

Bassetti Elementary

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School Mascot: Bear
School Colors: Blue & Gold
Principal – Cecelia Zertuche
Assistant Principal – Jamie Smith
Instructional Coordinator – Taylor Kohler
Counselor – Lynlee Ridley
School Nurse – Wendi Hancock
School Secretary – Chloe Gutierrez
Parent Coordinator – Marquella Redmon
Office Assistant – Geniva Trinidad
Cafeteria Manager- Beatriz Lopez

Bassetti Mission Statement:

Love, Learn, Lead

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year. At Bassetti we are proud to be serving students with an excellent education and a great elementary experience. Thank you for being an important part of your child's educational success as together we build a strong foundation for future school years and beyond.

Bassetti specific information for 2023-2024

Arrival, Dismissal and Traffic Procedures

Early Arrival

Our building opens at 7:15 a.m. in the morning. Please DO NOT leave your child at school unattended before 7:15 a.m. as there is no adult supervision for them before this time. Students who arrive between 7:15 and 7:50 will have an opportunity to eat breakfast before the school day begins at 7:50.

Arrival

Car rider students should be dropped off in the front circle driveway only. For your child's safety, please let students out on the sidewalk and at the crosswalks rather than the middle lane of moving traffic. If you need to exit your car, please park in one of the designated parking slots. The third lane, next to the parking slots, is reserved for continually moving traffic only for both safety reasons as well as traffic congestion problems. For the safety of all students and staff, parents will not be allowed to walk their student to their classroom. All visitors to the campus must stop by the front office to check in.

School Dismissal

The school day ends at 3:15 p.m. If your child does not ride a bus, please pick your child up promptly at 3:15. There is no extended supervision after dismissal time as teachers and staff must go on to their next required activities each afternoon. Parents and emergency card contacts will be contacted after normal pick-up time for any students still on campus after 3:25 p.m.

Traffic and Parking

- Afternoon traffic is much heavier than in the morning because everyone arrives at the same time. In order to ensure safety for all of our students, we ask that all parents and staff observe the following precautions and courtesies when driving in the school circle driveway:
- Traffic is one way in the front driveway.
- Please remain in your vehicle AT ALL times. Students will be brought to your vehicle by a school employee. There is no need to exit your vehicle to wait on the lawn. This will ensure traffic continues to flow smoothly.
- A system will be in place to radio into the building to let your child's teacher know you have arrived so they can begin making their way to the front and we will escort them to your vehicle.
- For a smooth transition at dismissal, grade levels will exit the building at designated doors.
- Car tags will be provided to each family to hang in your car front window to indicate who you will be picking up. These tags will be used to indicate which child(ren) you will be picking up. If you do not have a car tag you will be required to check in the front office with your ID to pick up your student(s).

Change in after school plans

If your child will be going home a different way than usual after school, the office must be contacted by a parent, by note or phone call prior to 2:30 p.m. about the change in plans. If there is no notification by a parent ahead of time, the child will be sent home in the usual

way such as by bus, daycare van, etc. For safety, we will not rely only on oral information from the student as sometimes that may not accurately reflect the parent's intentions.

Absences and Tardies

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent, please call the Bassetti office at 690-3720. The office staff and/or an automated message system calls the parent contacts of any student who is marked absent and whose parents have not called in. We want to make sure everyone is either present or "accounted for" for the safety of all the students. If your child misses school due to doctor or dental appointments, or after a prolonged illness, please send doctor's notes to the office when your child returns to school.

Tardies

When the 7:50 a.m. bell rings, students should already be in their classrooms and ready to start the day. Important activities including ongoing skills work and review takes place in each classroom first thing in the morning, and it is very difficult to make up that instruction during other times of the day. It is in your child's best interest to be able to begin each day on time in order to not miss out on instruction or feel behind for the rest of the day. Bassetti follows the tardy policy established by Abilene ISD.

Release and Return of Students During the School Day

All students who need to leave school early during the day before the 3:15 p.m. dismissal must be signed out in the office, and it must be prior to 3:00 p.m. After 3:00, all students are packing up and moving to different campus locations for dismissal, and therefore will not be able to be located to leave until the 3:15 dismissal bell. If the student is leaving for an appointment, please send a doctor's note when the student returns to school. Only individuals whose names appear in the district's student information computer system or on the child's emergency card will be allowed to pick up a student. If someone other than those listed will be picking up your child, please notify the office beforehand. All individuals must present a driver's license or some form of picture identification.

