

Ulm Schools Student and Parent Handbook

2023-2024



This handbook is an overview of School Board Policy School District #85. The policies can be found on the MTSBA website.

School Hours

Monday through Thursday EK- 3rd 8:00 AM to 3:30
4th -8th 8:00 AM to 3:40 PM

Playground supervision starts at 7:45 am

Grading Policy

- Early Kindergarten- This report card will cover the following: Uppercase letter sounds, lowercase letter sounds, early literacy skills, numbers, shapes, colors, math concepts, social emotional development and physical development.
- Kindergarten -
 - E: Exemplary 100-90%
 - S+: 89-80%
 - S-: Satisfactory 79-70%
 - I: Shows Improvement 69-60%
 - N: Needs Frequent Teacher Assistance 59-0%
- 1th Grade thru 8th Grade
 - A+: 98-100 %
 - A: 94-97 %
 - A-: 90-93 %
 - B+: 87-89 %
 - B: 83-86 %
 - B-: 80-82 %
 - C+: 77-79 %
 - C: 73-76 %
 - C-: 70-72 %
 - D+: 67-69 %
 - D: 63-66 %
 - D-: 60-62 %
 - F: 0-59 %

Academic Requirements and Grading Policy For Junior High

Junior High Students must carry the scheduled subjects. All junior high core classes are used to calculate GPA. Students suspended from a class will receive a S/F (suspended-failed) notation on their transcript. If a student does not have a passing grade in a course they will not be allowed to ride the sports van to extracurricular activities.

Students must meet all requirements to get a certificate and be allowed to participate in the promotion ceremony.

Mid-term Progress Reports

Progress Reports are sent home with the students at the midpoint of each trimester.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents/staff may request a conference at any time. There is not a set schedule. Class Dojo will be the platform for communication between staff and parents.

Absences

Reporting Absences- Parents or guardians must inform the school of any absences by a phone call or email by 8:30 am; otherwise a welfare check will be initiated through the Sheriff's Department.

Make-up Work

Make up work will be defined by each grade level.

Student Dress

All students are expected to be groomed and dressed appropriately with respect to the following criteria:

- Shirts and tops must be at a minimum waist length. "Spaghetti straps" and low cut shirts, shirts with vulgar/insinuating language, alcohol/drug reference or muscle/revealing skin shirts will not be allowed. Hats, hoods, and sunglasses will be removed upon entering the building. Shorts and skirts are acceptable and appropriate if they are mid-thigh in length or longer. All spandex or yoga pants may be worn if the hip, front, and buttocks area are covered with a shirt or dress. If questionable, criteria will be determined by the administration.

Toys

Toys, Pokemon cards etc. are not allowed at school, unless it is a Show and Tell item. If a toy is brought to school and lost during the course of the day, the school will not be held responsible to find it. Bikes, skateboards, roller blades, Heelys are not allowed on school grounds.

Lost and Found

Students need to have their names written in their clothing/garments and belongings. If their items are lost, we will be able to get these items back to students if they have their names on them.

Food Services

- Breakfast prices are \$2.50 for a student and \$3.50 for an adult
 - Breakfast starts at 7:30 am with entry at the double doors
- Lunch prices are \$3.25 for all students \$3.50 for an adult
- Milk prices are \$0.35 for everyone
- Prices may change with school board approval
- The application for free and reduced school meals is available in the school office. It is encouraged that all families fill this out as it could positively affect funding for the school district.

Snacks

A healthy snack will be provided for all students in the morning of each school day as part of the school nutrition program.

School Bus Rules and Regulations

The bus driver will have the responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the student's principal.

Sexual Harassment

School District #85 has policy regarding sexual harassment and does not condone or allow harassment in the educational setting. Students who believe they may have been harassed or intimidated should contact the principal, or the first level supervisor who is not involved in the alleged harassment.

Violence, Hazing and Bullying

Ulm Public School continually works toward decreasing the amount of violence, disrespect and bullying in our district. Those individuals who show disrespect, violence or bullying behaviors will be processed through the discipline policy.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy will be promptly investigated. Any student who feels that he/she has been a victim of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying should immediately report incidents to any district staff member. Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Vandalism/Destruction of School Property

Pupils who willfully destroy school or individual property through vandalism, carelessness, or rowdiness will obligate themselves and their parents/guardians to be financially responsible for the repair or the replacement of the damaged property. Discipline for an infraction will follow the leveled behaviors matrix.

