

Welcome Tiger Families!

2023-24 Back to School Night



Thank you for joining us!

Topaz Tigers

2023



Back to School Night

Monday, August 28th, 2023 through Thursday, August 31st, 2023



Welcome Back Tigers!

The Mission of Topaz Preparatory Academy is to maximize the individual potential in every scholar!

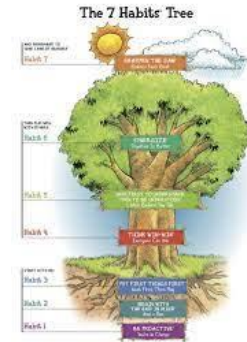
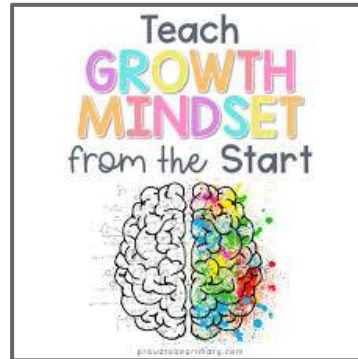
We are a Leader in Me model school! Our Tiger Scholars are empowered and taught to take control of their learning and the choices they make because they know
Today Decides Tomorrow!

The Heart of Our Tiger Model!



“6 Cs:”

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Citizenship/Character
- Community



The
LeaderinMe™
great happens here

Tiger Traditions!

Field Day!

Spirit Days!

Global Day of Play!

TIGERS' PRIDE!

Read Across America Day!

Grandparents' Day!

Patriot Day!

**Serendipity
Day!**



School Site Safety

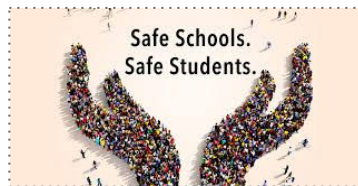
How YOU can help:



- **Send in your child's emergency bag, or purchase one from our PTC**
- **Participate in our Family Emergency Safety Week Activities**
- **Be a positive role model, follow all traffic laws, and honor our site procedures.**
- **When in doubt about any rules, ask!**



SCHOOL SAFETY:
A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY



ATTENDANCE MATTERS *ALL DAY, EVERY DAY*

- Please keep your child home if s/he is sick. Call the office if your child is going to be absent.
- Scholars who are out for more than 3 days may request to be on an Independent Study Contract (ISC).
- Contact the office with any questions.



- Breakfast is served 7:05 – 7:25
- School starts promptly at 7:30
- School ends 1:47pm (Wed., 12:51)





Volunteer Opportunities

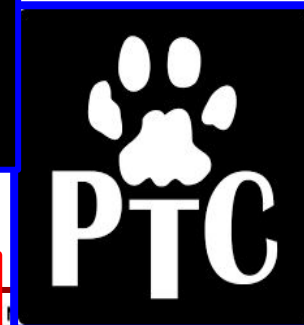


We love our Tiger Volunteers! All volunteers MUST be Board approved in advance.

GET INVOLVED



PTC Meetings are the 2nd Wed at 2:15 in the Topaz library. We encourage all of our parents to join in!



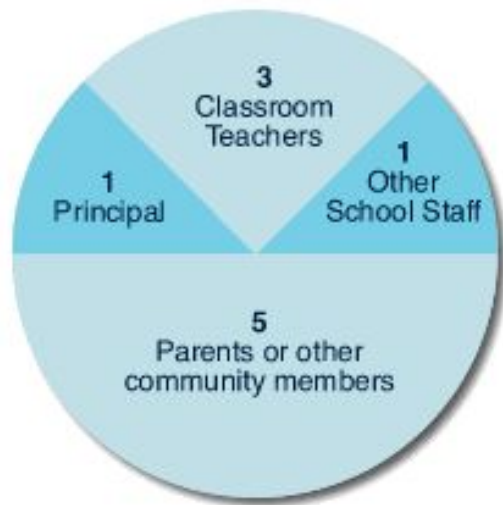
ELAC meets each quarter.
Invitations will be sent out to our EL families.



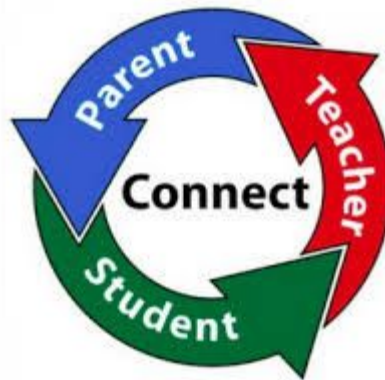
SSC Meetings are the 1st "school" Monday of the month at 3:30. All are welcome! If you would like to be on our SSC, please complete the attached form, SSC Nominees. SSC members hold elected positions.



