



# RL TURNER HIGH SCHOOL

*Be the Pride*

## School-Wide Policies, Procedures, and Information 2023-2024



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# The Lion Pride

Robert Leon Turner devoted 29 years of his life to education in Dallas County. Turner, who also chaired the committee that wrote the original charter for the City of Carrollton, served as superintendent of the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD from 1945 until his death in 1962. In 1962 all of the district's high school students were moved to the newly named R. L. Turner High School, which had previously served as the junior high for three years. The former Carrollton High School then officially became known as DeWitt Perry Junior High School.

## PRIDE PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement

Agriculture

Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT)

Auto Technology

Auto Body and Collision

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

BioMedical Academy

Commercial Photography

Cosmetology

Engineering

Graphic Design

Health Science Technology

Business and Marketing

Math, Engineering, Technology, and Science Academy (METSA)

Microsoft Office Business Management

Floral Design and Fashion Design

Vet Med

Welding

World Languages

**-1 National Merit Winner**

**-3 National Merit Semi-Finalists**

**-4 National Merit Commended**

**-9 State and 1 Nationals Qualifiers in TAFE**

**-11 Students Earned OSHA Certifications**

**-188 Students Earned Industry-Based Certifications**

**-Lionettes and Dance Company Earned Honors**

**-Both Orchestras Earned Sweepstakes at UIL**

**-All Three Choirs Earned Sweepstakes at UIL**

**-Band Earned 1<sup>st</sup> Division Superior Ratings at UIL**

**-One Act Play Advanced to Regionals**

**-17 Art Students Earned Recognition at VASE**

**-3 Students Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in State Girls Wrestling**

**-Both Boys and Girls Soccer Teams Make Playoffs**

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# Welcome

Dear Parents & Students:

I am so excited to welcome you to RL Turner High School! As its principal, I am proud and excited about our school and I look forward to sharing with you all that makes RL Turner HS so great!

At RL Turner, our staff is committed to providing the best education possible for our students. Our students have a wide variety of interests, goals and dreams and RL Turner High School is perfectly designed to meet them. Students may choose among 3 academies and over 20 programs of study to tailor their education to their interests and strengths. We also offer more than 30 Advanced Placement courses, in addition to four UT OnRamps courses. RL Turner graduates can easily enter college with over 30 college credits after walking the stage at RL Turner High School. In addition to an outstanding academic program, we also offer students the opportunity to engage in 34 student clubs and 38 student organizations. Finally, RL Turner HS provides students the opportunity to participate in UIL-sanctioned athletics and fine arts programs.

RL Turner High School believes in the partnership between school and families. We encourage our parents and students to join the RL Turner High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA). Please visit our PTSA's website at <https://webmaster6665.wixsite.com/rlturnerptsa> for information on how to join and upcoming events.

As the first high school in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, RL Turner has a long tradition of strong school pride and community support! We are excited to welcome you to be part of our amazing school! Go Lions!

Chad Hunter  
Principal

## Vision Statement

RL Turner High School's mission is to cultivate a courageous community of learners.

## Mission Statement

RL Turner High School's vision is to create a learning environment that respects and embraces all students, families, staff and community members so that all may maximize their full potential.

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## Arrival (Morning) Procedures

Students should arrive to school between 8:00 AM and 8:35 AM. The doors will open and staff will be on duty at 8:00 AM. Students who walk to school, are dropped off or drive may enter the school through the Gym Foyer doors from the student parking lot. Bus riders will enter the building at the Crosby Circle drop off. At 8:00 AM, students may enter the building and proceed to the cafeteria, library, gym or a classroom for tutorials. Once on campus, students should not leave campus for any reason without being checked out by an authorized person through the front office. See the Traffic Flow section for more information.

## Attendance/ Attendance Make-Up

The State requires students to attend classes for at least 90% of the time that a class is offered, per semester. Ninety percent attendance is required for every class in order to earn high school credits, regardless of grades earned. If a student exceeds the limit of absences, it is deemed as "absence failure" and credit for that class is denied. To avoid absence failure, absences can be remediated through recovery of instructional time through the absence make-up program (see below).

If an absence is unavoidable, a parent/guardian should call the appropriate attendance office before 8:30 AM on the date of the absence with the reason for the student's absence. Students are encouraged to email their teachers to request make-up work.

For an absence to be marked "verified", the student must provide their attendance office with a note signed by a parent explaining the reason for the absence. If a note is not provided within three school days of the student's return, the absence will be marked "unverified."

Verification of absences pertains to truancy, and is separate from the 90% attendance policy. In other words, verified absences are NOT excused absences. Verified absences must be made up if the student goes over four absences in the fall semester or five absences in the spring semester.

If the personal illness exceeds three consecutive days, a statement from a physician or health clinic verifying the illness or other condition causing the student's extended absence from school is required. If a student has excessive absences due to personal illness, the campus administrators, at the campus administrator's discretion, may require a physician's or clinic's statement of illness after a single day's absence to excuse the absence.

### **ABSENCE MAKE-UP PROGRAM**

The absence make-up program requires that time be made up by content. For example, if a student is over the allowed absences in science class, then the make-up must be made up in science tutorials. Absences must be made up in the same semester in which they occur. Attendance is monitored weekly through our campus attendance offices and administration. Students will be given documentation to complete/be completed by the teacher when they attend absence make-up in tutorials. A thirty-minute block of tutorials counts as one absence. It is the student's responsibility to return the completed documentation to their attendance office. Upon return, the attendance clerk will mark the absence in the corresponding class as a made-up absence (MAB)



