

Welcome to Blue Diamond Elementary School. This student folder has been prepared to give you a general understanding of our school and serves as the Student Handbook. The staff of Blue Diamond Elementary is extremely proud of our school and is committed to ensuring that your child is provided a quality education, one that will prepare each learner with the skills necessary to become a lifelong learner. I hope that you have a rewarding experience as a student at Blue Diamond Elementary School. Parents or guardians may contact their child’s teacher at any time via email. Parents or guardians may contact me at any time via email. My email address is: vasqucm@nv.ccsd.net
Ms. Vasquez, Principal



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to create an inspiring and inclusive learning environment of compassionate, innovative global learners who are college and career ready.

MISSION STATEMENT

All stakeholders in our Blue Diamond community are dedicated to cultivating well-rounded individuals in a supportive and engaging learning environment that empowers each child to embrace diversity, nurture academic and social/emotional growth, while instilling a lifelong love of learning.

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are not to arrive before 8:40 a.m., as no adult supervision is provided before that time.

Office Hours.....7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Student Day.....8:30 a.m. - 2:41 p.m.

SAFEKEY

Safekey is not provided at Blue Diamond ES.

STUDENT RECORDS

Please keep the office updated with all changes of address and/or phone numbers. This will assist in prompt communication in case of emergencies. Please allow 24 hours written notice for copies of school documents.

STUDENT EARLY CHECK-OUT POLICY

Extreme care is exercised at all times in the release of children to adults. If it is necessary to remove your child from school prior to dismissal time, please send a note to your child’s teacher stating the time he/she is to be dismissed. At that time, you will be required to sign the office release log and will be asked to show a photo ID prior to your child’s release. A child will not be released to a person who is not listed on the enrollment card. To minimize instructional interruptions, students will not be released after 1:45 PM.

NUISANCE ITEMS

Nuisance items are items that are not associated with the educational program and are NOT to be brought to school. Nuisance items will be confiscated and returned only to the parent or guardian.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthday celebrations are not permitted. Cupcakes, treats, balloons, and flowers may not be brought to school. Students may bring birthday invitations to pass out if the whole class is invited.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

The school office is the center of activities and is busy at all times. The school telephone may be used by students in case of emergency or necessity; however, it should be used with discretion - not to obtain permission to visit with friends, etc. Encourage your child to use good judgment in phone use and to be patient when the office is busy.

PHONE MESSAGES

All necessary arrangements (transportation, lunch, etc.) must be communicated prior to school. A message to a student involves disruption of a class, use of clerical time, and a possible violation of the Family Rights and Privacy Act. There is no way to positively verify the legal parent or guardian over the phone. If you have an emergency, and therefore need to contact your child, please come to the office and provide identification.

TRANSPORTATION

Riding the bus is a privilege. Students who live farther than two miles from school are eligible for bus transportation. Strict rules of behavior for students have been adopted by the school district to protect the safety of the students. Safety is a priority at Blue Diamond Elementary. The bus driver will issue citations to students who do not obey school bus regulations. If a student misses his/her bus after school, he/she is to report to the school office immediately. If you have bus transportation questions, call (702)799-8111 or log on to www.ccsd.net/transportation.

LUNCH

School lunch will be free for the 26-27 school year. Students may have a WATER bottle in the classroom or outside. However, frozen water bottles and bottles that leak are NOT allowed as they may leak on student work, instructional materials and textbooks. Gum and CANDY are not prohibited anywhere on campus because they are potential safety hazards for students and nuisance items that can deface school property. Blue Diamond Elementary School is a NO GUM campus. Blue Diamond Elementary will adhere to [CCSD Food Guidelines](#).

STUDENT NUTRITION

Student nutrition guidelines must follow the CCSD Student wellness Regulation 5157 and CCSD Food Service Regulation 96.02.00. All food sold in the Snack Bar, from the cafeteria, and on the school's approved class party list are approved under these two regulations.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS/ROLLERBLADES

Students may ride bicycles to school and lock the bicycle in the bike rack provided. Students should provide their own chain and lock to best secure their bicycle. Students are highly encouraged to wear a helmet when riding their bicycle. Scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and Heelys-type shoes are not permitted on campus. There is no exception to this rule.

CELLULAR PHONES

Cellular phones will be turned off and stored in student backpacks upon arrival to school.

ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY

School attendance is vital to your child's academic success in school. [Forbuss/Blue Diamond Attendance Policy](#)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OUTLINES THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS:

- Attendance enforcement is a shared responsibility between the Clark County School District and the student's parent/guardian.

- Student tardiness is a serious disruption to the educational program and infringes on the educational rights of other students.
- A student who exceeds 20 unapproved absences during the school year MAY be retained in the current grade.
- Unavoidable medical and dental appointments that cannot be scheduled any other time and that result in a partial day absence do not count in the absence total purposes of attendance enforcement.
- Parents are to request make-up work within three days of the absence.
- Students shall be allowed a minimum of five days to make up work.

MAKEUP WORK

Assigned classroom work which can be made up following an absence (i.e. worksheets, textbook assignments, etc.). It is virtually impossible to make up work directly related to oral instruction and discussion provided by the teacher, classroom discussions, video presentation, guest speakers, etc.

WEAPONS

There are stringent guidelines, according to Nevada State Law and CCSD Regulation 5141.1, regarding weapons. Please be sure that the following items DO NOT come to school with your child:

- Guns, knives, other weapons (including but not limited to razor blades, ice picks, dirks or other sharp instruments, nunchucks, brass knuckles, pipes, Chinese Stars, billy clubs and machetes).
- Flammable material (including but not limited to bombs, fireworks or firecrackers, or any other items that may cause bodily injury or death)

Please talk to your child about the importance of these regulations. When we have reasonable safety concerns, backpacks and/or desks will be searched. Be advised also that if weapons are found in your child's possession, he/she can and will be suspended.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher via phone, email, written expression, or through a mutually agreed upon parent-teacher conference. Parents should access the Infinite Campus Portal to view student grades and attendance.

SCHOOL RULES

1. Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
2. Be prepared.
3. Try your best at all times.
4. Follow directions the first time.
5. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued two times a year.

Learner Progress Scale

A = 90 - 100% Excellent

B = 80 - 89% Above Average

C = 70 - 79% Average

D = 60 - 69% Below Average

F = 50-59% Emergent

W= Working on standards below grade level

Special Subjects and Learner Behaviors

Exceptional progress

Satisfactory progress

Needs improvement

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Blue Diamond Elementary School students are rewarded for academic excellence and positive citizenship. Blue Diamond is proud to acknowledge and reward students by implementing a variety of recognition programs.

SCHOOL GATES

School gates: All gates allowing access to the school playgrounds will be locked during the instructional day.

DRESS CODE

The Clark County School District (CCSD) reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students be within the limits of generally accepted community standards and that students shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness. Students' dress, personal appearance and conduct are required to be of such character as to not disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school. Any style that tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or discipline control by teachers, or which is a potential safety hazard, is not acceptable.

CCSD Regulation 5131 stipulates the following:

- Require the wearing of shoes with soles. House slippers, sandals, open toe shoes or shoes with wheels are not permitted.
 - All clothing must be sufficient to conceal all undergarments. No skin may show between the bottom of shirt/blouse and top of pants or skirts at any time.
 - All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide. Prohibited tops include, but are not limited to, crop tops, tank tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.
 - All shorts, skorts, skirts and jumper/dresses must be at fingertip length.
 - All jeans, pants and trousers must be secured at waist level. Sagging is strictly prohibited. Jeans, pants, and trousers are not to have rips or tears that expose undergarments and/or are located mid-thigh or higher.
 - Headgear (hats, hoods, caps, bandanas, hair grooming aids, etc.) is not permitted on campus except for designated school approved uniforms, special events, authorized athletic practices, documented medical conditions, bona- fi de religious reasons, or CCSD/school sanctioned activities.
 - Slogans or advertising on clothing, jewelry, buttons and/or accessories which by their controversial, discriminatory, profane and/or obscene nature disrupt the educational setting are prohibited.
 - Any clothing, jewelry, buttons and/or accessories that promote illegal or violent conduct, or affiliation with groups that promote illegal or violent conduct, such as, but not limited to, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco or drug paraphernalia or clothing that contains threats are prohibited.
- Outerwear such as coats, mittens and scarves must be removed upon entering the classrooms/buildings. Administrators, teachers and staff may use their discretion as appropriate based on the temperature in the facility.

