



Castle Hills Elementary
WATCH DOG Handbook
2018-2019



Dear Castle Hills Dads,

We are so happy that you are interested in our WATCH DOGS program. This handbook has been created to help you make the most of your experience while supporting our students and our school.

History

The WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program is a national program that was started in 1998. This program is one of the nation's largest school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations in the country. The program was developed for fathers and father-figures to help make a positive impact on millions of children by volunteering in their local school. Those who take part in this organization volunteer to serve at their children's school in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal/leadership group.

The goal of WATCH DOGS is: 1) Provide positive male role models for students. Watch DOGS demonstrate through their presence and actions that education is important 2) Provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

The Castle Hills WATCH DOGS program started during the 2013-2014 school year and has grown over that time to include over 350 dads who support this program and the school with their presence.

FAQS

Q: Who can be a part of the WATCH DOGS program?

A: Any dad with a student at CHE who has passed the background check and followed the steps.

Q: What are the steps to be a part of this program?

A: You must participate in an annual orientation, get your background check completed, purchase a WATCH DOGS T-shirt (<http://dadsofgreatstudents.com/about-dogs-store>), and fill out our a scheduling form on the CHE website.

Q: What do WATCH DOGS do (while they are at school)?

A: During the day WATCH DOGS may read, work on flash cards, or practice basic skills with students, eat lunch with students, patrol the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they **actively engage with not only their own students, but with other students as well.**

Q: What time should you arrive at school?

A: You should report to the front office by 7:25 am. Once signed in you will be directed to the library with your student(s) for announcements.

Q: What should I say on announcements?

A: After your student(s) introduce you, you should say: "Good Morning/Hi/Hello, I am Mr. _____, I am today's WATCH DOG. Please let me know how I can help you while I am here."

Q: After announcements what should I do?

A: If there is time you can go out to the front of the school and help with arrival. At 7:40 please go to the gym on Monday or Tuesday. You will head to the Cafeteria if it is a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. You will help/observe our Mini Rise and Shine. Your student will go on to class at this time and get ready for their day. Once the Mini Rise and Shine is over please go to the office for your schedule.

Q: How often can I sign up?

A: Once in the fall and once in the spring. **Kindergarten dads can sign up after the 1st 9 week grading period.**

The DO's and the DON'TS

Please **DO**:

- follow the schedule, **when in doubt find a need and fill it**
- interact with all students, not just your student
- read with students as directed by the teacher
- work with students as directed by the teacher
- walk the perimeter of the school. **Note safety concerns and pick up litter.**
- help with arrival and dismissal
- help at lunch if you are not eating with your student(s), refer to teacher on duty
- enjoy your day

Please **DON'T**:

- take pictures, videos, or recordings of any students or instruction
- disrupt the educational process while in any classrooms
- have your cell phone out for any reason. Your cell phone should be on off or on silent or vibrate. If you need to answer a call or message please leave the classroom and go to Room 200 where you will have privacy.
- participate/play with students during recess. **Instead, please help supervise (ie: referee a game between students instead of playing the game).**
- refer to any religion or make religious statements during announcements

WATCH DOG Committee:

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K-2 Teacher Liaison	Brittany Gullett, Kinder Teacher
3-5 Teacher Liaison	Bill Henderson, 4 th Grade Teacher

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