



New River Elementary School Teacher Syllabus Expectations

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We are committed to partner with parents through open communication focused on the needs of your child. Mutual trust and respect between parents and teachers is critical to maintain a positive learning experience at any school. We believe that your trust in New River is essential to ensure your child's success.

All About Ms. Hancock

- Dual BS in Elementary Education/Special Education from BYU - Go Cougars!
- Masters in Special Education from GCU
- Endorsements in Early Childhood Education & SEI
- I am continuing working toward my National Board Teacher Certification this year.
- Ecology/Garden Club, Crochet Club and STEAM Facilitator @ New River Elementary
- Things I Love: Gardening, Sewing, Outdoors, Reading, Traveling, Building, All Things CIA, 50's Music, and Serving Others
- I am mother to 1 daughter who is married and has graced me with 4 grandchildren. I have 4 sons, one just finished his USMC service and one just returned from serving a mission for our church and the youngest is now finished with high school!

COMMUNICATION

- School-wide [New River Elementary School Website](#)
- Weekly Zoom Time Available Friday mornings 7:30am - 8:00am
- Teacher website
- Contact Details
 - The quickest way to reach me is through email: lisa.hancock@dvusd.org
 - Phone is not answered during school hours: 623 376-3538
- My main mode of communication to parents is email and zoom meetings.

ACADEMICS

The students that work with me will follow their grade level calendar and major units of study for the year in each core subject. There are often accommodations put in place to help the students succeed and I will help with this.

- Resources for you:
 - [DVUSD Math Resources for Parents](#)
 - [DVUSD English Language Arts Resources for Parents](#)
 - [DVUSD Social Studies Resources for Parents](#)
 - [DVUSD Science Resources for Parents](#)
 - [What is Depth of Knowledge \(DOK\)?](#)



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PBIS

All students are taught to follow the CATS expectations: Constantly Caring, Always Respectful, Today's Citizen, Safety First. These expectations are outlined in this CATS Matrix. Students earn Wildcats Bucks for demonstrating these expectations that they can use to purchase items or experience coupons in the Wildcat Den.

All Things EQ

We have implemented a philosophy called "All Things EQ." IQ is your book smarts or school smarts. EQ is your emotional quotient or self-smarts. The EQ philosophy focuses on the following key questions: How can I be kind and helpful in this moment?

How are you showing up at school today?

Am I making an honest effort?

Am I focusing on solutions instead of problems?

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC's)

Most Fridays, students will be released early so that we are able to participate in PLC work. This work is directly related to the planning, instruction and interventions we implement in our classrooms to ensure that students master the standards.

A professional learning community is a group of educators that meet regularly and work Collaboratively to improve teaching practices and the achievement of students. The questions that drive the work of PLC's are:

- What do we want all students to know and be able to do?
- How will we know if they learn it?
- How will we respond if some students do not learn?
- How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?

Please be sure to read the weekly school newsletter for ongoing information regarding the content of each early release day.

Homework

*The students should follow their homeroom homework assignments. It is encouraged to help students at home with their current IEP goals now and then. Lastly, it is my personal opinion that the answer to almost any question should be to **read!***

IEP Information

- A working IEP will be maintained at all times with at least a yearly review in an IEP meeting with the whole IEP team.
- Quarterly progress reports will be sent home to show progress on each student's individual IEP goals.
- At school, teachers strive to give instruction for IEP goals on a daily basis.
- Great communication between parents and teachers creates great written IEP's and great success for the student. Your contact with me is greatly appreciated!
- Please remember, all progress takes place **outside of your comfort zone!**



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AI Guidance

To be college-, career-, and community-ready, students in the Deer Valley Unified School District are expected to demonstrate academic integrity. Academic integrity is all about being honest and fair in your schoolwork. It means doing work that is entirely your own and giving credit to others (including generative Artificial Intelligence tools) through proper citation when you use their ideas or words.