

**PINKSTON STREET
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2020-2021 PARENT HANDBOOK



“TOGETHER WE WIN”

**WE ARE EDUCATORS EQUIPPED WITH the TOOLS OF MASS
INSTRUCTION**

Pinkston Street is a Title 1 School

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Pinkston Street School Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my class and to the principles for which it stands. I can learn anything I set my mind to. My teachers and classmates will support me. If I do my very best, I will succeed in life. I must try at all times to do those things that will make me proud of myself. **All students should know.....**

DAILY PROCEDURES- PLAN B

1. Students who do not ride the bus should not report to school before 8:00 a.m.
2. All students should go directly to the cafeteria when they arrive at school.
3. Breakfast will be served in the classroom upon arrival.
4. The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends for students at 2:30 p.m.
5. Students should be in place and ready to start the day's activities by 8:30 am.

To Help Us:

1. **Call the school by 1:30 p.m. if you want your child to use a car rider in the afternoon. - Afternoon bus changes will not be permitted due to required assigned seating and student accountability.**
2. **Dress your child in the appropriate uniform everyday (even the last day of school).**
3. **If you bring your child to school, have him/her here no later than 8:30. If you bring your child to school after 8:30, he/she must sign in at the outside portal and receive a tardy/admit slip.**
4. **It is crucial that you give us your new telephone number and/or address as soon as the number or address is changed.**
5. **Please refrain from picking students up early unless the student has a doctor's appointment. We want to protect instructional time.**
6. **Discuss and encourage appropriate conduct and classroom behavior with your child. This includes safety measures of wearing a mask, washing hands, and waiting 6 ft. distance from their classmates**

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance Protocols

Students will be counted “present” for a day of remote instruction if they meet any of the following criteria:

- present and engaged in the virtual classroom
- engaged in work via Google Classroom or Canvas course
- communicate with the teacher via email or phone to discuss learner expectations and requirements

CURRICULUM NOTES

In order for students to be actively engaged, a school device may be obtained. We are asking parents to ensure that students are logged in daily to meet attendance expectations and to receive online instruction.

1. **Standard Course of Study & Essential Standards** - A set of competencies for every content area for each grade. Its intent is to ensure rigorous student academic performance standards that are uniform across the state.
2. **Guided Reading** - A skills based reading program where students are placed in small groups targeting the instructional level of each student. The program occurs during the first hour of school.
3. **Core Subjects** - Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies
4. **BEP Classes** - Physical Education, Computer Lab, Literacy, Character Education, Music, Art, Spanish
5. **Read Aloud** – Read Aloud is an instructional practice where teachers read text aloud to students providing a “think” aloud experience.
6. **iREADY**- i-Ready empowers and connects rich assessment data to personalize digital learning and powerful classroom instruction. i-Ready provides an insight into student needs with actionable data and access rigorous and engaging instruction to help each student succeed.
7. **Opportunity Culture**-Extending the reach of excellent teachers & their teams to more students. Currently Pinkston Street has 2 MCL (Multi-Classroom Leader) that provides coaching for teachers and assists with improving instructional practices in reading and math. There is 1 Extended Impact Teacher that extends their reach into another grade level by co-teaching, pulling small groups, and providing intervention for students that demonstrate the need.
8. **Letter Land**: K-2 Grade Phonics curriculum that provides instruction with letter sounds and other foundational skills.
9. **Feeling Friends (K)**- Curriculum that assists with teaching students how to express their feelings by using plush toys, educational books, and music.
10. **Nearpod (K-5)**- A great interactive learning tool for online and in classroom learning.
11. **Google Classroom**- Online classroom where students and teachers meet. Assignments are posted daily.
12. For the 2020-2021 school year, students will be engaged in Remote Learning.

Remote learning in VCS exists in two formats: synchronous learning and asynchronous learning.

