

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2017-2018 STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

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1150 Burnt Hickory Road, Douglasville, GA

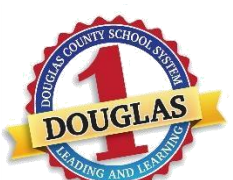
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“The Dual-Language School”

Douglas County School System 2017-2018 Official Calendar

Semester 1		Semester 2			
July 4	Holiday for All: System Closed	Jan. 1	Holiday: System Closed		
July 17	205, 210, 215 Employees Return	Jan. 2	Teacher Work Day; All Staff Returns		
July 27 & 28	New Teacher Orientation	Jan. 3	Students Return; Second Semester Begins		
July 31-Aug. 4	Preplanning	Jan. 5	Report Cards, All Levels		
Aug. 1	System Professional Learning	Jan. 15	Holiday for All: System Closed		
Aug. 2	High School Back to School Bash—times vary	Feb. 6	Progress Reports		
Aug. 3	4:30-6 p.m. Elementary School Sneak a Peek	Feb. 7	½ Day Early Release, All Students; ½ Day Prof. Learning		
Aug. 3	5:30-7 p.m. Middle School Sneak a Peek	Feb. 19-21	Student/Staff Holiday (Except 240 Day Employees)		
Aug. 7	First Student Day	Mar. 1	FTE Count		
Sep. 4	Holiday for All: System Closed	Mar. 14	Grading Period Ends, Elementary and Middle Schools		
Sep. 6	Progress Reports	Mar. 14	½ Day Early Release, All Students; ½ Day Prof. Learning		
Sep. 13	½ Day Early Release All Students; ½ Day Prof. Learning	Mar. 16	Report Cards, Elementary and Middle Schools		
Oct 3	FTE Count	Mar. 16	Progress Reports, High Schools		
Oct 6	Grading Period Ends, Elementary and Middle Schools	Apr. 2-6	Holidays for All: System Closed		
Oct 9, 10	Student/Staff Holidays (Except 240 Day Employees)	Apr. 25	Progress Reports		
Oct 13	Report Cards, Elementary and Middle Schools	May 22, 23	½ Day High School Early Release		
Oct 13	Progress Reports, High Schools	May 24, 25	½ Day Early Release, All Students		
Nov. 7	Student Holiday; Teacher Work Day/Prof. Dev. (Election Day)	May 24	NMHS Graduation at Univ. of West GA, 7 p.m.		
Nov. 8	Progress Reports	May 25	Report Cards, Elementary Schools		
Nov. 20-21	Student/Staff Holidays (Except 240 Day Employees)	May 25	Last Student Day		
Nov. 22-24	Holidays for All: System Closed	May 25	DCHS Graduation at Univ. of West GA, 7 p.m.		
Dec. 15	Semester Ends; End of Grading Period	May 26	LSHS Graduation at Univ. of West GA, 9 a.m.		
Dec. 18-20	Student/Staff Holidays (Except 240 Day Employees)	May 26	CHHS Graduation at Univ. of West GA, 1:30 p.m.		
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Holidays for All: System Closed	May 26	AHS Graduation at Univ. of West GA, 6 p.m.		
 <p>Douglas County School System 9030 Highway 5 Douglasville, Ga 30134 770-651-2000</p>		May 28	Holiday for All; System Closed		
		May 29-31	Post-Planning		
		May 29	Rep. Cards mailed this week, Middle and High Schools		
		June 7	Last Day for 205 Day Employees		
		June 14	Last Day for 210 Day Employees		
		June 21	Last Day for 215 Day Employees		
				<i>Calendar adopted July 20, 2015</i>	

School Hours

- Elementary School 8:00 - 2:45 (Hours may vary.)
- Middle/High School 8:30-3:30 (Hours may vary.)

Lunch Prices

- Elementary School \$2.25
- Middle School \$2.50
- High School \$2.50
- Guests \$3.50

Grading Scale for Grades 1-12

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 71-79
- D = 70
- F = Below 70

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Welcome Parents and Students,

Bienvenidos a la escuela Beulah! Greetings and a warm welcome to Beulah Elementary, school of the Dual-Language Immersion Program. Beulah is truly a wonderful place for children to learn and grow. We value our diversity and believe that each child is uniquely special. Our goal is to provide rich learning opportunities, where your child can successfully thrive in a place where he/she knows that we love and care for each other.