# Bell Schedule/Block Rotation



2023-2024  
RL Turner High School



## Bell Schedule #1

Period	Regular Day		
1 <sup>st</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	8:40-10:10am (90 min)		
2 <sup>nd</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	10:15-11:45am (90 min)		
Lion Lessons	11:45am-12:10pm (25 min)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	12:15-2:20pm		
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>A Lunch</b> Lunch 12:10-12:40pm (30 min) Class 12:45-2:20pm (95 min)	<b>B Lunch</b> Class: 12:15-12:45pm Lunch: 12:45-1:15pm (30 min) Class: 1:20-2:20pm (60 min)	<b>C Lunch</b> Class 12:15-1:20pm (65 min) Lunch: 1:20-1:50pm (30 min) Class: 1:55-2:20pm
4 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	2:25-3:55pm (90 min)		

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Fall Semester Exams: December 14, 15, 18 & 19

Spring Semester Exams: May 20, 21, 22 & 23

<b>A Day</b> A - Apricot	<b>B Day</b> B - Blue	<b>No School</b> Holiday	<b>Testing</b> Testing - 1st & 2nd pds Classes - 3rd & 4th pds	<b>Half Day</b> Early dismissal	<b>Make-Up Day</b> for School Closures
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# Cell Phone/Technology Policies

## Personal Cell Phones

Students may use their personal technology devices in the cafeteria during lunch/breakfast, before/after school, and passing periods. During instructional time in the classroom, phones/air pods are not allowed. If technology is being used for instruction, all students need to be using their district issued CB. If a student does not have their CB, please be prepared to give a student a paper worksheet. Working on their phone is not allowed. Personal technology (phones/air pods) during instructional time will result in a strike and will be a part of the Clean Slate Discipline System

## District-Issued Technology

Students at RL Turner HS are issued a Chromebook as part of the district's 1:1 initiative. Students and parents will receive and must return a signed *Student/Parent 1:1 Use Agreement* before checking out their district issued Chromebook. It is the student's responsibility to care appropriately for the device, as well as report any issues through the student SOS system. It is imperative that students charge their Chromebook at home each night as there are limited places to charge their device at school. We value digital learning at Turner, therefore, students are expected to be in class with their charged Chromebook every day, every class period. Because we are providing a district issued device to each student, we cannot support students bringing their own device. District issued devices are configured to connect correctly to our network with the appropriate filters. Additionally, student Google accounts are monitored for inappropriate material.

## Deliveries for Students (at School)

Deliveries to students from delivery services (flowers, balloons, food, drinks, etc.) at school are **not allowed** and will not be accepted. If parents need to deliver forgotten items to their children, they may leave forgotten items in the front office, excluding food/drinks. If students forget to bring their lunch or drinks to school, a free lunch will be provided through the cafeteria. Parents will be responsible for communicating to their students that a delivery of forgotten items has been left for them in the front office. The school staff will not notify students of delivered items. All items not picked up by students within 3 days will be donated.

## Off Campus Lunch

Students who are classified as SENIORS with 19+ credits can go off campus for lunch. No underclassmen (Freshmen-Juniors) or anyone who has under 19 credits can go off campus even if they are with a Senior. Any student not classified as a Senior and goes off campus will receive an automatic Strike 3 and placed in the Strike Zone until a parent can come for a conference.

## Detention Procedures

With the implementation of the "Clean Slate" discipline program, teachers will no longer need to assign/hold detentions. Teachers may be assigned to supervise detention as part of typical teacher duties. The Assistant Principals will use a detention system for consequences assigned to students as a support for the campus wide discipline management system.

## Discipline Management Plan

A well-disciplined classroom is the most productive classroom. Students should be informed that good conduct is expected at school as well as when traveling to and from school.

# CLEAN SLATE

**THE RULE:**  
**NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH THE  
LEARNING, SAFETY, OR WELL-BEING OF ANOTHER.**

## **DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy of our discipline program at RL Turner HS can be summarized as follows:

1. No student will interfere with their own learning or the learning of others.
2. All students can behave appropriately.
3. Teachers have the right to teach.
4. Students have the right to learn.
5. No student shall prevent a teacher from teaching or a student from learning.

## **CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM**

All campus staff will follow The Clean Slate discipline system. The Clean Slate is a school-wide citizenship and discipline program that allows teachers to teach and students to learn by using "strikes".

## **DESCRIPTION OF STRIKES**

- Strike 1 – Students receive strikes (hashmark) on their desk for breaking the rule. When you place the strike on the desk you inform the student of the behavior. "Strike 1, **behavior**".
- Strike 2 – Students receive a second hashmark on their desk and are informed that any further choices to break the rule will result in "Striking Out" and they will be sent to the office to call their parents and be placed in the Strike Zone. They will not be allowed back to class without a face-to-face parent conference with a Behavior Assistant, teacher, and/or administrator.
- Strike 3 – Students are asked to collect their belongings, leave class and report to the Strike Zone to check in (C101). Teachers will need to call the Strike Zone (x5591) to inform the BAs and SZ Attendant that a student is on their way. Strike 3s must be recorded through the Strike 3 Google Form by the end of class or before 15 minutes into the next class (after threshold/during the Do Now). Once the proper documentation is completed and the notification is received, the parents are contacted and the student will wait in the Strike Zone.

**STRIKES DO NOT GET REMOVED FROM THE DESK 3 STRIKES = STRIKE OUT**  
*Strikes are the warnings.*

## **TIERS OF CLEAN SLATE**

- Tier 1: Parent/Student/Teacher/Behavior Assistant Restorative Conference
- Tier 2: Parent/Student/Teacher/Behavior Assistant Restorative Conference
- Tier 3: Parent/Student/Teacher/Behavior Assistant Restorative Conference AND referral to the AP for PAC placement

After Tier 3 and PAC placement is complete, tiers start over for the student. After the **third Tier 3**, the student could be recommended for DAEP from the Administration.

