THE RANCHES ACADEMY

Family HANDBOOK

WELCOME message

Welcome to another exciting school year at The Ranches Academy! I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our new and returning students and their families.

This year is our 20th year and we have many fun and meaningful things planned that we hope will enrich your child's educational experience. From service projects to special events, we are committed to making this year memorable and rewarding for every student. All are invited to join us as we celebrate our wonderful students, staff and families!

As always, we need and appreciate the involvement of our parents. Your support is crucial to the success of your children. We encourage you to volunteer and stay connected throughout the year.

Thank you for being a part of our school community. We are excited and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Stephanie Colson

Executive Director

The Ranches Academy was established in 2004 by a group of parents looking for choices in education. The Ranches Academy is a tuition free, public, K-6 charter elementary school located in Eagle Mountain, Utah.

Philosophy

The Ranches Academy Charter School places an emphasis on academics that will be applied through direct teaching and other effective techniques used in an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program. All children should be given access to the same knowledge base that assures future educational success. Curriculum should include detailed, explicit and systematic sequences of grade specific content that can be consistent, year after year.

To maximize the learning experience for all, an environment of discipline and respect will be cultivated and maintained. To maximize student progress, parental involvement will be encouraged and opportunities provided for hands-on involvement in the education of their children.

Our Mission

The Ranches Academy Charter School was founded to join parents, teachers, students, and community together to create an environment where students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential and are challenged academically, primarily in the areas of reading, writing and arithmetic. This will be accomplished through an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program, in an environment of discipline, respect and parental involvement.

