

2025-2026
Vinson-Bynum Elementary School
Student/Family Handbook



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Vinson-Bynum!

Our dedicated staff remains committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment that encourages every student to reach their fullest potential. We understand that a strong partnership between school and home is vital to student success, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

There will be many opportunities for you to stay involved in your child’s educational journey—whether through volunteering, joining the PTO, or attending school events. We also encourage you to build a strong connection with your child’s teacher and maintain open communication throughout the school year.

This handbook has been designed to help familiarize you with important information about our school. While it is not all-encompassing, it outlines key policies and procedures that support a positive learning environment. The handbook is shared electronically to allow for timely updates as needed.

Please note that district guidelines, regulations, and directives take precedence over any content contained in this handbook.

Thank you for the essential role you play in supporting your child’s education. We are honored to partner with you and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and success—as our students continue Roaring to Success!

Warm regards,

Brittany Dublin, Principal

Carla Austin, Assistant Principal

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Vinson-Bynum Elementary Handbook Signature Page

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Vinson-Bynum Elementary School handbook has been written to provide important information concerning specific rules, policies and procedures related to the safety and operation of our school. In order for school to operate safely and efficiently, you and your student(s) must be familiar with and abide by the expectations, procedures and rules outlined in this handbook. The student handbook summarizes district policy and contains general guidelines and information. Refer to official policy and regulation documents for specific information at <http://www.wilsonschoolsnc.net/>.

This handbook is shared electronically so that changes/edits may be made during the year as appropriate. Please access the most recent version of our handbook by using the link on the Vinson-Bynum Elementary School website. Guidelines, regulations, and directives from the district take precedence over any items in this handbook.

Please read this handbook with your child and discuss its contents. Afterwards, we ask that you and your child sign below, indicating that you have read and understand the contents of this handbook. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a wonderful year with your child and family.

Student and Parent: Please sign, date, and return this form to the student's homeroom teacher.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Vinson-Bynum Elementary School- Our Mission, Vision, & Beliefs

Mission Statement

Empowering students for the changing world.

Vision Statement

Educating our students for the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Beliefs

We Believe...

...our students can achieve and will achieve.

...our students deserve a safe and nurturing environment that promotes a quality education.

...our parents deserve to be partners in their child's education.

...our staff will work collaboratively to provide a quality education in order for all students to experience success and growth.

...our community is in a committed partnership that supports student and staff success.

Motto

Roaring to Success at VBS!

School Colors: Blue and Yellow

School Mascot: Bears



Vinson-Bynum Elementary School practices putting students first, which results in learning for ALL. We know how important the whole community is in accomplishing this goal. With the help of family members, we will strive to empower students for the changing world. This agreement is a commitment to work together towards achieving our common goal.

As a STUDENT, I will:

- Discuss what I am learning in school with my family.
- Ask my teacher and family for help when I need it.
- Respect the learning environment.
- Complete all assignments to the best of my ability.
- Follow all school expectations.

Student's Signature: _____

As a GUARDIAN, I will:

- Make sure that my student attends school regularly and arrives on time.
- Keep up with my student's progress at school.
- Encourage my student to follow all school expectations and respect others.
- Provide some quiet time at our home every day for reading and/or practicing math facts.
- Ask my student's teacher to help explain things I don't understand.

Guardian's Signature: _____

As a SCHOOL, we will:

- Keep an open line of communication.
- Share expectations, goals, rules, and grading procedures with students and guardians.
- Maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all individuals.
- Provide a quality education to all students.
- Provide help to guardians/students when requested.

Teacher's Signature: _____

Academic Expectations for Students/Student Promotion and Accountability

Kindergarten, First and Second Grade: Students are expected to meet the standards of the end-of-the-year K-2 Reading and Mathematics Assessments, receive favorable teacher grades, and attend school regularly. Please see additional standards noted in the chart below.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade: Students are expected to meet the standards of the end-of-the-year Reading and Mathematics Assessments, receive favorable teacher grades on report cards, and attend school regularly. Please see additional standards noted in the chart below.

All staff are required to follow regulations developed by administration and approved by the superintendent. The following has been issued by the superintendent for the implementation of Board Policy: [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Policy 3420\)](#), [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Regulations 3420A-R\)](#), and [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Credit Recovery\)\(Regulation 3420B-R\)](#).

Promotion Requirement Standards

Grades	Attendance Expectations
K-5	85 percent of days enrolled
6-8	90 percent of days enrolled
9-12	90 percent of days enrolled

Grade	K-2 Reading Assessment	Math Proficiency	Teacher Grades
K	420	80 percent	Satisfactory
1	441	80 percent	Satisfactory
2	439	80 percent	Satisfactory

Grade	EOG Math	EOG Reading	Reading Assessment	Lexile	Teacher Grades
3	Level III	Level III	445	725	60 or Above in Reading and Math

Grade	EOG Math	EOG Reading	EOG Science	Teacher Grades
4	Level III	Level III		60 or Above in Reading and Math
5	Level III	Level III	Level III	60 or Above in Reading, Math, and Science

Issued by the Superintendent

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Attendance Expectations

Regular and consistent student attendance is critical for success at all grade levels. Attendance will be recorded daily.

Grades	Attendance Expectations
K-5	85 percent of days enrolled
6-8	90 percent of days enrolled
9-12	90 percent of days enrolled

Students should bring a note within 2 days following an absence according to WCS [Board Policy 4400](#). Absences will be coded either Excused or Unexcused depending on the nature of the absence. Qualifications for excused absences are also outlined in the policy. All other absences will be considered unexcused as explained in the policy. Please note that prior approval by the principal is required to excuse an absence for participation in a valid educational opportunity.

- 3 unexcused absences: parents will be notified by letter (mail only; teacher will make contact with the parent/guardian.)
- 6 unexcused absences: parents will be notified by letter (mail) and contact by the school counselor will be made.
- 10 unexcused absences: parents will be notified by letter (mail) and contact will be made by a social worker.
- **Any absences beyond 10 (excused or unexcused) will require a doctor/mental health provider note. Hand written notes by parents will be marked as unexcused.**

Awards & Recognition of Student Accomplishments

We are proud of our students' accomplishments and will recognize students for their achievements at end-of-the-year events and at other times during the school year. Recognition events may include awards for citizenship, academics, and achievement. Additional awards may be presented, as appropriate, based on teacher discretion.

