Camden County Schools

David L. Rainer Elementary School

Home of the Tigers!

Student Handbook

Important Notice:

Please check the school website for the most current version of the student handbook.

Mr. Corey Wilson, Principal

Welcome from David L. Rainer Elementary

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A Georgia PBIS
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Title I Reward School
2019 Georgia Greatest Gains Gold Award, 2020 Title I Distinguished School Award

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to David L. Rainer Elementary School for the 2026- 2027 school year. DLR is a wonderful school for students to grow and succeed.

Our staff is devoted to building relationships with students and helping our students achieve their academic goals. Our teachers work diligently to plan effective instruction to help students acquire the skills needed to achieve mastery of a rigorous curriculum. We believe that a strong partnership between teachers, staff, parents, and students will help lead to success and growth for every child.

Please read and discuss with your child the rules and policies located in this handbook. If you have any questions,
please contact your child's teacher or call the office. We look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,
Corey Wilson

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Wilson
Principal

Vision

"The Faculty and Staff of David L. Rainer Elementary motivate, inspire, and challenge all students to succeed."

Mission

"We prepare all students for lifelong learning by providing quality educational opportunities every day.

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Only those students involved in after-school activities will be allowed to remain on the school campus. Parents should indicate transportation arrangements on the forms and any change in transportation **MUST** be in writing. Students may be excluded from participation in the clubs or activities based on attendance and/or behavior.

ATTENDANCE

Attending school daily is important for academic success. Students who are absent from school must turn in a **written excuse by parent or guardian** with an explanation of the absence upon returning to school (within 2 days) to receive an excused absence.

CAFETERIA

Whether eating a school lunch or a lunch brought from home, students may not share food with anyone else. Space permitting, parents and guardians are always welcome to eat with their children on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but may not invite other children to eat with them in the parent seating area. Parents may bring underage children to the cafeteria for lunch, space permitting.

CAR RIDER PROCEDURES

Your child's safety is a top priority at David L. Rainer Elementary School
To ensure safe routes to and from school and to keep our students safe, please be reminded of the following car rider arrival and dismissal procedures:

Morning car riders:

- Students that are car riders in the morning should arrive at the car rider side of the building only. We ask that parents do not park and walk students into the building.
- Students may not be dropped off in the front parking lot between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Cars may begin to enter the car rider section of the building as early as 7:00 a.m.

(Please try not to block the parking spaces.)

- We will begin unloading car riders at 8:00 a.m.

Afternoon car riders:

- Students who are car riders should be picked up from school at the car rider side of the building only, and only through the North right side of May Creek Drive (Cracker Barrel side).
- No left turns are allowed to enter the car rider side from the South side of May Creek Drive (Exit 1 side) between the hours of 3:00-4:00.
- Cars may begin to enter the car rider section of the building beginning at 3:00 p.m. or when the barricade is unlocked.

If for any reason your child's afternoon transportation changes, please send a note to your child's teacher with the changes.

CHAPERONES, VISITORS, AND VOLUNTEERS ON CAMPUS

All visitors arriving on campus should report immediately to the office before visiting any individual or any classroom. To preserve instructional time and to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students, no visitors will be permitted in the halls or classrooms between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Exceptions will be made for volunteers, parent conferences, lunches, observation requests, and other events when the appropriate arrangements are made in advance of the visit. Parents wishing to visit or observe a child's class must make these arrangements with

the principal or his/her designee. All visitors must sign in and out and wear an identification sticker while in the school.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

When checking your child out of school, please adhere to the following:

- Be prepared to show picture identification.
- Check out your child prior to 2:45 pm. No exceptions made due to dismissal.
- Parents may wait in the foyer outside the office for your child

CLUBS

Tiger Tunes (Chorus): The Tiger Tunes program provides students with the opportunity to explore and develop their love of music in a fun and supportive environment (Contact: Shannon Cassel, **scassel@camden.k12.ga.us**)

Dance: The DLR Dance Club inspires students to express themselves through movement, build confidence, and work as a team while fostering creativity, discipline, and school pride. (Contact: Danah Todd, **dtodd@camden.k12.ga.us**)