https://www.theranchesacademy.org/our-school

Daily Schedule

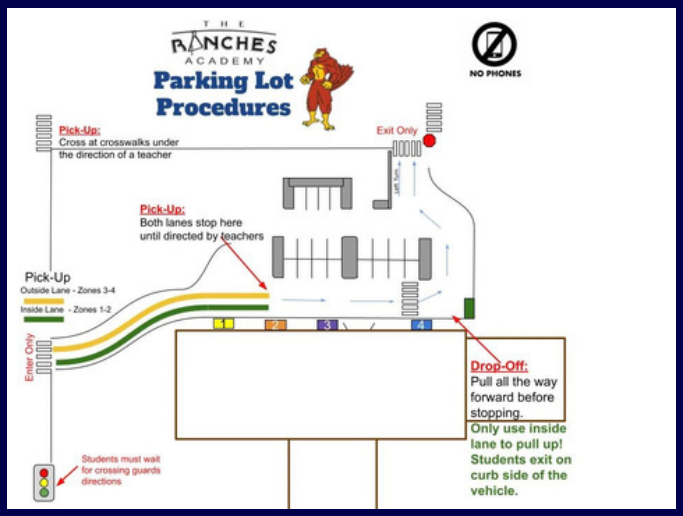
SCHOOL HOURS

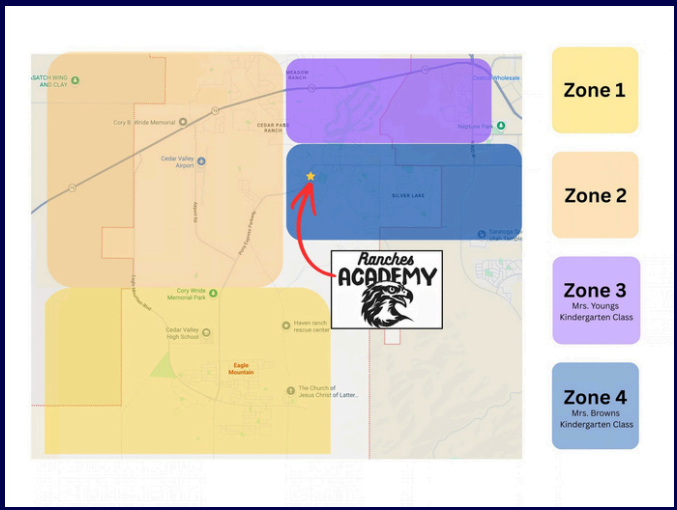
MONDAY-THURSDAY
8:15-2:34

FRIDAY
8:15-NOON

• RECESS/LUNCH

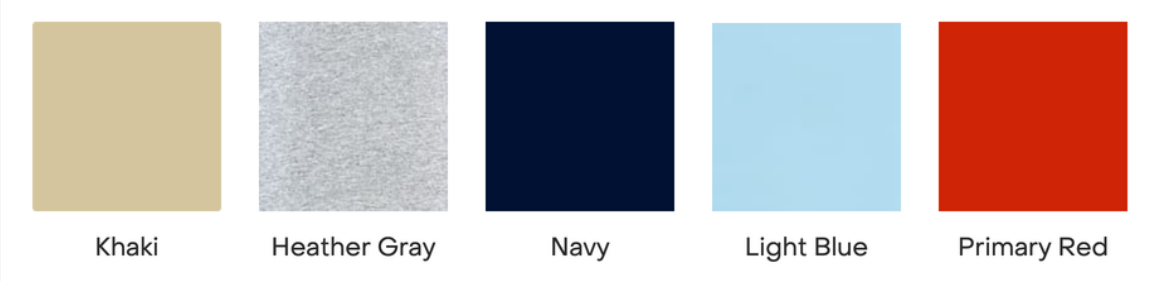
Grade	AM Recess	Lunch	Lunch	PM Recess
K	9:15-9:30	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:15	1:15-1:30
1st	9:30-9:45	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:45	1:30-1:45
2nd	10:45-11:00	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:45	1:45-2:00
3rd	10:00-10:15	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:45	2:00-2:15
4th	9:45-10:00	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:45	1:00-1:15
5th	10:00-10:15	11:30-11:50	11:30-11:50	1:45-2 Mon
6th	10:30-10:45*	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:10	*10-10:15 Tu





See website for full calendar
www.theranchesacademy.org

UNIFORM Guidelines



Tops

- Solid Color
- CollaredShirt
- No Logos

Bottoms

- No Holes
- Skirts and Shorts no more than 2 inches above the knee
- No leggings, unless under a dress

Shoes

- Must cover heel and toes
- Socks Required

Fridays

- Jeans with uniform top or spirit wear top.

Free Dress Day

- Not Acceptable: swimwear, pajamas, sleeve-less top, leggings (worn as pants), ripped jeans and immodest clothes

PARENTS as Partners

FSO

(Family School Organization)

The FSO is our parent organzation and plans school events and activites for our students. We rely on parent volunteers so these activites are not possible without your help! This is a great way to get your recommended 40 volunteer hours. FSO Calendar Link:?

For questions contact the FSO President at FSO@theranchesacademy.com

The Ranches Academy asks that each family volunteer 40 hours of time each school year.

Volunteers must always check in at the front desk and receive a bagde. If you are a first time volunteer, please bring your drivers license. After your license is scanned, you will be in our system which tracks your hours and performs a soft background check.

We understand that it is not always possible for people to volunteer their time. We also accept donated items/funds which count toward your volunteer hours. You can do this by providing items to your child's classroom or special activities and events. Even babysitting while another parent volunteers can count! If you volunteer from home or make donationsk, you can log your hours through our website.

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$5 Donation = 15 Volunteer Minutes

Submit Volunteer Hours - Top Right Corner of Website.

STUDENT Curriculum

Students receive differentiated instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic. This allows the student to work with peers at a pace and curriculum level best suited for their needs. It also allows the teacher to focus on individual needs better as differentiated groups tend to be smaller in size than the regular classroom size.

Core Knowledge

The Core Knowledge Sequence provides students with a broad knowledge base, rich in vocabulary, on which future instruction can build, broaden and deep. The core is structured to continue throughout a student's education, becoming more detailed and sophisticated in each grade. Using this approach has proved to increase information retention. When meaningful content is paired with effective teaching skills, skill development has shown to come more easily.

https://www.theranchesacademy.org/academics

- **NO CELL PHONE ZONE**

Phones and phone watches are not allowed in our classrooms. They must be kept on silent and in backpacks during school hours. If a child breaks this rule, the teacher may take the device and require a parent to come pick it up. If you need to communicate with your child, please call the front office at 801-789-4000.

