

Rodríguez Middle School

Student & Parent Handbook

2026-2027

This campus handbook works alongside the [Denton ISD Student & Parent Handbook](#) and the [Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct](#). Where conflicts exist, the Student Code of Conduct governs. Families are responsible for reviewing all three documents.

Welcome & Introduction

Dear Viper Students and Families,

Welcome to Rodríguez Middle School. Our goal is a safe, respectful, and engaging environment where every student grows academically, socially, and emotionally. Please keep this handbook handy throughout the year.

— RMS Administration



The poster is a 2x2 grid with a dark grey header and footer. The header features the school's logo (a stylized 'R' with a viper head) and the name 'RODRIGUEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL' in teal. The top-left quadrant is black with white text for the 'MISSION' statement and the Denton ISD logo. The top-right quadrant is teal with white text for the 'VISION' statement. The bottom-left quadrant is teal with white text for the 'Viper Vow' and a large 'ALL WE LEARN LEAD BELONG SUCCEED' graphic. The bottom-right quadrant is black with white text for the 'Viper Vow' and its establishment date. The footer is dark grey with white text listing the school's core values.

MISSION

Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.

VISION

"WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING A CULTURE THAT CELEBRATES DIVERSITY, ENCOURAGES SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STUDENT GROWTH, EMPOWERS RESILIENT LEARNERS, AND GENERATES AUTHENTIC LEARNING EXPERIENCES. THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION, WE WILL CULTIVATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY BELONG AND ALL DECISION-MAKING WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF STUDENTS."

Viper Vow

I promise to show the Viper Core Values: Integrity, Responsibility, Leadership, Innovation, and Collaboration.

I am proud to be a Rodríguez Viper.

Established 2021 by RMS FANGS Students

ALL WE LEARN LEAD BELONG SUCCEED

Innovation - Leadership - Collaboration - Responsibility - Integrity

Rodríguez Middle School

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BELL SCHEDULE

Viper U

1st period

2nd period

3rd period

8:15am— 8:40am

8:43am— 9:28am

9:31am— 10:16am

10:19am— 11:05am

SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE
A LUNCH	4th period	4th period
11:05am-11:35am	11:08am-11:53am	11:08am-11:53am
4th period	B LUNCH	5th period
11:38am-12:23pm	11:53am-12:23pm	11:56am-12:41pm
5th period	5th period	C LUNCH
12:26pm-1:11pm	12:26pm-1:11pm	12:41pm-1:11pm
6th period		1:14pm— 1:59pm
7th period		2:02pm— 2:47pm
8th period		2:50pm— 3:35pm

Administration

Carly Rogers, Principal
Ericka Scott, Assistant Principal
Brandt Brooks, Assistant Principal

Counseling Department

Amanda Osborn, Professional School Counselor
Misty Bennett, Lead Counselor
Michael Rooney, IMPACT Counselor

Front Office

Jennifer Govan, Principal's Administrative Assistant
Sandra Aguirre, Attendance
Jajuana Martin, Receptionist
Yesmin Bills, Registrar/Office Assistant

School Resource Officer

Officer Butler
Oak Point Police Department

School Nurse

Kimberly Henry, Nurse

Library, Media & Technology

Jennie Andrews, Librarian
Santiago Bosquez, Campus Support Technician

Campus Athletic Coordinators

Charles Smith, Boys' Athletic Coordinator
Angela Taylor, Girls' Athletic Coordinator

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Academic Integrity

Cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, falsification, or facilitating academic dishonesty violate district policy and will result in disciplinary and academic consequences consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and campus guidelines.

Accidents

While we make every effort to keep our Vipers safe, accidents do happen. If an accident happens, students are required to report the incident to a teacher/administrator immediately.

Athletics/PE

All students need to dress out in the appropriate clothing every day. Gym uniform consists of a gray t-shirt and black shorts. Shorts must have a minimum 7-inch inseam. Students must secure possessions in gym lockers. RMS and coaches are not responsible for lost items. Athletics participation requires [Rank One](#) forms and a current Texas physical on file. (It will take up to 48 hours for new students to appear) **Your student will need a current Texas Physical on file before they can participate. All paperwork must be completed before an athlete can try out.**

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential. State law requires at least 90% attendance each semester. Absences must be submitted through the district online form within 72 hours of return. Students have the number of days missed plus one to complete make-up work.

Bicycles

Bicycles must be locked at bike stands. Owners assume responsibility for security. Motorized vehicles, skates, scooters, shoes with wheels, and skateboards are not allowed on campus.

