

Tara Elementary School

ACCIDENTS

ACCIDENTS/INJURIES (EMPLOYEES)

In the event an employee is involved in an accident or receives an injury while at work, the employee should notify the principal and the bookkeeper immediately. The bookkeeper will get the employee to complete any necessary Worker's Compensation documentation. This information is requested and must be returned in a timely manner. The employee has to be approved to visit any doctors on CCPS Panel of Physicians. The employee can not show up at a location without knowledge and pre-approval.

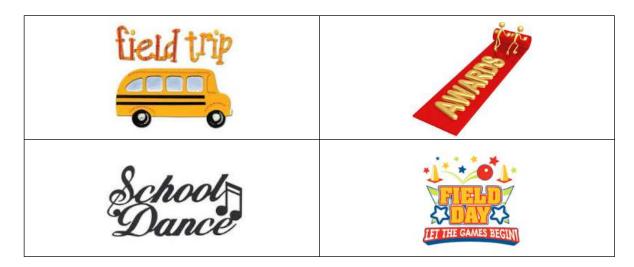
Please note: Informational Posters regarding Worker's Compensation, FMLA, and ETC are posted in the Teacher's Lounge.

STUDENT ACCIDENTS

- A student who is ill or injured should be sent to the Healthcare Technician's office with a pass accompanied by the teacher or another student.
- All incident reports must be completed and submitted on the day of the accident.

ACTIVITIES

Seek the approval of the principal one month in advance for all major activities including, but not limited to field trips, field day, graduation programs, awards programs, and student recognition activities, etc. The request should be submitted via email.



ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (2017 -2018)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Morning announcements are generally broadcasted over closed circuit TV. These announcements are a vital link for school wide communication. **ALL** staff should view the morning announcements. **Do not send students to the office, media center, or on errands during morning announcements.** The announcement time sets the tone for the day. Respectful attention by students, parents, and staff lends importance to the communication and alleviates the "confusion" caused by not knowing. Please note that students, staff, faculty, and visitors should stop all activities and stand at attention during the Pledge of Allegiance. Afternoon announcements will be made over the Public Address System at 2:08 PM. Classroom interruptions will be kept to a minimum. No staff member should use the P.A. system without the prior approval of the principal.

ARRIVIAL PROCEDURES (AM)



- 1. Teachers, please make sure students move quietly and promptly down the hallway; during duty times interact and ensure safety.
- 2. Students will be released from the Cafeteria, Library, and Computer Lab beginning at 7:25 am.
- 3. Breakfast ends promptly at 7:40 am.
- 4. All teachers stand at their doorway from 7:20 am-7:30 am. From 7:30 am-7:40 am half of each grade level should be in their doorway. Please Rotate Accordingly.

5. When planning for an absence, notify Dr. Brown. Then, please ask a substitute or colleague to cover your duty post during an absence.

Car Lane	7:00	Perdue, Graham, Wilkes
Cafeteria-	7:00	Jones, Morrow, Alexander, Rodgers, V. Brown
		Celestin, Lowry, Riggins, Malis, Ealey, Johnson,
		Weems
Meet Students at Bus	7:00	Lowry, Celestin, Weems, Malis, Ealey
Cafeteria-Monitor their students	7:15	Sidhu, Searcy, Ullman, Cotton, Crisp, Armstrong
Cafeteria Door	7:00	Simmons
Front Office	7:00	Smith
Media Center (3 ^{rd-} 5th)	7:00	Pennell, Fleming, Wilkerson
Computer Lab (K-2)	7:00	Bynum, Gibson, Nell
200 Hallway (Front of Counselors	7:25	Pennell
Office)		
200 Hallway (1st Stairwell)	7:25	Fleming
400 Cross Hall	7:25	Bynum
400 Hallway (Front of Kindergarten	7:25	Gibson
Restrooms)		
300 Hallway (Bottom of steps)	7:25	Anderson
Front Office	7:15	Figueroa
Bus Passes	7:30	Wilkerson, Nell, Lytle, Gresham,
Morning Show	7:40	Gillespie
Make Copies	7:15	Pruitt

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

"80 percent of success is showing up." ~Woody Allen





Showing up isn't everything, and it might not even be 80 percent of success, but it is important for both students and teachers. All students deserve access to excellent teachers and administrators, but access is dependent on the student and teacher both being present, engaged, and working together.

Chronic student absenteeism is a primary cause of lower academic achievement and is predictor of dropping out. Students with lower attendance rates may feel alienated from classmates and teachers, may have more negative interactions, and may be socially disengaged upon returning to school.

Equally important is teacher attendance. We know there is no single greater school-related influence on the achievement of a student than his or her teacher. If a student is absent, his or her absence might only affect one person; if a teacher is absent, between 25 and 100 students are affected.

Teachers are the most important school-based determinant of students' academic success. It's no surprise researchers find that teacher absence lowers student achievement.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY -Clayton Board Policy GBR-R (1) Regulation - Professional Personal Working Conditions

The successful operation of the Clayton County Public Schools is contingent upon the commitment of employees to demonstrate punctual attendance during each scheduled workday. Excessive employee absenteeism and tardiness result in a system that is ineffective, inefficient, and not conducive to the "teachinglearning" process. Therefore, implementation of the staff attendance policy of the Clayton County Board of Education shall be in accordance with these provisions:

- Six (6) occurrences (which includes absences or tardies) shall be considered a "reasonable level" or normal amount of time an employee can be away from the job and shall serve as the benchmark for absence and tardy control regulations for the entire school year.
 - Anticipated absences shall be scheduled at least one day in advance.
 Notice of scheduled absences shall be made by the employee to the principal (supervisor).
 - Employees shall not be able to change absences to an exempt leave category after the absence has occurred (i.e. use of annual or personal business leave after an unscheduled absence).
 - Medical certification shall be required once supervisor deems absences to be habitual and abusive.
 - Absences or tardies in excess of six (6) shall be reviewed by supervisor.
 Appropriate action will be administered when necessary. Supervisor's best professional judgment should be used when determining negligence.
 - Absences for any critical day shall require prior approval by the department head/supervisor.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY -Clayton Board Policy GBR-R (1) Regulation - Professional Personal Working Conditions DEFINITIONS

- **-ABSENCE** any time away from duty/work.
- **-ABSENTEEISM** absence from duty/work, especially such absence when habitual.
- **-OCCURRENCE** any absence from duty/work, either individual day or consecutive days.
- **-TARDY** arrival at work at any time after the official start time of the workday for the worksite.
- **-CRITICAL DAYS** workdays for which absences pose a serious hardship on system operations and for which any absence shall require advance approval by the supervisor.

-CRITICAL DAYS are defined as:

- Teacher professional learning days (including pre and post planning weeks).
- First and last day of school for students each semester.
- Any single day or consecutive days prior to and/or following a holiday or holiday period, pay period or prior to and/or following, approved annual or personal leave.
- Standardized testing period for students

-EXEMPT ABSENCE - an absence not subject to these regulations:

- First four (4) days of scheduled absences for illness-related reason.
- Approved leaves of absence as follows:
 - Annual Leave
 - Personal business (3 paid days)
 - Military leave
 - Jury Duty
 - Professional leaves (educational/study, educational meeting/conference, in-service training, official school business, government service or special leave)
 - Leave granted under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
 - Worker's compensation leave
 - Disciplinary action by the employer, i.e. suspension

-JOB ABANDONMENT - An employee who fails to report to work or contact the worksite for three (3) or more consecutive workdays without permission and/or proper notification will be considered to have abandoned his/her position and the District will move forward with the appropriate action. In any instance of less than three days, the employee shall present sufficient written justification and attach to the justification appropriate documentation supporting the reason(s) for the absence and failure to contact or their position may still be declared abandoned.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY -Clayton Board Policy GBR-R (1) Regulation — Professional Personal Working Conditions SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors shall enforce the attendance policy and regulations. Further, it is expected that individuals serving in supervisory roles shall be models for employees to emulate. Department heads/supervisors should take these preventive actions in support of the provisions of this policy and regulations:

Hold initial and periodic meetings with staff each year to establish
expectations for attendance and punctuality, to distribute and discuss the
current policy and regulations and to emphasize the purpose of sick leave
and the consequences of abuse. Make clear, publish and post the policy,
regulations and established start time for the worksite.

- Look for developing patterns of staff absences. Recognize excessive and chronic absenteeism and tardiness, and maintain accurate employee attendance records.
- Develop, in conjunction with staff, a staff attendance committee, and a school attendance improvement plan for staff.
- Require employees to give notice of scheduled absences in person rather than via phone, note, or third party.
- Include attendance and punctuality as you consider recommendations for tenure, summer school employment, and participation in programs that reward the employee in some way. Rely on your documentation and the attendance records. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, recommend only those employees whose attendance and punctuality fall below the benchmark.
- Do not wait until an employee has missed seven (7) days if developing patterns or signs of abuse warrant more prompt counseling or other actions.
- Recognize false information, attempts to manipulate, or other devious behavior. Depending on the nature of the unacceptable conduct, a first offense could warrant serious disciplinary action.
- Properly implement the provisions of these regulations, keeping in mind the protection of individual rights and "due process." All employees must be guaranteed fair treatment. Make no assumptions; collect evidence, document and make accurate reports of findings.
- Develop departmental reward and recognition programs that are designed to motivate employees to come to work. Examples include: employee of the month, designated parking space for employee of the month, monthly perfect attendance recognition, employee of the year, distinguished service awards, etc.

Attendance

School begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. Teacher's workday hours are 7:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Teachers' minimum work day is eight (8) hours and the minimum work week is 40 hours.

The actual time spent on site shall be at least 7 ½ hours unless designated by Principal or Superintendent. Duties acceptable for additional minutes may include but not be limited to: teacher preparation, staff meetings, student evaluation activities, conferences with parents and students, planning conferences, professional learning activities, extracurricular activities, and related school activities in the community.

Teachers are to report to their respective classrooms by 7:15 a.m.; the time for departure will be no earlier than 3:15 p.m. Staff meetings and conferences, when necessary, will necessitate a later sign-out time. This 3:15 p.m. departure

time stands unless it is approved in advance by the Principal or Assistant Principal. A "Leave" form is provided for this purpose. After a "Leave" request is approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal, the Principal or Assistant Principal will return the form and the teacher/paraprofessional will need to secure a substitute, if applicable.

ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS

Accurate accounting for attendance is extremely important.

- Attendance audits will take place weekly.
- Teachers are responsible taking an accurate attendance each day.
- If buses are late, teachers will be notified.
- Students arriving between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. each morning will go directly to their classrooms with a late pass.
- Students arriving to the classroom after 7:45 a.m. without a late pass should be sent to the office to sign-in and receive a late pass.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Attendance is very important. Faculty and staff are expected to encourage daily attendance. Please note the following:

- Do not enter your data before 8:00 a.m. unless everyone is present and on time.
- If a student is absent for 2 or 3 days, a phone call should be made by the teacher, and noted in Infinite Campus.

LATE ARRIVAL (STUDENT)

Students coming to school are tardy after 7:45 a.m. After 7:45 a.m., students who are tardy must be signed-in **by a parent/guardian in the front office**. A student arriving to class late should have a tardy slip which indicates that he/she has signed in correctly. Attendance should be keyed in daily by 8:15 a.m.

STUDENT ABSENCES/EXCUSES

Attendance is done on the computer through the Infinite Campus. Everyone should have access to this system.

- Attendance should be completed by 8:15 a.m. every morning.
- When you have a Substitute Teacher, have them send your substitute class roster to the front office secretary. He/she will record the attendance in Infinite Campus.

Reporting Student Absenteeism

We have certain guidelines to follow implemented by the district and ask that you follow the steps listed above to record accurate documentation of student's absenteeism.

TARDINESS

- By 10:00 a.m. daily, the secretary will correct the codes on students who have checked in late or checked out early.
- Teachers need to inform the secretary of any changes that have been made or need to be made to a student's attendance.

Determining an EXCUSED absence

According to CCPS Board Policy JBD, the following reasons substantiate an EXCUSED absence:

- Student illness
- Illness/Death in immediate family
- Religious holiday
- Court Appearance/Summons
- Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety

STUDENT MAKE-UP WORK

Students absent from school for <u>any</u> reason will be allowed to make up work missed. Students must assume the responsibility for making up work missed when absences are excused. Upon returning to school after an absence, a student should immediately (that day) make contact with each teacher to obtain the assignments missed. A student will be given three days for each day absent to make up his/her work. Please work with students so that they will make up any work missed.

BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – Tara Elementary School

The goal of Tara Elementary School is to develop a school-wide management plan that is consistent and uniformed. The behavioral management plan focuses on changing thinking, to change behaviors. Through reflective pieces, students learn how to make better choices in order to decrease infractions.

School Norms

- 1. Be eager to learn.
- 2. Be willing to listen.
- 3. Be a leader.

Specific-Positive Verbal Feedback

When you observe students being, safe, organized, accountable, and/or respectful, acknowledge them by giving specific positive verbal feedback such as: "That was so helpful the way you held the door open for your classmates." "Thank you for walking with your hands and feet to yourself." When school, classroom, or grade level expectations are followed, students have an opportunity to be recognized for their efforts by receiving Mustang Bucks or by

participating in monthly celebrations. When school expectations are not followed, specific consequences will occur based on behavior.

Behavior management is the responsibility of the classroom teacher and is an integral part of the learning process. Each student should know what is expected of him/her. Please review with students the Code of Student Conduct. It is also necessary for each teacher to maintain certain standards in regard to classroom procedures and behavioral management. In cases where the teacher is unable to gain the cooperation of a child, he/she is encouraged to seek assistance from the administration.

Classroom Management

What is classroom Management?

- 1. The efficiency and consistency of classroom rituals and routines.
- 2. Engaging lessons prepared in advance by the teacher to include differentiated instruction, small groups, adequate materials prepared in advance of student arrival. Also, accelerated, remediation, or enrichment activities for students.
- 3. Addressing students concerns of safety, harassment, and academic frustration.
- 4. Student behaviors or concerns are dealt with in a private and straight forward manner.
- 5. Issues, situations, and problems are investigated thoroughly prior to consequences taking place.
- 6. Child pedagogy is taken into consideration prior to teacher reacting to a student's behavior.
- 7. Organized, neat, and clean classroom.
- 8. An actively involved teacher working in small groups with struggling/advanced students or circulating around the room to address needs and monitor student progress.
- 9. When active instruction takes place, student issues are foreseen and addressed prior to meltdowns that blossom into behavior challenges.

Administration...

- **1.** Will not punish or deprive a child of his/her education because of a teachers' failure to manage a classroom or be adequately prepared for the day.
- 2. Will take swift and thorough action against teachers excessively talking to colleagues during instructional hours, texting or talking on a cellular phone during the instructional day.

Please be reminded of the performance standards expectations of the Georgia Department of Education Teacher Keys Effectiveness System:

Performance Standard 7: Positive Learning Environment

The teacher provides a well-managed, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

The teacher:

- Responds to disruptions in a timely, appropriate manner.
- Establishes clear expectations for classroom rules, routines, and procedures and enforces them consistently and appropriately.
 - Models caring, fairness, respect, and enthusiasm for learning.
 - Promotes a climate of trust and teamwork within the classroom.
- Promotes respect for and understanding of students' diversity, including but not limited to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.
 - Actively listens and pays attention to students' needs and responses.
 - Creates a warm, attractive, inviting, and supportive classroom environment.
- Arranges the classroom materials and resources to facilitate group and individual activities.

<u>Discipline should not include the retention of a child from classes taught by other professionals.</u> For example: PE, Art, or Music. All professionals have the responsibility of instruction, grading, and disciplining their individual students. Therefore, it is unfair to your colleagues to interfere with their professional obligations to their learners. You are encouraged to have documentation on efforts to redirect a student before referring the student to an administrator.

A variety of administrative actions including out of school suspensions will be enforced depending on the severity of the misconduct. All referrals should be written on the discipline referral form or TES citation.

