

PIONEER RIDGE ELEMENTARY STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Pioneer Ridge Families,

Our staff is excited for the 2018-2019 School Year! We look forward to working with you to provide the best possible learning situation for your children. The Pioneer Ridge Elementary community is strong and positive and provides a wonderful place for children to learn and grow.

Our staff welcomes and encourages all parents to become actively involved in their child's education. By working together, the school staff and families can meet the unique needs of each child. Communication is very important, and we invite you to contact your child's teacher whenever you have a question or concern. I will also be available to support student success in any way I can.

This handbook contains information regarding school rules, procedures and school district policies. A school calendar is also provided. Please refer to this handbook if you have any questions or concerns. If you don't find the answer, feel free to call the school office.

Our hope is that your child will have a wonderful and successful school year full of learning at Pioneer Ridge Elementary.

Respectfully,

Tami S. Kramer
Principal

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SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 8:30 AM and dismisses at 3:30 PM for students in 1st – 5th grades. Morning Kindergarten hours are from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Afternoon Kindergarten hours are from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Kindergarten lunch will be at 11:30 AM for morning Kindergarten and at 12:00 PM for afternoon Kindergarten. Kindergarten students may participate in our lunch program. Kindergarten students who ride the bus will load the buses at 11:50 AM after lunch. Afternoon Kindergarten students who ride the bus will arrive at Pioneer Ridge at 12:00 PM, eat lunch and then go to class at 12:30 PM.

After school, students are to go directly home and not play on the playground. Parents and their children are welcome to come back and play at the school anytime after 4:00 PM.

During school hours the playground is closed to public use so that adequate supervision can be provided to those students who attend Pioneer Ridge.

ABSENTEEISM AND TARDINESS

Our goal is for students to attend school and be on time every day. Research has shown that good attendance at school is a key factor in student success and performance in school. We are striving for every student to achieve at least a 95% attendance rate.

The following will be considered as excused absences: A student who is temporarily ill or injured or whose absence is approved by the administrator of the school on a prearranged basis, a student who is absent for an extended period due to physical, mental or emotional disability, or a student who is attending a school sponsored activity. An unexcused absence is any absence that does not fall under the above guidelines. Any student who shows a pattern of excessive absences and/or tardies may be referred to the Social Worker or School Resource Officer for truancy. After a number of absences, the child's teacher will contact you to alert you to the fact that your child's absences are having a negative effect on his/her learning. After 10 absences, you will receive a letter from the office. At this time, you will be asked to provide a note from the doctor each time your child needs to miss school. You may also be contacted by our Social Worker or School Resource Officer at this time. We would like to avoid having to work through these steps, so please make certain your child has good attendance at school.

If you know your child will be out of school for several days due to illness or a prearranged absence, please contact the school and your child's teachers so that assignments can be prepared.

Please call the school office (587-8100) **before 9:00 AM** any day your child is going to be absent or tardy. The school secretaries will attempt to verify all absences of students whose parents have not called the school.

Both excused and unexcused absences and tardies will be considered in determining a child's attendance rate. Attendance awards are given each quarter for those students who achieve perfect attendance. Remember, this includes absences and tardies.

RECESS

Students will go outside for recess when the temperature, including wind chill factor, is 20 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Weather conditions are monitored from the office on a daily basis. We feel that children benefit from outside physical activity. Therefore, please ensure that your child dresses warmly on cold weather days. At times, students will not be allowed to go to recess based on their behavior or if they have work to finish. This decision is made by the classroom teacher and/or the principal.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR EMERGENCIES

There are times when school may need to be canceled or dismissed early due to weather or other circumstances. We ask that you not call the school to ask if we will have school that day. Announcements on school closure will usually be made by 7:00 AM and sometimes will be announced the evening before. Announcements will be made over the following radio stations, as well as TV stations 4, 7, and 9.

