



# GRANITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Home of the Grizzlies!

Student and Parent Handbook 2016-2017

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Vision Statement:

**Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities**

Mission Statement:

**Granite Mountain School is partnering with families and communities to prepare every student for success in a safe, academically innovative and character-rich environment.**



# SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-17

August 4.....	1st Day of School
(K-12) September 5.....	Labor Day No School
September 15 & 16.....	Early Release (Parent Conferences)
September 26.....	In-service Day — No School
October 7.....	End of 1st Quarter
October 10-14.....	Fall Break — No School
October 31.....	Early Release
November 11.....	Veterans' Day — No School
November 23-25.....	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23 .....	End of 1st Semester — Early Release
December 26 - January 6 .....	Christmas Vacation
January 9.....	Classes Resume
January 16 .....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — No School
February 17.....	In-service Day — No School
February 20.....	Presidents' Day — No School
March 10.....	End of 3rd Quarter
March 13-17.....	Spring Vacation
April 14 .....	Spring Holiday — No School
April 17 .....	In-service Day — No School
May 25 .....	Last Day of School — Early Release
May 26 .....	PHS Commencement
May 29 .....	Memorial Day



**GM 2016-17 5th Grade Daily Schedule**

**5th Grade Schedule A - M, T, Th, F  
(Teams: Helmken/Suggs; Erickson/Hriljac )**

Period 1	8:25-9:30
Period 2	9:35-10:35
Period 3	10:40-11:40
Period 4 - Lunch	11:45-12:25
Period 5	12:30-1:30
Period 6 (RTI)	1:35-2:10
Period 7	2:15-3:15

**5th Grade Schedule B - M, T, Th, F  
(Teams: Chambers/Kloos; Ticer McCrady;  
Olsen)**

Period 1	8:25-9:30
Period 2	9:35-10:35
Period 3	10:40-11:40
Period 4 - Lunch	11:45-12:25
Period 5 (RTI)	12:30-1:05
Period 6	1:10-2:10
Period 7	2:15-3:15

**5th Grade - Wednesdays**

Block 1 ELA or Math	8:25-9:20
Block 2 ELA or Math	9:25-10:20
Block 3 - Lunch	10:20-11:00
Block 4 Connection Circles/ Team Building	11:05-11:35
Block 5 STEAM Project	11:40-1:00

## GM 2016-17 6th Grade Daily Schedule

### **6th Grade Schedule A - M, T, Th, F (Teams: Gifford/Haskell; Luhmann-Foster/Tyler; Simper )**

Period 1	8:25-9:30
Period 2	9:35-10:35
Period 3	10:40-11:40
Period 4 (RTI)	11:45-12:20
Period 5 - Lunch	12:25-1:05
Period 6	1:10-2:10
Period 7	2:15-3:15

### **6th Grade Schedule B - M, T, Th, F (Teams: Christians/Schamber; Alegre/Gallagher)**

Period 1	8:25-9:30
Period 2	9:35-10:35
Period 3 (RTI)	10:40-11:15
Period 4	11:20-12:20
Period 5 - Lunch	12:25-1:05
Period 6	1:10-2:10
Period 7	2:15-3:15

### **6th Grade - Wednesdays**

Block 1 Connection Circles/ Team Building	8:25-8:55
Block 2 ELA or Math	9:00-9:55
Block 3 ELA or Math	10:00-10:55
Block 4 - Lunch	10:55-11:35
Block 5 STEAM Project	11:40-1:00

### **Campus Hours for Students**

The Granite Mountain campus is open for students from 7:45AM – 3:30PM. Supervision will not be available before or after these specific times, please make arrangements to drop off/pick up your child during school hours for their safety.

Students may not arrive at school prior to 7:45AM unless they join the “Buck Club”. We do not provide supervision on the playground, nor are students allowed in the building prior to that time. Between 7:45 and 8:20, students may place their backpacks in their lockers and go outside. Students eating school breakfast will eat first, prior to going to recess. Students are expected to stay outside until 8:20 when the bell rings. If the temperature or wind chill is below 22 degrees, or if it is raining or snowing, announcements will inform students they may stay inside before school.

### **The “Buck” Club**

The “Buck” Club meets in the cafeteria before school from 7:00-7:45 AM. The Buck Club is for students whose parents must drop them off before 7:45. Those students will have supervision in the cafeteria. However, parents must pay \$1.00 per day for their children to participate in the morning supervised activities (hence, the name, “Buck Club”).

This is a self-supporting program and accounts must be kept in good standing in order to attend. If there is a financial need, scholarships may be made available by contacting the principal. Parents may make arrangements ahead of time by paying for the “Buck Club” or may send their child with \$1.00 any time the child needs supervision before 7:45 AM. **Students may not be dropped off to wait on school grounds before 7:45 unless they participate in the Buck Club program. Students dropped off prior to 7:45 AM must pay \$1.** There is no “grace period” on the time. Come early enough to make it worth your dollar, or wait until 7:45 AM when there is no charge.

### **Parking Lot Gates/School-Day Accessibility**

During school hours, the gates by the pick-up and drop-off area in the Granite Mountain School parking lot and at White Cloud will be locked. Parents will need to park in the Abia Judd parking lot and walk up to the office to check your child in or sign in to volunteer during school hours. You will not be able to enter the campus in the pick-up/drop-off area by the school gym.

# Granite Mountain School Faculty and Staff

## 2016-2017

### FACULTY

#### Fifth Grade:

ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Dawna Olsen
Math/Science.....	Mr. Matt Simper
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Staci Chambers
Math/Science.....	Mrs. Kim Kloos
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Dawn Hriljac
Math/Science.....	Mr. Tim Erickson
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mr. Paul Helmken
Math/Science.....	Mrs. Kelli Suggs
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Mary Ticer
Math/Science.....	Mr. Mike McCrady

#### Sixth Grade:

ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Heather Christians
Math/Science.....	Ms. Roberta Schamber
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Rhiannon Haskell
Math/Science.....	Ms. Emma Gifford
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Melody Alegre
Math/Science.....	Ms. Kelly Gallagher
ELA/Social Studies.....	Mrs. Carrie Tyler
Math/Science.....	Ms. Cara Luhmann

Orchestra.....	Mr. Bill Cummings
Band.....	Mrs. Luan Mueller
Choir.....	Mrs. Tricia Sokoloski
Art.....	Mrs. Cassie Delaney
Computers.....	Mrs. Jennifer Woods
Physical Education.....	Ms. Abby Sabato
Instructional Coach.....	Mrs. Shelli Read
Counselor.....	Mrs. Tracey Frederiksen
Social Worker.....	Mrs. Ann Chavez
Math.....	Mrs. Jennifer Woods & Mr. Jeff Welch
Reading.....	Mrs. Debbie Baker & Mrs. Kris Foster
Special Education .....	Mrs. Nancy Anderson, Mrs. Lisa Beres, Ms. Ashlyn Norbe, Mrs. Jennifer Pike, Mrs. Kate Reimann
Speech Therapist .....	Mrs. Brittany Baird



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## Telephone Contacts

If you have questions or problems, please feel free to contact the school office at any time. Also, you are encouraged to keep an open line of communication directly with the teachers. Phone numbers you may find helpful:

Granite Mountain School .....	717-3253
Service Center.....	717-3229
Service Center -- after hours.....	778-6131
District Office .....	445-5400

### GMS ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Teresa Bruso, Principal  
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## **WELCOME TO GRANITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL!**

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year at Granite Mountain!

Through a variety of program options and choices for students, we are excited to embark on a new school year where we strive to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all students at Granite Mountain School. We have an extremely dedicated and top-notch staff who diligently work to provide engaging academic experiences that will allow our students to succeed throughout their educational career. Through STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics), students integrate their classroom learning with high level thinking skills and create real-world solutions to proposed problems. Students participate in our STEAM project-based learning each Wednesday throughout this school year.

Granite Mountain students also have the ability to explore and try a variety of activities and experiences in a safe, nurturing school environment. At Granite Mountain students can explore Band, Orchestra, Choir, PE, Art, Computers, Intramural Sports, and a wide range of before and after school club activities. Additionally, our technology-integrated classrooms innovatively prepare our students for college and career readiness in the 21st Century.

It is my sincere pleasure to be able to ensure that every student at Granite Mountain has the opportunity to learn and succeed at high levels with professionals who are focused on the individual needs of each child. We offer a small, intimate family-oriented school on a large campus with great opportunities. I am thrilled to be able to be a part of preparing your 5th & 6th grade students for their future educational success.

Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Teresa Brusio, Principal

Please visit our website: [www.pusdonline.com/gmms](http://www.pusdonline.com/gmms) for announcements and current information. A bulletin is published weekly in PowerSchool that will prove beneficial to all parents. It provides dates and explanations of activities so please log-on to PowerSchool on a regular basis to stay informed.

**School Colors:**

Royal Blue and White

**School Mascot:**

Grizzly Bear

**GMS School Song**

We've got the spirit; we've got the will  
We've got the teamwork; we've got the skill  
Grizzly Bears will put up a fight  
To add to our victories tonight  
FIGHT  
We never fumble; we never fall  
We are the Grizzlies; we do it all  
We're from Granite Mountain School  
So hail to the blue and white  
BLUE AND WHITE  
(SHOUT all capitalized words)



### **Student Drop off/Pick up**

Students may be dropped off and picked up in the parking lot by the gym or in the parking lot across from the bus stop. Exercise patience, abide by all traffic laws, and above all BE SAFE. The gate at this area will be locked and unavailable during the school day. Students should not go to Abia Judd to hang out, wait for rides, or visit teachers without permission from Abia Judd administration. Students must have visible adult supervision if waiting in the playground/ field area across from the bus stop.

### **Campus Visitors**

All visitors must sign in at the front office. Our staff encourages parents/guardians to participate in their children's education. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the District Office and contact the school office prior to volunteering or classroom visits.

### **Communication**

Daily announcements are made during first period. Parents are encouraged to log on to PowerSchool and view the Daily Bulletin. Urgent information on upcoming events can be found on our school website at [www.pusdonline.com](http://www.pusdonline.com). In addition, communication is provided through our Bright Arrow voicemail and email program.

### **Discipline Guidelines**

Granite Grizzlies are respectful, responsible, and safe. The Granite Mountain School staff is dedicated to the education of the whole child through the continuous growth of his/her mental, physical, and social development. All students are responsible for knowing and obeying school policies and regulations. Arizona Law is considered a part of school policy. A violation of the law is considered to be a violation of school policy.

**GRANITE GRIZZLIES are**

**Respectful  
Responsible  
Safe**

## GreenZone™

GreenZone™ is a tangible, measurable way to identify behavior and promote positive interaction and overall environment. GreenZone™ outlines three categories or “zones” of behavior (green, yellow, and red), ranging from acceptable to unacceptable, and encourages individuals of all ages to ‘Stay in the GreenZone™.’ The zones provide an easy avenue to identifying and discouraging “yellow” and “red zone” behavior and promoting kindness and civility overall.

The GreenZone™ focuses on creating the overall culture of Granite Mountain School. As part of this focus, we will address problematic issues *before* they occur. The GreenZone™ will help transform our culture through respect, relationships, responsibility, repair, and reintegration. The GreenZone™ will help us model, restore, foster, and sustain a healthy school community and beyond. The GreenZone™ will be our expectation for everyone in the Granite Mountain School family...students, staff, and parents.

### **GreenZone™ Behavior:**

- Using a normal rate, tone, and volume of speech
- Complimenting or encouraging others
- Engaging in appropriate casual conversation between peers and with adults
- Joking without intimidation and in a non-harmful manner
- Staying off the rocks
- Walking to and from each location
- Following and encouraging others to follow all school rules
- Acting in a respectful and responsible manner to help create a safe environment for all

### ***Possible Incentive/Reward Options for GreenZone™:***

- ❖ Potential for increased self-esteem
- ❖ Positive praise and reinforcement from teachers and/or administrators
- ❖ Character trait of the month recognition
- ❖ Grizzly Pride (Character Counts) award for lunch in the Grizzly Den with two friends
- ❖ Grizzly Points awarded for demonstrating Character traits throughout the day and in any school location, to earn special privileges
- ❖ Grizzly honor badge privileges for 6th graders
- ❖ Quarterly academic, attendance, and behavior awards
- ❖ Superintendent’s award each semester

## Yellow Zone

### Rule Violations:

Our students are generally well-behaved and maintain exemplary conduct and citizenship which is necessary for a proper learning environment. Our approach is to incorporate restorative practices to create a safe school environment where all members of the school community are accountable for their actions, resolve conflicts, create positive relationships, and repair any harm done to the community and its members.

### **Yellow Zone Behavior:**

- Disruption, excessive talking
- Disrespect/Defiance
- Dress code violation
- Not Prepared for class
- Lying
- Cheating/Academic dishonesty
- Teasing
- Mild physical aggression (pushing, shoving)
- Use of electronic device without permission
- Inappropriate physical contact of ANY kind (PDA)
- Four or more tardies
- Inappropriate use of technology
- Name calling, put-downs
- Intentionally excluding individuals
- Damaging another's reputation
- Spitting, including off bridges/balconies
- Spreading rumors
- Manipulating friendships or other relationships
- Property misuse
- Gum/candy abuse or misuse
- Caffeine and/or carbonated drinks or items are not permitted
- Misuse of colognes, perfumes, lotions, deodorants, etc.

### **Consequences for Yellow Zone Behavior:**

Minor behavioral violations are typically handled by the classroom teacher or staff member witnessing such behaviors.

Consequences may include:

- ❖ Verbal Warning
- ❖ Conference with student (Could include Restorative Reflection Report)

- ❖ Discipline Write-up Form
- ❖ Contact Parents (**Mandatory before referral to the office**)
- ❖ Privilege Loss and/or Lunch Detention
- ❖ Restorative Referral (including repair and reintegration)

\*After three violations, student will be referred to the office and or The Behavioral Assistance Team (BAT).

## **Red Zone**

**It is not practical or feasible to include all possible student behaviors that may be deemed inappropriate or against school rules. Therefore, any misconduct not specifically cited in this document is subject to definition and judgement of the building administration.**

(Refer to pages 27-31 in the Student Handbook for definitions of Yellow & Red Zone behaviors.)



### **Red Zone Behavior:**

- Use of foul language or obscenities
- Aiding and abetting
- Bullying (including cyberbullying)
- Threats, intimidation, harassment (threat of physical harm, offensive racial/sexual/religious comments)
- Major disruptions to the educational environment
- Repetitive yellow zone infractions
- Insubordination/Non-compliance
- Fighting/Assault
- Theft, forgery
- Property damage (belonging to others or the school)
- Vandalism (misuse or destruction of school property)
- Truancy or leaving designated safe school areas
- Violation of district technology guidelines
- Arson
- Use, possession, sale of alcohol, tobacco, or electronic cigarettes
- Use, possession, sale of prescription or non-prescription drugs or paraphernalia
- Use, possession of weapons, destructive devices, or explosive

### **Consequences for Red Zone Behavior:**

Restorative Referral is written with the following possible consequences:

- ❖ Lunch Detention
- ❖ In School Suspension (ISS)
- ❖ Out of School Suspension (OSS)
- ❖ Long Term Suspension
- ❖ Expulsion

**Restorative repair and reintegration must occur for child to reenter the educational environment after a Red Zone violation.**

## Granite Mountain School

### Discipline Matrix 2015-2016

It is not practical or feasible to include all possible student behaviors that may be deemed inappropriate or against school rules. Therefore, any misconduct not specifically cited in this document is subject to definition and judgement of the building administration. (Refer to pages 27-31 in the Student Handbook for definitions of Yellow & Red Zone behaviors.)		Consequences handled by classroom teacher or staff member witnessing the Yellow Zone behavior:						Consequences handled by administration for Red Zone behavior:				
		Verbal Warning	Conference with Student (Could include Restorative Reflection Report)	"Blue Book" Write-up Form	Contact Parents	Privilege Loss and/or Lunch Detention	Restorative Referral (including repair and reintegration)	Lunch Detention with Administration or in office	In School Suspension (ISS)	Out of School Suspension (OSS)	Long Term Suspension	Expulsion
YELLOW ZONE (Level 1) INFRINGEMENTS *	Disruption, excessive talking	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Disrespect/Defiance	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Dress code violaton	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Not prepared for class	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Lying	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Cheating/Academic dishonesty	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Teasing	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Mild physical aggression (pushing, shoving)	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Use of electronic device without permission	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Inappropriate physical contact of ANY kind (PDA)	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Three or more tardies	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Inappropriate use of technology	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Name calling, put-downs	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Intentionally excluding individuals	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Damaging another's reputation	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Spitting, including off bridges/balconies	x	x	x	x	x	x						
*After three violations, student will be referred to the office and/or The Behavioral	Spreading rumors	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Manipulating friendships or other relationships	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Property misuse	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Gum/candy abuse or misuse	x	x	x	x	x	x					
RED ZONE (Level 2) INFRINGEMENTS	Caffeine and/or carbonated drinks or items are not permitted	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Misuse of colognes, perfumes, lotions, deoderants, etc.	x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Use of foul language or obscenities							x	x	x	x	x
	Aiding and abetting							x	x	x	x	x
	Bullying (including cyberbullying)							x	x	x	x	x
	Threats, intimidation, harassment (threat of physical harm, offensive racial/sexual/religious comments)							x	x	x	x	x
	Major disruptions to the educational environment							x	x	x	x	x
	Repetitive (3 or more) yellow zone infractions *							x	x	x	x	x
	Insubordination/Non-compliance							x	x	x	x	x
	Fighting/Assault							x	x	x	x	x
	Theft, forgery							x	x	x	x	x
	Property damage (belonging to others or the school)							x	x	x	x	x
	Vandalism (misuse or destruction of school property)							x	x	x	x	x
	Truancy or leaving designated safe school areas							x	x	x	x	x
	Violation of district technology guidelines							x	x	x	x	x
	Arson							x	x	x	x	x
	Use, possession, sale of alcohol, tobacco, or electronic cigarettes							x	x	x	x	x
	Use, possession, sale of prescription or non-prescription drugs or paraphenalia							x	x	x	x	x
Use, possession of weapons, destructive devices, or explosives							x	x	x	x	x	