Academic Awards may include Principal's List and Honor Roll based on report card grades as follows:

Principal's List (Grades 2, 3, 4, 5): Student earned all A's across all subject areas

Honor Roll (Grades 2, 3, 4, 5): Student earned all A's and B's across all subject areas

Honor Roll (Grades K, 1): Student earned at least 80% M's and S's

VBS will recognize students for meeting or exceeding PBIS expectations while at school. Please see more regarding PBIS recognition located in the PBIS section of this handbook.

PBIS Recognition

Vinson-Bynum participates in the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system to support and guide students toward improved social and behavioral outcomes. VBS will recognize students for meeting or exceeding PBIS expectations while on campus and in the school building.

PBIS recognitions may include:

- Weekly and monthly student recognition
- BEAR Tracks incentive by classroom
- Ongoing classroom recognition for students who contribute to positive classroom norms
- Recognition for students with exemplary behavior at the end of the 9 Weeks (please refer to PBIS celebration criteria)

PBIS Celebration Criteria

- No more than six absences and/or tardies combined per grading period
- No behavior referrals for the grading period (bus or office)

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Calendar Info and Important Dates to Remember 2025-2026

[2025-26 WCS Traditional Calendar](#)

[2025-26 WCS Testing Calendar](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view all available WCS Calendars. These calendars are subject to change, so please visit often.

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District Progress Report and Report Card Schedule 2025-2026
 (Subject to change. Please see the WCS [calendar](#) for updates.)

Event	Date
1st 9 Week Grading Period	
Progress Reports	September 22, 2025
Grading Period Ends	October 16, 2025
Grades Due	October 17, 2025
Report Cards Go Home	October 27, 2025
2nd 9 Week Grading Period	
Progress Reports	November 18, 2025
Grading Period Ends	December 19, 2025
Grades Due	January 5, 2026
Report Cards Go Home	January 12, 2026
3rd 9 Week Grading Period	
Progress Reports	February 9, 2026
Grading Period Ends	March 12, 2026
Grades Due	March 13, 2026
Report Cards Go Home	March 23, 2026
4th 9 Week Grading Period	
Progress Reports	April 27, 2026
Grading Period Ends	June 3, 2026
Grades Due	June 5, 2026
Report Cards Go home	June 22, 2026

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**Vinson-Bynum Elementary 2025-2026
Important Events & Activities**

Date	Event	Time
August		
8/9/25	WAVE Church Serve Day	All day
8/12/25	Kindergarten Signing Night	4:00-5:00 & 5:30-6:30
8/15/25	Pop By VBS	3:00-5:00
8/21/25	Open House	4:00-6:00 pm
8/25/25	First Day of School	8:00 am
8/25-8/26	Kindergarten Staggered Enrollment	8:00 am
September		
9/2/25	Independence Day (Students walk into school without parents)	8:00 am
9/9/25	Fall Fundraiser Kickoff	8:00 am
9/18/25	Curriculum Night/Title 1 Night	5:00-6:30 pm
October		
10/6/25	Fall Individual Pictures	All day
10/24/25	Halloween PBIS Dance*	3:30-5:00
10/27/25	1st 9 Weeks Report Card Pick Up & Kindergarten Parent Night	3:30-6:00 pm
November		
11/6/25	Read to Achieve Night: Information session for parents of 3rd graders	5:00-6:00 pm
11/13/25	ACCESS/EL Parent Night	5:30-6:00
11/18/25	Fall Picture Makeups	All day
December		
12/9/25	Holiday STEM Night	5:00-7:00 pm

January		
1/12/26	Mid-Year Conference Night/ Report Card Pick up	3:30-6:00 pm
1/16/26	Winter PBIS Dance*	3:30-5:00
February		
2/3/26	Class Pictures	All day
2/24/26	One School, One Book Main Event	5:00-7:00 pm
March		
3/2/26-3/6/26	Read Across America	All day
3/20/26	Spring Fling Dance	3:30-5:00
3/23/26	3rd 9 Weeks Report Card Pickup	3:30-6:00 pm
April		
4/2/26	Field Day	All day
4/14/26	Spring Individual Pictures	All day
4/16/26	Transition Night (2nd to 3rd Grade)	5:00-6:00 pm
May		
5/15/26	End-of-Grade Talent Show	1:00-2:00
5/20-6/3/26	End-of-Grade Testing (3rd-5th Grades; includes makeup days)	All Day
June		
6/1/25-6/2/26	Awards Day (K-4)	TBD
6/3/26	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony	9:00-10:30
6/3/26	Last Day of School	Early Release @ 1:00

All dances will follow PBIS expectations for attendance and behavior

*Please note dates and times of events are subject to change.

*Additional events to be added:

- Book Fairs
- Musical Performances
- PTO Spring Fundraiser

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Child Nutrition & Cafeteria Procedures

All students continue to be eligible for breakfast at no cost. Breakfast will continue to be served “grab & go” style and will be consumed in the classroom. During the 2025-2026 school year, Vinson-Bynum students are covered under the CEP grant; therefore, lunch is provided free of charge to all students. Additional snacks, desserts, and drink items are available for purchase. Parents may send cash, checks or online payments through [“MySchoolBucks”](#).

Please see the following expectations regarding food and drinks at Vinson-Bynum:

- 1) All food and drink items must be consumed at lunch and disposed of at the conclusion of the lunch period.
- 2) Open containers of liquid are not permitted; a thermos or sealable bottle is ok, but not cans, as they can spill and cause a mess.
- 3) Students may not sell or barter food items. Students may not bring bags of items and distribute them to the class (chips, cookies, etc.)
- 4) Students may not use microwave ovens at school. Staff will not heat food for students in the microwave.
- 5) At lunch, parents are invited to sit with their child only at the visitors' table. Due to safety concerns, please do not ask another student to sit with you and your child.
- 6) Parents that are visiting his/her student are not able to give other students money to purchase items. If a parent would like to treat their child's class, please see administration to set this up.

