

R. B. Wright Elementary School
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to R.B. Wright Elementary School. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please take the time to look over the contents of this handbook. It explains what you can expect from the staff at our school as well as our expectations of you and your child. If at any time you are unclear about an item, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We hope that you will remember R.B. Wright Elementary School is your school and our success greatly depends on you. Plan to get involved at the school and spend quality time talking with your child about his/her school day. Also, become actively involved in your child's education by knowing his/her daily schedule, homework assignments, friends, etc.

Together we can make the 2017-2018 school term a successful and rewarding experience for both you and your child.

Our Vision

R. B. Wright Elementary School will serve as a model of excellence in the areas of academic achievement, attendance, and student success.

R. B. Wright's Mission

R. B. Wright Elementary is committed to providing its students with opportunities for academic excellence in a safe and caring environment where individual differences are respected.

We Believe:

- All students learn differently, and varying teaching strategies are needed to meet individual needs and learning styles.
- All students learn best in an encouraging environment where expectations are high.
- All students can learn responsibility and the consequences of their choices.
- All students can be taught goal setting.
- All students should learn to respect themselves, others, and property.

R. B. Wright's School Goals

- Students will read on grade level.
- Students will be able to perform appropriate grade-level math skills.
- Students will demonstrate appropriate grade-level skills in the area of writing.
- Students will demonstrate personal responsibility for their actions.

The following procedures and policies are additions to our county policies and are school specific to R. B. Wright Elementary School.

SCHOOL HOURS: Due to scheduled supervision, students should not arrive at school until 7:10 am. *No students should be on campus before 7:15 am.*

Students wishing to eat breakfast should report to the cafeteria. Breakfast service begins at 7:10 am. If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please drop him/her off early enough so there is sufficient time to eat before school begins. Students choosing not to eat breakfast should report directly to their classroom.

School instruction begins at 7:40 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Any student arriving after 7:40 am will be considered tardy. If a child arrives after 7:40 am, he/she must sign in at the school office. *An adult MUST sign in any student who arrives late.*

After 2:00 pm, we will NOT accept or send messages to students about changes in how they should go home. At 2:00 pm, we will make announcements about changes to afternoon routines. This will allow us to make sure we have provided the correct information, as well as, allow your child time to make sure he/she understands any changes.

No child may be checked out after 2:00 pm.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: All students who do not ride the bus to or from school should be dropped off and picked up at the back of the school. Bus transportation is only provided to in-zone students. Pre-K students and 5th grade students may be dropped off in the front of the school. Because we often schedule after-school meetings and training sessions for our staff, all students should be picked up before 2:45 pm.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION: We encourage you to become actively involved in our P.T.O. The P.T.O. meets regularly and will be involved in many activities and projects throughout the school year. As an active member, you can make a meaningful contribution to our school and your child's education. **Please view the RBW PTO Facebook page for information.**

CAFETERIA: Parents are invited to visit and eat with their child throughout the school year. Please only choose **one friend** to eat outside with your child. The school nutrition program seeks to provide tasty, nutritious, and affordable meals in a pleasant environment. The school utilizes a computerized system to count student meals and maintain accurate records. Students attending all Colquitt County schools are eligible for breakfast and lunch at **NO COST**. No further action or any additional application is needed.

CLUBS: R. B. Wright offers the following clubs/organizations to eligible students.

Art Club provides extended opportunities for students to create art for the classroom and school community. It is offered to 4th and 5th graders, once per week from 2:30-3:20.

- Purpose: Art Club is a way for your child to further their experience in Art at R.B.Wright Elementary
- Club Advisors: Ty Sutz
- Activities: Club members create age appropriate artwork using a variety of media, as well as help design and paint murals for our school.

Junior BETA Club is open to 4th and 5th graders who were on the A/B Honor Roll in 4th grade and who maintain an 85 or above average in all academic subjects in the 5th grade.

- Purpose: BETA Club encourages effort, rewards merit, and reinforces good citizenship.
- Faculty Advisors: Gabriela Ramirez , 5th Grade Teachers, Kristen Griner and Caroline Glenn
- Activities: monthly meetings, school service projects, sponsors a dance, provides recognition gifts for staff members, end-of-year trip

American Sign Language Club - 3rd-5th graders and is held from 2:30-3:15 once a week

- Purpose: Students will learn how to communicate using American Sign Language. Students will also explore various aspects of Deaf Culture, to include, famous Deaf individuals, history, art, and more.
- Faculty Advisors: ASL teachers and interpreters
- Activities: Weekly meetings, ASL performances, crafts and language experiences

Student Government Association (SGA) provides leadership opportunities for all students at three different levels: elected officers, board members, and classroom representatives.

