

# A. BRIAN MERRY ELEMENTARY

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## 2020-2021

### STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

*Merry Beginnings Make Successful Endings*

415 Boy Scout Road

Augusta, Georgia 30909

(706) 737-7185

Grades Pre-K thru 5

Ms. Kimberly Mungo, Ed. S.

Principal

Mrs. Tamara Thomas, Ed. S.

Assistant Principal

## Message from the Principal:

Thank you for attending the BEST elementary school in Richmond County! Here at A. Brian Merry Elementary School, the staff is dedicated to developing the whole child. We endeavor to create a learning environment that fosters intellectual, social, and moral values. We are committed to give our BEST to you and we ask that you do the same.

Coming to school to learn everyday is very important. So, let the faculty and staff be your cheerleaders through out the year. We are here to support you in every way. Always remember that the decisions that you make each day will begin to lay the solid foundation of learning for tomorrow.

My challenge to each of you is to plan your work and work your plan! Be aware of your strengths and weaknesses. Set goals and decide how you will improve areas in which you may struggle. Pay attention at all times. Be ready to give all you have to accomplish academic achievement in all subjects.

All the best!

*Kimberly Mungo*

Principal

## Mission:

Our mission is to provide a rich, stimulating, successful educational partnership with our students, their families, and our community leaders.

## Vision:

We are committed to providing a challenging curriculum with many opportunities for success, achievement, and guidance.

## Motto:

Merry Beginnings Make Successful Endings!

# THE MERRY DRAGON PLEDGE



I pledge today to do my best,  
in reading, math and all the rest.

I promise to obey the rules.

Be responsible and safe in school.

I'll respect myself and others too.

I'll expect the best in all I do,

I'm here to learn all I can,

To try my best and be all I am.

I am a Merry Dragon!

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

This Parent-Student Handbook has been prepared to provide essential information to the students that attend A. Brian Merry Elementary School and to their parents. Please take time to review the contents with **Your Child**.

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### WELCOME

A. Brian Merry Elementary School welcomes all of our parents and students. We will provide an opportunity for all students to obtain a solid foundation for future learning. We encourage all parents to become actively involved through PTA, as parent volunteers, and through daily activities with their children.

#### *We Are Here to Serve You!*

Please feel free to contact us on any problem or concern. Listed below are the phone numbers to the school and county offices.

A. Brian Merry Elementary	706-737-7185
Richmond County Board of Education	706-826-1000
Curriculum Dept.	706-826-1102
Psychological Services	706-826-1131
Special Education	706-826-1132
School Food Services	706-826-1122
Transportation	706-796-4777
Visiting Teacher Services	706-826-1139

## A. BRIAN MERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS

Cafeteria opens	7:45 a.m.
Breakfast line closes	8:10 a.m.
Announcements	8:10 a.m.
Classes begin	8:15 a.m. promptly
Dismissal	3:15 p.m.

### TARDINESS

Students are expected to arrive to school on time each day. Students reporting to school after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy. The tardy policy will be fully enforced. Parents are to bring students to the front office and sign them in when arriving to school late. Please refer to the **Code of Student and Discipline Handbook**.

### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance in school is essential for a quality education. We encourage students to be present each day. Daily attendance will help students feel more closely associated with their classmates and will dramatically improve their educational progress. The time missed from class results in loss of valuable educational experiences. Students should make 100% attendance their goal for this year. We want students in school every day. A student must be present at least half of the day to receive credit for the day.

### ABSENCES

State law requires that students between the ages of five (5) and sixteen (16) attend school except for the specific reasons listed. In case of an absence from school, students must bring a written excuse from a parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence. This excuse must be given to the teacher on the day the student

returns to school. **After 5 parent excuses during the year, doctor's excuses are required.**

**State law recognizes the following reasons as legal absences:**

1. Personal illness (COVID-19 related sickness has 14 day excused)
2. Family death and funeral
3. Medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside school hours.
4. Attendance of non-school activities or functions authorized by the superintendent or her designee.
5. Special and recognized religious holidays observed by the student's faith.
6. Mandate or order of government agency.
7. Extreme circumstances that cannot be resolved outside school hours; parent or guardian must request and receive approval from the principal or his designated representative.