## **CLEAN SLATE OVERVIEW**

- Consistent behavioral and academic expectations throughout the school
- Non-confrontational, non-judgmental
- Encourages student ownership of behavior and responsibility that contributes to a positive learning environment
- Student behavior choices result in consequences that are consistent, logical and predictable

## **GOALS OF CLEAN SLATE**

- To help students develop a sense of reality regarding the consequences of their behavior

- To intrinsically reward and encourage consistent learning behavior
- To reduce recognition and reinforcement of poor or inappropriate behavior
- To teach and provide opportunities for students to develop and practice decision-making skills regarding their behavior

### **STRIKE 3 FOR STUDENTS**

- Student strikes out of class – collects belongings and reports to AP's office
- Waits for parent/guardian contact
- Escorted to Strike Zone
- Places all electronics in backpack and places backpack in the front of the classroom
- Resides in the SZ until a parent arrives
- If the parent does not arrive the day of the incident, the student will be placed in the Strike Zone the next day
- After conference, student signs paperwork, receives a pass from the clerk and returns to their school day

### **CLASSROOM STRIKES**

Talking out

Tapping the desk or making noises\*

Throwing things

Instigating

Wandering around the room

Disruptive behavior/arguing

Mild disrespect

Non-directed profanity

Minor violations of "acceptable use" policy

PDA

Horseplay

Phone

Off task on CB

Throwing items to another student/across the room

Sleeping

Curse words (not towards another person)

Not following a teacher's request to move away from distractions

### **AUTOMATIC STRIKE 3'S**

Skipping

Not returning from lunch

Walking out of class

Student removal of strikes from the desk

Running from teacher/admin

Ethnic slurs/agitation/discriminatory remarks and behavior

Defy authority

Theft

Minor vandalism

Profanity directed at authority figure or another student

Falsification of documents

Dishonesty toward school personnel

Major disruptive behavior

**If the student must be in the Strike Zone for multiple days, students cannot participate in any extracurricular activities during Strike Zone placement (practice, rehearsal, concerts, shows, etc.)**

**\*If a student is being recommended for PAC placement, student will wait in the SZ until the meeting takes place.**

## **STRIKE ZONE**

- Students are placed in the Strike Zone while they await the arrival of their parents for the parent-teacher-student conference.
- While in the Strike Zone, students will be required to sit and read quietly...they may not be allowed to use their mobile phones or Chromebook.
- Students will not be allowed into classes until the Strike 3 conferences are held with their parents or the teacher is informed by the AP of the situation.
- If parents do not arrive during the same school day as the strike out and they do not show up the next morning, the students will be escorted back to the Strike Zone
  - The BA will contact the parent/guardian to remind them that a parent conference needs to take place and their student is back in the strike zone.
  - BA will try to schedule a time for the parent to come back to school.

**If a student refuses to go to SZ or walks out of SZ - the report is automatically transferred to the admin who will take further action.**

**If a parent refuses to come for an SZ conference - the report is automatically transferred to the admin who will schedule PAC placement and probation.**

## POSITIVE ACTION CENTER (PAC)

### PAC PLACEMENT & PROBATION

**\*\*PAC is In-School Suspension which means the same rules are followed like Out-of-School Suspension.**

This year, the PAC placement will be filled out along with an extracurricular probation form.

The student stays in the PAC room for the entire day of the scheduled suspension.

- For every day the student is placed in PAC, the student is not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities. This includes practices, games, concerts, shows, field trips, competitions, club activities, fundraising activities, off campus activities, absence makeup, Saturday School, etc.
- On the last day of the PAC placement, the student regains eligibility to all extracurricular activities and to return to their normal day schedule is at 12:00 am the following day (PAC on Monday and Tuesday = ineligible until 11:59 pm Tuesday evening)
- If the student is in PAC/ISS on Friday, the student cannot participate in anything for that weekend. The student regains eligibility at 11:59 pm Sunday evening.

## BUY BACK SYSTEM

Each student will remain on the same tier if it has been 6+ days since their last strike or strike out

Example: A student receives a Strike 1 for being tardy first period and a Strike 2 the next day for not having an ID. The student is then not tardy, without an ID or out of dress code for 6 or more school days, that student remains on Strike 2.

Example: If a student strikes out of a class on 9/12 and strikes out again on 9/14 but does not strike out again until November, that student will not receive a PAC placement because they have gone 6 or more school days without striking out.

## CLEAN SLATE: SAFETY & SECURITY

### OPENING/ENTERING UNAUTHORIZED DOORS

Opening doors/propping doors/or unauthorized entry by students is not allowed at any point during the day. If a student, seen by a teacher or by security cameras, props a door, opens a door OR enters through an unauthorized door, the student will be brought to their Assistant Principal's office. The Assistant Principal will

- contact parents
- write a district referral
- schedule PAC placement, and
- suspend the student for the remaining of the day.

### NO PASS IN THE HALLWAYS/WALKING HALLS

- If you see them & know them or they stop for you, take the students to their AP's office
  - If you see them but don't know them or they run, email Turner Security ASAP with date, time, hallway, student descriptions
  - Admin & Security will begin investigating
- Teacher will tell the clerk what happened while the AC fills out a Strike 3 report.
- Attendance clerks will call parents immediately to schedule a PAC meeting with the AP -> (send calendar invite to AP)
- BA's will pick up student from office
- Student will wait in SZ until meeting

## Dismissal (Afternoon) Procedures

Immediately after students are dismissed from school, they are to leave the school grounds unless they attend any of the school sponsored after-school programs. All students exit the building through the Gym Foyer into the student parking lot. Students will be ushered from the building and will not loiter inside the building after being dismissed. Students who attend tutorials after school must be in the teacher's classroom by 3:50 and will not be released until tutorials end at 4:20.

## Dress Code Expectations

The following guidelines are established as a point of reference for parents, students and administrators in regards to dress. All students must be clean and neatly groomed while attending school and all district/school events. The district's dress code is established to minimize safety hazards, to teach grooming and hygiene, and to prevent disruptions. The Dress Code is revised annually after considering feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and community members.

The Board of Trustees of CFBISD delegates to the principal the authority to make final determinations as to whether clothing or grooming is or is not within this policy. The administration reserves the right to determine any inappropriate dress that it feels is disruptive to the school environment. Parents and students are encouraged to address and resolve concerns related to the Dress and Grooming Policy at the campus level. The principal will assess and determine compliance or non-compliance with the Dress and Grooming Policy, and will assign corresponding consequences for violation of this policy.

