



Red Boiling Springs School Handbook 2023-2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Red Boiling School is to inspire and empower students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

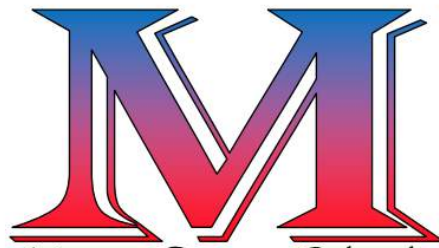


ABOUT THE SCHOOL

School Information

Red Boiling Springs School is a grade 6-12 public school located in Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

The Vision of Red Boiling Springs School is to provide all children with a safe and inviting environment to ensure their success. We want to instill in each student high expectations, morals, and respect enabling them to graduate with the knowledge and skills to become productive and responsible citizens.



Macon County Schools

Shawn Carter, Director of Schools

2023-24 School Calendar

Registration Day 8:00-10:00am-----	August 1 st 2023
First Day of Fall Semester-----	August 3 rd 2023
Labor Day (No School) -----	September 4 th 2023
1 st Parent/Teacher Conference-----	September 13 th 2023*
Professional Development (1) -----	September 25 th 2023*
Fall Break-----	October 9 th -13 th 2023
Thanksgiving Break-----	November 20 th -24 th 2023
Last Day Fall Semester (86 days) -----	December 15 th 2023
Professional Development (2) -----	January 3 rd 2024*
1 st Day Spring Semester-----	January 4 th 2024
MLK Day (No School) -----	January 15 th 2024
President's Day (No School) -----	February 19 th 2024
2 nd Parent/Teacher Conference-----	February 21 st 2024*
Election Day (No School) -----	March 5 th 2024
Spring Break-----	March 25-28 th 2024
Good Friday (No School) -----	March 29 th 2024
Last Day Spring Semester (94 Days) -----	May 24 th 2024
RBS Graduation -----	May 23 rd 2024
MCHS Graduation -----	May 24 th 2024

***No School for Students**

Inspiring and Empowering Students

Macon County Board of Education, 501 College Street, Lafayette, TN 37083
Phone: 615-666-2125 Fax: 615-666-7878 or 615-666-3280 Special Education: 615-666-2685

ABOUT US

Philosophy

Red Boiling Springs School is centered upon the idea that the purpose of education is to prepare our students for the post-secondary world. Our goal is to provide students with the skills and experience to succeed in life after high school.

Macon County Schools are 100% accredited by AdvancED.

The Macon County School System has eight schools with a total population of approximately 3,700 students. All schools have a website that is maintained locally by a teacher or principal of the school. To see a list of all of the schools and a link to each school's website, five of our eight schools have a school-wide Title I program. Those schools are Westside Elementary School, Red Boiling Springs Elementary School, Fairlane Elementary School, Lafayette Elementary School, and Central Elementary School. Three schools participate in a voluntary Pre-K program. Those schools are Fairlane Elementary School, Red Boiling Springs Elementary School, and Westside Elementary School.

Macon County Schools has a Teacher Center open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday. Please call before using the Teacher Center in order to intake sure it is available. Anyone who wants to use the Teacher Center *AFTER* 4:00 p.m. Monday or Thursday must contact Emma McKinney at 615-666-2125 at least one day in advance.

Macon County Schools has a Technology Learning Center used to train teachers in the use of technology. The Technology Learning Center was originally funded by a Goals 2000 Grant written by Patricia Ferguson. The Technology Learning Center is open from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday. Please call before using the Technology Center in order to make sure it is available. Anyone wanting to use the Technology Learning Center *AFTER* 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday must contact Crystal Hesson at 615-666-2125 at least one day in advance.

Adult Education offers GED day classes for people aged 18 and older. Click the Adult Education link for information about Macon County's Adult Education Program. Work-Based Learning Program offers several work-related programs for high school students including Service Learning, Academy Banking, and Transition Programs.