Updated for the 25-26 school year:

To maintain a safe and focused learning environment, students are not permitted to bring in outside food for breakfast (such as fast food, restaurant meals, or takeout) after arriving at school. Additionally, food deliveries (including DoorDash, Uber Eats, or any other delivery services) are not allowed at any time during the school day for students.

This helps us:

- Ensure student safety, including those with food allergies
- Minimize disruptions to the school day
- Support our school's nutritional guidelines and meal programs

Students may eat breakfast provided by the school or eat before arriving on our school campus in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a positive and safe school environment.

****Lunch that is brought to school in outside restaurant containers will have to be placed in an alternative, unmarked bag.**

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COVID-19 and Other Protocols

Vinson-Bynum Elementary School will follow all directives from the district-level leadership regarding protocols for COVID-19 and/or other circumstances. If you receive notification of a COVID-19 case, the current protocol as of 7/2024 is that a confirmed positive case will need to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of fever reducing medicine.

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Custody and Legal Guardianship of Students

If a parent is in possession of a valid court order that limits or removes the rights of one parent regarding custody or other school-related matters, a copy of that order must be on file in the school office. New court orders should be shared with the school as soon as possible. Existing court orders should be provided at the beginning of each new school year, and also at any time changes are made to the order. **If no valid court order is provided, it is assumed that both parents have equal rights.** The school cannot “take the word” or verbal direction of one parent over another. We must have a valid order in our possession to proceed accordingly.

If applicable, parents must provide schools with specific parenting time schedules in order for our school to comply.

We strongly encourage parents with court orders to meet with the teacher and principal to discuss and review.

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Dress Code

Student dress should align with [Student Dress Code \(Policy 4316\)](#) . This policy includes skirt and dress length being no more than 3 inches above the knee and shorts reaching fingertip length. Midriffs should not be visible and tank tops and spaghetti straps should not be worn as an outer garment. Student dress not aligning with this policy will be given the opportunity to change. For further information, please refer to the policy linked above.

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Emergency Contact Information

Please ensure that you have current contact information listed with our school's Data Manager AND your child's teacher. We need no less than three emergency contact numbers (your personal and workplace numbers, a relative and/or friend [at least 2] who are authorized by you to pick up your child). Additionally, if you have an email contact, please list this with us as well. During an emergency situation (i.e., early release due to inclement weather, etc.), we would need to be able to contact you regarding the event. **Additionally, please ensure that you always update your contact list information so that it remains valid/current in our records.**

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FERPA - The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Opt-Out

Wilson County Schools' [Policy 4700](#) and [Administrative Regulation 4700-R](#) outline the right for parents and guardians to opt-out of sharing directory information. More information about your FERPA rights may be viewed [HERE](#).

Schools use directory information to publish items such as yearbooks, honor roll, newsletters, and graduation announcements. This also includes information about opportunities for scholarship programs and colleges to be sent to you. A school may disclose directory information to third parties for non-commercial use only.

Schools will never sell information to third parties for commercial purposes. Directory information will only be used for official purposes and to colleges and universities if you so choose.

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Field Trips

When appropriate, educators may utilize field trips to enrich and extend instruction. Any parent who wishes to attend or chaperone a field trip must be approved through the district volunteer tracking system which requires a clear background check. Sign up by visiting www.wilsonschoolsnc.net and enter volunteer in the search bar! The volunteer application should be completed at least one month prior to the field trip. Pending applications and expired approvals will not be honored.

We encourage parents to consider volunteering as a chaperone when appropriate. Per administrative discretion, approved chaperones may be assigned a small group of students to supervise during the trip. Field trips are considered an extension of the school day; therefore, applicable policies, rules, and procedures apply for the duration of the field trip. Please see Wilson County Schools Board Policy and Regulation 3320 School Trips for more information.

Approved volunteers who do not serve as chaperones may not be able to participate in the field trip activities due to venue limitations. If tickets must be pre-purchased for a trip, the school will secure only tickets for those adults volunteering as chaperones. Older or younger children/siblings/cousins, etc. who are not a member of the class are not permitted to attend field trips.

Scan the QR code below to complete the volunteer application process.



If students ride home from a field trip with their parents/guardians, the school should keep a written record of the parent's signature (form or roster). This record should be kept on file (hard copy or electronic) for at least one year from the field trip. Depending on the end time of the field trip, students that go home with their parents may be coded as an early checkout.

Additional notes:

- Each student must turn in a signed permission slip prior to participating in a field trip; verbal permission is not allowed per the district.
- All monies paid toward a field trip are non-refundable; however, depending on the situation, the money may be applied to other fees or activities.
- Students who are suspended from school on the day of a field trip will not be allowed to participate. If tickets have been purchased prior to a student suspension, the tickets will NOT be made available to the parent or student.
- Due to state and/or district policies, parent volunteers/chaperones cannot ride our buses, so therefore must meet us at the venue. Feel free to follow our buses to the event if you prefer!
- When paying for field trips, please send cash only in the correct amount, as teachers are unable to provide change for students.

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Grading System

When determining the final grade for a grading period, teachers shall weigh assignments and assessments as indicated in the tables below.

Type of Assignment / Assessment	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Tests / Projects	50%	60%
Quizzes / Classwork	45%	35%
Homework	5%	5%

- [Evaluation of Student Progress \(Policy 3400\)](#)
- [Evaluation of Student Progress \(Regulation 3400R\)](#)
- [Graduation Requirements \(Policy 3460\)](#)
- [Graduation Requirements \(Regulation 3460-R\)](#)

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Homework

Because students complete assignments at varying paces, it is difficult to determine the actual length of time a student will need to complete a homework assignment. For this reason, it is expected that teachers will use sound judgment in determining the amount of homework assigned each night. The table below provides general guidelines for the amount of time a student should spend on homework nightly.

Grade Span	Suggested Maximum Length of Nightly Homework
Grades K – 2	30 Minutes
Grades 3-5	45 Minutes
Grades 6-8	60 Minutes
Grades 9-12	60 - 120 Minutes

[Homework \(Policy 3135\)](#)

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Inclement Weather Procedures

All weather-related school closings, early releases, or late-starts will be shared by Wilson County Schools' central office via phone and email, as well as posted on the district's website at: <http://www.wilsonschoolsnc.net/?DivisionID=20293>.