- Hair, by color or design, may not create a distraction to the learning environment. Non-natural hair color is permitted. If designs are shaved into the hair, they must be school appropriate and may not condone or represent drugs, gangs, alcohol, profanity, violence, obscenity, or anything deemed inappropriate by school administration.
- Students may **not** wear the following: tongue rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, ear gauges, spacers, facial jewelry such as hoops or rings, or facial decorations. Students may, however, wear one small nose stud.
- Caps, hats, bandannas, hair rollers, hair curlers, and other similar hair grooming items, shall not be worn by students in the school building. If students are wearing a shirt or jacket with a hood or a hoodie, the hood must remain down.
- Students may not wear clothing that advertises by name or symbol any products that are not permitted in schools, including, but not limited to the following: **drugs, alcohol, profanity or suggestive slogans, tobacco, obscenity, violence or gangs.**
- Students may wear shorts of appropriate length, or skirts of an appropriate length, at or about mid-thigh or longer, when fitted at the natural waistline. Should jeans/pants have frays, rips, or tears above the mid-thigh (appropriate length of shorts), students must wear leggings underneath the jeans.
- Shirts must overlap the waistband of pants, skirts, or shorts.
- Clothing which, in the opinion of the professional staff, would be deemed a distraction to the learning environment or offensive for school in general, shall not be allowed, including, but not limited to the following: trench coats, mini-skirts, pajama pants, decorative teeth coverings or teeth jewelry, halter or tube tops, split sides, midriffs, sagging pants, bare shoulder tops, see-through clothing, fish net tops, or running/spandex shorts.
- Yoga pants, leggings, and jeggings may be worn if the shirt drapes to mid-thigh.
- All students must wear appropriate, non-visible undergarments.
- For health reasons, students are required to wear shoes appropriate for the school setting at all times. House shoes or slippers are not appropriate for school.
- Tattoos may not create a distraction to the learning environment.

## ID'S & HOODS

For safety and security measures, all persons on campus must be wearing an ID at all times. No one on campus can wear any hoods, hats, bandanas, etc. (as per dress code) while in the building. If a student is brought to the office three times due to being out of dress code, the student will receive a Strike 3 and a parent conference must take place.

## DAILY CHECKS

Every morning, a staff member will be at all entrances checking for IDs and dress code.

Every teacher will be checking dress code and ID's before letting students into their classroom. If a student is out of dress code or no visible ID, they will be sent to their Attendance Clerk. The Attendance Clerk will put their ID number into a Strike report. **Three violations will be three strikes which will result in Strike Zone placement and an in-person Strike 3 Conference.**

## End-of-Course STAAR Testing

High school students must take and pass certain required courses and end-of-course exams to graduate from a Texas public high school. These are English I, English II, algebra I, biology, and U.S. history. If a student takes and passes any of these end-of-course exams in middle school, those scores will count toward their state testing requirements for graduation. All students currently enrolled in these courses will be required to take the corresponding EOC exam. Students must pass all 5 exams in order to meet graduation requirements. Individual Graduation Committees may except students from passing up to two EOC exams provided the students have taken the exams and completed additional learning/assessment activities.



## Fighting

The consequence of fighting at or within 300-feet of campus may include:

- Campus-based character training
- Campus-based community service
- Out-of-School placement
- PAC Placement
- Placement at DAEP
- Placement at JJAEP (for Title 5 violations involving weapons or serious bodily injury)

## Grade Level Classification

Students are classified according to the number of credits they have earned.

Freshmen:	0 - 5.5 credits earned
Sophomores:	6 - 11.5 credits earned
Juniors:	12 - 18.5 credits earned
Seniors:	19+ credits earned, plus completion/current enrollment in English IV.

Reclassification of grade levels is made at the beginning of each school year. However, students who have not been promoted to a higher grade due to lack of credits, may be eligible for reclassification at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester if sufficient credits have been earned during the first semester to warrant a reclassification. Additionally, senior classification requires completion of English IV or enrollment in English IV.

## Grading Procedures

***The primary purpose of awarding grades is to communicate student achievement in relation to the state standards, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and the district curriculum.*** The Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD is committed to creating an environment where quality instruction, assessment, and evaluation occur to improve student achievement. The academic grade represents this achievement. Also, effort and conduct are important to achievement; therefore, effort grades and conduct grades are included in the district's reporting system.

### Academic Grades

**Formative grades represent 25% of the nine weeks grade.**

**Summative grades represent 75% of the nine weeks grade.**

### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Multiple formative and summative assessment tools are used to provide feedback and accurately assess students' mastery of the TEKS and district curriculum. Formative assessment directs the teacher's instructional decisions regarding adjustments or re-teaching needed to ensure student success on the curriculum/learning goal(s). It also communicates to the student any learning adjustment needed prior to the summative assessment. Formative assessment is *assessment FOR learning*.

Formative assessment provides ongoing feedback and will be recorded a minimum of two times per summative assessment. The formative assessments recorded must align to the standards of the summative they precede and are to provide guidance to the student and teacher on progress towards learning goals. Formative grades should reflect progress on standards only, not compliance, i.e. returning a progress report for a grade or bringing a box of tissues at the beginning of the school year.

Formative assessment is practice that takes place both formally and informally. Formal assessment occurs when regular instruction is stopped to assess student understanding. Informal assessment happens during the course of instruction.

Examples of *informal formative assessments* include, but are not limited to the following:

- Class discussions
- Daily practice
- Teacher observation
- Questioning
- Checking for understanding

Examples of *formal formative assessments* include, but are not limited to the following:

- Classroom assignments
- Classroom/District assessments
- Performance assessments
- Quizzes
- Homework

All homework should be completed, reviewed in a timely manner, and used as a method to provide students with specific feedback on their performance of the assigned tasks. The research on homework indicates that providing feedback is critical, but assigning a grade to every homework assignment is not necessary. Homework should result in a higher performance level on summative assessments. Homework that the teacher has determined should be part of the report card grade will contribute 10% of the formative assessment grade.