Buses

Bus service is provided to students living more than 2 miles from campus. Parents should call RMS before 2pm for transportation changes. Students must follow all rules and behave properly; threatening behavior at bus stops or on buses is prohibited.

Cafeteria

Follow posted rules and staff directions. Remain seated until dismissed, clean your area, and keep food/drinks (except water) in the cafeteria.
Restaurant/third-party deliveries are prohibited.

Campus Behavior Coordinator (CBC)

Rodríguez Middle School's Campus Behavior Coordinator (CBC):

- Carly Rogers, Principal
- Phone: 972-347-7050
- Email: crogers@dentonisd.org

The CBC is primarily responsible for student discipline and works with the campus Threat Assessment and Safe and Supportive Schools Team.

Campus Dress Code

RMS dress code aligns with DISD guidelines. Students must present a clean, well-groomed appearance. Administration has final authority. Solutions for violations include: change into appropriate clothes, call parents, or ISS assignment if clothing cannot be corrected.

Campus Hours

Campus is open 7:45–3:45 for supervised students. Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of activity end. Late pickups may affect participation in events. Morning arrivals must follow campus protocol.

Canvas

Canvas is the district's online learning platform. Parents may create accounts to view student work, feedback, and grades. Create a parent login [here](#)

Chromebooks and Technology Use

Bring a charged Chromebook daily. Use complies with district Acceptable Use Policy. Damage/loss may result in fees. Annual insurance: \$20 (\$10 reduced). Covers up to \$200 in damages/replacement. It is highly recommended that students purchase Chromebook insurance each year. [Technology / Chromebook Insurance Policy](#)

Conduct/Discipline

RMS students Rodriguez Vipers are expected to be leaders at all times and embody our core values. If for some reason a student chooses not to make the appropriate choices, Rodriguez Middle School will follow the district Student Code of Conduct for student behavior. [Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct](#)

- Detention-
 - Lunch (assigned by teacher or administrator)
 - After School (assigned by teacher or administrator)
- In School Suspension (ISS)/ Out of School Suspension(OSS) - Students completing a disciplinary consequence in ISS or OSS will not be allowed to attend any school-related activity during the time assigned to ISS or OSS. ISS students are not allowed to be anywhere on campus at any time unless under direct supervision of the ISS teacher, school counselor, or administrator. Students who serve ISS or OSS on the day of an event are not allowed to participate in or attend the event.

Counselors

Counselors support students with academics, social/emotional needs, and crisis situations. Students may request appointments via Counselor Canvas page. Emergency passes may be given by teachers. All students that speak with a counselor must complete the [Parent Informed Consent for School-Based Counseling and Support Services](#).

If your child is recommended for group counseling, we will notify you and share the topic so you're fully informed. Please fill out the [Parent/Guardian Group Counseling Permission Slip](#).

Clubs

RMS offers many student-led clubs for students to be involved in. In order for your student to participate, you must complete the permission form. Any student who tries to attend a club without consent will be turned away. [Student Club/Organization Permission Form](#)

Directory Information & FERPA Notice

Denton ISD designates limited directory information for school-sponsored purposes and certain third-party requests. Parents may opt out in writing within district timelines. See district handbook for full details.

District Alignment & Cross-References

This campus handbook supplements:

- Denton ISD Student & Parent Handbook (2025–2026)
- Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct (2025–2026)

In case of conflict, the Code prevails.

Elevator Use

Elevators are for students with medical needs and require a pass from the nurse or administration.

Grades and Report Cards

Grades and report cards are available in the [Home Access Center](#). Paper copies are not distributed.

Hall Passes

Students must have a hall pass to be in hallways. Students without passes will be returned to class and disciplined per the Code of Conduct.

ID Cards

IDs must be worn visibly at all times. IDs are required for bus boarding. Lost/damaged IDs can be replaced for \$5 in the hub. Temporary IDs are available in PODs and the cafeteria each morning. Students without IDs face disciplinary consequences.

Lost and Found

Lost items are stored in designated lost and found areas. Items not claimed will be donated. Students should label belongings.

Nurse's Office

Students must complete the nurse's Canvas form before visiting. All illness-related calls must come from the nurse's office. Parents must keep contact info current. Medications must be stored/administered by the nurse per district policy. Parental consent is required for schools to conduct health screening, please fill out the [Health Services Screening Consent Form](#).

Personal Communication Devices (Cell Phones, Smartwatches, etc.)

Devices must be off or silent and stored in backpacks 8:15–3:35. Use requires staff permission. Exceptions: IEP/504 plans, physician directive, or safety requirement. Violations result in discipline and possible parent pick-up. Students bring devices at their own risk.

