

**Country Gardens Charter School**  
**6313 West Southern Avenue**  
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**September 1, 2017**

**McKinney -Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

The school is responsible for ensuring that homeless youth have access to the same, free appropriate public education it provides other children. If your family situation has changed to one of the following situations please contact Mrs. Gerber; living in a motel, campground, car, park, or doubled up with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

**Dress Code**

Students need to be in school shirts everyday unless they pay a \$1.00 on Wednesday. Shorts must be to the knee and need to be solid in color or camouflage. There are no patterns, plaids, or stripes allowed for shorts. Jeans may not be ripped or torn with skin showing. Students can only wear stud earrings. No hoops please. Students should not be wearing sunglasses and/or coats to school.

**School Absences**

Make sure your child is attending school daily. Your child must attend 75% of the day to be counted for attending school. Students must be in school from the ages of 6-16 by Arizona law. **If your child is absent please call the school by 8:00 AM the day of absence. Please make appointments on Wednesday after early dismissal.**

**Open Conferences on October 4**

These are held for all parents/guardians to see how your child is doing. Open conferences are limited to 10 minutes each. These are not scheduled. This is a time for you to discuss the progress of your child and check on their classwork and homework being done.

**Tutoring**

This is available to **selected** students beginning September 5. You will get a letter if your child qualifies. There is no transportation and students must be picked up at 4:40 PM on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays.

**Open House/Title I Meeting September 20**

This will be open to current students, parents and guardians. The Title I meeting will be in room 6. This is open to all parents and guardians. Staff will not discuss student progress at Open House. Please attend Open conferences on October 4 from 1:30 - 4:00 PM or contact your child's teacher for academic progress and homework being completed.

**Character Education**

Please go over the importance of your child making good choices with words and actions toward others. Students need to be reminded to be respectful with each other in the classroom, on campus, and on the bus. Please go over the responsibility of your child to make the right choices, to be kind, and to be considerate. This will make a better learning environment for everyone if each child does their part to be a good citizen at Country Gardens.

**Deficiency Notices**

These will be sent home with your child on Friday, September 15 if he/she is not working at grade level and/or not completing homework. Please call the teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's progress. These are not sent home for all students. Teacher emails are located on the website.

**Bus Rules**

Remind your child to stay seated during their bus ride. Also, remind your child to stay in their assigned seat. Students cannot use cell phones on the bus. Bus stops are part of the school day and students must act appropriately at all stops.

**Splish Splash Activities/Dance**

Water activities/dance will be September 29. Admission is \$5.00. Students may wear swimsuits and must wear shoes that can get wet for the event. This is a school day and students not attending will be in class. Students need to come dressed in school uniforms. They may wear their swim suits under their clothes.

**School Pictures:** Students must wear school shirts for pictures. Students may not wear jackets or hats for their school pictures.

<i><b>Important Dates</b></i>	
<b>September 4</b>	<b>Labor Day—No School</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Deficiency Notices for students K-12 who are not working at grade level</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>School Pictures—students must wear school shirts and no coats for pictures</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Title I Informational Meeting 5:45 - 6:30 PM Room 6</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Open House 6:30 - 7:30 PM</b>
<b>September 29</b>	<b>Splish Splash Activities/Dance \$5.00</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:30 - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>October 9-20</b>	<b>Fall Break—No School</b>