AM Stations

KOA 850
KFKA 1310
KGRE 1450

FM Stations

KUNC 91.5
K99
TRI 102.5

Occasionally, school may be dismissed early due to rapidly deteriorating weather. This type of dismissal is avoided if at all possible. However, please be certain your child knows where to go in the event a parent won't be home. All students will be sent home to their normal after school care provider, or to where the child has been instructed to go should this situation arise.

STUDENT EMERGENCY SHEET

At the beginning of each year, your child will bring home an emergency contact sheet for parents to complete. Please make certain that you give full and accurate information. This form is used in cases of emergency, when a child becomes ill or is injured at school and we need to contact parents. It is very important that this information is kept current. If any information on your child's emergency form needs to be changed at any time during the year, please contact the school immediately so that the office staff can make these changes.

STUDENT TELEPHONE USE, MESSAGES AND AFTER SCHOOL CHANGES

Students will not be permitted to use the telephone except in the case of an emergency during the school day. Additionally, students should not be called to the phone during the school day. Messages will be given to students in regard to changes in their after school routine.

Parents are asked not to change a student's after school routine (including where a child goes and how a child gets there) unless it has been discussed with the child prior to coming to school and the office staff has been informed of the change. A student's after school routine will not be altered without the office being notified by a parent. In the case of an emergency where the after school plans must be changed, call the school office (587-8100) **prior to 3:00 PM** in order for the child to be notified of the change. This request must come from the parent or legal guardian only.

Please remember that the first 1/2 hour after school begins and lunch time are especially busy times for the office personnel and teachers. Except in the case of an emergency, we request that you avoid these times for contacting the school. Each teacher has a phone in his/her classroom, and phone calls to teachers will be forwarded to their voice mail.

VISITING SCHOOL

Safety for our students and staff is very important to us! All doors to the school will be locked during the school day. Parents and visitors will need to buzz in at the main entry to gain access to the school. All visitors (including parents) must present a valid ID to office staff prior to moving beyond the office area. All visitors must wear a visitors badge to go beyond the office to the rest of the school.

Whenever you come to visit the school or to pick up a child, you need to use the main entry of the building. The district policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. Parents of our students are always welcome. However, we ask that preschool aged children not to be taken into classrooms. If younger or older brothers and sisters are brought to school for any reason, parents are responsible for their behavior. Students are not allowed to bring friends to school which include former students, out of district students, visiting friends, and preschoolers.

We want parents to be a part of the learning experience and welcome you to visit and volunteer often. We do request that parent visits be avoided during the first 2-3 weeks of school so that children can adjust to the new program and routines. Parents need to make arrangements with their child's classroom teacher of any intent to visit school.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

In the morning before school begins all students will report to the playground on the West side of the school. Students being dropped off at the main entry will enter the school, go through the cafeteria, and out to the playground. Students will be brought into the school from the playground when the bell rings. Students will not be allowed in the hallways and classroom areas prior to the start of school. We ask that students not arrive at school prior to 8:10 when supervision is provided. If students are eating breakfast, they may arrive at 8:00.

After school ALL students who are being picked up or are walking home will be dismissed from the East side of the school from the main entry. Bus students will be dismissed from the South entry to load directly onto the buses. Students will not exit the building at the end of the day to the playground.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO GO DIRECTLY HOME AT THE END OF THE DAY AND ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE PLAYGROUND.

DRIVE THROUGH DROP OFF AREA

Vehicles are not to be parked and/or left unattended in the drive through area at any time. Parents need to pull forward as far as possible when unloading students so that traffic does not get backed up. **ONLY SCHOOL BUSES AND SCHOOL VEHICLES** will be allowed to use the drop off lane on the South end of the school. Visitors and parents who are coming into the school need to use the parking lots on the North and South ends of the school, and there is parking available in the small parking area at the front of the school. **NO** vehicles (other than school vehicles and delivery trucks) are to use the driveway that goes to the back (West) side of the school.