WCS may elect to utilize a remote learning format in emergency situations, such as inclement weather, power outages, or other events. Students should be prepared to participate in remote learning at any time, and should take their laptops home daily unless one is available for use at home. Teachers will incorporate electronic platforms into their regular instruction, so students should be well versed in the event of remote instruction. Your child's teacher will share a remote instruction schedule with you as needed.

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Late Arrivals and Early Checkouts

- Students may enter the building beginning at 7:30 AM. Breakfast is served in the classroom beginning at 7:30AM.
- Students who arrive at 8:00 AM or later and/or leave before 3:00PM are counted tardy. **Parents must park to assist these students with check-in in the front office.**
- Help us maintain student safety! Please do not drop your child off in the morning before adults are outside on supervision duty or after staff have left the carpool area. **Our doors lock promptly at 8:00 AM! Please do not place your child at risk by dropping him/her off unattended.** Parents who are unable to bring their children to school or pick them up on time should utilize other means of transportation. Please reach out to the front office to arrange bus transportation. Many area daycares provide transportation for their enrolled students to our school. WCS also provides morning and afternoon daycare, as available, for interested parents. For more information regarding the WCS Before-School or After-School Care programs, contact Amy Deans at amy.deans@wilsonschoolsnc.net or 399-7714.
- Please keep in mind that any checkout before 11:30 will result in an absence.
- Due to the busy nature of the end of the school day, there will be no checkouts after 2:30.

7:30 AM	Carpool begins; students may be dropped off when supervising staff members are present
8:00 AM	Tardy; Official Start of School Day
3:00 PM	Dismissal Begins

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Medication

[WCS Board Policy 6125](#) and [WCS Board Regulation 6125-R](#)

School personnel may not administer medication without the written instructions and a completed medication form signed by the doctor prescribing the medication and the parent/guardian.

School personnel may not apply any treatment beyond first aid. Prescription medications must be brought to the school by the student's parent/guardian in a pharmacy labeled bottle that contains instructions on how to administer, how often, and in what dosage. Most pharmacists are aware of this and if asked will split the prescription into two bottles so that one can be brought to school and be properly administered. Bottles containing any type of medicine should be given to the teacher. All medications presented will have to be provided to the nurse in order to train the teacher prior to administering. This may take a couple of days so parents should be prepared to make arrangements during this time. Over the counter medications must be in the original container and will be administered according to the physician's and parent's written instruction. Students should not bring medication to school.

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Parent Visits to Classrooms

We encourage parents/guardians to be involved in and support the educational program of our school. Active parental participation increases student learning and enhances your child's elementary school experience. Sometimes, it is necessary or desirable for parents to visit their child's classroom. Parents are welcome to observe and learn about the educational program at school subject to reasonable rules developed by school administrators (WCS Policy Code: 5020 Visitors to the Schools). Therefore:

Initial Requirement to Observe/Visit the Classroom: All parents/guardians who wish to observe or visit in classrooms must be approved on the WCS Raptor Volunteer System. Please visit the WCS website for more information. Pending applications and expired approvals will not be accepted.

Who May Visit the Instructional Setting: The privilege of observing a child's instructional program during classroom time resides solely with a child's parent, legal guardian, or foster parent and does not extend to non-custodial grandparents, other interested close relatives, or caregivers.

Who May Be Observed: The sole purpose of a classroom visit by a parent is to observe their student and the instructional program being presented. At no time should a parent's motive for or focus of a classroom visit be to observe another student or students in the classroom. If the Principal has knowledge of or suspects that the focus of a parent's classroom visit is to observe another student, he/she reserves the right to deny a requested visit or to end a visit in progress.

Scheduling: Visits must be scheduled in advance through the Principal or designee for a time and date convenient to the parent, teacher, and Principal/designee. No visits will be allowed while students are participating in assessments. Some other activities may be exempt from observation, as well. Same-day requests for classroom visits will not be honored unless initiated by the teacher and approved by the Principal or designee. In order to protect the learning environment for all, the Principal or designee may be present during the parent observation. Parents should plan to conference with the Principal or designee immediately following the observation.

Duration: To minimize potential interruptions and distractions during instructional time, the principal or designee reserves the right to limit the duration of classroom observations.

Conduct During Classroom Visitation: Parent visits to classrooms will be scheduled to begin and end in a manner that will not interrupt the instructional activities in progress. While visiting the classroom, the teacher will designate an area for parents to sit, generally in the back of the classroom. Parents are asked NOT to sit with or interact with their student or the teacher during the observation, unless specifically requested by the teacher to do so. Unnecessary noise or movement creates a disruption to the learning environment and must be avoided. Parents may NOT discipline their student during the classroom visit or while in the presence of other students. Parents who fail to observe the stated guidelines during their visit may be asked to leave the room if their presence or conduct interferes with the orderly operation of the classroom.

Parents wishing to discuss their student's behavior or academic progress after observing him/her during class should schedule a parent conference with the teacher. Any other concerns or complaints may be addressed directly to the classroom teacher after regular school hours or to the Principal.

No Audio or Video Taping of Classroom: To protect the privacy rights of all students, video and or/audio recording of classroom visits by the parent or guardian is prohibited. Electronic devices that could be used to video or audio record, including but not limited to cell phones, should not be visible or operational during the visit. Violation of this guideline can result in dismissal from the classroom visit and/or the school site.

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Parent's Guide to K-1 Standards-Based Grading & Elementary Report Cards

In Wilson County Schools, we envision a student-friendly report card with clearly identified learning domains aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, while providing high quality instruction and assessments. Our Standards-based report card provides meaningful feedback so both students and parents can track student progress toward mastery of key academic concepts/standards and reflect upon strengths and areas for improvement.

What is standards-based grading?

Standards-based grading is a grading system, which involves measuring students' mastery of a set of clearly defined standards. Its purpose is to identify what a student knows or is able to do based on these pre-established standards, rather than averaging grades/scores, which may not provide an accurate picture of what a student has or has not learned.

What is a standards-based report card?

A standards-based report card lists the most important skills students should learn in each subject at a particular grade level.

How does standards-based grading differ from traditional grading?