Behavioral Management Plan

At Tara Elementary we focus on the positive points of behavior by using preventive measures and productivity. You can teach and reinforce appropriate behaviors while deterring inappropriate behaviors without hurting the child verbally or physically. Positive discipline includes a number of different techniques both Verbal/Non-Verbal. Our daily goal is to remain actively involved in helping our students learn appropriate behaviors while limiting inappropriate behavior. Positive discipline includes rewarding good behavior as well as

curtailing negative behaviors. Rewards may be verbal or tangible. Here at Tara Elementary we use phrases like "Thank you for walking in the 3rd square" or "I like the way you all are standing in line quietly."

There are 5 criteria for effective positive discipline:

- 1. To help children feel a sense of connection.
- 2. To teach mutual respect and encouragement.
- 3. To be effective long-term.
- 4. To teach important social and life skills.
- 5. To help children to discover how capable they are.

Behavioral Norms

Students

- 1. Always walk quietly, orderly, and in the third square while in hallway.
- 2. Be respectful to ALL, and respect the rights and property of others.
- 3. Listen and follow the instructions the first time given by faculty and staff.
- 4. Come to class/school prepared and ready to learn.
- 5. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Teachers

- Never touch a child in an attempt to invoke discipline.
- Do not place students in hallway for punishment
- Send referral to the office, not the student, unless major offense (Fighting, Disrespect to teacher, etc.)
- Involve parents early...positive and negative
- Condemn behaviors not students
- Consider alternatives to punishment
- Never leave a class unsupervised
- Use consistency with your classroom management plan, hallway transitions, arrival, and dismissal procedures
- Discipline should not include sending or removing students from specials, ESOL, or EIP classes
- o Positive Discipline-You can never say "Thank You" and Good Job enough

School-Wide Reward System

Students who are following school expectations in the various locations of the school can earn Mustang Bucks. These will be given out on a daily basis for kind acts and positive behavior. All school staff and bus drivers are watching for students who exhibit respectful, responsible, role model behaviors. Students, teachers, and staff will place their Mustang Bucks in the appropriate containers

to be drawn over the morning newscast and awarded a prize. The drawing will take place every two weeks, for students and monthly for teachers and staff.

In addition to the bi-monthly Tara buck incentive drawing, we will have a Tara Mustang Buck Incentive School Store. The store will be open from Monday through Thursday and will be run, and maintained by the Tara Elementary Discipline Team. Upper Grade students will be allowed to visit the store from 7:00-7:25am on Monday and Wednesday. Lower Grade Students will be allowed to visit the store from 7:00-7:25am on Tuesday and Thursday. The store will open at the first of September and will be available for teachers to preview with their classroom.

Students	Faculty and Staff					
K-2 Box- 3 Students	Staff Work Sessions (Monthly)					
Draw Friday (Bi-Monthly)for a prize	Drawings					
during morning announcement	1 Teacher					
3-5 Box- 3 Students	1 Staff Member					
Draw Friday (Bi-Monthly)for a prize						
during morning announcement						







Infractions and Steps to Follow

Infractions – Tier 1 Handled by the Teacher

Excessive Talking/Talking at	Cheating
inappropriate times	
Disruptions (out of seat, Throwing paper towards the trashcan, not raising hand, off task, sleeping, chewing gum/eating candy, making noisetapping or beating, playing with items at desk, etc.)	Failure to complete classwork
Playing in restroom	Failure to complete homework
Talking out	Excessive/Chromic Tardiness
Not doing work	Not prepared for class (no supplies/materials)
Misbehaving in hallway	Refusal to follow directions
Horse playing	Horseplay
Out of seat	Sulking/Attitude
Confiscate items	Use of cell phone or electronic devices
Uniforms	

Steps to Follow

Step 1:

Behaviors are to be handled by the classroom teacher or staff member witnessing such behaviors. The behaviors should be noted on a *Weekly Report for Conduct/Work Habits sheet and/or student Discipline Citation. Please keep this documentation throughout the year.*

Step 2:

If behaviors persist, the classroom teacher should inform parent to advise them that he or she will meet with the student for the purpose of discussing the behavior, documenting the infraction, and discussing and working on strategies (behavioral contracts, etc.) to proactively prevent the behavioral infraction from reoccurring...or significantly decreasing (progressive plan). A citation should be sent home with student, the appropriate copy should be signed and returned. Please file for your own behavioral documentation. Each parent contact should be documented on phone log via Infinite Campus.

Step 3:

Time Out (followed with a discipline citation)

Step 4:

Parent teacher conference (followed with a discipline citation)

Step 5:

If Level 1 behaviors have not improved after 4 weeks and/or after (4) citations, students should be referred to administration.

Infractions – Tier 2 Handled by the Teacher

Level 2 behaviors include:

Dress code violations
Inappropriate Language/Comments
Skipping/roaming the hallways
Disrespect to school personnel
Taunting teasing
Pushing/Shoving
Instigating a Fight
Rude Gestures
Rough Horseplay
Direct Defiance

These behaviors should be referred to the office/administration at teachers' discretion.

Steps to Follow

Step 1:

Teacher will complete an office behavioral referral form to be sent to the office. Students that are able to stay in the classroom may be put in isolated instruction. The appropriate personnel will call for the student when instruction is least interrupted and an administrator is available.

Notify Assistant Principal

Infractions – Tier 3 Level 3 behaviors include: Handled by Administration

	Possession of weapons or illegal
Illegal Wager Activity	substance
☐ Blatant Disrespect	☐ Threats to other students
□ Bullying	☐ Threats/Assault on School Personnel
Injuring another student	☐ Stealing/Thefts
Leaving Areas Without Permission	Vandalism/damage to school property
☐ Fighting	☐ Sexual Harassment
☐ Destruction of Property	☐ Threats/Assault on School Personnel
	Drugs/alcohol

These behaviors should be referred to administration immediately.

Step 1:

Teacher will complete an office behavioral referral form to accompany the student. Consequences for students who engage in level 3 behaviors will include removal from the classroom for a period of time. An administrator will notify parents.

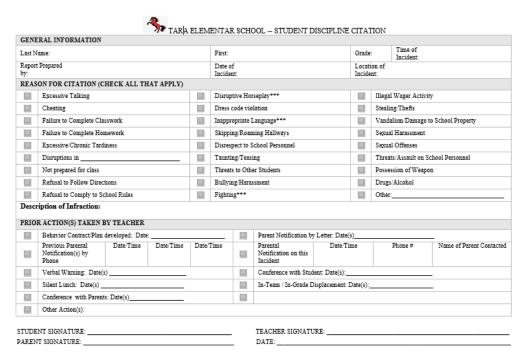
Step 2:

Students in a fight will be escorted to the office with a behavior referral (behavioral referral must be completed as soon as possible). On the same day the student is sent to the office, the teacher or staff member witnessing the incident should communicate the details to the parents by phone. After meeting with the student (and speaking with the parent(s)), an administrator will give the yellow/canary copy of the behavioral referral form for parent/guardian signature. Student should return the signed copies to teacher. The teacher will give the signed referral form to Assistant Principal.



TES Behavioral/Discipline Citation

This form should be used to inform parent/guardian(s) of their child's infraction and steps taken to handle the behavior. If Level 1 behaviors that have not improved after 4 weeks and after (4) citations, students should be referred to administration.



A record of all forms sent home should be kept by teacher.

Office Referrals

Office Referrals

Students should not be sent to the office, unless a major offense has occurred such as fighting, extreme insubordination, or disrespect (Tier 3 office referral). Those students should then be escorted to the office with a referral by an adult. Any other (tier 2 office referrals, etc.) referrals should be put in the Assistant Principal's box.

Chronically Disruptive Students

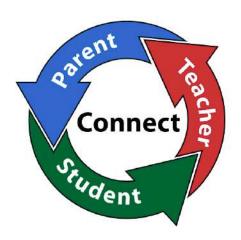
- Need a behavior plan that consists of the following:
 - Input from administration, parents, DES (if applicable), counselor, and/or grade level teachers.

Frivolous Referrals

- Referrals that teachers should handle for example, "Student is not completing their assignments, standing up on a chair, etc."
- These type of behaviors warrant corrective action on the part of the teacher, not a referral to the office. As administrators, we will come down to speak or redirect these students if the behavior is serious and prevents the teacher from quality instruction.

Parent Contact

It is the teacher's responsibility to make contact with the parent for students who are displaying inappropriate behavior. It is suggested that a weekly behavior chart be sent home to keep parents informed of the child's behavior.



Tara Elementary School PRIDE Expectations

Please make certain to follow the TES PRIDE Matrix daily for the Hallway, Classroom, Cafeteria, and on the School Bus

Hallway Expectations Matrix

Hallway Expectations Be prepared to walk into the class Prepared orderly and quietly Show courtesy to all teachers and Respectful · Remain quiet at all times Wait your turn and keep hands to yourself Walk at all times in the hallway Independent Always walk on the right side of the Dependable hallway in the 3rd square Excellence · Volunteer to help and include others

	Cla	assroom									
	Expectations										
P	Prepared	Know class schedule Have necessary materials Be on time									
R	Respectful	Enter and exit class quietly Raise hand to speak Listen to others Show courtesy to everyone									
1	Independent	Get started on assignments immediately Ask questions Ask for feedback Accept feedback and persevere									
D	Dependable	Remain on task Work cooperatively with others Return assignments on time									
Ε	Excellence	Respect individual learning differences Volunteer to help and include others Leave area in better condition than you found it Show continuous improvement in grades, benchmarks, conduct and attendance									

Classroom Expectations Matrix

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

The support of all teachers is crucial to the establishment of a proper cafeteria environment. Students should enter and leave the cafeteria quietly. Norms and regulations concerning cafeteria behavior should be reviewed and enforced with the students. Classes will be recognized on the morning announcements for appropriate cafeteria behavior along with Mustang Buck winners bi-weekly. Teachers should also assist the students initially in locating their appropriate seats. We have scheduled a 30-minute lunch period. Please adhere to the schedule and table assignments. Please make certain you are on time to pick you students up from the cafeteria daily, in order to proactively eliminate any discipline issues related to classes not being picked up.

BOOT CAMP (30 DAYS)

30-DAY MUSTANG BOOT CAMP PROCEDURES TO REHEARSE WITH STUDENTS

THESE PROCEDURES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL TEACHERS, IN ORDER TO HAVE HARMONY WITHIN THE BUILDING THAT IS CONDUSIVE TO OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. WE MUST ALWAYS REMAIN POSITIVE.

Practice going to the lunchroom, standing in line to get food, going to the tables, retrieving food from the floor, cleaning-up food from the tables, lining up

to exit.

Please follow the Cafeteria Plan as outlined below to ensure a safe and calm environment:

- □ Establish cafeteria rewards and consequences for your class. Consistency is the key to success.
- □ Discuss and review with your students during the 1st 30 days of school:

Cafeteria Norms

- Students are expected to walk into the cafeteria quietly; stand in line to receive food; and walk to assigned seat.
- Students are expected to pull their chairs close to the table.
- Eat first/talk after. (Remind students to use inside voice when speaking or speak at Level 1 which is considered to be a whisper)
- Students are expected to clean up their personal area and to throw all trash away when directed by a monitor.
- Students are expected to follow all instructions given by the monitors.
- Students are expected to line up quietly.
- □ **Teacher must take and pick up students on time.** Monitors will keep a log of any teachers arriving late or picking up late.
- Teachers should take students to use restroom before bringing them to lunch.
- A standard enter and exit traffic pattern will be followed.

> Line 1

Closest to the main office...on the right when facing away from the stage.

> *Line 2*

Closest to the outside entrance to the cafeteria...on the left of the cafeteria when facing away from the stage.

- All classes enter the door closest to the stage.
- Line assignments will not change. Please use the same line daily.
- Never use the door located near the cafeteria registers.
- All classes will line up along the wall near the storage room to the right when facing the stage. Teachers please meet your class along the wall daily.
- Students are not allowed to get up for any reason after they receive their food.
- Students bringing their own lunch go directly to their assigned table/seat.
- All students will be assigned seats by the homeroom teacher.
- Students are NOT allowed to bring any items (i.e.-pencils, scissors, markers, etc.) to the cafeteria.
- Cafeteria monitors will select two students to help with cleaning up and wiping tables.

- Three to five minutes before the end of the students' lunch time, students will be directed by monitors to look around their area and pick up trash.
 Students then throw their lunch away and line up to wait for their teacher.
- □ Cafeteria *Clear* rules (such as how to sit, eat, what to do with trash) for appropriate and inappropriate behaviors are as follows:
 - Remain seated.
 - Speak softly.
 - Raise your hand if you need assistance.
 - Use good manners.
 - Clean your area before you leave.
- □ Cafeteria monitors will be assigned a "Zone" for which he/she is responsible for managing.

Zone A	Zone B
Ms. Wilson	Ms. Johnson

- Monitors will manage their zone for the entire lunch period, rewarding appropriate behavior, and attending to inappropriate behavior (eye contact; physical proximity; "moving in" to address misbehavior, etc.).
- Monitors will log *Mustang Bucks* on a class log to recognize exceptional classes during morning announcements. This will be done bi-weekly on Fridays.

	Cafeteria Expectations									
P	Prepared	Enter and exit the Cafeteria, and the lunch lines appropriately								
R	Respectful	Show courtesy to cafeteria staff Remain quiet in line Wait your turn always Use great table manners Clear all food from table before leaving DO NOT THROW FOOD								
I	Independent	Collect all needed items (utensils, condiments, napkins) while in line Walk at all times inside the Cafeteria DO NOT LEAVE ANY FOOD ON TABLE								
D	Dependable	Clean up your area and throw away all trash Engage in quiet and appropriate conversation								
Ε	Excellence	Volunteer to help and include others Leave the cafeteria in better condition than you found it								

Dismissal Process and Expectations

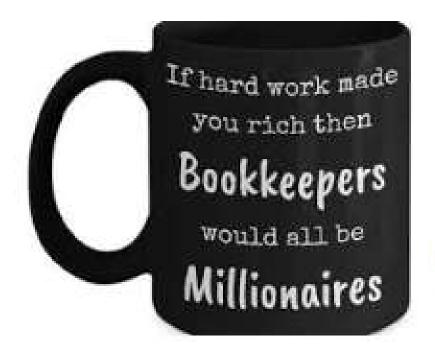
Bus Expectations

	Bus Expectations								
P	Prepared	Behave in an orderly, proper manner at the bus stop, as well as entering and exiting the bus.							
R	Respectful	Show courtesy to the bus driver Remain quiet as you enter, are seated, and when you exit the school bus. Use great manners when riding the school bus as the bus driver is driving. LISTEN TO ALL DIRECTION FROM THE BUS DR							
I	Independent	Collect all of you items prior to leaving the school bus. Walk at all times while on the school bus, and stay seated at all times. DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ON THE SCHOOL BUS.							
D	Dependable	Clean up your area and throw away all trash Engage in quiet and appropriate conversation							
E	Excellence	Volunteer to help and include others Leave the school bus in better condition than you found it							

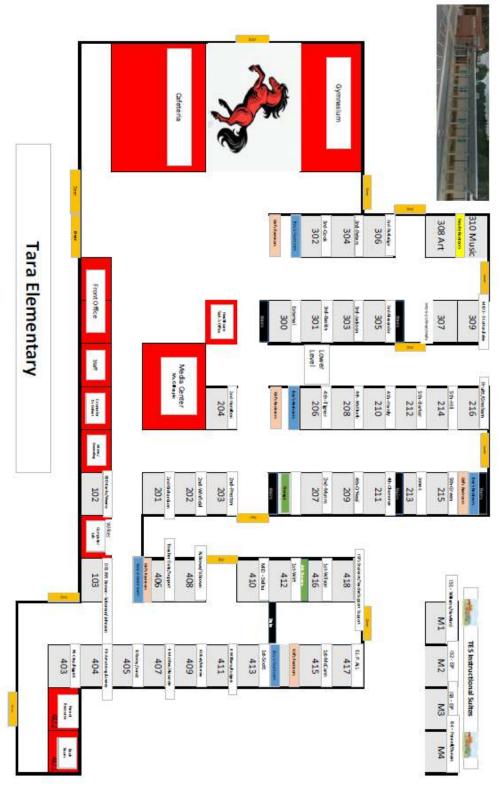
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FIELDTRIPS

Field trips must be planned at least one month in advance and all monies must be collected five days prior to going on the trip. Teachers must request the needed funds two days in advance before going on the trip. If a deposit is required please request it in advance so that it can arrive to the vendor on time. Please do not request that a field trip be entered if you do not have an invoice to show the amount of the trip/deposit. Deposits will not be taken after 2pm and all cash collection forms must be filled out completely when submitting the deposit.



