



Wendell Watson Elementary School

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Mission Statement:

Wendell Watson Elementary School will prepare students for the future in partnership with family and community.

Arrival/Dismissal

School starts at 8:00 am. Students who are not in their classroom line at that time will be considered tardy. That means that parents need to be in the parking lot by 7:50 am so they can get to the curb to drop off their child so the child can get to class.

It is very important that students be on time. It causes a problem in the morning, not only for your child but also for the other students. When a student is tardy, they must come to the office for a tardy slip. Tardies are like absences, they must be reported to the state and records must be kept.

In the morning, between 7:30 and 7:45 am parents will be able to drop their students off at any place by the curb in front of the school. After 7:45 am, cars will have to pull all the way down to the orange cone so that more cars can pull up to the curb and unload. **Students** are expected to get out of the car when the car comes to a stop. If you need to check your child out early, you will need to come to the office and present a **Photo I.D. each time.** All parents need to come through the office **before** going to the classroom or cafeteria.

If your child needs to change how they go home, please send a note or call the school to let us know before 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. If we do not get a note or a phone call, the student will be sent home in the usual way.

Dress Code

Polk County Schools follow a strict dress code.

Tops: White, navy, or burgundy with collar

- Must have long or short sleeves
- Knit polo-type or woven dress shirts, blouses, turtlenecks
- School t-shirts are OK (available thru our school office)

Bottoms: Navy, black or khaki/tan

- Shorts, pants, skorts, skirted jumpers
- Must be **plain, solid-color twill, corduroy, or denim** fabric (no stripes down the side, no embroidered flowers, etc.)
- Traditional blue jean color is OK for denim
- Must wear a belt



Jackets, sweaters, coats, etc.

Any kind of jacket/coat/cardigan is OK if it meets regular dress code** rules

- May not be disruptive, distracting, display offensive language/symbols, etc.
- School staff may ask students to remove jackets

Any pullover garment that is worn all day (sweater, sweater vest, sweatshirt) should:

- Have a collar OR be worn with a collared uniform shirt or official school t-shirt underneath
- Must be solid white, solid navy or burgundy (school sweatshirts are OK)
- Must not have any colored trim, stripes, decoration, etc. (small logos are OK)

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Medication



PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD. If medicine is necessary an adult must bring it to school. Often the appropriate number of doses can be given without a dose being given at school. Please check with your doctor when he/she gives you a prescription to see if this is possible.

1. No medication will be given without a **Authorization for Medication form**, completed and signed by the students' parents/legal guardians and physician.
2. The medicine must be in a **properly labeled prescription container** (the way you get it from the drug store).
3. Ordinarily, only the amount of medication required for a given day should be brought to the school. You may request a school bottle from your druggist. Medication must be stored in a locked cabinet. In chronic cases requiring daily medication, no more than one month's supply of prescription medication may be brought to school.
4. Non-prescribed medicine must be brought to school on a daily basis along with an **Authorization for Medication form** completed and signed by students' parents/legal guardians and physician giving the times for the medication to be given (i.e. Tylenol, aspirin, cough drops).
5. If your child requires 1/2 tablet, the pill must be broken at home

Homework Policy



Homework reinforces what has been taught in class and should be independently completed by the student. Time spent on homework should be 20-30 minutes for primary grades and 30-45 minutes for intermediate grades (includes independent reading). Homework quality and completion is reflected in both behavior/work habits and academic grades. Reading logs, daily math computation practice, review of basic math facts and spelling lists will be core homework components. Homework will be checked daily as a part of the classroom morning routine.

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Positive Attitude

Respectful Behavior

Independent Thinking

Dedication

Excellence

School Bus Rules



Students may only ride the bus that is assigned to them. It is approved to the safety of all the students that ride the bus that each child be a responsible rider. When children do not follow the safety rules it endangers the other students. Please take the time to go over the rules with your child to let them know what expectations you have for them as they ride the bus each day. **REMEMBER THAT SAFETY IS OUR GOAL FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

1. Arms, hands, and head must be inside the bus at all times.
2. Students must listen to the driver and follow directions at all times.
3. Students must sit in their seats with their back against the seat.
4. No one is allowed to be up out of his or her seat while the bus is moving.
5. Students must be on time to the bus stop, this means being a few minutes early.
6. No eating or drinking on the bus.
7. Students are to stop talking when the bus is at a railroad track or the lights are on.
8. Students cannot ride a bus home with a friend for sleepovers, to play, etc.

Special Events

Field Trips: Anyone who goes on a field trip with a student must be an approved volunteer. Field trips are an extension of the learning environment of the classroom. Adults who accompany the classroom on a field trip are expected to watch and supervise other students. Other family members/friends or younger children are not allowed to go because it is not a family outing.

A Birthday Party: We do not provide time for birthday parties at school. We also do not pass out party invitations at school. When parents provide a treat for a school party such as ones at holidays, all food must be purchased and packaged from the store. We cannot serve homemade goodies.

Assemblies: At all times the student's behavior should be refined and courteous. Whether guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable conduct includes: whistling, uncalled-for clapping, boisterousness, and talking during a program.