



GRISSOM

***Parent and Student Handbook
2024-2025***

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Grissom School Song

Here's to Grissom School with colors blue and gold.

Here's to Grissom School with Pride to behold

Like the Astronauts we soar up so high,

We are proud our flag to fly.

We love Grissom, gold and blue.

We love Grissom, so would you.

Oh, we'll follow, loyal and true

The gold and blue!



Grissom Community Guidelines

I am a Grissom Star.

I am Safe.

I contribute with Teamwork.

I am mindful of my Attitude.

I am Respectful.

I am Responsible.

I am a Grissom Star.





Namesake:

Virgil “Gus” Grissom

Grissom Elementary opened in 1969, named after American astronaut Virgil “Gus” Grissom. Grissom was an Air Force pilot and Lieutenant Colonel who flew 100 missions during the Korean Conflict. He earned two bachelor’s degrees.

Grissom piloted the second Project Mercury mission, America’s second manned spacecraft. He also piloted the Gemini 3, which made him the first American astronaut to fly into space twice. Grissom then became the Command Pilot for Apollo 1, the first of the manned Apollo missions. The command module caught fire during a pre-flight test, and all three men on board, including Grissom, died. He was survived by his wife Betty and his sons Scott and Mark. Among his many honors, Grissom was awarded the Master Astronaut badge, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Grissom Elementary School

Mascot: Stars

Colors: Old Glory Blue and Maize Yellow



Grissom Staff 2024-2025

Office Staff

Sheri Carpenter

Diana Day

Ruth Ann Miller

Kimberly Collins

Samantha Sommerfeld

Chasity Wesley

Upper Elementary

Shelly Beaman

Teresa Kimmel

Tim Post

Lisa Reynolds

Children's House

Karey Clark/Holly Redsmith

Lori Crawl/Amy Layton

Abby East/Brandy Van Tassel

Sol Ting/Tamara Brewer

Arnita Waldron/Lexi Robinson

Lower Elementary

Moira Aingell/Christine Rury

Courtney Deming/Christine Hendin

Victoria Gaber/Becky Deason

Natalie Gould/Jessica Spahl

Jennifer Steele/Joy Gaston

Jacob White/Samantha Dufresne

Resource Teachers

Barbara Albertson

Stacy Johnsen

Janna Moss

Anita Thornton

Specials Teachers

Marcia Denny


Haylee Jacob

Mike Mills

Maggie Schmitz

Tulsa Public Schools Calendar

2024-2025



2024–2025
STUDENT CALENDAR

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES: AUGUST 20
LAST DAY OF CLASSES: MAY 21**

» **First Day of Quarter** **Last Day of Quarter** «

Parent Conference Days	Oct. 11, March 17
Commencement Week	May 12–18
Holiday/Break – No Classes	

CLASSES NOT IN SESSION

Labor Day	September 2
Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences*	October 11
Indigenous Peoples' Day	October 14
Teacher PD day	October 15
Civic Engagement	November 4–5
Thanksgiving	November 25–29
Winter Break	December 23–January 3
Teacher PD day	January 6
Martin L. King Jr.	January 20
President's Day	February 17
Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences*	March 17
Spring Break	March 18–21
April Holiday	April 25

* Please check with your school for exact dates and times

** Any additional calendar days beyond May, naturally occurring or other, will result in an extension of the calendar or distance learning days could be declared.

The Enrollment Center is closed each Wednesday, February 17-21, and March 17-21.

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JULY 2025


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Tulsa Public Schools Non-Negotiables


Our Non-Negotiables for SY24-25




WE CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE BASED ON DATA.




WE USE THE DISTRICT SELECTED CURRICULA AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS.




WE WELCOME AND EMPOWER TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAMILIES.



WE CREATE AND MAINTAIN WARM AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS.



WE LEAD BY EXAMPLE.





Tulsa Public Schools Attend To Win Initiative

Attend to Win!

Tulsa Public Schools' comprehensive strategy to reduce chronic absenteeism







Every day counts on your path to graduation.
TULSASCHOOLS.ORG/ATTEND


2 DAYS OF SCHOOL PER MONTH = **16** DAYS A SCHOOL YEAR = **10%** OF INSTRUCTION TIME FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR = **CHRONICALLY ABSENT**

This puts students at risk of falling behind academically and lowers the likelihood they will graduate. They also miss out on big milestones and social opportunities that are critical to development.

Tulsa Public Schools wants to help you break down barriers so that your student is in school every day.

Are you experiencing attendance challenges like transportation issues, housing insecurity, or access to resources?

CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE





Grissom Dress Code

The Grissom team has updated the student dress code for the 2024-2025 school year. Uniforms are always an option. We will strictly adhere to the district's expectations for student dress, described by the Board Policy 2601-R linked here:

[Policy 2601-R: Student Dress Code | News Item - Independent School District No. 1 of Tulsa County, \(tulsaschools.org\)](#)

A couple of items to note as you prepare for the year

** Tights or leggings are not permitted as lower garments unless a skirt or shorts are worn over them*

** Shirts must have sleeves.*

** Pants and jeans with rips, tears or slashes are not acceptable.*

** Hats or caps of any kind are not to be worn in the building.*

We have a limited choice of clothing in case of emergency. Please let Mrs. Day know if your family is in need of clothing assistance. We work with organizations that can support your family.

Grissom Arrival and Dismissal Parking Lot Procedures

Our priority is to make the parking lots safe for our students and families.

Traffic Flow and General Procedures

Children's House (Pre-K and Kindergarten) :

- Approach school from the north, so that you are southbound on S. 73rd E. Ave.
- Make one line of traffic. Once the line of cars reaches north to E. 66th Street, curve the line to the west on E. 66th Street so there is one continuous line of cars.
- Enter through the north entrance of the north drive by making a right turn from S. 73rd E. Ave. into the parking lot.
- When exiting, turn left so that you are northbound on S. 73rd E. Ave.
- Turning left avoids interfering with the crosswalk, traffic on S. 73rd E. Ave., and with cars entering and exiting the drive for 1st -5th grades.

Grades 1-5 :

- Approach school from the south, so that you are northbound on S. 73rd E. Ave.
- Make one line of traffic. Once the line of cars reaches into S. 73rd E. Ave., make a line to the south on S. 73rd E. Ave. so there is one continuous line of cars. Do not block southbound traffic on S. 73rd E. Ave.
- Enter the north driveway of the south parking lot, the lot in front of the main building, by making a left turn from S. 73rd E. Ave. This is the driveway immediately south of the crosswalk.
- When exiting, turn right so that you are southbound on S. 73rd E. Ave.
- There is no left turn at this exit during arrival and dismissal. This avoids waiting to turn left out of the lot, which backs up traffic in the parking lot, and avoids interfering with the crosswalk and the line of cars on S. 73rd E. Ave. that are waiting to enter Grissom.

Always make one line of traffic

- Students must be dropped off at the curb and picked up at the curb.
- Staff will not load students into the car unless the car is at the curb. If a driver has moved their car out of the pick-up line and attempts to pick up away from the curb, they will be directed to go back to the end of the cars waiting for entry.
- Be safe, look out for children, and follow staff instructions.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and please put phones away

Grissom Arrival and Dismissal Continued Procedures

Arrival: Dropping Off Students at Grissom

- School doors open at 7:20 a.m.
- Students and parents wait in cars until doors open at 7:20.
- At 7:20, students may get out of cars and enter the building. Parents stay in cars.
- Staff will help students out of the cars as they learn the routine.
- Children's House (PreK-K) will enter under the covered walkway.
- Grades 1-5 will enter through the main doors, under the blue Grissom awning.
- If you are dropping off students of all ages, they may be let out in the north parking lot and enter through the Children's House covered walkway.
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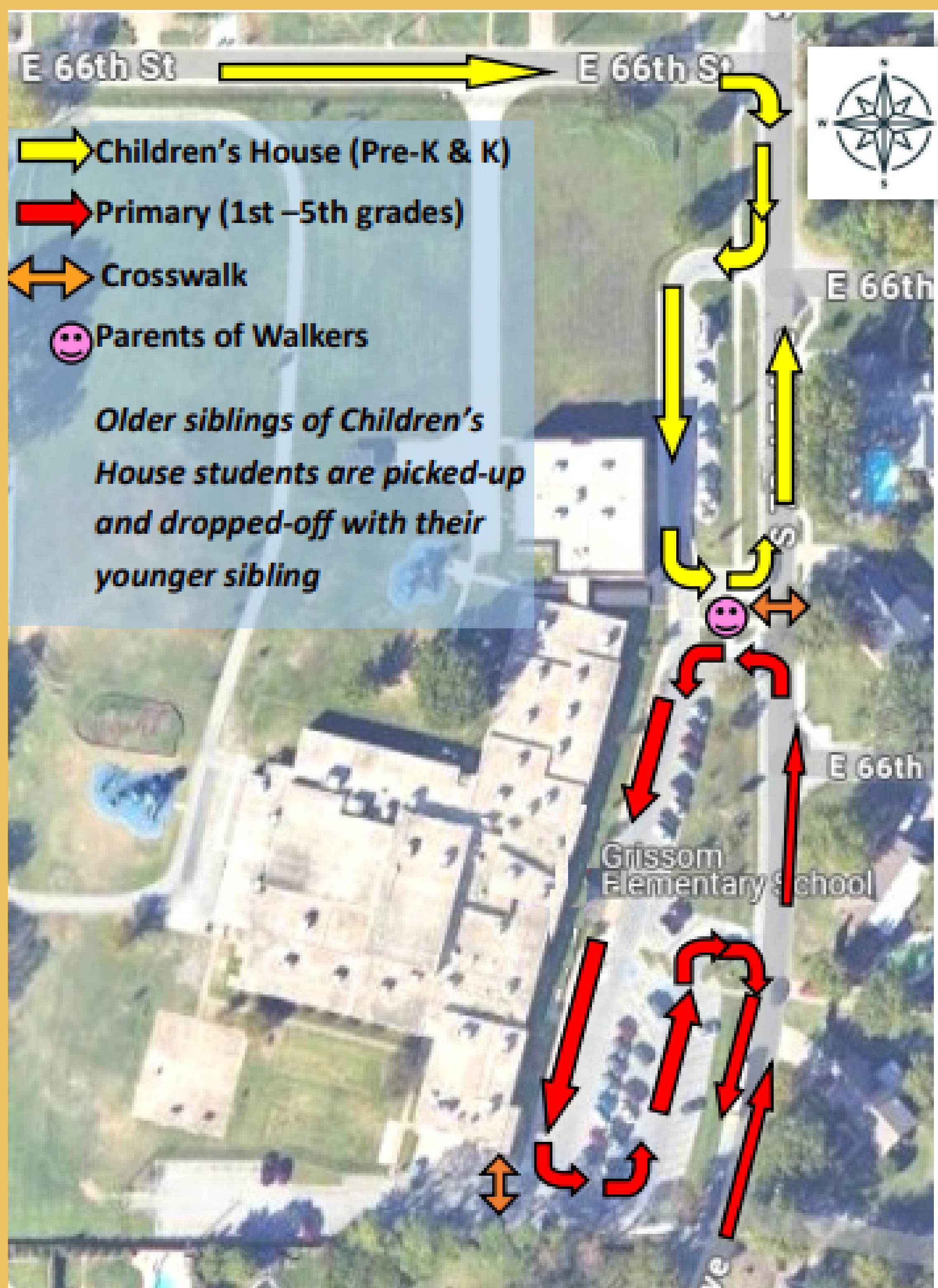
Dismissal: Picking Up Students at Grissom

