

Riverside Meadows Intermediate School

Student Handbook 2026-2027

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Welcome

Welcome to Riverside Meadows Intermediate School, home of the Roadrunners. We are Plumas Lake Elementary School District's only Middle School. Our Campus was built in 2006 as an elementary school, but it soon found its way to become the district middle school. We serve students in grades six through eight, offering a robust course in core academics (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies), Physical Education & Sports, and various Elective & Enrichment courses.

We're glad you're here. You belong here!

Plumas Lake Elementary School District (PLESD) Beliefs

1. We are committed to a solid academic, social, and emotional foundation
2. We believe that PLESD is a diverse and safe environment for students, staff, and families
3. The success of our District is reliant on the wellness and partnerships of staff, students, and families.
4. High expectations and robust support systems lead to success.
5. Decisions are made in the best interest of students.

PLESD Mission Statement

Plumas Lake Elementary School District is an inclusive environment that cultivates creative, curious, resourceful, and inspiring learners who will positively contribute to their local, national, and global communities.

Riverside Meadows Core Values

At Riverside, we strive for Excellence. Excellence is achieved by adhering to these core values in everything we do, in every decision we make, and in how we relate to one another.

Perseverance: The ability to keep doing something despite obstacles

Accountability: Being responsible for your behavior and actions

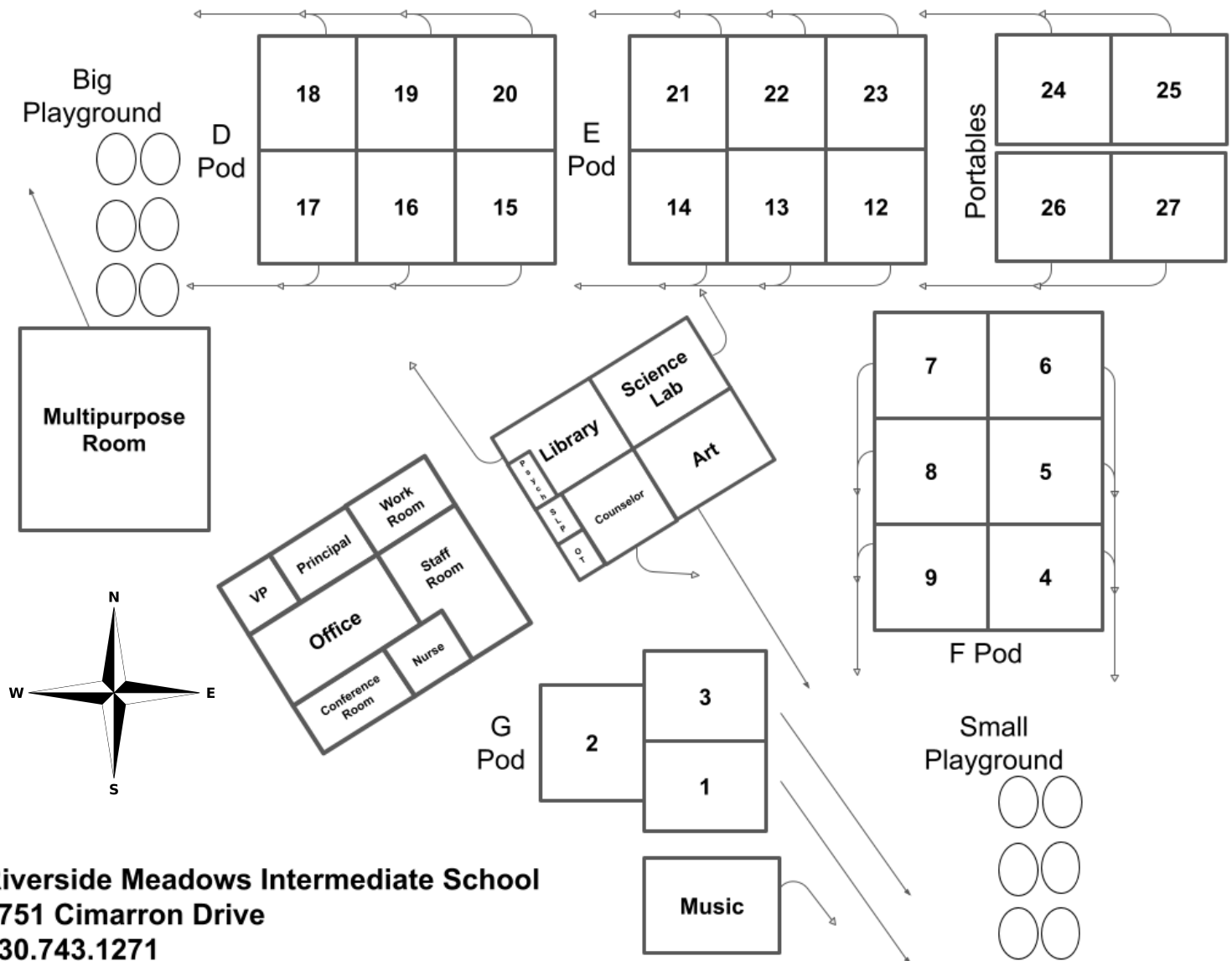
Integrity: Being strong enough to do what is right

Respect: is accepting people for who they are, even when they're different from you,
or you disagree with them

Empathy: Being able to understand how someone else is feeling

Campus Map

Riverside Meadows Intermediate School 1751 Cimarron Drive



Standard Administrative Office Hours¹

Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Phone: 530 - 743 - 1271 Fax: 530-743-8970

Web: RSM.plusd.org

¹ May vary on special occasions or for special schedules such as holidays and minimum days.