Title I Parent Involvement



Topaz SSC Presentation



Nutritional Services

- As a Title 1 school, our Nutrition Services team is providing breakfast and lunch schoolwide, for free, on every school day.
- Please take a quick moment to fill out the form below, whether you may qualify or not, as it triggers funding for our special programs, materials, and for our support personnel.
- Thank you for your support!

[Nutrition Services Online Application](#)



Uniform Policy

Topaz Preparatory Academy Uniform Policy

The following Uniform Policy is intended to be fully implemented and enforced. Thank you for your support! Custom Topaz uniform items are available in the front.

The following solid colors and fabrics are approved as part of the uniform policy:

- * Fabric - cotton blend, cotton twill, polyester, polyester blend, or corduroy
- * Shirts - navy blue, black, or white
- * Pants, skirts/shorts, shorts, jumpers, capris - navy blue, black or khaki (tan)
- * All clothing must be solid in color; no plaid, stripes or patterns are allowed.
- * All clothing must be clean and without tears or tatters.

Uniform Style Requirements

SHIRTS:

- * Colored polo shirts, classic white cotton button-up uniform shirts or turtlenecks only (long or short sleeved)
- * White, black, or navy blue
- * Shirts must be plain (free of decorations or logos) except for an approved Topaz tiger logo or any appropriate design smaller than a quarter (25%).
- * All shirts must be tucked in OR worn at a length that prevents undergarments or midriff from showing.
- * All shirts must fit the student. Shirts that are too small, form-fitting, or oversized are in violation of the uniform policy.
- * Long-sleeved undershirts may be worn during cold weather, but need to be a solid uniform shirt color.
- * All shirts must be buttoned from the second button down.

SLACKS/SKIRTS/SHORTS/TUMPER/CAPRIS:

- * Bottoms may be navy blue, black, or khaki.
- * All garments must fit snugly at the waist and be worn at the waist.
- * Sweatpants and sports shorts (basketball, track) are not uniform pants.
- * All garments must fit the student. Slacks that are too baggy or too form-fitting are in violation of the uniform policy. Jeggings and leggings are never considered as pants, even on Fridays.

- * Jean/Denim pants are not allowed (with the exception of University Days, see below).
- * All garments must be longer than the student's longest finger when their hands are straight down.

BELTS:

- * Belts must be worn looped appropriately through the clothing loops.
- * Belts must reflect dress code colors, have a plain buckle, and be unadorned (no spikes, gems, studs, etc.).

SWEATERS & SWEATSHIRTS:

- * The school uniform shirts must be worn under all sweaters and sweatshirts.
- * Navy blue or black sweater vests over classic white uniform shirts are acceptable.
- * All sweaters, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts or any garment made of sweatshirt material, with or without a zipper, must be solid (and free of any writing or design) in one of the following colors: navy blue, black, white, or gray.
- * University sweatshirts may be worn on Fridays only.

WINTER OUTERWEAR:

- * Heavy coats, jackets, etc., are based on parental choice or individual taste, but must be free of decorations that are immodest or that reflect gang affiliations.
- * Denim/jean jackets are not considered uniform.
- * Winter outerwear may not be used to circumvent the uniform dress code policy.

FOOTWEAR:

- * Shoes must have a back strap and a covered toe.
- * Students must have appropriate footwear for physical education classes.
- * Flip-flops and slippers are not acceptable for school as they present a safety hazard.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN:

- * All clothing must fit properly; no clothing that is too tight, form-fitting, or baggy.
- * All undergarments must be completely covered at all times.
- * Sweatpants, velour pants, and stretchable knit clothing are not allowed.
- * Clothing accessories (beanies, scarves, socks) must reflect the uniform color policy (solid color) and be free of any decorations that are immodest or that reflect gang affiliations.

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Polo Tops:

Navy blue, black, or white

Bottoms:

Navy blue, black, or khaki

Sweaters & Sweatshirts:

Solid colors only

Navy blue, black,

white, or grey

Outerwear:

Heavy jackets can be

any color.

CALL WITH QUESTIONS!

Topaz Preparatory Academy Uniform Policy

University Spirit Days

- * Every Friday is "University Spirit Day".

