

MANDATORY NOTICES

School Attendance

Strive for less than 5 days absent this year. Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Good attendance matters for school success, starting as early as pre-kindergarten and throughout elementary school. By middle and high school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropout. Developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life.

“School Choice” Information

Policy 3140 and 3141, regarding resident and nonresident students, provides information on inter-district enrollment. Resident parents shall be informed of these options annually. Parents must apply to the school district office to “choice” in or out of the Thorp School District per state law. This district office has available for public inspection the Superintendent of Public Instruction’s annual information on enrollment options in the state, or you may visit the state website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/GeneralInfo/EnrollmentOptions.aspx>

Compulsory Attendance

Thorp School District Policy 3121, Compulsory Attendance, states: “Parents of any child eight years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school and such child shall have the responsibility to and therefore shall attend for the full time when such school may be in session unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school, an educational center as provided in chapter 28A.205 RCW or is receiving home-based instruction. Parents of any child six or seven years old, who have enrolled the child in school shall cause the child to attend school full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents.”

Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism

Every absence, excused or unexcused, is a learning opportunity lost and can have significant impacts on a student’s success in school and life. A student who misses 18 or more days in a school year – just two (2) days a month – for any reason, is considered chronically absent. Chronically absent students are more likely to fall behind in reading and math and less likely to graduate from high school. Addressing chronic absenteeism and developing good attendance habits is a solvable problem for which we all share responsibility. Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace.

Excused and unexcused absences quickly add up to too much time lost in the classroom.

Students are at risk academically if they miss 10% of the school year, or about 18 days.

Notification of Right to Privacy and Release of Directory Information

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, every effort will be taken to protect student privacy. You have the right to inspect, review, and request amendments to your student’s educational records that parents believe are inaccurate or misleading. (View policy online or Request Policy 3231 at the district office).

Educational records will not be released by the school district without your express written consent. Subpoena request shall be honored after you have been notified. Educational records will be sent, upon request, to another educational institution in the event of student transfer.

Thorp School District makes available “directory information”. (Directory information includes: name, photograph, address, phone number, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, participation in sports and activities, height or weight of athletic participants, diplomas and awards received, previous school attended.)

Parent permission is not required for release of “directory information”. However, if you do not want the school to release this information without your specific consent, please notify your school office within 10 days of this notice. If notification is not received by that date, we will assume that you have no objection to release of such information. The district believes it is in the student’s best interest to have such information released in school newsletters and community newspapers because of the recognition it gives the child.

Parents have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he/she turns 18 years of age or enters a post-secondary educational institution at any age.

Medication at School

Policy 3416 notes that prescribed or non-prescribed oral medication may be dispensed to students on a scheduled basis upon written authorization from the parent accompanied by a written request from a licensed physician or dentist. The physician or dentist must also provide written current and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

Nondiscrimination

The Thorp School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Civil Rights Coordinator, Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, Mel Blair, (509) 964-7139, PO Box 150, 10831 N Thorp Hwy, Thorp, WA, 98946, blairm@thorpschools.org.

Tobacco, Substance Abuse, and Dangerous Weapons

State law RCW 28A.120.030 and district Policy 4215 ban the use of all tobacco products on public property including building, grounds and vehicles.

Public Law 101-226, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, prohibits the sale, possession or use of any alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or substances purported to be drugs on school ground or in a reasonable proximity thereto, or at school sponsored events. In addition, persons under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances or substances purported to be drugs, shall not be permitted on school grounds as specified in Policies 3240 and 4200. It is a violation of state law and district Policy 4210 for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises; school provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities. These bans apply to all students enrolled in the district’s schools; all persons employed by the district and all other persons during the time they are in/on school district property.

Sexual Harassment

The Thorp School District is committed to a positive and productive educational and working environment free from discrimination, including sexual harassment, intimidation or bullying. The district prohibits sexual harassment of or by students and employees of the district. (Policy 3205 & 3207)

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Policy and Procedure dealing with Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) can be found at our website at www.thorpschools.org/3000 and click on 3207 and the Procedure below. An Incident Reporting form can be completed at any school office by contacting the building principal. The School Superintendent serves as the district Compliance Officer for the HIB policy and procedure.

