

Oakwood Elementary School
Student Handbook
2022-23



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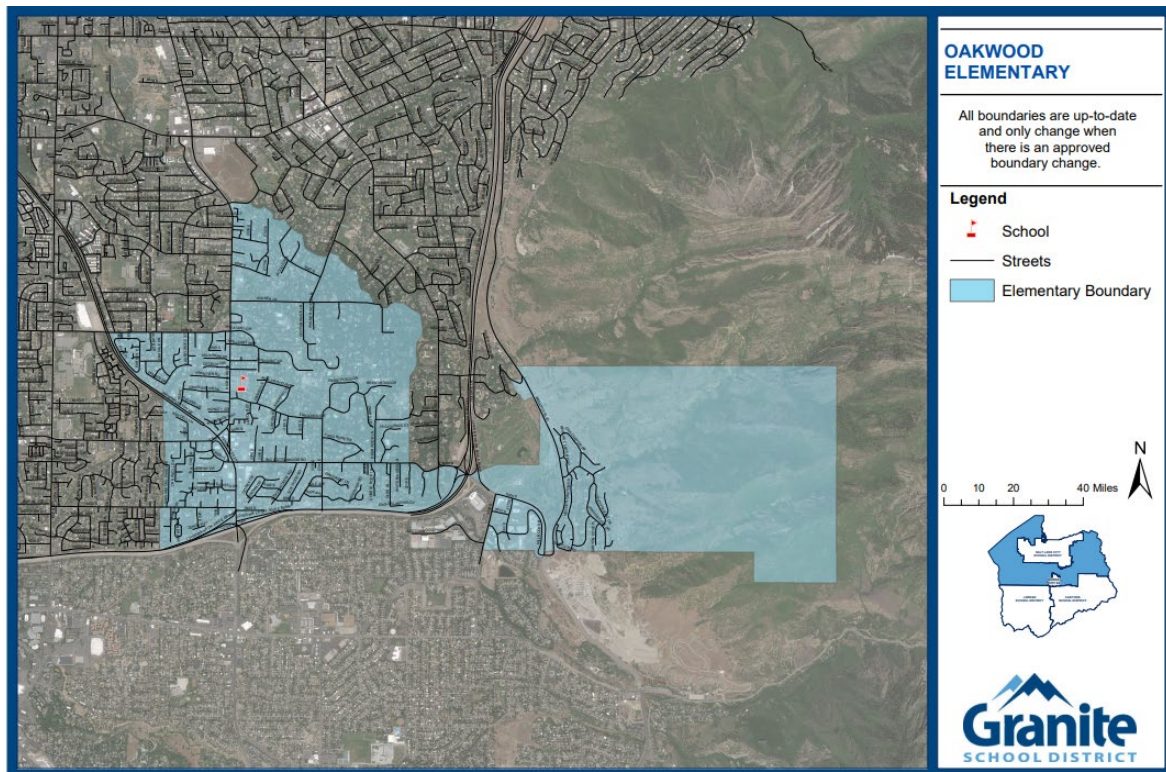
School Information

School Address

5815 South Highland Drive
Holladay, UT 84121
385-646-4942
385-646-4943 Fax

Boundaries

For current school boundaries, select [here](#).



School Logo & Mascot

The Owls



School Colors

Navy Blue and Green (lime or emerald)

School Song (as of 2020-21)

Do Your Best and Be Wise

Some may think that giving up is easier to do
Than working through the challenges that life may bring to you.

Do your best and be wise.
Don't let trouble get you down.
Think it through, work real smart.
Build a smile from a frown.
Give your all, hunker down.
We all learn to be victorious.
Hang in there, we are bright and good
And strong and fun and wise.

(Last chorus only repeat)

Hang in there owls, you are bright and good and strong and fun and wise.

Our best work helps to get us through.
Each challenge met will make us better.
We've got a cheerleading crew;
Teachers and parents who shout who whooooo!

We are owls and we grow.
We're creative and we know.
We can feel; we can care.
We help others to prepare.
When we fail, we start again.
We can learn to do it better.
There's nothing that can stop us
When we're wise and do our best.