Standard Meal Service Hours*Breakfast* (every day): 8:05 AM - 8:30 AM*Monday Nutrition Break* 10:08 AM - 10:23 AM *Tue - Fri Nutrition Break* 10:28 AM - 10:43 AM*Monday Lunch A:* 11:10 AM - 11:48 AM *Tue - Fri Lunch A* 11:40 AM - 12:18 PM*Monday Lunch B:* 11:57 PM - 12:35 PM *Tue - Fri Lunch B* 12:37 PM - 1:15 PM**School Hours and Bell Schedule**

School begins at 8:35 AM and releases at 2:09 PM on Mondays and 3:09 PM Tuesday - Friday.

A warning bell rings to start the day at 8:32 AM, and the late bell at 8:35 AM signals the official start of the school day.

Students arriving after 8:35 AM will be marked as tardy.

Monday Regular Schedule

A Lunch (8th Gr and 1/2 7th Gr)			B Lunch (6th Gr and 1/2 7th Gr)		
Per. 1	8:35-9:21	46	Per. 1	8:35-9:21	46
Per. 2	9:24-10:08	44	Per. 2	9:24-10:08	44
Break	10:08-10:23	15	Break	10:08-10:23	15
Per. 3	10:26-11:10	44	Per. 3	10:26-11:10	44
A Lunch	11:10-11:48	38	Per. 4	11:13-11:57	44
Per. 5	11:51-12:35	44	B Lunch	11:57-12:35	38
Per. 6	12:38-1:22	44	Per. 6	12:38-1:22	44
Per. 7	1:25-2:09	44	Per. 7	1:25-2:09	44

Tuesday-Friday Regular Schedule

A Lunch (8th Gr and 1/2 7th Gr)			B Lunch (6th Gr and 1/2 7th Gr)		
Per. 1	8:35-9:31	56	Per. 1	8:35-9:31	56
Per. 2	9:34-10:28	54	Per. 2	9:34-10:28	54
Break	10:28-10:43	15	Break	10:28-10:43	15
Per. 3	10:46-11:40	54	Per. 3	10:46-11:40	54
A Lunch	11:40-12:18	38	Per. 4	11:43-12:37	54
Per. 5	12:21-1:15	54	B Lunch	12:37-1:15	38
Per. 6	1:18-2:12	54	Per. 6	1:18-2:12	54
Per. 7	2:15-3:09	54	Per. 7	2:15-3:09	54



Plumas Lake Elementary School

2026-2027 Secondary Calendar

July 2026							August 2026							September 2026						
SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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January 2027							February 2027							March 2027						
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April 2027							May 2027							June 2027						
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- School Closed
- Early Release
- Minimum Day
- First/Last Day of School
- State Testing
- 8th Grade Promotion
- Staff Development/No School
- Holiday
- End of Quarter/Semester

Important Dates

First/Last Day: Aug 13/June 4 Martin Luther King: Jan 18
 Staff Day: Aug 10-12/ Oct 12 Presidents Week: Feb 8-15
 Labor Day: Sept 7 Spring Break: March 26-April 2
 Veterans Day: Nov 11 Memorial Day: May 31
 Thanksgiving Break: Nov 23-27 Promotion: June 3
 Winter Break: Dec 21-Jan 1 Juneteenth: June 18th

Minimum Days

- Oct 6-8
- Nov 20
- Dec 18
- March 9-11
- June 4
- Every Monday
- Early Release

Attendance

Reporting or Clearing an Absence

If a student is absent for a period or more of the day, it must be cleared with our attendance clerk. To do this, simply call or email the administrative office at Riverside and notify our Attendance Clerk of the absence and reason. Any notes or court documents used to excuse absences must also be submitted to the Attendance Clerk.

Cuts/Skipping

A “Cut” or a “Skip” is any time a student chooses not to attend a class without leave or cause. Cutting class is not permitted. Students with confirmed period cuts may lose access to extracurricular activities such as field trips, assemblies, dances, etc.

Truancies, SART, & SARB Process

The State of California defines truancy as missing 30 minutes or more of instruction without a valid excuse three times in an academic year. Following a first truancy, the family will receive a letter notifying them that their student is truant.

If a student accumulates six truancies, a second letter will be sent stating that the child continues to be truant and advising the family of a Student Attendance Review Team (SART) meeting held at the school.

If a student accumulates nine truancies, a third letter will be sent, labeling the student as habitually truant and potentially referring the student and family to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

Tardies

Students must be in class on time. Students are responsible for ensuring they arrive on time for each class period. There is not sufficient time during passing periods for students to escort friends or partners to other classes across campus from their destination. When the bell rings to change classes, students should immediately move safely and directly to their next class. Excess tardies can result in the loss of specific extracurricular activities such as field trips, assemblies, dances, etc.

Tardy Sweeps

Riverside Meadows periodically conducts tardy sweeps. After the late bell rings for a period, a team of staff members sweeps the campus for any students left outside after the tardy bell rings. These students are gathered and taken to a classroom, where they are supervised by a staff member. Students in Tardy sweeps are not permitted to return to class and are unable to make up any missed participation points for that class.