In a traditional grading system, a student's performance for an entire quarter is averaged together.

A standards-based grading system measures a student's mastery of standards by prioritizing the most recent, consistent level of performance, allowing a student who struggled early to demonstrate mastery by the end of the grading period. Variables such as effort, participation, timeliness, cooperation, attitude and attendance are reported separately, not as an indicator of a student's academic performance.

How are my child's grades determined?

A student's performance on summative assessments will be used to determine a student's overall grade. Formative assessments, which occur throughout the grading period, are used to identify areas of strength and weakness of students in order to guide the teacher in providing targeted instruction.

Will my child still receive teacher comments on the report card?

Yes. Individualized feedback is an essential component of standards-based grading. Effective feedback is a more useful source of information than simply assigning a numeric value or letter grade to student work.

What will the grading scale represent?

4= The student has met or exceeded the end of grade level expectations in the standard.

3= The student has met expectations for this quarter in the standard.

2= The student shows growth/progress in the standard.

1= The student needs intensive support at school and at home in the standard.

How will I know if my child needs help?

Receiving a 1 or a 2 on a progress report/report card can be a sign that a student is in need of extra support in the areas where he or she is receiving low grades. This is another benefit of a standards-based report card – areas in need of support are clearly evident.

What courses will my child receive a grade in?

Each student will receive a grade in at least one domain for the following subjects per grading period:

- ELA (English Language Arts)
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts (at select schools)

Conduct grading scale

3 - The student meets the expectations for this behavior.

2 - The student needs reminders to meet the expectations for this behavior.

1 - The student needs intensive support to improve in this area (choices are negatively impacting his/her learning and or safety of themselves or others).

Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a statewide student information system that gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades, and assignments. With Parent Portal, powered by Infinite Campus, everyone stays connected: Students stay on top of assignments, parents are able to participate in their child's progress, and teachers can instantly share information from their gradebook with parents and students. Families with multiple students can also set up their accounts to view all of their students at one time, with one login.

****Parent portal must be set-up annually in order to complete the following: Technology Acceptable Use, Publication Waiver, and the Home Language Survey.**

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Parties

In order to protect instructional time, classroom parties are held only during specially designated times. With prior teacher approval, parents may bring cupcakes or a small treat for their child's birthday if they wish. Cupcakes/treats are to be given after our cafeteria's operating hours (generally after 1:00 PM). All treats must be commercially prepared; due to state laws and regulations, no homemade goodies are allowed!

Please do not send (or arrange delivery of) gifts to students at school. Items including, but not limited to, flowers, balloons, and gift baskets create distractions and will not be shared with students at school or at school events. Items delivered to school for students by florists and/or other vendors will not be accepted. Many local vendors are aware of this policy and will not accept orders to be delivered to school.

Teachers are not permitted to pass out event fliers (including birthdays) to students. All fliers that are distributed must go through Wilson County School's Public Relations Department.

Parents who wish to visit classrooms and/or assist with parties and celebrations must be approved via the WCS Raptor Volunteer Platform, as well approved by administration. Please visit the WCS website for more information. Pending applications and expired approvals will not be accepted.

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Positive Behavior Support and Interventions (PBIS)

VINSON-BYNUM'S PBIS MATRIX

Setting Expectations	Playground	Cafeteria	Restrooms	Hallways	Buses	Classrooms	Assemblies
Be Respectful I will...	*Take Turns *Play Fair *Use Kind Words *Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects to Myself	*Stay in Line Order *Use Good Table Manners	*Allow Privacy for Each Other	*Stay in my Own Space *Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects off of walls and Others	*Listen to the Driver's Instructions *Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects to Myself	*Treat Others the Way I Want to Be Treated *Treat the Materials and Property How They Should Be Used	*Listen and Be Attentive to the Speaker *Stay in my Space
Be Responsible I will...	*Stay in Assigned Area *Have Good Sportsmanship *Put Trash in the Trash Cans	*Clean Up After Yourself *Eat First, Then Talk Quietly *Get All Items When in the Line	*Clean Up After Myself *Wash Hands	*Walk and Stand Quietly	*Stay in My Seat *Use Quiet Voice	*Come to Class Prepared with Supplies *Do My Best	*Follow the Directions of the Speaker *Ask Appropriate Questions
Be Ready to Learn I will...	*Follow Directions and Rules *Resolve Conflicts with Teacher Support	*Monitor Noise Level *Enter and Leave Quietly *Stay in My Seat	*Use Time Wisely *Enter and Exit Quickly	*Walk Forward on the Right Side *Keep a Steady, Safe Pace	*Follow Bus Procedures	*Stay on Task *Complete My Assignments *Listen to the Speaker	*Interact, Learn, and Enjoy!

At Vinson-Bynum, all students are expected to behave in a manner conducive to learning. High standards have been established for students to conduct themselves in a way that is respectful and that builds a climate essential for learning. Students can expect school staff to reinforce and model positive behaviors. Our PBIS Matrix gives examples of appropriate behaviors and expectations. At VBS, we promote positive behavior strategies and support to maintain a healthy culture for our students to learn and grow. Our teachers will use intervention strategies and approaches in their classroom to maintain order and an appropriate learning environment.

However, in the event that a student is continuously disruptive or behaves in a manner that is not supportive of learning, teachers and/or school administrators must intervene with the student in an appropriate manner to ensure that learning can occur.

Vinson-Bynum staff takes discipline very seriously. We will maintain an orderly school so that all students can learn in a safe environment. No one student has the right to take away learning opportunities from another. Students who misbehave will be redirected and proper behavior will be reinforced. Teachers and administration will follow WCS policies and procedures when applying disciplinary consequences for misbehavior.

Any item not needed for school/class or approved by the teacher should be left at home (i.e. cards, toys, electronic devices, iPads, balls, fidget spinners, etc.). **ITEMS SUCH AS MATCHES, SHARP OBJECTS, LIGHTERS, FIREWORKS, FIREARMS (or ANY LIKENESS OF A FIREARM, INCLUDING WATER PISTOLS), tobacco products, alcohol and illegal drugs are ALL BANNED FROM THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS AND VIOLATE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.** Possession of any of these may result in an automatic suspension with the possibility of long-term suspension.