Building Logistics (2017-2018)



Building Roster (2017-2018)

Tara Elementary School 2017 – 2018 Faculty and Staff Roster

Phone/Room Numbers

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Principal Assistant Principal	Dr. Wakea N. Brown – 001/124109	5 th grade	Ms. Green <i>(Lead)</i> - 212
Assistant Principal	Mr. Phillip Shiflet - 124120		Mr. Hill (Tech. Lead) - 214
ISF	Ms. Madhuri Chopra - 418		Ms. Colletta Jones (Data Lead) – 215
ISF	Ms. Jennifer Redmond - 418		Ms. Leticia Barker - 213
Secretary	Ms. Briana Smith - 124100		
Bookkeeper	Ms. Brenda Winston - 124124		
Counselor	Dr. Yolanda Colbert - 124121	EIP	Ms. Andrea Lytle (Lead) - 417
Media Specialist	Ms. Susan Gillespie - 124123		Ms. Alethea Gibson - 417
Parent Liaison	Ms. Yetsenia Figueroa - 402		Ms. Lakeshia Fleming (Co-Data Lead) - 417
Healthcare Technician	Ms. Lisa Mitchell - 124125		Ms. Miranda Wilkerson (Tech. Lead) - 417
			Ms. Cassie Simmons (Co-Data Lead) - 417
Pre – Kindergarten	Mr. Edward Crisp (Tech Lead) – 403		K – 5 Instruction - 417
	Ms. Danielle Riggins – 403		
Pre – Kindergarten (Spec.	Ms. Linda Armstrong – 404	EBD Self – Contained	Ms. Shantel Searcy - 101
Needs)	Ms. Paula Lowry - 404		
			Ms. Deaca Weems (Para) - 101
Kindergarten	Ms. Bridgett Ukah (Lead) – 409		
	Ms. Felissa Morrow – Cob - 409		
	Ms. Vinita Sage-McGhee (Co-Data Chair) – 407	Sec. Ed. Interrelated	Ms. Michelle Brown-Solomon (Lead) - 103
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	Tara Remy – 405		Ms. Jennifer Pennell (Data Lead) - M4
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	Ms. Crystal Jones - 405		NA Labiaha Durana (Tash Lood) NAA
	Ms. Debra Williams (Tech. Lead) – 411		Ms. Lakisha Bynam (Tech. Lead) – M4
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1 st grade	Ms. Kiaunna Wirt – (Lead) – 412	MID Self – Contained	
	Ms. Taquita Scott (Data Lead) – 413	K-2	Ms. Lorraine Ullman - 307
	Ms. Shanna Wilson (Tech. Lead) – 416		Mr. Raul Malis (Para) - 307
	Ms. Chalon McCann - 415	3-5	Ms. Sonya Cotton - 309
			Ms. Jayna Ealey (Para) - 309
2 nd grade	Ms. Olivia Richardson – <mark>(Lead)</mark> – 201	FMID	Ms. Karamdeep Sidhu – 410
	Ms. Dejuan Winfield – (Data Lead) - 202		Ms. Marjorie (Marie) Celestin – 410
	Ms. Ascha Preston (Tech. Lead) – 203		
	Ms. Myra Hamilton – 204	Computer Lab	Mr. Sheridan Wilkes - 102
	Ms. Marjorie Munroe - 207		
		Art	Ms. Marcia Anderson - 308
3 rd grade	Ms. LaTrilya Peters (Lead) - 304		
	Ms. Yolanda Cook (Data Lead) - 302	Music	Mr. Glen Perdew - 310
	Ms. Kawonna Jackson (Tech. Lead) - 303		
	Ms. Jaela Rutledge - 306	Physical Education	Mr. Radrickgues Graham – Gym
	Ms. Ashanie Alexander – 305	•	,
	Ms. Shannon Baskin - 301	ESOL	Ms. Camisha Pruitt (Lead) - 216
			Ms. Dyna Gresham - 216
4th grade	Ms. Genothan Ohanenye (Lead) – 211	Gifted	Ms. Deidre Williams – Hawkins - M1
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	Ms. Kiera O'Neal (Tech. Lead) – 209	Speech	Ms. Carlye Williams – M1
	Ms. Latonya Marbury/McElath - 208	2,000.	Wis. Carrye Williams Wil
	Ms. Charlene Tignor - 206	EIP	K-2 Instruction - M2
	IVIS. CHARLETTE TIGHOL - 200	EIP	3 – 5 Instruction - M3
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2017 - 2018 School Year Calendars

Clayton County Public Schools

2017-2018 School Calendar

Legend

Holiday/System Closed

New Teacher Orientation

Pre-/Post-Planning

First Day/Last Day

Professional Learning Day*
(Early Dismissal for Students)

Staff Development Day

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Holidays

July 4: Independence Day Sept. 4: Labor Day Oct. 9: Fall Break

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 21-Jan. 3: Semester Break

Jan. 15: MLK Day
Feb. 19: President's Day
Feb. 20: Winter Break
Apr. 2-6: Spring Break
May 28: Memorial Day

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* Early Dismissal Times: Elementary Schools, Unidos Elementary, White Academy-1:15/Ash Street-2:00/ Middle Schools, Elite Scholars & Unidos Middle-2:10/ High Schools, Flint River-2:50



Pre- Kindergarten Calendar

Pro-Kindergarten Clavton County Public Schools

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Employee Calendar

Employee Calendar 2017- 2018

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		Workers	Monitors		Mgrs	SRO	Clerical	Nutr. Lead Mgr					
Beginning Date	8/7/17	8/2/17	8/1/17	8/1/17	8/1/17	8/1/17	7/27/17	7/24/17	7/10/17	7/10/17	7/10/17	7/10/17	7/10/17
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Non Work Days July 2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7/1-7/26	7/1-7/23	7/1-7/9 7/19-7/26	NA	NA	NA	NA
Labor Day (NW)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1/1-1/20	1/1-1/23	1/19-1/20	NA	NA	NA	NA
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Pres. Day (NW) 2/19/18	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW
Winter Break 2/20/18	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	w
Spring Break 4/2- 4/6/18	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW	NW
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Non Work Days June 2018	NA	NA.	NA	NA.	NA	NA	NA.	NA.	6/14-6/24 NW 6/14-6/24 NW WORKDAYS 6/11- 6/13,6/25-6/26	NA	NW 6/8.6/15	NW 6/8,6/15, 6/22	N/A

7/25 - 7/31/2017 Orientation for New Teachers 8/1 - 8/4/2017 (4 days) Elementary/ Middle/ High School Pre-planning days

10/10/17, 1/4-1/5/18 Staff Devlopment

5/24-5/25, 5/29/18 (3 days) Elementary/ Middle/ High School Post-planning days

8/23/17, 9/20/17, 10/6/17, 10/31/17, 2/16/18 - Professional Development

NA = not applicable (outside of work calendar)

NW = Non Workday(s)

W = Workday



PAYROLL CALENDAR

CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PAYROLL SCHEDULE

FINAL ALL SITES PAYROLL CALENDAR

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TESTING CALENDAR



2017-2018 Testing Calendar - Revised 6.1.17

Below is a list of dates the district's students will take local, state, and national assessments during the 2017-2018 school year. Please use the information for reference when planning or scheduling appointments or time when students will be away from school. Please contact local schools for additional information about testing, test dates, and test times if further information is needed. Specific test dates and other pertinent information about other district, state, or national mandated tests will be made available through internal and external district and school communications.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Aug. 7 – Sept. 8, 2017	Mandatory GKIDS Readiness Assessment	Grade K
Aug. 7 – 25, 2017	SuccessMaker EIP Assessments	New Students in Grades 2-5
Aug. 7 - 25, 2017	Reading Mastery/Corrective Reading Screening	New Students in Grades K-5
Aug. 7 – 25, 2017	DIBELS Administration in Reading and MCLASS Math Administration (BOY)	Grades K-3
Aug. 7 - 18, 2017	BOY Reading Wonders Screeners/Diagnostics	Grades 3-5
Aug. 14 - May 11, 2018	Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Skills (GKIDS)	Grade K
Sept. 5 - Mar. 23, 2018	Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA) – Portfolio	Grades 3–5
Oct. (TBD)	GMAS ELA Field Test	(TBD)
Jan. 9 – 26, 2018	MOY Reading Wonders Fluency Benchmarks	Grades 4 and 5
Jan. 9 – 26, 2018	DIBELS Administration in Reading and MCLASS Math Administration (MOY)	Grades K-3
Jan. 16 - Mar. 2, 2018	ACCESS for ELL Test Administration Window	English Learners, Grades K-5
Mar. 19 – May 4, 2018	Math Placement (to determine placement into honors/advanced math courses)	Grades 5 (general math courses)
Apr. 17 – 27, 2018	End-of-Grade (EOG)- Georgia Milestones Assessments	Grades 3–5
Apr. 23 - May 11, 2018	DIBELS Administration in Reading and MCLASS Math Administration (EOY)	Grades K-3
Apr. 30 - May 11, 2018	Reading Mastery/Corrective Reading Screening and Placement	Grades K-5
Apr. 23 - May 11, 2018	EOY Reading Wonders Fluency Benchmarks	Grades 4 and 5
TBD (June 2018)	End-of-Grade Retest (EOG) – Georgia Milestone Assessments Window	Grades 3 and 5

MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Aug. 7 - 18, 2017	READ180 Reading Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
Aug. 7 – 18, 2017	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
Aug. 7 -18, 2017	Scholastic Math Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
Sept. 5 – Mar. 23, 2018	Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA) – Portfolio	Grades 6–8
Oct. (TBD)	GMAS ELA Field Test	(TBO)
Dec. 11 – 15, 2017	READ180 Reading Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
Dec. 11 - 15, 2017	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 6–8 Intervention course only
Dec. 11 – 20, 2017	Scholastic Math Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention course only
Jan. 16 – Mar. 2, 2018	ACCESS for ELL Test Administration Window	English Learners, Grades 6–8
Mar. 19 - May 4, 2018	Math Placement (to determine placement into honors/advanced math courses)	Grades 6 and 8
Apr. 17 - 27, 2018	End-of-Grade (EOG) Georgia Milestone Assessments Window	Grades 6–8
Apr. 23 - May 4, 2018	End of Course (EOC) Georgia Milestone Administration Window	Select Students in Grade 8 EOC
May 7 – 16, 2018	READ 180 Reading Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
May 7 – 16, 2018	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
May 7 – 18, 2018	Scholastic Math Inventory	Grades 6–8 Intervention courses only
TBD (June 2018)	End-of-Grade Retest (EOG) – Georgia Milestone Assessments Window	Grade 8

HIGH SCHOOL TESTING DATES

Aug. 14 – 18, Sept. 11 – 15, (Oct. 16 – 20, Nov. 13 – 17, 2017; Jan. 22 – 26, Feb. 12 - 16, Mar. 19 – 23, 2018	Grades 9–12
EOC Mid-Month Online for C	Opt-Out and Retest Opportunities	
Aug. 7 - 18, 2017	READ180 Reading Inventory	Grades 9–12 Intervention courses only
Aug. 7 - 18, 2017	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 9–12 Intervention courses only
Aug. 7 - 11, 2017	Scholastic Math Inventory	Fundamental of Algebra students
Sept. 5 – Mar. 23, 2018	Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA) – Portfolio	Grade 11
Oct. (TBD)	GMAS ELA Field Test	(TBD)
Oct. 11, 2017	PSAT (no charge for grades 9 and 10 students; fee for grade 11 students)	Grades 9, 10, and 11
Dec. 11 - 15, 2017	READ180 Reading Inventory	Grades 9–12 Intervention courses only
Dec. 11 - 15, 2017	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 9–12 Intervention courses only
Dec. 11 – 20, 2017	Scholastic Math Inventory	Fundamental of Algebra students
Dec. 11 – 15, 2017	End of Course (EOC) Georgia Milestone Administration Window (Winter)	Grades 9–12
Jan. 16 – Mar. 2, 2018	ACCESS for ELL Test Administration Window	English Learners, Grades 9–12
Jan. 22 – 26, 2018	CTAE ACCUPLACER Administration	CTAE Students
Mar. 26 – 30, Apr. 10 – 11,	CTAE End-of-Pathway Test Administration Window	CTAE Students
2018		
Apr. 23 - May 4, 2018	End of Course (EOC) Milestone Administration Window (Spring)	Grades 9–12
May 7 – 16, 2018	READ180 Reading Inventory	Grades 9-12 Intervention courses only
May 7 – 16, 2018	Language Live Benchmark Tests	Grades 9-12 Intervention courses only
May 7 – 18, 2018	Scholastic Math Inventory	Fundamental of Algebra students
May 7 – 18, 2018	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	AP Students
TBD (June 2018)	End of Course Retest (EOC) – Georgia Milestone Assessments Window	EOC Courses

Tara Elementary School Calendar

		Augus	t 2017 - T	ara ES		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Testing: GKIDS Readiness Aug. 7th – Sept. 8th SuccessMaker EIP Assessment Aug. 7th – Aug. 25th	July 31 st – NTO July 31 st – New Teachers/Mentors work in rooms	1 (Pre-Planning)	2 (Pre- Planning) Combined Meeting Tara/Marshall - PLC © Tara 8:00 am - 11:30 am	3 (Pre- Planning) Orientation Day (1-3)	4 (Pre- Planning)	5
Testing: 80Y-Reading Wonders Fluency (3°, 4°, & 5°h grade ONLY) Aug. 7° – Aug. 18°n Reading Mastery Screening Aug. 7°h – Aug. 25°n	7 First Day of School	8	9	10	11 Spirit Friday	12
Testing: DIBELS Aug. 7th – Aug. 25th Mclass Aug. 7th – Aug. 25th	14	15 Principal Meeting	16 Staff Work Session Asst. Principal Meeting (AM) Fire Drill	17 ISF Meeting Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM TKES Self Assessment Completed	18 Spirit Friday	19
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th	21 TKES Pre-Conferences	22 IKES Pre-Conferences	Professional Learning Day (Early Dismissal) Fire Drill TKES Pre-Conferences	24 IKES Pre-Conferences	25 Spirit Friday	26
27	TKES Pre-Conferences Pre-Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	Beta Club Meeting (Returning Members) TIKES Pre-Conferences Pre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Courselor, GLB, etc.)	30 Data/Technology Team Meeting 3:00 FM IKES Pre-Conferences Pre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec, Counselor, GLB, etc.)	GMAS Parent Meeting I 5:30 PM TKES Pre-Conferences Fre-Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec, Courselor, GLB, stp.)		

		Septeml	ber 2017	- Tara ES		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23th					1 Spirit Friday Pre-Conferences (Classified, Modia Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	2
3	4 Labor Day No School	5 Last Day 4.5 weeks Grading Period Beta Club Meeting Pre-Contenences (Clossifled, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	Fire Drill Fre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	7 Fre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	8 Spirit Friday Fre-Contenences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	9
Fall Pictures: Pre-pay - Sept. 13th	Local School Council Meeting 200PM Pre-Contenences (Clastified, Media Spec, Counselor, G.B.,	Principal Meeting Pre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	13 Fall Pictures Stoff Work Session S:00 PM Asst. Principal Meeting (AM) Fre-Contreses (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	14 Progress Report go home Open House 5-7 ISF Meeling Pre-Conferences (Clossifled, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	15 spirit Friday Principal Meeting II Pre-Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)	16
17	18	19 Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	Professional Learning Day (Early Dismissal)	21	22 Spirit Friday	23
24	25	26	27 Hispanic Heritage Month	28	29 Spirit Friday Data/Technology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM	30

	October 2017 - Tara ES										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23td	2 Custodial Workers Day	3 Beta Club Meeting	4	5 Last Day for Term 1 Readers' Recognition	6 Spirit Friday Professional Learning Day (Early Dismissal) Wear Pink	7					
8	9 Fall Break Columbus Day	10 Staff Development (Teacher Workday) Leadership Team Meeting	11	12 Curriculum Night 5:30 – 7:30	13 spirit Friday Wear Pink	14					
15	16 Boss's Day	17 Report Cards go home Beta Club Induction? Principal Meeting	Staff Work Session Asst. Principal Meeting (AM)	19 ISF Meeting	20 Spirit Friday Wear Pink	21					
22	23 Scholastic Book Fair	24 Beta Club Induction?	25	26 Data/Technology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM	27 Spirit Friday Wear Pink	28					
29	30 Mid-Year Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counsilor, Gill, etc.)	Professional Learning Day Halloween Mid-Year Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLB, etc.)									

