Welcome to Valley View Information & Policies

Hello Valley View Families!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

Whether you're new to Valley View or returning for another year, we are so excited you're here. We can't wait to welcome our Foxes back into the building!

Over the next couple of weeks, you'll be receiving a series of Welcome Back emails. There is a lot of information to share, especially if you're new to Valley View, and instead of one giant email, we'll break it up into smaller pieces. We'll cover things like how we'll communicate throughout the year, our FOXES values and behavior expectations, technology and dress code expectations, beginning-of-the-year procedures, and much more.

Some of these emails may be a little longer than you're used to, but I promise they'll be worth the read. My goal is that by the first day of school, you'll know exactly what to expect and feel connected to our school community.

One thing I say often is that Valley View is special because of the partnership between home and school. We truly believe we're on the same team, and your support, communication, and involvement make a huge difference for our students. Thank you for choosing Valley View. We can't wait to get to know your family and work together this year.

A Little About Mrs. Hazah

If we haven't met yet, or if it's been a while, I'd love to introduce myself. This year marks my 17th year in education and my 4th year as principal at Valley View. I actually started my career in Mapleton as an instructional paraprofessional before becoming a classroom teacher, instructional guide, assistant principal, and now principal.

One of the things I'm most proud of is the staff we've built at Valley View. They care deeply about kids, work incredibly hard, and are always looking for ways to make learning meaningful. I'm lucky to work alongside such an amazing team every day.

Outside of school, my husband, Joe, and I stay busy with our three boys. Jacoby is starting his junior year of high school, Cash is heading into 3rd grade, and Dax is starting 1st grade. Like many of you, our calendar is full of practices, games, school events, and trying to keep everyone where they need to be!

I'm grateful to be raising my own kids right alongside so many of your families. Being both a principal and a parent gives me a perspective that I value every day. I know how busy life

can get, which is why I believe strong communication and a true partnership between home and school matter so much. My goal is to make Valley View a place where students feel known, and families feel welcomed, informed, and connected. Thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's journey. I truly love what I get to do each day, and I'm excited for another great year together.

Welcome, Mr. Ronaldo Ortiz!

I'm also eager to introduce the newest member of our administrative team, Mr. Ronaldo Ortiz.

Mr. Ortiz joins Valley View after more than 30 years serving students, families, and school communities in Colorado and New Mexico. Throughout his career, he has served as a classroom teacher, coach, school administrator, and district leader, bringing a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to our school.

More importantly, Mr. Ortiz is someone who believes in building relationships, supporting others, and doing whatever it takes to help students succeed. His calm leadership, genuine care for people, and wealth of experience have already made a positive impression on our team, and I know you'll enjoy getting to know him throughout the year.

As our Administrator on Special Assignment, Assistant Principal, Mr. Ortiz will be a resource for students, families, staff, and our community. You'll see him throughout the building helping with daily operations, supporting teachers, connecting with students, working with families, and jumping in wherever he's needed. Mr. Ortiz believes that great schools are built on teamwork, open communication, and a willingness to help others, and his goal is to help create a school where every student and family feels welcomed, valued, respected, and supported.

Please join me in giving Mr. Ortiz a warm Valley View welcome when you see him around the building! 🦊

Thank you again for being part of our Fox-mily. We have an exciting year ahead, and I can't wait to share it with you. Keep an eye on your inbox for the next Welcome Back email coming soon!

📅 Why Attendance Matters

Every day a student is at school is a day of learning, growing, building friendships, and feeling connected to our school community. Strong attendance is one of the biggest predictors of long-term academic success, and it starts early. Even in preschool and

kindergarten, missing just a day or two every few weeks can make it harder for students to build routines and keep up with learning.

At Mapleton, our goal is for every student to attend school **at least 95% of the time**, which means missing **no more than nine days during the entire school year** for any reason.

We know life happens, and sometimes students get sick. If your child is ill, please keep them home to rest and recover, and be sure to notify the office. Illnesses with a doctor's note are considered excused absences. A doctor note is required after three consecutive days of being absent due to an illness.

At the same time, we encourage families to help students build the habit of coming to school, even on days when they may not feel like it. Your consistency helps build resilience, responsibility, and routines that last a lifetime.

📝 Mapleton Attendance Policy

We encourage every family to review Mapleton's **Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism Policy**, which explains excused and unexcused absences, as well as the supports schools provide when attendance becomes a concern.

