

Betsy A. Rhodes Elementary School



**STUDENT/PARENT
HANDBOOK 2026-2027**

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Grades PreK-5

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STUDENT HOURS

Grades K-5 9:15a.m. - 3:26p.m.
Early Childhood A.M. 9:15 a.m. - 11:45a.m.
Early Childhood P.M. 12:56 p.m. - 3:26 p.m.

SCHOOL MOTTO

"Soaring to Success"

SCHOOL COLORS

Blue and Gold

SCHOOL MASCOT

Rocket

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE STAFF

Principal	Robert Rosenblatt
Assistant Principal	Dana Mays
Office Manager	Jen Alvarado
School Clerk	Molly Murphy



Welcome to Betsy Rhodes Elementary School, the home of the Rockets. This student/Parent Handbook provides a general overview of our school and the Clark County School District's policies and procedures. Please keep it as a convenient reference to help you answer questions about school and district procedures.

Betsy Rhodes Elementary School is an extraordinary place! Our main goal is to make your child's school experience positive and exciting. As a staff, we believe creating a safe environment that allows every student to be productive is essential. We want to provide the tools each child needs to grow socially and academically. At Betsy Rhodes Elementary School, we believe that effective education is a partnership between home and school. Please review this handbook with your child, and feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

**Betsy A. Rhodes Elementary
School**

MISSION STATEMENT

At Betsy Rhodes Elementary, our staff strives to foster the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional growth of every child. We cultivate a vibrant community where Onraka (teamwork), Protos (wisdom), Sollevare (uplifting others), and Nukumori (warmth and kindness) guide our journey toward a future of purpose and positive impact.

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students.

As the principal of Betsy Rhodes Elementary School, I am thrilled to welcome everyone back for the 2026–2027 school year! Being a part of this community and watching our students achieve their goals is the absolute best part of my job. I am happy to continue my commitment to supporting our students and staff as we embark on this exciting new adventure together!

The mission of our staff is to support the academic and social growth of our students, and we look forward to helping every student work to **“Blaze a Trail to Excellence!”** Our staff dedicates countless hours to developing instructional strategies and structures that help students grow. Our procedures and expectations are in place to maintain a safe, supportive, and productive learning environment, and they are key to the success we will achieve. We know that these steps and our work to enhance engagement strategies will encourage your child to enjoy every step of the learning journey.

This year, we are especially excited to introduce The New Rhodes Way! This refreshed approach outlines our core expectations and positive culture, giving our students clear guidelines to practice kindness, responsibility, and respect each day. Additionally, we are continuing to foster community and school spirit through our Rhodes House System. Our house system brings students and staff together across all grade levels to build strong connections, celebrate positive behavior, and ensure every child feels a deep sense of belonging on our campus.

Throughout the year, we will communicate important information in many ways, including ParentLink messages, ClassDojo, Facebook, and our school website (www.rhodeselementary.com). We will also be sharing a monthly parent newsletter to keep our Rhodes Families updated about all the exciting things happening on campus. Our students will benefit most from this collaboration if we work as a team.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Rhodes Elementary School. It is truly a privilege to be a member of a community where we continue to show our care and support for student growth, focusing on positive relationships to help our kids be successful. Please feel free to contact me; I am eager to work together to find solutions to questions and share information on all the great things our students and staff do.

Your partner in education,

Mr. Robert Rosenblatt

Principal, Betsy Rhodes Elementary School

Mrs. Betsy A. Rhodes

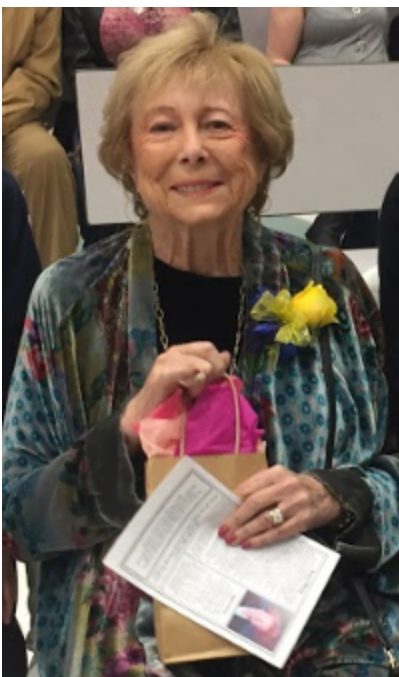


Photo taken at 20th Year Celebration, 2018

If children were involved and a call was made for volunteers, Betsy Rhodes arrived first. A primary school teacher by profession, a wife and mother by choice, and a leader by involvement, Betsy has made effective action in the community her life's work.

In 1977, Betsy Rhodes was the organizing chairman of the Assistance League's Operation School Bell, helping Clark County School District children with needed school clothing; thus, increasing school attendance, academic performance, and self-esteem. Operation School Bell has received acclamation as one of the community's finest outreach projects.

