

Dodgeville Elementary School



**2024-2025
Student/Parent Handbook**

Dodgeville School District Phone Number - 608-935-3307

Elementary School - Option 2

Middle School - Option 3

High School - Option 4

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Dodgeville Elementary School Hours:

Breakfast Program available- 7:40-7:55

Student Arrivals to School Begins- 7:40

Five Minute Warning Bell- 7:55

Class Begins- 8:00

Walker/Parent Pick Up Dismissal- 3:15

Bus Rider Dismissal- 3:20

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Dear DES Families,

This document will acquaint you with the policies and guidelines governing the Dodgeville Elementary School. We urge you to read it to help make the upcoming school year a successful one. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Ms. Heather Zizis
Elementary Principal
404 N. Johnson St.
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608)935-3307 option 2

Since you will be held responsible for this information, it is important to read this entire document carefully and know its contents.

Failure to read this information will not be accepted as a valid excuse for non-compliance.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

NOTICE

It is the policy of the Dodgeville School District that no person be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13 Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Dodgeville School District.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

Mr. Ryan Bohnsack
Superintendent of Schools
916 W. Chapel St.
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-3307

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS USE POLICY

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVHW5476F6AB>

Assigned Homework

Assigned homework is given as an enrichment or extension of concepts introduced in the classroom. It may also involve practice concepts. A part of learning is accomplished through a child's independent study. Teachers may assign independent activities to be completed during class time or as homework. Classroom work not completed during the school day is also sent home as homework. Periodically projects may be assigned to be completed at home with parental supervision.

Parental supervision might include:

- Set aside a specific time for homework to be completed.
- Select an appropriate quiet place in the home for work to be done.
- Spot check 3 to 5 problems for accuracy.
- Develop a system for returning completed homework:
- Put in a backpack immediately
- Have a specific spot for homework to be placed. That place should be checked before leaving for school.

ATTENDANCE

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE RATHER THAN TEACHERS WHEN REPORTING ABSENCES.

Students are expected to be in school except in case of emergency, illness, or school approved absences.

Steps to follow when absent:

1. Parents should call the school on the first day the student misses. Please call before 7:55 a.m. or Safe Arrival procedures including a phone call will be put into place. A home visit could occur.
2. A doctor's statement may be required for an extended illness. (3 days or more)
3. If your child cannot go out for recess or participate in P.E. a signed note stating the reason for being excused from P.E. or recess is required. This may also require a doctor's statement.
4. Make-up work is required when applicable. Sufficient notice should be given to the teacher when make-up work is required.
5. **Extended, planned absences should be communicated to the school office at least one week prior.** A meeting with school staff regarding a make-up work plan will need to be arranged prior to the extended absence. Direct instruction cannot always be replicated; therefore, families are encouraged to schedule family vacations around the school calendar.

Tardiness

1. A student is tardy after 8:00.
2. Tardiness can apply to truancy policies and are counted as unexcused.
3. Students should report to the office when arriving late to receive a tardy pass.

Parents must walk students into the office when tardy.

4. A request for an excused tardy must be made prior to the tardy.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CP9R776BCB9D>

TRUANCY

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVWSK772E824>

BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVYTF56C6049>

In accordance with the OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standard, 29 CUR 1910.1030, an exposure control plan has been adopted by the Board of Education. In this district, universal precautions shall be observed in order to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. Gloves will be worn by staff when it is reasonably anticipated that the employee may have hand contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, mucous membrane, and non-intact skin, and when handling or touching contaminated items or surfaces. In this district, laundry belonging to students will be sent to the student's home whose blood is on the garment to be washed. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the School Nurse.