We ask for your help in making the times of drop off and pick up of students as safe as possible by abiding by these expectations. Please follow these expectations and be courteous, polite, patient and respectful.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students who are transported are allowed only one pick up and drop off location. This will only change in the event the student has a physical change of address. Only those students who are designated as bus riders will be allowed to ride the buses to and from school.

All phases of the bus transportation are carefully supervised, and we strive for high standards of student conduct. Students should arrive no more than 10 minutes before their departure time from the bus stop. Bus stops that are not at school sites are not supervised and school area stops are not supervised prior to 8:10 AM.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact your child's bus driver or the supervisor of the transportation department (587-4202).

BUS RULES

All bus passengers must observe the rules for bus conduct in order to keep the buses running on schedule and to maintain the safety of riders.

- The bus driver is in complete authority of the students riding the bus at all times.
- Pop bottles, cans or other drink containers are not to be brought on the bus. Food should not be eaten during regular bus routes.
- Passengers must be ready to get on the bus as soon as the bus arrives. The bus will not be delayed for late students.
- The bus driver may assign each rider to a certain seat.
- Students will not move about while the bus is moving.
- Passengers will not extend arms, legs or heads out of the bus windows.
- Passengers will not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion except in an emergency.
- Passengers will not mark or deface the bus and its equipment.
- Passengers shall not open windows except by the direction of the bus driver.
- Passengers shall not fight or scuffle on the bus or throw objects out the bus windows.
- Passengers must remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Books, backpacks, lunch boxes, and similar objects must be kept out of the aisles.
- Students should not run along the side of the bus, but wait until the bus stops and the driver opens the door.
- When approaching a bus stop, if a student has to walk along the highway, he/she should walk on the shoulder of the road, facing traffic.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Food Service Program is provided by Sodexo Marriott. Students are encouraged to take part in the hot lunch program. Students should pay in advance for their lunches. Students may also bring lunches from home.

COST

Children should bring money in an envelope with the child's name, teacher's name and grade written on the envelope (we have pre-made envelopes at the office) and drop off payment at the office. Checks need to be made out to Weld County School District RE-5J. **You may also pay for lunches online through Parent Portal.** If you need assistance with setting up your Parent Portal account, contact the school office. Please pay for extra milk at least one week at a time, rather than each day because of the extra bookkeeping and money handling involved. If your child is not to drink milk at school due to allergies or other medical reasons, we must have a note from your doctor. Otherwise, your child is required to take milk. We do not force children to eat items they do not desire, and as for milk, your child may opt for a juice.

A family may qualify for free or reduced lunches. If you feel your family would qualify, check with the office for information and an application. All information is kept confidential.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

Elementary Students	\$2.35 per day
Adult Lunch	\$3.45 per day
Breakfast	\$1.70 per day (served from 8:00 AM to 8:25 AM)
Adult Breakfast	\$2.25 per day (served from 8:00 AM to 8:25 AM)

- Students are not to charge lunches. If a student has charged a number of lunches, he/she may receive an alternate lunch for that day.
- The school should be informed of any student who has a serious known allergy that could endanger his/her life or that cause severe reactions.
- In the case of intolerance to milk or other foods, a physicians note is required by the State of Colorado's Hot Lunch Program if the milk or food item is not to be served to your child. Otherwise, the milk or food items must be served in order to comply with nutritional requirements of all meals.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District – wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. Students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing and parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing to the school immediately.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

These items are unacceptable in school buildings, school grounds, or at school activities:

- Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid thigh length.
- Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
- Inappropriately sheer, tight or low cut clothing (e.g. midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts.
- Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width.
- Any clothing, paraphernalia, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
 - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons.
 - Are of a sexual nature.
 - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior.
 - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous.
 - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person.
 - Promote an activity prohibited by the student code of conduct.
 - Otherwise disrupt the teaching and/or learning process.