Child Find

It is the policy of the school district to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education to ALL students. The school district has the policy to locate and identify all resident students enrolled in school or not aged three through 21 who are suspected for having a disability who are not currently receiving special education and related services and who may be eligible for those services. A parent may refer their child for services in writing if they feel there is a need. At which time data will then be collected and analyzed for review. After reviewing all data, a determination will be made as to whether a special education evaluation is needed.

Public Participation

It is the policy of the school district to permit all parents and/or legal guardians the access to inspect and review any education records relating to their child that have been collected.

These policies and procedures are outlined in the School Board Policy and Procedures 3231 and 2161P, available online and at the District Office

Immunizations

Immunization Law and Policy 3413 requires that all student admitted to Kindergarten through 12th grade must present proof of immunizations on, or before, the first day of attendance. Students who do not comply will be excluded from school until the requirements are met. (WAC 392-380-045) For information concerning immunizations contact the school nurse at (509) 964-7153. Washington State Department of Health immunization requirements can be found at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/documents/pubs/348-284-individualvaccinereqs2016-17.pdf>

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

If you live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, on the street or in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friend or relatives because you cannot find affordable housing you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. For more information, call the district office at 509-964-2107

Providing parents/guardians with Restraint, Isolation, and Other Use of Reasonable Force Policy

The district will make available to all parents/guardians of students the district’s policy. If the student has an IEP or 504 plan, the District will provide the parents/guardians a copy

of the policy when the IEP or 504 plan is created.

AHERA Notice

Thorp School District has had its facilities inspected by an accredited asbestos inspector as required by law. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of all material in District facilities suspected of containing asbestos. An asbestos management plan has been developed and is on file for your inspection in the District office. The Thorp School District is complying with all federal and state regulations in this area. The District contact person regarding this subject is Casey McAfee.

Pesticide Notification

The following pesticides and herbicides are used in the Thorp School District: Monthly rodent control bait (Generation M B) EPA# 7173-218 Target pests as needed (Spiders) Product name Suspend Sc 432-763.06% Target pests as needed (Ants) Product name Maxforce ant killer gel bait Target pests as needed (Gophers) Product name ZP rodent bait EPA# 12455-17 Weed Control products Tripleshot (EPA Reg. # 228-445-2935) Speed Zone (EPA Reg. # 2217-833) Amine 42-4D (EPA Reg. # 34704-120) Eraser (EPA # 53883-59) The District shall comply with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage and compliance with state department of agriculture rules regarding record keeping. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under the state Public Records Act and other laws.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Under the IDEA, Thorp School District provides a copy of procedural disability safeguards upon request. Please contact the district office if you would like one.

Legislation Regarding Military Recruiters

Section 952B of the No Child Left Behind Act, also known as Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information, requires schools to provide student contact information to military recruiters and institutes of higher education unless a parent has opted out of providing such information.

Teacher Qualifications

Federal law permits parents of children in Title I Schools to request information on the professional qualifications of their child’s teachers. Specifically, parents have the right to ask for the following information: Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches. Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances. The teacher’s college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees. Whether any teacher’s aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child’s school. If you would like to know if your child’s school is a Title I School and/or receive any of this information, please call the District Office at 509-964-2107.

College Credit Program Information

Thorp School District has information available concerning the entrance requirements and the availability of programs in the local area that lead to college credit. These include classes such as advanced placement, running start, tech-prep, skill centers, college in the high school and international baccalaureate programs. In addition, the high school has the names and contact information of other public or private entities offering such programs, including online advanced placement programs, if the school has knowledge of such entities. For more information on programs and offerings available to Thorp students, contact the high school counseling department.

School Report Card

The Thorp School District is dedicated to the success of all of our students. Our staff is committed to ensuring that each student has every opportunity to reach their full potential and focuses on the State’s learning standards to achieve this. Every year, students in grades 3 – 10 are assessed using the State’s approved assessment system. Washington State provides assessment data for each of our schools. The information can be accessed online through the OSPI website and will provide you with achievement data, participation rates, AYP summary data, teacher qualifications, information regarding the NAEP assessment, and other pertinent student and district related material. If you would like more information regarding the School Report Card, please contact the office.