K-Kids (Kiwanis): Kiwanis club's mission is to build character, improve communities, and gain leadership through service (Contact: Kira Simon, **ksimon@camden.k12.ga.us**)

Safety Patrol: Their mission is to provide a safer environment for students while fostering leadership, responsibility, and civic duty. (Contact: Danah Todd, **dtodd@camden.k12.ga.us**)

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA): To lead every student, coach, and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church (Contact: Amy Blount, **ablount@camden.k12.ga.us**)

COMMUNICATION

- Communication in a variety of forms including telephone, email blasts, conferences, folders/student agenda are utilized to keep parents informed.
- Expect a conference during the first nine weeks of school.
- Families may request a conference at any time with their child's teacher.
- DLRES staff will return an email within 24 hours, unless it is before a weekend or holiday, which should follow a 48-hour response. Please allow additional time for certain circumstances.
- Infinite Campus is an excellent tool to stay current with your child's progress. Please see teacher or office staff for assistance with setting it up.
- Make-up work may be provided upon request. A 24-hour timeline for preparation for receipt/pick-up in the front office is given.

DISCIPLINE

We use the PBIS framework to guide our discipline plan. The focus of this plan is to create a positive school climate that fosters an environment that is responsible, respectful, and safe. School administrators have the broad discretion to determine consequences for student misconduct at the school level. The range of consequences for misconduct that can be assigned may include without limitation: student conference, warning, parent conference, lunch detention, bus suspension, in-school time out, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, and alternative school

placement. A student could be referred to a disciplinary tribunal which may result in long-term suspension, alternative school placement or expulsion. Law enforcement and/or school social workers may be contacted if necessary. Behavior Intervention Plans may be implemented for any special need's situations. A student who has behavior referrals or receives disciplinary actions may be dismissed from participating in, but not limited to-- field day, school dances, after-school activities and clubs, field trips, recess, or any activity the administration deems appropriate.

DRESS CODE

- Clothing length - shorts/dresses should be mid-way down the thigh.
- Shirts with straps such as tank tops must have straps that are at least two fingers wide.
- Pants/shorts should be worn at the waist.
- Midriff area should be appropriately covered.
- Graphic t-shirts displaying negative insignias, disturbing messages, or frightening images and symbols are not permitted.
- Hats may only be worn in the building on approved hat days.

FIELD TRIPS

The purpose of a field trip is to extend learning into the "real world." By definition, a field trip must involve an experience that cannot take place in the classroom. During field trips, students are counted as present at school and must use the approved transportation to/from the field trip. Because each school day begins at school, students must be present in homeroom before the field trip leaves. The only exception is in the instance of an overnight field trip. The school may limit the number of chaperones attending because of space limitations. Parents acting as chaperones may ride the bus, space permitting, but if they drive, they cannot transport any students. Chaperones may not bring siblings or other children along during the field trip. Please note that refunds for field trip costs cannot be provided to a student who cannot attend on the day of the trip or after the trip is concluded. Chaperones must attend the mandatory Volunteer Training and complete the Camden County Schools Background Check before serving as chaperones.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

The health and safety of all students are of the utmost importance in all Camden County schools. During the school day, **no homemade food items** will be allowed to be brought on campus to be distributed to students. Parents may bring in food items purchased in a store provided that they are packaged and an ingredients label is available. All food items must be brought through the front office and approved by the school nurse to ensure they are safe for students with allergies. Parents must make arrangements with the child's teacher at least one school day prior to bringing in snacks or food items for a class. Parents must check with their child's teacher for a list of snacks appropriate for that particular classroom. The seal cannot be broken on any packaging.

Parents and teachers will be provided with a list of "Healthy School Celebration" options and suggestions for celebrations that include options other than food. Please ensure when bringing in items, there are enough for the entire class or they won't be distributed.

GEORGIA SCHOOL COUNCIL

This council has been created for the purpose of providing advice, recommendations, and assistance to the school and representing the community of parents and businesses. Meetings will be held quarterly. The council is composed of teachers, parents, the principal, and a business partner.