HEALTH INFORMATION

IMMUNIZATIONS AND OTHER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The State of Colorado requires evidence of immunization for school enrollment. A child entering school in grades PK-5 must meet the minimum requirements for each vaccine, or have a signed Statement of Exemption. A child will be denied entry into school until this information is provided.

A child entering school as a transfer student may be provisionally enrolled for 60 days until records are transferred from the previous school. If transfer records are incomplete or never received, the student may be suspended until the minimum requirements for each vaccine are met or a signed Statement for Exemption is submitted.

Please keep your Emergency Information updated with the office with any changes in address, employment, or telephone numbers. In the case of an emergency the home phone is called first, then the emergency numbers. Parents will be notified of serious injuries if possible, and 911 will be called first when an extremely severe medical emergency arises.

Children should not be sent to school with a fever or contagious diseases. Students with either a high grade or low grade fever will be sent home. Please see the next page for information about when to send your child to school.

PHYSICALS FOR ENTRY INTO SCHOOL

A completed Physician's Physical Examination Form or its equivalent must be submitted for every new enrolling student. If your child has been in the RE-5J Preschool or Milliken Head Start the previous school year and if you submitted a completed physical to that program, that form will be transferred to Pioneer Ridge Elementary with your child's records.

MEDICATION POLICY

The procedure for administering medication to students during school hours is as follows:

- Physicians Order for Prescription on the Permission for Medication form signed by your child's physician.
- Parent's signature on the Permission for Medication form or a note indicating permission for the child to receive the medication.
- The prescription bottle, properly labeled with the child's name and containing only enough medication necessary to be given during school hours.
- Only prescription medication will be dispensed by school personnel providing the above procedure has been followed. Students who have asthma and use an inhaler must have written permission form from both the parent and physician before being allowed to have an inhaler at school. Students will be allowed to carry their own inhaler only with written permission.
- Over-the-counter medication (aspirin, cough syrup, etc.) will not be dispensed unless accompanied by a physician's note.
- When possible, medication should be taken at home (before school, after school and before going to bed) unless it has been ordered to be taken at a specific time by the physician.

**YOU MAY WONDER,
“WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL???”**

- If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher.
Children should be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications, such as Tylenol or ibuprofen.
- If your child is vomiting or has vomited in the past 24 hours.
- If your child is having diarrhea or has had it in the past 24 hours.
- If your child is being treated for an infection with antibiotics and it has been less than 24 hours.
- If your child is too uncomfortable to learn or participate in learning.
- If your child is obviously ill whether fever is present or not.
- If your child has a “cold” and fever, large amounts of nasal drainage.
- A cough present that would be disruptive to the class and student.
- If your child has head lice and has not yet been treated.
- If your child’s illness will make other students ill.
- If your child has pink eye and is contagious.
- If your child has had a noro-type gastrointestinal virus, please keep them home 48 hours after symptoms are gone.

If you are uncertain if you should send your child to school, please call the School Nurse or Health Assistant.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

A parent should contact the school office at least one day in advance of a child's withdrawal stating where the child is moving and, if known, the name and address of the new school. There is a State form that needs to be completed by the parent at the front office, as well as a brief survey to complete. Any library books not returned when the student withdraws must be paid for at that time. Also, all lunches need to be paid for before the child withdraws, as well as any other fees.

CONFERENCES

We can best help your child if we work together. Regular parent– teacher conferences will be scheduled at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters and report cards will be sent home with students at the end of the 2nd and 4th quarters. Additional conferences may be scheduled by parents and teachers based upon individual needs.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Teacher hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:50 PM. If you need to contact your child's teacher, you are encouraged to do so between 8:00 AM and 8:20 AM, or after school before 3:50 PM. Also, you may contact the school office. Phone calls to teachers will be forwarded to the teacher's voice mail.

ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

A child may enter Kindergarten if the child turns five years of age on or before October 1 of the current year. There is no early entry into Kindergarten, and no testing of students to determine placement in Kindergarten.