Betsy Rhodes has been a community leader devoted to education and philanthropic advances for forty years. Service League, Junior League of Las Vegas, Fantasy Park and Playground Development, Assistance League of Las Vegas, Operation School Bell, Dental Auxiliary, Council of Social Agencies, Junior Mesquite, Clark County Board of Domestic Violence, Junior Tennis Patrons, State Advisory Board on Children's Nutritional Education, Block Grants, Consumer Advocate on the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, Cotillion, PTA, Boy Scouts and Christmas Benefits all symbolize Betsy's spirit as a volunteer for the community.

Betsy Rhodes exemplifies the school's motto, which bears her name. She is a shining example of how someone can "Soar to Success."

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student Safety Before and After School

Students are not permitted on the school campus/playground until 9:00 a.m. unless they eat breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room or are involved in a club meeting before school. There is no adult supervision before that time. For the safety of all students, please adhere to this time and do not drop your child off at school or have them walk/ride to school too early.

Students will be walked out to their dismissal gate at 3:26 p.m. by their classroom teacher. Students are to leave campus after the dismissal bell rings unless they stay for an after-school authorized activity. If students are left at school and a parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the [After School](#) Care Plan will be followed. Please enroll your child in Safekey for any unforeseen circumstances that may prohibit you from picking your child up on time. Having someone other than a middle school student pick up your child may be necessary because of the time difference. Other possibilities include a walking buddy, a family member, a neighbor, or a family friend.

Gum

We have seen an increase in gum on the floor and walls. Due to this, we will strictly enforce the rule that students are not allowed to chew gum on campus, including in classrooms, the MPR, and outside.

Breakfast

Multipurpose Room (MPR) doors will open for student breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Students will not be permitted to take breakfast items with them to the classrooms. Students must complete breakfast by 9:10 a.m. to begin the instructional day with their classmates on time. A staff member will escort Kindergarten students eating breakfast to the Kindergarten Playground before the start of the school day.

Entering the MP room for Breakfast or Safekey

The MP room can only be accessed by students who are having breakfast in the morning. The front hallway of the school is not open for entrance to the MP room. Instead, we ask late students to enter through the gates on the blacktop. Students arriving after 9:15 AM must be brought to the front office and checked in. All adults visiting the campus must check in at the office and obtain a visitor/volunteer badge before entering the building.

Parking Lot

Our parking lot is closed for drop-off and pick-up during arrival (8:45 am-9:10 am) and dismissal times (3:00 pm-3:30 pm). Parents should utilize the Kiss and Go drop-off lane on the north side of the blacktop. Students should exit parents' vehicles quickly and enter through the gate, where they will walk to the playground until the bell to line up rings. **Cars cannot be left parked and unattended in the Kiss and Go lane. Parents must remain in their cars and cannot stay and wait to watch students walk in. You must pull your vehicle all the way forward to make room for additional vehicles dropping off students.** Parents of Kindergarten and Pre-K students may park along the street on the west side of the parking lot to walk their students to the Kindergarten entrance. It is unsafe for vehicles to stay in the fire lane or to be left unattended behind parked cars. An emergency vehicle could not access the school if cars are incorrectly parked.

Bus Lane

The bus lane and entrance to the bus lane are reserved for school buses only. The bus lane is routed through the Rhodes ES parking lot. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off or picking up. The parking lot will be closed to traffic at 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM each day to allow for safe entrance and exit of buses. Student safety is very important to us, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that all traffic laws are followed to keep our students safe. U-turns within a school zone are illegal, **and a hefty fine may be assessed by CCSD Police or Metro.**

Kindergarten Playground

Kindergarten students will enter the playground gates daily, and teachers will assist them in entering the building. The playground will be closed after classes have entered the building. If your child arrives after the playground is closed (9:10 am), please escort him/her to the front office. At the end of the day, the kindergarten playground will close by 3:30 p.m. We appreciate your help exiting campus after picking up your student.

School Dismissal (Exit Locations and Information)

First through fifth-grade students will exit the main playground on the north side of the school. Students will be released to parents/guardians or those on the approved release list at Infinite Campus. Please notify your student's teacher of any special arrangements for your student at dismissal (i.e., going to Safekey, being allowed to walk home, meeting a parent/sibling at a specific location.) Kindergarten students exit through the kindergarten playground only and must be picked up by an approved adult. Pre-K students will exit from the MPR.

If a parent or guardian arrives late to pick up their student, they need to go to the main office. For the student to be released, the parent or guardian must have photo identification and be on the approved list to pick up the student. Habitual late pickups for students will require a meeting with the school administration.

Safekey

Safekey is a before-and-after-school recreational program for children. City of Las Vegas' Department of Parks & Recreation works in cooperation with CCSD. Safekey is offered at Betsy Rhodes Elementary School. The morning program operates from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., and the after-school program operates from 3:26 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For your child's safety, it is strongly recommended that you complete Safekey online registration in case you are late picking up your child; he/they can remain safely in Safekey until you arrive. If your child is not enrolled in Safekey, the After School Care Plan goes into effect.

