



Snyder Hawks Reach for the Stars!

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to welcome our new and returning students to campus. Our goal at Don and Dee Snyder Elementary is to foster a safe, nurturing environment for students, staff, and parents.

The Snyder Family Handbook provides information to parents about policies and procedures. It is not intended to cover all the information that parents and students will be responsible for the remainder of the school year.

Further information will be provided through our school website, Class Dojo, classroom newsletters, and electronic ParentLink messages. If you require more information about your child's school work, please contact or schedule an appointment to meet with the classroom teacher. Your child's teacher will be pleased to provide you with any assistance he or she can. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the Snyder Elementary Family handbook and contact us with questions or concerns.

Phone: 702-799-1360

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Bell Rings: 8:50 a.m.

Morning Announcements: 9:00 a.m.

Instructional Bell: 9:00 a.m.

Gates Open: 8:35 a.m. - Students may go to the cafeteria to pick up a hot breakfast and eat in the multipurpose room. On Wednesdays, students may eat first then play outside until 8:50 a.m.

Student Instructional Day: 9:00 a.m. - 3:11 p.m.

Mission Statement

At Don and Dee Snyder Elementary, we are dedicated to creating a nurturing, inclusive environment where every student is encouraged to reach their highest potential. Through rigorous academics, social-emotional learning, and partnerships with families and the community, we foster a love for learning, resilience, and curiosity. By upholding high expectations and supporting individual growth, we prepare our students to be engaged, adaptable, and ready to thrive in a dynamic world.

Vision Statement

At Don and Dee Snyder Elementary, we empower our students to reach their highest potential academically and socially. By upholding high standards, we foster resilience, engagement, and curiosity. Students strive for excellence, prepared to thrive and succeed in an ever-changing world.

Health and Safety Protocols

Students, staff, and visitors will be given direction concerning health and illness prevention practices. They will be provided with a clean, safe, healthy educational environment. The school will implement fair and appropriate health and safety school attendance policies for students, families, and staff, which are consistent with current public health recommendations.

Gates

Our school has four gates that are labeled with our Snyder Houses.

- Reveur Gate = AM: kiss-and-go; PM: general education busses
- Isibindi Gate = AM: walkers entering campus; PM: walkers and students picked up by family member
- Amistad Gate = AM: walkers, bike riders, and bus riders enter; PM: bike riders, walkers, students picked up by family member
- Altruismo = AM: Kiss and Go dropoff; PM: Car Loop pickup

Drop-Off

The school will be OPEN at **8:35 a.m.** Students **MAY NOT** be dropped off earlier than **8:35 a.m.** unless they attend Safekey. Safekey opens at **7:00 a.m.**

- During morning drop-off, vehicles have access to two entrances and two exits. Vehicles may enter through the side street and drop students off at the Altruismo or Reveur gate for Kiss and Go. Students will exit their cars on the passenger side of the vehicle and walk through the gate onto campus. Vehicles may park on West Torino Avenue or Juliano Avenue and walk their child to any open gate. **Students will immediately enter the building.**
- Students **MAY NOT be dropped off in the street or parking lot. This is very UNSAFE.** Please drop your child at the designated curb or walk him/her to one of the school entrance gates indicated above.

Dismissal

At 3:11 p.m., students are dismissed from school.

- Snyder utilizes a numbered dismissal procedure. Family numbers will be used to indicate where students will be dismissed. Dismissal options include:
 - Walkers/Parents walking to pick up:
 - Isibindi Gate (off Torino Ave.)
 - Amistad Gate (bike racks)
 - Car Pick Up - Altruismo Gate (car loop)

- Families utilizing the car loop will enter the loop off Ford Ave. and display their family number for staff to clearly see. Numbers will be entered into our system, and students will be dismissed from by teachers to the location where parents/guardians are located.
 - Bus students are dismissed to the courtyard and directed to the Isibindi gate.
 - Safekey students are dismissed from the teacher to the multipurpose room where Safekey is located.
 - At 3:18 p.m., students not picked up will be directed to the front office. You will go to the front office, with your ID, to check out your student.
- **Please note that rollerblades, hoverboards, and skateboards are NOT permitted on campus.**

Bus Procedures

- Take your assigned seat immediately. You must remain seated while the bus is moving or when instructed to do so by the driver or other authorized individual(s) assigned for that purpose.
- Keep your head and arms inside the bus windows at all times.
- Throwing objects, no matter how small, is extremely dangerous and not permitted.
- Avoid shouting and making other loud noises. In addition to disturbing others, loud noises could distract the driver and the operation of the bus.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner.
- Pay attention to the instructions of the bus driver or authorized individuals. They are responsible adults concerned about your safety. ***Please understand that students who violate rules may lose their riding privileges for a period of time or permanently. If a student is removed from the bus, it will be the parent's responsibility to make provisions for transporting their child to and from school.***
- If your child is riding the bus to and from school, please make sure that their teacher knows. Each student will receive a colored band on the first day of school to identify which bus they will be riding.

If you have questions regarding transportation, you may call the transportation department at 702-799-8100 or visit their website at <https://transportation.ccsd.net/>.