## **Dress Code**

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire and appearance are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. It is recognized that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance: however, students shall not do so in a manner that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. As aforementioned, the school staff reserves the right to make judgments on any article of clothing, mode of dress, or personal appearance.

School regulations prohibit student dress or grooming practices that:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school. This would include:
  - Dangling or large hoop earrings.
  - Facial piercing.
  - Jewelry or accessories that may be used as a weapon.
  
- Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program. This would include:
  - Skirts or shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh in length or fingertip length, whichever is longer.
  - Blouse or shirts that do not reach the waistband when arms are raised. (Midriff/torso must be covered at all times.)
  - Clothing that is offensive or inappropriately revealing such as transparent clothing, straps more narrow than a credit card, low cut blouses/shirts, and pajamas.
  - Exposed underwear such as bras and boxer shorts.
  - Pants that are not worn or secured at the waistline.
  - Pants that have rips or holes higher than mid-thigh or fingertip length, whichever is longer.
  - Headgear worn in the building such as caps, hoods, beanies, etc.
  - Hair colors or styles that are deemed by the Principal or Designee to be disruptive to the school environment.
  - Visible body piercing (with the exception of earrings).
  - Visible temporary or permanent tattoos.
  - Make-up including lipstick and eyeshadow/liner.
  - Clothing that has wording or images that are not school-appropriate.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property. This would include:
  - Shoes with heelies (rollers), cleats, or studs.
- Prevent students from achieving their educational objectives.
- Clothing and/or accessories that are gang style or represent membership in a gang.

- Clothing and/or accessories that have statements, pictures, or symbols that represent prejudice, obscenity, vulgarity, sex, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

### **Lockers**

Lockers will be assigned to all students. Each locker has a combination lock. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that s/he is the only person in possession of the combination. Combinations and locker space must not be shared with friends!

Students are permitted to decorate lockers; however, any adhesive and/or writing are prohibited. All pictures must be attached to the locker with a magnet only. Decorations cannot be permanent.

**Lockers are the property of the school. The school administration reserves the right to inspect the lockers and their contents at its discretion.**

### **Backpacks and Large Purses**

Students may use backpacks and large purses when coming to school in the morning or leaving for the day. They must remain in lockers during class time.

### **Bicycles, Scooters, and Skateboards on Campus**

Students may ride bicycles to and from school, but GMS accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any bicycle. Always lock bicycles and never ride them on the school grounds. This includes the sidewalks at Abia Judd Elementary School. Bike racks are provided at different locations on campus. Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on campus.

### **Items prohibited at school**

Students should not bring valuables or large amounts of money to school. Other non-permitted items include, but are not limited to: fireworks, laser pointers, aerosols/sprays, noise makers, silly string, Airsoft guns, paintball guns, tobacco, electronic cigarettes/vapors, weapons, lighters, skateboards, rollerblades, rolling shoes (Heelys), and scooters. Items not allowed on school grounds may be confiscated and stored in the office to be picked up by the parents.

### **Cell phones/Electronic Devices**

Possession or use of personal electronic communication devices by students is permitted provided that:

- Such devices are kept in locker (turned off/silent) so as not to disrupt the educational program or school activity
- The devices are permitted by the school administration and are used in accordance with school guidelines for educational purposes.
- Students will not be dismissed from classes to make or answer telephone calls on personal devices.

- Students may not take unwanted pictures of other students or staff members with their cell phones or any other device as it is a violation of the privacy rights of individuals, by law.

Staff members who find that a student's cell phone is being used contrary to these guidelines will confiscate the item for the duration of the school day for the first infraction. For a second infraction, the phone will be confiscated and turned in to the office. The office will contact the parent/guardians to pick up the confiscated item. The third infraction will require a cell phone contract.

Electronic devices (such as iPods, Mp3 players, and/or cell phones) may only be used after school hours at the bus stop; but not in the building, classes, or academic settings unless permission is given by the teacher for educational purposes.

At the discretion of the teacher(s) in charge, cell phones may be brought on field trips. That teacher may determine when and if phone use is permitted.

Students should carefully consider before deciding to bring valuable electronic devices onto campus. The school and/or district is not responsible nor does it have insurance to cover students' lost or stolen property. Students may report theft, damage or vandalism to the police department.

If a cell phone is found, administration may use the numbers on the phone in an attempt to contact a parent/guardian; according to technology search laws.

### **Attendance/Truancy**

The Prescott Unified School District is committed to the enforcement of state mandatory attendance laws (A.R.S. 15-802). Our focus regarding attendance and tardies is to ensure all of our students are present in school and able to achieve optimal learning. Our goal is to create policies and procedures that seek to balance accountability with support, encourage positive choices, strengthen relationships, and focus on harm and repair. At Granite Mountain School we seek to create a culture of belonging, inclusion and respect for every child, every day.

### **Tier I**

- Positive incentives to encourage daily student attendance through classroom incentives, weekly school competitions, monthly incentives and quarterly perfect and improved attendance awards.
- After 5 Absences or Tardies
  - Phone call to the parent by a school attendance team member.
    - Call is to inform, gather information and encourage improved attendance.
  - Informal Restorative Meeting
    - Classroom teacher or office staff member meets with the parent and student regarding absenteeism or tardiness.

## **Tier II**

- Over 10 absences or tardies
  - Formal letter is mailed to the parents/families with details of absences, tardies and request to contact the school for next steps.
  - Restorative Attendance Conference (with referral form)
    - Team meeting with students, parents, support student, teachers, administrators, and two outside facilitators. Participants determine what is needed to support the student in school. A written agreement is completed and signed by all parties and then monitored by school administration.

## **Tier III**

- Law Enforcement Citation
  - Referral to Juvenile Court Services
    - Lack of attendance is chronic and warrants more involvement and support by juvenile court services with the family and student.

## **Granite Mountain Attendance Procedures**

Please call the office (928)717-3253, every day your student is or will be out of school whether it's all or part of a day, no matter the reason. This includes half-day mornings, days before vacations, holidays, and missed field trips.

If a student is absent from class s/he is responsible for making up missed work, tests, etc. Students will have as many days equal to the number absent, without penalty, to complete missed work assigned during the absence period. Any previously assigned work is expected on the due date or on the day returning from an absence. For questions about this, please contact individual teachers or see their websites. Teachers are allotted twenty-four (24) hours to provide the requested homework.

## **Late Arrivals**

Students who arrive late must sign in at the main office with the Attendance Clerk to receive a tardy pass.

## **Leaving Campus**

All students leaving campus must be signed out by a parent in the school office. This is meant for the protection of your child. If someone other than a custodial parent or guardian is to pick the student up, we must have permission from that parent or guardian, in writing. Identification may be required of anyone signing out a student. Be sure that persons whom you anticipate picking up your child are listed on the emergency card of your son or daughter. If changes are made during the year, please notify the school's office immediately.

### **Tardy Policy**

Our expectations for class attendance also include punctuality and preparation. Between classes, students are expected to arrive in class on time and with the necessary homework, books, and materials. If a student is more than ten (10) minutes late, the tardy is recorded as an unexcused absence. Students who are habitually tardy in between class periods (4 or more tardies per quarter) will receive a disciplinary referral to the office.