Bell Schedule

<u>All Day Kindergarten, 1st – 5th Grade</u>	<u>½ Day Kindergarten</u>
<p>Monday – Thursday First Bell 9:00am Start School 9:05am School Dismissed 3:45pm</p> <p>Friday or Early Out Days First Bell 9:00am Start School 9:05am School Dismissed 1:40pm</p>	<p>½ Day Kindergarten Classes Monday – Thursday <i>AM Class</i> Start Time 9:05am (West side playground) Pick Up 12:05pm (West side playground)</p> <p><i>PM Class</i> Start Time 12:45pm (West side playground) Pick Up 3:45pm (West side of school)</p> <p>Friday or Early Out Days <i>AM Class</i> Start Time 9:05am (West side playground) Pick Up 11:05am (West side playground)</p> <p><i>PM Class</i> Start Time 11:40am (West side playground) Pick Up 1:40pm (West side of school)</p>

To ensure that our teachers are given the proper time to make final preparations for the day's lessons, **students and parents are not to arrive to school before 8:45am.**

Students will be invited to head to the back playground area to await the 1st bell at 9am.

Teachers will meet their students out back between 9 – 9:05am.

School concludes at 3:45pm and we ask that parents do not pick up their student(s) before this time unless it necessary every so often.

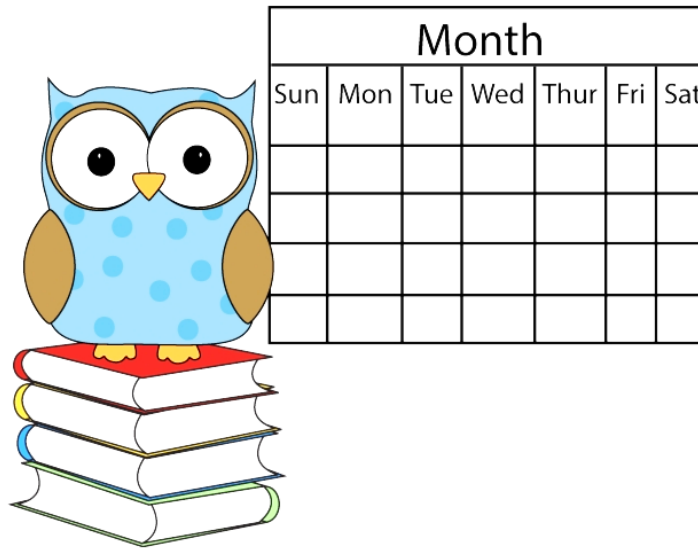
Granite School District Calendars

[Link to District Calendars](#)



Oakwood Elementary School Calendar

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Granite School District Information for Elementary & Secondary Students & Parents

[As of 2022-23 Link](#)

Granite School District School Emergency Information

[Link to School Emergency Information](#)



Other District/School Policies

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

In the interest of safety, it is recommended that students arrive as close to start time as possible. Students should also leave quickly at the end of the day and go straight home. If it is necessary for a student to stay after school, parents will be notified. When picking up students, establish a meeting place beforehand!

If you are dropping off or picking up students, please use the west side curb of Atlas in front of the school or a quiet street at the end of the walking paths. The traffic situation in front of the school is the most dangerous part of your child's day. Please do not enter the parking lot for pick up or drop off or coax your children to cross the street other than at marked crosswalks. **Please DO NOT park in turn around.**

ACCIDENTS & ILLNESS

Students involved in minor accidents (skinned knees, etc.) will be cared for by school personnel. If it is necessary for a child to be sent home because of an accident or illness, we will notify the parent to come and pick up the child. If the parents cannot be reached, the person designated for emergencies will be notified.

Each child must have an emergency person listed on their record. If neither parent nor designee can be reached, the principal will decide what to do and may call for paramedic assistance at the parent's expense. Please update your card as needed.

ATTENDANCE

Punctual, regular attendance is very important to school success. If it is necessary for a student to be absent, a parent should let the school know at 385-646-4882.