The Richmond County School System requires that a telephone call be made to absent students. **The teacher or other school personnel will make a telephone call to the home of each student who is absent.** If a student is out more than a day or two, or there are problems which need to be investigated, the visiting social worker will also contact the home.

Any absence not covered in #'s 1-7 shall be declared unexcused. It is the policy of the Richmond County Board of Education that no unexcused absences are allowed. If parents keep their child out for other reasons, such absence shall be deemed unlawful and therefore unexcused.

## MAKE-UP WORK

Students/parents are responsible for making arrangements, within one week after returning to school, to complete make-up work. For extended illnesses, additional time will be allowed to make up all work missed during excused absences.

**Class work missed due to an unexcused absence cannot be made up.**

## AWARDS

Awards may be earned in various areas of the school curriculum. A. Brian Merry wants each student to achieve at his/her highest level and to receive recognition for efforts. Honor programs celebrating students' accomplishments throughout the year will be held near the end of the school year. **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THESE ASSEMBLIES AND TO CONGRATULATE STUDENTS!** The time it takes will make a world of difference in the life of your child!

## ASSEMBLIES

Students, accompanied by their teachers, will move quietly to and from assemblies and remain together as a class. When applicable, polite applause is to be encouraged. **Booing, stomping of the feet, whistling, popping gum, etc. will not be tolerated.**

## BUS REGULATIONS

**School bus transportation is a privilege that may be withdrawn for inappropriate behavior.** A student is to ride the bus to which he/she has been assigned. Students must board and get off at their regular bus stop every day. Any emergency request to ride a different bus must be requested in writing by the parent/guardian and submitted to the office so that verification of the request may be made during the day before dismissal that afternoon. Requests will not be honored if students wait until dismissal time to bring requests to the office for approval by the principal or assistant principal. Students will be allowed off the bus only at assigned bus stops, home, and locations requested in writing by parent/guardian. The bus driver is in complete charge of the bus and its occupants at all times. Students riding the bus must comply with the requests of the driver.



## CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

**We are all proud of our facility!!** Students are expected to be good citizens and help keep the campus and building free of litter. Students are expected to wipe their feet on the mats before entering the building and to keep their hands and feet off the walls. In addition to disciplinary action, students and parents will be held financially responsible for damage to any school property.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If a student should move during the year, the parent/guardian should report the change of address and phone number to the office. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SCHOOL HAVE A CURRENT DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER SO THAT PARENTS CAN BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

## PARTIES

The RCBOE allows only two parties per year: the last day before Christmas break and the last day of school. Parties begin at 2:00 p.m.

## CLINIC/MEDICATION/NURSE

The school clinic is staffed by a part-time nurse. The purpose of the clinic is to care for students who become ill or receive injuries at school. Legal concerns have required some changes in the operation of the clinic and the dispensing of medications, so please read the following guidelines carefully.

**A standard consent form must be completed for any medication including nonprescription medicines that will be dispensed at school. The school can not give medicine from directions over the telephone.** Written permission from parents will be accepted only on the first day of medicating. Students will be required to return a completed consent form before any more medicine will be dispensed at school.

A standard consent form including instructions for dispensing the medication will be required.

Medicines must be in the original container when brought to the clinic. No medicines can be kept in plastic bags or containers. Bring only the exact amount to be dispensed at school. **Students are not allowed to have any type of medication, prescription or nonprescription, in their possession while at school. Board policy forbids dispensing of any medicine, aspirin, etc. without written permission from a parent/guardian or doctor.**

In compliance with county policy, *inhalers* must be kept in the clinic. Medications that have to be taken three (3) times a day should **NOT** be brought to school **UNLESS** specific times are prescribed. Those medications can be taken before school, after school, and at bedtime.

A student with a temperature over 100 will not be allowed to stay at school. A parent will be asked to make arrangements to pick up their child as soon as possible.

There will be a Supervised Isolation Room to separate persons who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms from others to reduce the chance of spreading and possible infection. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SICK STUDENTS BE PICKED UP WITHIN THE HOUR.**

Parents will be notified when students are too ill to remain at school. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE OFFICE HAS AN EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER LISTED FOR YOU.**

#### COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed in school. If confiscated, the device will be held in the school vault for 30 days.