### **Snow Days**

Due to inclement weather which might endanger students and staff members, one of two situations could occur: (1) School may be canceled altogether. OR (2) A snow schedule may be declared, which means buses will run two hours late and classes will begin two hours late. The rest of the day will run as usual. If either of these conditions exists, announcements will be made over our local radio stations beginning at 6:00 a.m. or you may check the PUSD website at [www.pusdonline.com](http://www.pusdonline.com) for any schedule changes.

### **Academic Expectations**

At Granite Mountain School, it is our expectation for every child to succeed. Because of this, any student receiving a D or F in a core academic class will be required to attain proficiency in the grade-level skills necessary for promotion through our Skills Recovery Program during the following academic quarter. Skills Recovery can be accomplished through attending a before or after school academic support club, Saturday School, and/or Summer School. Upon completion of skill recovery activities, students will demonstrate competency through a standards-based assessment.

Honor Roll is based on grades each semester. Students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA.

The Principal's List is based on grades each semester. Students must have a 4.0 GPA.

### **Homework Policy**

At Granite Mountain School we believe homework is an important instructional tool and should be a part of the educational experience to help our students reach proficiency in content standards. Homework is a continuation of school assignments that will reinforce content and skills learned in class. It should not be a substitute for classroom instruction, used for disciplinary purposes nor as a measure of rigor. The amount of homework assigned will be reflective of age-appropriate expectations. In addition, homework assignments should not require an extensive amount of time on the part of the student or the student's family (45 minutes to 1 hour per night, including reading for 5th & 6th grade). Because homework is only one portion of students' content and concept learning, grading of homework is handled consistently by our staff. At Granite Mountain School, scores from homework in any course should not exceed 10 percent of a student's grade for a grading period.

Homework is assigned to meet one of the following purposes:

- Prepare students for new learning.
- Practice skills to increase speed and/or accuracy.
- Deepen understanding of concepts learned.

Responsibilities of Teachers/Staff:

- Assign meaningful and appropriate homework that is challenging and aligns with classroom learning objectives.
- Provide ongoing and clear guidance to ensure students understand the directions and reasons for homework.
- Provide timely and specific feedback for all homework assignments.
- Recognize student effort.
- Inform parents and families of the homework policy and their roles related to homework.
- Promote quality work.
- Assist students in being successful and in believing they are capable of doing their work.

Responsibilities of Parents/Families:

- Establish routines related to study times and study habits.
- Provide an environment and study area that promotes learning.
- Reduce distractions.
- Provide encouragement.
- Communicate with the school/teacher if difficulties arise.

Responsibilities of Students:

- Keep track of all homework assignments in the student agenda.
- Follow routines related to study times and study habits.
- Choose a place to study that is free from distractions.
- Believe you can do it!
- Follow up with your teachers regarding missed work after an absence.
- Ask for help if needed.
- Give your best work at all times.
- Complete all assignments on time.

**Grades**

Course Grading:

Assessments/Quizzes	50%
Classwork, Projects, Accountability Points, Etc...	40%
Homework	10%

To access your child's grades and/or missed assignments, go to the Granite Mountain website and select the PowerSchool icon and log on. All students are given a username and password on their schedules at the beginning of the school year. If you need assistance with this, please call us at 717-3253.



## **Intramural Sports**

The intramural sports program differs from traditional interscholastic sports in that it prioritizes inclusion and enjoyment over competition. The intramural program at Granite Mountain will create a great opportunity for 5th and 6th graders to grow as individuals and to learn about fitness. Intramural athletics, unlike competitive athletics, are open to all students, regardless of the student's ability and/or knowledge. In addition, family and community participation will be a fundamental part of our program as well. Our intramural sports program will consist of basketball, volleyball, wrestling, cross country, soccer, flag football, indoor hockey, and track.

Tentative dates and options for the sports seasons are as follows:

### **Fall Season - August 17th - September 25th**

Co-ed Flag Football and Co-ed Volleyball

### **Winter 1 Season - October 12th - November 20th**

Boys and Girls Basketball

### **Winter 2 Season - January 4th - February 12th**

Co-ed Hockey

### **Spring Season - February 22 - April 8th**

Co-ed Soccer

Intramural sports in the Prescott Unified School District are set up on a pay-to-play basis. The current fee is \$40 for each sport. The fee is to be paid before the first game for all sports.

\*\*Students wishing to participate in Cross Country, Wrestling, and/or Track will be able to do so with the Mile High teams. Granite Mountain students will be bused to Mile High for these sports. The pay-to-play for these sports teams is \$110 per sport.

For interscholastic contact sports (wrestling), it is necessary for each student to have a medical release form (physical) completed by your doctor. All sports require medical insurance and the school-supplied parental permission form.

Athletes are also required to read and sign the Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes, and parents must read and sign the Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians. These codes are to be followed at all practices and games. More specific information will be given during skills assessment for each sport.

## **NO PASS NO PLAY**

Extracurricular activities are all interscholastic activities operating under the guidelines, rules, and procedures established by the Arizona Interscholastic Association. This includes but is not limited to athletics, Student Council, and band/choir trips. All schools within our athletic league also enforce similar no pass/no play policies.

Eligibility – If a student receives a failing grade at the end of any of the three week progress reporting periods, or at the end of a quarter, s/he will be given one week to raise the grade and will be assigned to after school academic tutoring. If s/he does not raise the grade, s/he is ineligible for the next two week period. S/he **may not** compete in any games or travel with the team to away matches. S/he **may** continue to practice with the team. At the end of the next three weeks, the same process will be implemented.

## **School Insurance**

Granite Mountain School does not provide medical insurance coverage for school accidents; however, you can purchase your own school insurance. The cost of this insurance varies from school year to school year, and according to the type of coverage you opt to purchase. Applications are available through the School Nurse and should be returned to the School Nurse for processing.

All students wishing to participate in athletics **MUST CARRY SOME KIND OF HEALTH INSURANCE**. Proof of such insurance will be required before being given clearance for athletic participation.

## **Textbooks**

The school loans students the required textbooks for classes at no cost. Students should cover their books in an effort to protect them. Textbooks are the responsibility of the student. Any damage to, or loss of, books will result in a student having to pay the cost to replace the book. Please treat each book with respect.

## **Library**

Granite Mountain has a library of over 13,500 volumes created for the benefit and enjoyment of our students and staff. The Library is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. daily. Books are checked out for two weeks at a time and can be renewed if someone else has not placed a hold on it. Overdue books are charged at a rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per day. A five-day grace period is provided starting with the first overdue day. The student will be held responsible for his/her library obligations. Library fines that are left unpaid will be turned over to the front office.

## **Bus Safety Program**

Bus service is provided to those students living outside a walking distance from GMS. It is a privilege to ride the school bus, not a right. Unacceptable behavior may result in the suspension of bus riding privileges. A bus referral may be considered sufficient reason to take away a student's right to attend a semester incentive activity.

### **School-Sponsored Field Trips**

Students may have an opportunity to attend educational field trips. Attendance on the field trip is at the discretion of the sponsoring teacher and administration.

### **Meals**

Students may purchase their breakfast or lunch at school or bring food from home. Lunch menus are posted monthly on the school's website at <http://www.pusdonline.com/food-menus/>. Parents can send money to the school cafeteria with their child(ren) or establish a meal account via [www.pusdonline.com/foodservice](http://www.pusdonline.com/foodservice). Breakfast is \$1.50 per meal and lunch is \$2.75 per meal. An application for free or reduced price meals is sent home with each student during the first week of school. They are also available in the office. Complete and return the application to the cafeteria manager.

### **Nurse's Office**

Granite Mountain School has a full-time nurse whose hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. She is here to help you when you are ill and will talk with you and your parents concerning any special problems you may have. The nurse can be reached by phone directly at 541-2293. If your child becomes ill during the school day, s/he must see the nurse to be assessed. The nurse will then determine if the parent(s) should pick up the child.

### **Medications**

All medication is to be kept in the GMS Nurse's Office. Medications must be sent in the original container. Prescription medications must be accompanied by a yearly prescription from a doctor. These medications will be kept in a locking cabinet. Students may not have possession of medications of any kind (prescription or otherwise) on their person, in their backpacks, or in their lockers.

In the course of the school year, your child may need a prescription or an over-the-counter medication administered. To ensure that the child is receiving the correct dose, correct time of administration, and correct medication, parent/guardian must follow the requirements listed below:

- Medication prescribed by a physician must come to the school nurse in its original container and be labeled by the pharmacy with the student's name, medication directions for use, doctor's name, and date of prescription. If your child is to take prescription medication both at home and school, ask your pharmacist to provide you with two marked containers (one for use at home and one for use at school).
- All over-the-counter medication must come in its original container and unopened. All over-the-counter medications must be FDA approved. **Please note**, if your child suffers from acute or chronic health issues, such as migraine headaches, you must provide the school with the medication for treatment.
- The parent/guardian must complete a **Consent Form for Giving Medication** to allow the nurse to administer any medications. Appropriate forms are available from the school nurse.