Student Expectations During a Tardy Sweep

- *Sit Quietly.*
- *Check Google Classroom or Materials for any incomplete work.*
- *When all work is finished, sit quietly and/or read a book.*
- *Students may not go to another classroom or the office to get materials or supplies.*
- *Any missed participation points may not be made up.*

Class Schedule and Schedule Changes

Student Schedules are extremely difficult to create. Riverside Staff work diligently to meet the needs of the individual student. Schedule changes are only permitted when there is a serious concern regarding the composition of a class or interactions between the teacher and student. General dislike for a subject, its teacher, or others in the class will not be considered a valid reason for a schedule change request. Students are not permitted to change their own class schedules. Students must work with their parents/guardians and teachers when they believe a class schedule change is necessary. Schedule changes are never guaranteed.

Independent Study and Extended Absences

Requests for independent study are considered on a case-by-case basis. Please complete requests two weeks prior to the absence so that staff can assemble the paperwork and process the application. Independent Study contracts are not issued for absences due to illness. Please contact our Attendance Clerk in the Administration Office for more information. All Independent work will be provided through Google Classroom when possible, please verify with your student's teachers prior to leaving on independent study. .

Because the California Education Code defines family vacations as unexcused absences, **teachers may elect to provide make-up work for the student, though they are not required to do so. If students have two or more concurrent weeks of unexcused absences, they will be dropped from Riverside Meadows Intermediate School and need to re-enroll upon returning.*

Behavior

All Riverside Meadows students are expected to behave with the utmost respect for each other, the staff, and the campus community. An orderly campus and courteous behavior are necessary for the safety and education of all students. If a student is experiencing difficulty with their own or another student's behavior, they may request assistance through their teacher, campus monitor, assistant principal, principal or any adult employee on campus.

To ensure high standards of conduct, certain rules and expectations have been established. Some of these are mandated by the State of California, others have been developed for general safety and welfare and to create an atmosphere in which all students can be proud of their school and fellow students.

General Behavioral Expectations: All Riverside Meadows Intermediate students have the right to learn, free from interference or interruption of the educational process. As such, students are expected to:

- Regard school as their place of work. Students' clothing and behavior should reflect this fact.
- Take responsibility for creating and maintaining a kind, safe, productive, and clean campus.
- Use appropriate and respectful language and gestures at all times. Profanity, slurs, or dehumanizing language will not be tolerated.
- Speak with all adults and fellow students in a courteous manner.
- Listen to and follow directions given by staff.
- Treat substitutes and all school personnel with courtesy and respect.
- Have respect for other people's feelings, rights, property, health, and safety.
- Maintain bodily autonomy and avoid physical contact with other students, including in play.
 - *This includes abstaining from (but is not limited to), roughhousing & rough play, wrestling, lifting other students off the ground, striking, hitting, punching, kicking, choking, body slamming, tackling, head butting, choke holds, head locks, biting, kissing, fondling, groping, and grabbing.*
- Cellphones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and placed in your backpack/bag at all times. For more details, please see the full policy on page 15.

Behavior in Common Spaces

Shared spaces at Riverside Meadows are subject to General Behavioral Expectations but may have specific, detailed expectations for a particular location. For example, additional expectations for behavior in the Cafeteria do not necessarily apply to the Field. Running is not permitted in the Cafeteria but eating food is, whereas running is allowed in the field, but food is not.

Specific Behavioral Expectations for various common areas will be explicitly taught and posted visibly in these areas.

The Multipurpose Room

- *Bags and other personal items are stored under seat or against back wall (bags are never permitted in serving line)*
- *Use appropriate language*
- *Only walk in the MPR at meal times (No running)*
- *Join the line at the back*
- *Stand in line patiently*
- *Keep all body parts to self*
- *No throwing food, flipping cartons, or stomping /bursting any packaging*
- *Remain seated when eating*
- *Clean up after self, all garbage tossed in garbage cans*
- *Carefully exit MPR when finished eating*

Field and Blacktop

- *No Rough-housing/ rough-play, or play fighting*
- *All Body Parts to self*
- *No food or open beverages allowed outside MPR*
- *No lifting others*
- *Do not climb or sit on top of walls, buildings, or play structures*
- *No tag of any kind permitted on/around play structures*
- *Play equipment may only be used as intended (students will refrain from climbing up slides, blocking slide exits, or climbing sides of play structures)*
- *Any equipment borrowed from the cart must be returned before going to class.*
- *PE equipment may not be borrowed for unstructured time use.*
- *Students will refrain from interrupting and/or stealing equipment from others*

Play Structures

- *Sitting on top of the play structure is prohibited*
- *Hanging upside down without hands and/or dropping from an upside down position is not permitted*
- *Use of other equipment on the play structure is not permitted*
- *Climbing up or blocking slides is not permitted*
- *Tag, pushing, shoving, hitting, or other forms of physical contact between students is not permitted on the play structures*

Future Focus Center

- *Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not permitted to be used in the Future Focus Center*
- *Use appropriate language (no profanity, slurs, or dehumanizing language)*
- *No running or rough play*
- *Use soft voices*
- *No food or beverages permitted*
- *Follow any and all directions of the Librarian or other supervising adult*
- *Any materials taken must be checked out before exiting the FFC*

Assemblies & Rallies

Riverside will have various assemblies and rallies throughout the school year to celebrate many aspects of our learning community. During these events, students are expected to listen to and follow directions from presenters, use appropriate and respectful language, remain seated unless otherwise instructed (or accommodated), and control their bodies to avoid harming others.

