

Tips for Navigating Elementary School



ALWAYS, ALWAYS bring your driver's license (or passport) when you come into the school.

We are video monitored by the Katy ISD Police Department to make sure we are checking identification for each and every person that enters the school to ensure the safety of your child and our staff. Therefore, **we are unable to let you into the school without proper identification.**



The doors open at **8:10a.m.** and children are expected to be seated in their classroom by **8:30.**

Please note that children are not allowed to enter the building until the **8:10.** bell, (unless they are signed up for a morning program). Please allow your child enough time to walk into the building and get to class before the bell rings. Please have your child ready to exit the car when you are in position to unload. Please remember, that some of our safety patrol children may be frightened by dogs, so please refrain from bringing them for a ride along if possible.

**** If a child is late, please park and walk them in for a tardy slip.**



Likewise, please be on time to pick up your child. The teachers and staff are off contract at **4:05p.m.**, therefore we do not have anyone available to stay late for those children not picked up on time.



Cut-off time to make a transportation change is 2:00p.m. We are unable to accept changes of transportation by phone, therefore all changes **must be in writing.** Changes of transportation can be sent (1) with your child in their daily folder, (2) hand delivered to the front office, (3) by email to **KDETransportation@katyisd.org**, (4) faxed to 281-644-1925 (copy of parent driver's license is required for transportation changes sent by fax or email). Please include the following information: (1) Child's full name, (2) Date, (3) Teacher's name, (4) bus number, car tag number, Walker #1, #2 or #3, (5) parent signature. NOTE: Each child is assigned a car tag number, if your child is riding home in the car of another child, your child still needs to travel under his/her assigned car tag number and not that of the friend.



Lunches **must be dropped off** at the front desk by 10:00a.m.

Lunchtime is a time to promote student independence and peer relationships. Please try not to use this time as a special occasion, (such as a grandparent leaving after a weekend visit) this sometimes upsets the child thus making it difficult for the teacher to get the student back on task for learning. Additionally, **we strongly encourage parents to limit their visits to the cafeteria.** We are very limited on seating and need to provide everyone an opportunity to eat with their child.

Katy ISD limits visitors to parents, grandparents and non-school aged children.



Please plan ahead for rainy/cold weather by sending jackets and umbrellas. It is also helpful to keep an extra change of clothes (including socks) in your child's backpack in case of accidents. If your child is a biker/walker and there is a chance of bad weather please follow the alternative dismissal you gave us. If your child is still a biker/walker on days we call severe weather please go to the area where your child dismisses to pick them up (Walker #1- Kinder exit, Walker #2-Fine Arts door by gym, Walker #3- door leading to playground). **Please do not go to the front office.** **Severe weather dismissal will be announced by 3:15p.m. via Eblast.**



Please make sure your child's name is on all lunch boxes, water bottles and clothing. These items will be donated at different times during the school year if not picked up.



Please report absences (BEFORE 9:50 a.m.) by calling the front office 281-234-2500 or on the Davidson Elementary website (select Parents > Absence Reporting). Teachers are busy teaching your child and therefore not able to relay your phone or email message to the attendance clerk.



Per Katy ISD Policy, we will no longer be accepting birthday treats (food, gift bags, birthday invitations, etc) . Teachers will recognize birthdays within the classroom. You may wish to recognize your child's birthday by purchasing a spot of the marquee or by signing up your child for the birthday bookclub.



Please look at your child's folder nightly for important information. Typically most information is sent home on Tuesday, but occasionally information may come home another day. Forms of communication from the teacher and school are through phone calls or email, weekly grade level emails sent on Friday, Eblast sent by the school on Friday afternoons, Davidson school website, PTA Facebook and website, and marquee.



Checking out your child from school. Our schools are funded based on many factors, one important one being attendance. It is always in the child's best interest to be in school a full day, but we know that is not always possible. If you need to check your child out for doctor's appointment, dentist, etc. towards the end of the school day, it must be done before **3:10 p.m.** After that point it becomes more difficult to enter the campus due to the car rider line as well as having a hard time locating the child once they enter the dismissal areas of the school.