		Novemb	per 2017	- Tara ES		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23th			Mid-Year Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GEB, etc.)	Readers' Recognition Mid-Year Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GEB, etc.)	3 Spirit Friday Mid-Year Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GEB, etc.)	4 Daylight Savings Ends
5	6 TKES Mid-Year Conferences	7 Beta Club Meeting Principal Meeting	8 Last Day 4.5 weeks Grading Period Asst. Principal Meeting (AM)	9 ISF Meeting Fire Drill TKES Mid-Year Conferences	10 Spirit Friday Principal Meeting II IKES Mid-Year Conferences	11 Veterans Day
12	Local School Council Meeting 200PM IKES Mid-Year Conferences	14 Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	15 Staff Work Session 3:00 PM	16 IKES Mid-Year Conferences	17 Progress Report go home Spirit Friday TKES Mid-Year Conferences	18
19	20 OFF Thanksgiving Break Begins	21 OFF	22 OFF	23 OFF Thanksgiving Day	24 OFF Thanksgiving Break Ends	25
26	27 TKES Mid-Year Conferences	28 TKES Mid-Yeor Conferences	29 Data/Technology Team Meeting 3:00 PM TKES Mid-Year Conferences	30 GMAS Parent Meeting II 5:30 PM		

	December 2017 - Tara ES									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23rd					1 Spirit Friday	2				
3	4	5 Twelve Days of (insert school) Begins Beta Club Meeting	Winter Concert	7 Readers' Recognition	8 Spirit Friday	9				
10	11	12 Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	13 Staff Work Session 3:00PM	14 Data/Technology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM	15 Spirit Friday	16				
17	18	19	20 Last Day for Term 2	Semester Break Begins	22 Spirit Friday	23				
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29 Spirit Friday	30				
31										

	January 2018 - Tara ES									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
Testing: MOY-Reading Wonders Fluency (4th & 5th grade ONLY) Jan. 9th – 26th MOY-DIBELS/Mclass Jan. 9th – 26th	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Staff Development	5 Spirit Friday Staff Development	6				
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23td	Second Semester Begins	Beta Club Meeting Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	10	Readers' Recognition	12 Spirit Friday	13				
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23th	15 M L King's Day No School	16 Principal Meeting	17 Report Cards go home Stoff Work Session 3:00 PM First Semester Awards Day K-2 (during Specials) Asst. Principal Meeting (AM)	First Semester Awards Day 3-5 (during Specials) ISF Meeting Fire Drill	19 Spirit Friday	20				
Testing: ACCESS Testing Jan.16th – March 2nd	22 100 th Day of School	23	24	Data/Technology Leads Meeting S:00 PM	26 Spirit Friday	27				
28	29	30	GMAS Parent Meeting III 5:80 PM							

	February 2018 - Tara ES							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23th				Readers' Recognition	2 Spirit Friday National Wear Red Day	3		
Testing: ACCESS Testing Jan. 16 th – March 2 nd	5 National School Counselor's Week	6 Beta Club Meeting Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	7	8 Last Day 4.5 weeks Grading Period	9 Spirit Friday	10		
11	Local School Council Meeting 3:00FM	13 Principal Meeting	14 Valentine's Day Asst. Principal Meeting (AM)	Staff Work Session 3:00 PM	16 Spirit Friday Professional Learning Day (Early Dismissal) Frincipal Meeting II	17		
Cap & Gown Pictures: Pre – Pay Feb. 23 rd	19 President's Day No School	20 Winter Break No School	21 Progress Report go home	22	23 Spirit Friday Cap & Gown Pictures	24		
25	26 Read Across America Week	27 Black History Program	Data/Technology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM					

	March 2018 - Tara ES								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th GAA Portfolio Sept. 4th – March 23rd				Readers' Recognition	2 Spirit Friday	3			
Testing: ACCESS Testing Jan.16th – March 2nd 5th grade Math Placement March 19th – May 4th Class Pictures/Spring: Pre-Pay – March 9th	5	6 Beta Club Meeting Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM	7	SMAS Parent Meeting IV 5:30 PM	9 Last Day for Term 3 Spirit Friday Class/Spring Pictures	10			
11	12 Local School Council Meeting 3:00PM	13 Principal Meeting	14 Staff Work Session 3:00 PM	15 ISF Meeting	16 Spirit Friday	17			
18	Scholastic Book Fair	20 Report Cards go home	21	22	23 spirit Friday	24			
25	26	27	28	Data/Technology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM	30 spirit Friday Good Friday Jeans Day	31			

	April 2018 - Tara ES								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1 Easter Sunday	2 OFF Spring Break Begins	3 OFF	4 OFF Paraprofessional Day	5 OFF	6 OFF Spring Break Ends	7			
Testing: GKIDS Inventory Aug. 14th – May 11th 5th grade Math Placement March 19th – May 4th	TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec., Counselor, GEL, etc.)	10 Beta Club Meeting National Library Day Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 PM TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Clossified, Meeta Spec., Crunselve (Ed. etc.)	Staff Work Session 3:00 PM TKES Summative Conferences Summitive Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GUB, etc.)	TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GLEI, etc.) Fire Drill	TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Classified, Media Spac., Counselor, GEL, etc.)	14			
Testing: EOY-DIBELS/Mclass. April 23" – May 11" EOY-Reading Wonders Fluency (4" 8.5" grade ONLY) April 23" – May 11"	TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Courselor, GRIJ, etc.)	17 GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec., Counselor, GRI, etc.)	18 GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec, Counselor, GRIJ, etc.)	GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Clossified, Media Spec., Counselor, GRIL, etc.)	20 Spirit Friday GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TIKES Summative Conferences Summative Conferences (Classified, Media Spec., Counselor, GRIL, etc.)	21			
Testing: Reading Mastery Screening & Placement April 30th - May 11th	QMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TKES Summative Conferences	24 Lost Day 4.5 weeks Grading Period GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TKES Summative Conferences	25 GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) Administrative Professionals Day TKES Summative Conferences	26 GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) Readers' Recognition TKES Summative Conferences	27 Spirit Friday GMAS (Superheroes/Spirit Wear) TIKES Summative Conferences	28			
29	30								

	May 2018 - Tara ES								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Testing: GRIDS Inventory Aug. 14 th - May 11 th 5 th grade Math Placement March 19 th - May 4 th		1 Beta Club Meeting Leadenty Team Meeting 200 PM	2	3 Progress Report so home Readers' Tea Spring Concert	4 Spirit Friday Parent Volunteer Breakfast Kindergarten Field Day	5			
Testing: 60Y-08815/Madoes. Agri 23* - May 11* 60Y-6eoding Wonders Nuency (4* & 5* grade ONLY) Agri 23* - May 11*	7 Teacher Appreciation Week	8 1# Grade Field Day	9 2nd Grade Field Day	10 3ª Grade Field Day	11 Spirit Friday 4th Grade Field Day 5th Grade Field Day	12			
13 Mother's Day	14 5th Grade Spirit Week	15 Data/Rechnology Leads Meeting 3:00 PM	16	17 1= and 2nd Awards Day	18 Spirit Friday 3rd and 4th Awards Day	19			
20	21 Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony	23 Lost Day for Term 4 Report Conds as home Lost Day of School Jeans Day	Post-Planning Staff Work Seculor 3:00 FM	25 Spirit Friday Post-Planning	26			
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31					

	June 2018 - Tara ES								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Testing: GMAS – EOG Refest (3rd & 5m grade) TBD					1	2			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			

CERTIFICATES

It is the responsibility of each educator to provide the principal with a copy of a current, valid Georgia Educator's Certificate or copies of other documentation such as Statement of Eligibility, ESOL endorsements, etc. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), Section 1111(h) (6), Parents Right-to-Know, addresses the notification requirements of a local education agency receiving funds under Title 1, Part A. This "right to know" provision mandates that local school districts annually notify parents of their right to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. In an effort to compile and retain the data, you are requested to provide the information when requested.

CHANGE INITIATIVE — PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY Tara ES and Marshall ES What is First and Second Order Change?



First Order Change – is incremental change. It can be thought of as the most obvious step to take in a school. Incremental change fine tunes the system through a series of small steps that do not depart radically from the past.

Second Order Change — is anything but incremental change; it is deep change. It involves dramatic departures from the expected, both in defining a given problem, and in finding a solution. Deep change alters the system in fundamental ways, offering a dramatic shift in direction, and requiring new ways of thinking and acting.

Second Order Change calls for decisive, swift action. Schools that move slow and a little at a time, end up doing so little that they succeed in only upsetting everything without accruing the benefits of change (Fullan, 1993). Second Order Change is related to the Seven Responsibilities that are listed in rank order.

1. Knowledge of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Being knowledgeable about how the innovation will affect

- curricular, instructional, and assessment practices, and providing conceptual guidance in these areas.
- **2. Optimizer** Being the driving force behind the new innovation and fostering the belief that it can produce exceptional results, if members of the staff are willing to apply themselves.
- **3. Intellectual Stimulation** Being knowledgeable about the research and theory regarding the innovation, and fostering such knowledge among staff through reading and discussion.
- **4. Change Agent** Challenging the status quo and being willing to move forward on the innovation without a guarantee of success.
- **5. Monitoring/Evaluating** Continually monitoring the impact of the innovation.
- **6. Flexibility** Being both directive and non-directive relative to the innovation as the situation warrants.
- **7. Ideals/Beliefs** Operating in a manner consistent with his/her ideals or beliefs relative to the innovation.

Three of the Seven Responsibilities are important aspects of Second Order Change.

They are:

- 1. Monitoring/Evaluation
- 2. **Ideals/Beliefs**
- 3. Knowledge of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

A Principal must establish a monitoring system that allows him/her to identify effective versus ineffective practices in curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and evaluate the impact on student growth and achievement and teacher efficacy.

Leadership for Second Order Change

To successfully implement a Second Order Change initiative, a school leader must ratchet up his/her idealism, energy, and enthusiasm. Additionally, the school leader must be willing to live through a period of frustration, and even anger from some staff members. No doubt this take a great personal toll on a school leader, and explain why many promising practices in education have not led to improved student achievement, and ultimately have been abandoned.

CHILD ABUSE

It is the responsibility of every staff member to report all cases of suspected or confirmed child abuse to the Principal and/or designee. <u>Under no circumstances will any staff member be permitted to physically or mentally abuse a child</u>. Any case involving a member of the staff will be reported to the Clayton County Police Department and to the Department of Children and Families. We are ALL **Mandated Reporters**.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING SESSION EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Teachers are expected to attend weekly grade level collaborative planning sessions. Planning session locations will be determined by grade level chairs, unless otherwise specified by administration.
- ✓ Collaborative planning sessions will be used for the following purposes:
 - Analyzing Data
 - Planning Lessons
 - Examining Student Work
 - Professional Development (location will be determined by administration)
- ✓ An agenda and sign in sheet will be created by the grade chair, facilitator, administrator, or designee, prior to the collaborative session. Agendas, sign in sheets, and the CCPS Collaborative Planning Meeting Minutes document will be kept in a grade level notebook. Agendas will be emailed to administrators and facilitators prior to the collaborative sessions.
- ✓ Participants will arrive **prepared** (and on time) to collaborate with colleagues for the purpose of improving student achievement.
- ✓ All participants will be required to sign in upon arrival to the collaborative planning sessions.



Collaborative Planning/Data Protocols Common Assessment Data Analysis Form

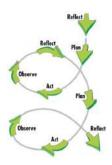
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	Name of Assessment:								
			Class Level a	and Student Le	vel Results re	porting feature	es of Edu	ıTrax to	
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	Yes or No:						Yes or I		Yes or No
Standards/Skills Addressed:					What does	the data te	ll you?		
In what area(s) did students do well?)	In what area(s) did students have difficulties?					
What patterns do you see and what does that tell you?			does that	What is yo Next step Next step		ction?			
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STUDENT PERFORMANCE INVENTORY Student Performance Inventory

Theory of Change

The change theory involved the steps of *reflect, planning, acting, observing/analyze,* and *reflecting* on practices related to student growth, achievement, and teacher efficacy.

What Do You See?







Period/Date of Review/Updates: Please check off to indicate

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C) Middle of the	Year (MO)	') - Grade	Level/Inc	lividual Cla	ssroom Teache	er Planning - 1/2	.018
C	Pulse Check 2	- Grade Lev	el/Indivi	dual Class	room Teac	her Planning/R	eflection - 3/20	18
C	End of the Yea	r (EOY) - G	irade Lev	el/Individ	ual Classro	om Teacher Pla	nning - 5/2018	
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	Student Name	Content Performance ELA Iow/average/high	Content Performance Math Iow/everage/high	Content Performance Social Studies low/average/high	Content Performance Science low/overage/high	RTI/SST	Student Attendance # of days absent	Support Services (DES, EIP, Gifted, ESOL
						Circle RTI SST		

Student Name

COMMUNICATION

The Parent/Student Handbook and the Academic Planner are distributed annually to students/parents. Each handbook contains information concerning school procedures and regulations and should be used to foster effective communication with parents. The Principal will make a weekly telephone call with information on upcoming events and activities. Teachers will send home information each week in the "Thursday folder". Your mailbox, e-mail, morning announcements, the office and lounge bulletin boards will be used extensively to disseminate information to all staff. Your Email must be checked daily for announcements or other important information. Mailboxes should be checked and emptied upon arrival in the morning, and before leaving at the end Students should not be sent to get mail from your box as of the day. confidential records and notes are often placed in the boxes. The Principal must approve any general notes prior to photocopying and distributing, which will be sent to all parents of a class or grade level.

General Notes may include correspondence regarding money, supplies, newsletters, grades and behavior. This does NOT include notes that are general reminders or curriculum based notes. For example, a reminder concerning a class project does NOT need to be approved.

All newsletters, PTA notices or any school wide communication is expected to be sent home on Thursday in the designated "Take Home" folder.

CLASSROOM APPEARANCE

Special effort should be made to make your room "kid-friendly" and attractive. First impressions are very important. Your bulletin boards should reflect students' work that is current. Book shelves, teacher desktop and cabinets should be neat, orderly in appearance, and clutter free. Check your room for conditions that are unsafe and/or inoperable and report them via email to the Assistant Principal. Room arrangements should allow easy access to the door. Fire inspections are randomly conducted by the Fire Marshals and local fire departments at any time throughout the year. Please note the fire map in each room that shows a primary and secondary exit from the building in the case of an emergency. Your adherence to accepted fire-safety practices is of utmost importance and is required.

CLINIC PROCEDURES

Students must have a pass to go to the clinic. Please keep a record of those students who visit the clinic regularly. If a child is in the clinic during lunch, the classroom teacher **MUST** ensure the child receives his/her lunch for that day.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics for Educators defines the professional behavior of educators in Georgia and serves as a guide to ethical conduct. The code protects the health, safety and general welfare of students and educators, ensures the citizens of Georgia a degree of accountability within the education profession, and defines unethical conduct justifying disciplinary sanction. Every faculty/staff member will receive a copy of the Code of Ethics. You are required to read and adhere to the state ethics.

20-2-751.7.(a) The Professional Standards Commission shall establish a state mandated process for students to follow in reporting instances of alleged inappropriate behavior by a teacher, administrator, or other school employee toward a student which shall not prohibit the ability of a student to report the incident to law enforcement authorities.