**Students are not permitted to carry prescribed or over-the-counter medications, homeopathic, naturopathic, or other medicinal substances on the school campus.**

**Exceptions:**

- Students who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis may carry EpiPens provided that the student's name is on the prescription label and that the parent/guardian completes a **Permit for self-administration of EpiPens injection ARS 15-341.A.38** form. Appropriate forms are available from the school nurse.
- **HB 2229 Asthma Rescue Medication Bill** allows students to carry inhalers for self-administration on campus provided the student's name is on the prescription label and that the parent/guardian completes a **Permit for self-administration of albuterol inhaler ARS 15-341.A.39** form. Appropriate forms are available from the school nurse.
- Students with diabetes who have diabetes medical management plans provided by the student's parent or guardian, signed by a licensed health professional as specified by **A.R.S. 15 344.01**, may carry appropriate medications and monitoring equipment and self-administer the medication. Appropriate forms are available from the school nurse.

**Immunizations**

Every student must have:

- Up-to-date immunization history on file.
- Proof of immunization must be provided from a documented source. State regulations allow for exemption on the basis of medical or personal beliefs.
- Parents will be notified by mail when their child is due for an immunization. In accordance to Arizona State Law (A.R.S. 15-872), the appropriate immunization must be obtained by the specified date or the student will be excluded from school until proof of the immunization or exemption is provided.

**Illness Protocol**

We are concerned about contagious illnesses and request that you take extra precaution before sending your child to school. It is district policy for you to keep your child home when exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Nausea or vomiting within the past 24 hours
- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher within the past 24 hours
- Possible pinkeye
- Possible strep throat

If your child comes to school with these symptoms, s/he will be immediately sent home. Please have your child stay home and rest to prevent any relapses and the spread of illnesses. Medication for communicable illnesses must be taken for a full twenty-four (24) hours before the child can return to school.

### **Physical Education Excuses**

Parents may excuse students from P.E., in writing, for up to three (3) days. If a student is to be out of P.E. longer than that, the excuse must be from a doctor outlining the dates to be excused and a diagnosis. All notes must be submitted to the GMS School Nurse.

### **Lost Items**

Check for lost items in the cafeteria or office. If a library book is lost, students must check with the librarian. Items not claimed will be donated to charity at the end of each quarter.

### **Parent Teacher Organization**

Make your child's educational experience all it can be...get involved with PTO.

Come be a part of an exciting way for parents and teachers to better collaborate in our children's education. We have many committees you can help with like Hospitality, Fundraising/Donations, and more! One of our main goals is to have better parent communication. Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month in the GMS Office conference room, at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. If you have questions or would like to become more involved, please contact one of our officers.

**Annmarie Lopez, President**

[alopez@cableone.net](mailto:alopez@cableone.net)

**Krista Carman, Vice President**

[krisdre@cableone.net](mailto:krisdre@cableone.net)

### **Fundraising Activities**

Any fundraisers being conducted on school grounds, or at any school activity, must be authorized by the Administration, PTO and/or the GMS Student Council.

### **No dogs or other pets allowed on campus**

For health and safety reasons, no dogs or other pets are permitted on campus.

### **Substitute/Guest Teachers**

When a substitute/guest teacher is conducting a class, students are expected to be courteous and helpful. Students misbehaving or causing disruption for a substitute/guest teacher will receive consequences.

### **Summer School Policy**

PUSD and Granite Mountain School are members of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Due to this we are able to offer, through a federal grant, the summer program **FREE** to our incoming 5th & 6th grade students in need of enrichment and remediation in the core subjects of math/language arts.

The summer program is 3 weeks long, 4 hours per day (8 a.m.-12 p.m.), and 4 days per week (M-Th). Bus transportation from school Granite Mountain will be based upon need and determined after the enrollment process has been completed.

\*Student not passing their core classes with a 60% or higher will be **required** to take summer school or participate in our skills recovery program.

### **Student Schedules and Changes**

Student schedules are developed based on the academic needs of the students. Schedule changes will be made during the first week of each semester ONLY if those changes do not result in an imbalance of students in the affected sections. Schedule changes will also be made for the following reasons:

- Misplacement (teacher verification)
- Computer error (pre-registration verification)
- Leveling of classes (administration discretion)
- Medical reasons prevent continuing in a class/course

### **School Records**

Granite Mountain School will only forward student's school records to a school faxing a records request without parent signature or official request from the receiving school.

### **Testing**

Periodically, students at Granite Mountain will be given tests for achievement, intelligence, and aptitude. Teachers and school staff will administer the tests. This will help to assure your child's placement in classes best suited to his or her abilities and interests.

All students are required to participate in the state standardized AzMerit tests.

### **Transfer Grades**

Transfer grades from a previous school for a partial grading quarter will not be averaged with those obtained from GMS for the remainder of that period. Grades will also only be issued at GMS when there are four weeks or more remaining in a quarter. Semester grades may be the average between the previous school's full quarter and Granite Mountain's assigned grades.

### **Withdrawals/Transfers**

Parents must notify the Office of a withdrawal or transfer. Please give at least a one-day notice, as the student needs to take a withdrawal form around to all his/her teachers and be cleared of book and other obligations. Parents are required to come in and sign the withdrawal/transfer papers.

## **Grizzly Den**

Grizzly Pride awards are given out to students who are spotted doing something great at Granite Mountain School. Each week several students are drawn from the Pride cards. The selected students are then able to choose a friend and spend their lunch time in Grizzly Den.

## **Activity Fee**

There is an annual activity fee of \$25 due at schedule pick-up each year. This fee includes student handbook, student agenda, classroom fees and materials.

## **DEFINITIONS OF INFRACTIONS:**

Granite Mountain School includes definitions of infractions, definitions of consequences, and a matrix that reflects the possible consequences related to each infraction. These definitions and infractions are based on the Arizona Department of Education 2011 Safe & Drug-free Schools Report and the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.).

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in class.

**Aiding and Abetting:** Assisting, encouraging, or offering help or services towards an infraction.

**Alcohol:** The manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of intoxicating alcoholic beverages or substances represented as alcohol. This includes being intoxicated at school, school-sponsored events, or on school-sponsored transportation.

**Arson:** Knowingly and unlawfully damaging a structure or property by knowingly causing a fire or explosion.

**Bullying:** Continued counts of harassment

**Destructive Device:** A category of firearm that includes an explosive, combustible or poisonous gas. This includes bombs, grenades, mines and rockets.

**Disrespect:** “Discourtesy” or any behavior that shows a lack of respect.

**Disruptive Behavior:** Any behavior that directly or indirectly interferes with the normal operations of the school.

**Disorderly Conduct:** A serious class or campus disruption.

**Dress Code Violation:** Any inappropriate attire stated so in the dress code or judged as such by a school official.

**Drugs:** The unlawful use, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance or equipment and devices used for preparing or taking drugs or narcotics. Includes being under the influence of drugs at school, school-sponsored events or on school-sponsored transportation. District policy states that students may not be in possession of prescription drugs or over the counter drugs while at school. All medications must be checked-in through the School Nurse’s Office for distribution.

**Failure to Attend Detention:** Not attending detention assigned by any school official.

**False Information (Lying):** Providing inaccurate or withholding information.

**Fighting:** Any intentional, mutual, violent, verbal or physical engagement between two or more students.

**Forgery:** Signing another person’s name to any document in order to defraud that person or others.

Gum/Candy Abuse: Eating candy at inappropriate times and at inappropriate locations. Gum chewing is only allowed at teacher discretion.

Harassment: Intentionally or knowingly annoys, pesters, bothers, stalks, hassles, worries, badger, hounds or bullies another person.

Hate Crime: A criminal offense or threat against a person, property or society that is motivated in whole or in part by the offender's bias against a race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

Improper Care of Equipment/Property: Failure to use items in their proper, intended ways or being abusive/destructive.

Injury Prone Behavior: Engaging in teasing, wrestling or other inappropriate behavior. Includes running on sidewalks and other inappropriate areas.

Insubordination: Failure to cooperate or follow a teacher, administrator or any other school authority figure's directive.

Larceny/Theft: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property of another person.

Not Working/Unprepared: Failing to put forth effort in class or other required assignment, or not bringing required resources for class.

