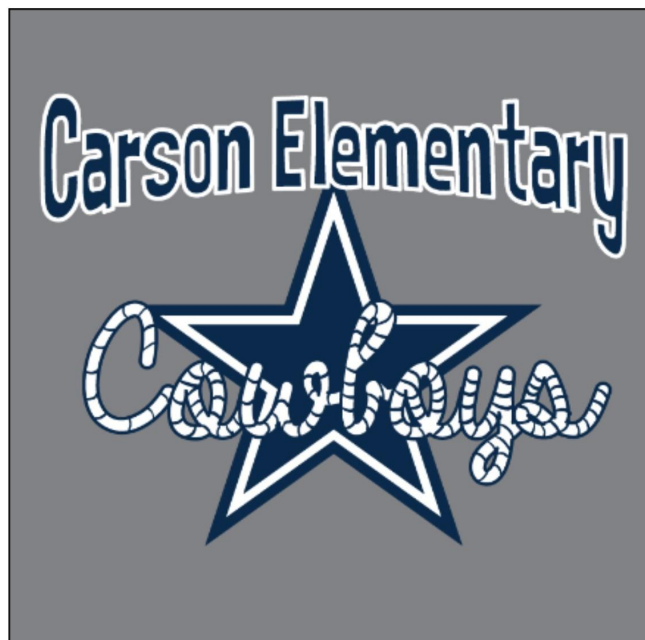


CARSON PARENT/STUDENT
HANDBOOK
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Mission and Vision Statement

Mission

Cultivate higher level learning experiences that foster a growth mindset.

Vision

Students will be self driven critical thinkers who embrace ongoing learning opportunities.

Core Beliefs

- ❖ Each student deserves a quality education that honors their voice and prepares them to engage, contribute, and succeed.
- ❖ Students' health, safety, engagement, challenge, and support is directly linked to their academic achievement and future success.
- ❖ Meaningful relationships among students, families, educators, and the community are vital to student success.
- ❖ Classroom teachers have the most impact on student achievement followed by campus principals.
- ❖ All staff members have an opportunity everyday to make Carson a positive, safe learning environment for all students.
- ❖ Public schools are essential to foster community and develop engaged citizens.

Carson Culture

We take pride in our school and our relationship with our community.

- ❖ All students and staff take responsibility for the cleanliness of the school. We work together as a team to keep our campus clean.
- ❖ Students are expected to keep their work area clean, to pick up their trash at lunch, and to support others in this regard. By doing their part, they too take pride and ownership in their school.
- ❖ Teachers will highlight student work in the halls to showcase student learning.

We are committed to providing a positive learning environment for student learning.

- ❖ Students will engage in hands-on learning, small group instruction, project based activities and academic discussions.

We approach learning and growing through a “whole child” approach.

- ❖ Counselors implement guidance lessons daily.
- ❖ SEL strategies and targeted activities support the social and emotional development of all children.

Carson Citizenship

At Carson, we recognize and celebrate Pillars of Character:

Responsibility, Respect, Caring, Citizenship, Fairness
and Trustworthiness.

Common Areas:

We look for:

- ❖ Walking in the halls quietly and appropriately to respect the learning environment.
- ❖ Students stopping at marked spots at cross sections.
- ❖ Older students giving younger students the right of way.
- ❖ Students picking up after themselves.
- ❖ Students using restaurant manners in the cafeteria:
 - Not standing up in their seats, respecting personal space, students not sharing food.
 - Students raising their hands for assistance.
 - Following all posted cafeteria expectations.

Classrooms:

We look for:

- ❖ Students adhering to individual classroom rules and expectations.
- ❖ Students showing respect to themselves, others and their teacher.
- ❖ Students taking care of their business and getting their work done.

Dismissal

There are four ways students can be dismissed from school.

- ❖ **Parent Walk Up:** Parents park in the front of the school and walk up to the 2nd Grade hallway (outside). They will be allowed to come enter in small groups to check out their child.
- ❖ **Bus:** Students will be escorted to their assigned bus by a staff member and checked off their roster.
- ❖ **Car Rider:** Students will be seated outside in the back bus loop by grade level.

Role Models

Every student and adult have opportunities daily to be a positive role model for others.

Carson's Grading Policy

Grading

A minimum of 12 - 15 grades (depending on marking period and holidays) in Math and Reading and 9 grades for Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

All students have up to 3 opportunities to redo an assignment for a higher grade **after** attending an intervention or small group re-teach.
*Higher grade will replace lower grade

However, any student who earned less than 70% on an assignment must attend a reteach and redo. *The higher grade will replace the lower grade.

** A minimum grade earned of 70% or higher will constitute mastery*

Progress Reports

Will come out midway through the grading period.

At time of progress reports, any zeros in the gradebook for missing assignments will be factored into the average.

Students have the entire grading period to complete missing assignments and get them in. Once grades have been generated at the end of the grading period, missing assignments can no longer be turned in.

Report Cards

Report cards are generated four times a year.

Learner Expectations

Come to school prepared and ready to learn everyday.

Be present in mind, body and spirit and be an active participant in your daily instruction.

Ask questions, self advocate and support others in their learning.

Take care of yourself and your business. Turn in assignments on time and take responsibility for your own learning.

Use district devices appropriately and for learning purposes.

Staff Expectations

Our staff promises to:

Prepare our students for learning today and learning tomorrow.

Prepare plans to support mastery of priority standards and to plan for hands-on activities and experiences that connect learning to the real world.

Model a growth mindset to support our students through struggles, failures, and setbacks.

Always put our students and their safety and learning first.

Student Safety

Records

All contact information needs to be kept updated. We use this information during dismissals and in cases of an emergency.

Dismissal Changes

Please do not make any changes to dismissal after 2:15 pm. It gets hectic in the front office after 2:00 and to ensure that everyone is notified with enough time of a change in dismissal, the new cut off time is 2:15 pm

Health and Safety Protocols

Until a definitive stance on mask mandates is announced, NISD and Carson will continue to have students wear masks while in the building. During recess or outdoor activities, they are not mandated to wear masks.

Our custodians will clean and disinfect regularly throughout the door and the campus wide after school.

Administration will send home a letter to a class/student if they have been directly exposed to a positive case. If your child is not symptomatic, you will have the option of quarantining them or not as long they are asymptomatic.

Plexiglass is an option upon request.

Parent Involvement

At Carson, we strongly believe that the partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors of student success.

Please come out and support Carson and your child through opportunities like PTA, PAL (Parent Assistant Liaison), class parties, individual pictures, etc. Call our office today and see how you can help. 210-397-1100.