

## Bathroom Policy

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At the Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School (ROLES), learning takes place throughout a nearly 400 acre classroom. Because of this unique reality, additional, developmentally appropriate bathrooming options exist for students and staff.

### Bathrooming Options

At ROLES, students, staff, and visitors will be provided these bathrooming options in this order of priority:

1. Indoor bathroom space: this includes
  - a. running water, flush toilets located in a variety of buildings on the Riveredge Nature Center property
  - b. Permanent “pit” toilets located near the yurts
  - c. Temporary, portable chemical toilets (aka “port-a-johns”)
2. If indoor bathroom space (as listed in #1 above) is not available, backcountry toileting options which comply with leave-no-trace (LNT) standards described at <https://Int.org/learn/principle-3> may be used in *emergency* situations.
  - a. Backcountry toileting in appropriate areas as defined by LNT principles

### Handwashing & Hand Sanitizer

Regardless of the type of bathroom used, ROLES will comply with the following handwashing procedure.

Children should strongly be encouraged to:

1. Wet hands with warm water;
2. Apply soap to the hands;
3. Rub hands together to wash for at least twenty seconds;
4. Thoroughly rinse hands with water;
5. Dry hands with a paper towel, single-use cloth towel, or air hand dryer.
6. Hand sanitizer may be used in the absence of running water. Soil/dirt should be removed from hands with wet-wipes prior to using hand sanitizer.

### Parent Notification

1. Parents/Guardians of all students must receive the ROLES: Bathrooming Policy once every school year. It will be included in the Family Handbook.
2. Either a signed acknowledgment of receiving the ROLES: Bathrooming Policy or the signed acknowledgement page of the Family Handbook (if included in that document) must be received by all enrolled students.

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