Safekey

Safekey is a great way to ensure your child's safety before and after school. Safekey hours are **7:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.** and **3:11 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Morning Safekey is \$4.00, and afternoon Safekey is \$8.00 (fees subject to change). You can sign up today at [Safekey Sign-Up](#) or call 702-455-8251.

Visitors

- All visitors must report to the Front Office. Valid Identification (ID) must be presented prior to picking up a student for early dismissal. Parents who wish to have conferences with teachers may leave a message with office personnel or email the teacher to make an appointment ahead of time. **The instructional block will not be interrupted or compromised.**
- It is expected that all visitors will follow these procedures and will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Profanity, threats, verbal and written communications, and any other inappropriate actions will not be tolerated and will result in exclusion from the school building.

Breakfast

Breakfast is free for all students. Students may eat breakfast daily in the multipurpose room from 8:35 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. On Wednesdays, if students choose to play at morning recess, they **MUST** eat breakfast before going outside to play.

Lunch Schedule

After the designated fifteen minute recess time, students will be encouraged to wash/sanitize their hands before eating lunch. Lunch is free for all students. However, students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home. The multipurpose room will have tables set up for lunch with assigned seating by class for student safety.

Grade	Recess	Lunch
Kinder, KIDS, & Prim. LIF	*See Master Schedule	11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Fourth	11:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	11:35 a.m. -11:55 a.m.
Fifth, STAR, & Int. Autism	11:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m. -12:05 p.m.
First	11:40 a.m. -11:55 a.m.	11:55 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
Third & Int. LIF	11:50 a.m. -12:05 a.m.	12:05 p.m. -12:25 p.m.
Second & Prim. LIF	12:00 a.m. -12:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m. -12:35 p.m.

Can I bring in treats for my child's birthday?

Due to allergies, food and candy are **NOT** allowed on the school campus for birthday celebrations. Birthday goodie bags (pencils, stickers, etc., but **NO** food items) may be dropped off in the front office in the morning, and the teacher can distribute them during the last ten minutes of the day. Balloons are not permitted for birthdays.

Attendance

Research shows that in order for children to do well in school, they must attend school at a 95% rate. This is our expectation. The school day begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:11 p.m. Student presence for the entire day is necessary to receive the entire day's instruction. We do understand that situations such as doctor or dentist appointments warrant a child to be picked up from school prior to the end of the day; however, we ask that early dismissal be as limited as possible.

- Please be aware that we do not allow early dismissals after 2:45 pm.
- Every unexcused absence will result in a documented telephone call or other contact with the student's parent/guardian.
- Parents should submit a written note, or a doctor's note, within 3 days of returning to school, for student absences to be excused. Absences may also be submitted online through the school website.
- **After the 3rd unexcused absence, administration will meet with the parent or guardian for a conference to discuss the absences and reasons for absences and develop a plan for the future.**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL A STUDENT BE DISMISSED TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

Dress Code

The Clark County School District reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students be within the limits of generally accepted community standards and that students shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness. Students' dress, personal appearance, and conduct are required to be of such character as not to disrupt or distract from the educational environment of the school. Any style that tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or discipline control by teachers or which is a potential safety hazard is not acceptable.

Resources

STUDENT DRESS CODE

- The Clark County School District Basic Dress Code serves to provide guidelines for student dress and appearance at all District schools (whether or not they adopt Standard Student Attire). Students are to be dressed in such a manner that their appearance in the school contributes to the learning environment. Exemption from the Clark County School District Basic Dress Code may be permitted for medical or religious reasons. Students have a responsibility to dress in alignment with the Clark County School District dress and appearance guidelines.
- Require the wearing of shoes with soles. House slippers and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- All clothing must be sufficient to conceal any and all undergarments. No skin will show between bottom of shirt/blouse and top of pants or skirts at any time. All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide. Prohibited tops include, but are not limited to, crop tops, tank tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.
- Require that all shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers/dresses must be at fingertip length.
- All jeans, pants, and trousers must be secured at waist level. Sagging is strictly prohibited. Jeans, pants, and trousers are not to have rips or tears that expose undergarments and/or are located mid-thigh or higher.
- Headgear (hats, hoods, caps, bandanas, hair grooming aids, etc.) is not permitted on campus except for designated school approved uniforms, special events, authorized athletic practices, documented medical conditions, bona fide religious reasons, or Clark County School District/school sanctioned activities.
- CCSD does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed/religion, color, national or ethnic origin, protective hairstyle (to include without limitation, hairstyles such as natural hairstyles, afros, bantu knots, curls, braids, locks, and twists).
- Slogans or advertising on clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories, which by their controversial, discriminatory, profane, and/or obscene nature disrupt the educational setting, are prohibited.
- Any clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories that promote illegal or violent conduct, or affiliation with groups that promote illegal or violent conduct such as, but not limited to, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats are prohibited.
- Spiked or studded clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories are prohibited.
- Outerwear such as coats, mittens, and scarves must be removed upon entering the classrooms/buildings. Administrators, teachers, and staff may use their discretion as appropriate based on the temperature in the facility.
- The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress, fashion, fads, or appearance disrupt or detract from the educational program and may be a potential safety hazard. The principal shall retain the authority to grant exceptions for spirit days, special event dress days, and schoolwide free dress days. On those Clark County School District/school sanctioned exception days, schools will notify the students and parent/guardian of the unique dress provisions. Additional information regarding student dress and appearance, including Standard Student Attire, is contained in the Clark County School District Regulation 5131 Dress and Appearance.