During the after-school program, attendance is recorded, and activities may include arts/crafts, sports, indoor/outdoor games, and homework times. Prior to attending the Safekey program, all participants must pre-register. Registration information can be obtained by calling 702-229-3399. Daily Rates are set by the Safekey program. Prices are subject to change. Payment for Safekey will not be accepted at the Safekey school site. If a child is turned away by Safekey due to non-payment, the After School Care Plan will be followed.

CCSD After School Care Plan (Late Pick-ups)

CCSD understands that at times, circumstances may prevent the timely pickup of a student. Therefore, it is critical that alternate arrangements have been made for after-school care. In case of emergency, and a student is not picked up at the end of the school day, school staff will make an effort to reach parents/guardians and emergency contacts to arrange for student pickup. In the event that a parent/guardian or emergency contact is not reached, the school will follow the CCSD After-School Care process. Please note that below is the outline of our after-school care process when a student is not picked up after school.

- When a student is not picked up the first time, the student is sent to Safekey (unless there is an outstanding debt or no signed parent/guardian authorization). The parent is responsible for the cost of Safekey.
- When a student is not picked up the second time, the student is sent to Safekey (unless there is an outstanding debt or no signed parent/guardian authorization).
- When a student is not picked up the third time and beyond, the student is transported to the YMCA of Southern Nevada (YMCA), unless there is an outstanding debt. The parent/guardian is responsible for the cost of YMCA.
- When a student is not picked up from the YMCA by the close of business, the student is transported to Child Haven/Protective Services at 701 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Students with disabilities may be transported directly to Variety School at 2800 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 to ensure appropriate services and care are provided.

CCSD has partnered with several community agencies that provide after-school care programs for students. CCSD encourages all parents to enroll their students in after-school care programs in case an emergency prevents the parent/guardian from picking up his or her child from school within several minutes after dismissal.

Although CCSD does not sponsor, endorse, or control any community programs, your school may help you with accessing information regarding after-school care programs such as Safekey and the YMCA. However, your school cannot register your child. Once again, CCSD highly recommends that you register your child for Safekey even if you pick him/her up every day in case of an emergency.

Please speak with an administrator at your child's school to learn more about after-school care options. It is also extremely important that parents/guardians update their contact information throughout the school year and return the After-School: Parent/Guardian Agreement and Authorization form as soon as possible.

Front Office

The school office hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The office telephone number is 702-799-3450. The office fax number is 702-799-3456. Our office staff is happy to answer questions or transfer you to the voicemail box for your child's teacher. We cannot give out information or answer questions regarding students over the phone because of FERPA laws and maintaining confidentiality; it is impossible to determine who is calling the school.

Enrollment and Withdrawals

Students must be enrolled through the school office before they can attend classes. Parents/Guardians of kindergarten children and students new to the district must present

verification of the date of birth, one proof of address, and immunizations at the time of registration. The school also requires a phone number where parents can be reached in case of an emergency. When you are planning to withdraw a child, the office must have at least one day's notice in order to prepare records.

Attendance and Prearranged Absences

Absences: The importance of regular attendance cannot be overemphasized. We expect a student to be in school every day that they are physically able. Along with student performance, attendance is an indicator for the School Performance Framework. If your child is absent, parents should notify the office and/or complete the attendance report found on the school website. A student may make up work and will be given 3 days for each day absent to make up the missing assignments. A written excuse must accompany students within 3 days of their return to school after an absence. Please notify the school before a vacation to discuss a prearranged absence. All notes must be turned into the basket in the front office or by completing the form on the school website at <https://www.rhodeselementary.com>. While You should also notify the school of your child's absence by emailing the teacher or communicating with them via Class Dojo. You must clarify the reason for the absence (i.e., illness, family emergency, etc.) If the school is not notified of the reason for the absence, the absence is recorded as unexcused. **If a student sees a medical professional (dentist, doctor, social worker, etc.), a medical note should be submitted.** Student attendance is part of the consideration in the state's new accountability system for schools. **Elementary students who exceed fifteen (15) absences during the school year MAY be retained in the current grade.** School attendance is compulsory for all children between the ages of seven and seventeen in Nevada. All absences, including excused absences, affect grades and performance. The parents'/guardians' responsibility is to ensure regular attendance is maintained. Letters will be sent from the school to remind families of attendance procedures. Parent conferences will be scheduled by the office and/or administration due to excessive absenteeism:

Please see the Rhodes Attendance Plan and [CCSD Regulation 5113](#) for more information. Parents/Guardians may be referred for educational neglect if they are noncompliant with the attendance regulation.