PBIS Celebration Criteria

- No more than six absences and/or tardies combined per grading period
- No behavior referrals for the grading period (bus or office)

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PTO

The Vinson-Bynum staff encourages all parents to join our PTO. While a separate entity from the school, we do depend on our PTO as a **major** source of financial and human assistance. Our PTO is very supportive of our school and throughout the years has provided us with computers, furniture, grounds beautification, field trip and special event funding, tutoring, and other essential resources. **Parents that join the PTO must follow the bi-laws as outlined and must be a positive representation of the school.** Please be on the lookout for information about joining Vinson-Bynum's PTO.

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Student Behavior & Discipline

All decisions related to student behavior are guided by the board's educational objective to teach responsibility and respect for cultural and ideological differences and by the board's commitment to creating safe, orderly, and inviting schools. Student behavior policies are provided in order to establish (1) expected standards of student behavior; (2) principles to be followed in managing student behavior; (3) consequences for prohibited behavior; and (4) required procedures for addressing misbehavior. Teachers, school-based administrators, parents, and law enforcement will be consulted when existing student behavior policies are revised or new such policies are created.

A. Principles

The reasons for managing student behavior are to (1) create an orderly environment in which students can learn; (2) teach expected standards of behavior; (3) help students learn to accept the consequences of their behavior; and (4) provide students with the opportunity to develop self-control. The following principles apply in managing student behavior.

1. Student behavior management strategies will complement other efforts to create a safe, orderly, and inviting environment.
2. Positive behavioral interventions will be employed as appropriate to improve student behavior.
3. Responsibility, integrity, civility, and other standards of behavior will be integrated into the curriculum.
4. Disruptive behavior in the classroom will not be tolerated.
5. Consequences for unacceptable behavior will be designed to help a student learn to comply with rules, to be respectful, to accept responsibility for his or her behavior, and to develop self-control.
6. Strategies and consequences will be age and developmentally appropriate.

B. Communication of Policies

Board policies related to student behavior are codified mainly in the 4300 series. The superintendent shall incorporate information from such policies into a Code of Student Conduct that notifies students of the behavior expected of them, conduct that may subject them to discipline, and the range of disciplinary measures that may be used by school officials. At the discretion of the superintendent, the Code of Student Conduct may include additional rules needed to implement the board's student behavior policies. To elaborate further on processes for addressing student misbehavior and the use of intervention strategies and consequences, each school will create a student behavior management plan that is consistent with the law, board policies, and the Code of Student Conduct (see policy 4400, School Plan for Management of Student Behavior). The Code of Student Conduct must incorporate by reference any additional student behavior standards, prohibited conduct, or disciplinary measures identified in student behavior management plans developed by individual schools. The Code of Student Conduct must not impose mandatory long-term suspension or expulsion for specific violations unless otherwise provided in state or federal law.

At the beginning of each school year, principals shall make available to each student and parent all of the following: (1) the Code of Student Conduct; (2) any board policies related to behavior that are not part of the Code of Conduct; (3) any related administrative procedures; (4) any additional discipline-related information from the school's student behavior management plan, including behavior standards, prohibited conduct, or disciplinary measures; and (5) any other school rules. This information must be available at other times upon request and must be made available to students enrolling during the school year and their parents.

For the purpose of board policies related to student behavior, all references to "parent" include a parent, a legal guardian, a legal custodian, or another caregiver adult authorized to enroll a student under policy [4120](#), Domicile or Residence Requirements.

C. Applicability

Students must comply with the Code of Student Conduct in the following circumstances:

1. while in any school building or on any school premises before, during, or after school hours;
2. while on any bus or other vehicle as part of any school activity;
3. while waiting at any school bus stop;
4. during any school-sponsored activity or extracurricular activity;
5. when subject to the authority of school employees; and
6. at any other place or time when the student's behavior has or is reasonably expected to have a direct and immediate impact on the orderly and efficient operation of the schools or the safety of individuals in the school environment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, students will not be disciplined for constitutionally protected behavior. School officials are encouraged to consult with senior administrators before regulating student expression that may be protected by the [First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution](#).

D. Consequences for Violations: Please consult [Student Behavior Policies \(Policy 4300\)](#).

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Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices

The possession of wireless communication devices is a matter of convenience and safety for students and parents, but the use of these devices can also be a disruption of the instructional process. The following rules apply at Vinson-Bynum regarding student use of communication devices:

- Wireless communication devices include, but are not limited to, cellular telephones, electronic devices with internet capability, paging devices, two-way radios, or any similar device.
- Students are permitted to possess such devices on school property so long as the devices are not activated, used, displayed, or visible during the instructional day or as otherwise directed by school rules or school personnel.
- The school principal may develop and make available a plan for specific times and locations when students may access their wireless communication devices without consequences.
- The use of cellular phones and other wireless communication devices is prohibited on school buses.
- Students who participate in after-school programs are prohibited from using wireless communications devices during such programs.
- Please see the WCS Board of Education Policy # 3225/4312/7320 for more information.

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Technology/Chromebooks

Students are free to use their own personal devices. They will connect to the WCS Guest Network daily. WCS is not responsible for personal devices at any time nor will they investigate any incidents of loss or theft. If students chose to bring a personal device for school use, rather than a school issued device, they need to complete a [BYOD Form](#) and return it to the media specialist.

All students will have access to a Chromebook through the school. There is a \$30 usage fee for all students. Parents/guardians may complete the [WCS Needs Based Assistance Application](#) (for traditional schools only) to determine if their technology fee may be waived. This fee is collected in accordance with WCS Board Policy 6525. Cash or online payment will be accepted. There is also an Acceptable Use Agreement and Publication Waiver that must be completed before students are able to use technology in class. These forms are completed in Parent Portal.

Additional related policies:

[Technology in the Education Program \(Policy 3220\)](#)

[Technology in the Education Program \(Regulation 3220-R\)](#)

[Technology Responsible Use \(Policy 3225/4312/7320\)](#)

[Internet Safety \(Policy 3226/4205\)](#)

[Internet Safety \(Regulation 3226-R/4205-R\)](#)

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Transportation: Bus Safety and Discipline

All students assigned to a bus for transportation are informed and cautioned through class instruction and driver supervision of the responsibility of the individual passenger for conduct and safety. Parents will be notified when disciplinary action is needed.