BUS STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

See School Board Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPFMP75C284C>

BUS RIDING PROCEDURES

All students who ride buses will be issued a Transportation Tag. Transportation Tags are color coded for each student to their assigned PM routes. The tag must be shown to the bus driver when boarding the bus. Students without Transportation Tags will not be permitted to ride the bus. Exceptional emergency situations may arise. Bus passes will be issued from the school office in these rare situations. Only students who are eligible for transportation will be permitted to ride buses. This includes students outside the 2-mile radius of the school, declared hazardous areas, and pay for in-town riders. Warco Bus Lines (608-716-7170) and the school office (935-3307, option 2 for DES) should be notified of all transportation needs or changes.

Student Conduct and Discipline

See School Board Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPFMH25B1507>

COMMUNICATIONS

Occasionally your child will be asked to bring notes and messages home. "Take Home Folders" will be used for students to take home communications. Please read all materials in the folder and return the folder to school on the following day. Parents are encouraged to call the school whenever questions or concerns arise. Parent suggestions are welcome.

TEACHER/STUDENT/ PARENT COMPACT

The Teacher Review/Compact will be reviewed in class and signed by the classroom teacher. The compact will then be sent home with each student to be signed by his/her parents. This compact is an agreement that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and partnerships between home and school. Schools receiving Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act federal grant funds are required to have compacts signed for each student who participates in Title I funded activities. Please take time to read the compact with your child and return to school.

DSD ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROGRAMS

The Dodgeville School District has ELP through twelfth grade alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) related programs. Please contact the elementary guidance counselor, classroom teacher, or the principal if you have any questions or concerns.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

(4 Year Old Program)

Children who turn 4 on or before September 1st in the Dodgeville School District are given the opportunity to participate in the 4 year old program. If you have a child or know of a child that will qualify for this program please contact us at 935-3307 option 2.

ELECTRONICS (Cell Phones, IPOD's/MP3's/Etc.)

Cell phones and all electronic players are to be on silent and left in student's lockers or backpacks once students enter the building. **All offenses will be cumulative.**

Should a student violate this expectation, the following consequences will be enacted:

First offense: The cell/player will be confiscated and turned into the office. The student will have his/her phone/player returned to him/her at the end of the school day.

Second offense: The cell phone/player will be confiscated and turned into the office. A parent or guardian may pick the cell phone/player up from the principal at the end of the school day.

Third offense: The cell phone/player will be confiscated and turned into the office. The student will be asked to turn in his/her cell phone/electronic device to the office upon entering the building **each** day; the principal will then hold onto the item until the end of the school day. The alternative to this option, used in the event that the student refuses to comply with above consequences: the student 1) loses his/her cell phone/electronic device for the rest of the school year or 2) parents keep cell phone/electronic device at home.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

The safety of your child is one of our greatest concerns. The school holds regular drills to teach pupils to respond calmly in the event of an emergency. Safety plans are posted inside the door of each classroom.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Emergency Information: Each family will be asked to provide emergency information for each child. Emergency notification information is located on the student's registration form. **This information is extremely important as it is our only way of finding you in an emergency.** We refer to this information when there is an emergency or illness involving your child.

Please keep the office advised of any change in home, business, and emergency contact telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers.

This is extremely important should your child become ill during school hours. On the registration form, you will be asked to provide the school with the names and telephone numbers of at least two emergency contacts who can be called in the event we are unable to contact you personally. Hopefully, it will never be necessary to make such a call, but it is best to be prepared for any emergency.

END OF DAY CHANGES

Please call the DES office by 2:00pm with changes to your child's after school plans. Messages received after this time cannot be assured delivery. Please do **NOT** email/message teachers with end of day changes; notifications must come through the school office.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the school receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the District to amend their child's or their education record should write to the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U. S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office,

U. S. Department of Education,

400 Maryland Avenue, SW,

Washington, DC 20202-4605.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Dodgeville School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Dodgeville School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Dodgeville School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories: names, addresses and telephone listings unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. (These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10

U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Dodgeville School District** has designated the following types of information pertaining to students to be "directory information" which will be made publicly available:

Student's name, address and telephone listing

Student's electronic mail address

Grade level attended

Date and place of birth

Major field of study

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports

Weight and height of members of athletic teams

Dates of attendance

Photographs

Degrees, honors, and awards received

The most recent educational agency or institution

If you do not want Dodgeville School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 15th.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

Selection of parent chaperones for field trips will be as follows:

1. All parents will be informed of any upcoming field trips and given the opportunity to volunteer to accompany the class.
2. All chaperones will be asked to complete a Chaperone Compact.
3. All chaperones will be asked to complete a Background Check.