## DISCIPLINE

**Goals for A. Brian Merry Elementary School's Discipline Plan are:**

1. Increase instructional time in the classroom.
2. Develop positive student attitudes by giving them choices about behavior.
3. Place responsibility for student behavior on the student, parent, and teacher.
4. Strengthen school and parent communication.

Teachers must have order. Cooperation and good behavior from students are absolutely necessary for an effective school program. Parents and teachers must present a unified position of high expectations. Having an atmosphere that is conducive to a desirable learning situation is necessary if we are to relate to our students. Our policy will be firm, consistent, and persistent, but positive and fair. Working together we will convey to students our mutual respect and support. Please refer to Richmond County's Code for Student Conduct and Discipline handbook.

## FIRE ALARMS

Any student pulling a fire alarm or activating a fire extinguisher without cause will receive an automatic ten (10) days suspension.

## AUTHORITY OF THE PRINCIPAL

The principal is the designated leader of the school and, in consortium with the staff, is responsible for the orderly operation of the school. In case of discipline violations, not covered by the prescribed disposition in this handbook, the principal may enact corrective measures which he/she feels are in the best interest of the school and student involved.

## DRESS CODE

Shorts and skirts must come to within 2½ inches of the students' knees (the "dollar bill test"). Belt buckles cannot be excessively large. Pants are to be worn at the waist and are not to be excessively baggy without any holes or tattered.

Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner while attending school and school-related functions. They should maintain an appearance which is not extreme or disruptive to teachers or students, and which does not threaten the safety of anyone. No obscene or inappropriate slogans or writing will be allowed on any piece of clothing. Calls to parents to bring a change of clothes or, for excessive violations, a discipline referral will result. No earrings for males.

For safety reasons, shoe laces must not drag the floor.

**Dresses must also adhere to the dollar bill rule.**

The principal or any other duly authorized school official shall determine whether any particular mode of dress or grooming is extreme, disruptive, or threatens the safety of anyone.

## FIELD TRIPS

All participants **MUST** complete the proper release form as prepared by the board attorney. Unless otherwise stipulated, all policies and procedures in this manual also apply to students who are participating in an A. Brian Merry Elementary School sponsored field trip. No phone calls, verbal approval or handwritten notes not on official forms will be accepted.

## GRADES

Richmond County Schools operate on a nine-weeks reporting system. Additionally, a mid-nine-weeks progress report will be sent home. The grading system below is used on report cards, cumulative folders, or any other student records. Only 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will use this grading system.

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 75-79
- D 70-74
- F Below 70

Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> will operate by using the Standard-Based Report Cards.

## GIFTED PROGRAM

A gifted program is provided for all students who meet state mandated criteria. Parents and students may work through classroom teachers to refer a child to the gifted program.

Placement in a gifted program is based upon multiple criteria which include mental ability, academic achievement, creativity and motivation. For more information, please call the Guidance Counselor.

## GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The guidance counselor is available to students throughout the school day to help develop their educational, social, career, and personal strengths. Guidance is a preventive measure that teaches students coping and decision-making skills. Guidance counselors can also intervene in areas where the students are experiencing difficulties.

### CLASSROOM GUIDANCE

Counselors work in the classrooms to promote and foster positive learning experiences with classroom discussions on study and test taking skills, self-concept development, interpersonal relationships, and career information.

## VOICE LEVELS

At A. Brian Merry we require a reasonable level of quiet in order to maintain an environment conducive to learning. Our voice levels are as follows: 0 – hallways, 1 – lunchroom and class (whispering/low voices), 2 – conversation level and 3 – playground level.

## HOMEWORK POLICY

In grades K-8, homework will be assigned consistently Monday-Thursday and at the teacher's discretion for the weekend.

Regular homework is defined as an assignment which can be completed in one evening.

Students should be accountable for homework in three ways.

1. It should be done on time.
2. It should be neatly and completely done in the manner assigned by the teacher.
3. It should be made up if the student is absent.