Student effort is critical to student success. Therefore, formative assessment work not submitted on time will be recorded as an Incomplete (INC) and will receive a penalty of one letter grade (-10 points) when submitted. If work is not submitted within the summative reassessment window, the INC will be changed to a zero.

### **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Summative assessments are designed to provide information about a student's mastery of the curriculum/learning goal(s). Summative assessment occurs after providing frequent feedback to students through formative assessments. Summative assessment is *assessment OF learning* that occurs at the end of a sequence of instruction.

A minimum of three summative assessments is required each nine weeks. The district supports a balanced assessment approach and recommends using multiple assessment formats that require students to write, to create, and to perform to document learning. Extenuating circumstances for individual students may alter the time frame in which a summative is administered. Grades should be based on mastery of the curriculum. In secondary, semester exams shall be comprehensive in nature and measure the mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The semester exam will represent 20% of a student's final semester grade.

Examples of summative assessments include, but are not limited to the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Projects</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Portfolios</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance assessments</li> <li>• Papers</li> <li>• Reports</li> <li>• District assessments</li> </ul> |
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Summative assessments not submitted by the due date will be recorded as Incomplete (INC) and will receive a penalty of one letter grade (-10 points) when submitted. If the work is not submitted within five school days of the due date, the incomplete will be changed to a zero.

The teacher will examine the preponderance of assessment evidence over the course of the grading period and when appropriate, will use the most recent achievement data when determining the final grade.

Tutorials should be used to assist students with concepts/knowledge/skills with which they are struggling. The teacher will assign tutorials based on evidence from formative or summative assessments. If tutorials are assigned, then attendance is mandatory.

## REASSESSMENT PROCEDURES FOR SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Reassessment provides students the opportunity to demonstrate they have increased their knowledge, skills, and/or concepts from the first assessment. Therefore, students who have already demonstrated advanced learning or mastery will not be reassessed. Advanced level or mastery is defined as a student receiving an A or a high B on an assessment.
2. Students who fail a summative assessment shall be reassessed, as well as those students who receive a 70 – 84.
3. The teacher shall record the higher of the two grades (summative or reassessment) up to an 85.
4. Reassessment occurs under the following conditions:
  - The student completes formative assessments/assignments related to the summative (as determined by the teacher) prior to the reassessment opportunity.
  - The student engages in additional learning opportunities/assignments.
  - The teacher selects the time for reassessment, which may include before/after school.
  - Time frame:
  - Normally within fifteen school days of the student receiving the grade on the original assessment unless extenuating circumstances exist
  - No later than seven calendar days into the next grading period if the summative was given the last week of the grading period.
0. Students who meet the aforementioned reassessment criteria may be reassessed one time. Any reassessment beyond the stated procedures would be determined by the teacher and campus administrator.
0. The same assessment shall not be given to determine mastery. However, the assessment format is subject to the teacher's discretion.
0. Semester exams are not subject for reassessment.

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. Evidence may come from written materials, observation, and/or information from students. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or other supervising professional employee and the principal. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall receive a zero on the assignment/assessment involved in the incident, until a reassessment can be done. It is the student's responsibility to request a reassessment from the teacher. As with any reassessment, the highest grade earned will be an 85.

## INCOMPLETES

An "Incomplete" or "INC" will be issued based on a student's non-attendance in class and/or missing summative assessment(s) due to extenuating circumstances. If a student enrolls in the last 15 days of the grading period without grades from the previous school, an "NG" for "No Grade" will be issued. Students entering C-FB with grades from a previous school will receive the grades awarded from the previous school/district.

## GRADING SCALES

The grading scale for all other courses and grade levels is as follows.

A	(100-90)	=	Exceptional performance exceeding standard expectations
B	(89-80)	=	Successful performance of standard expectations
C	(79-70)	=	Inconsistent performance with progress towards standard expectations
F	(68*-0)	=	Unsatisfactory performance with little progress towards standard expectations

**\*A grade of 69 shall not be recorded on the report card.**

For special education students who have a modified or alternative curriculum, evaluation of successful achievement will be based on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals and mastery expectations.

## GRADE POINTS

The awarding of grade points for high school credit courses is as follows:

100 – 90	4 grade points
89 – 80	3 grade points
79 – 70	2 grade points
68 – 0	0 grade points

### (School Board Policies EIC, EID)

1. The valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates of a senior class will be determined by the cumulative grade point average calculated through the grading period prior to the final grading period of their senior year. To be eligible for valedictory, salutatory honors or top ten student honors, the student shall have attended high school in the District continuously for two school years commencing with enrollment no later than the end of the first 15 school days of the first semester of said student's junior year until graduation.
2. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses receive 9 additional grade points for those courses. Students enrolled in Honors courses receive 6 additional grade points for those courses.

### Semester Grades

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks grade (40%) + 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks grade (40%) + exam grade (20%)

### Final Grade

1<sup>st</sup> semester (50%) + 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (50%)

### SEMESTER EXAMS

1. Semester exams should be used to certify mastery of objectives by students. All high school credit course semester exams shall be comprehensive in nature and must measure the mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The semester exam counts 20% of a student's final semester grade.
2. Senior students may be exempted from final exams during the **spring semester only** if they meet the following criteria.
  - Better than ninety (90) percent attendance in all classes, all year. (If a student has had to attend after school make-up during the fall or spring semester, then he/she does not meet these criteria.)
  - No more than two (2) or three (3) absences with at least a ninety (90) percent average in the class requesting exemption from the final exam
  - No more than (1) absence with at least an eighty-five (85) percent average in the class requesting exemption from the final exam.

## Graduation Credit Requirements

Graduation requires a minimum of 26 credits earned (foundation plus endorsement diploma) in accordance with TEA's graduation requirements.