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVS2667784B8>

TRAVEL POLICY

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVS2667784B8>

HARASSMENT and BULLYING OF STUDENTS

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVXMW65CFFC3>

HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurse is responsible for the entire school district. The nurse evaluates students with possible health problems/concerns who are referred by teachers, parents, or the students themselves. Screenings that are completed during the school year are: hearing (ELP-3rd grade) and vision (ELP-4th grade). If you have a concern about your child's hearing or vision please contact the school nurse. If you'd prefer your child not be screened, submit the request in writing to the school nurse. Head lice checks are done on an as needed basis. **The school nurse is not allowed to diagnose an illness.** If a child

becomes ill or is injured at school, parents will be notified as soon as possible. **Please make sure the emergency numbers the school has on file are current.**

State law requires dispensing of medication by school personnel when the following steps have been completed:

- A Drug Administration Consent form is completed by the parent for over the counter medication.
- If the medication is prescription, the **signature of the doctor** is also needed on the consent form along with written instructions.
- The medication must be in the **original container**.
- It is the **responsibility of the student**, if appropriate, **not the school personnel**, to get his/her drug at the designated time.
- **All medications** should be dropped off at the front desk or Nurse and picked up by parents. All medications will be counted by at least two staff members for verification.
- All medications will be kept in the Nurse's office.

When Should I Keep My Child Home From School Because of Illness?

Children can become sick quickly. You should be aware of signs and symptoms of an illness and not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms or illnesses are noted. School is not a place where children can easily rest if they are not feeling well. An illness may be passed to others and spread rapidly in the school environment.

Please keep your child home and seek care by a medical provider:

- *Fever-of 100° F or higher
- *Sore throat that is not due to allergy and is accompanied by a fever or swollen glands under the chin or behind the ears
- *Vomiting
- *Diarrhea-runny, watery, or bloody stools
- *Earache, with or without drainage
- *New Irritability or confusion
- *Body rash with a fever
- *Eye drainage
- *Yellowish skin or eyes
- *Chicken pox-until **all** of the lesions (sores) are scabbed over (generally takes at least 7 days) and the child is no longer feeling ill
- *Head lice-until after the treatment has been completed. This includes removing the nits (eggs) with a special comb and having clean clothes put on.
- *Sudden vision changes
- *Recent injury involving head, neck, or back

Please keep your child home until no fever/diarrhea/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and symptoms are improving.

Children need to be well rested and eat regular meals to function well at school. Many complaints of not feeling well are related to lack of rest. This is not a reason to keep the child home from school. Making sure there is a regular bedtime that allows for at least 8 to 9 hours of sleep will reduce this problem.

SEAL-A-SMILE DENTAL PROGRAM

Students will have the opportunity to be a part of the Seal-A-Smile dental program if their parents choose. Seal-A-Smile provides free services for all children which include exam/assessment, sealants, dental cleanings & referrals. Seal-A-Smile partners with local communities for the long-term total health and well-being of its children. Contact the Elementary office for additional information.

Food Service Payment

Payment for breakfast, hot lunch and milk break is made to a family account within Infinite Campus. Families can deposit money into their family account by bringing a check or cash into the Elementary office or logging into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account and using a debit/credit card. Please call the office with any questions.

See School board Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CV5MWJ5CC9EE>

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Free/Reduced Lunch: Information about free and reduced hot lunch will be distributed to each family at the Back to School Night. The application form needs to be filled out as soon as possible and returned to the office in order to qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

Leaving School at Lunchtime: All students are expected to stay at school for lunch. Hot lunch may be purchased or a sack lunch may be brought from home. Milk will also be available for purchase.