DRESS CODE

See the Dress Code Policy for complete information. Granite District policy requires that student dress be clean, safe, and modest. The dress code is designed to preserve health, safety, and school discipline. Some dress standards are:

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts are to be long enough that when a student extends her/his hands at the side with shoulders relaxed, the tips of the extended fingers will touch fabric.
- Shirts must have sleeves covering the shoulders. Spaghetti straps and open under arm shirts are unacceptable. Tops made of sheer or net fabric must have another non-transparent layer underneath. The midriff must be covered.
- Clothing with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, printing that is obscene, sexual in nature, or questionable, are unacceptable. As are shirts that suggest the same or shirts worn inside out.
- Hats, hair nets, chains, sunglasses, bandanas, inappropriate jewelry, gang or drug related items are not to be worn at school. "Sagging" of pants is unacceptable.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

See Schoolwide Discipline & Positive Supports for more information. In order to guarantee all students the excellent learning climate they deserve, we will utilize the following school-wide discipline plan:

- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Be on task
- Be nice

Positive reinforcers are used throughout the building, but when a child does not behave responsibly, consequences are earned. Your support is requested with Office Referrals, as well as In- and Out-of-School Suspension.

EDUCATIONAL DETERRENTS

Items that distract from the learning environment are not appropriate. Please keep cell phones, electronic games, toys, cards, roller blades, skateboards, shoes with wheels, etc. at home. If you bring a cell phone to school, it must remain off and in a backpack during school hours. Cell phones may be accessed after school is excused at the end of the day. If a parent needs to communicate with a student, he or she should call the office rather than text or call a student's phone or smart watch. Neither the school nor the District will accept responsibility for lost or damaged communication devices. Educational detractors will be confiscated and returned to a responsible adult. No Gum!!!

EMERGENCY PLAN

If an emergency should occur requiring the school be vacated for a period of time, the student body would relocate under the direction of District Administration to the LDS church building at 4634 W. Harman Dr.

LOST & FOUND

Please label your child's clothing and other belongings. You may look for items in our lost and found in the main hall. Items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated to charity.

MEALS

Students have the option of eating a cold lunch brought from home or school lunch. Students will be notified when their balance reaches zero. Cash or checks will be accepted in the office, or you may pay online at PayPAMS.com. Lunch credits cannot be issued.

MEDICATION

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs have the same district guidelines:

- Medication must be in the original container with the name of the patient, directions for administration, and name of medication on the label.
- District Medical Release containing parent permission and physician's directions must be on file at the school. Print form from the School Website
- Students may not transport medication.

RECESS

Children need to get into the fresh air and use their large muscles. All students will be expected to go out to recess unless they have a daily written note from their parent. For an extended period, a doctor's note is required.

SCHOOL PARTIES & TREATS

All treats must be store-bought and cleared through the teacher before coming to school.

SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY

The District policy includes any acts of violence; possession of any type of weapon, any form of organized gang activity; or any type of criminal behavior for which the following consequences may be put in place:

- Automatic suspension from school.
- Immediate referral to law enforcement.
- Mandatory parent/guardian conference.
- Referral to the District.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Any form of sexual harassment by staff or students, including any inappropriate verbal, written, or physical conduct as defined in the Granite District Sexual Harassment Policy is strictly prohibited. If you or your child feels there is a problem with sexual harassment, you have the right and are encouraged to report the problem immediately to any school official. The problem will then be reported to the principal who will notify parents of any students involved, conduct an investigation and help resolve the issue. When the type of sexual harassment constitutes child abuse, the principal must follow reporting requirements of District child abuse policy and State child abuse laws.

STUDENT RELEASE FROM SCHOOL

Students are not allowed to leave the school unless their parent/designee has come in and signed the student out. Only persons listed on the registration card will be allowed to withdraw students from the school.

Appointments should be scheduled during non-school hours when possible. If it is necessary for a student to leave school, the student should return to school for the remainder of the day. Students must be checked in and out through the office. Please do not go directly to the classroom to pick up your child.

VISITORS

Parents are invited and are always welcome to visit the school. Please enter through the office doors and make your presence known by stopping for a visitor's pass. We cannot honor requests for school-age relatives and friends or pre-school children to visit in the classroom.

