

## Coyote Ridge Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Dismissal Plan March 2015

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We are very grateful to all of the parents and staff who helped contribute ideas to this effort to keep our students safe! Our efforts are focused on the safety of everyone in our school community, and we appreciate your patience and support as this plan is rolled out. Coyote Ridge Parents are the best! Thank you!

School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, or PBIS, is a research-based framework that has been proven to improve school climate, reduce problem behavior, and increase academic instructional time in schools. Two primary areas of emphasis in PBIS are prevention and instruction of social behavior. PBIS is based on the idea that when students are taught clearly defined behavioral expectations and provided with predictable responses to their behavior, both positive and corrective, all students are more likely to meet those expectations.

In 2014 Coyote Ridge began a process of developing detailed expectations for student behavior in several times and areas across the campus. A team of Coyote Ridge and GESD staff have spent this school year learning more about PBIS, and compiling input from parents and staff and creating our three Coyote Ridge rules...Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. With an emphasis on being safe we have worked together with our local police and district Risk Management staff to revise our dismissal procedures. **These procedures will begin Monday, March 23, 2015.** The map below shows two main dismissal areas: 1. The West Gate to the bus area for bus riders, walkers, and bike riders, 2. The Front Gate from the basketball courts will be for students getting picked up in cars, trucks, and other vehicles. Students will be walked to these areas by teachers, and they are to meet their siblings at one of these two gate areas.

Students riding in cars in the front parking area need to be picked up either at the yellow pickup/drop off lane next to the curb, or by parents parking the car, walking across the crosswalk, and coming to the kindergarten pick up area or the 1st-8th grade pick up area. Students with younger siblings will meet and stay with your youngest siblings/family after school at the youngest sibling's grade level. Parents can look for the large grade level signs to know where to look for your students. Please discuss the youngest Coyote Ridge student in your family and confirm the meeting place for your children in one of the grade level groups. Students will not be allowed to walk unaccompanied across the parking lot. **Parents must pull up to the pickup area or park and walk to meet them with a teacher and escort them back to the car.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and combined and increased efforts toward student safety!  
Sincerely, Paul Abbott, Principal, Coyote Ridge Elementary