Rhodes Elementary School adheres to [CCSD Regulation 5135.1](#) regarding attendance and extracurricular participation. Students absent from class on the day of a scheduled activity may not participate in that event unless the Principal grants prior approval. In addition, if students are habitually absent or tardy, administration and club advisors have the discretion to remove students from a school-sponsored club, activity, or sports team. If fees have been paid, they will not be reimbursed.

Tardies: Punctuality is an important life lesson for our students. Additionally, a tardy student is a serious disruption to the educational process. It interferes with learning time and infringes on the educational rights of other students. Students are tardy if they are not physically present in the classroom at the start of the instructional day. It is important that students walk in with their teacher and class at 9:10 a.m. to ensure a productive start to the day. Students arriving after the final tardy bell at 9:15 a.m. must report to the office for entry. **All students who arrive after the 9:15 a.m. tardy bell must be signed in by a parent/guardian.** Students are unable to walk themselves in if they arrive tardy. Three tardies are equal to one absence. A student shall be recorded as absent for half of the day if more than one (1) hour and fifty-five (55) minutes of the

instructional day are missed. A student shall be recorded as absent for a full day if more than three (3) hours and forty-five (45) minutes of the instructional day are missed. The first ten minutes of school set the tone for the day, so please ensure your child arrives on time. Frequent and habitual tardiness will be addressed through a Required Conference with the Parent and the administration.

Early Dismissal

Under no circumstances are students allowed to leave campus early without an authorized adult present to pick them up. The practice of signing your child out prior to 3:26 p.m. is highly discouraged. There will be no early sign-out after 3:00 p.m. To ensure your child's safety, you will need to show a picture ID in the event you need to check him/her out of school early. Three early outs are equivalent to one absence.

Infinite Campus & ParentLink

Infinite Campus is the web-based information program for CCSD. ParentLink and Infinite Campus deliver messages via telephone, e-mail, text, and printed letters to students, parents/guardians, and staff. The types of messages that are sent include absence notifications, reminders, and general information. In emergency situations, they can prioritize and rapidly send messages containing important information from the district to school staff and parents/guardians. You can access Infinite Campus through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You will need your Infinite Campus login ID and password to access the information. You can obtain your initial code in the office if needed. Teachers are expected to update their gradebook weekly, and grades can be obtained in Infinite Campus through the Parent Portal.

Health Office

We have a School Health Assistant (SHA) on staff during school hours. The health office is located next to the front office, and is open from 9:15 a.m. – 3:26 p.m. Children with temperatures of 100.4 degrees or higher must stay home from school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. Students who are experiencing vomiting or diarrhea should stay home from school. If antibiotics have been prescribed for a contagious illness, children may return to school after taking the medication for 24 hours. If a child becomes ill during school hours, the child's teacher will send the child to the health office with a health slip. The nurse or SHA will call the child's parent/guardian. Parents/Guardians are expected to arrange for the child to be removed from school immediately. Parents/Guardians without transportation and working parents/guardians should make plans for such an occurrence early in the school year.

Student Information & Emergency Contacts

It is extremely important for parents/guardians to provide current telephone numbers to the front office. When school personnel are unable to notify a parent or other designated person, emergency medical services may be requested through 911 to assess seriously ill or injured students. Every attempt will be made to notify the parent/guardian of an emergency involving a student.

Medication

If a physician has prescribed medication for your child to be taken during the school day, a form must be obtained from the health office and completed by the parent/guardian. This record gives permission for authorized school personnel to administer medication to your child.

and is kept on file in the school health office. Parents/Guardians must bring the medication to school in the original prescription bottle along with the authorization form. Do not send the medication to school with your child. Non-prescription medication such as aspirin and Tylenol may not be dispensed by school personnel. Students should not bring over-the-counter medication to school to give to themselves.

School Emergency Procedures

In case of any emergency, such as a situation in the neighborhood, rest assured that the Clark County School District has procedures in place to ensure your child's safety. Betsy Rhodes Elementary will follow these procedures and keep your child safe during any emergency until the district deems that it is safe for your child to be released to you. If such an emergency arises, please do not call the school or come to the school to get your child. This will only complicate an already tenuous situation. Every effort will be made to keep you informed and to ensure the safety of all children at Betsy Rhodes Elementary School. Please note that during an emergency, students are unable to use cellphones to allow for necessary communication at school and with the proper authorities. *It is imperative that you keep the school apprised of your current emergency and home contact numbers.*

Classroom Interruptions

Personal messages for students will not be accepted over the telephone. Parents/Guardians must be present at the office to confirm identity. Messages will be delivered to students by the office staff. Whole school intercom announcements will not be made during instructional periods except in emergencies determined by the administration. Every effort will be made to minimize the number of interruptions to the classrooms during the instructional day.

Homework

The purpose of homework is to provide practice and reinforcement for skills taught in school. Consideration is given to a child's outside activities, so homework will not affect their grade in an academic subject. Reading time is an appropriate homework assignment, and at Rhodes, students can earn incentives through Apple Core, our nightly reading program.

