



Blackshear Magnet Elementary
Principal: Valerie Rivera



REMINDERS for PARENTS

ARRIVAL:

School starts at 7:40. Students are tardy at 7:41. Drop your child off by 7:30 so they have plenty of time to walk to their class. We DO NOT let students in until 7:20. Do not drop them off before 7:20. Arriving after 7:40, requires parent sign in, come in to sign them in. K-2 students enter at the front doors; 3-5 students enter at the back drive near Murphy Street, near dumpsters. If a 3rd-5th grader has a younger sibling, they may enter through front doors.

ATTENDANCE:

90% Rule is enforced. Students must attend school 90% of the days in a year. If your child is absent, a phone call is required. Also, leave earlies count as an absence. Enforced daily is the monitoring of absences and implementation of corrective measures. We hold celebrations during the year for students who meet the criteria. Students will be excluded from PERFECT ATTENDANCE if they leave early, partial day absence, absent full day or TARDY. Every absence counts!

CELLPHONES:

All telecommunication devices turned ***off and out of sight during the instructional school day, from the morning entry bell to afternoon dismissal bell.*** Students who violate this Policy shall be subjected to established disciplinary measures. The district will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen devices. Students who record happenings or take photos at school during the school day, will have device removed and it will not be allowed on school property.

CONFERENCE:

If you need to conference with the teacher, please notify the teacher by note, email, DOJO or phone call.

DISMISSAL:

Notify the office by 2:30 p.m. when changing how your child is to go home. NO WALK UPS to the Door at Dismissal; ensure your child and teacher know how your child is to be dismissed (walker, parent pick up, bus, Boys & Girls Club, daycare).

LUNCH: We have over 700 students eating in the cafeteria. Two grade levels eat in the cafeteria, which is about 240 students at a time. Due to seating capacity, we have no extra tables or seats to allow for visitors. Remember, we share our cafeteria with Milam. We apologize for the inconvenience. No lunch guests.

SAFETY:

All entry/exit doors are locked at ALL times. All classroom doors are locked at all times. Visitors must buzz in at the front entry door. A staff member will approach the door and ask to see your ID. Visitors are allowed during school family nights or parent conferences. We ask that all parents remain in their vehicles or at the crosswalk near parking lot during dismissal. Also, ***no parent walk ups to the front door*** allowed after school. All teachers and staff have completed the Standard Response Protocol Safe Schools training. Campus drills will be conducted throughout the year with an ECISD Police officer present to ensure procedures and policies are followed and in place. Please help us ensure the safety of our students and staff.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS:

Birthdays or special days – Cupcakes and individual drinks are welcomed. Please send with your child in the morning. The teacher will pass food items to students at the end of the day. We do not hold birthday celebrations with family members.

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