Student Reporting of Acts of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Misconduct

- (a) Any student (or parent or friend of a student) who has been the victim of an act of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct by a teacher, administrator or other school system employee is urged to make an oral report of the act to any teacher, counselor or administrator at his/her school.
- (b) Any teacher, counselor or administrator receiving a report of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct of a student by a teacher, administrator or other employee shall make an oral report of the incident immediately by telephone or otherwise to the school principal or principal's designee, and shall submit a written report of the incident to the school principal or principal's designee within 24 hours. If the principal is the person accused of the sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, the oral and written reports should be made to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.
- (c) Any school principal or principal's designee receiving a report of sexual abuse as defined in O.C.G.A. 19-7-5 shall make an oral report immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused. The report should be made by telephone and followed by a written report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Resources, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney.

Reports of acts of sexual misconduct against a student by a teacher, administrator or other employee not covered by O.C.G.A. 19-7-5 or 20-2-1184 shall be investigated immediately by school or system personnel. If the investigation of the allegation of sexual misconduct indicates a reasonable cause to believe that the report of sexual misconduct is valid, the school principal or principal's designee shall make an immediate written report to the superintendent and the Professional Standards Commission Ethics Division.

Listed below are definitions for "sexual abuse" and "sexual misconduct":

"Sexual abuse" means a person's employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing any minor who is not that person's spouse to engage in any sexual act as defined in O.C.G.A. 19-7-5.

"Sexual misconduct" includes behavior by an educator that is directed at a student and intended to sexually arouse or titillate the educator or the child. Educator sexual misconduct by an educator may include, but is not limited to, the following behavior:

- 1. Made sexual comments, jokes, or gestures.
- 2. Showed or displayed sexual pictures, photographs, illustrations, or messages.
- 3. Wrote sexual messages/graffiti on notes or the internet.
- 4. Spread sexual rumors (i.e. said a student was gay or a lesbian).
- 5. Spied on students as they dressed, showered or used the restroom at school.
- 6. Flashed or "mooned" students.
- 7. Touched, excessively hugged, or grabbed students in a sexual way.
- 8. Forced a student to kiss him/her or do something else of a sexual nature.
- 9. Talked or asked about a student's developing body, sexuality, dating habits, etc.
- 10. Talked repeatedly about sexual activities or sexual fantasies.
- 11. Made fun of your body parts.
- 12. Called students sexual names.

COFFEE AND SNACKS IN THE CLASSROOM

In an effort to maintain a safe and professional classroom environment, teachers are strongly encouraged to refrain from making coffee or drinking any beverage, other than water in the classroom. BREWING COFFEE IN CLASSROOMS, OR CLOSETS, IS A HAZARD AND IS NOT PERMITTED. Coffee or any liquids should be transported in closed containers.

Teacher Leaders of Tara ES (Grade Level Leads, Content Leads, Department Leads, Data Leads, Technology Leads)

Teacher leaders serve in leadership positions within the school. The responsibilities of the leaders include:

- Act as support person for curriculum with teachers
- Uphold and support the School Improvement Plan, and Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Hold meetings as needed, with curriculum team, providing an agenda and recording minutes for each meeting
- Assist teachers with the development of strategies to improve instruction, including classroom management techniques. He/she may serve as a resource person in the remediation of unacceptable areas of performance as cited by the administration
- Assist in disaggregating the data

- Be prepared to make data presentation to the staff as needed
- Stay abreast of upcoming special events, programs, deadlines, etc.
- Coordinate departmental duties including preparation of reports
- Assist substitute teachers
- Monitor compliance with the School Improvement Plan
- Encourage the cohesiveness of the grade level and school as a whole and discourage isolation among and between teachers

CORRESPONDENCE

All letters and memos must be reviewed, approved and initialed by the Principal or Assistant Principal(s) prior to dissemination. Under no circumstance is any faculty/staff member to type or write on the school's letterhead without prior approval from the administration.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The administration of corporal punishment in Clayton County Public Schools is **strictly prohibited**. Our school utilizes a variety of alternatives in handling behavioral issues, which precludes the use of corporal punishment. **Corporal punishment is not deemed appropriate as a disciplinary measure and under no circumstances is it permitted**

Examples:

- spanking (usually with an object such as a paddle or stick)
- slapping (on the face or hands is most common)
- pinching (anywhere on the body)
- standing students in the corner facing the wall

CUSTODIAL REQUESTS/PROCEDURES

Every effort should be made to keep our school a clean and attractive facility. All requests for custodial/zone mechanic services should be sent via email to the designated Assistant Principal. If appropriate action has not been taken within 48 hours, please notify the Assistant Principal. If the request for assistance is an emergency, contact the office and a custodian will be sent promptly.

Teachers and students can facilitate a clean and orderly environment by:

- Taking a couple of minutes each afternoon to pick up large pieces of paper, paper clips, thumb tacks, erasers, crayons, small pencils, etc. from the floor.
- Ensuring all chairs are stacked.
- Having students wipe table/desk top when they have been working with glue, paste, tempura, paint, etc.
- Putting teaching materials away so rooms can be effectively cleaned.
- Promptly reporting maintenance needs as they occur to designated Assistant Principal.

• Informing the Assistant Principal immediately when you have a spill on the floor so appropriate cleaning can occur.

DATA LEADS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- SLDS (Collaborative planning meeting...insert meeting data and times for the year)
 - o 50 clicks per month
 - Assistant Principal will lead at the beginning of the year
 - Scavenger hunt/specific tasks
 - o *Data
 - Student history –academic/attendance
 - o Growth
 - Lexile
- Unit Assessments all subjects-100% completion
 - Monitor pacing
 - Monitor the completion
 - All teachers/all students
 - Monitor completion of data analysis form-before data meetings
- Progress Monitoring
 - 100% progress monitoring
 - Monitor DIBELS K-3/mCLASS K-3
 - Monitor Wonders Fluency 4-5
 - Monitor data to identify student who have not shown growth-DIBELS, mCLASS, Unit assessments, Common Assessment - (RTI referrals when necessary)
 - o RTI pulse check monthly (meetings/documentation)
 - Student Performance Inventory
- Vertical team planning
 - Every quarter
 - Include observation
 - o 5th grade to middle school
 - Student Performance Inventory

DEADLINES

Teachers are expected to meet all deadlines/responsibilities promptly. Please refer to Teacher Keys Standards 9 and 10 for Professionalism and Communication expectations.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES (PM)

It is the responsibility of every teacher to make sure that each child under his/her supervision is dismissed to the correct destination each afternoon. This is a critical safety challenge, and each of us must be accountable. Staff members are expected to carefully follow the procedures specified below. This is a time of day for a structured routine with every student seated, quiet, and listening for Please follow the dismissal plan that will be provided for you. Teachers must distribute "dismissal passes" to students each afternoon at dismissal time. No lower grades student will be allowed to board a school or nursery bus without the proper color coded pass. It is imperative that every day teachers take a few minutes to make sure that they have all passes for students. When students are sent out at the end of the day without passes, buses are held up and dismissal is delayed. When new students enroll during the school year, they will be issued a bus pass and a "NEW BUS RIDER FORM" from the office to assist the bus driver with the student's correct bus stop. Please make sure that you send the "NEW BUS RIDER FORM" out with the student. A detailed dismissal schedule will be provided for teachers.



- 1. Teachers, please make sure students move quietly and promptly down the hallway, interact and ensure safety during duty times.
- 2. Afternoon dismissal begins promptly at 2:05 pm, please move all students to their appropriate dismissal location. Dr. Brown will begin afternoon announcements at 2:08 PM and Dr. Colbert will begin calling for specific students (car riders, bus riders, nursery bus riders, and walkers) to be dismissed.
- 3. Make sure all students are seated in their designated dismissal area. No students should be on the hallway unless dismissed to go home.
- 4. After notifying Dr. Brown of your absence please ask a substitute or colleague to cover duty your duty post during an absence.

Front Office	Smith, Figueroa-Assisting with parents
Car Lane	Graham, Wilkes, Wilkerson,
Stop Sign Holder	Gibson
Walkers	Ukah, Wirt, Winfield, Rutledge, Jackson, Hardy,
	Green, Wilkes
Walk students to cars	Remy, McCann, Preston, Peters, O'Neal, Hill, Lytle,
	Fleming
Front Lobby	Crisp
Walkers right of building	Lytle, Jackson, Gresham
Cafeteria Door	Pennell
100 Hallway (Back door of office)	Celestin
100 Hallway (Counselors Office)	Dr. Colbert
200 Hallway (Cross Hall)	Bynum
400 Hallway (Front of Kindergarten Restroom)	Simmons
300 Hallway	Anderson, Rodgers
Computer Lab (Kindergarten)	Sage-McGhee
Media Center (1st-2 nd)	Wilson, Munro, Perdue, V. Brown
Cafeteria (3-5)	Brown-Solomon, Baskin, Tignor, Jones, Johnson

ELECTRONIC GRADEBOOK

Teachers will record student grades and attendance utilizing "Infinite Campus". It is imperative that all teaches enter a minimum of 2 grades per week, per subject area. Please refer to the calendar as well as adhere to district mandates, and the school counselor regarding expectations related to posting grades in a compliant manner.

EMERGENCY PLANS

In the event of an emergency in your classroom that requires the immediate attention of an administrator, please notify the office immediately. In an effort to identify all personnel and increase the security in the building, all staff members will be issued ID badges. The ID badges MUST be worn at all times. If a student or staff member is injured, the Principal or designee must be notified at once. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or designee will make the decision to call 911. If the situation is serious and an administrator is not available, professional judgment dictates the decision to call 911. Remember, the safety and welfare of our school family is our main concern. If a situation requires the securing of the building, an announcement will be made over the Public Address System by the Principal, Assistant Principal, or designee giving the lockdown signal "TES is now on lockdown". (Refer to the Security and Safety Plan for procedures).

When the situation has cleared, the "ALL CLEAR" will be given over the public address system by the Principal Assistant Principal, or designee. The code signals the return to a normal schedule. All personnel who have information regarding the disturbance should be prepared to give the Principal a written statement that includes date, time and a description of the incident. You are required to review our Security and Safety Plan for additional information.

School Sponsored Events

- 1. School sponsored events must be submitted for approval to the Principal at least a month prior to the event.
- 2. All activities scheduled for the gymnasium will be coordinated through the administrator(s), and Coach, and placed on the school's monthly calendar.
- 3. Teachers sponsoring school events must submit names of participants to the Front Office, prior to leaving the campus.
- 4. Athletics have first preference to the gym when weather is inclement. All sponsors or groups needing to use the gym will need to contact the administrators five weeks prior to needing the gym.
- 5. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or designee, reserves the right to cancel any building reservation without advance notice.

FACULTY/STAFF RELATIONS

All areas in the building are public areas. Conversations involving peers or pupils should remain private. Negative comments should be avoided. Courtesy should be extended to all members of our school family. Every effort will be made to avoid disruptions of any kind during instructional time. Teachers are requested to refrain from visiting other teacher's classes during instructional time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we create the very best learning climate for our students.

Forbes (Business Terms...OUR Business) The Foundational Importance of Trust in Management

The word "foundational" was carefully chosen here. Trust is foundational in management, as it's the solid floor on which the rest of the manager-employee relationship is built. Without a strong foundation, a relationship is unsteady at best.

- Disingenuous communication from management to the rank and file.
- Lack of credibility will erode trust faster than you can say "rightsizing."
- Modeling behavior employees don't fully respect. While leading by example should be (dare I say it) foundational, it's been known to happen that management doesn't demonstrate the actions they expect of others.

In short, trust is a fragile commodity, yet an exceedingly valuable one. It can make all the difference between an employee who is emotionally committed to an organization - engaged - and highly productive, and one who is disengaged or even destructive.

A Strong *Foundation*

Trust – This is the foundation of every good relationship. When you trust your team and colleagues, you form a powerful bond that helps you work and communicate more effectively. If you trust the people you work with, you can be open and honest in your thoughts and actions, and you don't have to waste time and energy "watching your back."

Mutual Respect – When you respect the people you work with, you value their input and ideas, and they value yours. Working together, you can develop solutions based on your collective insight, wisdom and creativity.

Mindfulness – This means taking responsibility for your words and actions. Those who are mindful are careful and attend to what they say, and they don't let their own negative emotions impact the people around them.

Open Communication – We communicate all day, whether we're sending emails and IMs, or meeting face-to-face. The better and more effectively you

communicate with those around you, the richer your relationships will be. All good relationships depend on open, honest communication.

FIRE DRILLS

Please note the following:

- Evacuation route maps are posted in each room. Any teacher without an evacuation map for his/her class must secure one from the Assistant Principal.
- All exits must be clear of furniture, boxes etc.
- Students should proceed to the area designated for their class as indicated on the evacuation map. CLASSROOM DOORS ARE TO BE LEFT OPEN WHEN THE GROUP LEAVES.
- Students are to be instructed that if they are not under the direct supervision of a teacher when the alarm sounds, they are to join the nearest supervised group and leave the building. They should also be instructed to leave in a quiet and orderly manner.
- The teacher should make a quick check of the classroom to ascertain that no students have been left behind. The students should remain outside in quiet lines until the Principal and/or designee gives indication that they should return to their classrooms.
- Teachers must check for all their students twice: once when evacuated, and again when the students return to the class.

Refer to the calendar for Fire Drill Dates

FILMS/MOVIES/TELEVISION

All films, movies, and television should be related to the prescribed CCPS curriculum and instruction, as well as documented in your lesson plans. All Films and movies used for incentive purposes must have a "G" rating and should be approved by an administrator before showing.

FOLDERS

Work folders are required for each student that includes work across various subjects. Papers, test, quizzes, and writing samples in various subjects should be filed by student with a date on each paper. EIP will also provide teacher with anecdotal notes for student work folders. Each student should have Manila folders (provided by school) for work in each subject. All folders must be kept current and available to administrators at all times.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are given to support mastery or non-mastery of specific skills. If the majority of the class receives a failing grade on a test, the grade should be discarded and the corrective instruction using a different instructional strategy should transpire. All grades should be labeled with specific reference to an activity/skill. Nine-week grades should be obtained through a variety of sources:

class work, quizzes, tests, projects, home learning, etc. For purposes of confidentiality, parent volunteers should not grade papers or record grades. Teachers are required to enter a minimum of 2 grades per week per content area into Infinite Campus.

Each teacher must keep complete and accurate records of each student's achievement. Teachers should make every effort to assist each student with mastering grade level standards/elements. Teachers should evaluate student learning on a clear and consistent basis. Parents are to be notified both in writing AND by phone if a student's grades are declining. A declining grade would be an N or U for primary grades, or 73 or below in the upper elementary grades. This communication should be recorded in the Infinite Campus communication log. Always be prepared to justify a failing grade. In addition, BEFORE a failing grade is given, a conference is needed with teacher and parent.

All teachers must maintain student work folders. The work folders should include a variety of work samples. Bi-weekly progress reports must be sent home to keep parents informed of student progress.

Assessments should reflect the students' level of functioning. Assignments should reflect a variety of skill levels to challenge the student performing above grade level while providing practice and remediation for students performing below grade level. Teachers are expected to evaluate and access student progress through a variety of methods. Paper/pencil tests and tasks, rubrics, projects, oral presentation, and group assignments are some examples. **The Formative and Summative Assessment processes are non-negotiables.**

The academic reporting scale is as follows:

KINDERGARTEN THRU SECOND GRADE (Include weights)

E Excellent

S Satisfactory

NI Needs Improvement

U Unsatisfactory

NC No Credit Earned (Enrolled less than 10 days this grading period)

Grades 3-5

Α	Excellent	90-100	Exceeding content expectations		
В	Satisfactory	80-99	Meeting content expectations		
С	Needs Improvement	71-79	Working towards meeting content expectations		
D	Unsatisfactory	70	Inadequate progress towards		

			meeting content expectations			itions
F	Failing	69 and	Did	not	meet	content
		below	expec	tations		
NC	No Credit		Enrolled 10 days or less			
I	Incomplete		Work	requiren	nents not o	complete

GRADE WEIGHTS

	Elementary
Classwork	50%
Tests	15%
Quizzes	15%
Projects	15%
Homework	5%

HOMEWORK

Regular and purposeful home learning is an essential component of the instructional process. Home learning is an integral factor in fostering the academic achievement of students and in extending school activities into the home and community. Regular home learning provides opportunities for developmental practice, drill, and self-discipline. Each grade level develops and then distributes a grade level homework policy informing parents of expectations and daily assignments. Each grade level team will establish their own homework policy and post to grade level web page to inform parents.