One of the many special characteristics of Beulah Elementary is our active and supportive parent organization. We strongly encourage parents to become involved in their child's education. There are many opportunities to participate in to support the various school activities. Visit our school website frequently at <http://beulah.dce.schoolinsites.com>. Remember, our doors open at 7:15 a.m. Students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:00 a.m. sharp! After 8:00 a.m., students are marked tardy. Breakfast begins at 7:15 and ends at 7:50 a.m. All school buses have dropped students off at school by 7:35 a.m. To avoid the long morning car rider lines, come to school earlier (7:15) or have your child ride the school bus. I look forward to a great school year. Please let me know how I can better serve you.

Again, welcome to our school family and I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Susan Calderara
Principal

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM

OFFICE HOURS: 7:15 AM – 4:00 PM

SCHOOL MASCOT: Bees

SCHOOL COLORS: Black and Gold

INTERNET ADDRESS: www.douglas.k12.ga.us

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Principal: Mrs. Susan Calderara

Assistant Principal: Dr. Paul Collins

SUPPORT STAFF

Counselor: Katie Dorsey

Media Specialist: Julie Clarke

Office Manager: Jennifer Camacho

Attendance Clerk: Barbara Price

Clerk/Clinic: Marilyn Gomez

Food Service Manager: Sherika Robinson

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Radio station WSB (750 AM) and their major Atlanta radio, and television stations will be contacted concerning school closings. Closings will be announced as close to 6 AM as possible. Please listen to these stations for information. Calling the Board of Education will tie up the emergency lines.

BEULAH'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Beulah Elementary School is to provide a comprehensive educational experience enabling all children to reach their full potential.

BEULAH BEE BELIEF (BEE-LIEF) STATEMENTS

- *We believe that all children deserve a safe, secure, and nurturing learning environment.*
- *We believe that all children can learn when their different preferential leaning styles are addressed.*
- *We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to achieve success and become productive citizens.*
- *We believe that all children benefit from a partnership among the home, school, and community.*
- *We believe that all children can develop competencies in all academic areas and critical thinking skills.*
- *We believe that all children can develop competencies in diversified technologies.*
- *We believe that all children can develop the interpersonal and intrapersonal skills necessary for success in a multi-cultural global society.*

BEULAH SCHOOL RULES – We are a **NO TOUCH SCHOOL!**

1. *Respect yourself, others, and property*
2. *Keep hands and feet to yourself*
3. *Do your Personal best everyday*
4. *Take responsibility for your actions*
5. *Listen and follow directions*

OBJECTIVES OF BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following items represent the objectives of Beulah Elementary School.

1. To develop competencies in the area of math, reading, writing, social studies, science, spelling, listening and speaking.
2. To find each child's learning level and to expose him to learning situations in the various subject areas to the degree that will be a maximum within his particular realm of comprehension.

3. To provide an environment in which each child will feel a sense of importance and self-value.

4. To provide an environment of security, acquired through mutually developed bond of limits, to which are fairly, firmly, and consistently adhered.

5. To look for the best in each child and to find good in each.

6. To teach children to think, to ask questions, to respect authority, and to become active citizens.

7. To instill an understanding of the role diet and exercise play on health... and the role of health on quality of life.

8. To promote an understanding of our national origin and to develop an appreciation for a democratic form of government.

9. To work harmoniously with parents and community in an effort to induce a cooperative learning attitude on the part of students.

