

**Alliance Public Schools Student-Parent Handbook
2019-2020 School Year**

Foreword

Section 1 Intent of Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Alliance Public Schools. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students and the educational program. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

Section 2 Members of the Board of Education

Name	Name
Tim Kollars, President	Tim Richey, Member
Karen Trussell, Vice President	Edison Red Nest, Member
Shana Brown, Secretary	, Member

Section 3 Administrative Staff

Name	Position	School	Contact Information
Dr. Troy Unzicker	Superintendent	Administration Office	308-762-5475
George Clear	Principal	Alliance High School	308-762-3359
Chris Bailey	Assistant Principal	Alliance High School	308-762-3359
Dr. Vickie Grant	Principal	AHS Alternative School	308-762-9883
Troy Mach	Principal	Alliance Middle School	308-762-3079
	Assistant Principal	Alliance Middle School	308-762-3079
Steve Folchert	Principal	Emerson Elementary	308-762-4093
Randy Butcher	Principal	Grandview Elementary	308-762-4519
Anita James	Activities Director	Administration Office	308-762-5475

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Sandra Morava	Director of Business Services	Administration Office	308-762-5475
Heidi Manion	Technology	Administration Office	308-762-5475
Kurt Zadina	Technology	Administration Office	308-762-5475
Byron Olsen	Director	Special Education Office Early Childhood Program	308-762-4331 308-762-4425
Rita Moravek	Director of Instructional Services	Administration Office	308-762-5475

Section 4 Teaching Staff

Alliance High School

Name	Department	Grades
Open	Speech Path.	
Josh Allison	Science	
Ranee Anthony	SPED Program Consultant	
Michael Baker	Social Studies Department Chair	
JoEllen Underwood	Math	
Michelle Wurdeman	Foreign Language	
John Crile	Math	
Mark Custer	Science	
Tera Digmann	English	
Nate Lanik	Guidance Counselor	
Mary Theresa Green	English	
Brigit Harris	Business/ Department Chair	
Laura Mangas	Instrumental Music	
Angie Hiemstra	Physical Education Department Chair	
Sydney Jeffrey	Science	
Monique Jensen	FACS	
Christina Kloch	Vocal Music	
Shay Knapp	Occupational Therapist	District

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	Math Department Chair	
Erik Pehoviack	Industrial Tech.	
Joe Mangas	SPED	
Carlos Palomo	Physical Education	
Erin Priestley	Resource Teacher	
Allison Roberts	Library/Media Specialist	
Teresa Schoeneman	Resource Teacher	
Laura Schroer	Science Department Chair	
Aubrey Schultz	Social Studies	
Chris Seebohm	Math Department Chair	
Roxie Smith	English Department Chair	
Brandy Stark	Business	
Kathy Brock	Art & Journalism Department Chair	
Ashtyn Vivion	Agricultural Education	
Andrea Jay	Social Studies	
Candace Wells	Resource Teacher	
Derrick Wells	Social Studies	
Ryan Wurdeman	English	

Alliance Middle School

Name	Department	Grades
Open	Speech Path	
Brandt Banzhaf	P.E.	
Casey Mracek	P.E.	
Vicki Dickenson	Art	
Kelly Erickson	SPED	
Dana Folchert	SPED	
Diana French	Math	

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Sherrye Belford	Multimedia/Comp. Appl.	
Mike Garcia	Counselor/AD	
Jeanne Halouska	L.A./Literature/FACS	
Audrey Hanson	Science	
Janelle Huss	SPED	
Christina Kloch	Vocal Music	
Julie Kunzman	Librarian/Media	
Laura Mangas	Band	
Wanda Morrison	Science	
Nicholas Myers	Social Studies	
Kristina Pinedo	L.A./Literature	
Amanda Pruneda	Social Studies	
Roberta Rudden	L.A./Literature	
Shonda Sheets	Math	
Danielle Swanson	SPED	
Kristin Zochol	Lang/Lit	