Students' Desks and Lockers

Students' desks and lockers are school property and remain under the control and jurisdiction of the school even when assigned to an individual student. Leave valuables at home.

Searches of desks or lockers may be conducted at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy, whether or not a student is present. Searches may also be conducted at random, in accordance with law and District policy. The parent will be notified if any prohibited items are found in the student's desk or locker.

Video Surveillance

The board authorizes the use of video cameras on district property. Video recordings may become a part of a students' educational record. The District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance and retention.

Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

The district will retain the right to charge a reasonable fee for any course or activity.

Any remaining charges unpaid at the end of the school year will be turned over to collections.

Federal Program Involvement

Ulm District #85 has available the following federal programs, and informs you of your right to participate: Title I-Chapter I, Title VI-ESEA Chapter II, Special Education Services, Title IV-Drug-Free Schools and Communities, Title II-Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Title VII-Emergency Immigrant Education Program.

Law Enforcement

Questioning of Students

The principal will cooperate fully regarding the conditions of the interview, if the questioning is part of a child abuse investigation. Per the state law parents are not required to be present during the questioning of a student.

Cumulative File and Student Directory Information

Ulm School District will maintain a cumulative record for each student which is sent to a proceeding school by request. The cumulative record may include, but is not limited to, a student's birth certificate and immunization records.

Parents and Caretakers have the right to inspect and copy the student's education records, within a reasonable time from the day the district receives a request for access.

Throughout the school year, Ulm Schools may release directory information regarding students. The following is a list of what Ulm School defines as directory information: Student name, photograph, dates of attendance, grade level, honors and awards, enrollment status (full or part-time), participation in activities. Please note that if you opt out of directory information then your students will not be included in the school's yearbook, program events, or other such publications.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible students may request that the District not release this information and the District will comply with the request. Parents, guardians, and eligible students should refer to the Student directory Information Sheet form that will be sent out and is available in the office. The form should be filled out, signed and returned to the school within ten (10) days of receipt of this handbook.

Medication

The administration of medication to students in Ulm schools is permitted with written authorization from the parent.

Illness during School

The office has minor first aid supplies available to students. Minor first aid will be administered to students. If a parent or guardian cannot be located the school district reserves the right to have the student transported to a medical facility.

If your student is not well enough to participate in class we will require that you come and get them.

Insurance

Students at Ulm Public Schools WILL NOT receive insurance coverage paid for by the District.

Communicable Diseases

School Board and CDC guidelines will be followed for all communicable diseases. Example but not limited to Head Lice and Conjunctivitis.

Fundraising

All fundraising requires approval from the administration committee.

Emergencies

In the case of an emergency the parents will be notified by robo call with specific directions regarding the emergency.

Electronic Devices

Phones and other electronic devices are not to be seen or heard on campus from 7:45 am until 3:40 pm unless a staff member grants the student permission to use it. Students found in violation of this rule will have their phone or electronic device confiscated and the administrator will call the parent.

Technology

Students must be in compliance with the following standards in order to qualify for the use of the district's newest technology devices.

- No excessive tardies as determined by the administrator
- No excessive late assignments for the school year as determined by the administrator
- No D or F on the report card
- There is zero tolerance for use of inappropriate websites.
- Students are responsible for the safekeeping of the device and cord at all times.
- Students are in good standing within the district's code of conduct.
- Parents may be held liable for the expenses to repair or replace the computer if it is broken

Student Recognition

Bluehawk Recognition: The Ulm School "Bluehawk Recognition" is a way to showcase student accomplishment and recognize those students with the exemplary character traits that demonstrate Ulm School Bluehawk pride. These attributes are taught and modeled at Ulm Schools and promote success in and out of the classroom.

- All work turned in on time
- Prepared for class
- Follow school rules
- Effort, work hard without redirection
- Kindness and Generosity
- Respectfulness
- Good Attitude
- On time 80% of the time and at school 85% of the time

Bluehawk Every Day Counts: The Ulm School "Everyday Counts Recognition" is a way to showcase student attendance. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success.

Bluehawk A & B Honor: The Ulm School "A&B Honor Recognition" is a way to showcase student accomplishment in the classroom and recognizes those students with all A&B's in their core classes at each trimester.

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