Out of Bounds: Being in or around an area designated as restricted, defined as such either by time or location.

Outside Without Pass: Being out of class or other designated area without proper documentation.

Physical Attack/Assault: A physical attack includes an actual and intentional touching or striking of another person against his or her will or intentionally causing bodily harm to an individual.

Profanity: Using language that is inappropriate and/or offensive to others.

Public Display of Affection: Students may hold hands, but the school does not allow hugging, kissing, etc.

Racial/Cultural/Religious Epithets: A verbal, visual, or behavioral expression used to show hostility or contempt against a person's race, culture, or religious beliefs

Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical sexual conduct.

Spitting: In an effort to keep the campus clean, students should not spit on campus.

Tardy: Being late to class or other designated location.

Threats and Intimidation: Indicating by word or conduct the intent to cause physical injury or damage to a person or their property.

Tobacco: The possession, use, distribution or sale of tobacco products on school grounds, at school-sponsored events and on school-sponsored transportation, including electronic cigarette products.

Trespassing: To enter or remain on a public school campus or school board facility without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry. This includes students under suspension or expulsion and unauthorized persons who enter or remain on a campus or board facility after being directed to leave by the chief administrator or designee of the facility, campus or function.

Truancy: "Ditching", failure to attend school as prescribed by law and school policy.



Vandalism/Criminal Damage: To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure or deface school property without consent of the owner or custodian by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth or any other such means as may be specified by local law.

Weapon: A firearm includes a device which is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. (This includes a starter gun.)

### **DEFINITIONS OF CONSEQUENCES:**

After School Work Program/Detention: Students perform various work duties on campus after school.

Before School Work program/Detention: Students perform various work duties on campus before school.

Behavioral Contract: Student is placed on a strict written contract in agreement with parents, teachers, and administrators.

Campus Clean Up: Student will report to a designated staff member and conduct litter removal, gum removal, weeding, and/or other activities to beautify the campus.

Exclusion/Restricted from School: Student is prohibited from attending Granite Mountain pending a parent conference or other requirement.

Expulsion: Permanently removed from Prescott Unified School District.

Long Term Suspension: Student is suspended out of school for a period of time to be determined by a hearing officer, longer than ten school days.

Lunch work program: After eating lunch, student performs various work duties assigned by an administrator.

Lunch Detention: After eating lunch, student reports to a designated location to serve detention.

Out of School Suspension (OSS): Student serves detention out of school during regular school hours for a time stipulated by an administrator.

Phone Call Home: Phone contact made with parent or guardian by either the teacher involved or an administrator.

Police Contact: Contact and referral made to the police department where deemed necessary or required by state statute.

Restitution: Student makes compensation, where appropriate, for damage incurred through his or her actions.

Time out in a Classroom: Student will report to a designated classroom for a period of time such as the remainder of the class period.

Time out in a Hallway: Student will report to a designated spot outside the classroom for a period of time until the teacher can conference with the student.

Warning: Student is cautioned of his/her behavior.

### **Harassment Policy (G.2.1)**

A. It is the policy of the Prescott Unified School District to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment. No employee or student of the district shall be subjected to sexual harassment. Please report all complaints to a Counselor or building administrator.

B. Violations of this policy or procedure will be cause for disciplinary action.

### **Racial/Cultural/Religious Epithets**

Granite Mountain School is committed to providing a positive and safe school environment in which all students are treated with respect and dignity. The use of derogatory racial/ethnic/cultural/religious epithets is strictly forbidden which includes any behavior aimed at the student's (or a student's family member's) race or religion. This conduct could include the use of negative epithets, racial slurs, derogatory remarks, offensive stereotypes, racial jokes, inappropriate graffiti/written/visual material, taunts on manner of language, insulting gestures, and/or offensive references on racial/cultural/religious customs. Students found to have conducted this type of harassment will be subject to Red Zone behavioral consequences and a parent conference. Additional consequences may be assigned based on the severity of the infraction.

### **Student concerns, complaints, and grievances** (2009 by Arizona School Boards Association, JII-EB)

Students may present a complaint or grievance regarding one (1) or more of the following:

- Violation of the student's constitutional rights.
- Denial of an equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity for which the student qualifies not related to the student's individual capabilities.
- Discriminatory treatment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.
- Harassment of the student by another person.
- Intimidation by another student.
- Bullying by another student.
- Concern for the student's personal safety.

Provided that:

- The topic is not the subject of disciplinary or other proceedings under other policies and regulations of this District, and
- The procedure shall not apply to any matter for which the method of review is prescribed by law, or the Governing Board is without authority to act.

The guidelines to be followed are:

- The accusation must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the time the student knew or should have known that there were grounds for the complaint/grievance.
- The complaint/grievance shall be made only to a school administrator or professional staff member.
- The person receiving the complaint will gather information for the complaint form.
- All allegations shall be reported on forms with the necessary particulars as determined by the Superintendent. Forms are available in the school office.
- The person receiving the complaint shall preserve the confidentiality of the subject, disclosing it only to the appropriate school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor or as otherwise required by law.

Any question concerning whether the complaint/grievance falls within this policy shall be determined by the Superintendent.

A parent or guardian who wishes to complain should do so by completing the forms following Policy KE on Public Concerns and Complaints.

A complaint/grievance may be withdrawn at any time. Once withdrawn, the process cannot be reopened if the resubmission is longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged incident. False or unproven complaint documentation shall not be maintained.

Retaliatory or intimidating acts against any student who has made a complaint under this policy and its corresponding regulations, or against a student who has testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation relating to a complaint or grievance, are specifically prohibited and constitute grounds for a separate complaint.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

When District officials have a reasonable belief or an investigation reveals that a reported incident may constitute an unlawful act, law enforcement authorities will be informed.

### **Threats and Intimidation**

Threatening or intimidating remarks to another student, about another student, or concerning the well being of GMS staff or student, will be taken very seriously. This Includes, but is not limited to, threats of school violence and threatening. Consequences could include police contact and/or suspension.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

### **Safety Drills**

It is most important that drills are conducted regularly and in an orderly fashion. Students must follow the instructions as they are given by the teacher or staff member. Students will practice lock-down, shelter-in-place, and site and building evacuation drills.

### **PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

If an emergency or disaster situation should arise in our area while school is in session, we want you to be aware that Granite Mountain has developed a safety plan to respond effectively to dangerous situations. If we

have a major disaster during school hours, your child will be cared for at school. Prescott Unified School District has a detailed disaster plan which has been formulated to respond to emergency situations.

Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency. Please do not telephone the school. Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communication. Tune your radio to 99.1, 195.7, or 107.5 for emergency announcements. If students are to be kept at school, radio stations will be notified. If electrical service is not affected, information will be relayed via the School District cable on Channel 13. In addition, information regarding day-to-day school operations will be available by calling the District Office or linking to our website at [www.pusdonline.com](http://www.pusdonline.com).

Certain situations may warrant that the school activates our Shelter in Place or Lockdown procedure. All students and staff will clear the fields and outside areas, reporting inside the building immediately. Anyone arriving at school during a Shelter in Place or Lockdown procedure, even if it is a drill, will not be granted access inside the buildings or to students. When the dangerous incident has subsided, an all-clear signal will be given. Parents entering campus to check a student out **will not** be granted permission until the all-clear signal is given. Please understand that it is for the safety of all students and staff that we not violate the procedures of the safety plan.

Students will be kept at Granite Mountain until we have been cleared to release students by administration and local law enforcement. Once student release is safe to take place, students will be released only to a responsible adult. This person must be listed on the student's emergency card which is required to be filled out by parents at the beginning of every school year. Please be sure you consider the following criteria when you authorize another person to pick up your child at school:

- He/she is 18 years of age or older.
- He/she is usually home during the day.
- He/she could walk to school, if necessary.
- He/she is known to your child.
- He/she is both aware and able to assume this responsibility.

In the event that a natural disaster takes place during the time that students are being transported, students will be kept on the bus(es). Any child who is home waiting for the bus will not be picked up and remains the responsibility of the parent or guardian. In the event an emergency situation occurs in the afternoon, the driver will make every attempt to continue delivering the students to their homes. If road conditions prevent the driver from delivering students to their homes or to school in the morning, the students will be delivered to the nearest school site and that school will communicate with the home school to inform them of the students' whereabouts.

If students need to be evacuated from the school site they will be transported to Prescott High School Gymnasium. Once student release has been authorized we will follow the same procedures as listed above.

Please discuss these matters with your immediate family. Planning ahead will help alleviate concern during emergencies.