Dances, Field Trips, & Other Extracurricular Events

All General Behavior Expectations are still followed during extracurricular events. This includes the school dress code and cellular device policies. Failure to comply with these expectations can result in being removed from the extracurricular event or excluded from future events.

Permission slips for dances, field trips and other extracurricular activities are due by the due date, no exceptions.

Non-Participation in ExtraCurricular Events and Activities

Participation in ExtraCurricular Events at Riverside Meadows is voluntary and a privilege. The following are expectations for participation in ExtraCurricular Events and Activities:

- No More than 4 unexcused Period Tardies within a 6 week period
- No Class, In-School, or Home Suspensions within a 6 week period
- No F's or GPAs under 2.0

Behavioral Referrals

If a student repeatedly disrupts class, violates general expectations, acts unsafely or in a manner that the teacher is unable to redirect them, they may receive a Behavioral Referral. This means that the student's behavior has exceeded that which can be handled in the classroom and the student is being sent to administration. Students receiving multiple referrals may lose their ability to participate in extracurricular activities such as rallies, field trips, dances, and parties.

Prohibited items

Certain items are not allowed on Riverside Meadows' campus.

No tobacco products, illegal drugs, alcohol, cannabis products, or vaporizers (Vape pens or electronic cigarettes) are permitted.

No weapons and/or toy weapons such as knives, box cutters, brass knuckles, nightsticks, chains, extensive tools (e.g., a large metal wrench), and guns of any kind (including toys) are never allowed at Riverside Meadows.

Other items not permitted on campus at Riverside:

- *Personal computers, tablets, or other non-school issued devices*
- *Video and handheld games*
- *Perfume, cologne, and body sprays or other aerosolized fragrances and products.*
- *Glass bottles of any kind*
- *Any personal toys*
- *Blankets or other similar items*

Bullying

What is Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may experience long-lasting problems. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

To be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- **An Imbalance of Power:** Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even involving the same people.
- **Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

What Bullying is Not

Any aggressive or potentially harmful behavior must be treated seriously, but it does not fall under bullying. To qualify under “Bullying,” there must be a perceived imbalance of power, and the acts or behaviors are usually repetitive. Aggressive behaviors, name-calling, or rude comments are inappropriate and should be immediately addressed, but they may be isolated incidents that do not constitute bullying.

For more information on the types of bullying, support resources, and the difference between bullying and other aggressive behavior, etc. go to <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

Reporting Bullying

Bullying can be reported in person between a student and a staff member, such as an administrator or teacher, or anonymously on the school website. When reporting bullying behavior, please be as detailed as possible, citing concrete details so that an investigation can occur.

Please review the above information where it states what bullying is and what it is not, before reporting.

Riverside Meadows’ Equity Pledge

I pledge to respect the dignity and humanity of our school and community members. I will strive to create a welcoming, respectful, and supportive environment for all our members so each member can contribute to their fullest potential.

Dress Code

The Plumas Lake School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate dress standards that support a positive, appropriate, and safe learning and teaching environment. A dress code's purpose is to facilitate education, not to inhibit any person's taste in attire or appearance.

- No articles of clothing or school materials, including hats, backpacks, book covers, and binders, may have pictures, printing, or writing that is gang-affiliated, crude, vulgar, profane, include any form of slur or de-humanizing language, sexually suggestive, racially, ethnically, or religiously intolerant, or violate the rights of any protected class within the state of California. Nor shall those articles promote violence, the use of drugs or alcohol, or which, in the opinion of Riverside Meadows School administration, is disruptive to the learning environment.
- No articles of clothing or other materials promoting hostile messaging, including political or religious content, may be worn.
- Students may not wear inappropriately revealing clothing, including but not limited to see-through items, strapless tops, or pants worn below the waistline (sagging).
- Students may not wear clothing that shows their midriff. Shirts must touch the waistband of the students pants or skirt at all times.
- Students may not wear clothing that shows excessive cleavage.
- Students must wear clothing that covers their undergarments.
- Students cannot wear *pajama-sets*, including onesies and house slippers.
- Students must wear clothing and shoes that are safe and appropriate for physical activity during P.E.
- Students are not allowed to wear costumes or full face masks to school.
- Students are not allowed to bring blankets to school.

The School reserves the right to determine and enforce this dress code and to determine what constitutes a violation.

Please Note: *It is essential to recognize that the dress code changes as new information is gathered about specific meanings or if disruption on campus occurs because of a particular symbol, color combination, logo, etc. Parents and students will be made aware of these changes as they arise; compliance with them is essential.*

**While sometimes the Riverside Office may have loaner t-shirts or pants for students violating the dress code, it is never guaranteed. Students should come to school dressed appropriately every day.*

Cellular & Other Electronic Devices

In accordance with California State Law and the Plumas Lake Elementary School District School Board, cellphones and other electronic devices are not permitted to be used by students on the Riverside Meadows' Campus.

Students may not make calls on their personal devices or classroom phones within classrooms. Any need to make or receive calls may be handled in the Nurse's station or Administration Office.

Riverside Meadows students may not use or wear mobile communication devices once they have entered campus for the instructional day, including extended day programs. Devices must be turned off and placed in backpacks or bags until they leave campus for the day. Devices may not be in pockets or anywhere else on their person. Students who need to call a parent/guardian may use phones located in the administrative office or nurses office.

