



Washington Elementary is a “No Excuses University” school which means the staff and administration have the philosophy that the adults will use no excuses for our students not progressing and succeeding in school. We support the beliefs of the founder of “No Excuses”, Damen Lopez, who stresses the following:

- Every student will be proficient or advanced in reading, writing, and math.
- The academic accomplishment of every student is an obsession.
- The school can neutralize many challenges students bring to the classroom.
- Student achievement is the number one topic of conversation.
- A maverick spirit is leading the way by fighting the status quo and displaying an entrepreneurial drive.
- There are no excuses for poor effort.

We want to instill in our students not only the desire to go to college someday, but also the idea that they can make it there when they work hard and follow the “Eagle Pledge”. Each class adopts a university, wears their T shirt and talks a little about college throughout the year. When you visit the classrooms you will notice banners/posters from the college chosen by that particular class. With modern advances in technology, etc. there could be many and varied ways of attending college when these students are of that age. We can’t wait to hear of their successes.