



Memo re: 2026-2027 North Creek Handbook  
Date: May 15, 2026  
To: Michael Kapolka, Superintendent  
From: Casey Wescott

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The Elementary Student Handbook is reviewed annually and updated as needed to reflect changes, additions, and best practices in education. The handbook serves as a resource for students and families as they navigate various aspects of the elementary school experience.

For the 2026–2027 school year, the following updates and revisions have been made to the student handbooks for North Creek Elementary. These changes are highlighted in the attached copies of the handbooks.

One notable change for the 2025–2026 school year is that North Creek Elementary and South Meadows Elementary will each maintain its own student handbook, rather than sharing a combined handbook.

### **Elementary Handbook**

- North Creek Elementary and South Meadows Elementary will now each maintain their own individual student handbook, rather than sharing a combined handbook.
- The attendance section was expanded to include a tiered attendance intervention process (5-day, 10-day, and 15+ day absence thresholds), matching the county's recommendations.
- New language was added outlining procedures for students who are absent for ten (10) consecutive school days without communication
- The handbook now includes more detailed attendance coding procedures
- Assessment reporting language was revised



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- The discipline section was expanded to include additional language regarding restorative practices, student accountability, collaborative problem-solving, interventions, family communication, and restorative approaches to student behavior.
- The dress code section was revised to emphasize student safety, comfort, inclusion, weather preparedness, and readiness for learning rather than specific clothing measurements or restrictions.

Below is the link to the 2025-2026 Elementary Handbook

[2026-2027 Student Handbook](#)