Unless it is a case of an emergency, all student cell phones and mobile devices must be:

- Turned off
- Stored in backpacks or bags during the school day or kept at home
- Phones may only be used if:
 - There is a legitimate emergency or safety concern
 - A licensed physician documents a medical need
 - It is required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Failure to follow the above guidelines will result in:

- 1st Violation:
 - Warning. Parent/Guardian will be contacted.
- 2nd Violation: The Device is Confiscated and kept in a locked location in the office.
 - The device is returned to the student at the end of the day. Parent/Guardian will be contacted.
- 3rd Violation: The Device is Confiscated and kept in a locked location in the office.
 - Administration will notify the parent/guardian of the violation. Parent/Guardian will have to pick up the device.
- 4th Violation: Students will regularly check the device in at the office.
 - The device will be placed in a locked location at the beginning of the day and picked up at the end of the day. Admin will contact the parent/guardian to notify of this plan should it be required.

Parents needing to contact students during school hours should call the main office.

****Riverside Meadows is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen devices.***

Academics

Grading System

Riverside Meadows follows a traditional American Grading System. Students earn grades from A through F based on their academic performance and participation.

A (4.0) = Exceptional Performance

B (3.0) = Very Good Performance

C (2.0) = Satisfactory Performance (minimum satisfactory)

D (1.0) = Marginal Performance

F (0.0) = Failure

Academic Integrity

Students at Riverside Meadows Intermediate School are expected to practice Academic Integrity. This means that all work submitted by students is generated or created *by* that student. Copying or plagiarizing work from others is a direct violation of this school policy. This includes work that has been generated by AI. Students who submit essays, reports, artworks, or projects that were developed by another person or an AI generator as their own work are violating the Academic Integrity policy because this violates the principles of originality and authorship. Students found to be violating the policy will receive zero credit for the assignment in question and will not be permitted to make up the assignment. Repeated instances of violating this policy may result in more significant consequences.

Examples of Generative AI tools* that are prohibited include ChatGPT, Bard, Gemini, and other image or code generators.

**When is AI permissible? AI tools that support research, brainstorming, and editing may be allowable. Students should ask their teacher before using AI as a resource for academic assignments.*

Honor Rolls

Riverside Meadows recognizes students for outstanding academic achievements through three different honor rolls:

- **A/B Honor Roll** is awarded to students who earn a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 in a trimester.
- **A Honor Roll** is awarded to students who earn a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99 in a trimester.
- **Straight A Honor Roll** is awarded to students who earn a GPA of 4.0 in a trimester.

Progress Reports and Report Cards

Parents and Students are able to monitor a student's academic progress through Aeries Portals. Parents can also choose to receive weekly progress reports through Aeries.

In addition to this, Mid Trimester Progress Reports are sent home with students. Report Cards are mailed home at the end of the Semester. Student Grades are available for review at any time through the Aeries Parent Portal.

Grade Reporting Schedule

	Sent home with students at completion of 1st & 3rd Quarters. Available for digital review	Mailed home at the end of the Semester. Available for digital review
1st Quarter Progress Report	X	
1st Semester Report Card		X
3rd Quarter Progress Report	X	
2nd Semester Report Card		X

School-wide and State-wide Assessments

Riverside Meadows participates in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Throughout the year, all students will take Interim Practice Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math (8th grade students will also take the Interim Practice Assessments in Science) to help prepare for the Summative Assessment given in May.

All sixth and seventh grade students take the summative assessments in both ELA and Math.

All seventh grade students take the State Physical Fitness Assessment.

All eighth grade students take the summative assessments in both ELA and Math, as well as in Science.

Throughout the year students at Riverside Meadows also complete the Renaissance Star 360 Assessment. This is a Computer Adaptive Diagnostic test that allows students to demonstrate their knowledge in Math and English Language Arts. This assessment is given at the start of the school year to establish a baseline for students' knowledge and skills. It is then given periodically throughout the remainder of the year to monitor student progress and to adjust lessons accordingly. Student performance on the Star 360 Assessment is also used in determining which students are placed in Academic Intervention Classes and/or Honors Classes.

Intervention and Enrichments

Enrichment and Intervention classes and clubs are available after school for additional support.

After School Clubs

Riverside offers enrichment clubs after school releases. Clubs do not operate during State Testing Weeks or during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The teachers offering various clubs may change with the school term.

Tutor Club is offered three days of the week after school is released. This is a drop-in style club for students to complete their homework on campus with the aid of a credentialed teacher. Tutor Club is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays starting two weeks into the school year, and ending two weeks prior to the end of the school year.

Other club offerings may include: Art Club, STEAM Club, Sports Club, and Gardening Club
There is no school provided transportation for afterschool clubs.

Transportation

Bus Service

Plumas Lake Elementary School District operates four Bus Routes. Students may purchase a bus pass or punch card by completing an application and bringing cash or check to the school administrative office or to the Transportation Office at the PLESD District Office on Plumas School Road. Income based options for families who may find these expenses a hardship are also available.

Applications and Bus Schedules can be found in the Riverside Meadows Administrative Office.

Please contact the Transportation Department at the Plumas Lake Elementary School District for further information regarding our Bus system. (530) 743-4428 Ext. 745.