Homework should be assigned daily. Please refer to the following time guidelines:

GRADE LEVEL	FREQUENCY	TOTAL TIME
		(All subjects combined)
K-2	Four days each week	45 minutes
3-5	Four days each week	60 minutes

Reading is recognized as a universal skill that relates to all subjects. **ALL students are required to read for 30 minutes for home learning each day.** Teachers should be sensitive to religious holidays/election days and provide flexible assignment due dates. Students should be held accountable for completing and turning in their home learning assignments. Students/parents should receive timely feedback on home learning assignments.

KEYS

All keys will be issued and collected by the Bookkeeper. Please verify your key number under acquisition. Faculty and Staff Members are responsible for the replacement costs of lost keys. All staff must sign a Key Acknowledgement form for every key assigned. The replacement costs are listed on the form. Please notify your Principal immediately if your keys are lost.

LEARNING JOURNEYS

Trips for students are permitted which have value in meeting educational objectives and are directly related to the curriculum. Teachers need to be sensitive to the spacing of field trips because of financial requirements for families and the scheduling of school wide fundraising and/or special event activities. Please remember that all volunteers/chaperones must have a background check and have a volunteer number.

Procedures:

- 1. Learning journeys must be interdisciplinary in nature and reflect the curriculum being taught.
- 2. Request should be submitted **4** weeks prior to the event. Grade level chairpersons or designee should submit the learning journeys paperwork to the bookkeeper. After doing so, it will be submitted to the Principal for approval. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the Bookkeeper who will schedule buses for the field trip. Teacher will be notified of approval.
- 3. A letter should be attached to the permission slip explaining the purpose of the learning journey to parents and students. This letter must be approved by school administration prior to being sent home with students.
- 4. It is your responsibility to obtain the number of chaperones needed for your learning journey.
- 5. Please see the nurse the day before the trip to receive instructions on preparing student medication. Please make arrangements for any student who needs to take medication during the course of the learning journey
- 6. Consult the Cafeteria Manager if sack lunches are required within **5** weeks of the field trip.
- 7. Schools may ask students to make a contribution toward defraying the costs of the learning journey; however, no student shall be denied full participation in the activity nor be penalized for failure to contribute.
- 8. Learning Journey monies should be turned into the Bookkeeper daily. No personal checks are allowed. Only cash and money order. The bookkeeper will write a check to cover the costs of admission.
- Make sure you write a receipt to the student as you collect the money.
 DO NOT LEAVE MONEY IN YOUR ROOM OR DESK!

LESSON PLANS

Lesson planning is an essential component of the teaching process. Daily lesson plans are required in advance on a weekly basis. All lesson plans must follow

prescribed lesson plan template, and must be kept in a Lesson Plan Binder near the classroom door for review. Videos, visitors, and other supplementary instructional experiences must be indicated in the plans. Every teacher with an ESOL student in his/her class must write and use ESOL strategies in their lesson plans and class instruction. Current plans for each day should always be available to an administrator. This is particularly important in case of an unexpected absence. All Lesson plans are due by 8:00 AM on Monday or the 1st work day of the week.

Please note: Emergency lesson plans will only be utilized if you are out unexpectedly. Emergency lesson plans should be updated at the beginning of every grading period.

LESSON PLANNING EXPECTATIONS

- Teachers are expected to collaboratively develop lesson plans during the week prior to implementation. Although plans are created collaboratively, individual teachers will be expected to modify the plans based on individual groups of learners.
- 2. The **instructional framework** consists of:
 - Lesson Standards
 - Direct Explanation
 - Modeling the Lesson's Concepts
 - Guided Practice with Feedback
 - Independent Practice
 - Review/Assessment of Standard and Learning Objectives
- 3. Lesson plans will be housed in your Lesson Plan Binder by your classroom door for the current week. At any time, administrators, site facilitators, or district personnel should be able to review the current plans and align them to current instruction.
- **4.** Teachers will be expected to electronically submit their lesson plans to the site facilitators by 8:00 a.m. on Monday or the 1st work day of the week. In an effort to decrease the number of emails received by the Instructional Site facilitator, all teachers will submit their lesson plans to the Grade level Lead, who will then submit lesson plans for the team to the Instructional Site Facilitator by the designated date and time.

LESSON PLANS (EMERGENCY)

Emergency lesson plans must be turned in to the Grade Level Chairperson by 3:00 p.m. on Aug 18th. The plans should contain, but is not limited to the following:

- 1 weeks' worth of general plans
- Class List
- Completed Schedule
- Seating Chart
- List of classroom helpers
- Fire alarm procedures
- Specific activities in each subject with page numbers in textbooks, vocabulary words, and handouts.
- Location of your classroom norms and behavioral/bathroom/dismissal procedures
- Attendance & Lunchroom procedures
- Name of another staff member who can assist or answer questions
- List of students with special needs including medication and time of administration
- Behavior Matrix

MASTER CALENDAR

A master calendar will be maintained by the School Media Specialist and Parent Liaison (Parental Involvement Calendar). Events which will impact all or a portion of the general school population should be scheduled. These events could include learning journeys, club meetings, special events, assemblies, performing arts, award assemblies, exhibits, fundraisers, special guests, and others. Prior approval from the Principal must proceed any scheduling of events. All events should have an instructional focus.

MEDIA CENTER

The media program plays an integral role in educating students for the challenges of a rapidly changing world. The media center shall serve as a learning center to enrich, support, and vitalize the school's instructional program. Its purpose is to provide students and teachers with access to information through its collection of resources in print, non-print, and electronic formats. The program's continuing aim is to encourage and enable each student to achieve his/her optimum potential as a learner, citizen, and human being. In this setting the school library media specialist's role is to integrate information literacy research, and inquiry into all areas of the curriculum to serve as teacher, technology leader, information specialist, and instructional consultant who is totally involved in the teaching/learning process.

General Information:

- ✓ Cameras, external speakers, document cameras, wireless presenters, and other electronic or digital equipment circulated from the media center in part from items distributed to teachers at the beginning of the year MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF USE.
- ✓ When utilizing digital cameras, please delete images prior to returning the camera. The media center staff will not be held responsible for images left on cameras when returned.

VIDEOS

All videos must be included in your lesson plans and must correspond with an instructional objective. Videos strictly for entertainment purposes may NOT be shown. ALL VIDEOS MUST BE APPROVED BY AN ADMINISTRATOR AND MUST BE RATED "G" (GENERAL AUDIENCES).

COPYRIGHT ADHERENCE PROCESSES:

Copyright warning labels will be posted on all appropriate equipment. Each staff member has been notified as to the need to receive clearance for use of materials which are copyrighted and a form for that purpose is available to staff members in the media center as well as the "P" Drive. The media specialist is available to assist with questions, concerns, or clearance regarding the copyright process.

MEETINGS

All meetings and Staff Work Sessions are mandatory. Staff members should not arrange appointments, conferences, or club/group activities on meeting days. If you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting please notify the Principal in writing. Please refer to Teacher Keys Standards 9 and 10 for Professionalism and Communication expectations.



MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Basic supplies will be given to teachers at the opening of school. Please do not send students to the office during the day to request supplies. It is expected that staff members will keep records of materials and textbooks checked out to students. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the teacher to distribute textbooks and monitor the student's responsibility for these materials.

MONIES

Throughout the year, monies will be collected for several projects. The handling of money by school personnel must be governed by very specific procedures. Failure to follow these procedures can lead to audit exceptions that are to be avoided at all costs.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- No personal checks are allowed.
- Do not leave any money in the building overnight.
- Do not leave money in your desk.
- All monies for school related activities must be submitted with the receipt book and cash collection sheet.
- ALL MONIES MUST BE GIVEN TO BOOKKEEPER BY 10:00 A.M. EACH DAY.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Fundraising for specific purposes by school related groups must follow these procedures:

- A request must be submitted to the bookkeeper detailing the group, the purpose, and the amount of money needed. No fundraising should occur without the Principal's approval.
- Monies must be kept in a secured place and follow the same guidelines as those specified above.
- Bookkeeper will submit request to the Principal for approval.

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Paraprofessionals are expected to play an active role in the classroom by working collaboratively with classroom teacher. Paraprofessionals are not to discuss any issues, problems, or concerns with parents. Only teachers and/or administrators are authorized to discuss any concerns with parents.

Kindergarten Paraprofessional's Academy Professional Learning Plan

Strategy:

Provide training for Kindergarten Paraprofessionals through a series of year-long workshops to become a more integral part of Kindergarten Classroom student instruction and student achievement.

Rationale:

The Tara Elementary School Improvement Plan Action Steps/Tasks includes paraprofessionals as school level monitors.

 Tara Elementary School Comprehensive School Improvement Plan SMART Goal 1

Goal 1: To increase academic achievement for all students in Clayton County Public Schools as evidenced by state, national, and international assessment results.

ELA Performance Goals:

Decrease the percentage of K-3 intensive students by 3% and increase the percentage of K-3 benchmark students by 3% as measured by the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Assessment. Decrease the number of students needing intensive support as identified by the Early Intervention Program qualifiers.

PARENT COMMUNICATION & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

"Take Home Thursday Folders" will be issued to all students. <u>All school wide and important notices should be sent home in the Take Home Thursday folder.</u>

Conferences can be the best form of establishing rapport with the parents of the students in your room. A teacher should have a minimum of <u>two</u> parent conferences during the year for each student. When scheduling conferences, ask the parent to check in at the front office. Every effort will be made to see that no parent enters your classroom unannounced. Arrangements should be made with other teachers who have a child in the same family to coordinate conference times and dates. <u>If a parent is not wearing a visitor badge, please politely send them to the front office.</u>

Parent-teacher conferences should occur on a regular basis. It is also urged that conferences are scheduled when students are in need of academic and/or behavioral scaffolding and when they are determined to possess unique academic potential. Parent conferences should deal with positive issues as well as those matters requiring extra attention and intervention.

• Teachers should log all teacher-parent conferences and specify whether such contacts were in person, by telephone, or through written communication. (Infinite Campus)

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Active support of the PTA will enhance individual classrooms as well as lend support to the total school program. It is high recommended that you encourage your parents to join the organization and participate in PTA functions. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that all of the faculty and staff become active members in the PTA.

PERMANENT RECORD FOLDERS

The Administration, teachers, selected office staff, and other district personnel, who have authorized and legal access through procedures established by the Clayton County Public School Board are the only personnel who should read or handle permanent records. Under no circumstances should a child be given a permanent record to transport. Parents, paraprofessionals or volunteers are not to view or write in the permanent record folder. Federal law decrees that the permanent record folders are open to parent perusal. Viewing of these records will be done only in the office under the supervision of office personnel. Never leave cumulative folders unattended or take cumulative folders off campus. The permanent record folders are organized alphabetically by grade and located in the locked cabinets in the vault. They are available for review and you are strongly encouraged to review the permanent record folders carefully to determine pertinent health information or special placement of your students. Discuss with an administrator as soon as possible, any comments, entries or materials that are of concern. Permanent record folders should also be checked throughout the year, as students transfer in very frequently. Missing records should be reported in writing to the counselor. Permanent record folders MUST be stored in the office. Please adhere to the

Permanent record folders MUST be stored in the office. Please adhere to the following procedures:

- All items are to be kept in the individual folders when not in actual use
- All folders are to be maintained in the file drawers.

When a folder is needed:

- Request through counseling suite
- Sign for receipt of folder

When you are finished with the folder:

- Sign the permanent log in counseling suite.
- Return to counseling suite.

DO NOT REMOVE PERMANENT RECORDS FROM THE RECORDS ROOM.

PERSONAL LEAVE

During any school year, a teacher may utilize up to a maximum of three personal days. These days are only available if the teacher has enough accumulative sick leave days for the deduction. **Each teacher must give a written notice at**

least one week in advance for any personal leave to be granted.

Requests for personal leave should not be made for the day prior to, the day immediately after a holiday or during the last week of school.

PLANNING PERIODS/DUTY FREE LUNCH

Planning periods are provided for all classroom teachers during the week. Your planning periods are an excellent opportunity to do short and long-range planning, reports, RTI, etc. with grade level members. *Teachers are strongly encouraged to use their planning time wisely.*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & STAFF DEVEOPMENT

All Professional Learning & Staff Developments must be approved. If a teacher has been assigned to Professional Learning a leave slip must be submitted with any other paperwork associated with the information such as who or what department is paying for subs. This has to be requested before the actual Staff Development takes place. In order for the funding associated with the staff development to be entered correctly the bookkeeper must have all necessary paperwork in a timely manner with appropriate signatures and approvals.

PROTECTION AND SECURITY

All visitors to the school must report to the office to receive a visitor's pass. All staff members share in the responsibility of questioning strangers in the building and directing these individuals to the main office. Strangers to Tara ES are identified as being individuals who do **not** have a visitor's pass from the office. We all share the responsibility of keeping our school safe. Please stop any individual that does not have a pass or alert the administration immediately.

All teachers must keep their classroom doors closed and locked at all times. Do not open the door unless you are notified by the office to expect a visitor. Family members are also requested to check into the office before proceeding to your classroom. In the case of a lockdown, DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR, until the "All Clear" is given. The office is to be notified immediately if a problem arises. Please be sure that this information is available for your substitute.

RELEASE OF STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL DAY

It is imperative that teachers do not release students for any reason, unless the main office has given notification. If a parent comes to your classroom requesting to take their child home, please call the main office immediately, and direct them back to the main office for checkout.

REPORTS

Progress Reports

Progress Reports are issued to every student every 4.5 weeks throughout the school year. Progress report are used to notify parents of a child's academic and

behavioral progress prior to the dissemination of Report Cards. Please refer to the calendar for specific completion and distribution dates.

Report Cards

Each teacher must keep a complete record of each pupil's achievements. At the close of each 9 week grading period, a report card of each pupil's progress must be provided to parents. A parent or guardian of the pupil must sign and return this report of progress. If a student withdraws and moves to another state, the report card will be released pending no obligations to the school for the following reasons:

- a) Owes for lost/damaged textbook
- b) Lost library book or damaged
- c) Owes for school pictures
- d) Owes for fundraiser items sold

The forms to hold report cards will be provided.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

- ✓ Grading or evaluation of a student's performance must be done in both the academic and conduct areas.
- ✓ **No student should be given a failing grade** unless the parents have been notified both in writing and/or by phone. Parents must be given sufficient time to work with the student in correcting the deficiency. Students receive report cards every 9 weeks, so parents should have a minimum of 3-4 weeks to facilitate improved student achievement.
- ✓ Progress reports are to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the teacher. If the report is not returned, it is necessary to contact the parent/guardian.
- ✓ **Be prepared to justify failing grades**. A large number of failures within a group may indicate that a teacher should re-evaluate teaching methods or perhaps his/her grading system. A high percentage of failures in any group should not exist.

ROUTINES

Morning Routine:

- Classroom teachers will establish a regular morning routine-entering the classroom, sharpening pencils, seat work, etc. This routine will be written and placed in the substitute plans in order that the regular flow of the classroom will not be interrupted.
- Morning work should be available for all students every day.

Traffic in the Hallways:

• All students in each class will walk in a single file line and navigate to the

<u>right side of the hallways</u>. Students will move through the hallways quietly and without running.

Assemblies:

- Classes should enter the cafeteria/gymnasium in single file, one class at a time and seated quickly and quietly.
- Students are expected to exhibit exemplary behavior at all assemblies. This is to include appropriate silences during speeches and performances. Teachers will enforce students' behaviors as well as model correct behavior by following the same rules and expectations.
- If a staff member is planning an assembly, the Principal must approve the date, time and all details no later than two weeks in advance of the assembly. The event must be placed on the Master Calendar.

Lunch Procedures:

• Teachers are expected to promote appropriate cafeteria behavior with students. Please follow cafeteria procedures outlined in this handbook.

Notes Home:

- The Principal must approve any general notes, which will be sent to all parents of a class or grade level prior to copying and distributing.
- All newsletters, PTA notices or any school wide communication are expected to be sent home on Thursday in the designated folder.

