

CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

Thank you for chaperoning your child's class visit to the The HEAL Project at the San Mateo County School Farm. Chaperones are an essential part of a well run field trip. Thank you for your time!

Our Field Trip Mission

The HEAL Project teaches kids where food comes from and why it matters. We do this by providing hands-on experiences at our working fruit and vegetable farm. Your child's class will have the opportunity to harvest and taste fresh produce grown on the farm as well as gain insight about the connection between our food, our health, and the ecosystem.

Chaperone Expectations

- **A maximum of 9 chaperones (including student aides, excluding teachers)** are allowed per class. 9 chaperones allows us the appropriate level of supervision and support for our programming while allowing for maximum student participation.
- **Review all materials** provided by your teacher on field trip guidelines and expectations.
- Be ready to **assist the Farm Educator** as requested. This may include helping children with hand washing, with bathroom visits, or following instructions.
- Be willing to **assist other children** in addition to your own.
- Come ready to be a **positive role model**. This means following all farm rules including respecting plants, animals, and people.
- Plan on being present; **no phone calls**. Cell phones can be used for emergency calls and photos but should otherwise be tucked out of sight.
- Be prepared to **bring ALL TRASH home**. The HEAL Project has a pack it in pack it out policy. We encourage visitors to pack a zero waste lunch with reusable containers during their visit and every day.
- Don't light up: like a school campus, the farm is a **no smoking** zone.
- **Leave dogs at home**. Service dogs may be accommodated with prior consent from your classroom teacher and the farm staff.
- Siblings must be pre-approved by the teacher and are included in the class count. Each class can have a maximum of 3 siblings attend. You will be asked to escort siblings from the group if they become a distraction.

Parking & Directions

Please park vehicles at the public park at **300 Bridgeport Drive, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**. ALL CARS AND BUSES must park at the public park and students will be escorted to and from the farm by a Farm Educator. As a courtesy to our neighbors, please obey the speed limit of 25 mph when approaching your destination.

Call **650-339-1733** to reach a Farm Educator if you are lost, running late, or need assistance.

300 Bridgeport Drive = Parking destination

500 Bridgeport Drive = Farm Entrance (*do not park here unless instructed to do so*)

Check out The HEAL Project's website

Visit <https://www.thehealproject.org/> to: Sign up for our monthly newsletter & donate to make this opportunity available to more students. Learn about camps, community programs, and events, Organize your office for a corporate volunteer day at the farm.