**The student must accept responsibility for asking for missed assignments and for completing them promptly.**

Teachers will assign homework that is directly related to the unit under study or a part of a course objective (i.e., daily news notes for social studies or a composition to gain writing skills in a language arts class). Teachers will give clear, concise and concrete instructions for any assignment. Written instructions will be put on the board at the elementary level. Teachers in the lower elementary grades may prepare a homework sheet.

**Children will improve their study habits by observing the following:**

1. Be sure you understand each assignment.
2. Form the habit of using a certain time and place of study.
3. Study conditions should include good lighting, ventilation, and quietness.
4. Have necessary materials at hand.
5. Try to develop the skill of working independently.
6. Spend enough, but not too much time on each subject.
7. Place completed homework in your book bag, and return it the next day or when it is due.
8. Be responsible. Copy all assignments into your agenda. Listen to your teacher so that you can communicate to your parent the topics, pages and

skills covered in class. Know what topics, pages, chapters, etc. will be covered on tests.

### ILLNESSES/INJURIES

If a student becomes too ill to remain in class, he/she will be sent to the clinic. Students should not stay in the restroom when they are ill or injured. Parents will be notified when students are too ill to remain at school or have received an injury requiring medical attention. Minor injuries will be treated in the clinic. Parents will be notified at the discretion of the nurse or office staff.

### LOST AND FOUND

Students are urged to check with the front office for lost items. Our students are very good about turning in lost items. It is a good idea to clearly mark items with your child's name so they can be returned without delay.

### BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Starting the 2020-2021 school year, in compliance to health and wellness regulations due to COVID-19, breakfast and lunch will now be prepackaged. Students will have a choice of lunch that will eliminate direct contact with food. Breakfasts will be available upon entry to the building from both the Car-Rider zone and the Bus Loading zone. Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom and lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria. Social distancing will be enforced during both breakfast and lunch. Tables have been marked to meet social distancing requirements. **Food from an outside vendor (McDonalds, Krystal, etc.) may not be consumed in the school cafeteria. If you would like to celebrate a student's birthday, you may bring cupcakes, etc., to their lunch and have them share with the classroom. Food may not be taken to the rooms.**

## HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Students who must be out under a doctor's care for 10 or more days may qualify for the Richmond County Board of Education Homebound Program. Contact the Guidance Counselor if necessary.

## MEDIA CENTER

A. Brian Merry is fortunate to have one of the finest elementary school media centers in this area. The media center is open every day of the school year (8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.). Students may use the media center for studying, research, and book check-out anytime during the day. The media specialist will be on duty to assist students at all times.

The media specialist and classroom teachers will work together to teach media skills, provide independent learning activities, and enrich the instructional programs through the use of computers and related technologies. In addition, students participate in the book fairs held in the media center.

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

In compliance with Georgia law all teachers at public schools conduct a moment of reflection that lasts 60 seconds at the beginning of each school day. According to the policy, this moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be a religious observance or exercise. It is an opportunity for reflecting on the anticipated activities of the day. The moment of reflection began at the start of the 1994-95 school term.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

Conferences may be requested by parents, teachers, counselors, and/or administrators. All conferences should be scheduled by the appropriate school personnel. Conferences may be scheduled during the teachers' planning periods. **Teachers will not be available for unscheduled conferences**



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ON EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Scheduled fall (**October**) and spring (**March**) conferences are a must for parents to understand their child's school performance. Please make every effort to attend. These conferences have been a tremendous asset over the past few years.

If for any reason you wish to confer at other times with a teacher, please feel free to send a note or call the school (706-737-7185) and arrange an appointment. Teachers are not free to confer with parents while students are under their supervision. We try diligently to honor every request for a conference at a time suitable for both parent and teacher.

Please avoid "dropping by" the classroom before or after school without an appointment. Teachers need this time to spend with students, for planning of instruction and related meetings. Our teachers want to meet with you when there are concerns, but the best way to have a productive meeting is to schedule a time when the teacher's attention is not divided. When you need to talk with a teacher, please call the office and leave a message. The teacher will return your call as soon as possible. However, this may be at the end of the day or even the following day, depending upon other commitments he/she may have.