Breakfast: A breakfast program is available at DES. Breakfast will be served when students arrive at Dodgeville Elementary School and is optional.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Wisconsin State Immunization Law requires that all children in private and public school must be immunized against certain diseases. State Immunization Law requires all students to have written evidence of immunization within 30 days of school. The current age/grade specific requirements are available from schools and local Health Departments. Parents who have personal, medical or religious reasons for not having their children immunized may sign a waiver to this effect in the school office.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECESS

We will use the wind chill index from the Weatherbug website. If the temperature, with wind chill factored in, is below 0 degrees F, recess will be indoors. If no announcement is made, we can assume it is an outdoor recess.

LOST AND FOUND

Clothing and personal belongings that are brought to school should be labeled with the child's name. Found articles are turned into the school's lost and found. Unlabeled or unclaimed property is turned over to a donation site twice a year.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CLTSJQ72C272>

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held in the first and second semesters of the school year.

Conferences give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss each individual child and to develop a better understanding of the child and the school program. Conferences are encouraged whenever a parent or teacher feels one is necessary. Please feel free to make an appointment at any time you are concerned. The teachers are willing to meet with you. Dates for Parent/Teacher conferences will be released shortly after the beginning of the school year. Additional conferences can be held upon request.

PARENTS' RIGHTS TO STUDENT RECORDS

Parents have access to their children's records. School employees respect the privacy of student's records and recognize that only important factual information should be included in permanent records. The information which can be made available to people outside the district is limited. Information may not be given without written permission of the parent/guardian of the student. This policy is in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CN9PTS657AA8>

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMS

Kindergarten students are recommended to have physical and dental examinations before entering school in the fall. Forms must be completed and turned into the office on the first day of school or the office must be notified on the first day of school that an appointment has already been made. Additional forms are available in the office if needed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Attendance: Physical Education is required for all students. A student who is temporarily ill may be excused from physical education if the student has a written excuse signed by the student's parent/guardian or doctor. If the teacher feels that the student is not able to participate, he/she may be excused from physical education.

Equipment and Clothing: All students are required to wear tennis shoes during physical education class. It is recommended that students keep a pair of tennis shoes at school for daily PE classes.

PARENT RIGHTS AND DISTRICT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVRPJT5EA871>

PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

We feel the evaluation of student achievement is one of the most important functions of our school. Students receive a report card at the end of each nine-week grading period. There are four grading periods during the year. Please sign the report card envelope and return it. Please call us or come in to see us at any time if you have a concern about your child's progress.

Progress reports will be given to parents of students in ELP through fourth grade in the sixth & tenth week of each grading period. The Progress Reports are an attempt on the school's part to keep parent's better informed of their child's progress in school. If you have any questions, please call your child's school.

PROMOTION OF FOURTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

See School Board Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJHQ47671643>

PUBLIC AND PARENT ADVOCACY

See School Board Policy:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AVZRWD6F6F60>

RIGHT TO RECEIVE TEACHER INFORMATION

Federal law requires that we share with you the qualifications of teachers in the Dodgeville School District. There are questions you may ask, including:

- Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?
- Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher?
- What was the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degrees does my child's teacher hold?
- Are there instructional aides working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

If you want to see the state qualification for your child's teacher you may ask us or find it on the D.P.I. website at

<https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/license-lookup>.

In addition, our instructional aides have completed the necessary coursework for this position. If you would like more information contact Dodgeville Elementary School at (608) 935-3307 option 2.

SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES

A copy of all school district policies for previewing is available in the Principal's office or the DSD website:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/Public#>

SCHOOL DRESS

A student may be asked to change any clothing (including the removal of hats/headwear) which is deemed inappropriate or disruptive by school officials. Examples include: apparel with alcohol, drugs, profanity, or suggestive behaviors. Face coverings will be allowed or possibly even required during a time of public health crisis.

