



Littlefield Unified School District #9

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We are excited to enter a new school year for 2022-2023! LUSD9 continues our commitment to providing quality education and assisting students getting back on track. As we begin this year, school safety is prevalent in our nation's news. We want you to know that student and staff safety is and has always been one of our top priorities and this year we will emphasize our safety practices and protocols. At Beaver Dam Schools, we include mental health and well-being just as much as physical safety as a consideration for all students. We continue to have resources in place that are designed to assist students in need of support. With your continued support we can make this school year the best yet. We will promote the procedures already in place for the safety and health of all children and adults. We remain frequent in our communication with local agencies; law enforcement, health, and mental health to ensure our safety plans are effective.

School begins on August 8th. There is no distance learning or online attendance during the 2022-2023 school-year. We continue to monitor the public health status with our state and county partners as we have in the past.

We remain current on recommendations of the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Department of Education consistent with the health and safety of our adults and children. The following practices can reasonably be continued in all areas of the Littlefield Unified School District:

- No face coverings required, however if you prefer you may wear one
- Reinforce proper hand hygiene and cleaning practices. Hand sanitizer may be available for anyone wishing to use it
- We will continue the cleaning and disinfection practices in our schools
- We will require that visitors follow all protocols we have in place for the safety of our students and adults on campus
- Students, teachers and staff will complete a brief self-screening daily **if** they are experiencing symptoms of illness
- Chrome books may be issued to each student to use for the entire school year (This may vary between elementary and high school).
- Encourage staff and students stay home if they are sick, especially if they have a fever
- Additional safety practices that may be added under recommendation of the CDC through state and local school board governance

Closed Campus: Our campuses are closed campuses; students are not permitted to leave campus without being officially checked out. All visitors must register at the front office.

Littlefield Unified School District is committed to providing opportunities for all students to learn and develop socially, emotionally, and academically.

Arriving at School: Students arriving at school will proceed into the school immediately. Arrival times are posted in the student/parent handbooks. Arriving too early may mean there is not an adult available to supervise.

Dismissal: Students riding the bus should be at the pick-up area promptly. High School students driving their vehicles may not pull out in front of the bus. Please give the buses time to pull out. The speed limit on campus is 15 MPH. Students do not remain on campus unless participating in a scheduled activity supervised by staff.

Lockers (High School): We intend to issue lockers this school year. Further instructions will be given after lockers are issued. Students may carry their items to class in a backpack which they will hang on the backs of their chairs. We will re-evaluate this periodically and make changes if needed.

Backpacks: A backpack will be provided to all students of LUSD9, courtesy of Pappas Kids in conjunction with Rotary of Mesquite.

Line-up: During the line-up times at lunch, before classes, and safety drills, etc. we will encourage orderly and courteous behavior in line.

Student Parking (High School): Student drivers are required to fill out the proper paperwork in the school office and comply with policy, including ensuring your issued parking pass is visible. Students are NOT permitted to go to their cars during the school day. Student spaces are located behind the school and space is limited. Student parking is a privilege, not a right and a parking pass may be revoked for disregarding rules. The speed limit on school campuses is 15 MPH.

Parents and Guardians as Partners: We welcome your input and your presence at our schools. Parents wishing to volunteer please let us know and we can walk you through the process.

Together we can make it productive and joyful year!

Sincerely,

Darlene McCauley, Superintendent
BDHS Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Littlefield Unified School District