

Lorraine Elementary Parent Handbook

2026–2027 School Year · Lion Pride in Every Stride

WELCOME

A Message from Principal Carlisle

Dear Lorraine Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I am excited and honored to serve as Principal of Lorraine Elementary School as we celebrate 30 years of excellence, learning, and *Lion Pride in Every Stride*. Since opening in 1996, LES has built a proud legacy of student success, strong family partnerships, and a commitment to helping every child reach his/her fullest potential.

Our work will center on four focus areas: **Roaring Like Lions**, **Instructionally Focused**, **Parent & Community Engagement**, and **Showcasing Student Talent and Skill**.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children each day.

With Lion Pride, — Samantha Carlisle, Principal

CULTURE

Mission, Beliefs & the ROAR Pledge

Our Mission. Lorraine Elementary is a learning community where excellence is expected of all and students aspire to succeed. We ensure a strong academic foundation through a challenging curriculum, highly qualified staff, parent/teacher/student collaboration, and differentiated instruction.

The ROAR Pledge. I pledge to ROAR like a lion each day, being **Respectful** in every way. **Organized for Success** I'll strive, being **Actively Engaged**, I'll come alive! A **Responsible Citizen** I'll be, making our school shine, you'll see!

CULTURE

School-wide Expectations & PBIS

Lorraine uses **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** to teach, model, practice, and celebrate positive behaviors.

- **Teach and Practice:** Students learn what ROAR looks and sounds like.
- **Positive Reinforcement:** PBIS Rewards points and recognition for demonstrating ROAR.
- **Celebrations:** Pick of the Pride, the PBIS Store, pep rallies, and class-wide celebrations.
- **Reteaching & Support:** Staff reteach expectations and, when needed, apply consequences aligned with the RCPS Code of Conduct.

DAILY LOGISTICS

School Day, Hours & Attendance

- **Building Hours:** 7:00 AM – 2:40 PM
- **MORE After School:** 2:15 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Breakfast:** Arrive by 7:15 AM; after 7:25 AM students receive Grab & Go.
- Notes for absences may be handwritten, emailed, or sent via ParentSquare.

Every Day Counts — regular attendance is the foundation of student success.

DAILY LOGISTICS

Arrival, Dismissal & Car Riders

Please follow posted car rider procedures and arrive on time. Changes to dismissal should be sent via ParentSquare or written note to the teacher.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Clinic & Medications

Our health clinic is staffed by trained personnel under the supervision of the RCPS Lead Nurse. All staff assisting in the clinic receive training in first aid, CPR, medication administration, and emergency procedures.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Say Something — Report Safely

Students and families can **Say Something** by reporting concerns to a trusted adult or through the anonymous reporting system. Together we keep our Lions safe.

DAILY LOGISTICS

Nutrition & Meals

Lorraine has a full-service cafeteria offering breakfast and lunch daily. Thanks to a state grant, meals are provided at no charge this year.

ACADEMICS

Grading, Reassessment & Gifted Services

Students engage in learning based on state standards. Gifted students remain at Lorraine one day each week for enrichment under the PC Lead Teacher with student-choice projects.

COMMUNITY

Volunteering & Mentoring

Mentoring assists students in developing and achieving goals for school success. All unsupervised volunteers must complete the RCPS volunteer approval process.

Ready to help? Visit our Get Involved page at leslionsden.com/get-involved.

COMMUNITY

PTO & Parent Engagement

Our PTO powers teacher grants, kindergarten carpets, classroom tools, testing incentives, and family events. Questions? Email lespto.rockdale@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

Parents' Right to Know

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s). Contact Principal Samantha Carlisle at 770-483-0657.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Handbook Acknowledgement

Please complete the acknowledgement on the LES PTO website (leslionsden.com/parent-handbook) confirming your family has reviewed the handbook.