All school bus passengers are required to model good conduct. When the bus driver or others report instances of misconduct on a school bus by a passenger, the school administration shall exercise the authority designated to him/her for an investigation and appropriate disciplinary procedure for any passenger. (Board of Education Policy # 4300.)

A school administrator may suspend, at his/her discretion, passengers from riding on a school bus for:

- Fighting, smoking, using profanity, or refusing to obey instructions of school authorities or a school bus driver while riding on a school bus.
- Tampering with or doing damage to a bus.
- Refusing to meet the bus on time and/or at the designated stops.
- Leaving the bus when en route from home to school (or vice versa), unless authorized to do so by the principal or his/her designee.
- Playing, throwing objects, or otherwise distracting the driver's attention while the bus is in operation.
- Failing to observe established safety rules and regulations required by law or adopted by the Wilson County Board of Education.

In order to change a student's bus stop, or add a student to a bus, the parent must request a Wilson County Schools Special School Bus Assignment Form. This form must be approved by the school administrator prior to the student being allowed to ride the bus. This approval is dependent upon the student riding the bus on a regular basis. Special School Bus Assignments are only made on a regularly scheduled basis. **Notes asking for students to be dropped off at a friend's house or other unauthorized stops are not accepted.**

Riding a bus to and from school is a privilege. Each rider must be a responsible passenger. Parents are asked to accompany their child to the bus stop and remain there until your child boards the bus.

In meeting the school bus, passengers should:

- Be on time. The bus driver will not stop if you are not at the designated pick up location.
- Stand on the side of the street or highway, clear from traffic, and in no way interfere with traffic. Cross the road under the protection of the bus stop arm and hand signal from the driver.
- Wait for your turn in getting on the bus.

On the bus, passengers should:

- Quietly take your assigned seat and remain seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep the bus clean (no drinking, eating or gum).
- Keep the aisle clear and hands/arms inside the bus - not out the windows.
- Talk softly

- Sit facing forward with both feet on the floor, hands to yourself, and personal items in your book bag.
- Noise levels should be low so the driver can hear.
- (AM riders) When leaving the bus, stay on the sidewalk until you quietly enter the school.
- (PM riders) When leaving the school building, walk quietly on the sidewalk that leads to the bus lot. Walk, do not run, to your assigned bus. You may board the bus once the driver invites you to do so.

When appropriate, the following steps will be taken in dealing with bus offenses as reported by school bus drivers:

- 1st Offense: Parental notification and counsel with student; may receive up to 3 days off the bus.
- 2nd Offense: May receive up to 5 days off the bus.
- 3rd Offense: May receive up to 10 days off the bus.
- 4th Offense: May receive up to 10 days off the bus or may be suspended from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Note: In the case of fighting, severe behavior violation, and/or other misbehaviors that create an unsafe bus environment, the principal and assistant principal have the authority to immediately suspend the student from riding the school bus rather than following the sequence of steps outlined above. In addition, depending on the severity of the infraction, a school-based consequence, including suspension from school, may be warranted.

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Transportation: Arrival & Dismissal (includes Carpool info)

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:30. Staff members will assist with loading and unloading students. Car riders should be dropped off at the main entrance no earlier than 7:30 and picked up at the main entrance of the building no later than 3:20. Drivers should drive slowly and use caution when moving through the parking lot. Please do not drive through traffic cones. Follow the traffic patterns. Please pay attention to our carpool staff!

- There are 2 drop off lanes. Students may exit vehicles in both lanes. Please have your child wait for a staff member to motion them to get out of the car and proceed to the front entrance. Students are not to cross the car line without an adult.
- Parents are asked to send a note by their child when a change of transportation is required.
We do not accept phone calls for routine changes in transportation.
- Parents are to remain in their cars during arrival and dismissal.
- [Car Line Logistics and Procedures](#) to help with a smooth pickup.
- [Car rider pickup diagram](#)

Students will come to the car when they are called. If your child is a car rider, you must come through the car line. **No walk ups from the school parking lot and car line will be allowed.** No pickups can be made by walking up to the school from the street. Every car rider will load in front of the school. This is to ensure the safety of all students during this very busy time at school.

It is also important to make sure that the person who is picking up your child is listed on their contact information located in the office as well as on the teacher's contact list. If someone different needs to pick up your child, a note must be sent to the teacher with this change.

Our exterior doors automatically lock upon closing. For safety reasons parents should not drop tardy students off at the closed/locked front door area, but instead, should park, then enter the building to sign the child in at the office. If you are unknown to our office staff, an ID will be required for entry into the building. For safety reasons, please do not drop your child off unattended at the front locked door, as you will be leaving your child outside and unsupervised.

If you must pick up your child from school for any reason during the regular school day, please enter through the front door of the school and ask for your child before 2:30pm. The secretary will call for your child when you arrive on campus and you will sign him/her out at the front desk. **There will be no early check outs between 2:30-3:00 pm due to the high volume of traffic in the office and the continuous interruption to classrooms and instructional time.**

It is important that parents pick up children on time at the end of each school day. Parents who are late in picking up students from school must come into the office to sign out their child. Students should not remain on campus after carpool unless participating in a school-sponsored activity. Persistent tardiness in picking up your child at carpool will necessitate a meeting with the principal and/or social worker, with appropriate follow-up actions. Parents who are consistently unable to pick their child up in a timely manner should consider another form of transportation or an after-school childcare option.

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Transportation: Requests for Changes

Change of Transportation Requests: Requests for temporary changes in transportation must be made in writing – with parent handwritten or electronic signature and date - to the teacher.

Requests for permanent change of transportation should be referred to our Assistant Principal. All requests for changes in transportation must be submitted in writing prior to 8:00 AM; teachers are not able to check ClassDojo throughout the day. Phone calls for a temporary change of a child's method of transportation will be accepted for emergencies only and will be handled through the office only.

Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned and may NOT ride a different bus to go home with another student or to an alternate location. If you determine you need bus transportation and your student has not been assigned for the current school year, please call the front office and speak to Mrs. Austin. Please note that having a student assigned to a bus can take several days or more.

