



Bruce Drysdale Elementary School

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2018-2019 Parent/Student Handbook

School Day

7:45 School doors open (students can go to their class)

7:45 Universal Breakfast

8:15 Tardy bell rings

3:00 Bus and Car Riders dismissed

Attendance

Any student arriving after 8:15 will need to be signed in by an adult with a reason for being late. Any student leaving before 3:00 will need to be signed out by an adult who must present identification. All students who are present at school, but not present for the entire day (8:15-3:00) will be documented as such in our system. If a child leaves before 11:15 a.m. and does not return, he/she is marked as absent.

Parents are required to write a note to teachers explaining students' absences. All absences are coded unexcused unless a note indicating the reason for the absence is received from the parent. The reason must meet the lawful criteria as indicated in HCPS Policy 405. Students accruing more than 16 absences are in violation of the HCPS Attendance Policy 405. Parents of students who accrue more than 10 unexcused absences are also in violation of the North Carolina Compulsory Attendance Law. All absences, even if excused and lawful, are counted against attendance requirements.

In order to be considered for promotion to the next grade, students must attend for a minimum of 164 days. Perfect Attendance and Academic achievement will be recognized quarterly. ***Perfect Attendance at Bruce Drysdale Elementary is defined as zero absences and zero tardies.***

Dismissals

Bruce Drysdale Elementary strongly encourages all parents to set a regular schedule for how children go home every day. If you need to change your child's transportation, those changes need to be communicated to the teacher in advance in writing. Please adhere to our 2:30 rule. This means we discourage anyone from calling or coming into the main office after 2:30 to sign their child out, change transportation or ask questions. This is during our prep time for dismissal and can be overwhelming to our office manager.

No child will be allowed to go home with another child unless two notes, signed and dated by each child's parents, are received. No child will be allowed to ride a bus other than his/her regular bus. Parents who pick up students early must come to the office to sign out the student and show identification. No child will be released to a person who is not on the Pick-Up List. Additionally, no visitors will be allowed who are not on the Pick-Up List.

Car riders are to be picked up in front of the building beginning at 3:00. Additionally, automobiles should not be left unattended in the car-rider line. Car riders must be picked up no later than 3:20 or after-school care must be arranged. We are not staffed to watch children after 3:20.

School closings and early emergency dismissals are announced on the following radio stations: WHKP/AM 1450, WWNC/AM 570, WTZQ/AM 1600; Television stations: WLOS/13, WSPA/7 and WYFF/4; Website: www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org.

In addition, all student home numbers that are on file will be called with a recorded announcement. Please stop by the main office to update any records for your child, such as address or phone number changes, as necessary. It is imperative for us to have accurate phone numbers so we can contact you if your child becomes ill or has an emergency. This is another reason it is imperative we have an accurate phone number on file. Students will have an Early Dismissal form on file. Please keep the school informed about how your child is to be dismissed during an emergency early dismissal or early release day, as this may be different than the primary method of how a student goes home.

Snacks/ Parties

Parents may bring a snack for the entire class to celebrate children's birthdays. The snack must be store bought and not homemade. ***Birthday party invitations can only be given if the entire class is invited.*** We are not permitted to give out student addresses or phone numbers to anyone. Please do not give gum or balloons as party favors. Please plan these events at least a week in advance with your teacher.

Dress Code Grades 3-5

School dress should be appropriate and proper so as not to cause disruption in the learning process. Clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence or profanity is prohibited. Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building and ***distracting hair styles or hair colors are prohibited.*** Boys should wear shirts with sleeves. Girls' shoulder straps must be at least 2 inches (no spaghetti straps) and length of shorts, skirts and dresses must not be shorter than the fingertips when standing with arms at sides. For boys and girls: underwear must not be visible. Students should not wear flip flops on PE days.

School Calendar

Please refer to the Henderson County Public Schools' calendar for all information regarding student breaks, teacher workdays, and early dismissal days. Parents should be cautious about scheduling activities on Teacher Workdays because they may be changed to school days due to inclement weather. Changes to the calendar will be posted on the school system's website www.hcpsnc.org.

Student Assessment and Reporting

HCPS operates on a 9-week grading period and all midterm reports, as well as report cards, will be available online for parents through Parent Portal. This applies to all students K-5. Report cards are typically available one week after the end of each grading period and midterm reports are available 4 ½ weeks before the end of each grading period. Report cards and midterm reports can be printed for families who do not have internet access.

Math assessments are administered to K-2 students every nine weeks and our Reading 3D assessment is administered to all K-3 students a minimum of three times a year. Benchmark assessments in Reading and Math are administered for all 3-5 students every 9 weeks and all 5th Grade students are assessed on Science. These assessments are used as a snapshot of how students are progressing each nine weeks. End of grade tests (EOG's) in Math and ELA (English/Language Arts) are administered to grades 3-5. 5th graders also have a Science EOG.

InView testing is administered to all 3rd graders. The InView test is a cognitive abilities aptitude test that measures skills and abilities that are important for academic success. It is sometimes used as an entrance exam for gifted programs throughout the United States.

2nd and 5th grade Dual Language students will take the AAPPL test at the end of the year. This assessment tells us your child's level of Spanish language proficiency.

The following is the Grading Scale per HCPS Policy 610: **A – 90 to 100%, B – 80-89, C – 70-79, D – 60-69, and F – 59% and below.**

Textbooks, Library Books and Other Student Materials

All student textbooks and library books are loaned to students at no cost. However, fines may be assessed for lost or damaged books.

Other Policies and Procedures

The Henderson County School Board Policies and Procedures are available upon request and online at www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org.

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