

Annette Perry Elementary School

Parent Newsletter | Back-to-School 2025

“The Best School in the Universe!”

A Welcome Message from the Principal

Dear Falcon Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at **Annette Perry Elementary School**—the best school in the universe! Whether you’re returning or joining our community for the first time, we are thrilled to partner with you for a year full of growth, joy, and excellence.

At Perry, we are rooted in our mission:

Annette Perry Elementary partners with families to inspire and educate every student to master grade-level standards and grow as confident, productive citizens in a safe and supportive environment.

And we live out our vision every day:

Elevating every learner, every day — with excellence.

To support this, our teachers are committed to five key instructional practices:

- **Engaged Learners**
- **Standards-Based Lesson Alignment**
- **Intentional, Data-Driven Teaching**
- **Purposeful Student Discussions**
- **Ongoing Use of Critical Writing**

We are excited to welcome our Falcons back and can’t wait to get started!

First Days of School – Important Procedures

- **First Day: Wednesday, August 13**
- **Teacher Assignments:** Viewable in **Skyward** for all registered students.
 - If you're not registered, please contact the office at **(817) 804-2800**.
- **PTA School Supply Kits:** If you pre-ordered one last spring, it will be delivered to your child’s classroom for **Meet the Teacher Night**. Kits are **not available for reorder or purchase** at this time.
- **Wristbands for First 3 Days:**
To ensure all students get to the correct location, students will wear **wristbands for the first three days**



of school. These help staff quickly identify homerooms, dismissal plans, and any special support your child may need during transitions.

- **First Day Parent Drop-Off:** Parents may walk their student to class from **7:30 AM to 8:00 AM** on the first day only. All parents must exit the building by **8:00 AM**.

Why Campus is Closed to Visitors (Including Lunch)

To provide a strong and structured start to the year, the campus will be **closed to all visitors during the school day**, including lunch, during the first several weeks. This time allows students to adjust to new routines, procedures, and expectations without interruption.

- **1st–4th Grade Visitors Allowed Starting: Friday, September 5**
- **Pre-K & Kindergarten Visitors Allowed Starting: Friday, October 9**

Join Our PTA & Volunteer as a Room Champion!

We invite all Perry families to get involved by joining our amazing **PTA (Parent Teacher Association)**! The PTA is a powerful partner in supporting our school through events, teacher appreciation, campus improvements, and student experiences.

 **Stop by the PTA table at Meet the Teacher Night to:**

- **Join the PTA**
- **Sign up to volunteer**
- Express interest in serving as a **Room Champion** (formerly known as "Room Mom")

What's a Room Champion?

A **Room Champion** is a parent or guardian who helps coordinate classroom celebrations, supports teachers with special projects, and builds community in the classroom. It's a fun and meaningful way to stay involved—open to **all caregivers**, regardless of gender or schedule.

☒ **All school volunteers** (including Room Champions and event helpers) must register through the PTA.

 **Join today at joinpta.org**

Select: *Mansfield ISD > Annette Perry Elementary*

When we work together, great things happen—thank you for partnering with us to make Perry the best school in the universe!

Curriculum – What Will My Child Learn?

To see what your child will be learning in each subject this year, please visit the MISD Curriculum Maps:

 [Click here to view curriculum maps](#)

Bell Schedule

- **Doors Open:** 7:30 AM
- **Instruction Begins:** 8:00 AM (Students arriving after this time will be marked **tardy**)
- **Dismissal:** 3:30 – 3:45 PM

Being on time matters—thank you for supporting punctuality and learning!