Grandview Elementary School

Name	Department	Grades
Natalie Adam	Teacher	5 th
Tawyna Bass	Teacher	3 rd
Lorie Benzel	Teacher	4 th
Sandi Blankenship	Art Teacher	
Hannah Blumenthal	Teacher	5
Randy Butcher	Counselor	
Marcia Carrick	Teacher	4 th
Melissa Cordell	Teacher	3 rd
Giselle de Konig	Teacher	4 th

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Rita Freed	Teacher	SPED
Gracie Johnson	Teacher	4 th
Leanna Johnson	Teacher	4 th
Tabitha Johnson	Teacher	Special Education
Shannon Kinsella	Teacher	Music
Lynette Kiss	Teacher	5 th
Julie Kunzman	Teacher	Library/Media
Amy Kulas	Speech Pathologist	
Cathe McCaffery	Teacher	5 th
Brenda Mills	Teacher	Computers
Donna Osborn-Smith	Teacher	3 rd
Joe Kaup	Teacher	PE
	Teacher	ELL
Amy Thacker	Teacher	3 rd
Denise Watson	Teacher	SPED
Toree Ogden	Teacher	5 th
Penny Wickham	Teacher	3 rd

Emerson Elementary School

Name	Department	Grades
Shannon Allard	Teacher	1 st
Valerie Baker	Teacher	Special Education
Sandi Blankenship	Art	
Katie Bloyd	Teacher	1 st
	Teacher	2 nd
Berlyn Clear	Teacher	Special Education
Ashley Coupens	Teacher	Kindergarten
Lori Foster	Teacher	1

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Candice Gibson	Teacher	Kindergarten
Taylor Hanking	Teacher	SPED
Julie Johnson	Teacher	Kindergarten
Bridget Johnston	Teacher	1
Shannon Kinsella	Music	
Sherry Kraft	Teacher	2
Amy Kulas	Speech Pathologist	
Jennifer Lauder	Teacher	2
Brenda Mills	Curriculum Specialist	
Susie Nordeen	Teacher	2
Dawn Pinnt	Counselor	
Wendi Lockhart	Teacher	ELL
Joe Kaup	Teacher	PE
Marci Schroeder	Teacher	Kindergarten
Carey Tritle	Teacher	Kindergarten
Stacey Romick	Teacher	Library
Debbie Wilson	Teacher	2 nd

Early Childhood

Name	Department	Grades
Michelle Hoxworth	Teacher	SLP
Jennifer Lanik	Teacher	PK
Shawna Rischling	Teacher	Toddler
Jodi Weld	Teacher	SPED

Section 4 Support Staff

Name	Building	Position
Karen Aerts Curtiss	District	Nurse
Tony Amil	Alliance High School	Bulldog Achievement Center

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Tracey Bridges	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional
Carmenza Brittan	District	ELL Paraprofessional
Tammy Bucy	Grandview	Paraprofessional- 4 th
Jean Campbell	EC	Paraprofessional
Janet Castle	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional SPED
Kevin Conley	Grandview	Paraprofessional SPED
April Dean	Grandview	Paraprofessional SPED
Christina DeBaca	District	Nurse
Robyn Iossi	Alliance High School	Alternative School Paraprofessional
Britany Dunkel	Grandview	Paraprofessional SPED
Amanda Elgin	Alliance Middle School	Paraprofessional SPED
Ruth Escamilla	Alliance Middle School	Paraprofessional Migrant
Angela Foster	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – 1 st Grade
Stephanie Frohman	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – Kindergarten
Shannon Garwood	Alliance High School	Dual Credit Coordinator, Co-op Teaching Director
Amy Garza	District	Migrant
Esmeraldo Garza	Emerson	Paraprofessional 2nd
Tracy Garza	Alliance High School	Custodian
Cheri Gasseling	EC	Secretary
Sarah Glesinger	Grandview Elementary	Housekeeping
Shelly Grant	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional
Steve Gullion	Alliance High School	Alternative School Paraprofessional
Karri Guthmiller	Alliance Middle School	Paraprofessional SPED
Traci Hadden	Grandview Elementary	Paraprofessional – 3 rd Grade
Rebecca Harris	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Ross Herstedt	District	Transportation
Becki Heusman	Alliance Middle School	Custodian