- **Synchronous learning** means that the teacher and the students come together at the same time online. In VCS, our educators utilize the web-conferencing tool, Zoom, which allows for the live streaming of audio, video, and presentations, such as live classes or meetings, live conversations, simultaneous document editing, and more.
- **Asynchronous learning** means that the teacher and the students all engage with the course content at different times, from different locations. The teacher provides students with a variety of course materials which the students move through on a more flexible timeline still guided by the teacher. Examples of asynchronous course materials include assigned readings or uploaded media, online quizzes, discussion boards, and much more. The teacher sets guidelines, provides students with feedback, and assesses their work as needed.

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

December 18

REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

August 17 - October 22 (First Nine Weeks)

November 3

November 25

February 10

March 17

SPRING BREAK

April 5th - 9th

Vance County Schools Policy

(See Vance County Schools Student/Parent Handbook for Complete Policies)

ATTENDANCE

The Vance County Board of Education passed a policy that indicates that no student may miss more than 16 days of school during the year. Students who violate this policy will be in jeopardy of being retained in their current grade level or the following academic school year. Parents will need to attend an attendance waiver review at the end of the school year. Remember, attendance is one of the most important parts of school!

CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents/guardians are responsible for the actions and behavior of their children while attending Vance County Schools.

This code shall apply to all students in the system, before, during and after school hours, in any school building, in any school facility, in any school vehicle, on any school grounds or any school property.

The teacher has the responsibility and authority to discipline students based on G.S. 115C-307(a).

During the period that a student is suspended, he/she is prohibited from entering the grounds of any school of Vance County Schools and from attending school-related functions.

A serious violation of any of the policies listed in this Code of Conduct may result in the long-term suspension of a student. In addition, repeated violations of this code or of local rules may subject a student to long-term suspension.

The school principal must report immediately to law enforcement officers the following acts when they occur on school grounds, regardless of the age or grade of the perpetrator or victim:

- a.) assault resulting in serious personal injury
- b.) sexual offense
- c.) sexual assault
- d.) rape
- e.) kidnapping
- f.) indecent liberties with a minor
- g.) assault involving the use of a weapon
- h.) possession of a firearm in violation of the law
- i.) possession of a weapon in violation of the law
- j.) possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law
- k.) assault on school officials, employees, or volunteers
- l.) homicide, including murder, manslaughter and death by vehicle
- m.) robbery
- n.) armed robbery

Attempts shall be made to notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) when law enforcement officers are contacted about the above acts. An accurate telephone number will assist with this notification.

1. Students shall comply with direction of school personnel

2. No student shall disrupt school. Disruptive behavior is prohibited which includes but is not limited to the following:
 - A. Inappropriate Dress
 - B. Failure to follow directions
 - C. Talking or playing during instruction
 - D. Gambling
 - E. Inappropriate literature and illustrations
 - F. Habitual tardiness
 - G. Verbal abuse/disrespect
 - H. Arson
 - I. Possession of unnecessary objects such as: matches, lighters, firecrackers, squirt guns, pea shooters, paper wads, rubber bands, or propellant devices of any kind, CD/tape players, radios, record players, headphones, MP3 players, IPods, cassette players, TV's, beepers, body alarms, cellular phones, soda bottles, squeeze bottles, etc. are to be left at home.
3. Students may not sell or buy items at school unless the sale is an approved fund-raising activity.
4. Prohibition of gangs and gang activities – No student shall commit any act which Promotes gangs or gang-related activities. A gang is any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts and having a common name or common identifying sign, colors, or symbols.
5. No student shall engage in behavior which is immoral, indecent, or sexual in nature in the school setting.
6. No student shall engage in demonstrations.
7. Fighting or assault is prohibited.
8. Students shall not engage in intimidation, disrespect, threatening, extortion, insulting, abusive, discourteous words or acts, bullying and any other acts of harassment-physical or mental.
9. No weapons and dangerous instruments are allowed
10. Theft or damage to property is not allowed.
11. Students shall not vandalize computer equipment or software.
12. Narcotics, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, chemicals and drug paraphernalia is not allowed.
13. Use of tobacco or any tobacco product is not allowed.
14. Trespassing is not allowed.
15. Students must maintain integrity.
16. Misconduct on a school vehicle is not allowed.
17. Hazing is not allowed.
18. Students shall not communicate bomb threats or false fire alarms.
19. Interrogation – If the interrogation of a student indicates that the completion of the interrogation should be carried out by a police officer or another legal officer, the principals shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the parents/guardians (except in cases of suspected child abuse or neglect by parents/guardians) and give them an opportunity to be present at the time of questioning.