Bicycle, Scooter, & Skateboards

Students may choose to ride a personal vehicle such as a Bicycle, Scooter, or Skateboard to school. There is a Bike Corral at the front of the school with racks for locking up vehicles. Students should lock their vehicle to the rack when arriving at school then immediately proceed to enter the Multipurpose Room. Please do not gather or hangout in the Bike Corral. Students should not touch or alter any vehicle that is not their personal vehicle.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, and other vehicles are not to be ridden on Riverside's Campus. Please walk all vehicles from the driveway entrance to the Bike Corral. When leaving campus, please walk the vehicle from the Bicycle Corral to the entrance Driveway before riding away.

Students riding Bicycles, Scooters, and Skateboards are expected to wear proper safety equipment (including a helmet) and follow all state traffic laws.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Riverside Meadows opens the Multipurpose Room for student arrival at 8:00AM. There is no supervision for students on campus prior to this time. When dropping off students in the morning please pull all the way forward, as close to the western edge of the Multipurpose Room as possible. This allows as many cars to pull up and drop-off as possible. At the end of the school day, students will exit campus through the front gates and Bicycle Corral. Please pull as far forward as possible, just as with drop off.

It is imperative for everyone’s safety that traffic laws be followed around the school. Please do not block traffic or driveways when waiting to enter the parking lot area. There is a four way stop at the western exit driveway, please be sure to come to a complete stop before proceeding. All drivers should keep their eyes open and check all mirrors for crossing children at all times, but especially at the school driveways, as well as at the corner of River Oaks Blvd. and Cimarron Way.

There is no parking permitted east of the eastern entrance driveway. This is our Bus loading and unloading zone. If you are concerned about traffic with release or drop off, please consider identifying a location a block or more from the school as a meeting point for your student.

Health & Nutrition Services

Nutrition Services

Plumas Lake School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs through Food Services. Lunches are analyzed to ensure that meals meet the nutritional needs of students and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (<https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/>).

Meal Prices in 2026-27

Student Breakfast: \$0	Second Breakfast: \$4.00
Student Lunch: \$0	Second Lunch: \$5.00

Cafeteria Rules

- *Backpacks should be in designated areas only. **Bags are not permitted in the serving line.***
- *Orderly and respectful behavior is expected in lines.*
- *Students must take one main entrée and choose fruits/vegetables, milk, and juice.*
- *When in the Cafeteria, speak in soft voices with respectful language.*
- *Glass containers are not permitted.*
- *Students and staff are expected to clean their space after eating.*
- *Students are expected to exit the cafeteria when they have finished their meal.*
- *Food may only be taken from the cafeteria if reporting to a designated lunch meeting or intervention.*

Medication at School

Students cannot bring prescription or over-the-counter medication to school without a written doctor’s approval on the appropriate form. If your child must take medication at school, a parent must come in and pick up an authorization form to be filled out by the doctor before medication can be administered. A parent should bring the medication to the school in its original labeled container with the physician’s instructions for administering it and the signed authorization form, and leave the medication with the Health Technician. The medication and/or reserve supply will always be securely locked in the health office.

Any self-carried medication that needs to be kept on a student (i.e., inhalers and epi-pens) should indicate permission for self-carry by the physician on the Medication Authorization Form. Students will be expected to act responsibly. No sharing between students will be permitted.

Health Office

Students who feel poorly during school hours may request to visit our Health Technician in the Health Office of the Riverside Meadows Administrative Office. If a student is too ill or injured to remain at school, the Health Technician will facilitate a call to the student's parent/guardian to report the issue and potentially arrange the student's pickup.

Students should not bypass our health technician when concerned about their health. Calls for a Parent/Guardian to come and sign out a student should only come from the Health Office or Administrative Office phones.

Health Advisement regarding Energy Drinks

What are energy drinks?

Energy drinks often contain very high levels of caffeine, added sugars, and other stimulants.

Why this matters:

The American Academy of Pediatrics and health experts agree that energy drinks are not appropriate for children or adolescents due to their high caffeine content and potential health effects.

Children are more sensitive to caffeine's effects. Energy drinks can make it hard to sleep, cause nervousness, and increase anxiety or stress. Too much caffeine for children can lead to rapid heartbeat, heart complications, dehydration, jitteriness, and stomach issues.

Athletics, Extra Curricular, & Co-Curricular Activities

Students who participate in the district's Extracurricular and Co-Curricular activities are representatives of the school and the District; therefore, they are expected to model positive behaviors. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the Board, Administration, and individual activity coaches and advisors. Each student participant and his/her/their parent/guardian are required to read and agree to the district's Code of Conduct before participation in Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities. The Board's policy and the code of conduct cover the following activities:

Athletics, instrumental and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, all honorary and elected offices (e.g. Associate Student Body Officer), state contests or any other activity where the student represents the Plumas Lake Elementary School District in a defined competition/contest.

Expectations

Students will:

- Demonstrate cooperative attitudes and participate to their personal capacity.
- Demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship.
- Strive to maintain academic excellence and participation
- Be on campus at an approved time and are not permitted to leave the school grounds until practice is over.
- Be expected to be under supervision of their coach at all practices and games.
- Be expected to attend practices and games. Prior notification should be given to the coach when an athlete knows of an upcoming event or absence.

Eligibility for participation

To be eligible for participation students must meet district academic and attendance requirements as well as behavioral expectations.