One important reminder: If your child is absent for **10 consecutive school days** and we are unable to reach you, they will be unenrolled from Valley View. Please make sure to answer or return calls from the school whenever we are verifying an absence.

⏰ Arriving on Time Matters

The school day officially begins at **8:05 a.m.**, and this year we're placing a renewed emphasis on helping students arrive on time and ready to learn. Over the past few years, we've been a little more flexible with arrival times as everyone adjusted to the growing school community. This year, our expectation will be to start school on time to avoid missing valuable instructional time.

If your child plans to eat breakfast at school, please have them arrive by **7:50 a.m.** This allows enough time to eat before class begins. We've found that students bringing breakfast into the classroom has become increasingly disruptive to morning routines and instruction, so students who would like breakfast will need to arrive with enough time to finish eating in the cafeteria.

Morning Schedule

- 🍎 Breakfast: **7:50 a.m.**
- 🚪 Building Opens: **8:00 a.m.**

- 🦊 School Begins: **8:05 a.m.**

If your child arrives after 8:15, a parent or guardian must walk them into the building and sign them in at the front office. This is an important safety expectation. In the past, we had a few situations where students were dropped off late when school wasn't in session or during delayed starts. We never want to risk a child's safety, and this procedure helps ensure every student arrives safely.

Please also plan to pick students up on time after school. Staff supervision ends shortly after dismissal, and most staff members are off duty by **3:30 p.m.**

🚗 Early Pick-Up Matters, Too

Just as arriving on time is important, staying for the full school day is equally valuable. While we understand that doctor's appointments, family emergencies, and other unavoidable situations happen, **early dismissal should not become a regular routine.**

The last part of the school day is often when students participate in some of their most anticipated activities, such as electives, choice time, intervention groups, class meetings, and time to reflect on the day's learning. Leaving early means students miss these valuable experiences and can make it more difficult for them to stay connected to their classmates and learning.

We also ask families not to routinely pick students up early simply to avoid afternoon traffic. We know dismissal can take patience, especially during the first few weeks of school, but keeping students in class until the end of the day helps protect instructional time and classroom routines.

Thank you for partnering with us to make every minute of the school day count for our Foxes!

💬 A Few Helpful Reminders

- Notify the office any time your child will be absent at **303-853-1565**.
- Schedule appointments and vacations outside of school whenever possible, every day counts.
- Review the Valley View school calendar when planning family trips.
- If transportation becomes a challenge, please reach out. Mapleton provides bus service for families within district boundaries.
- If you receive a call from the school about an absence, please return it so we can keep our records accurate and ensure your child is safe.

Thank you for partnering with us to make attendance a priority. Your support helps every child build strong habits, meaningful relationships, and the confidence to succeed.

UPDATE 10/02/26

🚗 Early Pick-Up Change

Starting this week (10/02/26), we will be limiting early pick-ups at the end of the school day. We have had an increasing number of families arriving 5–10 minutes before the dismissal bell to pick students up early, and it is becoming disruptive to classrooms and our dismissal process.

If you need to pick your child up early, please plan to do so before 2:45 PM. After 2:45 PM, we will ask families to wait until our regular 3:10 PM dismissal. Thank you for helping us protect those final minutes of learning and make dismissal run smoothly!

✅ School Supplies

If you haven't already purchased your child's school supplies, you can find this year's supply lists here:

2026-27 Valley View School Supply Lists

These are the same supplies that are included in the SchoolKidz supply kits, so if you ordered a kit at the end of last school year, you're all set! Your kit will be ready for pick up at Back-to-School Night.

When shopping, please don't worry about finding the exact brands listed. We simply ask that you purchase the requested items. Most of the supplies are community supplies, so please do not label them with your child's name, as they will be shared within the classroom community.

📱 Download Our Two Required Apps

Mapleton App
The new Mapleton App is now our primary home-to-school communication platform for all K-7 families. It will be the best place to receive school updates, announcements, and communicate with staff.

- Returning families: ClassDojo will no longer be used.
- Preschool families: Please download the Mapleton App as well so you can stay connected with school events. Preschool will continue using Procare for classroom communication.

We'll send more information about using the Mapleton App soon, but for now, your homework is simply to download it!