Grading Policy & Missing Work

Our Grading policy remains the same for the 2026-2027 school year. Rhodes Elementary will use the Standards-Based grading scale, an equal-interval, balanced scale. The school reports student achievement to identify mastery of grade-level NVACS/NVACS Connectors and District curriculum in designated content areas, ensuring equity and accuracy in reporting. Grades shall not be influenced by behavior or other nonacademic measures (e.g., late assignments, attendance, participation, responsibility).

Knowledge of Work – Overall summary grade for the content area will be the following:

<i>Elementary Grading Scale</i>	
<i>Standards-Based</i>	<i>Specials</i>
4 Exceeds	4 Exceeds
3 Meets	3 Meets
2 Approaches	2 Approaches
1 Emergent	1 Emergent

Within the gradebook, student grades are based on a 100% summative scale indicating standards mastery. Formative assessments, as a means of standards-based practice, may be included in the gradebook but will not influence a student's final grade. Please review the [Rhodes Elementary 2026-2027 Grading Policy](#) for more detailed information.

Students are accountable for missed work when they are absent. When a student is absent, however, the educational experiences lost during that absence might be irretrievable because the instruction and interaction in the instructional setting cannot be duplicated through makeup work.

Report Card & Progress Reports

Parents can obtain grades through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Additionally, parents can request a paper progress report if they are unable to access grades electronically. All students will receive progress reports halfway through each semester and report cards after the semester via Infinite Campus.

With the adoption of the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS), the CCSD Elementary Report Card has been updated to reflect mastery learning. Students have all year to be taught and assessed to determine their proficiency level relative to mastery of grade-level standards. The NVACS are year-long standards; therefore, mastery is not expected until the end of the year, giving students multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery.

* All standards must be evaluated at least once during the school year.

Learner behaviors will be identified as follows:

E = Exceptional progress; S = Satisfactory progress; N = Needs improvement



Resources

The Rhodes School Website has many educational sites posted for parents. Please go to www.rhodeselementary.com for some suggested resources.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Communication between the parent/guardian and teacher is critical. We encourage parents/guardians to communicate with their child's teacher regularly. All Rhodes teachers utilize Class Dojo as a communication tool with families. Please note that teachers will not stop instruction to respond to messages. Be aware that a response may require 24 hours to receive due to teacher contract hours. Please contact the office directly if you have a concern that needs immediate attention. If a student is doing unsatisfactory work, teachers must advise parents/guardians via telephone, email, and/or written notices. Parent conferences are recommended when unsatisfactory progress is identified. Parents/Guardians can access their child's grades through Infinite Campus. Teachers update assignments and grades at least monthly on Infinite Campus.

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Students will be rewarded for demonstrating respect, responsibility, and safe actions at school. They will be taught and encouraged to follow the “Rhodes Way,” focusing on appropriate procedures and interactions. A variety of incentives are in place to acknowledge students’ good behavior and punctuality.

R**espect and Manners-** By practicing everyday acts of respect and politeness—such as using magic words, making eye contact, and holding doors—students help build a kind and welcoming school environment for teachers, visitors, and peers.

H**allway and Common Space-**Students model campus-wide excellence by walking quietly in single-file lines, keeping cafeteria spaces clean, and using restrooms efficiently and respectfully.

O**wnership and Academic Habits-**Students create a focused and distraction-free classroom by staying prepared, respecting personal boundaries, engaging actively with speakers, and approaching learning challenges with a positive attitude.

D**o the Right Thing-**Students demonstrate true integrity by taking responsibility for their mistakes, practicing complete honesty, and proactively caring for shared spaces and property even when no one is watching.

E**veryone is Included-**Students foster an inclusive and supportive school community by inviting peers to join in, celebrating each other’s successes, offering immediate help, and showing respectful attention to everyone around them.

S**hine Your Light-**Students uplift their school community by bringing positive energy every day and spreading joy through intentional acts of kindness.

School-Wide Recognition & Incentives

Betsy Rhodes Elementary School recognizes the importance of highlighting student achievement. At the end of each semester, students in grades K-5 are recognized for outstanding academic achievement, academic growth, attendance, and citizenship. Additional special recognitions are awarded to fifth-grade students at the end of the year.

Students are recognized for demonstrating positive choices and following school-wide procedures by earning individual Rocket Tickets (kindergarten) or house points (1-5) and Blue Tickets (whole class). Kindergarten students can exchange tickets for incentives during teacher-designated times on Fridays. Additionally, the winning house will have a celebration based on house points earned throughout the year. Entire classes can earn rewards for appropriate behavior and attendance. When students demonstrate truly exceptional behavior that goes above and beyond standard schoolwide expectations, they can be “caught soaring.” This recognition surpasses a regular House Point. Staff members will award these students a special token, which they can redeem at the Claw Machine during lunch.