Academic:

Students must adhere to district academic eligibility policies as outlined below. Failure to meet academic standards results in the ineligibility until the re-establishment of academic eligibility.

Attendance:

In order to participate in co-curricular activities, the student must be in attendance at school, meeting the requirements of minimum day, as defined by Education code, on the day of the activity.

Student Conduct:

To maintain eligibility for participation in Plumas Lake Elementary School District extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to members of the community

Loss of eligibility due to poor student conduct takes place when one or more of the following conditions occur:

- Engaged in any school suspendable offenses (violations of Education Code 48900 et. al and Board Policy 5144.1) or criminal behavior.
- Involvement in Cheating
- Engagement in disrespectful conduct including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or slanderous nature, trash-talking, taunting, excessive boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals, the activity of the school community.
- Demonstration of poor sportsmanship and/or retaliation against teammates, coach, staff, parents, or member(s) of other teams (including coaches).
- Use of any illegal substances including alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, or other drugs.

Ineligibility

Any student who fails to meet Student Behavioral Expectations during the period of the school year in which he/she/they participates in a school-sponsored activity is subject to a loss of eligibility. The loss of eligibility includes but is not limited to:

- One-week suspension from competition/participation in all school sponsored activities from the date of the suspension.
- Required Administrative/Coach-Athletic Director/parent/student conference.
- Law enforcement contact if appropriate.
- Additional sanctions will be imposed for subsequent violations of district disciplinary rules including possible removal from the sport/activity for the remainder of the year.
- An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but will not “suit up” or perform/participate.”

Coach/Athletic Director/Administration Sanctions

The Administration, coach and/or Athletic Director have the right and the power to impose other additional penalties or consequences separate and apart from the penalties listed above, in response to serious violations of the School District's policies, team/activity rules and/or community laws. Examples of additional sanctions for ineligibility are, but are not limited to:

- While performing in an activity the student violates Education Code 48900 and/or BP 5144, the coach/Athletic Director may remove the student from the team; the reasoning supporting the coach's/Athletic Director's decision is: the student's action is detrimental to the reputation of the team and/or to the need to maintain a harmonious environment for the other team members.
- While on a team sponsored activity away from school, the student violates team/district rule for the trip, the student may be removed from the team: The coach/Athletic Director views the action as detrimental to the team.

Additional Guidelines

The school's interest and intent is to expect and support positive student behavior at all times and to discourage or deter illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate behaviors. Serious violations of school rules or community laws that occur during the time a student is enrolled in the Plumas Lake Elementary School District may result in the student's ineligibility for participation.

Appeals

A student or the student's parent/legal guardians may appeal the decision on eligibility by notifying the Principal in writing within 72 hours. By the conclusion of the third school day after an appeal has been filed, the Principal will issue a decision on the appeal of the alleged violation of behavioral expectations. The student will not be allowed to participate in any contest during the appeal process.

Academic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, students must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the current and/or previous grading period including but not limited to:

- Be on target for promotion. To be considered on target a student must be passing all classes each trimester.
- Maintain a minimum of a "C" (2.0) GPA with no "F's" at the end of each grading period (progress report grades and/or trimester grades).
- Eligibility for students in the fall may be determined by the end of the first grading period or progress report.

Athletic Eligibility Requirements

- Eligibility for transfer students must meet Riverside Meadows guidelines.
- Eligibility will be determined based on grades from the most recent grading period (on the Monday following distribution of grades to students.)

Games and Practices

All athletes are expected to be at practices and games. It is important that all members of the team are at each scheduled practice and game. *Athletes absent from school on the day of the game will not be allowed to play.* Athletes will need to be picked up directly after practice and games (within 15 minutes of end time). Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the team.

Communication and Contact

Riverside Meadows Intermediate School uses a variety of means to communicate with the community. United States Mail, Telephone, Email, and our communication platform Parent Square, are the primary means of communication. Students and Parents may communicate with Riverside Staff and Faculty by email (students may email faculty but not anyone outside of the school) or calling.

The majority of communications between the school and the community takes place using Parent Square. Parent Square is an interactive platform for announcements, emails, and text messages. This platform is integrated with our Student Information System, Aeries. Communications through Parent Square will say “Aeries Communications” at the top of the screen. Please stay on top of events and news at Riverside Meadows, as well as your students' class performance, through open communication with your child's teachers on Parent Square!

Lost and Found

Articles of clothing, books, wallets, backpacks, water bottles, jewelry, personal items, etc., will be collected when found around campus. The items will be placed in “Lost & Found” to be reclaimed by their owners. Most items will be taken to the Multipurpose Room, smaller items will be kept in the office. Parents/Guardians may look for lost items after school has dismissed for the day.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity periodically throughout the school year. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Riverside Meadows' Associate Student Body is an elected body of student representatives. These are student leaders for the campus who help to organize events such as Rallies and Dances, fundraisers for activities, and act as a voice for their peers in making decisions and acting as responsible stewards of the Riverside Meadows campus. Elections for ASB are held in the fall of each school year.

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Riverside Meadows Intermediate School's PTSO is composed of volunteer parents, school staff, and students. The organization operates with elected officers and general members. They facilitate fun activities throughout the school year, support other events throughout the year, facilitate fundraisers to support various events, and support a smaller 8th grade parent group who organize and facilitate end of year activities for promoting 8th grade students.

Please check Parent Square or contact the Administration Office for more information on how you can become involved in PTSO!

