Welcome Note
From the Principal

It's a great pleasure to welcome you to Southland Elementary. The entire Southland staff is excited to begin the adventure of the new school year. We are grateful for our returning staff and are delighted to introduce you to many new, highly qualified staff members.

Southland has a school-wide positive behavior plan! This plan emphasizes and rewards excellent behavior, daily attendance, and punctuality. We invite you to join us as we work with our students to exemplify 21st Century learning skills.

We also hope that you take advantage of the many other wonderful academic activities and programs that will be offered.

Parents, your involvement in your students’ education is essential to their success. Together we can help students to become leaders in their own ways, and to enjoy high levels of learning!

Welcome to school, students and parents! We are looking forward to a fabulous year together!

Lisa Jackson
Principal
Mission Statement:
At Southland We Are A Community Of Leaders. We Recognize, Honor, And Celebrate The Leaders Within Us!

We...
Love Learning
Excel In All We Do
Achieve Goals Together
Do What Is Right

Southland’s Vision Statement

1. We believe all students can learn at high levels.
2. Every teacher, student, and parent is clear on the knowledge skills, and expectations students are expected to acquire in each grade level and unit of instruction.
3. The learning of each student is monitored on a timely basis. When students experience difficulty, the school has structures in place to provide students with additional time and support for learning.
4. We support learning through working collaboratively. Students at this school are every teacher’s responsibility.
5. We are committed to establishing effective communication.
6. The school environment will be respectful, nurturing, and a safe place to be.

Cellular Phone/Electronic Devices:

Cellular phone and electronic devices are not to be used during school hours. The possession of a cell phone or other electronic devices by a student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student that uses them inappropriately. Students who possess a cell phone or other electronic device will assume all responsibility for its care. At no time shall the school be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to these items brought on school property. Cell phones and all electronics should remain off during the entire school day. Students violating these guidelines will be disciplined in accordance with District Policy AS 67 Discipline of Students.
Drug and Alcohol Policy:
The law prohibits students’ use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs. Violations will result in discipline according to the guideline set forth by Jordan District Policy (AS90). The school administration can provide a complete copy of the policy.

Harassment/Bullying Policy:
Harassment may include verbal abuse (propositions, comments, or insults), visual abuse (leering, embarrassing material), and physical contact (touching, pinching, or cornering). Students who feel harassed should tell the person to stop and/or report it to a teacher or administrator. Parents will be notified.

Sexual Harassment Policy:
The purpose of this policy is to assure a learning environment that is free from sexual harassment and is in compliance with state and federal law. Any sexual harassment by staff or students is prohibited.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct that adversely affects a person’s educational opportunities, relationships, or environment.

Students who feel they have been sexually harassed are encouraged to report the harassment to an adult such as counselor, teacher, or school administrator. Disciplinary actions will be taken against those individuals who are guilty of sexual harassment activity.

Southland SABERTOOTH are

1. SAFE
2. RESPECTFUL
3. RESPONSIBLE
4. LEADERS

They also follow the school rules by showing their Tiger Traits, Which are….

TAKES RESPONSIBILITY
IN THE RIGHT PLACE
GOES PREPARED
ENGAGES IN LEARNING
RESPECT SELF AND OTHERS
**Arrival & Dismissal:**

- Use cross walks
- Walk your wheels on school grounds and across crosswalks
- Follow adult directions
- Arrive on time
- Leave on time
- Keep hands & feet to yourself
- BE SAFE

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**Attendance Policy (continued):**

**Administrative responsibility:**

- Be present in the halls before and after school and during the school day.
- Be involved in tracking student attendance
- Develop procedures and guidelines that promote good attendance.
- Provide rewards and incentives for good attendance.
- Notify parents of attendance/tardy problems.

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**Dress Code:**

The Jordan District’s School Dress, Grooming, and Appearance Policy (AA419) outlines the standards for school dress and appearance.

Included in this policy, but not exhausted in this list, are:

- Clothes shall cover the midriff, underwear, and back at all times.
- Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated.
- Hats and gloves are not to be worn in school except as part of an appropriate activity, or religious, or medical purpose.
- Personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or other insignias, which are crude, vulgar, violent, or sexually suggestive.
- Shoes shall be worn at all times to ensure personal safety and hygiene.
Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance is key to academic success. To ensure that concepts and skills are consistently learned, regular attendance and punctuality is critical. Utah’s Compulsory Education Law states that all school age children must be in attendance at school unless there is a valid and legitimate excuse (Utah Code 53-A-11-101). The goal of the attendance policy is to increase student success.

Student responsibility:

♦ Be in school regularly and on time.
♦ Collect and complete work missed during absences.

Parent responsibility:

♦ Ensure that their student attends regularly and on time.
♦ Notify the front office of legitimate absence the day of the absence.
♦ Check in/out their student through the front office.

Teacher responsibility:

♦ Greet students at the door.
♦ Be the first to notify parents of issues concerning tardiness or truancy.
♦ Provide rewards and incentives for good attendance.
♦ Send late students or students checking out to the front office.

Cafeteria:

♦ Eat politely
♦ Eat your own food
♦ Throw out all trash & leave your area clean
♦ Raise your hand for help
♦ Do not take food or drinks out to the playground

Hallway:

♦ Walk facing forward
♦ Follow adult directions
♦ Respect displays in the hallway
♦ Use appropriate & kind language
♦ Keep hands & feet to yourself
**School Expectations & Procedures**

**Bathroom/Restroom:**
- Get permission to use the bathroom
- Wash hands
- Respect other's privacy
- Leave the bathroom area clean and dry
- Tell an adult if there is a problem

**Gym/Library/Computer Lab:**
- Follow adult direction
- Use equipment/materials appropriately
- Clean up after yourself
- Report unsafe equipment

**Office:**
- Get adult attention
- Use kind words
- Use office phone with permission
- Say please and thank you

***Visitors need to check into the office upon entering the school.***

**Playground:**
- Follow game rules
- Play and use equipment appropriately
- Stay within designated boundaries
- Report unsafe equipment
- Follow adult directions
- Use appropriate & friendly language
- Keep hands & feet to yourself
- Play fairly
- Get permission to use the bathroom, get a drink, or leave the playground

**Assemblies:**
- Sit on pockets
- Follow adult directions
- Be silent during presentation
- Listen to presenter
- Keep hands & feet to yourself