Classroom Expectations and Progressive Consequences

Each classroom teacher has developed classroom expectations for the students' behavior in the classroom. Expectations are communicated with students and are posted in the classroom(s). Parents/Guardians will be notified of specific expectations. A hierarchy of consequences for students who do not meet expectations has also been established in each classroom. The classroom management plan could include: a reminder/verbal warning, a time-out, loss of privilege, a phone call or letter to parent/guardians, a parent/guardian conference with teachers, and/or a referral to administration.

Consequences for Not Meeting Expectations

All staff members have been asked to be accountable for observing all students in the common areas of our school and giving appropriate consequences for failure to meet the responsibilities expected of students. Therefore, any staff member may issue a Discipline Referral to a student for violating an expectation.

Referrals may be classified as minor or major. Minor behaviors are staff-managed incidents addressed by school personnel, such as a classroom teacher, when applicable. Minor behavior incidents violate school or classroom rules or procedures. Major behaviors are completed by the administration only. Major behaviors are office-managed behaviors that are severe or are habitually repeated. They include behaviors that impact student or staff safety, cause property damage, and may be subject to law enforcement. Consequences for both minor and major behavioral offenses are outlined in the Rhodes Progressive Discipline Plan.

Examples: This is not an exhaustive list; please refer to the CCSD Code of Conduct for more information.

Minor

Incomplete or missing assignments
Disruptions in class
Non-compliance or insubordination
Lack of preparation
Dress code
Physical Altercation

Major

Bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, intimidation
Assault
Vandalism or arson
Possession of a weapon or illegal substance
Theft
Abusive language

Items that pose a safety concern or disrupt the educational environment should not be at school. Examples include: GUM, CANDY, CARDS, ELECTRONICS, TOYS, AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT. No knives, fireworks, matches, etc. are permitted. Students found in possession of weapons shall immediately be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency and suspended from school until an investigation is made regarding the circumstances. (Please refer to CCSD Regulation 5141.1)

Student Searches

The following information, directly from the school district, is required to be shared with students and parents: "Students are hereby informed that they will be subject to search when they enter campus after the beginning of the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized returns. This notice does not exclude personnel, however, from searching a student at any time should there be reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing." Please refer to the CCSD publication [Behaving Positively at School](#) for further explanation of corrective disciplinary actions, bullying,

cyber-bullying, harassment, intimidation, rules of conduct for school bus riders, and student dress code.

Limited Proficiency in English Language

All teachers at Betsy Rhodes Elementary School use effective teaching practices to assist second-language students with building a background for learning and comprehending new material. Translators and interpreters are available upon request for parent/teacher conferences, IEP meetings, registration, etc.

School Celebrations and Birthdays

The Clark County School District has updated [Policy 5157](#) — the Student Wellness Policy — to better support healthy habits and nutrition among students. These changes are designed to help students make informed, healthy food choices throughout their school day. Please review our updated [Wellness Policy](#), which addresses birthday treats, special occasions, and snacks.

Midnight Madness

Midnight Madness will be held in May for students in grades 3-5 who meet the requirements.

Requirements:

- Must be a student of Rhodes Elementary with NO major disciplinary concerns. Students who have been disruptive in class and had multiple Discipline Referrals to the office –OR– have been R.P.C.'d (Required Parent Conference)/Suspensions will have their history reviewed by a panel of teachers to determine whether or not a child can participate in the event.
- Students with chronic absenteeism will have their absences reviewed by a panel of teachers who will determine if they can participate in the event.
- Students will not be invited if they have any dues owed to the school (Lunch money, library charges, technology fees, etc.)
- A fee (3rd-5th) is charged to cover the expenses of activities, dinner, snacks, and a midnight breakfast.
- Students must attend school on the day of the event to participate in Midnight Madness.

Lunch and Breakfast

The school lunch program provides free breakfast, lunch, and milk to all students. Breakfast and lunch menus can be found online at [Mealviewer](#).

Delivering items to school during school hours:

Our goal is to minimize instructional program interruptions. If you need to deliver lunch or other classroom items, please drop them off at the office; our staff will ensure they reach your child's teacher.

Bicycles and Scooter Safety

All bikes and scooters must be walked in all school campus areas by all students, older siblings, and family members. The areas include all sidewalks on and immediately surrounding the school property. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to provide locks for children who ride their bicycles or scooters to school. Each bike should have its own lock. Locking two or more bikes together with one lock is not allowed. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to

bikes or scooters. Please discuss bike and scooter safety with your child before allowing him/her to ride to and from school. We strongly encourage every student to wear a helmet if they plan to ride to school. Heelies, roller skates, roller blades, and skateboards are not allowed. The gate on the fence of the bike parking area will be locked promptly at 9:15 a.m. and will remain locked until 3:26 p.m.