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Conduct prohibited by this policy includes:

- I. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items which may be evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.
- II. Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.), to convey membership or affiliation in any gang.
- III. Tagging or otherwise defacing school or personal property with gang or gang related symbols or slogans.
- IV. Requiring payment of protection, insurance, or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity.
- V. Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity.
- VI. Soliciting others for gang membership.
- VII. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies that relates to gang activity.

PINKSTON STREET DISCIPLINE PLAN
AND CODE OF CONDUCT

I. School Rules

1. Respect Authority
 - A. Listen to adults
 - B. Follow directions quickly
 - C. Accept responsibility for behavior
2. Respect the Rights and Property of Others
 - A. Use appropriate voices and language
 - B. Listen to the speaker
 - C. Respect the opinion and point of view of others
 - D. Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself
3. Display a Concern for Learning

- A. Remain on task
- B. Allow others to remain on task
- 4. Be Prompt and Prepared
 - A. Be on time
 - B. Come with appropriate materials
- 5. Display Appropriate Citizenship Skills
 - A. Handle disagreements, teasing, criticism and compliments appropriately
 - B. Display courtesy

CONSEQUENCES FOR RULE VIOLATION

1. 1st Offense- Warning
2. 2nd Offense for Same Behavior Time-out/loss of privilege
3. 3rd Offense Same Behavior-Parent contact by telephone and/or letter
4. 4th Offense Same Behavior Referral to Administration (which may result in in-school timeout or out-of-school suspension)

II. Bus Rules

1. Students must be at and remain at the designated bus stop.
2. Avoid crowding, pushing and disturbing others on and off the bus.
3. The driver is in charge of the bus.
4. You will be held responsible for any damage you do to the bus.
5. Keep the bus clean.
6. Remain seated until the bus stops.
7. Students must have written permission from an administrator if they are to ride another bus.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

It is important that students understand their responsibility as learners while engaging in their classrooms each day. In addition, they are responsible for the same regulations as listed in their building Code of Conduct. This includes appropriate online behavior within the Learning Platform.

Students will:

- Create a space and dedicated time for learning
- Seek help when needed (teachers, guidance counselor, principal, assistant principal)
- Sign into the classrooms, join synchronous learning daily and keep connected
- Demonstrate learning with completion of assignments
- Engage with the classroom and use tools (like headphones) to focus on during live instruction, instructional videos, etc.

- Communicate with your teacher and pay attention to feedback
- Follow the Code of Conduct
- Demonstrate online learning etiquette
- Collaborate with peers using respectful language and behaviors- for example, during breakout sessions
- Use equipment as outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Wear attire acceptable for school (No pajama tops, head scarves, caps allowed)
- Be patient with yourselves and your teachers- we are all learning together!

PARENT VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ON CAMPUS
(Due to Covid-19 Parents/Visitors will not be allowed in the building)

Pinkston Street loves to have parents and volunteers in the building working together to make our students successful. All parents and visitors need to report to the main office to sign in and pick up a pass. The office is located in the front of the building through the main doors. We require this for your safety and the safety of your children. Parents needing to speak with teachers about student progress need to make an appointment before or after school, or during the teachers planning time.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The General Assembly recently passed a new bill concerning the Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags and the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in all North Carolina Public Schools. The Bill requires local boards of education to develop policies that require “(iii) the display of the United States and North Carolina flags in each classroom when available, (ii) the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) the instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. These policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance. If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each classroom.”