### Tips for Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Be positive as you discuss your child with the teacher
- Feel free to express any concerns you may have.
- Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA supplements all facets of the school program and contributes financially to the betterment of the school programs. It is most important that **ALL** parents/guardians become members of the PTA.

### **PTA OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community, and place of worship.

2. To raise the standards of home life.
3. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
4. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
5. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

**Membership Dues \$5.00 per person**

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are sent home each nine weeks. The mid-nine-weeks progress report is designed to give parents/guardians general feedback on the progress of students at the midway point during the grading period. Graded samples of students' work will be sent home each week on Tuesdays in the Red Take Home Folder. The work should be signed and returned. Check with the teacher if you need to keep the work for study purposes.

### PROMOTION POLICY

Our promotion policy requires **70% mastery** at each grade level as well as the passing of reading and math. **Come See Us! Call 737-7185 for an appointment if you feel your child cannot meet the expectations.** You can meet with the teachers and review our curriculum. You should monitor your child's progress throughout the year.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine weeks. This report is an evaluation of the progress the child is making in our school. The Progress Report is only one form of communicating student progress to the parent. If a parent would like a more comprehensive profile of the child's growth and/or needs, please contact the school for an appointment for a conference. Notes or comments may be placed in the report card envelope by the parent and returned to school by the child. The parent will keep the report card and return the signed report card jacket to the child's teacher the next school day.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

While students are expected to follow all rules and regulations in the Richmond County Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Handbook, we have highlighted only a few in this handbook.

## SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

Inclement weather conditions may cause the school to be closed. School closings are determined by the Richmond County central office staff and not by the local school. Announcements of closings will be broadcast via local news media. The basic premise to observe is that school is open or will remain open unless a closing is announced by the news media.

## RTI Meetings

The purpose of the RTI meetings are to provide a vehicle through which students, parents, teachers, and educators work cooperatively toward developing appropriate interventions for students experiencing problems in school. Students can be referred by teachers, parents, or administrators. Please contact the Guidance Counselor or the child's teacher for more information if your child is experiencing difficulty in school.

## SUPPLIES

Classroom supplies will include textbooks, paper, pencil, pen, and any other items necessary to carry on the instructional program within a particular classroom. **Supplies must be brought to class every day. Teachers will send home a list of needed items at the beginning of the school year.**

## TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are the property of the Richmond County School System and are issued to students free of charge. Books should be covered to help reduce wear and tear. Students are responsible for all books assigned to them and will be expected to pay for lost or damaged books including those reported as “stolen.” Teachers will periodically check books to monitor lost or damaged books. Faculty and staff will not be held responsible for books left anywhere. Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-1013) requires:

1. All textbooks, library books or media materials purchased by local units of administration with State Quality Basic Education Program funds or any other means of acquisition shall remain the property of the local unit purchasing or acquiring them.
2. Each local unit of administration shall establish such policies as it deems necessary for the care and protection of its textbooks, library books, or media materials.
3. Such policies may include any of the following sanctions against a pupil who refuses to pay for lost or damaged textbooks, library books, or media materials at replacement costs:
  - a. Refusal to issue any additional textbooks, library books, or media materials until restitution is made; or
  - b. Withholding grades, cards, diplomas, or certificates of progress until restitution is made.
4. No local unit of administration shall require any pupil or parent to purchase any textbook, library book, or media material, except in cases where the pupil damages, loses, or defaces such item through willful intent or neglect.

## TRANSFER/WITHDRAWALS

Teachers need at least a **24-hour notice** when students are being withdrawn from school in order to get the withdrawal forms ready to take to the new school. These forms contain clearance information from the media, lunchroom, teacher and administration. It also contains the student's attendance and grade averages for the current school term. This process takes time to compile and teachers cannot be asked to stop teaching to get the information ready. If students owe for textbooks (damaged or not returned) or media materials, withdrawal forms will not be released until the missing items are returned or paid for.

**Students cannot register in their new schools without a withdrawal form.**

## VISITORS

**All visitors must check in at the office.** Upon arrival, sign in, and receive a visitor's pass prior to moving about the building. For the safety of our students, this policy must be enforced. Visitors who do not check in at the office will be considered trespassing and subject to arrest. Please do not stop to visit with a teacher, class, or child without receiving authorization at the office. This includes all school areas, both in and out of the building, and refers to all parents and visitors. Your cooperation in this matter will help us ensure the safety of the children and cause fewer disruptions of school routine.