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Teresa Hiatt	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – 1 st Grade
Kevin Horn	District	Transportation
Celeste Hull	Alliance High School	Custodian
Jessica Johnson	Alliance Middle School	Para Professional SPED
Paige Johnson	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional
Jessica Kaiser	Alliance High School	Office Manager (Activities)
Darrell Keith	District	Transportation
Julie Lawrence	Admin	Secretary
Jennifer Lashley	District	Transportation
Jackie LeMunyan	Grandview	Paraprofessional SPED
Blas Leyva	District	Delivery
Martie Loch	District	Transportation
Marcela Loera	Admin	Payroll
Rafael Madero	Alliance High School	Custodian
Lori Mai	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – 1 st Grade
Tearza Mashburn	Alliance High School	Chadron State College Upward Bound/ Teammates
Cheri Mozes	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Sam Mundt	Emerson Elementary	Custodian
Tracey Navarro	District	Custodian
Destiny Neal	Alliance Middle School	Paraprofessional SPED
Shardel Nelson	Alliance High School	Secretary
Brenda Nunes	Grandview Elementary	Custodian
Kalene White	Alliance High School	Alternative School Job Coach
Shadell Peterson	Emerson Elementary	Secretary
Stephanie Pfeiffer	EC	Paraprofessional
Janet Pollack	Emerson Elementary	Custodian
Shellie Rinard	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional

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April Ritchie	Alliance Middle School	Paraprofessional SPED
Joanna Secrest	Grandview	Paraprofessional Speech
Christina Schafer	EC	Paraprofessional Kitchen
Kerri Schneider	EC	Paraprofessional
Brenda Schrum	District	Transportation
Amy Sherlock	Grandview Elementary	Paraprofessional 4th
Deb Sherlock	Grandview Elementary	Paraprofessional 3rd
Shawn Shimp	Alliance High School	Special Education Office Manager
Sandra Sperl	Emerson Elementary	Para Professional- ELL
Carolyn Steggall	Alliance Middle School	Secretary
Summer Mashek	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional SPED
Laura Swedeen	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional- 1 st grade
Janet Toedtli	District	Custodian
Rayann Toldstedt	District	Nurse
Minerva Valdez	Grandview Elementary	Paraprofessional ELL
Ana Vasquez	Alliance Middle School	Maintenance/Custodian
Geneva Vaughn	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – 2 nd Grade
Rene Waggener	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional – Kindergarten
Connie Wallace	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional
Lori Watson	Admin	Accts. Payable
Michelle Wickham	Emerson Elementary	Paraprofessional- Kindergarten
Rick Wickham	Alliance Middle School	Maintenance/Custodian
Judy Wyman	MS/GV	Library Assistant

Section 6 School Calendar: 2:00 Dismissal on Friday

August 12-14 Teacher Work Days

August 15 First Day of School- 2:00pm Dismiss

September 2 Labor Day

October 18 Technology Fair

*October 24, 25 Parent Teacher Conferences

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October 28 Fall Break
November 27-29 Thanksgiving
December 22-26 Moratorium
December 23-Jan 3 Christmas
January 6 Students Return
*February 6-7 Parent Teacher Conferences
February 17 SOAR Conference
March 5-6 Spring Break
April 10-13 Easter Break
May 10 Graduation
May 20 Student's Last Day- 2:00 pm Release
May 21 Teacher's Last Day
May 22-29 Snow day make-up if needed
*Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday 2:00 pm student dismiss, 4:00-8:00 pm Conferences
Friday 8:00-12:00 pm Conferences