Macon County School System offers career and technical education to all Macon County 9-12th grade students. For more info, please contact Tony Boles at 666-2125 or tboles@maconcountyschools.org

Macon County Schools

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Discrimination/Harassment of Students

(Sexual, Racial, Ethnic, Religious)

[A copy of this policy has been placed in this handbook.](#)

The Macon County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its program or activities; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Title IX Coordinator/504 Coordinator: Cindy Gammons,

Federal Projects Director

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Macon County Board of Education Policy Manual

<https://tsba.net/macon-county-board-of-education-policy-manual/#students>

Macon County Schools Contact Information

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Each school has a link from this website. This site provides a wealth of information concerning Macon County School, including school policies, state assessment results for the school, system, and state, safe school choice policy, parent involvement policy, teacher certification information, links to various educational websites, and the Tennessee State Department of Education. Answers to many questions and much helpful information may be obtained from the State Department of Education by calling 1-888-212-3162 or visiting <https://www.tn.gov/education.html>. Legal Services Division Division of Special Education, Tennessee Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 5th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0308 Phone: 615-741-2851 Fax: 615-253-5567 or 615-532-9412

**It is the policy of the Tennessee Department of Education and the Macon County Board of Education not to discriminate against any student, employee, or applicant on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, disability, age or veteran status, no student will be excluded from participating in or having access to any course offerings, student athletics, counseling services, employment assistance, extracurricular activities, or other school resources based on unlawful discrimination. Legal References: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Title IX of the Education Amendments, TCA 4-4-123 *Under the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe School Choice Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined under TCA 40-38-111(a), or the attempt to commit one of these offenses as defined under TCA 39-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district.*

Principal's Message Dear Families and Students,

I welcome you to another great year at Red Boiling Springs School, I look forward to another productive year at RBS, with that in mind, I would like to thank all of you in advance for your cooperation and support as it is essential for the success of the school. Please feel free to call or contact me with any concerns or questions...

Please review the information in this handbook with your student. This will assist your child in experiencing an excellent school year. Please take special note of the forms located in the back of this handbook, please fill these out and return them to school.

Once again, thank you for your help and understanding throughout the school year.

Don Jones

Red Boiling Springs School Parent Involvement Plan

- I. The school system will have annual meetings with the Family Engagement Advisory Committee to review the Parent Involvement Policy and District Plan. The Advisory Committee will include parents from the district. The committee will review any surveys or comments from parents and the community in order to improve our existing policy and plan and promote more effective parent involvement.
- II. The Macon County School District will assist schools in planning and implementing parent-involvement activities.
- III. The Macon County School District as well as all schools will keep their website updated with important parent involvement issues. Each will have a link for parents to access important things relevant to their child's education.
- IV. The Macon County School District as well as the schools shall implement programs, activities, and training for the involvement of parents in all of its schools. Activities and/or strategies in the TCSPP, the District Consolidated Plan, or the School District Parent Involvement Plan have been put in place. These activities and strategies will also include the involvement of parents to help implement our Pre-K program as well as coordination with the Head Start Program.
- V. Each school will hold an Annual Open House at the beginning of each school year. This will give parents and family members an opportunity to visit their child's school and meet the teachers and principals.
- VI. Each school will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences twice per school year. When possible, the schools will have flexible times for the conferences to give all parent and family members an opportunity to attend. The conferences will be held when deficiencies are handed out or at the end of the first nine weeks of each semester.
- VII. The district and schools will work towards promoting family involvement within each school. Several activities should be put in place at each school. Trainings for parents to learn more about curriculum Restrict barriers for limited English proficient parents, economically disadvantaged, or disabled from participating in activities. Activities to promote academic improvement, good discipline, and increased attendance by all students. Other activities such as Read across America, BINGO for Books, Breakfast with Grandparents, Internet training for curriculum, bulletin boards at Wal-Mart, and Interpreting Test Scores for parents are good examples.
- VIII. Keep parents informed of various issues including Parent Involvement Policy. Parents' right to access their child's records. Board and school policies. Calendar of events for the district and individual schools
- IX. The Macon County School District shall provide funds for teachers to receive one extra day of in-service by conducting home visits with their students and parents. The teacher must follow the regulations set forth by the school district.