Infinite Campus Parent App
Please download the Infinite Campus Parent App if you haven't already. This is where you'll be able to:

- Monitor attendance
- View grades and academic progress
- Access teacher assignments and student schedules (Grades 1-7) once they're released

We believe that staying connected to your child's learning all year long, not just during conferences, is an important part of our home-school partnership.

🍎 Complete the Student Benefits Application

This is one of the most important items on the list!

Even though every Mapleton student will continue to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch every day through the Healthy School Meals for All program, every family should still complete the Student Benefits Application.

Completing this application helps:

- Valley View receive important state and federal funding.
- Students qualify for additional benefits like waived school and testing fees.
- Families potentially qualify for discounted internet and phone services.

Please take a few minutes to complete your application through **My School Apps**.

🙋 Volunteer at Valley View

Planning to volunteer this year? Whether you're helping in a classroom, chaperoning a field trip, serving as a class parent, supporting a club, or volunteering in another way, you'll need to complete the annual volunteer background check.

Even if you completed it last year, a new application is required each school year.

Learn more and complete your application here:
https://www.mapleton.us/students-families/human-resources/volunteer-information

🚌 Bus Transportation

If your child will ride the bus this year, please complete the Bus Rider Registration Form before school begins.

You can also contact Transportation at **303-853-1024** to confirm bus stop information.

Transportation Information: https://www.mapleton.us/students-families/transportation

🏐 7th Grade Families Only

If your child plans to participate in middle school athletics this year, please make sure you've completed the required registration steps outlined in the athletics email or visit the Middle School Athletics website.

If Valley View does not appear as an option during registration, please contact the Athletic Director's office at **303-853-1210** for assistance.

Thank you for taking the time to complete your family homework! Checking these items off now will help make the start of the school year much smoother for everyone.

📱 Cell Phone Policy: "Away for the Day"

At Valley View, our expectation is simple: **Away for the Day.**

Students are expected to keep cell phones turned off (or silenced) and stored in their backpacks throughout the entire school day. This expectation also applies to smart watches and earbuds. Students are not permitted to wear earbuds during the school day, and if a smart watch is being used to make calls, send messages, or access other phone features during the school day, we will ask that it also be kept in their backpack.

If a device is seen or being used, a staff member will remind the student to put it away. If it is seen again, or if a student refuses to follow the expectation, the device will be held in the office for the remainder of the day and will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian. Continued concerns may result in additional consequences or individualized behavior supports.

We understand that many families choose to send phones or smart watches with their children for safety and communication before and after school. We completely understand that decision and appreciate your partnership in helping your child understand that during the school day, these devices are expected to remain put away so students can be fully engaged in learning.

If you ever need to reach your child during the school day, simply call the front office, and we'll make sure they receive your message or bring your child to the phone. Likewise, if a student needs to contact home, they can always ask a staff member for permission. Every classroom has a phone, and we'll always make sure students can connect with their families when needed.

Thank you for helping us create classrooms where students are present, engaged, and focused on learning.

👕 Student Dress Code Policy

Valley View follows the **Mapleton Public Schools Student Dress Code**, and we appreciate your partnership in helping students come to school dressed and ready to learn each day.

Our goal is to create a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can express themselves while also recognizing that school is a shared public space. As students grow into young adults, learning how to dress appropriately for different settings is an important life skill that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

The district dress code is designed to balance student expression with maintaining a learning environment that is safe and appropriate for everyone. Students should wear clothing that allows them to participate comfortably and safely in all school activities, including recess, physical education, science labs, and other hands-on learning experiences. Clothing should appropriately cover private body areas and should not display messages or images that promote violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, discrimination, or other content that disrupts the learning environment.

Before the first day of school, we encourage families to take a few minutes to review the district dress code together and make sure students are ready for a successful start to the year. If you ever have questions about whether something is appropriate for school, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to help.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. When families and schools work together around clear expectations, students are set up for success. We are looking forward to welcoming our Foxes back for another amazing year!

This year brings an exciting change for all Mapleton schools as we launch the Mapleton App with a new 2-Way Chat feature. Instead of using multiple apps, families will now have one secure place to communicate with teachers and school staff.

Think of the Mapleton App as your digital front office, a quick and easy way to receive reminders, access important information, and stay connected throughout the school year.