Katherine Kipp, Parent	Brenda Lance, Teacher	Wachin Kennedy, Parent	Gina Hall, Business Partner
Kathryn Blair, Assistant Principal	Mr. Corey Wilson, Principal	Mr. Mitch Coley, Assistant Principal	

MEDICATIONS

Medications must be brought into the school by the parent or guardian. It must be in the original containers with the physician's orders and pharmacy label. Any medicine not in its original container will be returned. Any medications must be provided by the parent and authorization forms completed.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate parents who wish to volunteer in school activities and serve as chaperones on field trips. All volunteers AND field trip chaperones must undergo volunteer training provided by our school counselor as well as go through a background check. Volunteer training dates will be announced at grade level orientations and on our school website.

This process may take several weeks to complete, and you may not volunteer if you have not been approved by the Director of School Safety and Security. Please contact the school for instructions on completing your background check and dates for volunteer training.

All volunteers must sign the Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Volunteers Form indicating that they have read the information and understand that by law and policy I am a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse and neglect.

PARTY INVITATIONS

Invitations to birthday parties or any other parties are not to be given out at school unless the entire class is to be given one. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

PHOTOGRAPHS, WEBSITE, AND VIDEOS

At times the media asks or is invited to attend school events. **If you do not want your child to be photographed**, videotaped (contests, performances) or placed on the school or system website, school Face Book page or other media, please send the principal a letter requesting that the child not be in any school photos within the first 10 days of school.

PTO

The P.T.O. is a vital part of our school program. We encourage parents to support P.T.O. by becoming **ACTIVE** members. Meeting dates will be announced. Follow the PTO and DLR Facebook, the school webpage and Wednesday folders for all important school information.

SCHOOL HOURS - 8:30-3:25

Students are not permitted to arrive on campus before 8:00 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the Extended Day Program or are attending a morning club or a before-school session.

Time Schedule:

Arrival of buses	8:00 a.m.
FREE Breakfast begins	8:00 a.m.
First Bell	8:15 a.m.
Breakfast ends	8:25 a.m.
Classes begin	8:30 a.m. (Tardy Bell)
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

All students arriving at 8:00 a.m. are to report to their classroom unless they are eating breakfast.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken in the fall and again in the spring.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

David L. Rainer Elementary is a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) school. PBIS improves school safety and promotes positive behavior. Your child's safety and well -being is our priority. We have established expectations throughout the school to ensure that students have a safe learning environment in which to thrive. Expectations for all areas of the school are based on three principles: respect, responsibility, safety, and seen.

WE ARE DLR!

We are Respectful
We are Responsible
We are Safe
We are Seen

TARDY TO SCHOOL

Classroom instruction begins each day at 8:30 a.m. Because many of the basic skills are reviewed each day during the first thirty minutes of school, your child cannot afford to be late. Any student arriving to school beyond this time will be counted tardy and must report directly to the office for a tardy pass.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

To provide the safest environment possible for your children while they attend school, we **do not** accept phone requests or faxed information for transportation changes. Any changes in the way your child is to go home in the afternoon must be submitted in writing. In your signed request, please include your child's name, your child's teacher's name, the person that will be picking up the child, your contact number, and the effective dates of the request. Please send the request in with your child and/or email **dlrtransportation@camden.k12.ga.us**

UNDERAGE CHILDREN AT DLRES

The instructional day is of the highest importance. Parents may not bring children to the classroom during instruction, class parties, etc. Parents are welcome to bring children under the age of 18 who are not enrolled at DLRES under the following conditions:

- Walking a child to class in the morning before 8:25 a.m.
- Attending a parent conference before or after the school day.
- Eating breakfast or lunch with DLRES children in the cafeteria.
- School assemblies in the cafeteria and/or gym during the school day.

All school functions outside of the school day, including Art shows, festivals, curriculum fairs, etc.

WEBSITE

Parents, please feel free to check out our website. It can be reached from the BOE website. This is a great way to keep up with the news from our school. (dlres.camden.k12.ga.us)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE STUDENT HANDBOOK