SCHOOL Attendance

We love your children and want to them to attend school everyday! While sick children should be kept at home, please send them if they have not had any symptoms for 24 hours without medication..

Research shows that missing 10% of school (about 2 days a month) negatively impacts a student's academic performance. While academics are important, students also develop positive relationships with teachers and peers. Consistent attendance allows them to feel comfortable at school, participate in classroom discussions, collaborate with other students, develop and practice social skills and become connected to our school community.

Being on time is essential too! When students are tardy, they miss out on important morning routines and activities. It is also disruptive when students arrive late. Please be on time!

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www.attendanceworks.org

STUDENT Support

• SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

Social development is paramount to a student's success. We offer whole class instruction on social skills, mindfulness, communication, emotional regulation, etc. These lessons and activities are age appropriate and experiential while providing students opportunties to develop practical skills that support their well being. When more support is needed, it may be recommended that a child attend small groups which reinforce these skills. Parent permission is always required for students to participate in small groups.

**We contract with Sonatix Wellness to provide these services. Miss Eva is our Behavior Specialist who provides these lessons and small groups.

• INTERVENTIONISTS

Our Interventionists work with students one-on-one and in small groups for extra support in needed subject areas and for progress monitoring.

• BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT

When extra behavior support is needed, we utilize positive behavior supports as well as consult with Sonatix Wellness to create plans to help each student succceed.

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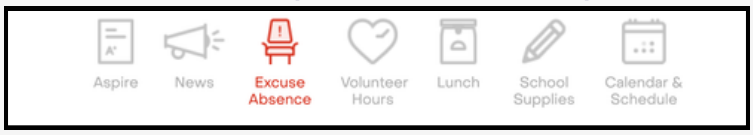
FAQ

• EXCUSING AN ABSENCE

Use the link in the top right corner of our website to excuse an absence. If the student will be gone for an extended period of time, please request an Independent Study Contract through your child's teacher. A minimum of 5? days notice is required for an Independent Study Contract.



• CHECKING IN/OUT

Students are required to check in at the front office if they arrive at any time other than our regular start time.
Students can only be checked out by authorized individuals designated in your Aspire account. Please plan on presenting an ID to check out students.We want to keep our students safe!

• BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you would like to attend field trips, please stop by the office for instructions on how to get a background check completed.

• SCHOOL LUNCH

We do not participate in the free or reduced price lunch program. Students can bring a home lunch. We have several microwaves for warming food with a 90 second limit. Food sharing is not permitted to avoid issues with allergies.

https://www.theranchesacademy.org/policies-procedures

CONTACT information

We look forward to making this a great year together!

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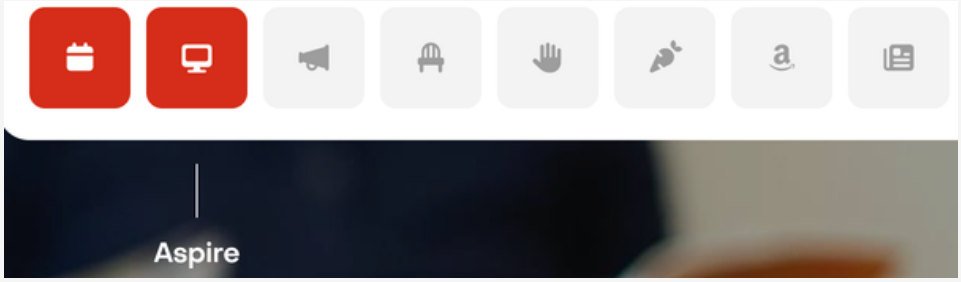
New School Year Checklist

• UPDATE ASPIRE INFO

Please use the link in the top right corner of our website to update your student's contact information, including address, phone numbers, and authorized pickup persons.



• ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POLICIES

Every year each student needs a completed Acknowledgement of Policies.

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