[VISITOR/VOLUNTEER POLICY](#)

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

We have a very active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and hope that you will join this meaningful and productive organization. The PTO works to exemplify the cooperation between parents and school that builds the best educational environment for children. Please sign up and be a part of this very important organization.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

If students conduct themselves in such a manner that the best interests of the school, students, and/or staff are in jeopardy, disciplinary act on may be necessary. Possible consequences are time out, removal from the

playground, required parent conference and/or suspension. Further, bus stop and/or bus incidents will result in consequences ranging from a parent conference to the loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the school year. Behavior NOT in the best interest of the school is defined as:

- Aggression, assault or fighting
- Vulgarity
- Harassment or intimidation
- Leaving campus without permission
- Having dangerous items, drugs, or alcohol
- Destruction of school or private property
- Insubordination
- Theft and/or extortion
- Pulling fire alarms
- Bus citations

Please refer to the Behaving Positively at School Handbook for more information.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is a deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. The behavior may be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic, such as, but not limited to age, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, and social, economic, or family status.

The Clark County School District responds promptly and takes a strong stance against bullying and cyber-bullying. CCSD is committed to providing a safe, secure, and respectful learning environment for all students and employees in all District facilities, school buildings, school buses, on school grounds, and at school-sponsored activities.

Bullying and cyber-bullying have a harmful social, physical, psychological, and academic impact on targets, bystanders, and even the bullies themselves. The school district strives to consistently and vigorously address bullying and cyber-bullying so that there is no disruption to the learning environment and learning process.

NRS 388.122 "BULLYING" DEFINED

"Bullying" means a willful act which is written, verbal or physical, or a course of conduct on the part of one or more persons which is not authorized by law and which exposes a person repeatedly and over time to one or more negative actions which is highly offensive to a reasonable person and:

1. Is intended to cause or actually causes the person to suffer harm or serious emotional distress;
2. Exploits an imbalance in power between the person engaging in the act or conduct and the person who is the subject of the act or conduct;
3. Poses a threat of immediate harm or actually inflicts harm to another person or to the property of another person;
4. Places the person in reasonable fear of harm or serious emotional distress; or
5. Creates an environment which is hostile to a pupil by interfering with the education of the pupil.

CYBERBULLYING

NRS 388.123 "Cyberbullying" defined. "Cyberbullying" means bullying using electronic communication. The term includes the use of electronic communication to transmit or distribute a sexual image of a minor. As used in this section, "sexual image" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.737.

(Added to NRS by 2009, 687; A 2011, 1062

NRS 388.124 "Electronic communication" defined. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any written, verbal, or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including, without

limitation, a telephone, a cellular phone, a computer or any similar means of communication.

REPORTING BULLYING, CYBERBULLYING, AGGRESSION, OR HARASSMENT PROCEDURES

The procedures that students should follow to report a bullying or harassment concern are:

1. If the incident occurs on campus students should immediately report the incident to the nearest school staff member
2. Request to complete a witness/incident report and state the facts of the incident including witnesses
3. A teacher and/or an administrator will investigate the incident and follow the progressive discipline plan as located in the CCSD Behaving Positively at School publication that is provided to all students and located on the school's web site.
4. If the incident occurs off campus students should immediately report the incident to his/her guardian.
5. Students or guardians may go to the school website and click the link: Reporting Bullying Form located under Student Quick Links.
6. The next school day, students should also report the incident to the office, their teacher, or an administrator.
7. An administrator will investigate the incident and follow the progressive discipline plan as located in the CCSD Behaving Positively at School publication that is provided to all students and located on the school's website.
8. Parents or guardians may report an incident to an administrator by contacting the school.

CELLULAR PHONES

For safety reasons, students are allowed to carry a cell phone to and from school. Therefore, cell phones are allowed on campus. However, students must turn off a cell phone during the instructional day and keep it in his/her backpack or pocket. If a student's cell phone rings during the instructional day, it will be confiscated as a nuisance item and returned only to the parent or guardian. Cell phones may not be used during the lunch period. Cell phone use on CCSD buses is strictly the decision of the driver.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students who bring personal belongings to school are responsible for their security and safety. The school is not responsible for any items lost or stolen from anywhere within the school at any time. These items include bicycles, calculators, backpacks, clothing, confiscated nuisance items, etc. Students are responsible for all books and materials issued to or checked out by them during the school year. Lost and found is located in the Multi-Purpose Room.

LIBRARY POLICY

Students may check out books from the library. Books are checked out for one week and may be renewed. Please be aware that students are responsible for the books they check out. If a book is lost or damaged, the student must pay for it.