

River Valley Elementary

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We welcome you and your child to River Valley Elementary!

Here at River Valley Elementary, we strive to provide a safe and welcome learning environment for all students.

In order to provide this type of environment, River Valley Elementary is a **No Touch School**. We have a “**No Touch Policy**” in place and all students are expected to keep their hands, feet, and body to themselves at all times.

We are proud to have our **River Valley Eagles “B”s** in accordance with our School Pledge! All of our safety and responsibility guidelines are based on the following principles:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Cooperative
Be Safe

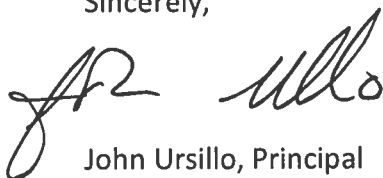
It is important to always show respect when talking with others and/or any adult staff!
It is our expectation that all students make good choices.

Attached you will find the **River Valley Behavior Matrix** and our **Playground Survival 101 – Guiding Principles**, along with a **TOOLBOX™** reference sheet. The River Valley Behavior Matrix should be used as a guide to make safe and responsible choices while at River Valley Elementary. The Playground Survival 101 is a list of general safety rules to provide a safe and fair environment for all students during outdoor play at recess. The TOOLBOX™ program supports children in understanding and managing their own emotional, social, and academic success through its simple and profound metaphor of “Tools”.

Also, find attached the **Dress Code** that is appropriate within the accepted standards of West Ada School District for elementary schools.

Please take a moment to review these items with your child.

Sincerely,



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River Valley Elementary Behavior Matrix

| River Valley Eagles Expectations | Hallways | Bathrooms | Playground | Lunchroom | Leaving School at the End of the Day | Assemblies |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Be Respectful | Keep hands, feet, & body to self/ Do not touch walls Eyes forward Hold doors for others Voices OFF | If necessary, use quietest voices Stay in personal bubble space NO TALK/NO PLAY Privacy Area | Show kindness in words and actions NO TOUCH POLICY Use respect when talking to teachers/duty personnel | Indoor voices Eat your own food/NO sharing Practice good manners Say "Please" & "Thank you" | Quiet voices Kind words Hats OFF Cell Phones OFF | Show good listening skills: *Hands to self *Voices OFF *Eyes on speaker *Face speaker |
| Be Responsible | Always have a Hall Pass Go & Return quickly No students in the hall during lunch recess | Flush toilet Wash hands Throw trash in the trash can Use Sign Out/Sign In Sheet | In line – On time when the bell rings Return all equipment to bins EVERYBODY HELPS | Clean up after yourself Return lunch tray Eat what you take from the ala carte table | Exit through assigned door Keep all personal electronic inside backpacks | Use TOOLBOX™ when you feel wiggly Applaud appropriately |
| Be Cooperative | Walk on the right side of the hallway Wait your turn | Wait your turn Bathroom needs only Do Not Pound/Kick/Pull doors if they are locked | Agree on, and follow, game rules Use TOOLBOX™ | Leave it neater than you found it Put trays and silverware away properly | Listen to teachers and duty personnel | Stay in your own personal bubble space |
| Be Safe | Always Walk Shoelaces tied | Report floods in toilet or sink to an adult Water is for hand-washing only | Make choices that keep you & others safe Shoelaces tied No running on blacktop No sharing snacks | Watch where you are walking | Keep hands, feet, and body to self Always Walk | Criss-Cross Applesauce Pockets on the floor |

River Valley Elementary Guiding Principles

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River Valley Elementary - Playground Survival 101

