



# 2020-2021 Randall Elementary School

School Supplement to the  
District Policy Guide

# School Overview

Welcome to Randall Elementary School! Whether you have been a part of our family for many years or you have just joined us, I look forward to sharing the Randall experience with you.

Randall Elementary is the oldest operating school in the Madison Metropolitan School District. The landscape has changed since its doors first opened in 1906, but the pride and sense of honor in being a Randall Raccoon have flourished. Our school cherishes its wondrous blend of traditional and progressive approaches to education.

Since 1984, Randall has been a partner school with Franklin Elementary, a unique arrangement in that children from two school attendance areas join for pre-kindergarten through second grades at Franklin and third through fifth grades at Randall.

Franklin and Randall share a common mission — to foster an energetic, child-centered community of learners — to embrace the diversity of our school community — to ensure academic success for all — and to enable all children to be joyful, lifelong learners who respect themselves and others, and who recognize their responsibilities to the group and to the larger community through:

- An integrated, developmentally-based, multicultural curriculum designed to meet each student’s needs
- A caring, safe, and respectful environment
- High expectations that enable all students to reach their potential
- A school, family and community partnership sharing responsibility for student learning

We are proud and privileged to claim the University of Wisconsin Athletics Department as our Foundation for Madison Public Schools “Adopt-a-School” partner. Throughout the year, we collaborate with the UW leadership and athletes to provide unique support for our students in a grand variety of ways. You will note the Badger flag waving in union with our school banner in front of Randall, a symbol of our cherished relationship.

Sincerely,

John Wallace  
Principal

## About our school

Randall stands within cheering distance of the University of Wisconsin’s Camp Randall Stadium. While the school formally claims Regent Neighborhood membership, Randall is also home to the families from the Bay Creek, Bay View, Bram Addition, Brittingham, Dungeon Monroe, Greenbush, South Campus, and Vilas neighborhoods. Randall is an inclusive school, welcoming all children and their families to our learning community.

### Telephone

OFFICE: (608) 204-3300  
FAX: (608) 204-0487  
ATTENDANCE / SAFE ARRIVAL: (608) 204-3306

### Address

1802 Regent St  
Madison, WI 53726

### School Hours

Mondays 7:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (Early release)  
Tuesdays-Fridays 7:50 a.m. - 2:47 p.m.

### Web address

<https://randall.madison.k12.wi.us>  
[facebook.com/MMSDRandall](https://facebook.com/MMSDRandall)

# Key Policies and Guidelines

## After-school information

Wisconsin Youth Company provides after-school care at Randall. For information about this program, please contact Wisconsin Youth Company at 276-9782.

## Behavior

Randall staff and families agree on the important educational principle that we want all of our children to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and welcoming setting. A positive learning setting guarantees students the security, confidence, and opportunity to do their best and be their best at all times. We use “key words” to help children learn how to make their own positive interpersonal and behavioral decisions.

BE SAFE  
BE KIND  
CHOOSE APPROPRIATE WORDS  
SHOW RESPECT

## Family engagement

**Parent Empowerment Groups (PEGs)** meet throughout the year at Franklin or Randall. Parents from both Franklin and Randall gather to gain support, receive teacher presentations on curriculum and instruction and school procedure and share concerns with their groups’ members. They also discuss how to communicate concerns and needs with the larger community. While the parents are meeting, their children are supervised. Through these meetings, families have reported that they have gained a sense of belonging and importance to the school community.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – Participation in PTO meetings and activities is another avenue for staying informed about and being involved in school.

**Volunteering and visiting** – In addition to the above, we encourage parents to visit and volunteer in their child’s classroom and throughout the school. We ask that parents give the teacher a call in advance to set up days and times to volunteer or visit, to call when questions arise, and to share good news. Please check with your teacher for convenient times to call or simply leave a message.

Volunteers make an enormous difference at Randall. Children do best when their families are involved. Parent and community volunteers enrich children’s lives, stretch limited school resources, and also have lots of fun. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and teachers, as well as to learn with your children.

## Field trips

Teachers frequently plan field trips and excursions to provide students with educational experiences, which are extensions of the classroom. These trips are essential to the educational program, and all students are expected to participate.

## Parent/teacher conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are held in November and again in March. Please watch for correspondence from your child’s teacher to schedule these conferences.

## Picking up your child during the school day

To ensure the safety of your child, please send a note in advance to your child's teacher or the office. We require parents to come into our office and sign out the student. We will call the classroom to have the student sent down to the office to meet the parents. Please remember anyone picking up a student must be authorized and listed in Infinite Campus. Once school is in session, no non-school staff (including parents) will be allowed to go to a classroom unaccompanied to pick up a child.

## Safety & Security

Families play a key role in school safety. At [randall.mmsd.org/safety](http://randall.mmsd.org/safety), you can read about school-specific resources for helping keep students safe. You'll find more information on district safety and security, including how we communicate with you in an emergency, at [mmsd.org/safety](http://mmsd.org/safety).

## School support services

Randall School is staffed with an advanced learning teacher, program support teacher, psychologist, school nurse, and social worker. Please call the school office at 204-3300 for more information.

## Student personal property

It is very important that students bring to school only those things they need for learning. To avoid classroom disruption, theft and/or loss, items such as electronic games, and similar devices, trading cards, and toys should not be brought to school. All students' property and any outdoor clothing should be labeled with their names. Each school has a Lost and Found center. Parents are encouraged to help their child keep track of their belongings and check the Lost and Found regularly. Items not claimed at the end of each quarter are donated to local charities.

## Supervision of building / grounds

Please do not drop off your Randall students before 7:35 a.m.

The playground is NOT supervised prior to 7:35 a.m and after 1:15 p.m. on Monday and 2:47 p.m. Tuesday - Friday.

## Traffic safety (parking lot, pick up/drop off information)

Randall has a crossing guard at the following corners (times may change slightly):

	M-F a.m.	Mon. p.m.	Tues-Fri p.m.
Spoooner/Regent	7:00-8:00	12:55-1:55	2:25-3:25
Commonwealth/Allen	7:10-8:25	1:00-2:45	2:30-3:45
Edgewood/Monroe	7:15-8:15	1:10-2:55	2:30-3:45
Grant/Monroe	7:05-8:20	12:55-2:55	2:25-3:40
Highland Ave/Regent St	7:10-8:25	1:10-2:40	2:35-3:50

*Find more information in the district policy guide, found at [www.mmsd.org/policy-guide](http://www.mmsd.org/policy-guide).*