Foundation PLUS Endorsement(s) 26 credits	Distinguished Level of Achievement 26 credits	Performance Acknowledgements
<p><b>4 credits English</b>-ELA I, II, III, one credit in any authorized advanced English course</p> <p><b>4 credits Mathematics</b>-Algebra I, Geometry, two credits in any authorized advanced course</p> <p><b>4 credits Science</b>-Biology, at least one of IPC, Chemistry, or Physics and advanced Science courses</p> <p><b>4 credits Social Studies</b>+- World Geography, World History (local requirement), U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit)</p> <p><b>2 credits World Language or Computer Programming</b></p> <p><b>1 credit Physical Education</b></p> <p><b>1 credit Fine Arts</b></p> <p><b>5.5 credits in Electives</b>-may include CTE or certification courses to satisfy endorsement requirements</p> <p><u>Additional Local Requirements:</u></p> <p>.5 credit Health</p> <p>1 credit Social Studies World History+</p> <p>+One locally required credit in Social Studies is included in the total of 4 Social Studies credits.</p> <p><small>*Foundation Plan WITHOUT endorsement allows for: 4 credits in English, 3 credits in Mathematics, 3 credits in Science, 2 credits in Social Studies, 2 credits in World Languages, 1 credit of Physical Education, 1 credit of Fine Arts, 0.5 Health, 1 World History, 0.5 Government, 0.5 Economics and 3.5 electives.</small></p>	<p><b>4 credits English</b>-ELA I, II, III, one credit in any authorized advanced English course</p> <p><b>4 credits Mathematics</b>-Algebra I, Geometry, <u>Algebra II must be one of the math credits</u>, one credit in any authorized advanced course</p> <p><b>4 credits Science</b>-Biology, at least one of IPC, Chemistry, or Physics and advanced Science courses</p> <p><b>4 credits Social Studies</b>+- World Geography, World History (local requirement), U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), or Personal Financial Literacy (.5 credit)</p> <p><b>2 credits World Language or Computer Programming</b></p> <p><b>1 credit Physical Education</b></p> <p><b>1 credit Fine Arts</b></p> <p><b>5.5 credits in Electives</b>-may include CTE or certification courses to satisfy endorsement requirements</p> <p><u>Additional Local Requirements:</u></p> <p>.5 credit Health</p> <p>1 credit Social Studies World History+</p> <p>+One locally required credit in Social Studies is included in the total of 4 Social Studies credits.</p>	<p><b>Dual Credit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 College Credit hours with a grade of 3.0 or higher, <u>or</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Bilingualism/Biliteracy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete all ELA requirements with a min GPA of 80</li> </ul> <p>And add one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 credits in the same World Language with a min GPA of 80</li> <li>• Pass Level 4 or higher World Language with a min GPA of 80</li> <li>• 3 credits in World Language with a min GPA of 80</li> <li>• AP World Language score 3.0 or higher</li> <li>• IB World Language score 4 or higher, <u>or</u></li> </ul> <p><b>ELL Student Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate and meet exit criteria for a bilingual or ESL program</li> <li>• Scored Adv high Level on TELPAS, <u>or</u></li> </ul> <p><b>AP/IB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Score 3 or above on an AP Exam</li> <li>• Score 4 or above on an IB Exam (HL), <u>or</u></li> </ul> <p><b>College Entrance Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSAT score of commended or higher</li> <li>• College Benchmark score on two out of four exams on the ACT</li> <li>• SAT 1250-Reading/Math combined</li> <li>• ACT score of 28 w/o Writing, <u>or</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Business Industry/Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain a business or industry certification</li> </ul>

# ID Badges

- Picture identification badges will be issued to students as a part of the school's safety plan and must be worn at all times while at school or attending district events.
- All students will receive their first ID badge and lanyard free of charge.
- Students must have their ID badge visible upon entering the school each morning. If students do not have their ID badge, they will be directed to the mobile ID badge center (concession stand in Gym Foyer) to receive a new one. Students will be charged \$3.00 for each replacement badge.
- Students must wear their school-issued ID badge at all times while at school or attending district/school events.
- Teachers are to check for ID badges for all students upon entry into their classrooms. If a student has lost their badge, the student is to be sent to their Assistant Principal's office to purchase a new one.
- Students may not cover or deface the student name, ID number or photo.