### **USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION**

Terms and Conditions for Prescott Unified School District (PUSD) Students:

Acceptable use of the electronic information services (EIS) requires that the use of the resources be in accordance with the following guidelines and support the education, research, and educational goals of the District. The user must:

- Use the EIS for educational purposes only.
- Agree not to submit, publish, display, or retrieve any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material.
- Abide by all copyright regulations. Use of all software must be in compliance with state and federal law and PUSD's software licenses. *Violating United States copyright law by illegal reproduction of software can be subject to civil damages of as much as one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment.*
- All software and hardware products installed or run on PUSD personal computers must be reviewed by the designated site technology coordinator and approved by the IT Department.
- Understand that many services and products are available for a fee and *acknowledge the responsibility for any expenses incurred without District approval.*
- The School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information. While the District will make an effort to ensure access to proper materials, the user has the ultimate responsibility for how the EIS is used and bears the risk of reliance on the information obtained.
- Not reveal home addresses, phone numbers, or other personal information.
- Understand that electronic mail or direct electronic communication is not private. PUSD has the right to monitor electronic communications.
- Not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others or disrupt the educational process.
- Not use the EIS for commercial purposes.
- Follow the District's code of conduct.
- Not attempt to harm, modify, or destroy software or hardware; or interfere with system security and District servers. Servers on the PUSD network are the sole responsibility of the Information Technology Department. Any additions to, or changes made to software or hardware must be submitted to the Information Technology Department and Director for approval and implementation.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF PUSDNET INTERNET ACCESS**

Internet access is available to students in the District. PUSDNET is a filtered electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world. PUSDNET meets the Children's Internet Protection ACT (CIPA). PUSD enforces a policy of Internet safety that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions.

Parents always have an opportunity not to have their children participate in the Internet and may complete an "Objection to Materials or Activities" form.

A user who violates the provisions of the policy will be denied access to the information services and may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. The District may log the use of all systems and monitor all system utilization. Accounts may be closed and files may be deleted at any time. The District is not responsible for any services interruptions, changes, or consequences.

Any disciplinary action chosen shall be consistent with the severity of the violation. Frequency of EIS violations may also be taken into account.

Referral to legal authorities may take place at any time in the case of illegal activity. In response to intentional malicious activities, possible financial reparations may be imposed. Other actions taken shall be hierarchical in nature:

- Verbal warning.
- Temporary EIS access revocation, amount of time to be based on the severity of the violation.
- Suspension of EIS and/or PUSDNET.
- Permanent access revocation of EIS and PUSDNET.

Any student violation of this policy shall be dealt with by the administrators at the school site.

\*Please note that this policy is valid and enforceable for the entire time a student is enrolled with Prescott Unified School District.

## **LEGAL INFORMATION**

### **ARIZONA'S MANDATORY REPORTING LAW**

The most important responsibility of every professional educator is protecting the welfare of the students in his/her care. The purpose of Arizona's mandatory reporting law, A.R.S. § 13-3620, is to ensure the safety of children. Therefore, educators within the Granite Mountain School take their duty to report possible situations of child abuse very seriously. Below is a brief overview regarding Arizona's mandatory reporting law.

A.R.S. § 13-3620 states that “any person who reasonably believes that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense or neglect that appears to have been inflicted on the minor by other than accidental means...shall immediately report or cause reports to be made of this information” to law enforcement or Department of Child Safety. If the suspected abuser does not have care, custody or control of the minor, the report shall be made to law enforcement only.

Recent changes in the law no longer require educators to have visible evidence of abuse. Educators may form a reasonable belief that abuse has occurred based on their own observations, information provided by the student, or information provided by a third party. It is *not* the responsibility of the educator to investigate in order to determine that abuse has occurred; rather, the educator is responsible to make the report to those agencies that have the legal responsibility to investigate and make such a determination.

If an educator makes a report regarding possible abuse, it is the responsibility of law enforcement or CPS, not the educator, to contact the child’s parents about the incident. Additionally, any inquiries about the situation will be referred to law enforcement or CPS. School personnel *cannot* release written documentation regarding a situation being investigated.

In the event that a report ever needs to be made to authorities regarding possible abuse of your child, please be assured that the **first** priority of educators is the well being of your child.

### **RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS**

The Prescott Unified School District shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living:

- In a shelter, temporary shared housing, or transitional living program
- In a hotel/motel, trailer parks, campgrounds, abandoned in hospitals, or are awaiting foster care placement, or a similar situation due to a lack of alternatives
- At a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building, public spaces, substandard housing, or similar settings
- A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Migratory students who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, eligible students have rights to:

**Immediate enrollment:** Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school.

**School Selection:** McKinney-Vento eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:

- The school he/she attended when permanently housed (School of Origin)
- The school in which he/she was last enrolled (School of Origin)
- The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)

**Remain enrolled** in his/her selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the academic year upon which they are permanently housed.

**Participate in programs** for which they are eligible, including Title I, National School Lunch Program, Head Start, Even Start, etc.

**Transportation Services:** A McKinney-Vento eligible student attending his/her School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin.

**Dispute Resolution:** If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The Homeless Liaison will assist you in making decisions, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.

For more information, refer to: <http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/homeless/>  
or contact:

Shari Sterling  
Prescott Unified School District – 146 South Granite Street, Prescott, AZ 86303  
(928) 445-5400 – shari.sterling@prescottschools.com

Frank Migali  
State Coordinator for Homeless & Refuge Education – Arizona Department of Education  
1535 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-4963 – frank.migali@ade.az.go

## **SUMMARY OF CHILD FIND PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS**

**In compliance with federal legislation, the Prescott Unified School District has established the following policies and procedures for Child Find purposes:**



Prescott Unified School District Policy assures that:

1. Prescott Unified School District will maintain documentation of the public awareness efforts to inform the public and parents within the district's boundaries, including private and religious schools and the County School Superintendent's Office regarding homeless and home-schooled children.
2. Screening activities will be implemented for all newly enrolled students and those transferring in without sufficient records.
3. The screening will be completed within 45 calendar days of school entry.
4. The screening will include consideration of academic or cognitive skills, vision, hearing, communication, emotional, motor and adaptive development.
5. Review, referral, and follow-up will be done on screenings, and documented in the child's cumulative file, with backup data on the district's Child Find Screening Log.
6. Prescott Unified School District will maintain documentation and annually report the number of children with disabilities within each disability category that have been identified, located and evaluated.
7. For children and youth enrolled in private or religious schools, Prescott Unified School District will consult annually with those schools to determine the number of students identified as eligible for special education and related services regardless of whether they are receiving services or not.
8. Children participating in early intervention services who are expected to participate in preschool programs for children with disabilities will be assured a smooth and effective transition, including:
  - Transition conferences will be arranged for children between the ages of 2 years, 6 months and 2 years, 9 months;
  - By a child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, an IEP or IFSP will be developed and implemented to ensure a Free and Appropriate Public Education;
  - And, for children who turn 3 years of age during the summer, the IEP team will determine the date for initiation of services including eligibility for extended school year services.
9. Prescott Unified School District will refer children aged birth through 2 years suspected of having a developmental delay to the Arizona Early Intervention Program to determine eligibility for early services, using the Child Find Tracking Form to ensure follow up within 30 calendar days of initial referral.

**FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) ADDRESS - Notification of Rights**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using its own employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Prescott Unified School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-5920

### **Equal Educational Opportunity**

It is the policy of the Governing Board to provide a school system guaranteeing equality of opportunity to all students in order that they shall receive the best that can be given in the way of opportunity and encouragement to develop whatever abilities they possess. There is to be no discrimination against any student in regard to opportunities based on any of the following: age, sex, race, religion, handicap, or nationality.

The Prescott Unified School District No. 1 and Granite Mountain School affirms that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in access or admission to, success or treatment in, any of its educational programs.

Granite Mountain School is in compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967 as amended in 1978 and 1986, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Additionally, a lack of English Language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or acceptance into any program including Vocational Education.

Employment Opportunities and Placement Assistance Services relative to these Vocational offerings are available through the State Department of Economic Security and/or the GMS Advisement Center.

Any student or parent having a concern or grievance related to this policy of equality of opportunity should bring the matter to the attention of the Principal so that the matter may be looked into and remedied.

## GRANITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

The Granite Mountain School Student and Parent Handbook is available in electronic version. Please log onto our website at [www.pusdonline.com](http://www.pusdonline.com) then click the student handbook link.