Nuisance Items

Nuisance items are items not associated with the educational program and are **NOT** to be brought to school. They will be confiscated and returned only to the parent or guardian.

Social and Emotional Learning

The Behavior Team at Don and Dee Snyder Elementary will be working with students to strengthen their social-emotional skills. Our Behavior Interventionists will guide students, both whole-group in their classrooms and in small-group settings, to help them develop skills regarding a growth mindset, goal setting, stress management, healthy friendships, and more. Your child may have the opportunity to work in one of their small groups as needed.

Schoolwide Behavior Expectations

Teachers in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, and specialists, will use a common behavior management system in the classroom. It is as follows:

- Name on board - Reminder
- Name with one check mark - Class Dojo message to parent/guardian, Warning
- Name with two check marks - Call home
- Name with three Checks - Minor Behavior Referral and Think Table assignment
- Name with four Checks - conversation with the behavior strategist and/or administration

Technology

Digital Technology has become an integral part of our daily lives. We use all types of hardware and software for a variety of reasons. Don and Dee Snyder Elementary School provides students and families with digital tools and technological instruction to support successful teaching, learning, and achievement. These tools will further support our technology vision by developing digital citizens.

Responsible use of Chromebooks, iPads, and other digital learning tools is an essential part of our curriculum.

Assigned devices are intended for use inside and outside of the school facility. All Digital Learning Tools and their related hardware, software, and accessories are the property of the Clark County School District. They must be used in accordance with all related Clark County School District policies, including the Acceptable Use Policy.

If a digital learning tool is not working, please call the school office at 702-799-1360 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Cellular Phones

Phones must be turned off and remain off during the instructional day and passing periods in compliance with CCSD Policy 5136. Phones left on vibrate/silent modes are subject to confiscation.

- Cellular phones must be turned off, or silenced, once the student enters school grounds and may be turned back on upon exiting school grounds.
- Cellular phones should be stored in the student's backpack.
- Phones confiscated in violation of these guidelines will only be returned to the student or parent/guardian during non-instructional hours.
- Cellular phones must remain off during a school evacuation, lockdown, or drill. During these situations, tell your child NOT to try to contact you by cell phone until school staff gives the okay, thus allowing emergency communication channels to remain open. The ParentLink communication system can contact parents/guardians in an emergency.
- Additionally, parents are asked to silence their cell phones while at school. This ensures compliance with the above guidelines and sets a positive example for students.
- We understand how families have come to rely upon cell phones and other electronic devices to maintain the lines of communication; however, we have an ethical and legal responsibility to ensure that technology is used in a way that will not be harmful to others, create unsafe conditions in our schools, or undermine our educational purpose. We seek your support and hope that you will speak with your children so they fully understand the importance of following these guidelines.

Safe and Respectful Learning Environment: CCSD Policy 5137

The Clark County School District (District) is committed to providing a safe, secure, and respectful learning environment for all students and employees at all District facilities, school buildings, on school buses, on school grounds, and at school-sponsored activities. The District strives to address discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying to ensure there is no disruption to the learning environment.

At Don and Dee Snyder Elementary School, all staff and students will exhibit the qualities of integrity, respect, responsibility, and justice, as they are fundamental to human contact. Bullying, cyberbullying, discrimination based on race, harassment, and/or intimidation will not be tolerated.

Relationships, Interactions, and Communications between District Employees or Representatives/Volunteers and Students: CCSD Policy 4100

The Clark County School District (CCSD) is committed to ensuring that all relationships, interactions, and communications between CCSD employees or representatives/volunteers and students, regardless of age, are appropriate by establishing clear procedures for all employees and representatives, defining appropriate and inappropriate conduct, mandating the reporting of inappropriate conduct, cooperating with law enforcement, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws.

At Don and Dee Snyder Elementary School, our school will create a safe learning environment for all students. Our employees and volunteers work hard every day to create trusting relationships with students while setting appropriate boundaries. **For important dates, please visit the [school's website](#) calendar.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please acknowledge that you have seen and read the Don and Dee Snyder Family Handbook.

- I have read and received knowledge of the Health & Safety Protocols.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Attendance Policy.
- I have read and received knowledge of the CCSD Student Dress Code.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Nuisance Item Policy.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Schoolwide Behavior Expectations.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Technology Policy.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Cellular Phones.
- I have read and received knowledge of a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment.
- I have read and received knowledge of the Relationships, Interactions, and Communications between District Employees or Representatives/Volunteers and Students.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Please click the link below to sign off on the 2024-2025 Don and Dee Snyder Family Handbook.

[2024-2025 Don and Dee Snyder Family Handbook Signature Form](#)