Map

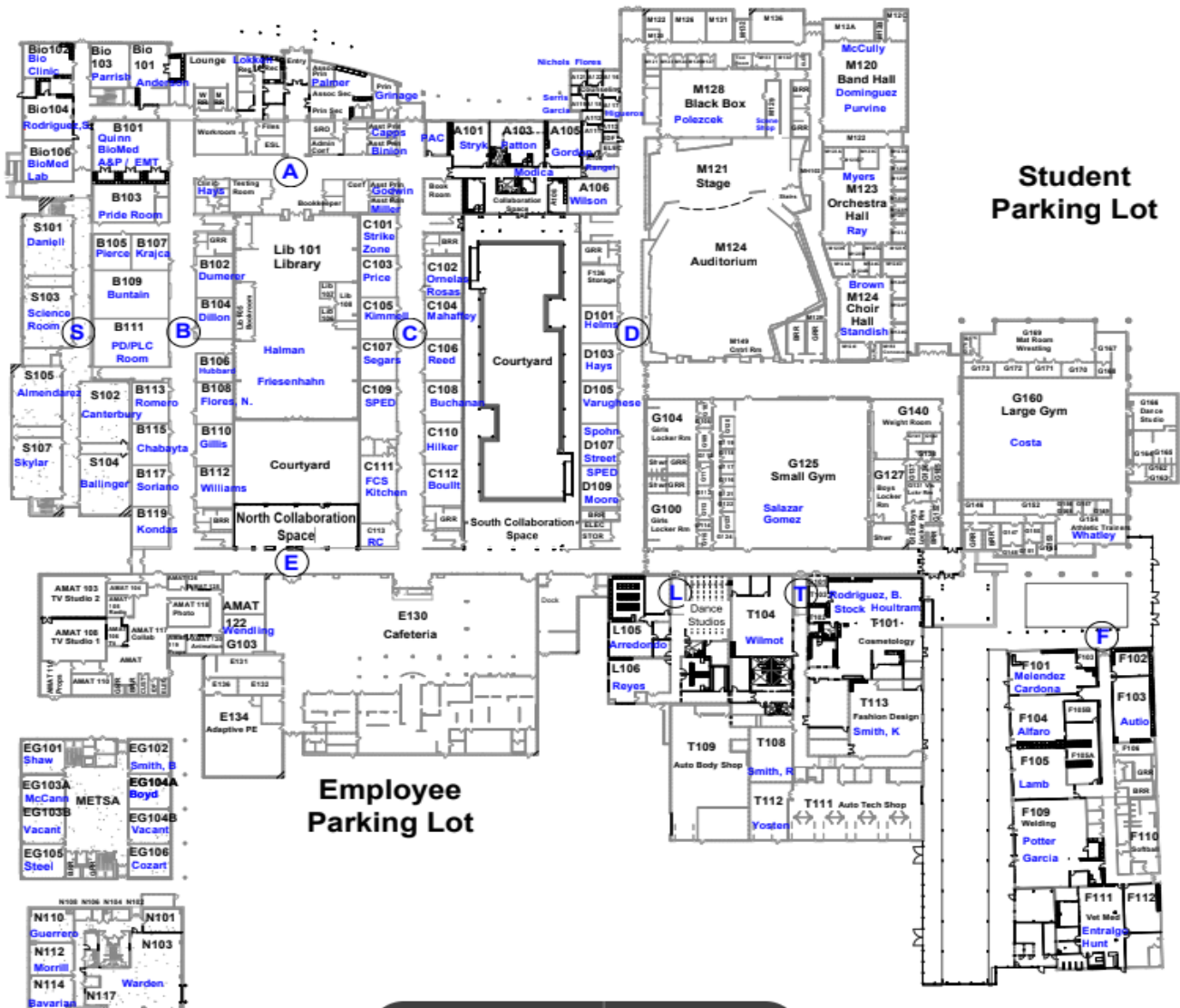


**R. L. Turner High School**  
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## Building Map

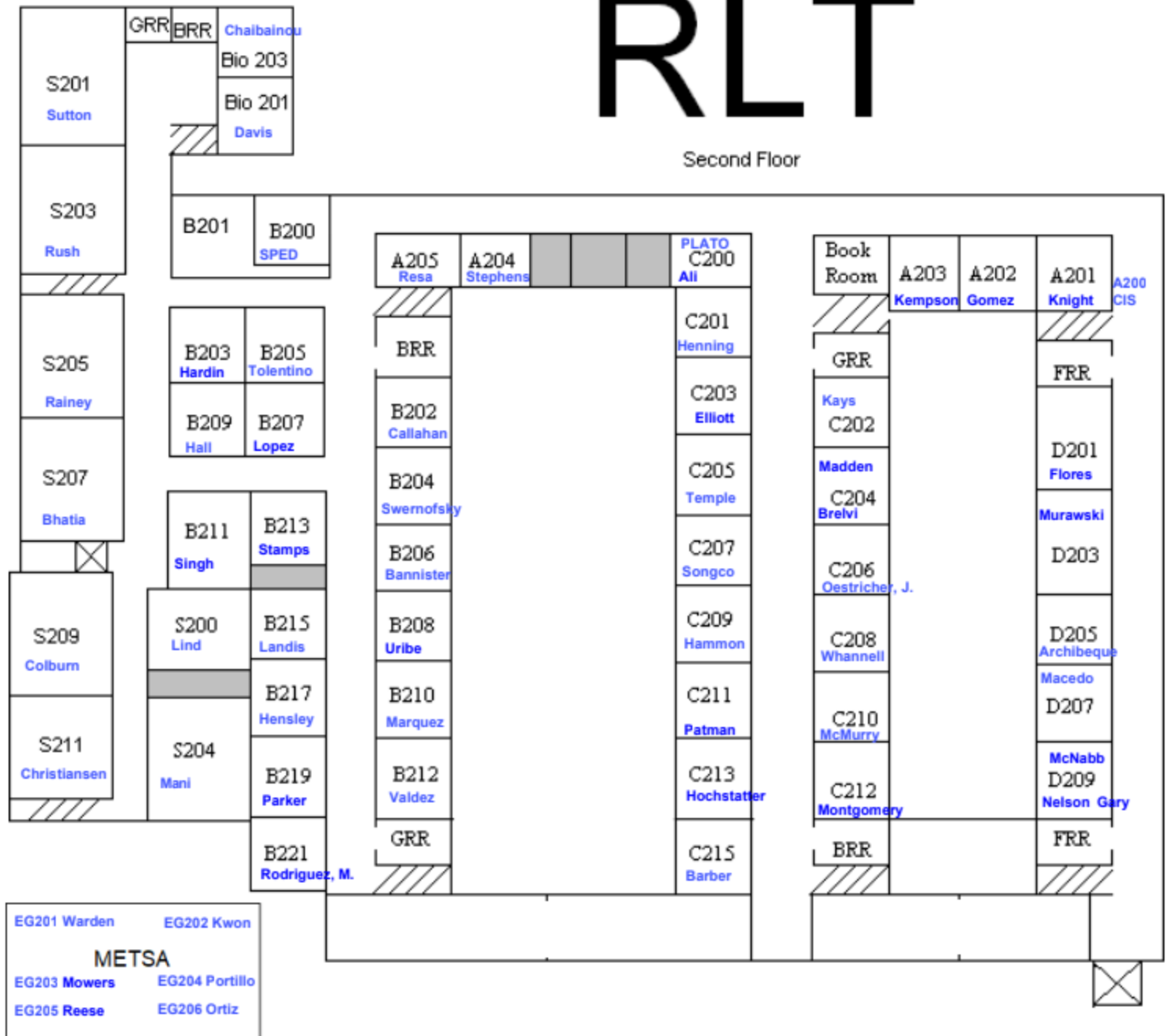
Josey Lane

2023-2024



# RLT

Second Floor



## Restroom Procedures

- Under normal conditions, students should use restrooms before school, during passing periods, and after school.
- Students experiencing a medical problem, which necessitates special arrangements, should consult with the teacher/nurse regarding the matter.
- Teachers and students are to follow the procedures below when students are allowed to leave class for restroom visits:
  - Student asks the teacher to be excused from class to use the restroom.
  - The teacher excuses the student and directs him/her to sign the log.
  - The teacher ensures that the student does NOT take his/her phone to the restroom.
  - The student signs the restroom log, takes the pass, and uses the designated restroom.
  - Student returns to class, signs back in on the log, and returns the pass.