Here's what you can expect from Valley View:

Mapleton App & 2-Way Chat

- Classroom communication will take place through the Mapleton App instead of ClassDojo.
- Teachers may use the chat feature to send reminders, classroom updates, celebrations, or answer quick questions.
- *Example*: "Don't forget tomorrow is our field trip!" or "We're excited to share pictures from today's lesson!"

Email Communication

- I'll send a monthly newsletter with important school updates, upcoming events, and celebrations.
- Throughout the month, you'll also receive emails about school events, important reminders, and other timely information.
- *Example:* Information about Back-to-School Night, conferences, spirit days, or changes to school events.

Text Message Reminders

- When important emails or announcements are sent, you may also receive a text message reminder letting you know to check your email. This helps ensure you don't miss important information.

Phone Calls

- As a reminder, Valley View is an *"Away for the Day"* school, which means students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Every classroom has a phone, so if you ever need to reach your child during the day, simply call the school office and we'll make sure they receive your message or connect you with them if needed.
  If you need to speak with your child's teacher during the school day, please call the office as well. We'll be happy to take a message, and the teacher will return your call as soon as they're available.
  This keeps communication flowing while helping students stay focused on learning throughout the day.

Infinite Campus

- Academic progress, grades, attendance, report cards, and other student information will continue to be available through Infinite Campus.

At Valley View, we do our best to communicate information as early as possible so families have plenty of time to plan. Occasionally, situations arise that require us to communicate with shorter notice, and we truly appreciate your flexibility and understanding when that happens.

Before the school year begins, please make sure you:

- Download the **Mapleton App**.
- Log in using the email address connected to your Infinite Campus account.
- Turn on notifications for the Mapleton App.
- Download the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** (if you haven't already) and enable notifications there as well.

Let's continue learning together about what makes Valley View special. One of the most important, and sometimes most complex, parts of a school is how we support student behavior. Just like reading or math, students develop their social and emotional skills at different rates, and that is something we recognize and honor.

Here's what we believe:

At Valley View, we believe that **behavior is learned**. Some students come to school already knowing how to manage their emotions, solve problems, and navigate social situations, while others are still developing those skills. When a student makes a behavioral mistake, we see it as an opportunity to teach, reflect, and grow, not simply a reason to punish.

That doesn't mean there aren't consequences. When a student's behavior disrupts learning or creates an unsafe environment, there will be appropriate consequences. If a student needs to be removed from class, our goal is always to help them reflect, repair any harm, and successfully rejoin the learning community. We also recognize that behavior can be impacted by a disability, and we are committed to providing the same support and understanding we would for any other learning need.

What does this look like at Valley View?

We believe the best way to improve behavior is to teach, recognize, and celebrate it consistently.

- **We celebrate positive behavior** through our PBIS **FOXES** system. Students earn **Fox Flex Points** (PK-5) and **Paw-llars** (middle school) when they demonstrate our FOXES values of **Friendship, Open-Mindedness, Excellence, Empathy, and Safety.** Students can use their points or Paw-llars to shop at our school store about twice each month.

- **New this year, we're excited to launch the Valley View Fox Cup!** Throughout the year, each classroom will represent a country as they work together to demonstrate our FOXES values. The Fox Cup is designed to bring our entire school community together through a fun and engaging experience while celebrating positive behavior, teamwork, and helping every Fox know they belong, matter, and have something meaningful to contribute. Classrooms will earn points throughout the year as they practice our FOXES values, all with the goal of bringing home the **Fox Cup**. Be sure to stop by **Back-to-School Night** to see our new 3D-printed Fox Cup trophy and find out which country your child's classroom will represent this year.
- **Each month, we gather as a school for our All-School Assembly to celebrate our students.** Every staff member selects a **Student of the Month**, recognizing a student who consistently demonstrates our FOXES values throughout the month. We also recognize an **On-A-Roll** student, celebrating those who are making meaningful personal growth, whether that's in academics, perseverance, social-emotional regulation, responsibility, or another area of development. We know growth happens every day, and we want to intentionally recognize and celebrate those moments.
- **We're also committed to sharing more good news with families this year.** In addition to our monthly celebrations, we're challenging ourselves to make more positive phone calls and send more encouraging messages home. We believe families should hear about the wonderful things their children are doing just as often as they hear about challenges.
- **We teach social-emotional skills** through the Second Step curriculum, classroom community meetings, and daily practice of our FOXES values.
- **We use restorative practices** to strengthen relationships, repair harm, and help students learn from mistakes.
- **We respond consistently and fairly** using a behavior intensity scale to guide our decisions while always considering each student's individual needs.

