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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

In compliance with Section 504 of the rehabilitation act ("504") and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Ranches Academy will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. Students, parents or employees needing accommodations should contact their school ADA/504, Coordinator. In compliance with the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1974 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it is The Ranches Academy policy to provide alternative language services to limited English Proficient (LEP) students so that students with language barriers have a meaningful opportunity to participate in The Ranches Academy educational programs. The Ranches Academy provides English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and other effective services to students who are identified as LEP by means of a thorough evaluation process. Parents or guardians who want to request alternative language services for their child should contact The Ranches Academy, Special Education Director.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of The Ranches Academy to provide equal educational and employment opportunities for all individuals. Therefore, The Ranches Academy prohibits all discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or veteran's status. This policy extends to all aspects of The Ranches Academy educational programs, as well as to the use of all The Ranches Academy facilities, and participation in all school-sponsored activities.

CIVIL RIGHTS GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Complaints of discrimination should be filed with the individual's principal or supervisor and/or with the school Compliance Officer/EEO Coordinator according to the provisions of the School Civil Rights Grievance Procedure, copies of which are available at The Ranches Academy. If the complaint is against the principal or supervisor, the complaint may be filed directly with the Compliance Officer/EEO Coordinator.

The Compliance Office/EEO Coordinator, who has been designated to monitor and coordinate The Ranches Academy compliance with Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and all other applicable State and Federal civil rights laws, may be reached at the following address and telephone number: 7789 Tawny Owl Circle, Eagle Mountain, UT 84005, 801-789-4000.

Complaints of discrimination should be reported as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days after the incident(s), in order to be effectively investigated and resolved.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

In compliance with Utah Law, R277-475-5 education about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be taught and modeled following the plan of the social studies Core Curriculum in grades kindergarten through six. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be recited by students at the beginning of the day in each elementary public school in the state. Students and parents shall be adequately notified of lawful exemptions to the requirement to participate in reciting the Pledge. A student shall be excused from reciting the Pledge upon written request to the school from the student's parent or legal guardian.

UNENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS FROM A CHARTER SCHOOL

The following information is concerning the transferring from a charter school to a district school. If these steps are not followed, a student could lose their spot in the charter school and subsequently not be able to enroll in the district school of their choice either. Utah state law establishes procedures that govern the withdrawal of students from charter schools for enrollment in district schools. See Utah Code 53A-1a-506.5 and Utah Admin. Rule R277-472. Specifically, Utah law states that parents are to provide notice by June 30th of their intent to withdraw from a charter school and enroll in another school (either a district school or another charter school) for the following year. If the parent applies for admission to their school district of

residence for the following year before June 30th, the school district must accept the student into the student’s school of residence.

For example:

> If, during the school year a parent intends to withdraw their student from a charter school and re-enroll in their neighborhood district school for that school year, they should notify both the charter school and their local school district of that intent prior to June 30th. The district is required to enroll the student in their local neighborhood school.
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> a parent wants to withdraw a student from a charter school after the June 30th deadline or during the school year, state laws requires the parent to first go to the school district or other charter school and obtain a letter of acceptance for enrollment in the new school.
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> The parent then needs to give the charter school a copy of that letter of acceptance. Also, in this situation, the local school district is not required to accept the student into their school of residence if the parent did not notify the district before June 30th. The district is only required to accept the student into a school in the district that has adequate capacity.

For example:

> If the parent in the above example fails to enroll in the neighborhood district school prior to June 30th, the district doesn’t have to allow the student to enroll in their neighborhood school if that school doesn’t have adequate capacity for that school year. The district would then tell the parent which school has capacity for their child and the parent would be responsible for transportation to that school.

School districts should post information to their website about which schools in the district have adequate capacity. If they have not done so, you should contact the district office and request that information.

If you plan to enroll your student in a district school next year, please understand and follow the abovementioned requirements. Once a student is un-enrolled in a charter school, the student by Utah state law must re-enroll through the lottery. There is no guarantee of re-entry into the school regardless of the situation.

SCHOOL FEES POLICY SCHOOL FEES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY IN GRADES K-6

You may not be charged for classroom snacks, newspapers, textbooks, field trips, art supplies, assemblies, musical instruments, or anything else that is part of the regular school day.

YOUR CHILD MAY BE ASKED to bring common household articles to school, but your child cannot be penalized for failure to bring the articles.

SCHOOL FEES MAY ONLY BE CHARGED FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH TAKE PLACE BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL OR DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS.

If those types of fees are charged, you receive TANF (currently qualified for financial assistance or food stamps), or if your child is eligible based on income verification, receives (SSI) Supplemental Security Income (QUALIFIED CHILD WITH DISABILITIES), or is in the custody of a Utah State or local governmental agency or foster care, your child is eligible for fee waivers (meaning that you will not be required to pay the fee).

If you are required to apply for fee waivers by your school district, you will be asked consistent with local board policies and/or guidelines and school district timelines, to provide documentation of your fee waiver eligibility. Your child may also be eligible for fee waivers if your family is having serious financial difficulties due to circumstances beyond your control, even though other eligibility requirements are not met. If your child is eligible for fee waivers, ALL fees must be waived.

DONATIONS ARE PERMITTED, but no child or family may be required to make a donation, and the names of those who do or do not make a donation must be kept confidential (except that special recognition may be given to those who make major donations).

No school may raise, lower, or withhold grades, report cards, or school records to enforce payment of school fees. A school may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged school property consistent with Section 53A-11-806. But may not withhold a student's records that would prevent a student from attending school or being properly placed in school.

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Please check the box on the electronic form under the Acknowledgement of Special Notices, indicating that you have read the following: Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy, Equal Educational and Employment Opportunity, Civil Rights Grievance Policy, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Unenrollment of Students From a Charter School, School Fees Policy