Personal Possessions/Lost and Found

Students should not bring items (e.g., toys, game cards, sports balls) to school that are not a part of the educational program or pre-arranged by the classroom teacher. School staff is not responsible for these items. Please label, in ink, students' coats, lunch boxes, and personal possessions. This is the only way we can quickly return lost items. The school will have a "Lost and Found" located in the Multi-Purpose Room. The office will have a "Lost and Found" box for small items such as wallets, watches, glasses, keys, phones, etc. Please have your child check both places when an item is lost.

Phones/Smart Devices

The office phone is available to students for emergency use only. Cellular phone/smart device use is outlined in the **Rhodes Elementary School Student Cell Phone Policy** as follows:

1. Phones must be turned off and remain off during the instructional day and passing periods in compliance with CCSD Policy 5136. Phones left on vibrate/silent modes are subject to seizure. **For students in fifth grade**, signal-blocking pouches will be issued to each student to secure their cell phones. These pouches will be placed in their backpacks. Fifth-grade students will be allowed access to their cell phones during their wellness break/recess.
2. Phone/Smart Device usage is only allowed during Morning Recess and Afternoon Recess. Students are not permitted to access their devices while in the MP Room, the classroom, on field trips, or when using the restroom.
3. Students are not permitted to access their phones while playing on the playground. If you would like to use your device during recess, you must be in the "Phone Zone", inside the sunburst. Your friends can not join you in the "Phone Zone" if they do not have their own device.
4. Cell phones/Smart Devices may only be used as phones, by individual students only. Students are not allowed to share their device with another student or allow them to view their screen.
5. Students are not allowed to utilize social media or record individuals while on campus, via their phone or other electronic device, to protect the privacy of all students on campus. This includes, but is not limited to: Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube Shorts, WhatsApp, and Reddit
6. Students caught violating the Rhodes Elementary School Student Cell phone Policy, sharing photos or videos taken on campus, or utilizing their phones to communicate with other students on campus will have their device confiscated by school administration. Phones confiscated in violation of these guidelines will only be returned to a parent/guardian during non-instructional hours.

7. Cell phones must remain off during a school evacuation, lockdown, or drill. During these situations, you should not contact your parent/guardian by cell phone until given the okay by school staff, thus allowing emergency communication channels to remain open. The ParentLink communication system has the capability of contacting parents/guardians in an emergency.

Additionally, parents are asked to silence their cellular phones while in school. This ensures both compliance with the above guidelines and serves to set a positive example for students.

Dress Code

The Clark County School District reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students are within the limits of generally accepted community standards, and students shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness. Fashions and fads that become a health or safety hazard will not be allowed. Students' dress, personal appearance, and conduct are required to be of such character as to not disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school or create a safety hazard. Any style that tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or undermine teacher discipline control is unacceptable. The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress or appearance may disrupt or detract from the educational program and pose a potential safety hazard. The principal shall retain the authority to grant exceptions for spirit days, special event dress days, and school-wide free dress days.

Some of the most frequent dress code violations we see are shorts that are too short (they must be fingertip length), muscle shirts for boys, and tank tops that do not have large enough straps. All shirts must have straps that are three inches wide, NOT three fingers wide. In addition, costume items (ex. headbands that have cat or Mickey ears) cannot be worn to school unless they are worn for periodic spirit or costume dress days.

Hooded Sweatshirts/Jackets

Students are permitted to wear a hoodie or a sweatshirt; however, they are not allowed to wear the hood on their head while in the building.

CCSD Dress Code Regulation Information

The CCSD dress code includes the following provisions:

- Require the wearing of shoes with soles. House slippers and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- All clothing must be sufficient to conceal any and all undergarments. No skin will show between bottom of shirt/blouse and top of pants or skirts at any time. All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide. Prohibited tops include, but are not limited to, crop tops, tank tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.
- Require that all shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers/dresses must be at fingertip length.
- All jeans, pants, and trousers must be secured at waist level. Sagging is strictly prohibited. Jeans, pants, and trousers are not to have rips or tears that expose undergarments and/or are located mid-thigh or higher.
- Headgear (hats, hoods, caps, bandanas, hair grooming aids, etc.) is not permitted on campus except for designated school-approved uniforms, special events, authorized

athletic practices, documented medical conditions, bona fide religious reasons, or CCSD/school-sanctioned activities.

- Slogans or advertising on clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories that, by their profane, controversial, discriminatory, and/or obscene nature, disrupt the educational setting are prohibited.
- Any clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories that promote illegal or violent conduct, or affiliation with groups that promote illegal or violent conduct, such as, but not limited to, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats, are prohibited.
- Spiked or studded clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories are prohibited.
- Outerwear such as coats, mittens, and scarves must be removed upon entering the classrooms/buildings. Administrators, teachers, and staff may use their discretion as appropriate based on the temperature in the facility.