## Restroom Schoolwide System

Teachers will have color-coded passes according to classroom location. Teachers will receive a color-coded map, and the restrooms will have a color posted above it. Students may only use the restroom assigned to the classroom based on the color of the restroom pass.

## Schedule Changes

Changes in a schedule or a course may be made only on the published days before the start of the semester. Requests for schedule changes may be honored for the following reasons:

1. Error in scheduling;
2. Student failure in a prerequisite;
3. Change in program (athletics, band, choir, etc.); and
4. Level changes as recommended by teachers and counselor with parental knowledge and administrative approval.
5. Requests not meeting the listed reasons will not be considered. It should be understood that a schedule change to help balance a classroom enrollment will be done as needed.
6. Appeals on schedule changes will not be heard beyond the building principal. Decisions by the principal are final and cannot be appealed.

## Tardy Procedures

Students have 5 minutes to get from one class to another. Students who are not in their seat at the tardy bell will be marked tardy for attendance. There is a 3-minute grace period after the tardy bell because we do understand that restrooms are crowded or a student has to make a stop at the office. After the 3-minute grace period, all teachers close and lock their doors and the tardy sweep begins. The students are escorted to C101 (Strike Zone) where a strike is logged and the student receives a pass back to class. If this happens three times, a Strike 3 is put in, the student waits in the Strike Zone, and an in-person conference will have to take place.

## Excessive Tardies/Truancy

Truant students, for the purpose of this procedure, are students who do not arrive to class within the first 5-minutes of the class start time. Instead, these students have chosen to "skip" class. Skipping class is a very serious misbehavior; thus, the consequence for truancy is much greater than that for being tardy. The procedures for addressing excessive tardies/truancy are as follows:

1. Arrive at C101 (Strike Zone)
2. Scan ID
3. Strike is put into system
4. Third strike in under 6 days results in a Strike 3
5. Student waits in Strike Zone for an in-person conference

If a student is truant, the Assistant Principal will file truancy with the district which will result in a court appearance and fine.

# Traffic Flow Pattern

## R. L. Turner High School Traffic Flow Pattern

### ARRIVAL BEFORE 8:00 AM

- Cars may enter at either Josey Lane entrance.
- All cars must exit at the Fyke Road exit.
- The parking lot south of Fyke Street will not be available for car traffic or student parking.



### ARRIVAL AFTER 8:00 AM

- Cars may enter at either Josey Lane entrance or the Cox Street entrance.
- All cars must exit at the Fyke Road exit or Cox Street.
- Both parking lots will be available for car traffic or student parking.



### DISMISSAL AFTER SCHOOL

- Cars may enter at either Josey Lane entrance or the Cox Street entrance.
- All cars must exit at the Fyke Road exit or Cox Street.

### ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- The Crosby Circle (the half-circle off of Crosby Street) is used for buses only for arrival and dismissal. Crosby Circle is labeled "1" on the map.
- The Front Driveway (directly in front of the school) is used for buses only. Drivers may not use this area for dropping off or picking up students (unless specifically authorized). The Front Driveway is also reserved for parents and visitors during the day. The Front Driveway is labeled "2" on the map.
- The Student Parking lot can be used for additional parent/visitor parking if the front parking lot is full. The Student Parking lot is labeled "3" on the map.



## Tutorials

The RLT tutorial schedule, which includes all teacher's offered tutorial times and subjects, will be posted on the RL Turner High School Website by the second week of school. All teachers are required to conduct at least two tutorial sessions per week; one session in the morning, and one session in the afternoon. If a specific teacher is unavailable, students are encouraged to attend tutorials with a teacher of the same subject.

## Visitors

All visitors, including parents must register in the main office and proper identification is required. Visits to individual classrooms are permitted only with approval of the principal and teacher, and such visits are not permitted if their duration or frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal school environment. For specific appointments with teachers, counselors, administrators, or other staff members, parents should call the main office in advance. Students are not permitted to visit another campus during the school day. State law requires that identification must be shown when requested by school personnel or campus resource officers. The principal or designee may refuse to allow persons with no legitimate business to enter school grounds and/or may reject any undesirable person(s) from school grounds if that person refuses to leave peacefully upon request. [Board policy GKA/CKC.] All visitors must comply with all applicable District policies and procedures.

## Volunteers:

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD seeks to create a safe sanctuary for students, free from crime, violence, drugs and abuse. Pursuant to the Texas Education Code, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District conducts screenings for any record of criminal history. The District shall obtain the criminal history record of all prospective volunteers. (See board policy GKG.) A large contributor to the success of our students and venerated faculty has been the support of the community and specifically those who volunteer their time and expertise. Volunteers provide the extra attention so desperately needed to support the high level of educational experiences enjoyed by our students. Please fill out our online background check. You must also do this in order to attend class parties and other festivities coming up during the school year. THIS MUST BE DONE AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR. Applications submitted on the day of a field trip will not be accepted. Please submit applications at least two weeks prior to the event. Please make note of your user name and password so that you can go back to check your status. We appreciate the efforts of all volunteers that are willing to serve the District and our students.

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