Prohibited Items & Substances (Summary)

Prohibited items include firearms, knives, clubs, ammunition, fireworks, BB guns, laser pointers, pornographic material, tobacco/e-cigarettes, vaping devices, matches/lighters, or dangerous articles. Prohibited substances include alcohol, illegal drugs, paraphernalia, look-alike drugs, and misuse of medications.

RMS Traffic Pattern

Arrival: Breakfast students go to the cafeteria; others to grade-level pods.
Dismissal: Bus riders from cafeteria; car/walk/bike riders exit front. Walkers and bikers must leave campus immediately.

School Cancellation

Closures due to weather/emergencies will be announced via local media, district website, and campus social media.

School Supplies

[School Supply List](#) provided by campus.

Searches, Student Property, and District Property

Students and belongings may be searched with reasonable suspicion. Lockers, desks, and technology are district property and subject to search.

Tardy Policy

Students not in class at the bell are tardy. 1st–2nd tardies = warnings. 3rd = lunch detention and parent contact. 4+ = behavior incident form. Chronic tardiness may lead to additional discipline.

Technology Help

Help desk: 940-369-1234 or district website. Password resets and support available. Students may submit [HEAT tickets](#) for issues. Whether you're looking for Chromebook help, learning resources, or tips for navigating technology at home— [The Digital Learning Student & Family Hub](#) can help.

Telephone

Classroom/front office phones are available with staff permission. Transportation/social plans should be arranged before school.

Threat Assessment & Safe and Supportive Schools Team

The CBC collaborates with the campus team to assess and respond to behaviors that could pose safety risks. The team follows district assessment and support procedures.

Tutorial Schedule

Staff offer before- and after-school tutorials. Students may attend any teacher's tutorial if they arrive during posted times. The schedule is posted [here](#).

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WHY JOIN COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS?

- **Fun & Supportive Lunch Groups**
From exciting games and creative activities to meaningful conversations, our lunch groups give students a chance to relax, connect, and build confidence. We also help students navigate real-life challenges like test anxiety, bullying, and stress—all in a safe, supportive environment.
- **1-on-1 Personalized Support**
Sometimes students just need someone in their corner. I work directly with students to offer extra support, encouragement, and guidance tailored to their unique needs.
- **Academic & Career Readiness Help**
Whether it's tutoring, goal-setting, or career exploration—we're here to keep your student on track and inspired about their future.
- **Free Essentials When You Need Them**
Our on-campus clothing closet and mini food pantry are stocked with clothing, food, school supplies, and hygiene products—completely free for families.
- **Mentorship That Makes a Difference**
With your permission, your child can be matched with a caring mentor who meets with them on campus and helps them stay motivated and focused.
- **Spots are limited and fill up fast!**
To reserve your student's place in this life-changing program, simply scan the QR code and complete the quick registration form here—**(All our services are free)**

QUESTIONS?



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If you have questions or need assistance with clothing, food, or hygiene items, don't hesitate to reach out—I'm here to help!



Afterschool Centers on Education

Texas ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education) provides a no-cost afterschool program to help students thrive in and out of the classroom.

- **Targeted academic support** aligned with the school day, including high-impact tutoring;
- **Student interest-based enrichment**, such as arts, sports, and service learning, that builds both academic and nonacademic skills;
- **College and career readiness** activities that provide real-world learning experiences that strengthen skills like collaboration, communication, and creativity; and
- **Family engagement** opportunities that empower adult family members to connect with their students and school communities.

QUESTIONS?

ENROLL NOW!

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A Parent Consent Form must be completed on either Active or an paper for your child's participation in this program



Rodriguez Middle School

CAMPUS INFORMATION

School hours: 8:15-3:35
Doors open at 7:45

RMS Admin Team



RMS Counseling Services



CALENDARS

2025-2026 Calendar



Bell Schedule



CANVAS

An Online learning platform that supports teachers in delivering instruction to students. *See your students' submitted work, teacher feedback, grades, and more!



DRESS CODE

Students must adhere to the dress code outlined in the Denton ISD code of conduct. Hats, blankets, sunglasses, and hoods worn on the head will not be permitted inside the building.

HOME ACCESS CENTER



- Check grades
- Class Schedule
- See tardies and attendance
- Email teachers

CELL PHONE POLICY

Per House Bill 1481, all personal electronic devices must be stored out of sight during the instructional day.

This includes:
Cell Phones
Smart Watches
Headphones
Video Games



Failure to comply will result in the device being confiscated and further disciplinary actions

ATTENDANCE

FAMILY RESOURCES



CONNECT WITH RMS

RMS Website



RMS Facebook Page