Students who arrive at school with an item that does not fit the dress code guidelines will be sent to the nurse's office. Parent contact will be attempted, and then a change of dress may be provided, if available, or parents/guardians will be asked to bring a change of clothes or items for their children. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of time a student is removed from class. Repeated dress code violations could result in a Required Parent Conference.

Parent/Guardian Concerns

If you have a concern with your child's teacher or about something that has occurred in the classroom, your first action should be setting up an appointment with your child's teacher to voice your concerns. After you have spoken with the teacher and worked to resolve the situation, you may complete a concern form in the school office or call the school office at 702-799-3450 for additional assistance. The document for *Effective Parent-School Communication-Chain of Command* and *Guidelines for Effective Parent-School Communication* can be obtained in the front office.

The record of communication will be maintained via Class Dojo, email, or the teacher contact log (phone calls, conferences, etc.) in Infinite Campus.

Library

We ask that the parents support library rules and stress appropriate behavior by their children in the library.

The rules are:

- ★ Return books on the date they are due.
- ★ Report lost or damaged books immediately.
- ★ No food or drink allowed.
- ★ Keep books in a safe place at home, away from younger children and pets.



Students and their parents or guardians are responsible for all instructional materials and equipment loaned to or used by the student and shall reimburse the district for any damage or loss to such items.

School Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks

The Clark County School District provides necessary supplies to students to meet their educational needs. Parents/Guardians are welcome to donate supplies and/or items for special events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Your child's teacher may send home a list of suggested supplies. Workbooks and textbooks are supplied by the school district. Textbooks and other materials that are lost or damaged must be replaced by the student/family.

Visitors

Parents/Guardians can make appointments with the teacher and administrator's approval to visit classrooms during the day. This policy is subject to change throughout the year. All visitors must report to the office, sign in, and obtain a visitor's badge to wear while on campus. Visitors should assist in maintaining the focus on instruction and avoid questions and conversations with teachers during the instructional day. Contact can be made outside of instructional time. Parents are always able to request conferences with teachers.

Volunteers

We are so thankful for our families and community members, and we appreciate the time you can give to volunteering. At this time, school volunteers for essential functions are allowed by appointment only and with approval by the principal. School volunteers who will have unsupervised contact with students must have District photo identification badges.

You need not devote a large amount of time in order to be a volunteer. There are even ways that you can help without leaving home. Your child's teacher will be happy to let you know specific ways in which you can be of assistance. These may include photocopying for the teacher, helping with district-approved celebrations or special events, and accompanying field trips.

Essential components for volunteers include:

- All volunteers must attend a volunteer meeting prior to volunteering on campus.
- All volunteers are required to sign and adhere to a school volunteer contract.
- All volunteer hours and arrangements are to be scheduled prior to the day(s) volunteers arrive, so that teachers can be prepared with items volunteers will assist with.
- Unannounced visitors and volunteers are not permitted.
- Badged volunteers have been through the CCSD background check and will wear their badge while on campus at all times.
- Identification will be checked for all volunteers each day. Sticker badges will be provided and must be worn at all times.
- Volunteers cannot be alone with students and are not tasked with providing instruction.
- Volunteers should know how to use the necessary equipment and follow the times for the availability of the staff workroom.
- Volunteers must maintain student confidentiality.
- Volunteers will help to ensure that the learning time and environment are maintained.
- Volunteers will support school-wide expectations; student issues will be handled by staff members only.
- Volunteers must follow school-wide guidelines for dress code and cell phone usage.

- Non-school aged children are not allowed to be with parents as they are volunteering. This helps to maintain a safe environment, conducive to learning.



Parent Involvement Opportunities

Betsy Rhodes Elementary believes in shared input and decision-making. Administration hosts numerous informal meetings throughout the year. These open forums provide parents/guardians the opportunity to bring concerns/issues to the attention of the administration. This could include safe passage to and from school, playground issues, parking, maintenance concerns, etc.

The CCSD Reorganization consists of the component for maintaining a School Organizational Team (SOT). Staff members and parents are voted in to be members of the six-person team for Rhodes ES. More information on voting for the parent members of the team will be shared in preparation for the election in September.

We encourage parents and guardians to become members of the Rhodes Rockets PTA. Both the PTA and the school will initiate family involvement events throughout the year.

School/Home Communication

Betsy Rhodes Elementary School utilizes Infinite Campus, ParentLink messages, and Class Dojo to relay important information. The school also sends home written communication (i.e., letters, newsletters, flyers, etc.). Please ensure that your email address and phone numbers are current with the front office, and check your child's backpack on a regular basis. Important items should be placed in the Take-Home Folder.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK SIGNATURE PAGE

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Please complete and return this page to your child's teacher. Thank you!

I have read the Betsy Rhodes Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook, which is available on the school website at www.rhodeselementary.com, and shared the information with my child.

Student Name (Please print)

Teacher/Room

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