Transfer students will be accepted into the RE-5J Kindergarten program if they are currently enrolled in another district's kindergarten program, and have moved into the RE-5J district. Transfer students at all grade levels will be placed based upon their current academic standing from the district they are transferring from. The principal will be the final authority in the placement of any student entering the school.

PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN CLASSROOMS

When developing class lists and placing students in classrooms, there is an extensive process used to ensure a balance in all classrooms. Classrooms are created with a balance of high, medium, and lower performing students; a balance of male and female students; a balance of students with special needs; and a balance of a variety of other factors. We understand that parents may have preferences as to their child's teacher. However, parent requests for teachers cannot always be accommodated. Once a final class list has been determined for the school year, it will not be altered unless there are circumstances determined by the principal to do so.

Parents can help their child adjust to a classroom and teacher by being positive about where their child has been placed. If children see you as supportive of the school and the teacher, they will tend to respond the same way. If you have concerns, please share these with the teacher and work with the teacher to make the child's experience a positive one.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

A fixed set of criteria shall not be used to determine promotion from one grade level to another, except at the senior high level. In general, the well-being of the individual student and the well-being of the group shall be the determining factors. Retention shall be used sparingly. When considering the retention of a student, the teacher shall confer with the student's parents well before the end of the school year. Initial discussion with the parents of this consideration will be held no later than the end of the 3rd quarter. The teacher may then recommend retention when it is clear that the student will benefit. The principal will review each individual case before approving retention. The principal's decision will be final, and there shall be no appeal process.

PARENT PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Teachers are encouraged to have parent volunteers to assist with classroom parties, field trips, and other classroom and school activities. Volunteers are welcome at Pioneer Ridge, and their efforts are highly valued. Please contact your child's teacher or school office if you are interested in serving as a Pioneer Ridge volunteer.

PTO and BUILDING ACCOUNTABILITY / ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As required by state law, there is an Accountability/Advisory Committee at Pioneer Ridge Elementary composed of parents and teachers. This committee meets with the principal at least once every quarter as part of our regular Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). This committee is charged with reviewing and evaluating goals for school improvement. This committee will also:

- Provide assistance, evaluate, and advise the principal regarding programs and activities.
- Serve to improve communication between the school, parents and community.
- Advise the principal of parent and community questions.
- Serve to assist parents in becoming more actively involved in their child's education both in school and at home.

PTO/ BAC meetings are open to the public and all Pioneer Ridge parents are welcome to attend. Dates and times of meetings will be announced at least one week prior to each meeting.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are designed to provide students with quality educational learning experiences outside the school. Effective supervision is essential for these experiences to be successful. Pioneer Ridge teachers have the responsibility to choose the parent volunteers from their class that will assist with each field trip. Parent volunteers are then required to ride the school bus to assist in providing the needed supervision. In no instance will siblings or other children be allowed to accompany these parent supervisors on field trips. **In order to maintain the safety and security of students on field trips only those parents selected as chaperones will be approved to join the field trip.** Parents who are not chaperones (with or without children) will not be allowed to meet and accompany the class at the field trip site.

PROBLEMS TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Children sometimes need guidance with their behaviors to and from school. Children do have the right to go to and from school without being harassed by others. It is the shared responsibility of the home, community and school to help our children in learning to get along and to respect other people's rights. The procedure to follow when your child has difficulty to or from school is:

1. Contact the parents of the children involved to work out a solution.
2. Contact the school for suggestions and to influence or remind those involved about appropriate, responsible behavior.
3. If the problem persists, notify your local law enforcement officer.
4. **If a problem is occurring on the bus**, please contact the transportation office at 970-587-4202 and speak to the transportation supervisor **before** contacting the school.

PETS: NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please make sure that any pets do not come to school with your child. Please arrange in advance with your child's teacher if a pet is to visit school for show and tell. The pet may be brought for that brief time by the parent. Please do not bring pets with you when dropping off or picking up your children before or after school.