1. When bell rings, please return ALL equipment and be In Line – On Time to class. Everybody helps!
2. Choose appropriate behavior. Respect and share with others. Be good problem solvers. When in doubt, refer to TOOLBOX™.
 - a. Rough play, play fighting, and wrestling are not allowed.
Remember – River Valley Elementary is a **NO TOUCH SCHOOL!**
 - b. Throwing rocks, debris/objects, cut grass, snowballs, ice, pine cones, or pine needles is not allowed.
 - c. Please stay off the ice and out of any puddles.
 - d. Avoid walking through other's games (4 Square, Tetherball, Basketball, Football, etc.)
 - e. Follow school rules.
 - f. Football – No pulling, pushing, grabbing, or hugging can be used as a tag.
 - g. Report bullying, name-calling, daring, or teasing to duty personnel and/or classroom teacher.
 - h. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
 - i. Benches are for sitting. Please do not stand on the benches.
3. Stay on the school grounds in assigned areas. Always be visible to duty personnel.
 - a. Play in front of bushes and trees, not behind them.
 - b. Stay inside the running track boundary.
 - c. Nurse Passes from duty personnel are required to enter the building during recess times.
4. Please use equipment properly and safely.
 - a. Hands and feet must be on the Baby Bottle at all times.
 - b. When using rings, at least one hand must be on a ring. No climbing on the top of, or flipping over, the main blue bars.
 - c. One person on the slides at a time. Always go down on your bottom. **DO NOT** climb up the slides, and do not slide or jump down from the rails.
 - d. No spinning, hanging upside down, or swinging 360° around the pull-up bars or rings.
 - e. Take it **SLOW!** No running, chasing, or playing tag on or around the playground equipment. Please go to the grass for all chase-type games.
 - f. One person at a time on the zip line and no pushing to move others faster.
5. Use the bathrooms correctly and quietly.
 - a. Bathroom areas are a **NO TALK/NO PLAY ZONE!** Avoid play in and around the bathrooms.
 - b. Chase games are for the field, not inside the bathrooms.
6. Play safely on the blacktop.
 - a. Avoid running on the blacktop unless playing basketball.
 - b. If you would like to bounce a ball against a wall, please use the ball wall. Avoid bouncing balls against the building walls.
7. Use respect at all times. Listen to, and follow, directions from all teachers and duty personnel.

Due to safety concerns, rules may be revised, or new rules implemented, at any time.

Please read over these rules with your child to help us keep your child and others on the playground happy and safe.

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DRESS CODE

The purpose of dress regulations is to help each student set a standard for his personal appearance that is appropriate within the accepted standards of West Ada School District elementary schools. Students are expected to demonstrate pride in their personal appearance for it reflects individually on them and collectively on the school attended.

The Board recognizes that students' mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of their personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and parents to make decisions regarding appearance, except when choices affect the educational program of the schools. Any apparel which draws undue - attention to a student tends to detract from the educational process and is therefore inappropriate. It is a mark of maturity when students can freely choose apparel that demonstrates individuality without deviating from the standard of appropriateness – a degree of modesty is expected.

The Board authorizes school regulations which prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student him/herself or to others in the school;
- materially interferes with schoolwork, creates disorder, or disrupts the educational program;
- causes excessive wear or damage to school property;
- prevents the student from achieving his own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement;
- has been identified as gang related or may contribute to the intimidation of others

Any article of clothing, jewelry, or make-up which draws undue attention, is unsafe, or is disruptive to the educational process will be considered inappropriate. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Clothing that is sheer and/or does not cover the stomach, back, chest/cleavage, or undergarments.
- Tank tops with spaghetti straps, tube tops, off-the-shoulder-shirts
- Spiked clothing, belts or jewelry
- Chains connecting the wallet to a belt loop or worn anywhere on the person
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, or other head covering

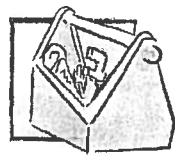
(Clothing, jewelry, or tattoos advertising or depicting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation, or sexual innuendoes)

- Hanging Belts
- Sunglasses

In addition:

- Footwear must be worn at all times
- Participation in certain classes may require specific clothing and footwear for safety purposes.
- Athletic/Activity uniforms worn during the school day must adhere to the dress code policy

Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special days or special events. These days and events are announced in advance. Violations of the dress code will lead to disciplinary action.



The 12 Tools

Tools for Learning • Tools for Life



Breathing Tool

I calm myself and check-in.

Quiet/Safe Place Tool

I remember my quiet/safe place.



Listening Tool

I listen with my ears, eyes, and heart.

Empathy Tool

I care for others. I care for myself.

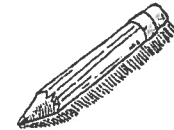


Personal Space Tool

I have a right to my space and so do you.

Using Our Words Tool

I use the "right" words in the "right" way.

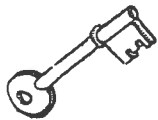


Garbage Can Tool

I let the little things go.

Taking Time Tool

I take time-in and time-away.



Please & Thank You Tool

I treat others with kindness and appreciation.

Apology & Forgiveness Tool

I admit my mistakes and work to forgive yours.



Patience Tool

I am strong enough to wait.

Courage Tool

I have the courage to do the "right" thing.



River Valley's School Pledge

We soar like eagles with spirit and pride.

We strive to be the best that we can be.

We are responsible, respectful and
reliable at home, at school, and
everywhere we go!