexual conduct.
    - For example, a teacher offers for a student to go on a date with them in exchange for a good grade. This constitutes sexual harassment regardless of whether the student agrees to the request and irrespective of whether a good grade is promised or a bad grade is threatened.

- Severe and Pervasive Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person access to the district's education programs or activities.
    - For example, a student repeatedly sends graphic, sexually oriented jokes and pictures to hundreds of other students on social media. Many don't find it funny and ask the student to stop, but they do not. Because of these jokes and images, one student avoids the sender in school, eventually asking to be moved from a class they had together.

- Clery Act Sexual Harassment: Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, as these terms are defined under the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act.
    - For example, a student convinces another student to send a photo of their private body part and then threatens to share the photo with the whole school unless the student who sent the photo agrees to let the first student touch their private body part. The student who sent the photo agrees to do it, feeling they had no choice; this constitutes sexual assault.

Students are encouraged to report all incidences of sex-based discrimination or sexual harassment and may do so by contacting the District's Title IX Coordinator for students in person, by mail, phone, or email:

Montina Romero, Title IX Coordinator (students)
10665 Jimmy Camp Road
Fountain, CO 80817
(719) 382-1575
mromero@ffc8.org

Students may request supportive measures during an investigation, including but not limited to: safety escorts, class re-assignment, locker reassignment, counseling, mediation, assigned entrances and exits, assigned parking spots, assigned lunch tables, staff check-ins, no-contact contracts, modified passing periods, etc.

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