Contacting the Teacher/Conferences

Contacting the Teacher-

Your child's teacher will contact you periodically throughout the school year to set up parent conferences. If you would like to contact the teacher, please leave a message in the office for a return call. Teachers are NOT available for phone calls or long conversations regarding a student before school and during the instructional classroom time throughout the day. All meetings with teachers and/or staff members will need to be made by appointment only.

Conferences-

Conference meetings and phone calls can be scheduled and made during the teacher's planning period and after school. This is to ensure that the teacher's focus is on the students during instructional time and on the parents during conferences. Another option is to email the teacher directly. Teacher email addresses can be found on the Bassetti page of the Abilene ISD website at www.abileneisd.org

School Nurse

Ms. Wendy Hancock, R.N. is Bassetti's school nurse. Her office is equipped to handle routine medical needs. In the event of more serious illness or injury, parents will be notified immediately. You can contact her directly by calling 690-3720 and choosing option 3. Please keep the school informed with current phone numbers. If an emergency situation were to arise, we must be able to reach you as soon as possible. **Medications:** For safety reasons, students are not allowed to carry prescriptions or nonprescription medicines with them at school. If it becomes necessary for a student to take medicine during the school day, the law requires that the parent come to the nurse's office with the medication in a prescription bottle and complete a medical form.

Visitors

Parents and other visitors to the campus will be required to check in the front office. All classroom visits during the school day must be scheduled ahead of time. Lunch reservations will need to be made 24 hours in advance to reserve a spot to eat with your child in the cafeteria. You must present an official picture ID, such as a driver's license, in order to receive a visitor pass for parent conferences and other appointments. Your ID will be kept in the office until you check out to leave, and your pass must be worn visibly for the entire time you are on campus. If you just have items that need to be taken to a classroom, we will have a drop off box in the foyer area. We will be glad to have the items delivered from the office to the class in order to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

Student Behavior Management

The main function of school is to provide an excellent education in a safe environment for each of our students. In order to accomplish this, the expectation is for all of our students at Bassetti to behave in a manner that is conducive to learning and safety. Abilene ISD uses the CHAMPS classroom management plan through Safe and Civil Schools at all elementary campuses. With CHAMPS, emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting positive and appropriate behaviors and expectations, which in turn lessens negative behaviors and the impact those types of behaviors have on learning and the educational setting. Our campus is also a Leader in Me school, in which we teach and model the habits of successful students and citizens every day. Teachers also provide ongoing communication with students and parents in regard to classroom behavior expectations and progress throughout the school year.

The campus principal, Mrs. Cecelia Zertuche, and the assistant principal, Mrs. Jamie Smith, are the campus behavior coordinators (CBC). In the event that a discipline referral to the office is necessary, the parent will be contacted by a member of the office administration either through a phone call, copy of the discipline referral sent home, or a parent conference. It is important that the student, teacher, parent and principal are all working together regarding behavior problems. If so, the student will benefit the most in the end.

Birthdays and Celebrations

Throughout the year, your child's class may participate in a variety of celebrations and parties, such as Christmas and Valentine's Day. Please refer to information sent home by the individual teachers regarding these events. All treats sent to the classroom must be packaged individually for safety precautions. Please coordinate ahead of time with your child's teacher if you plan on sending birthday treats for the class. According to Child Nutrition Service guidelines, birthday cake or treats may not be served during lunchtime. Private birthday party invitations can be handed out at school only if the whole class is invited.

Recess

Students will go out to recess with their class at a scheduled time during the school day. During inclement weather or if the weather is under 40 degrees or over 95 degrees, the students will not go outside for recess.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located on stage in the cafeteria. Please let your child's teacher know or the front office if your child has lost an article of clothing. Please be sure to write your child's name on jackets, sweaters, and/or pullovers so it is easier to return the item to the correct student when an article of clothing is found on campus.

Dogs and animals on campus

Animals are not allowed on campus without permission from the school principal as some of our students may be allergic to animals.

PTO Volunteering

Bassetti does have an active PTO and you can sign up to be a member. There will be opportunities during the school year that you will be able to help volunteer during PTO events outside of campus. A background check will need to be completed and approved before you are able to volunteer and/or attend field trips. A background check form can be picked up in the front office.

School Communication

Important information about things happening at school and/or in the classroom will be sent home through a classroom newsletter, school messenger, notes from the office or classroom, and through Remind.