- Purpose: SGA exists to provide students with an opportunity to voice ideas that will have a positive impact on our school and our community.
- Faculty Advisors: Haley Jarvis, Caroline Glenn, Sophie Griner and Ingrid Wingate
- Activities: school and community projects, school floats, new teacher kits, sale of Packer favors, fundraisers

Technology Club is a computer skills, after-school club open to 4th and 5th graders.

- Purpose: This club provides opportunities for 4th and 5th graders to extend their basic computer knowledge through high interest, technology activities.
- Club Advisors: Selina Brown
- Activities: create products through the use of technology (i.e. web pages, PowerPoint presentations, digital and video photography, etc.)

Running Club is open to 3rd- 5th graders.

- Purpose: to provide students with an opportunity to become healthy through exercise
- Club Advisors: Holly Perryman
- Activities: promotes a healthy lifestyle through exercise

TOME Reading Bowl Team is open to 4th and 5th graders

- Purpose: promotes a passion for reading
- Club Advisors: Bonnie Kirkley & Susie Strange
- Activities: read and discuss children's literature and participation in reading bowls

Garden Club - provides opportunities for enrichment of science and mathematics

- Purpose: promote a passion for agriculture and the environment
- Club Advisors: Ingrid Wingate and Stacey Brightwell
- Activities: participation in crop production and agricultural practices

R. B. Wright Choir- 3rd-5th grade students

- Purpose: learn basic proper vocal technique
- Faculty Advisor: Ingrid Wingate
- Activities: Meet weekly, performances, and concerts

4-H is available to all 4th and 5th graders and is held during designated class time.

- Purpose: “I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my World.”
- Faculty Advisors: 5th Grade Teachers, 4-H Representative
- Activities: GA National Fair events, 4-H Friends, 4-H Quiz, CPA and DPA events and workshops, camping, monthly meetings, livestock shows

Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety (CHAMPS) is available to 5th graders and is completed during designated time during the school day.

- Purpose: CHAMPS provides students with the skills to avoid involvement in drugs, violence, gangs, negative peer pressures, etc.
- Advisors: 5th Grade Teachers, Colquitt County Sheriff’s Representative
- Activities: classroom activities, graduation ceremony

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At R. B. Wright Elementary School, we believe it is advantageous for students to participate in extracurricular activities. However, if you want to **DECLINE** participation in any of the above clubs/organizations for your child, please complete the section below.

NAME OF STUDENT

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME OF CLUB(S)

(only list those in which you *DO NOT* want your child to participate)

Colquitt County Minimal Promotion Requirements

The Colquitt County Board of Education encourages academic excellence and endorses the concept of attaining specified grade level standards in order to be promoted to the next higher grade.

The definition of “grade level” is specific to each grade.

Kindergarten = skills must be “Accomplished”

1st Grade = “Performs at the Appropriate Level”

2nd Grade = “S” in academic subjects

3rd – 5th Grades = semester average of “70” and above

Grades 1-5

a) To be promoted from one grade to the next, students must meet *three of five grade level standards listed below*.

1. grade level performance in reading
2. grade level performance in math
3. grade level performance in language arts/writing
4. grade level performance in science *or* social studies
5. minimum of 89% attendance (no more than 20 days – 160/180)

b) To be promoted from one grade to the next, students in the grades listed below must meet all *state assessment requirements for promotion* as specified in 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs – Student Assessment.

The final decision regarding the promotion of a student to the next grade will be based on teacher, principal, and parent input and will follow the procedure outlined in the local Board of Education Policy Code IHE “Promotion and Retention”.

Parent Involvement Policy/Compact Distribution

Date:

R.B. Wright Elementary School

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Representative Signature _____ Date: _____

The R.B. Wright Elementary School Parent Involvement Compact is an agreement between parents, students and school. By signing this Parent Involvement Compact, we agree to work together as partners. We will motivate, challenge and inspire each other to provide the best learning environment for students.