### Student Handbook Acknowledgment Form

Please sign below and indicating that you have read, discussed, and understand the information provided in the Student and Parent Handbook for Granite Mountain School. This includes the discipline procedures, dress code policy, electronic devices (including cell phone) policy, emergency plan procedures, attendance policies, and other important information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name – Please Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name – Please Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For office use only:**

Date Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Granite Mountain School**



## **2016-17 Title I Parent Handbook**

# **Granite Mountain Title I**

## **Mission Statement**

Granite Mountain School is partnering with families and communities to prepare every student for success in a safe, academically innovative, and character-rich environment.

## **Vision Statement**

Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities

## **Belief Statements**

Because schools must provide experiences which will help students to lead lives that are personally satisfying, healthy, and supportive of the society in which they live:

- We believe there is a critical need for students to learn how to think, to understand concepts and ideas, to apply what they learn, to be able to pose questions and to solve problems.
- We believe effective learning hinges on self-disciplined students actively engaged in construction of their own knowledge and understanding.
- We believe that the school program should provide both training and education, and that learning should be valued as a lifelong endeavor.
- We believe that school should be a safe, clean, nurturing environment and should provide for the diverse needs of students, allowing them to attain their individual potential.
- We believe that schools should provide a relevant, integrated curriculum with articulation across the disciplines.
- We believe that assessment of student progress should be authentic and useful in guiding instruction to assure learning.
- We believe the school environment should foster the values and principles of our democratic society, encouraging personal involvement, responsible citizenship, self-respect and respect for others.
- We believe that our human resources are our most valuable asset. We encourage the development, enhancement, and recognition of the wisdom of people, and maximum utilization of time, material resources, and current appropriate technologies.
- We believe that active partnerships between the school, family, and community are essential to the attainment of relevant educational goals.
- We believe that each school environment and curriculum should foster an appreciation of global issues and cultural diversity.

## **Program Description**

### **Overview**

The goal of the Title I program is to improve student achievement in the areas of reading comprehension, language (writing), and math with an emphasis on early intervention. Granite Mountain School also supports the Arizona Department of Education goals of:

1. Implementation of best practice strategies.
2. Use of effective methods and instructional strategies that are based on scientifically based research.
3. Implementation of a whole school needs assessment.
4. Activities and programs at the school to ensure that students having difficulty mastering proficient and advanced levels of academic achievement are provided with effective, timely additional assistance.
5. On-going professional development of teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals.
6. Strategies to attract highly qualified teachers.
7. Instruction by highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals.
8. Strategies to increase parental involvement.
9. Plan for transitioning preschool children from early childhood programs to elementary school and elementary school to middle school.
10. School support team or external technical assistance.
11. Coordination of budget resources.

### **Selection and Placement**

All students in Tier 3 (lowest 25th percentile) are identified for service (Reading and/or Math Intervention, ELL, Special Education). Tier 2 students will also be identified for classroom and/or corrective reading services.

- Galileo

- STAR
- Moby Max
- AZMerit
- Teacher input
- Multiple measures as needed for diagnostic purposes
- Parent input

Students performing in the lowest 25% will be established for each grade level (5&6) using Galileo, Moby Max, STAR, and/or AZMerit scores. Eligible students are placed in the program according to greatest need. The lowest performing students will be the first to be considered for placement until all vacancies are filled. Students enrolled in other programs (ELL, SpEd., etc.) will be considered for placement in the program after consultation with the special area teacher and if openings in the program exist. Students may be placed in or exited from math and/or reading interventions services based upon need and assessment measures throughout the year.

## **Exit Criteria**

Students may be exited from the program utilizing teacher input and quarterly benchmark score, and/or progress monitoring scores from Galileo, Moby Max, STAR or other classroom measures.

And/or

2. They are able to demonstrate the ability to make adequate classroom progress as determined by the reading specialist and the classroom teacher. Such progress shall be demonstrated by:

### **Reading:**

- Phonics
- Comprehension
- Fluency
- Vocabulary

### **Math:**



- Operations and algebraic thinking
- Computational fluency
- Number and operation
- Measurement & Data
- Geometry
- Ratios & Proportional Relationships
- Expressions and Equations
- Statistic & Probability

## **Program Description**

### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADES:**

In these grades, the Reading and Math Intervention teachers will use the pull-out and/or co-teaching model during non-academic core instructional time to implement the following research-based practices:

#### **Reading:**

- Small group instruction, focusing on specific instructional level and skills needs of students
- Reading comprehension instruction
- Informational Text Reading
- Boosting vocabulary and reading fluency through group discussion and repeated reading of familiar text
- Phonics and Spelling practice

#### **Math:**

- Small group instruction, focusing on specific instructional level and skills needs of students
- Computational fluency of math facts
- Building problem solving skills.
- Modeling and constructing arguments in math.

## **Parent Component**

- **Home Reading Program**
  - Read a minimum of four days each week for at least fifteen minutes per day with family involvement.
- **Back to School Night (Fall)**
  - Parent information night: The parents/guardians are given a Schoolwide Title I Program Description and sign a Parent/Student/Teacher Compact. All components of the program are explained and parents' questions/concerns are addressed.
- **STEAM Nights (Quarterly)**
  - Family night to share and present student through project-based application of skills and knowledge.
- **Math and Reading Literacy Nights**
  - Parents will receive information to facilitate understanding of strategies to support their student's learning in reading and math concepts.
- **Quarterly Progress Reports**
  - Reports are sent home with classroom report cards, with evaluations and comments on areas of progress and/or concern for each child.
- **Parent Conferences**
  - All teachers meet the parents of their students during scheduled fall parent conference times. Conferences with Corrective Reading teachers are available either individually, or with the classroom teacher. Additional communication is facilitated through phone calls, as needed.

## **Staff Development**

The teachers and staff at Granite Mountain School will have the opportunity to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year to promote his/her own knowledge and to promote research-based practices for

all students. Information learned by individual staff members will then be shared with the Granite Mountain faculty during staff meetings and/or professional development workshops.

- All teachers will attend professional development workshops and workshops on standards based curriculum and testing.
- All classroom and reading and math intervention teachers will work collaboratively during regularly scheduled grade-level meetings throughout the year.

## **Evaluation Component**

Program effectiveness will be evaluated by:

- Galileo Growth and Achievement data
- Moby Max data of standards mastery
- AZMerit
- Participation in parent activities
- On-going data analysis of student achievement and instructional practices through the RTI data analysis process.
- Annual school needs assessment results
- Annual parent survey results

# PRESCOTT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Parents Right-to-Know

(Teacher Qualifications • Not-Highly-Qualified Status)

### Title I Section 1111 (h)(6)

#### (6) PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW-

- (A) **QUALIFICATIONS-** At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:
- (i) Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
  - (ii) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
  - (iii) The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
  - (iv) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- (B) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-** In addition to the information that parents may request under subparagraph (A), a school that receives funds under this part shall provide to each individual parent—
- (i) information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the State academic assessments as required under this part; and
  - (ii) timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- (C) **FORMAT-** The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

**2016-17 GRANITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**  
**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER COMPACT**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT**

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to:

- Build a partnership with the school to help my child achieve the state's high standards.
- Ensure that my child has had adequate sleep, breakfast and is dressed appropriately for school.
- See that my child arrives to school on time and attends regularly.
- Have a designated time, place and method for checking my child's papers and homework daily.
- Read to or with my child for 15 minutes a day, at least 4 days per week.
- Maintain communication with my child's teacher(s).
- Require my child to be responsible for his/her behavior, attitude and effort at school and home.
- Notify the school of any changes in contact information.
- Support the school in its efforts to maintain discipline and a safe learning environment.
- Make sure my child is present for state required tests.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

**It is important that I work to my ability; therefore I will strive to do the following:**

- Build a partnership with my teachers and parent(s) to help myself achieve the state's high standards.
- Accept responsibility for my behavior, choices and attitude at school and home.
- Attend school regularly and always work to the best of my ability.
- Come to school each day dressed appropriately with a backpack/binder, books, parent/teacher notes, and be prepared for learning.
- Complete and return all homework assignments.
- Show respect for my school, others, and myself by following Granite Mountain School rules.
- Agree to spend at least 15 minutes reading each day.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER AGREEMENT**

**It is important that students achieve; therefore I will strive to do the following:**

- Build a partnership with the student and parent to help the student achieve the state's high standards.
- Provide alternative teaching strategies and remediation opportunities for all students while respecting all students.
- Provide specific skill instruction as well as the opportunity to practice skills at the appropriate level.
- Provide a climate in my classroom that is conducive to learning.
- Communicate with parents through conferences, progress reports, report cards and by phone.
- Provide ideas you can use at home to help your child.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_