



Rhodes Elementary School

Middle-of-Year Reminders and Procedures



Our 20th anniversary of Rhodes celebration was a huge success, and we are excited to continue our school year as we “Rocket to Excellence!”

This document will help to provide reminders and information about procedures. We appreciate the support and understanding of our community to know that all procedures are evaluated for ways to continuously ensure the safety and academic learning time and environment for our students.

Very Important Parking Lot Reminders

****Cars cannot be left parked and unattended unless they are in an actual parking spot.**

During arrival and dismissal times, our parking lot is open for drop-off and pick-up. However, we need your help in order to continue with this practice. It is unsafe for cars to stay in the fire lane or to be left unattended behind parked cars. If an emergency vehicle needed to access the school, they would not be able to if cars are incorrectly parked. If you choose to use the parking lot for drop-off or pick-up, please pull forward out of the entrance way and drive-through, pulling in to the right side to pause for students to get in or out. **Again, cars cannot be left unattended, unless they are in a parking spot.** Please note: for morning drop-off, please ensure that you are not stopping in the left traffic lane in the parking lot. That is a drive-through lane. For the right lane, please only do a short stop to allow your children to exit your car. Please do not wait in that spot; once you have dropped off, please pull forward or to the left lane to exit.

School Arrival

Students are **not allowed on campus prior to 8:45 a.m.** There is no supervision for students prior to that time. Parents and guardians should make adjusted arrangements for children so that they do not arrive until 8:45 a.m. Parents, please assist your children who walk or bike to school so that they do not leave home too early and arrive at school in an unsupervised location. *Please note: Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. Students cannot arrive earlier than 8:45 for breakfast.

Bus Lane

The bus lane and entrance to the bus lane are reserved for school busses only. Please do not use the lane or entrance portion to pull in and drop students off. Our student safety is very important to us, and we appreciate your support to ensure that all traffic laws are followed to keep our students safe.

Entering the MP room and School (Morning Entrance)

The MP room can only be accessed by people going to breakfast in the morning. The front hallway of the school is not open for entrance to the MP room. Instead, we ask that people who are trying to enter go around to the main playground and then enter the MP room. All adults need to have checked in at the office and have a visitor/volunteer badge when being inside the building.

Tardies and Absences

As a school, we are working to increase student attendance. It is an area of focus for us this year, and we know that increased attendance can greatly impact a child's ability to be more successful in school. Throughout the year we have incentives, including individual, class and grade level prizes and raffles. It is important for students to arrive on time to ensure an effective beginning for their day. When they arrive at 9:00, they are able to enter class and begin their day with their classmates. ***Students are tardy if they are not seated in their classes by 9:10 a.m. All students who arrive after the 9:10 tardy bell need to be signed in by a parent/guardian. Students cannot walk themselves in if they arrive tardy.***

Dress Code

As the weather will be warming up even more soon, we want to send dress code reminders for parents and students.

Please see below for information from the district dress code regulation, and help your child adhere to the requirements. Students who arrive at school with an item that does not fit the dress code guidelines will be sent to the nurse's office. Parent contact will be attempted and then a change of dress may be provided, if available, or parents/guardians will be asked to bring a change of clothes or items for their children. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of time a student is removed from class. Repeat dress code violations could result in a Required Parent Conference.

Some of the most frequent dress code violations we see are shorts that are too short (they must be finger-tip length), muscle shirts for boys, and tank tops that do not have large enough straps. All shirts must have straps that are three inches wide, NOT three fingers wide. In addition, costume items (ex. headbands that have cat or Mickey ears) cannot be worn to school unless they are worn for periodic spirit or costume dress days.

CCSD Dress Code Regulation Information

Students' dress, personal appearance, and conduct are required to be of such character as not to disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school. Any style that tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or discipline control by teachers is not acceptable. Students are to be dressed in such a manner that their appearance in the school contributes to the learning environment.

The CCSD dress code includes the following provisions:

1. Require the wearing of shoes with soles. House slippers and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
2. All clothing must be sufficient to conceal any and all undergarments. No skin will show between bottom of shirt/blouse and top of pants or skirts at any time. All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide. Prohibited tops include, but are not limited to, crop tops, tank tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.
3. Require that all shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers/dresses must be at fingertip length.
4. All jeans, pants, and trousers must be secured at waist level. Sagging is strictly prohibited. Jeans, pants, and trousers are not to have rips or tears that expose undergarments and/or are located mid-thigh or higher.
5. Headgear (hats, hoods, caps, bandanas, hair grooming aids, etc.) is not permitted on campus except for designated school approved uniforms, special events, authorized athletic practices, documented medical conditions, bona fide religious reasons, or CCSD/school sanctioned activities.
6. Slogans or advertising on clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories which by their profane, controversial, discriminatory, and/or obscene nature disrupt the educational setting are prohibited.
7. Any clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories that promote illegal or violent conduct, or affiliation with groups that promote illegal or violent conduct such as, but not limited to, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats are prohibited.
8. Spiked or studded clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories are prohibited.
9. Outerwear such as coats, mittens, and scarves must be removed upon entering the classrooms/buildings. Administrators, teachers, and staff may use their discretion as appropriate based on the temperature in the facility.

The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress, fashion, fads, or appearance disrupt or detract from the educational program and may be a potential safety hazard. The principal shall retain the authority to grant exceptions for spirit days, special event dress days, and school-wide free dress days.