BRINGING TOYS AND OTHER ITEMS TO SCHOOL

If at all possible all toys should be left at home. The playground is well equipped for children's needs. Children may bring sports balls and jump ropes if they are well marked with the child's name. Only plastic, foam and other safety bats and balls are permitted.

Students are not to bring Pokemon or other similar trading cards to school. We discourage students from bringing electronic games to school. **Cell phones and cell phone watches (if brought to school) must remain in the students backpack during the school day.** If your child does bring a personal item to school from home, the school assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to these items.

POCKET KNIVES AND TOYS THAT RESEMBLE WEAPONS

Children are not to bring any knives or toys that resemble weapons to school under any circumstance. Under state law this is considered to be a major offense and can result in suspension and/or expulsion.

BICYCLES, SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS

Bicycles and scooters may be ridden to school in the morning and home after school. They are not to be moved during the school day. A bicycle rack is available and needs to be used if your child chooses to ride a bike or scooter to school. Students are required to walk their bicycles and scooters on school grounds. Skateboards are **NOT** permitted on school grounds.

GUM AND CANDY

We discourage children from bringing gum and candy to school unless they are refreshments for a scheduled classroom party. This is permitted at the discretion of school staff.

DISCIPLINE

At Pioneer Ridge we believe in developing student self-discipline. We set high expectations for student behavior, and teach those expectations to students. Students are then held accountable for meeting those expectations. The “Time to Teach” process of student discipline is a key component of our discipline program. In this process students are taught the acceptable expectations for the classroom, hallways, playground and other areas of the school. Students are given opportunities to practice these and to demonstrate their understanding of the expectations. Teachers develop classroom discipline systems to encourage students to make good behavior choices. When a child makes a poor choice, we ask the student to think about his/her behavior, what the problem was, and how he/she can resolve the problem. This is designed to be a positive approach to discipline that allows the student to learn from the experience. If a student does not comply with the teacher or is repeatedly disruptive to the learning of others, the student will be referred to the office. The principal will meet with the student and determine appropriate consequences for the student. Parents will be contacted when necessary to provide support to help their child make appropriate choices.

Our school promotes several anti-bullying strategies in each classroom and with our school counselor. Students are taught ways to be a good friend and to discourage bullying behavior in one another. Our school staff takes bullying issues very seriously and works with students on an individual basis to stop the bullying behavior.

Continued misbehavior or disruptions may result in an in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension if it is determined to be necessary. All discipline decisions will be made by school administration and staff. In addition, school staff members will only discuss discipline issues that involve your own child, and will not discuss other students with you.

Our hope is that students can demonstrate positive behaviors that promote self-discipline and that result in a productive learning environment for themselves and others. A school environment that is structured, with high but realistic expectations, provides a safe and secure learning environment in which the focus is on learning.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (PBS)

Pioneer Ridge Elementary staff believe in Positive Behavior Support. Our goal is to create a structure that organizes adults and students to create a school culture that encourages positive behavior and interactions. It is our hope that by combining the PBS component to our Time to Teach Process the result will lead to a safe environment where students achieve academically and build positive relationships with each other and the adults who work with them. During the course of the year we will recognize student efforts towards showing Stallion Pride and Positive Behavior in all areas of the school environment both within the classroom and out. We strive to provide a sustained positive school climate. We appreciate parent support with this endeavor.

NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Information regarding the procedures by which community members may obtain law enforcement information collected pursuant to the Colorado Sex Offender Registration Act is available at:

<http://dci.State.Co.us/odvsom/SexOffender/SOPdfs/schoolresourceguideregistrationpdf>,
or <http://www/Cde.state.co.us/odeprvention/download/pdf/SchoolSexOfenderGuidepdf>.

In addition, copies of this guide are available upon request at the Weld County School District Administration office located at 110 South Centennial Drive, Suite A, Milliken, Colorado 80543.