Other Routines:

- All teachers are required to begin and end their scheduled classes on time in order to promote effective classroom management. Additionally, teachers must drop off and pick students up on time from all special classes and follow appropriate time schedules throughout the day.
- Monitor students in the hallway and accompany them to other areas of the building.
- Do not permit loitering in the halls or bathrooms, which includes standing students in the hallway as a behavior consequence.
- Enforce the dress code daily.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Insist on appropriate behavior at all times.
- Sneakers with wheels are not allowed at the school.

Please note: The teacher is responsible for the supervision of students at all times.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

Response to Intervention (RTI) is at the core of school improvement- to make sure we reach *all* students, especially those whose academic skills or behaviors are not up to expectations. The Georgia Student Achievement Pyramid of Interventions is the process of aligning appropriate assessment with purposeful instruction for all students. In Georgia, Response to Intervention is based in the general education classroom where teachers routinely implement a strong and rigorous standards-based learning environment.

The tiered approach to providing layers of intervention for students needing support requires a school wide common understanding of the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS), assessment practices, and instructional pedagogy. Georgia's RTI process includes several key components:

- ✓ A 4-Tier delivery model designed to provide support matched to student need through the implementation of standards-based classrooms.
- ✓ Evidence-based instruction as the core of classroom pedagogy.
- ✓ Evidence-based interventions utilized with increasing levels of intensity based on progress monitoring.
- ✓ The use of a variety of ongoing assessment data to determine which students are not meeting success academically and/or behaviorally.
- ✓ Data Teams in each school serve as the driving force for instructional decision making in the building.
- ✓ Purposeful allocation of instructional resources based on student assessment data.

REQUESTS TO LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

At times during the school year, it may be necessary for a faculty member to request to leave during the school day or to leave school early. When this occurs, the "Leave" form should be filled out and approved by the Principal. All faculty members should understand that to leave during the school day or to leave early is a privilege, and as, such should not be abused. These requests should be kept to a minimum. Staff members who leave before 11:30 a.m. should plan to take ½ day sick or personal leave, whichever applies. Staff members who arrive after 11:30 a.m. would plan to take a ½ day sick or personal leave, whichever applies.

* Remember to sign in and sign out daily. Failure to sign in and out daily will result in an automatic email from the bookkeeper notifying you to submit in writing to the Principal your reason for failing to comply with the CCPS Board Policy.

Please note: Due to Clayton County School Board liability policies, staff members are not permitted to bring their own children or relatives to the school without approval from the administration.

SCHEDULES

Teachers are required to follow their teaching schedule. Any changes to a schedule must be approved by the Principal. Classroom schedules are to be submitted to the Administration on the provided template via email.



TARA ELEMENTARY LUNCH SCHEDULE

2017-2018

Time	Teacher	Grade	Line #
10:00-10:30	Armstrong	DES Pre-K	1
10:00-10:30	Crisp	Pre-K	2
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10:05-10:35	Remy	K	1
10:05-10:35	McGhee	К	2
10:10-10:40	Brown	К	1
10:10-10:40	Ukah	K	2
10:15-10:45	Williams	K	1
10:30 - 11:00	Ohanenye	4th	2
10:30 - 11:00	Hardy	4th	1
10:35 - 11:05	O'Neal	4th	2
10:35 - 11:05	McElrath	4th	1
10:40 - 11:10	Tignor	4 th	2
10:45 -11:15	Searcy	EBD 1st-3rd	1
10:45-11:15	Ullman	MID K-2nd	2
11:00-11:30	Wirt	1 st	1
11:00-11:30	Scott	1st	2
11:05-11:35	Wilson	1st	1
11:05-11:35	Chalon	1 st	2
11.00 11.00	Chaidh		-
11:20 - 11:50	Winfield	2nd	1
11:20 - 11:50	Preston	2nd	2
11:25 - 11:55	Hamilton	2nd	1
11:25 - 11:55	Richardson	2nd	2
11:30 - 12:00	Munro	2nd	1
11:45 - 12:15	Rutledge	3rd	2
11:45 - 12:15	Jackson	3rd	1
11:50 - 12:20	Peters	3rd	2
11:50 - 12:25	Alexander	3rd	1
11:55 - 12:25	Cook	3rd	2
11:55 - 12:25	Baskin	3rd	1
12:00 - 12:30	Sidhu	FMID 4th-5th	2
12:00 - 12:30	Cotton	MID 3rd-5th	1
12:15 - 12:45	Barker	5th	2
12:15 - 12:45	Hill	5 th	1
12:20 - 12:50	Green	5 th	2
12:20 - 12:50	Jones	5 th	1
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Specials Schedule 2017-2018 1** Nine Week								
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
5th-Grade-8:00	5th-Grade-8:00-8:40							
PE	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker			
Music	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones			
Art	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green			
Computer	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill			
4th- Grade-8:50)-9:30	•	•	•				
PE	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath			
Music	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye			
Art	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy			
Computer	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal			
3rd-Grade-9:40	-10:20							
PE	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge			
Music	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters			
Art	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander			
Computer	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson			
2 nd -Grade-10:3	0-11:10							
PE	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield			
Music	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston			
Art	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams			
Computer	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro			
1st -12:20-1:00	•		•	•	•			
PE	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt			
Music	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann			
Art	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson			
Computer	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott			
Kindergarten -1:00-1:40								
PE	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah			
Music	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy			
Art	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee			
Computer	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown			

Kindergarten-Williams, 2nd-Hamilton, 3rd-Cook/Baskin, 4th Tignor-These teachers will split classes evenly amongst the rest of the grade level before specials. Also, assist others teachers in walking students to specials class.

	Specials Schedule 2017-2018 2nd Nine Week							
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F-1- 0-1- 0-0	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
5th-Grade-8:00	J-8:40							
PE	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones			
Music	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green			
Art	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill			
Computer	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker			
4th- Grade-8:50)-9:30							
PE	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye			
Music	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy			
Art	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal			
Computer	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath			
3rd-Grade-9:40	-10:20							
PE	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters			
Music	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander			
Art	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson			
Computer	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge			
2 nd -Grade-10:3	0-11:10							
PE	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston			
Music	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams			
Art	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro			
Computer	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield			
1st -12:20-1:00								
PE	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann			
Music	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson			
Art	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott			
Computer	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt			
Kindergarten -1:00-1:40								
PE	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy			
Music	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee			
Art	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown			
Computer	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah			

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Specials Schedule 2017-2018 3rd Nine Week						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
5th-Grade-8:00-8:40						
PE	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green	
Music	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill	
Art	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker	
Computer	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones	
4th- Grade-8:50)-9:30					
PE	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	
Music	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	
Art	McErath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	
Computer	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	
3rd-Grade-9:40						
PE	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	
Music	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	
Art	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	
Computer	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	
2 nd -Grade-10:3	0-11:10					
PE	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams	
Music	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro	
Art	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield	
Computer	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston	
1st -12:20-1:00						
PE	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	
Music	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott	
Art	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	
Computer	McCan	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann	
Kindergarten -	1:00-1:40					
PE	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	
Music	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown	
Art	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	
Computer	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy	

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		Specials Schedu 4th Nine		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

5th-Grade-8:00-8:40

PE	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill
Music	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones	Barker
Art	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green	Jones
Computer	Green	Jones	Barker	Hill	Green

4th- Grade-8:50-9:30

PE	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal
Music	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath
Art	Ohanenye	McErath	O'Neal	Hardy	Ohanenye
Computer	Hardy	Ohanenye	McElrath	O'Neal	Hardy

3rd-Grade-9:40-10:20

PE	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson
Music	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge
Art	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander	Peters
Computer	Alexander	Peters	Rutledge	Jackson	Alexander

2nd-Grade-10:30-11:10

PE	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro
Music	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston	Winfield
Art	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams	Preston
Computer	Williams	Preston	Winfield	Munro	Williams

1st -12:20-1:00

PE	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt	Scott
Music	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann	Wirt
Art	McCann	Wirt	Scott	Wilson	McCann
Computer	Wilson	McCan	Wirt	Scott	Wilson

Kindergarten -1:00-1:40

PE	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown
Music	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy	Ukah
Art	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee	Remy
Computer	McGhee	Remy	Ukah	Brown	McGhee

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS - DESCRIPTIONS

Team	Members	<u>-</u>
	Members	
Name/Description	Principal	
Administrative Team	Principal Dr. Wakea N. Brown Assistant Principal Mr. Phillip Shiflet	
Internal Affairs	Principal Dr. Wakea N. Brown Assistant Principal Mr. Phillip Shiflet ISF Jennifer Redmond ISF Madhuri Chopra Counselor Dr. Yolanda Colbert	
Leadership Team This team of teachers serves in leadership positions within the school to uphold and support the School Improvement Plan, assist teachers with development of strategies to improve instruction, and assist in data disaggregation	Ms. Bridgett Ukah (Lead) Ms. Vinita Sage-McGhee (Co-Data Chair) Ms. Debra Williams (Tech Chair) Ms. Olivia Richardson – (Lead) Ms. Dejuan Winfield – (Data Lead) Ms. Ascha Preston (Tech. Lead) Ms. Genothan Ohanenye (Lead) Mr. Marquavius Hardy (Data Lead) Ms. Kiera O'Neal (Tech. Lead) Ms. Andrea Lytle (Lead) Ms. Lakeshia Fleming (Co-Data Lead) Ms. Cassie Simmons (Co-Data Lead) Ms. Miranda Wilkerson (Tech. Lead) Yetsenia Figueroa (Parent Liaison)	Ms. Kiaunna Wirt – (Lead) Ms. Taquita Scott (Data Lead) Ms. Shanna Wilson (Tech. Lead) Ms. LaTrilya Peters (Lead) Ms. Yolanda Cook (Data Lead) Ms. Kawonna Jackson (Tech. Lead) Ms. Jazmyn Green (Lead) Ms. Jones (Data Lead) Mr. Hill (Tech. Lead) Ms. Michelle Brown-Solomon (Lead) Ms. Jennifer Pennell (Data Lead) Ms. Lakisha Bynam (Tech. Lead) Ms. Camisha Pruitt (Lead)
Teacher/Student Attendance Committee This committee oversees and develops the rewards and recognitions for students/teachers. Recognition programs will be designed and implemented to motivate students and staff.	retachia ngacroa (ratent Liason)	
GMAS - This committee promotes ideas to support students participating in the GMAS (i.e. Pep rallies, Incentives, Parent Information Sessions, T-Shirts, etc.) as well as overall planning for the assessment.		
Textbooks This committee assists the Textbook Coordinator and teachers in maintaining an accurate record of CCPS textbooks issued to students.		
Discipline Committee Shall work closely with the Assistant Principal to develop incentives in an effort to decrease negative student behavior and increase positive behaviors and good citizenship.	Ms. Winfield (Lead) Mrs. Solomon-Brown Ms. Ohanenye Ms. Wilkerson	

Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to: presence at committee meetings, planning the event(s), organizing processes/procedures and assigning and communicating responsibilities for event(s), creating fliers and-reminder notices to go home, ordering materials for event(s) {Dr. Brown's approval required}, communicating set up needs to Assistant Principal, creating, and hanging signage as needed (for event promotion and direction of parents on the night of the event), etc. Please note aforementioned examples may not be applicable for each committee noted above.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAMS – DESCRIPTIONS

Team Name	Lead	Members/Description
Awards &	Fleming	This committee plans ceremonies to recognize
Recognition		outstanding service and achievement for students,
· ·		parents, and teachers. This includes but is not limited to
		Honor's Day, Student of the Month, Teacher of the
		Month, Volunteer Banquet, Teacher of the Year,
		Secretaries' Day, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, etc.!
Beta Club	Gillespie	This committee strives to promote leadership in
	Hill	students. The members will also be responsible for
		organizing the grade level and school-wide spelling bee
		for district participation.
Community		This committee identifies charities TME will support for
Outreach/Family		the 2015-2016 school year and organizes the processes
Engagement		for this to occur.
		(Possible Charities: March of Dimes, Relay for Life,
		Canned Food Drive, etc.)
		This committee will assist with school activities such as
		but not limited to the following:
		 Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms
		Fall Festival (Tentative Date: Oct. 6th), Santa Night,
		Miss TME Pageant, 5th Grade Formal, Movie on the
		Lawn, etc.
Sunshine/Hospitality		This committee will oversee the Sunshine Fund and send
		flowers, cards, etc. to staff members on important
		occasions on behalf of the entire school staff. This
		committee also organizes monthly Potluck Luncheons,
		Birthdays, and Staff Social Gatherings.
Careers and Red	Colbert	Career Week (w/ Dr. Colbert)
Ribbon		This committee works with the counselor to plan
		activities.
		Red Ribbon Week (w/ Dr. Colbert)
		This committee works with the counselor to plan
		activities.
Media Committee	Gillespie	This committee works with the media specialist to plan
		Read Across America Week activities, as well as strive
		to promote and support student, parent, and teacher use
		of technology.
Cultural Diversity		This committee is dedicated to the promotion of
•		diversity by organizing events and activities to support
		the diverse needs of TME. (i.e. International Night,
		Black History Program, Hispanic Heritage Month,
		Vietnamese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, etc.)

Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to: presence at committee meetings, planning the event(s), organizing processes/procedures and assigning and communicating responsibilities for event(s), creating fliers and reminder notices to go home, ordering materials for event(s) {Dr. Brown's approval required}, communicating set up needs to Assistant Principal, creating, and hanging signage as needed (for event promotion and direction of parents on the night of the event), etc. Please note aforementioned examples may not be applicable for each committee noted above.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST (CCPS/Beasley)

Elementary Supply List

- Pre-K
 - Small Blanket
 - Kleenex
- Kindergarten
 - o Crayons
 - o #2 Pencils
 - Glue Sticks
 - o Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - Kleenex
 - o Hand Sanitizer
 - o Book Bag
- First Grade
 - Crayons
 - o #2 Pencils
 - o Glue Sticks
 - Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - Kleenex
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Book Bag
- Second Grade
 - o Crayons
 - o #2 Pencils
 - o Glue Sticks
 - o Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - o Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
 - Kleenex
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - o Book Bag
- Third Grade
 - o Crayons
 o #2 Pencils
 - o Glue Sticks
 - Kleenex
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - Prong Pocket Folders
 - o Book Bag
- · Fourth Grade
 - o #2 Pencils
 - o Kleenex
 - o Hand Sanitizer

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST cont. (CCPS/Beasley)

- Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
- o Prong Pocket Folders
- Book Bag
- Fifth Grade
 - o #2 Pencils
 - Glue Sticks
 - Kleenex
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
 - Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

SICK LEAVE

Teachers who find it necessary to be absent more for days than they have earned, will lose a day's pay for each day missed. If staff members must be absent the administrators must be notified as soon as possible. The teacher must then either call or log on to AESOP to enter a request for a substitute. It is the teacher's responsibility to secure a sub for his/her class. If staff members know in advance that he/she will need to take leave, the Employee Leave Request Form will need to be completed.

During pre-planning the Bookkeeper will provide the teachers and paraprofessionals with information on how to secure a sub through the AESOP system. The teacher will leave, at all times, a daily lesson plan for the substitute teacher. If employees are aware of an extended illness in advance, it is their responsibility to prepare substitute plans for a minimum of 2 weeks. Sick leave will be used to cover personal illness and illness in the immediate family. The immediate family will be interpreted to mean father, mother, brother, sister, child, husband, or wife.

SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in the building or on school grounds. Our school is a smoke-free environment.

STAFF DRESS CODE

All persons employed by Clayton County Public Schools are representatives of the school system and are highly visible examples to students. You should therefore dress in a manner that sets a positive example and conveys to students that education is a serious and professional endeavor. As such, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a manner that will reflect credit upon yourself and the school system. Professional and modest attire is expected on school days and teacher planning days. Neither sheer clothing nor revealing attire is

acceptable or tolerated. Do not put yourself in an uncomfortable situation where this issue has to be addressed to you by the administration.

STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION

- A. Teachers are expected to deliver quality **standards-based instruction**. This means teachers must have a grasp of the curriculum and utilize best practices to deliver instruction.
- B. Common Core standards that are aligned with current instructional lessons will be posted in the room. Standards must be large enough for students to view and access.
- C. Student work must reflect achievement of required curriculum standards. Meaningful teacher commentary must be attached to all posted student work.
- D. Differentiated instruction must be evident to accommodate student learning profiles, special needs, and cultural backgrounds.
- E. Flexible grouping will be based on current analysis and diagnosis of formative assessments.
- F. Content lessons will include components of writing, reading, listening, and speaking as evidence of **literacy across the curriculum**.
- G. Teachers will use **higher-order questioning** techniques to guide the thinking and learning of students. This should be demonstrated during instruction and assessments. (i.e. Revised Bloom's Taxonomy, Planting Questions)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Students are never to be left unattended – even for a "few" minutes. Student supervision is the responsibility of the classroom teacher. Please note the following:

- In an emergency, call the office (and include classroom number) or the teacher in the next room for assistance.
- Students are to be supervised to and from classes. Lower grade students must be sent to the office (or on other errands) in pairs. Students should have an appropriate pass when they leave the room.
- Teachers at all grade levels are expected to follow the arrival/dismissal plans.

SUBSTITUTE PROCEDURES AND PLANS

The **administrator and the grade level chair** should be notified as soon as possible when a staff member expects to be absent (anticipated or unanticipated). If a teacher knows in advance of an absence, they must fill out a "leave form", gain approval from the **administrator**, and then secure a substitute teacher. The teacher should have lesson plan information available

for the substitute. Also note that calling AESOP does not assure that you will have a substitute. It is your responsibility to make sure that a substitute has been secured for your classroom. The teacher MUST confirm that the following steps have been carried out:

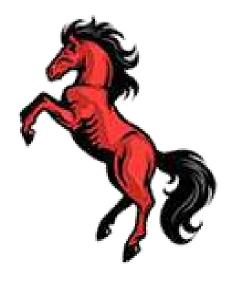
- 1. Call the administrator
- Between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM or
- Between 6:00 AM and 6:45
- 2. Call AESOP (obtain job number)

In order to facilitate the effectiveness of substitutes, emergency lesson plans need to be compiled and given to your grade level chairperson. **Teachers will need to update information and activities in their folders at the beginning of every grading period.**

TAKE HOME THURSDAY FOLDERS

"Take Home Thursday Folders" will be issued to all lower grade students. <u>All school wide and important notices should be sent home in the Take Home</u> Thursday folder.

Teachers need to insist that the students develop this habit. Each Friday morning as part of the daily routine, teachers should follow-up to ensure that the folders have been returned and are empty. Follow up with a phone call home if the folder is not returned.



TEACHER EXPECTATIONS



Professionalism, Communication and Relations

- Be on Time and present.
- Be Prepared and ready to Teach.
- Be consistent with grading and conduct.
- o *Inspire* our students.
- o *Inspire* and support your colleagues.
- Communicate with parents about expectations, grading and school policy.
- Build and uphold the reputation and beliefs (Excellence is the ONLY choice) of Tara Elementary School.
- Attend Collaborative Planning Meetings as a positive active participant.
- Serve as a member in Professional Learning Communities for student growth and teacher efficacy.
- Use data and data protocols consistently as a building practice to drive instruction and reflect on teacher practices.
- Be involved in activities related to Professional Growth (this can/will be developed by or with support from with the Principal or Assistant Principal).
- School Leaders lead with a positive...courageous spirit...look different.
- o **3 D's** Professional Dress, Discourse, and Demeanor.
- Consult/communicate with administrator(s), colleagues, students, and/or parents on a regular basis.
- Cooperate and collaborate with administrators and/or instructional/teacher leaders.
- Serve on and participate in professional staff committees/meetings.
- Meet or exceed the standards of performance (Teacher Keys Effectiveness System, Classified, GLEI, GMSEP, GMCEP, etc.), Clayton County Public School social and academic programs and initiatives, and other state & federal requirements...including following the standards of the Georgia Common Core Curriculum.
- o Perform other related duties as required.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Help students learn subject matter and/or skills that will contribute to their development as mature, able, responsible citizens who become lifelong learners.
- Guide the learning process of students in the classroom toward the achievement of curriculum goals while upholding all district, state, and federal guidelines.
- Plan your lessons considering student/class data; using CCPS approved resources (as well as other resources...not to take the place of CCPS resources) and guidelines.
- Teach with a high level of instruction, with active student engagement, and differentiation to meet varied needs of students.
- Utilities effective assessment strategies, monitoring student performance, and provide meaningful feedback.
- o Create a classroom environment with structure and organization.
- o Implement Instructional practices with rigor, and critical thinking.

Please note that these are non-negotiable, but do not limit the expectations of teachers. It is the expectation that all teachers will utilize professional judgment to establish positive communication and relationships at TES.



TEACHER KEYS EFFECTIVENESS SYSTEM

The overarching goal of TKES is to support continuous growth and development of each teacher. *This evaluation system is based on the totality of evidence and the consistency of practices.*

The primary purpose of TKES is to:

- ✓ Optimize student learning and growth
- ✓ Improve the quality of instruction by ensuring accountability for classroom performance and teacher effectiveness
- ✓ Contribute to successful achievement of the goals and objectives defined in the vision, mission, and goals of Georgia Public Schools
- ✓ Provide a basis for instructional improvement through productive teacher performance appraisal and professional growth.
- ✓ Implement a performance evaluation system that promotes collaboration between teacher and evaluator and promotes self-growth, instructional effectiveness, and improvement of overall job performance.

The following are ongoing and should take place throughout the school year:

- ✓ Walk-throughs and observations of teachers by evaluators.
- ✓ Collection of documentation, site visits, and observations as they relate to performance standards and goals.
- ✓ Familiarization with TKES performance standards.
- ✓ Analysis of student data and utilization of that data in planning.
- ✓ Development and monitoring of Professional Learning Plans, and Professional Learning Goals (on an as-needed basis)

Performance standards are used to collect and present data to document teacher effectiveness that is based on a comprehensive conception of the job responsibilities for teachers. Standards are intended to provide a balance

between structure and flexibility. They also define common purposes and expectations, thereby guiding effective professional practices. A fair and solid set of performance standards can provide sufficient detail and accuracy so that both teachers and evaluators understand the full range of teacher performance and identify areas for professional improvement. The ultimate goal is to support the continuous growth and development of each teacher by monitoring, analyzing, and applying pertinent data compiled within a system of meaningful feedback.

Performance Standards

Professional Knowledge	The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, pedagogical knowledge, and the needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.
Instructional Planning	The teacher plans using state and local school district curricula and standards, effective strategies, resources, and data to address the differentiated needs of all students.
Instructional Strategies	The teacher promotes student learning by using research-based instructional strategies relevant to the content to engage students in active learning and to facilitate the students' acquisition of key knowledge and skills.
Differentiated Instruction	The teacher challenges and supports each student's learning by providing appropriate content and developing skills which address individual learning differences.
Assessment Strategies	The teacher systematically chooses a variety of diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and student population.
Assessment Uses	The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses relevant data to measure student progress, to inform instructional content and delivery methods, and to provide timely and constructive feedback to both students and parents.
Positive Learning Environment	The teacher provides a well-managed, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all.
Academically Challenging Environment	The teacher creates a student-centered, academic environment in which teacher and learning occur at high levels and students are self-directed learners.
Professionalism	The teacher exhibits a commitment to professional ethics and the school's mission, participates in professional growth opportunities to support student learning, and contributes to the profession.
Communication	The teacher communicates effectively with students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel, and other stakeholders in ways that enhance student learning.

Teacher Leaders of Tara ES (Grade Level Leads, Content Leads, Department Leads, Data Leads, Technology Leads) What is leadership?



- Creates an inspiring vision of the future.
- Motivates and inspires people to engage with that vision.
 - Manages delivery of the vision.
- Coaches and builds a team, so that it is more effective at achieving the vision.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUST IN LEADERSHIP

TRUST gives you the permission to give people direction, get everyone aligned, and give them the energy to go get the job done.

TRUST enables you to execute with excellence and produce extraordinary results.

As you execute with excellence and deliver on your commitments,

TRUST becomes easier to inspire, creating a flywheel of performance.

- Douglas Conant

Teacher leaders serve in leadership positions within the school. The responsibilities of the leaders include:

- Act as support person for curriculum with teachers
- Uphold and support the School Improvement Plan, and Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Hold meetings as needed, with curriculum team, providing an agenda and recording minutes for each meeting
- Assist teachers with the development of strategies to improve instruction, including classroom management techniques. He/she may serve as a resource person in the remediation of unacceptable areas of performance

as cited by the administration

- Assist in disaggregating the data
- Be prepared to make data presentation to the staff as needed
- Stay abreast of upcoming special events, programs, deadlines, etc.
- Coordinate departmental duties including preparation of reports
- Assist substitute teachers
- Monitor compliance with the School Improvement Plan
- Encourage the cohesiveness of the grade level and school as a whole and discourage isolation among and between teachers

TEACHERS' LOUNGE/WORKROOM

The teachers' lounge is for faculty/staff use only. No children or non-staff members are to be allowed in the teachers' lounge.

TECHNOLOGY

STUDENT INTERNET USE

All workstations throughout the school have Internet access. Though it is recognized that the Internet can be a useful and valuable tool to enhance classroom instruction, there are websites that are inappropriate for students. Most of these websites are blocked either by the District's filtering system or by local software filters. However, this does not guarantee complete protection from such sites. Students MUST be supervised while on the Internet to assure protection. For their own protection, students should never volunteer any personal information over the Internet. Any violations of appropriate use must be reported to the school administration.

TEACHER INTERNET USE

Internet Access is available for all teachers and staff at the school site. The District guidelines for Internet Usage do prohibit the following:

- Viewing and/or downloading sexually explicit material
- Downloading or distributing software, images, or files that are protected by International copyright laws. Copyright infringement can result in criminal prosecution punishable by fines up to \$100,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years.

Any violations of the above guidelines may result in administrative action by the District and/or criminal prosecution.

VIRUS PROTECTION

Viruses continue to be a menacing threat to individual computers as well as corporate networks. These malicious programs are capable of erasing files, destroying operating systems and destroying hardware. Most (but not all) are spread through infected jump drives and email attachments. Clayton County

Public Schools has anti-virus software that affords some level of protection. No software is foolproof, however. Therefore, please observe the following:

- If you transfer files from home to school, please virus check the device **before** opening any files.
- If a virus warning appears, notify your network administrator immediately. Do not attempt to take action on your own.

CARE AND USE OF CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT

It is recognized and understood that a certain amount of wear and tear occurs on equipment, especially when younger children use it. Many of the components are delicate and easily damaged. However, it is the classroom teacher's responsibility to ensure that students learn to properly handle equipment. As budgets are reduced, it becomes more difficult to maintain a supply of replacement equipment.

Therefore, individuals who demonstrate an inordinate amount of equipment damage may have computer privileges revoked and computers removed from the classroom. Student desktop computers should not be in teacher desk area.

TECHNOLOGY LEADS

Technology Lead Duties and Responsibilities – 2017-2018

- Laptop carts inform/monitor Title 1 guidelines
- Gizmo
 - Monitor Gizmo Usage
 - Usage Verification Sheet- submitted every 2 weeks
 - Include due dates for verification sheets
 - Plan and Collaborate with N. Polite (Gizmo Contact)
- SLDS
 - Monitor clicks weekly
 - Weekly data meetings(first 10 min)
 - During Collaborative Planning
- Collaborate with the GMAS Testing Team in preparation for Mock Assessments. Computer Keyboarding practice activities and opportunities for K-5 students.

TELEPHONES

Telephones are placed in each classroom for emergencies, contacting parents and/or to fulfill other professional responsibilities. It is very important that the use of the telephone is not abused. Telephones and or cellular phones should not be used for personal reasons when students are present in the room unless it is an emergency.

TEXTBOOK CONTROL

Teachers must maintain a record of books (via Destiny) issued to the students and a periodic textbook check should be made. No tapes or other adhesive materials should be attached to the book. A pre-printed barcode will be placed on the bottom left hand corner of each textbook. The Assistant Principal should be notified as soon as a textbook or barcode label is lost or damaged. Please make students aware that they will be assessed a fee if a textbook is lost or damaged. All teachers (or Textbook Committee Member) will be requested to sign out all textbooks issued. Additionally, the textbooks will be scanned and the teacher should assign, on the computer, a textbook to every student. This will be used to monitor the textbook inventory during the school year. Textbook Committee Members and a grade level representative will manage the textbook inventory process for their TEAM. It is understood that all staff members will conscientiously complete the inventory and diligently pursue the finding/payments for lost books.



Who to Know Directory

Who to Know at Tara Elementary School 2017 - 2018

If have anestions	A -1-	If 1	A -1-
If you have questions	Ask	If you have	Ask
The Front Office	Front Office Secretary Ms. Briana Smith	Pre-K Rocks!	Mr. Edward Crisp - 403 Ms. Linda Armstrong – Special Ed. Pre-K -404
Bookkeeper's Office	Bookkeeper Ms. Brenda Winston	kindergarten	Grade Level Lead Ms. Bridgette Ukah - 409 Ms. Vinita Sage-McGhee – 407 Tara Remy – 405 Ms. Debra Williams – 411
	Counselor Dr. Yolanda Colbert	l'grade Rocks	Ms. Nicole Brown – 408 Grade Level Lead Ms. Kiaunna Wirt - 412
Counselors			Ms. Taquita Scott – 413 Ms. Shanna Wilson – 416 Ms. Chalon McCann - 415
Parent Liaison	Parent Liaison Ms. Yetsenia Figueroa - 402	St's a 2nd GRADE Thing	Grade Level Lead Ms. Olivia Richardson - 201 Ms. Dejuan Winfield - 202
			Ms. Ascha Preston – 203 Ms. Myra Hamilton – 204 Ms. Marjorie Munroe - 207
Media Center	Media Specialist Ms. Susan Gillespie	Srd Grade	Grade Level Lead Ms. LaTrilya Peters - 304 Ms. Yolanda Cook - 302
		Office Control of Cont	Ms. Yolanda Cook - 302 Ms. Kawonna Jackson – 303 Ms. Jaela Rutledge - 306 Ms. Ashanie Alexander – 305 Ms. Shannon Baskin - 301
School Health Tech	School Health Technician Ms. Lisa Mitchell	I LOVE 4TH GRADE	Grade Level Lead Ms. Genothan Ohanenye - 211 Mr. Marquavius Hardy (Data Lead) – 210 Ms. Kiera O'Neal (Tech. Lead) – 209
			Ms. Latonya Marbury/McElath - 208 Ms. Charlene Tignor - 206
	DES Lead Teachers Dr. Michelle Brown - Solomon - 103 Speech Ms. Carlye Williams - M1	5th Grades	Grade Level Lead Ms. Jazmyn Green - 212 Mr. Hill - 214
Special Education Division of Exceptional Students (DES)	ESOL Ms. Cameshia Pruitt – 216		Ms. Colletta Jones – 215 Ms. Leticia Barker - 213
Gifted	Gifted Lead Teacher MS. Deidra Hawkins-Williams – M1	Instructional Facilitators	Instructional Facitlitators Ms. Madhuri Chopra - 418 Ms. Jennifer Redmond - 418
Electives ELECTIVES	Fine Arts Lead Teacher Mr. Glen Perdew Music – Mr. Mr. Perdew - 310 Art – Ms. Anderson - 308 Physical Education – Mr. Graham - Gymnasium	EIP	EIP Lead Teacher Ms. Andrea Lytle - 417 EIP Team Ms. Alethea Gibson - 417 Ms. Lakeshia Fleming - 417 Ms. Miranda Wilkerson - 417 Ms. Cassie Simmons - 417
Custodians	Head Custodian Ms. Rachell	School Nutrition	Cafeteria Manager Ms. Marion Byers – Cafeteria

WORK FOLDERS

Work folders are required for each student. Papers should be filed by subject area. Teachers are not required to keep all work for every student. However, work to support an earned grade should be filed. Filed papers may be sent home for parent signature and returned. All data should be kept in the data binder.



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