SCHOOL GUIDELINES

We have high expectations for our students. These expectations are designed to promote a positive learning environment at Dodgeville Elementary School. We understand that expectations need to be taught, reinforced, and evaluated throughout the year. The following is a list of expected student behaviors:

1. I am Safe
2. I am Kind
3. I am Responsible

Additional Guidelines:

- No pets allowed on school grounds unless prior approval has been obtained from the office.
- All balloon, flower, or gift deliveries will be kept in the main office during the school day.

SEARCH AND SEIZURES

School teachers and administrators have an interest in the health and safety of others, the maintenance of order, protecting school property, the property of students and staff, and the right and duty to secure this "interest" by means of reasonable searches and seizures. Searches and seizures by school personnel may take place anywhere on school property. (This includes desks/lockers, a student's person, purse, duffle bag, and backpack.) Searches and seizures by school personnel may take place at a school-sponsored activity which is held off of school grounds. Law enforcement officials, when involved in searches and seizures on school property, will work in conjunction with school officials. The legal standard for searches and seizures for school personnel and law enforcement officials on school property (including the parking lot) is "reasonable grounds." Strip searches are prohibited by Wisconsin State Statute by school officials on school property or elsewhere. The use of dogs to sniff objects on school property may occur at any time without prior notice. School officials may search a student's locker without the consent of the student, without notifying the student, and without obtaining a search warrant. Any search conducted by school officials will be documented. Any items which are seized during a search by school personnel will be safeguarded until a determination is made for the disposition of those items. Students found guilty of being in possession of illegal substances (e.g. tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc.) or found to be in possession of stolen property or merchandise will be subject to the disciplinary consequences of the school and referred to the Police/Courts. Parental cooperation in the implementation of search and seizures is a priority of the school board and school personnel.

SEVERE WEATHER/ EARLY DISMISSAL

School will be in session unless the weather makes it dangerous for school buses to run. On doubtful mornings, the school district (via phone call/text/email) & the local radio/news stations will announce the decision no later than 6:30 a.m. If during the day, weather conditions become severe enough to require buses to make their runs before the regularly scheduled time, parents will be notified from the school district (via phone call/text/email). If the procedures will be different than normal for your child,

parents need to discuss in advance with their child what to do in case school is dismissed early. Early dismissal information is filled out during registration. We will review this information with your child prior to early dismissal.

STUDENT DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL DAY

During the school day:

Children who must leave school grounds during the school day must be signed out in the office by a parent. No child will be allowed to leave school grounds during the school day with someone other than a parent **without written/verbal permission from the parent**. The written permission slip must be given to the Elementary office. We hope that procedures such as this one further ensure children's safety at our schools.

After the school day:

To help us ensure safety during dismissal, we are asking parents who are picking up children to wait until students are dismissed before entering the building after 3:30 p.m. Extra adults in hallways during dismissal can be a safety concern. If a student needs to be checked out prior to dismissal, parents need to stop in the office to sign the child out. Students will be called to the office. We ask that this practice be an exception.

TELEPHONE

The school telephone is for business calls only. Necessary plans should be made with children before they leave home in the morning. If you wish to speak with a teacher, leave your number, and she/he will return your call as soon as possible. Messages from parents will be given to students. Classes will not be interrupted for phone messages except for in emergency cases only.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

The school policy is to accept only visitors who have legitimate business to attend school. All doors will be locked throughout the day. Visitors need to ring the doorbell at the main entrance for access at each building.

Guests and visitors must check in with the office secretary and receive a visitor's badge. Visitors are expected to comply with all school rules, including the use of cell phones to take pictures of other children. Student visitors must be accompanied by an adult.

See School Board Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXYK294FB855>

WELLNESS POLICY

The Dodgeville School District promotes healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity as part of the total learning environment. Through the support and promotion of good nutrition and physical activity, schools contribute to the basic health status of children. Improved health optimizes student performance potential and ensures that all children are included. More information on the policy can be found on our district website <https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/dsd/Board.nsf/Public>.