

# Parent/Student Handbook 2022-2023



## Minidoka Preschool Center

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## ***Introduction Section***

### ***Letter from the Principal***

It is a privilege to offer academic, behavioral, and social supports at the Minidoka Preschool Center. The opportunity to be part of a team offering a quality education to young students is richly rewarding. I want to thank you for allowing our staff to be an important part of your child's life.

When parents and faculty join forces, we can achieve amazing progress in students' academic and behavioral growth. Our focus at the Minidoka Preschool Center is to provide migrant or students with developmental delays a stimulating and exciting learning environment for their children. The migrant education program supports educational programs for migratory children to reduce the impact of academic disruptions from repeated moves. Our goal is to provide each child the same opportunity to meet the academic content standards that all children are expected to meet so they can overcome barriers and transition successfully into elementary education programs.

Our teachers have been trained in the "Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool, which was developed to promote the social-emotional competence of all children. When both home and school have the same goals and understanding, your child will experience optimal success. As educational professionals we commit to working hard to provide a comprehensive education for your child.

Dyann Blood  
Minidoka Preschool Center Principal

### ***School Staff***

Principal	Dyann Blood
Secretary	Esmeralda Huerigo
Early Childhood Special Education Teacher	Maureen Drenker
	Lindsey Smith
	Sophie Reis
Migrant Preschool Teacher	Crystal Arizpe
Paraprofessional	Daisy Diaz
	Janene Downing
	Kayla Goodsell
	Carrie Miller
Speech Pathologist	Jaelee Crane
Psychologist	Chelsey Ball
Cook	Wendy Mcclean

## ***Identification Section***

### **Statement of Purpose**

The Minidoka Preschool Center is a specialized school serving three early childhood populations in the Minidoka County School District. The primary purpose of the developmental preschool is to provide early intervention for children with disabilities or delays. Our center also provides instructional services to early learners who face additional barriers such as: school disruptions due to constant moves in and out of the district.

### **District Mission Statement**

Empowering Students for Success

### **Minidoka Preschool Center Vision**

Our mission is to be focused, eager to explore new ideas, and work as a team as we display: **H**onesty, **A**ccountability, strong **W**ork ethic, and **K**indness in our quest for a **S**uccessful life. I am a **HAWK!**

### **Admission Guidelines:**

- Migrant children qualify after an interview process with the district recruiter: Jamie Garza 208-436-4728 ext. 1153.
- Children may be referred and screened for delays in speech and language, physical health, gross and fine motor skills, self-help abilities, social skills and pre-academic skills, vision and hearing. It is very important to identify children with delays early so they will have time to build skills they will need to be successful in kindergarten.

## ***Procedures Section***

### **Registration**

A child is not officially enrolled until parents have provided all the following forms:

- Birth certificate (required at enrollment)
- Immunization records (required at enrollment)
- Emergency contact form
- Student enrollment form
- Residency questionnaire
- Medical alerts/medication consent form
- Permissions form
- Residency and Home Language Survey
- Court documents if needed

### **Visitors**

Prearrange with the teacher prior to visiting the classroom. Drop-off students and parents can wait in the lobby until a staff member arrives.

## ***Academics***

### **Conferences**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held twice yearly to review student progress.

## ***Attendance***

Regular attendance is a critical component for success in school. A student is expected to be in attendance except when ill or unable to attend because of emergency circumstances or a death in the family. If your child is unable to attend, please call the bus garage (208-436-3311) and the teacher.

## ***Pick-up/Drop-Off***

**Times:** Mondays - Thursdays (No school on Friday)

8:00 -11:00 AM Preschool

11:55 - 2:55 PM Preschool

**(NOTE: No student is not to be left unattended in the drop-off or pick-up area.)**

*Children may be picked up or dropped off in the foyer or at the bus drop-off area as arranged with your child's teacher. **\*If someone else is picking up or dropping off your child for you, please inform them of the school start/stop times.** If someone else is picking up your child, inform your teacher. They will need to come to foyer with identification. If the student arrives before those times, please wait with your child in the front lobby.*

### **Student Dress/Belongings**

Label all items belonging to your child.

Send an extra change of clothes in the child's backpack for accidents.

No flip-flops or sandals during **field trips**.

## ***Health and Safety***

### **Student Illness**

Do not send your child to school if he or she has an excessive runny nose, fever, cough, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

If the parents cannot be reached by phone, the emergency contact person(s) listed in the student file will be called to pick up the child. **Please maintain accurate and current information for the emergency file. Any addition or deletion for emergency contact person(s) should be given immediately to the school office.**

### **Immunizations/Medical Examination/Birth Certificate**

***Current immunization records as well as a birth certificate must be on file at the Minidoka Preschool Center for every student by the first day of the school year.***

### **Emergency Drills**

**Fire** – In case of fire, it is imperative that the building be emptied quickly and calmly. Fire drills will be held periodically during the school year to practice clearing the school quickly, and teachers will instruct students on proper procedures during a fire.

#### **Fire Drill Protocol**

- Have students grab their jackets/coats if needed for the weather
- Take **class roll list** and **radio** with you
- Exit the building quickly and quietly following the Primary or Secondary Exit Routes
- Watch for “Fire” and choose route accordingly
- Meet at designated area outside and *Take Attendance*; keep students quiet and facing away from building
- Every Teacher: Thumbs up = all students accounted for; Thumbs down= missing student
- Zone Leaders: Red/Green Card—be in line of sight for Dyann
- Green = All students and staff are accounted for (even if you have an extra person in your group)
- Red = missing person / emergency / immediate assistance needed
- Zone Leader will respond to All Clear call over radio and announce any extra people in group (i.e. “Clear +1”)

**Lockdown** – May be implemented in situations involving intruders. All doors and windows will be locked. No one will be admitted until the clear signal is given by a law enforcement officer.

## ***General and Miscellaneous Information***

### **School Business Office Hours-208-436-4727**

All school business should be conducted during the regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## **Change of Address or Phone**

If your family moves during the school year, or your contact numbers change; the office **must** be notified.

## **Toys**

Toys are not allowed on the bus or class. Please do not let your child bring toys to class or in their backpacks.

## **Backpacks**

Some children will be bringing home crafts and important papers, please encourage your child to use a regular size backpack in order to enclose some items. Backpacks need to be checked daily for important communication from the school.

## **Outside Play**

**Preschool parents need to be aware of weather conditions to ensure that their student(s) are dressed appropriately.** Hats, coats, and gloves need to be sent with your children during cold weather to be used during recess times.

## **Internet Policy for Students**

Individual users of the internet have the ultimate responsibility to use internet resources appropriately. All internet users are expected to access the network for purposes appropriate to the educational environment at all times. Users must refrain from any use that is not consistent with the policies, purposes, or objectives of the Minidoka County School District. (District policy 360.00A)

## **Contact Information**

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