10. To develop attitudes in our students which will enable them to be flexible and adaptable to change.

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POLICIES

ADMISSION

All students new to the Douglas County School System will need to register at the Student Registration Center located at the Douglas County School Annex, 4841 Hwy 5, Douglasville, 770-651-2050. In county transfers will be maintained from school to school. Students seeking admission to a Douglas County School must have withdrawn from their previous school. Withdrawal papers must be presented at the time admission is requested. The following items are required for enrollment and must be placed on file in the school office with your child's enrollment papers:

1. Certificate of Live Birth with a state file number/Acta de Nacimiento and Custody/Guardianship Papers if appropriate
2. Certificate of Immunization – Georgia Form 3231/Certificado de Vacunas del estado de Georgia
3. Social Security Card/Tarjeta de Seguro Social
4. Last school's report card or withdrawal form (not required)/Tarjeta/Hoja de calificaciones de la ultima escuela de su hijo/hija
5. Vision, hearing and dental screening certificate – Georgia Form 3300/Certificado de Examen de Oidos, Vista y Dientes
6. Two forms of proof of residence (Deed, lease agreement, utility bill, etc.) or Notarized letter from person with whom you live/Comprobante del domicilio, donde vive; debe pertenecer a este distrito escolar
7. Vehicle Registration Receipt/Recibo de la placa de su carro

NOTE: PROOF OF RESIDENCE IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR

WITHDRAWALS

If you are withdrawing your child from Beulah, please notify our office either by phone or a note at least a day in advance. The office needs time to complete the withdrawal forms and obtain proper signatures. Enrolling parent/guardian must sign the withdrawal form.

ARRIVAL

No student is permitted in the building before 7:15 a.m. This is for your child's safety since the staff does not arrive before 7:15 a.m. Students who eat breakfast at school should report to the cafeteria no later than 7:45 a.m. Students who are not in their classroom by 8:00 a.m. will be considered tardy. Breakfast hours are 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

CAR RIDERS

If a parent plans to provide transportation from school each day, one note may be sent at the beginning of the school year stating that the child will be picked up every day. The name of the person with whom the child is to ride should be included on the note as well as the emergency card in the office. If an occasion arises to have someone other than the regular person pick a child up, a note must be sent stating the name of that person. A student will not be released to anyone unless that person is listed on the emergency card or is listed on a note from the parent and has proper I.D. in either situation. This is to follow the Safety Procedures as outlined.

MORNING DROP OFF

Students are to be dropped off at the car rider area. School staff will monitor car riders from 7:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. After 8:00 a.m., the adult must park and bring the student in the front door and go to the office to sign a tardy pass.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Your child's safety is our main concern! You will be given a sign to fill out with your child's name. This sign must be placed in the front window of your vehicle. Any driver without a sign will need to provide I.D. and may be asked to report to the office to sign your child out. Additional signs are available in the office.

Students will continue to be picked up at the car rider area. Car riders are dismissed to their area at 2:45 p.m. **Please do not come to the office to check out your child after 2:15 p.m.**

Students who are not picked up in the car rider lane by 3:00 p.m. will be escorted to the office. They will be sent to the After School Program at 3:00 to wait for their parents. When parents come to pick up the child after 3:00 p.m., they must pay the ten-dollar (\$10) registration fee and the eight-dollar (\$8) daily fee to the After School Program staff. If the registration fee has been paid previously, the parent will pay the eight-dollar (\$8) daily fee only.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

All transportation changes must be submitted in writing. We cannot make changes through a phone call. This is for the safety of your child!! We do not accept faxes for change of transportation. All written instructions must include the child's name, teacher's name, specific instructions related to the change (ex: the bus number, the address, who are they riding with, dates this change is effective) your signature and a phone number where you may be reached for clarification.

CHILDREN LEFT HOME ALONE GUIDELINES

- Children eight years or younger are never to be left alone.
- Children between the ages of nine and twelve years, based on level of maturity, may be left alone for brief (less than two hours) periods of time.
- Children thirteen years and older, who are at an adequate level of maturity, may be left alone and may perform the role of babysitter, as authorized by the parent, for up to twelve hours. This may not be permissible if the younger child is a special needs child.

Any school employee having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been home alone and is not in accordance to the above guidelines is mandated to report to the appropriate agency.

ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

The Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law holds parents responsible for making sure that their children attend school. According to this attendance law, the only legal excuses for absences are:

1. Personal illness
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Religious holidays

The homeroom teacher takes attendance each day at 8:00 a.m. All attendance regulations, including age entering and leaving school, absences, tardiness, and exemptions from school. All students with attendance issues will be reported to the Douglas County Board of Education. See Board Policies with descriptive code: JBA & JBD

Although attendance at school is very important, students with a contagious illness or fever should be kept at home. Upon returning to school after an absence, a written excuse, signed by the parent or guardian, should be given to the teacher within 3 days. Any failure to explain an absence will result in the absence being marked as unexcused. Students who are absent miss instruction that cannot always be made up. The fact that an absence is excused does not mean that the student will automatically receive credit for work that is missed. It is his/her responsibility to find out what work was missed and to make it up under teacher direction.

Please make sure your child is here every day, on time and try not to check them out early. Our students leave the cafeteria after breakfast to go to their grade level hallway. Your child misses valuable instruction if he/she arrives after 7:50 a.m. or leaves before 2:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

We are trying to instill in our students the importance of punctuality and doing quality work. We have high expectations for our students in academics and work habits. We believe the habits they develop today will be the same habits they have as adults. At the end of the school year, students who have no absences with 5 or less tardies or early check-outs will receive "Perfect Punctual Attendance" certificates and medals. "Faithful Attendance" certificates will be awarded to students with 3 or less absences and 5 or less tardies or early check-outs.

CHARGES

All charges incurred by your child must be paid in a timely matter. This includes charges for breakfast/lunch, lost library or textbooks, After School Program, etc. Report cards will be held until all charges are paid.

CLUBS

Beulah will be offering extracurricular activities that promote and contribute to the development of students. We plan to include Chorus, Art Club, Junior Beta Club, Road Runners, and Safety Patrol. Club offerings are at the discretion of the Principal and are subject to cancellation if there is not a staff sponsor. Teachers volunteer their time for after school clubs which requires students to be on their best behavior at all times.

DISCIPLINE

STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

Students are expected to follow school rules to promote safety and learning. Specific rules for each school area are explained and enforced by administration and staff. Students who choose not to follow the rules will face consequences determined by the teachers and administrators. Minor problems will be handled within the classroom setting. Major or repetitive behavior problems will be addressed through school/district policies. Please see section II of the handbook for more information.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

State law requires that schools conduct drills for emergencies such as fire, severe weather, and lockdown procedures. Fire drills are held each month on "good" weather days. Some months are not as cooperative and students must go out in the cold. Students will return to the building as quickly as possible.

EMERGENCY STUDENT INFORMATION

Every child should have current emergency information on file in the school office. We should know how to locate a parent at all times in the event of illness or accident. If a phone number or address change occurs during the school year, please notify the office in writing.

FIELD TRIPS

At various times during the year, students may take educational field trips. Field trips are special activities that enhance our curriculum. Trips will be made according to Douglas County policy and guidelines. Parents will be notified before any field trip so that written permission can be obtained. Students with inappropriate behavior may not be invited to attend if their behavior jeopardizes the safety of others or themselves.

Each field trip can accommodate a certain number of chaperones. The number of chaperones will depend on the number of students as well as space available on the bus. Younger siblings are not allowed on school system buses nor on field trips.

FOOD SERVICES

Students are encouraged to participate in the school nutrition program. Nutritionally balanced breakfasts and lunches are available to all students. A registered dietician plans the menus. Breakfasts are designed to meet one-fourth of the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of nutrients for Americans. Lunches meet one-third RDA. Several choices in menu offerings are available. No candy, gum or carbonated drinks are allowed at school.

School lunches are \$2.25 per day for students. Breakfast is \$1.25. You may pay for your child's lunches by the week or by the month. A policy has been established throughout the school system that restricts the amount of meal charges a student or adult can accumulate. No one will be allowed to accumulate more than \$4.20 in charges. Once that amount has been reached, students who are unable to pay will be offered a sandwich and beverage. Free or reduced priced meal programs are available to students who qualify.

Parents may eat lunch with their child at any time. Adult price lunch is \$3.50 and adult breakfast price is \$1.65. Parents must check in at the school office and wear a visitor's badge before going to the cafeteria. If you choose to eat with your child, please observe our quiet Music Time, a time when students are encouraged to be silent, eat their lunch and practice their best table manners.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

In Douglas County, the elementary school guidance program is designed to help students by assisting them in making decisions and changing behavior. The purpose of guidance and counseling is to impact specific skills and learning opportunities in a productive and preventive manner which ensures that all students can achieve school success through academic, career, and personal/social development.