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Vinson-Bynum Elementary School

Title I Parent Engagement Policy

The Wilson County Board of Education and Vinson-Bynum Elementary School believe that the education of children is a cooperative effort between guardians and schools. Guardians are their children's first teachers and involvement by guardians improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that the involvement of guardians increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the children. Vinson-Bynum Elementary School staff will strive to involve guardians in activities throughout the school year.

Vinson-Bynum Elementary School is a school-wide Title I school. This means we receive federal money to be used for all students to improve their educational achievement. We invite guardians to give input into the development of their children's instructional programs. Input is solicited through surveys and Blackboard Connect phone calls. Guardians are invited to confer with staff and administrators.

Communication to promote parental involvement includes:

- Student/Family handbooks are provided electronically by the school (hard copies by request).
- Weekly communication is sent to parents via communication folders.
- Student progress is provided via progress reports and report cards each quarter. Possible retention letters are provided at least twice a year, when applicable.
- Conferences are offered three times a year at the end of each reporting period or as requested by guardians.
- Weekly phone communication is provided through Blackboard Connect.
- Translation is provided at meetings and conferences, as needed.
- Written and phone messages are sent out recruiting volunteers and committee members (all volunteers must be approved by Wilson County Schools Volunteer Tracker, Raptor).
- Important events and updates are provided through Facebook, ClassDojo, phone calls, and email.
- Parents may also contact the principal, any school staff member, or any PTO officer to offer input.
- District workshops are offered throughout the year.
- School sponsored parent engagement events are held throughout the year.

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Visitors & Volunteers

We welcome and encourage parents to volunteer and visit our school by eating lunch with their child(ren), assisting with class celebrations and participating in special events. In order to maintain a safe environment for all, it is necessary to establish and adhere to protocols for visitors on campus. Therefore:

- **Remember adults are role models and need to dress and behave appropriately. Behavior that is disruptive or threatening can lead to the visitor or volunteer not being able to return to campus.**
- **All** visitors should enter through the front office, sign in on our Raptor kiosk, and receive a **pass/badge** for scheduled appointments and to eat lunch. Photo ID is required for entry.
- At lunch, parents may sit with their child only at the visitors' table. Due to space limitations and safety concerns, please do not ask another student to sit with you and your child.
- Mornings are a very busy time for teachers and we ask that you schedule an appointment to speak to the teacher before school. Students will walk to class independently each morning beginning **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. Parents may walk students into the office/lobby area; however, students should walk independently to class.
- Do not enter or exit through side doors. Use the front main entrance only.
- No cell phone use inside the building.
- Please schedule appointments with teachers by note, e-mail, or phone call. All teachers have voicemail where you can leave messages. **Please do not leave time-sensitive voicemails for teachers, as they are not required to check voicemails until after students have left campus for the day. As a reminder, requests for transportation changes must be made in writing.**
- Classroom observations require approval from the principal and should not interfere with instruction. No other children may accompany adults during a classroom observation. Observers must be approved via the WCS Volunteer Tracker system, Raptor.
- The right to observe a child's instructional program during classroom time resides solely with a child's parent, legal guardian, or foster parent and does not extend to grandparents, other interested close relatives, or caregivers.
- All visitors to classrooms must be approved via the NEW WCS Volunteer Tracker System, Raptor. Parents who wish to observe and/or volunteer at Vinson-Bynum must register and gain approval via the Volunteer Tracker system, Raptor, which can be found at:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/OTc1NTplbi1VUw==>

Spanish: <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/OTc1NTplcy1VUw==>

School administrators are expected to develop and implement plans and procedures for utilizing school volunteers. Vinson-Bynum teachers shall seek administrative approval prior to the use of volunteers in the classroom/instructional setting and must share the nature of work, duration, frequency, etc for which the volunteer will be used. **Volunteers shall not be allowed to grade, file, or view student work** (excluding that which is posted for general view), **as this violates the students' right to privacy**. All school volunteers are expected to be professional and dependable in their volunteer activities and are bound by the same standards of conduct and ethics that govern school employees. The principal reserves the right to assign volunteers to roles/locations in the school. The continuation of the services of a volunteer shall be at the principal's discretion.

See WCS Board Policy # [5015: School Volunteers](#) for more information.

WCS Assessment/Testing Calendar

Vinson-Bynum Elementary School participates in all required local and state assessments including End-of-Grade (EOG) Testing for Grades 3, 4, and 5. The End-of-Grade testing window begins on May 22nd; it is imperative that your student is present to take their assessments as this is one criteria that is considered for promotion.

Please view the WCS Testing Calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

Board Policies

Several [WCS Board Policies](#) may be of interest to parents throughout the school year. Several policies of note are linked below:

- [Student Behavior Policies \(Policy 4300\)](#)
- [Student Dress Code \(Policy 4316\)](#)
- [Homework \(Policy 3135\)](#)
- [Evaluation of Student Progress \(Policy 3400\)](#)
- [Evaluation of Student Progress \(Regulation 3400R\)](#)
- [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Policy 3420\)](#)
- [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Regulations 3420A-R\)](#)
- [Student Promotion and Accountability \(Credit Recovery\)\(Regulation 3420B-R\)](#)
- [Graduation Requirements \(Policy 3460\)](#)
- [Graduation Requirements \(Regulation 3460-R\)](#)
- [Administering Medications to Students \(Policy 6125\)](#)
- [Administering Medications to Students Regulation 6125-R\)](#)
- [Attendance \(Policy 4400\)](#)
- [Student Records / Release of Directory \(Policy 4700\)](#)
- [Student Records / Release of Directory \(Regulation 4700-R\)](#)
- [Technology in the Education Program \(Policy 3220\)](#)
- [Technology in the Education Program \(Regulation 3220-R\)](#)
- [Technology Responsible Use \(Policy 3225/4312/7320\)](#)
- [Internet Safety \(Policy 3226/4205\)](#)
- [Internet Safety \(Regulation 3226-R/4205-R\)](#)
- [School Safety \(Policy 1510/4200/7270\)](#)
- [Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility \(Policy 3621\)](#)
- [Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure \(Policies 1720/4015/7225\)](#)