



MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Expanded Learning
Opportunities Program**

**After School Program
Paperwork
Parent Handbook**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Meridian Elementary's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) operates from 7:45am to the start of the regular school day and then from regular school day dismissal to 4:45pm.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no attendance requirements for this program.

SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURES:

An authorized individual listed on the emergency contact list must sign all students out each day. Photo ID's will be checked when a new staff or authorized individual is facilitating the pick-up of students. **FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, THESE RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

HEALTHY SNACK/MEAL:

A healthy snack/meal program will be provided to each student based on USDA guidelines. Please refer to the attached sample menu for examples of meals provided. (see attachment)

ACADEMIC HOUR:

Approximately 60 minutes will be set aside each day for students to complete assigned homework. This time is a priority above all other activities in our Expanded Learning Programs. Academic Hour classes offer quiet, safe environments for students to complete their homework in a timely manner. This is an independent study opportunity. Tutoring is not offered in our Expanded Learning Programs.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:

Our ELOP staff focus on making connections to the regular school day curriculum, introducing students to new ideas, and developing the talents and interests of each student. Enrichment activities encourage exploration and learning in creative ways. The activities are based on students' needs and interests. Activities include, but are not limited to, STEM, arts and theater, healthy living, crafts, music, career awareness, technology, and community service learning.

RECREATION:

SPARK and Skillastics curriculum are used for physical education activities, as well as, offering a variety of other physical activities and team sports opportunities.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT/DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

All ELOP personnel treat students in a fair and impartial manner by modeling the appropriate behaviors of mentors and teachers when leading activities with students. "Positive discipline" protocols are used to redirect students to avoid disruptive behavior and increase responsible choices and student cooperation. All ELOP sites have simple, clearly defined classroom agreements that align with the regular day but are flexible and accessible to ensure inclusion for all students participating in the program. ELOP staff monitor student behavior to ensure that all children are safe, treated with respect, and valued for their individuality. In the event that a student's behavior makes it unsafe for others, or too disruptive for other students to learn, the administration reserves the right to remove the student from the program. The student will be given three chances to improve their behavior before they are removed and both the student and parents will be notified that they are in danger of losing their place in the program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLOSURES DAYS:

All ELO Programs are entitled to three Professional Development days per school year. Parents will give a minimum of two weeks notice before any site closures.

WAITLIST POLICY:

If the number of students wishing to participate in the program exceeds program capability, students shall be selected for enrollment based on the following guidelines:

1. First priority for enrollment shall be given to unduplicated students, which include, homeless and foster youth, English language learners, and economically disadvantaged students. The district is not required to disenroll a current student to secure the enrollment of a student who has priority for enrollment.
2. Second priority for enrollment shall be given to students selected on a “needs basis”.
3. All remaining students shall be placed on a waitlist that will be established to accommodate additional students, if space becomes available.

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Enrollment Form

Name:	Grade:	Student ID #:	Date of Birth:
Address:		Home Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Name:		Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Address:		Parent/Guardian Work Phone:	
Emergency Contact #1:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Home Phone:
Emergency Contact #2:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Home Phone:

Please indicate below how your child will get home:
 To ensure student safety while students attend Meridian Elementary School Expanded Learning Programs, they must be signed out when leaving. In order to accommodate parent needs and student safety, the following sign-out options are available to parents. Please indicate the option that best meets your needs:

- _____ I will sign my child out from the expanded learning program (K-8th)
- _____ My child may sign themselves out when leaving the school campus
- _____ My child will ride the bus (only when applicable). Time: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Health/Medical/Consent Information:
 In the event of an emergency involving my child, and listed emergency contacts are unable to be reached, I authorize site staff to arrange for any necessary emergency medical/surgical treatment or procedure on my behalf. (The district does not assume responsibility for medical expenses.)

Please list any medical conditions or allergies (including food allergies): _____

- Is your child on any medication that must be taken during the expanded learning program? ___ yes ___ no
- Is your child allergic to insect bites? ___ yes ___ no

Please list other adult/s who are authorized to pick your child up from the expanded learning program:

Name:	Relationship:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
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Name:	Relationship:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:

I have read and understood the information in the enrollment packet. My child and I both understand that school rules remain in effect during the ELOP. My child has my permission to attend the ELOP at his/her school site and I will notify the coordinator of any changes in the contact information provided above.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

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Student Release Form

My child has permission to:

_____ Walk home

_____ Ride his/her bike home **No Dirt Bikes or ATV's**

My child will be leaving prior to the end of program for the following reason:

_____ My child attends a parallel program. For example: sports, dance, communion, etc.

_____ My child has other non-program obligations. For example: Doctor appointment, etc.

My child will leave at:

Specify release time _____

Specify dates of early release _____ to _____

My child may be picked up by the following individuals:

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Student's Name _____

District ID# _____ Grade Level _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Rules and Responsibilities

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so pleased you have enrolled your child in the Meridian Elementary School District Expanded Learning Program. Please read the following Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment of Rules and Responsibilities.

1. I understand that, for my child's safety, I must sign my child out when picking her/him up from the program. I also understand that my child will only be released to the persons listed in my child's emergency contact information, and that I will be contacted immediately, if any unauthorized persons attempt to pick up my child.
2. I also understand that I am required to pick up my student by 4:45pm on each regular attendance day and by 5:00 on all intersession days, and that failure to comply with this rule can result in the termination of services for my student.
3. I understand that the expanded learning program has the same expectations for student behavior as the regular school day.
4. I have read, understand and will adhere to all the above sections found in the Expanded Learning Programs Parent Handbook and understand that failure to do so, can result in termination of services for my student.

Print Name

Relationship to child

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Site Coordinator Signature

Date