Guidance is defined as the help all students receive to assist them in making appropriate educational and career choices. Counseling is defined as the help some students receive from a professionally trained counselor to help them overcome personal and social problems, which may interfere with learning.

The lessons taught in classroom or small group guidance provides a link to define student competencies. These standards are included in the guidance curriculum. Counselors coordinate and implement delivery of guidance lessons in the areas of academic, personal/social and career development. Lessons can incorporate study skills, test taking skills, problem solving, decision-making, self-knowledge, life skills, personal safety, and career planning. All of which will help facilitate your child's academic achievement.

Small group counseling may address specific needs such as understanding self and interpersonal skills or help students dealing in crisis situations, such as divorce or death in a child's life. Students may participate in these small groups as a result of referrals from parents, teachers or themselves. This counseling relationship with students will be treated as confidential except when a student poses an imminent danger to themselves or others; or when the student reveals matters that by state law must be reported. The Douglas County Board of Education provides all students the opportunity for counseling services.

The elementary school counselor consults and collaborates with parents, guardians, teachers, and significant others such as school psychologist, special education personnel, school social workers, and medical professionals in the community. They are also involved with classroom performance and behavior, childhood growth and development, a positive school climate, identification of exceptional children, interpretations of test results, psychological reports and other relevant data and communication between home and school.

Students in First and Fifth grades will be taught the GOOD-TOUCH/BAD-TOUCH program. GOOD-TOUCH/BAD-TOUCH is a body safety program, which teaches children in a very comfortable way to talk about a very sensitive problem. Unfortunately, every year more than 100,000 children are sexually abused in our country. Informing children of the following concepts helps to lessen their vulnerability to abuse.

1. Touch can be good, and/or confusing.
2. Children are special and they have the right to know all the safety rules.
3. Children can say no to inappropriate touches.
4. Children should tell a trusted adult if they ever have a problem with bad or confusing touches.
5. Sexual Abuse is never the child's fault.

Professionals from the University of Georgia have validated this program as being effective. The Douglas County Board of Education has approved this program and is very pleased and excited to be involved. Ms. Elizabeth Hatcher, our school counselor will be teaching this program. She has received special training from The Prevention and Motivation Programs, Inc. You may contact her at 770-651-3300, if you would like to preview this program. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's involvement in any guidance or counseling group activity, please call your school counselor.

FOCUS ON LEARNING

We encourage students to have a "carry style" book bag. Rolling book bags are not allowed.

Toys, CD players, electronic games, cellphones, beepers and/or similar electronic devices are not to be brought to school. These items are considered nuisance items. Items will be confiscated and released only to the parent. See Board Policy in Section II.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework will be given every night Monday through Thursday. Students are expected to read nightly in addition to their regular homework. This expectation is for all students K – 5th grade.

"Busy Bee" Weekly Folders

Work samples, teachers' notes, school newsletters and other school information are sent home on Tuesday each school week in the Busy Bee Folders. Busy Bee Folders will also be sent home with progress reports and report cards. Parents need to sign the Busy Bee folders, write any needed responses and return them the following school day. Consistent communication between home and school is essential.

ILLNESS/ACCIDENTS

If a student is hurt on the bus or at school, he or she should report the accident immediately to the supervising adult. First aid for minor accidents will be handled at school. Parents or guardians will be contacted in the event of a serious accident.

Students with a contagious illness, including the flu or bad colds, should not come to school. On the first day of return, students are expected to turn in a written excuse from a parent or guardian to their teacher.

Students who become ill during the school day should tell their teacher. These students can only be dismissed from school to go home if the school is able to contact by phone either a parent or guardian who will agree to come and pick up the students. **THE SCHOOL MUST HAVE A CURRENT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER ON EVERY CHILD.**

LOST AND FOUND

Most articles of clothing that are found are turned into the office and/or placed in a designated area. **Please label all articles of clothing with your child's name so lost articles may be returned.** If items are not claimed within a reasonable length of time, they will be donated to a charitable organization.

MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center at Beulah is a resource to meet the information needs of students and teachers. Students are invited and encouraged to come to the media center regularly for story time, research, computer use, and self-selection of books. The Media Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. The following guidelines are followed:

1. Students in grades K-1 may check out one book at a time.
2. Students in grades 2-5 may check out two books at a time.
3. The checkout period is one week, but students may renew their books if a longer time is needed. Students may come to the Media Center as often as their teacher allows.
4. Overdue fines are not charged, but students are expected to pay for lost or damaged books. Overdue notices will be sent home at the end of each nine week period. Report cards will be held for students with overdue books.
5. Students should not lend library books to each other. Any book checked out in a student's name is the responsibility of that student.

MEDICINE

Board policy does not allow the school to give prescription medication unless it is in the original bottle. Medication forms may be requested in the office. All medications must be turned into the office. Notify the teacher that the student is to be given medicine and the times. An adult must pick up all medicines.

PARENT CONFERENCES, VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

All parents, visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office. For the safety of your child, we ask that EVERYONE use the front entrance, wear a visitor identification badge while in our building, and then return to the office before exiting the building. All visits to a classroom must have a meaningful purpose such as volunteering, pre-arranged conferencing with teachers and/or serving as a guest speaker. Because we are accountable for using instructional time appropriately, we will be unable to allow drop-in visits to speak briefly to the teacher.

Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come to school to talk with their child's teacher(s). Appointments may be scheduled during the teacher's planning period, before school, or after school. Conference days are also scheduled during the year. A minimum of two conferences per child will be scheduled during the year. Parents will be notified if additional conferences are needed. Preschool children should not accompany parents during a conference. Conferences can be set up by calling the school office, by calling the teacher's voice mail extension, or preferably by e-mailing the teacher. All teacher e-mail addresses are posted on the school website and e-mail is the easiest and fastest way to communicate with your child's teacher.

PARTIES

Douglas County Board of Education policy allows two parties each year in the classroom. Students may want to share cupcakes/cookies with their classmates on their birthday. Any treat should be served during the regular lunch period. **All food brought to school should be purchased food items, not homemade.** No invitations to birthday parties should be sent to school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is a very important part of the student's school day. For safety reasons, students are encouraged to wear rubber sole shoes (tennis shoes) and appropriate clothing (shorts should be worn under skirts and dresses) on designated Physical Education days.

POLICIES

There are many policies and procedures that directly affect Beulah Elementary School students and parents or guardians. For the complete set of Douglas County System Policies and Procedures visit the Douglas County School System website located at www.douglas.k12.ga.us.

PROPERTY/TEXTBOOKS

The building, furniture, and equipment therein, are provided at great expense by the taxpayers of Douglas County. Students at Beulah Elementary should refrain from defacing school property. Students will pay for damage to buildings and equipment when it is determined that such was caused by carelessness or neglect. Everyone should develop pride in keeping the building clean and the furniture in good condition.

Students are furnished textbooks. The books are issued by the classroom teacher who keeps a record of the condition of each book. Students are responsible for the care of their issued textbooks. Lost or damaged books or library books must be paid for before report cards can be issued.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parent and community support is an important component of successful education reform. Local school councils were created by law in Georgia to involve teachers, parents and businesspersons in local school issues focusing on student achievement. School councils are to focus on student achievement and school improvement.

Every public school in Georgia has a local school council *consisting of a minimum of:*

- *two parents*
- *two certified teachers*
- *two businesspersons*
- *the principal*

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Testing will be administered according to state and local guidelines. Parents will be notified of testing dates and procedures. See Section II for further information.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

All schools in Georgia mandate the use of Student Support Teams (SST) to identify and offer alternative strategies for students having academic or social problems. The team may consist of the teachers who work with the student, along with the principal, assistant principal, counselor, other teachers, and/or special education teachers. Every effort is made to provide for academic and social success in school. This team also serves as a retention committee when retention is considered.

TELEPHONES

Students are not allowed to receive calls during the school day. In a case of emergency, the office will deliver a message to your child.