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE

Pinkston Street Elementary has been approved by the Vance County School Board to require its students to wear uniforms. This makes the Uniform Policy a Vance County School Board Policy. Students who are not in uniform may be taken home in order to change into their uniform. New students have 2 weeks to purchase uniforms and to comply with the Uniform Policy. Students who consistently dress out of uniform may be sent home. Uniforms can be purchased at Family Dollar, Roses, Wal-Mart or Burlington Coat Factory (Capital Blvd.-Raleigh)

- 1. GIRLS** -The uniform consists of **white, black, or navy polo shirts** and Khaki pants, navy pants, navy plaid pants, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers. Burgundy or

navy sweaters may be worn in the winter. **Jeans of any color and sweatpants are not allowed. No Black pants or leggings.**

2. **BOYS** - The uniform consists of **white, black, or navy polo shirts** and Khaki pants, navy pants, navy plaid pants, and shorts. Burgundy or navy sweaters may be worn in the winter. **Jeans of any color and sweatpants are not allowed. No Black pants.**

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Technical Issues Instructions (Students):

Technical issues should be submitted through the online ticket system based on the topic:

- For email issues, click [here](#).
- For student PowerSchool issues, please click [here](#).
- For Google Classroom issues, please click [here](#).

The Help Desk is available for live telephone assistance on weekdays between 8:00am and 5:00pm at 252-739-7103 or 252-739-7107

In addition to online assistance, each school will assign a staff member to be responsible for assisting students and teachers with email password resets. A link will be placed on each school's website for students and staff members to submit requests for password resets.

Vance County students and families have access to FREE wifi resources through Spectrum. Please click [here](#) to view the mobile hotspots map. Directions on how to connect to the mobile hotspot can be found [here](#).




To access the Vance County Remote Learning Plan site please visit <https://www.vcs.k12.nc.us/domain/1589>.

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All persons, including school district personnel, volunteers, contractors, other persons performing services or activities on behalf of the school district, students and visitors, are prohibited from using any tobacco products at any time (1) in any school building, in any school facility, in any school vehicle, on school grounds or on any school property, owned, leased, borrowed or otherwise used by the school district for school purposes.

Pinkston Street Elementary School
2020-2021 Supply List
Please Label ALL Items with Students Name

Remote/Virtual Learning (Plan C/Plan B) * Your child will need these supplies for Remote Learning.

<p>___ 3 string-bound composition books - Wide Rule not College Rule This will be your student's Remote Learning journal.</p>	
<p>___ One pair of headphones Your child will use these daily when working on the computer.</p>	
<p>___ One plastic pencil box ___ 3 sharpened pencils ___ One pack of crayons ___ One pair of student scissors ___ 2 glue sticks ___ Personal HandSanitizer ___ 2 dry erase markers</p>	

In-School Learning (Plan B/Plan A) *Your child will need these supplies when we get back in the school.

<p>___ 3 string-bound composition books - Wide Rule not College Rule These have cardboard covers with a string binding on the inside instead of the wire binding. We will use them as our Small Moment notebook and our Math and Science Recording Journal.</p>	
<p>___ One 1-inch, 3-ring binder notebook This will be your child's Leadership Notebook.</p>	
<p>___ One folder with only pockets on the inside Allow your child to pick out this folder with the design of his/her choice. He or she will bring home the wonderful things he/she completes at school in this folder.</p>	
<p>___ One package of white Copy & Print paper</p>	
<p>___ 4 glue sticks</p>	
<p>___ 4 dry erase markers</p>	
<p>___ One pair of headphones Your child will use these daily when working on the computer.</p>	
<p>___ One backpack (Rolling Backpack is not allowed for any grade level. Backpack with Sleeve for the device is encouraged.)</p>	
<p>___ An extra change of clothes- (PreK-K) (shirt, shorts/pants, underwear, and socks) These will stay in a labeled, Ziploc bag in your child's cubby for emergencies.</p>	
<p>___ Water Bottle (Bring daily because water fountains will be turned off. Needs to be plastic, and should be able to fit in the side pocket of your backpack.)</p>	

___ Mask/Cloth Face Covering (Students must wear a mask/cloth face covering each day! Please make sure masks are washed and cleaned daily. We recommend purchasing 3-4 cloth masks.)



OPTIONAL ITEMS TO DONATE: * Disinfecting wipes * Disinfecting spray * zip-loc bags(any size)