- School dismisses at 2:35.
- Parents wait in cars.
- Children's House (PreK-K) pick up in the north parking lot.
- A staff member will load your child in the car.
- Grades 1-5 will pick up in the south parking lot.
- Grades 1-3 will be with their teachers on the north side of the main steps.
- Grades 4-5 will be with their teachers on the south side of the main steps
- If you are picking up multiple ages of students, and have a student in PreK or K, pick up your younger students in the north lot and their siblings will be gathered there as well. You will only need one stop for pick up.
- If you have multiple children in grades 1-5, use the south lot for pick up.

Walkers

- Walkers wait in the grassy area near the Children's House (PreK-K) entrance, between our drive and S. 73rd E. Ave., adjacent to the crosswalk.
- Parents of walkers in grades PreK-3, please wait in the grassy area where walkers wait in the morning, between our drive and S. 73rd E. Ave.
- Parents of walkers in grades 4-5, please wait near the wooden fence at the south end of the parking lot.
- If crossing S. 73rd E. Ave, please use the crosswalk.

Grissom Arrival and Dismissal Map



Tulsa Public Schools Guidelines for Technology

Our school board has had a policy limiting the use of telecommunication devices by students since 2001. Below you can find more information about expectations for students in elementary, middle, and high school. You are your students' first, best teacher and we want to work together to help develop healthy habits around using technology and social media. By understanding and supporting these policies as families, caregivers, and schools, we can help our young people learn and thrive.

For elementary and middle school students:

Devices are to be turned off and put away from the time the student arrives on campus until school is dismissed for the day. Cell phones, smart watches, and headphones should not be seen or used at all during those times.

For all students and families:

We understand that sometimes it is important to be able to reach your student during the day, and that sometimes students need to contact you during school hours. Every school is prepared and ready to help make those connections with dedicated team members who are committed to welcoming families as partners and ensuring safety and accessibility for students. You can find the phone number for your school [here](#).

Why is this important now?

Building healthy habits is important for us all – students and adults alike. Tulsa Public Schools believes that the responsible use of technology and social media are important skills that we can help develop in partnership with families. Research shows that having devices like cell phones and smart watches in the classroom can negatively impact academic outcomes and long-term learning retention. Recent studies have also shown that in real-world emergency situations, phones can be a dangerous distraction when students need to have their undivided attention focused on important instructions from adults and first responders.

How can I find out more?

Use these [underlined links](#) to find out more about the policies regarding wireless telecommunication devices by students:

[Board Policy 2620 and 2620-R](#)

[The Student and Family Guide to Success](#) outlines procedures for students who are not in compliance with our district policies.

We appreciate your support in creating and maintaining the best possible learning environments for all students. If you have any questions regarding the use of technology during the school day, please feel free to reach out to your principal or the Student and Family Support Services team at 918-746-6449.

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The Grissom “Parent and Student Handbook” follows TPS board policies. Please use the link below to access this document.

Tulsa Public Schools Student and Family Guide to Success



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