ZERO TOLERANCE OFFENSES

In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses will not be tolerated:

WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event. 1 Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/ or expulsion from school.

Firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921) 2

In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possesses a firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.³

DRUGS

In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.

BATTERY

In accordance with state law, any student who commits battery upon any teacher, principal administrator, or any other employee of the school, or school resource officer shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.⁴

NOTIFICATION

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.⁵

Legal References:

1. TCA 39-17-1309
2. 18 U.S.C. 921
3. 20 U.S.C. § 8921; TCA 49-6-42(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)
4. TCA 49-6-3401(g); TCA 49-6-4216(B)
5. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312

Cross References:

Threatening Behavior 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316

Students Leaving School Under no circumstances are students to leave the building or school property without permission.

1. Students will not be allowed to leave the school for any reason without verbal communication between the parent and the office,
 - A. Notes will only be accepted if there is a phone number where the parent can be reached.
 - B. If a parent is unreachable he/she should contact the school before the student may leave.
 2. A student may not be picked up by someone other than his/her parent unless that parent has spoken to the office.
 3. A student must sign out when leaving school for any reason.
 - A. Signing out does not give the student permission to leave.
 - B. A student cannot sign out unless he/she has permission from the principal.
 - C. The student must have a note or verbal communication from the principal.
- Punishment for leaving without permission is at the discretion of the principal.

CAFETERIA POLICY

1. Meals are to be eaten in the cafeteria.
2. Students are to remain in the cafeteria during the assigned time.
3. Keep the cafeteria as clean and neat as possible.
4. Each student is responsible for what they bring to the cafeteria; do not leave trash lying around.
5. Be sure to return trays to the proper area.

HALL PASSES

Students must have a hall pass to be in the hall during class. If you are caught in the hall without a pass, you will be sent back to class.

INAPPROPRIATE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Visiting in secluded areas with arms around the other person, kissing, or any other public demonstration of affection between a boy and a girl through physical contact is forbidden at school.

First offense -Counseled by principal or guidance counselor.

Second Offense -Notification of parents—2 days BI.

Third offense -Suspension from school until a parent conference is held.

STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

1. Student driving will be limited to secondary students who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license.
2. All students driving vehicles to school must register at the principal's office and obtain a parking permit.
3. Students will be required to park in designated areas.
4. Vehicles should be locked and are not to be moved during school hours unless approved by the principal.
5. Vehicles should be operated at a safe speed, not to exceed school zone speed limits.
6. No student or non-student is to sit in a vehicle from the time of arrival at school until the time of departure.
7. All vehicles are subject to search as provided by TCA 49-6_4206. The principal shall make provisions for controlling the use of the parking areas on school property. When students have been assigned a specific parking space, cars parked in unauthorized parking spaces shall be towed away at the owner's expense. Further, driving to school is not a right, it is a privilege. As such, the privilege to drive to school may be revoked at the principal's discretion.

**Parking space for student drivers is very limited. Spaces will be assigned by grade, beginning with Seniors, followed by Juniors; then, if any spaces are still available, Sophomores. The only exception shall be in the event of a hardship license.*

*** A learner's permit is not considered a valid license!*

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION

The maximum a student will be allowed to serve PER TERM in Behavior Intervention is 10 days. Any student exceeding the 10 days will be assigned 5 days' alternative school for each Behavior Intervention offense thereafter.

ALL OF THE ABOVE POLICIES APPLY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, ON THE SCHOOL BUSES, OR AT ANY SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT.

SAFE SCHOOL CHOICE

At Red Boiling Springs School, every measure is taken to ensure that each child is safe from harm. At any time, should your child become the victim of a violent crime at school, your child has the right to attend another grade-appropriate public school in the school district. For a full description of this policy developed by the State of Tennessee, please log onto the website for the Macon County School System at www.maconcountyschools.com and click on policies. A full description of the Tennessee Department of Education's Unsafe School Choice policy can be downloaded from this website. If you do not have Internet access available for you to view these policies, please contact the school and copies will be made available to you.

