



West Coulee Station Elementary School

K–Grade 5 Student & Family Guidelines: Personal Items at School

Creating a focused, fun, and inclusive learning environment together

Dear Families,

At West Coulee Station Elementary School, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment for every student from Kindergarten through Grade 5. We value our strong partnerships with families and appreciate your ongoing support in helping students be ready to learn each day.

We want to be proactive and have our school community working together. We have created a school wide expectations document for personal belongings. Students bringing personal items from home—such as toys, stuffies, Pokémon cards, and sports or trading cards—to school. While we understand that these items bring comfort or excitement to children, they can also lead to distractions during learning time, misplaced belongings, or conflicts among peers.

To help every student succeed and stay focused, we are introducing the following **school-wide expectations** regarding personal items:

Toys, Stuffed Animals, and Collectibles

- Students **should not bring** toys, stuffed animals, Pokémon cards, hockey/trading cards, or similar items to school.
- These items can be distracting in class, are easily lost, and may cause conflicts between students.

Why This Change?

- Our school offers **many ways for students to play and connect** with friends during breaks and free time. These include:
 - Outdoor play on the **playground, soccer field, basketball and pickleball courts, and more**
 - **Lunch clubs** with supervised activities
 - **Technology time and e-sports access** in designated areas
- These opportunities support healthy social development, physical activity, and creativity without the need for personal items from home.

Supporting All Students

We understand that some students may rely on certain items for comfort or self-regulation. If your child has **a specific need**, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school administration. We are happy to work with families on a case-by-case basis to support individual students.

Thank you for helping us maintain a focused and inclusive school environment. By keeping toys and personal items at home, we can better support your child's learning and help all students enjoy the amazing activities our school has to offer.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss accommodations, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

With appreciation,

Dean Hawkins

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