PLEASE NOTE:

- * FRIDAYS ARE NOT FREE DRESS DAYS! However, on these days, instead of the usual uniform top, students may wear a shirt, sweater and/or sweatshirt with the name of a college, university, or post secondary institution. They may also wear a shirt with a Topaz-sponsored logo, activity, or club. Students may wear appropriate and modest jeans/pants/skirts on this day as long as they have on a University or Topaz logo shirt. (Note: plain uniform polo shirts do not qualify as University Friday dress).
- * Military shirts specifically stating Army, Navy, Marines, etc. are acceptable.
- * No sweatpants, velour, athletic shorts, jeggings/leggings, or stretchable knit clothing.



Tiger Spirit Class Competition Days

- * The last Friday of each month is our Tiger Spirit Class Competition. Students are encouraged to dress or accessorize according to the theme of the month. Classes will have competitions for the highest percentage of involvement. Notices of the spirit themes will be communicated via class news, the marquee, the school website, and the monthly phone messages.
- * The rules of modesty and fit apply to all Spirit Days.

- * Leggings and tights (worn under uniforms), or visible socks, must be a solid uniform color.
- * Hats/beanies and sunglasses are to be worn outdoors only. Hats must be solid in color, have a college or university name, or be from an HUSD school. Hats must be worn forward.
- * Hairstyles, hair color, accessories, or jewelry must not distract from the educational process or learning environment.
- * Tattoos, body drawings, and visible body piercings, even if they are clear, (except earrings) are not allowed. Earrings must not present a safety hazard.

- * Metal chains and studs are not a part of the approved uniform dress code policy and may not be worn on any person, article of clothing, or accessory.
- * Natural looking makeup (only mascara and clear lip gloss; no eyeliner) may only be worn by middle school students, but must be applied at home. No makeup allowed at school!

Consequences For Not Following the Uniform Dress Code Policy:

- * The Uniform Policy is an important and mandatory part of the Topaz Preparatory Academy compact and is expected to be followed at all times.
- * Students choosing to break the policy will be required to have their parents/guardians bring appropriate clothing to school.
- * Offenses: First offense will result in a Uniform Notice. Subsequent offenses may result in a Behavior Notice, campus beautification, and/or a possible referral.
- * Three documented uniform dress code policy violations will result a loss of Friday University dress privileges.
- * Administrator/designee interpretations and decisions are final.

PARENT SUPPORT:

- * At least once per year the PTC may facilitate a "uniform recycling" event. They will accept donations of uniform items from families of students who have outgrown their uniforms. Donated clothing items need to be washed then will be *inexpensively* resold to school families. Money raised will go to PTC to support special events.

NOTE: THE POLICY MAY BE MODIFIED AS NEW "FASHION ISSUES" ARISE.



Whole Child Wellness & Supports

care/solace

Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care.

Care Solace is an online resource with a live, multilingual Care Concierge meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health related programs and counseling services. Care Solace is available for use by district students and families at no cost.

[Care Solace](#)



Desert Mountain Children's Center (DMCC): DMCC offers a transdisciplinary team to provide a full array of services and programs comprised of a pediatrician, psychiatrist, clinical nurses, occupational therapists, and speech and language therapists. Additional behavioral health services are comprehensive assessment, individual, group and family therapy, parent education, and links to community resources. We also collaborate with a number of community organizations during the process of serving children and families.



Whole Child Wellness & Supports

Tiger Wellness Center Counselor

Our incredibly kind, knowledgeable, and talented elementary school counselor, Mr. David Boberg, aka Mr. B, leads our Tiger Wellness Center! He works with our Tiger Scholars and their families proactively, and when they are in need of specific support. Mr. Boberg is a wonderful resource to our staff, scholars and families! Make sure to introduce yourself to Mr. Boberg when you see him on campus.



Parent Support



- [Topaz Website](#) (with Teacher sites)
- Chromebook/Teach Assistance – Email: topazsupport@hesperiausd.org
- Parent Portal – [Online Annual Update](#)
 - If you need your access code email Dawn.DeNunno@hesperiausd.org
- Office Hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, –Friday 7:00–3:30pm
 - Wednesday 7:00am–2:00pm
- Absences – Call the office to report absences [760-244-4622](tel:760-244-4622)





Stay Connected!



@TopazPrepAcademy



@TopazTigers



@Topaz_Tigers



The Tiger Way!

Topaz Tigers CHOOSE to have a
Safe, Respectful, and Responsible
year and above all, Choose Kindness!



You cannot do
kindness too soon,
for you never
know how soon
it will be too late.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON



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