Attendance Reminders

To report an absence, please email:

 perryattendance@misdmail.org

Include:

- Student's full name
- Grade and teacher
- Reason for absence
- Your name and relationship to the student

☒ Attendance Policy Highlights:

- Notes must be submitted **within 3 days** of the absence.
 - Notes **will not be accepted after 6 weeks**.
 - More than **2 consecutive illness days** require a **doctor's note**.
 - Tardies and early releases require **medical documentation** to be excused.
 - Excessive unexcused absences or tardies may result in **truancy referral**.
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Meals & Menus

- **Breakfast:** \$2.00 | **Lunch:** \$3.00
 - Pay online through the **MISD meal payment system**
 - Apply for **Free or Reduced Meals:** [Click here](#)
 - View menus: MISD Menus
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Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Morning Drop-Off (7:30 AM – 8:00 AM)

- Use the **north driveway** behind the school for all car drop-offs.
- **Do not use the front entrance**—it is for buses only.
- Have your child ready to exit the vehicle with backpack and belongings in hand.

- Remain in your vehicle; staff will assist if needed.
 - Do not park in **bus/fire lanes**.
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Dismissal Procedures (3:30 PM – 3:45 PM)

Walkers (Front of School):

- **Pre-K:** Parents may walk up to pick up students at the **Pre-K hallway door**. Siblings will be dismissed with the Pre-K student from that location.
- **Kinder & 1st:** Must be met at the **crosswalk** by a parent or walk with an **older sibling**. If no one is present, students will be returned to the office.
- **2nd–4th:** May walk home independently; expected to use crosswalks and sidewalks.


Car Riders (Back of School):

- Students wait in the **cafeteria** and are called when their car tag is scanned.
- **Stay in your car**—no walk-up pickups in the car line.
- **Car tags** (received at Meet the Teacher) must be displayed.
- K–2 families should use the **lane closest to the building**.
- Siblings will dismiss together from the youngest student's grade level.

 Students not picked up by 3:45 PM will be taken to the office and must be signed out with a car tag or ID.

Bus, Daycare, and Quest:

- Students are escorted to buses or daycares.
- Quest students are walked to their location.

 *Dismissal changes must be sent before **3:00 PM** via note, email, or ParentSquare.*

New Law: House Bill 1481 – No Personal Devices During the School Day

As a result of House Bill 1481, **students may not use any personal electronic devices during the school day**. This applies to **PreK–12** and includes:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Tablets
- Radios, pagers
- Any device capable of telecommunication/digital communication

During school hours (8:00 AM–3:30 PM):

- Students may only use **district-issued devices**.

- **Personal devices must be turned off** and stored **out of sight** (e.g., backpack—not in pockets or on person).
- **Storage in clothing or on the student is not allowed.**

💬 In the case of an emergency, the school will allow students access to a phone if necessary. Parents should call the **front office** to reach their child.



Device Use – Consequences

Violations of this policy will result in the following:

1st Offense:

- Device confiscated; parent contacted.
- Parent retrieves from the office.
- Student receives non-exclusionary consequence.
- Documented in Skyward.

2nd Offense:

- Device confiscated; parent contacted.
- Parent retrieves from office.
- PreK–4: non-exclusionary consequence.
- Grades 5–12: 1 day of ISS.
- Not eligible for exam exemptions.
- Documented in Skyward.

3rd Offense:

- Device confiscated; parent contacted.
- PreK–4: 1 day of ISS (as appropriate).
- Grades 5–12: 3 days of ISS.
- Documented in Skyward.

4th Offense:

- Device confiscated; parent contacted.
- PreK–4: 1 day of ISS.
- Grades 5–12: 10 days of ISS.
- Documented in Skyward.

5th Offense & Beyond:

- Device confiscated; parent contacted.
- PreK–4: 1 day of ISS.
- Grades 5–12: 30 days of DAEP.
- Documented in Skyward.


Thank you for helping us comply with state law and ensure a distraction-free learning environment.




Meet Your Admin Team

We're here to support your family every step of the way:


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 [Annette Perry Website](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership. Let's work together to make this school year exceptional—**elevating every learner, every day—with excellence.**

Let's go, Falcons!

Warmly,

Erika Jackson

Principal, Annette Perry Elementary School