



Estrella Vista Elementary School SOAR Program

One of the most important goals of our staff at Estrella Vista Elementary School is to help students establish the necessary and beneficial skills that will ensure their success as life-long learners. To help us facilitate this goal, we will implement the SOAR Program.

SOAR is an acronym that stands for Student Ownership of Academic Responsibility. The SOAR Program addresses the following expectations:

- **Students will complete and return homework**
- **Students will attend school on time.**

Planner Tracking

During each day of the week, please check your child's planner. You will find boxes indicating each subject area. Tardiness will be tracked at the bottom of each day. At the right of each box, there is a smaller square where staff members will indicate a "Y" for yes and an "N" for no in order to communicate whether your child turned completed homework or attended school on time. This message is for you to make note of whether your child met the expectations or not. If for any reason, you do not see this tracking method, please contact your child's teacher immediately by e-mail or telephone.

Rewards

If a student receives all "Y" marks during a given time period, there are ample rewards in place to reinforce this positive behavior.

- **Monthly** – Students with all "Y" marks for the month will receive a homework pass. This pass can be used in lieu of a homework assignment. The student must check with his or her teacher first to determine if the homework pass can be used for that particular assignment. In addition, students will receive a SOAR Plus Card. The card will take the place of the student's need to get his or her planner marked. However, he or she will need to show his or her SOAR Plus Card to each teacher throughout the day. A student who earns the SOAR Plus Card will keep it as long as he or she meets the homework and attendance expectations and does not receive any "N" marks. When a student has a SOAR Plus Card and does not meet the expectations above, the card will be collected, and the student will have to use the planner for tracking again.
- **Quarterly** – Students with all "Y" marks for the quarter will be given award certificates at our quarterly assemblies. In addition, they will participate in a school reward activity.
- **Yearly** – Students with all "Y" stamps for the entire year will receive a medallion.

We Care Pass

We recognize that students are not perfect. Even the most organized students may forget an assignment or show up late to school occasionally. Therefore, all students receive a monthly “We Care Pass.” This pass is in essence a “do-over,” a “mulligan,” or a “freebie” if you will. This pass allows students the opportunity to miss a homework assignment or show up tardy once a month without consequences. Students will be given a “Y” mark for that class or subject area.

SOAR Hour – Extended School Day

If a student receives an “N” mark, then the student MUST participate in the SOAR Hour after school the following day. SOAR Hour will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:25 to 4:15 PM. This extended school day will be implemented over the course of the school year. It is the student’s responsibility to notify his or her parents that he or she will be staying for SOAR Hour. The planner serves as the communication between the teacher and the parent.

SOAR Hour Expectations

When students are assigned to SOAR Hour, they will be expected to work on missed homework or school assignments until they are dismissed. Teachers will be available for assistance on any school work. If a student refuses to work or is off-task, he or she will be assigned another SOAR Hour to make up the time.

When a student is assigned to SOAR Hour and does not attend, he or she will be assigned SOAR Hour for the next two days. Failure to report twice during the school year will result in other disciplinary actions.

If a student loses his or her planner, he or she will be issued a replacement at a cost of \$5.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities must serve SOAR Hour before they can attend practices, games, or activities.

I have read the above and understand the SOAR Hour Expectations:

Parent Signature and Date

I have read the above and understand the SOAR Hour Expectations

Student Signature and Date