Appendix

Disciplinary Consequences for Behavioral Violations & Categorical Interventions

The following disciplinary consequences may be assigned to students.

California Education Code Section 48900 (r) states that a pupil *may* be suspended or expelled for acts that are related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (1) While on school grounds;
- (2) While going to or coming from school;
- (3) During the lunch period whether on or off the campus.
- (4) During, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity.

Disciplinary infractions have been broken into three categories.

- Category 1 is for minor infractions that are usually addressed with basic interventions, though could be more serious depending on circumstances.
- Category 2 is for more serious infractions that could be grounds for suspension.
- Category 3 is for extreme infractions that could be grounds for recommended expulsion.

CA Ed Code		Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
	Arson/Fire/Combustibles			
48900(b) 48915(a2)	Possession, use, or sale of explosives or fireworks.		X	
	Attacks/Threats/Fighting			
48900 (a1)	Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person	X		
48900 (a1)	Mutual fight between 2 students		X	
48900(a2)	Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self defense		X	
48915(a1)	Causing serious physical injury to another person			X
48900(a,k)	Threatening or attempting to incite a fight or riot	X		
48900(q)	Hazing		X	
48900.3	Hate violence: Threatening or attempting to cause, or participating in an act of hate violence defined as willfully interfering with or threatening another person's personal or property rights because of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation. Speech that threatens violence, when the perpetrator has the apparent ability to carry out the threat, may be considered an act of hate violence.			X
	Attacks/Threats/Fighting Continued			
48900.2	Sexual Harassment including (but not limited to) unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and or visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature		X	
48900(n) 48915(c4)	Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault or battery			X

48900.4	Threatening to cause harm to a school employee		X	
48900.4	Terrorist threats against school personnel or property			X
48915(c2) ²	Brandishing a knife or other sharp object at another person			X
Attendance				
48260 48262	Absent from school without valid excuse (truant)	X		
48900(k)	Failure to remain in class or designated area	X		
48900(k)	Entering a building that is unsupervised	X		
48900(k)	Failure to remain on campus during the school day.	X		
48900(k)	Student who arrives on any PLESD campus without administrative approval while serving home suspension		X	
Dangerous Substances				
48900(c) 48915(c) ¹	Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind		X	
48900(d)	Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.		X	
48900(j)	Unlawfully possessed or otherwise offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug or tobacco paraphernalia		X	
48900(p)	Offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma		X	
48900(h)	Possession of, or use of, tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine		X	
	Possession of any drug or tobacco paraphernalia including but not limited to pipes, e-cigarettes, vape devices, rolling papers, etc.		X	

² Violation of California Education Code 48915 requires a District Expulsion Hearing

	Disrespect/Insubordination			
48900(f)	Vandalism, caused or attempted to cause damage to private or school property	X		
48900(o)	Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness, or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding, for the purpose of preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness		X	
48900(a1, k)	Hard looks (mugging, mad-dogging) another person in a threatening or challenging way	X		
48900(k)	Littering	X		
48900(i)	Possession of obscene, demeaning, or racially inappropriate materials	X		
48900(i)	Swearing, writing, gestures and/or the use of obscene language directed towards another person	X		
48900(i)	Committing an obscene or vulgar act.		X	
48900(g)	Theft, attempted theft, or extortion		X	
48900(l)	Knowingly received stolen school property or private property		X	
48900(k)	Failure to follow staff directive	X		
48900(k)	Willful defiance of school rules and/or staff	X		
48900(k)	Disruptive behavior in class, "buddy class," or time-out room	X		
	Failure to correctly identify self to staff member	X		
48900(k)	Failure to serve detention	X		
48900(k)	Public Displays of affection	X		
48900(k)	Rumor spreading, play fighting, and other negative or derisive social behaviors	X		
	Personal Health			
48900(k)	Dress Code violation, vulgarity on clothing, inappropriate appearance	X		
48900(i,k)	Display of bare parts of the body that, according to the standards of the individual's surroundings, would otherwise be covered by clothes	X		
48900(i,k)	"Pants-ing" another student	X		

	Possession of inappropriate items			
48900(k)	Possession or use of Audio/Video equipment such as cameras and electronic games at inappropriate times.	X		
48900(k)	Possession of gambling objects such as dice, cards, dominoes	X		
48900(k)	Possession of articles denoting Gang Affiliation	X		
48900(k)	Possession of Stink bombs, Pacifiers, Water Pistols, Water Balloons, Laser Pointers	X		
48900(k)	Spray Paint and/or oversized markers		X	
48900(b) 48915(a2) ¹	Possession of, sales or, or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.			X
48900(b)	Possession of a knife, spike, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student		X	
48900(m)	Possession of an imitation or look-alike firearm that is similar in properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude the replica is a firearm		X	
48915(c1) ¹	Possession, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm.			X
	Academic Integrity and Other			
48900(k)	Cheating/Plagiarism	X		
48900(f,g,k)	Changing a grade in a teacher's computer or gradebook		X	
48900(k)	Forgery or falsification of signature or voice		X	
48900(k)	Accessing inappropriate websites, violating the acceptable use of technology policy	X		
48900(k)	Gambling	X		

***At Riverside Meadows Intermediate School, we strive for Excellence.
Excellence is achieved through: Perseverance, Accountability, Integrity, Respect, and Empathy.***