The preceding information is not exhaustive and at the discretion of the principal may be altered as necessary to insure the efficient, effective and safe operation of the school.

## LEGAL CUSTODY RIGHTS

Schools need proof of legal custody and visitation rights. In cases where parents are separated or divorced and one parent has legal custody, the school **must have proof** of the court order that spells out both custody and visitation rights as part of the permanent record. Schools must have on file appropriate legal documentation in order to assure compliance with any limiting court order. **Without a legal document stating otherwise, both parents will have equal access to the student while at school.** We will work closely with all parents to ensure their child's safety and welfare.

## VOLUNTEERS

Parent involvement is an important aspect at A. Brian Merry Elementary School. The faculty and staff would appreciate your volunteering your services for the coming school year. If you can spare the time, we can help you put it to good use helping teachers and children. The training will help you with your own child (ren). Please contact the school to attend scheduled required workshops.

## PRIME TIME

### **\*A State Licensed Quality Program**

The “before school” program operates from 6:00 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. The “after-school” program operates every day school is in session until 6PM for The Y. As children arrive from a long day at school, they can choose from a variety of supervised activities. Quiet games, homework time, and a snack will be waiting for each child when they arrive as well as active, physical games to “burn off” that pent up energy. This is a special small group time for discussion, sharing, and finding out about ourselves and others-- A time to create something all by themselves. A child can learn a new skill, make something for the next day, or have fun with arts and crafts. Prime Time is that special time between the end of school and when the parents return home. Not lost time - time to grow, to play, to be with friends. The YMCA can make this a GREAT TIME!

## BICYCLE RACK

Bicycles may be ridden to school and locked in the bicycle racks on the side of the building. When the student arrives on campus, he/she is to push the bicycle to the racks and lock it immediately. State law requires children under age 16 to wear bicycle helmets when riding on a road, path, or sidewalk. **A student may lose their privilege of riding a bicycle to school if they cannot follow the rules concerning bicycle safety and security.**

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

If a change is made in transportation (not ride the bus, ride with someone else, etc.), **we must have that request in writing. Changes made by phone will not be honored, since we cannot verify the caller as the parent.** Requests are made through the school office and are approved by the principal in advance by 9 a.m. on the day of the change.

## CIRCULAR DRIVE—NO PARKING

Car-riders are dropped off and picked up in the back. If you are picking your child up, please park in the field and walk to the building. The lane beside the school is for access, not parking, dropping off or picking up. This is for safety reasons. If you need handicapped provisions, you may park along the curb to the left of the school and enter the front where a ramp is provided.

## FRONT DRIVE

The front curb area is reserved for busses, day care vans, pre-k and SPED students. If you must wait for your child in the front areas, busses are usually gone by 3:30. **Please try not to come prior to 3:30 or park in adjacent field. It is unlawful to block a school bus. Busses are loaded and off the campus before “walkers” are released.** You can help us eliminate a dangerous situation by complying with these requests.

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

**Adhere to school speed limit around the school for the safety of our students.** Buses and Day Care Vans will drop students off in front of the school. All car riders will be dropped off to the gym using the circular drive. Students will stay in the gym or get breakfast in the cafeteria. All Prime Time and Boys and Girls Club students are dropped off by the cafeteria no later than 7:45am and picked up from the cafeteria no later than 4:00pm.

If parents come to school at the close of the school day to pick up a child, they should not wait outside the child's classroom. According to county policy, students checked out before dismissal will be counted tardy. **Parents of car riders are not to park in the bus and van riders' area.** Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.

**Students will not be released for early dismissal between 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. as this causes disruption and interferes with teachers preparing the entire class for dismissal.**

## TITLE IV NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION FOR STUDENTS

The Richmond County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities for students. The following person has been designated to investigate any complaint communicated to the Board of Education alleging non-compliance of non-discrimination policies regarding student activities.

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services  
County Board of Education of Richmond County  
864 Broad Street  
Augusta, Georgia 30901  
Telephone: (706) 826-1010