When there is a behavioral concern involving your child, we will communicate with you about what happened, how your child was impacted, and how we are working together to support their growth. Students will complete a reflection form with a staff member, and it will be sent home for you to review together. Out of respect for student privacy, we cannot share information about other students who may have been involved.

There are times when behaviors such as fighting, threats, bringing weapons to school, bullying, or repeated disruptions require more significant consequences because they impact the safety and learning of others. Whenever possible, we use **in-school suspension** so students can remain connected to learning. However, there may be times when an out-of-school suspension is necessary. If that happens, we will always communicate with you, explain the situation, and partner together on next steps.

Finally, we want every student to know that Valley View is a place where they are safe, respected, and valued. We do not tolerate racial slurs, targeted language, or words intended to intimidate or harm others. We appreciate your partnership in helping your child understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect.

Drop-off and Pick-up Expectations

As Valley View continues to grow, we're continually refining our routines to make arrival and dismissal as safe and efficient as possible. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to create a smooth start and end to each school day.

Here are a few important reminders to help us have a successful start to the school year:

- **School begins promptly at 8:05 a.m.** Students may enter the building beginning at **8:00 a.m.**
- **New this year, you'll hear bells ring at 8:05 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.** The bells will signal the official start and end of the school day and help us stay on schedule.
- **For the safety of everyone in our building, families will not be permitted to enter the school with students during morning arrival.** This expectation will be in place beginning on the first day of school as we get to know many of our new students and families. We take school safety very seriously, and limiting access to the building during arrival helps us ensure that everyone entering is known and accounted for. We also believe this is an important opportunity to build independence, especially for our youngest Foxes. We have staff throughout the building ready to welcome students, help them find their classrooms, and make sure everyone gets where they need to be. Thank you for trusting us. We've got them from here!
- **Breakfast is getting a little earlier!** In previous emails, we shared that breakfast would begin at 7:50 a.m. Thanks to Mr. Ortiz graciously offering to support us, the cafeteria will now open at **7:45 a.m.** This extra time will help students finish breakfast and arrive in class ready to learn when instruction begins at 8:05. If your child plans to eat breakfast, please build that extra time into your morning routine.
- **If your child arrives after 8:15 a.m., an adult must walk them into the office and sign them in.** This is an important safety expectation that allows us to know exactly who is entering the building and ensures every student is accounted for. If a student is dropped off after 8:15 a.m. without an adult, we will call and ask the adult to return to complete the sign-in process. To keep all of our students safe, we will be consistently enforcing this expectation.
- **Students should always be dropped off at the front of the building.** Please do not drop students off behind the school or in the staff parking lots.

- **The Hug-&-Go lane is for quick drop-offs only.** Please do not park or leave your vehicle in this lane. If you need to park, please use the front parking lot, pull forward beyond the crosswalk, or park along the street.
- **Please do not park in the back or side parking lots.** Those lots are reserved for staff so the front parking lot remains available for families.
- **Preschool and kindergarten students must be picked up by an adult each afternoon.** That means we can have nearly 80 families needing to park during dismissal. We know our parking lot wasn't designed to accommodate that many vehicles, and we share your frustration. Please know your child will always be safely supervised until you arrive. We'd much rather you arrive a few moments later than feel rushed or unsafe while navigating the parking lot.
- **The attached dismissal map shows where each grade level will exit the building at the end of the day.** We encourage families to meet their child near their designated dismissal location or establish a consistent family meeting spot if your child walks independently. **Students who ride the bus will be escorted to their buses by Valley View staff every afternoon**, so there is no need to meet them outside.
- If you choose to park on a neighborhood street, **please be respectful of our neighbors and never block a driveway.**

We'll have additional staff outside during the first few weeks of school to help direct traffic, support students, and answer questions as everyone settles into our routines.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe. We know some of these expectations are different than in years past, but each one has been put in place with one goal in mind: creating a safe, welcoming, and efficient experience for every student and family. Your patience, flexibility, and partnership make a tremendous difference, and we truly appreciate your support.



Dismissal Exit Map