School Dress Code

Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for school. Student dress should be modest, clean, and suitable for the various learning activities going on at school. As students dress each morning, attention should be paid to safety, comfort, and weather.

If a student's clothing creates a substantial disruption for the student or for the school, parents may be contacted, and the student may be required to change into more appropriate attire. We may be able to provide temporary clothing that meets our expectation depending on size, etc.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Don't wear mutilated or immodest clothes such as short shorts or miniskirts (measured by finger-tip length down the leg), and bare midriffs (measured by arms up in the air), halter-tops or tank tops.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Hats and hoods should not be worn in the building.
- In the interest of good hygiene and safety, proper footwear (shoes and socks) should always be worn. Flip-flops and sandals should not be worn.
- Don't wear gang-related colors, clothing, and paraphernalia will not be allowed in school.
- Don't wear clothing that promotes or celebrates violence.
- Don't wear clothing promoting inappropriate language, cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs.
- Clothing should be free from anything that is vulgar or that degrades or demeans others. For health or safety reasons, students may be required to wear certain types of clothing in connection with specialized activities (e.g. field trips).

School administration and staff will determine if attire is inappropriate or offensive. We will collaborate with parents to promote a positive, learning environment.

Adults who volunteer at the school or participate in activities on school grounds should also dress in accordance with the dress code policy.



Safe School Policy

It's Granite District policy and it's the right thing to do!

The Granite School District has a School Safety policy that is designed to keep school a safe place where learning comes first. **Safety is everyone's responsibility** so if you know of a weapon at school, report it to a teacher, an administrator, or to the weapons hotline at 481-7199. Below are some main points of the school safety policy.

Say No to:

- Any threat or act of violence.
- Possession of any type of weapon (real, look-alike or pretend) regardless of intent.
- Any form of organized gang activity.
- Any type of criminal behavior.
- Destruction or defacement of school property.
- Conduct at locations away from the school that threatens or does harm to the school or persons associated with the school.

Consequences

For those students who choose unsafe behavior, consequences may include but not be limited to:

- Mandatory parent/guardian conference at school and/or district offices.
- Suspension from school.
- Referral to law enforcement.
- Placement In alternative educational programs.
- Severe consequences may be imposed for any incident involving weapons.
- Other consequences and action steps appropriate for the specific circumstance.

1. Playground Rules and Regulations

Please review these rules with your class so there is no misunderstanding of playground expectations.

Playground Equipment:

- DO NOT climb on top of or on the outside of the equipment, this includes the slides.

- NO playing tag on the equipment.

Slides:

- Only go down on bottoms, feet first.
- DO NOT climb up the slide.

Snow:

- DO NOT throw or kick snow. Leave it on the ground.
- Sliding on the east field hill is allowed only if one at a time slides on his or her bottom. Sliding is not allowed when the snow becomes icy and dangerous.
- Students may build snowmen or castles. Destroying someone's creation is not permitted. If that occurs, school discipline may occur including banning building with snow.
- Stay off snow mounds created by the plows, especially when they become ice.

Swings:

- DO NOT twist the chains or wrap around the pole to shorten.
- NO twisting/spinning in the swing.
- swing forward only, no side to side
- Only bottoms allowed on the seat, no feet, stomach or knees.
- NO jumping out of the swing.
- DO NOT run the gauntlet thru the swings.

Other rules:

- No climbing or playing on fences or the half wall under them.
- Do not play on the handrails of the stairs.
- Use the stairs not the dirt or half wall.
- Stay out of the bushes, trees and dirt hills.
- DO NOT leave the playground area for any reason. If a ball goes off the grounds, inform the duty, they can get it after recess.

Consistent enforcement of these rules allows the children a safer recess.

Recess Guidelines

Student health and safety is our primary concern. As such, schools monitor air quality indexes and take appropriate action based on guidance from the Utah Department of Health.

The guidance aligns with federal Air Quality Index (AQI) recommendations and links indoor recess recommendations to PM2.5 levels, which is the air pollutant of main concern during winter months. The guidance also takes into account students with respiratory symptoms or pre-existing respiratory conditions who may be more sensitive to poor air quality.

[Link to Oakwood Elementary's Recess Information](#)