Parents will receive written notification that their child has the right to transfer to another school within the district if they are the victim of a violent crime at school.

Macon County

Truancy Plan

According to T.C.A., 49-6-3007, a student who has been absent five (5) days with unexcused absences throughout the school year may be deemed habitually truant. A written notification of (5) unexcused absences will be sent to the parent/guardian that the child's attendance is required by law and a new notice will be sent after each successive accumulation of five (5) unexcused absences.

Tier 1: After 5 unexcused absences the student and parents will be required to meet with the school attendance committee to discuss reasons for student absences. Students and parents will be required to sign an attendance contract that includes attendance expectations, time periods, and interventions for continued absences.

Tier 2: After any additional unexcused absences the student and parents will be referred to the Truancy Board for a "Truancy Hearing." The Truancy Board will conduct an individualized assessment on the reasons the student has been absent from school. Team members will vary between schools, but will include as many of the following as possible; students, parents, administrators, counselors, teachers, attendance coordinators, graduation coaches, and attendance supervisors. Interventions for students who continue to be truant may include one or more of the following:

- Referral to the school's at-risk designee
- Referral to a school guidance counselor or social worker
- School-based community service.

Tier 3: After Tier 2 interventions, additional unexcused absences, and failure to respond to the interventions and recommendations of the Truancy Board, truant students will be required to attend before or after-school tutoring. If tier 3 is unsuccessful, the parent/guardian and student will be petitioned to court for "truancy."

Macon County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Dress Code 6-12	Descriptor Code: 6.3101	Issued Date: 11/12/15
		Rescinds: 6.3101	Issued: 12/04/14

Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school.

When a student is attired in a manner which is likely to cause disruption or interfere with the operation of the school, the principal shall take appropriate action.

School clothing and individual grooming must not distract from the learning environment or jeopardize health or safety of others.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT DRESS:

All apparel or accessories worn or brought to school may not display or advertise the following:

- * Gang affiliation or gang sign
- * Tobacco products
- * Profanity
- * Alcoholic products
- * Sexual themes
- * Racist overtures
- * Other suggestive or offensive sayings or graphics
- * Drugs or drug paraphernalia

1. Shorts may be worn as long as they are to top of knee while standing.
2. Skirts, dresses, and jumpers may be no shorter than to top of knee while standing.
3. Leggings may be worn as long as they are covered to top of knee.
4. Jeans and pants:
 - a. Should be size appropriate and properly fitted at the waist.
 - b. Should not be too form-fitting or too baggy.
 - c. Should not contain holes or tears above the knee
 - d. Patches must be sewn in.
 - e. Pajamas are not acceptable.
5. Apparel considered too revealing will not be permitted. Clothing may not reveal cleavage or midriff. Undergarments must not be visible. See-through clothing below shoulder is prohibited.

6. All shirts must have sleeves fully covering shoulders and underarms.
7. Pierced ears with appropriate jewelry are acceptable. No facial jewelry or tongue rings are allowed; however, clear spacers may be used in pierced holes.
8. No unnatural shades of hair coloring or disruptive hair styles are allowed. No high spiked or Mohawk hairstyles are allowed.
9. No head coverings of any kind or sunglasses shall be worn inside the building (except for religious or medical reasons with prior administrative approval).
10. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. No house shoes or house slippers are allowed.
11. All makeup must be of natural color and moderately applied.

Principals and teachers are responsible for enforcing the dress code.

First Offense: Written warning or BI rest of day if infraction cannot be fixed.

Second Offense: Up to 3 days B.I.

Third Offense: Up to 5 days B.I.

Any offense thereafter could result in BI or ALC.

Any student who refuses to adhere to the dress code will be suspended until he/she can conform to the rules.

****Allowances may be made for special events with principal approval.**

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3401

Cross References

Threatening Behavior 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316

Macon County School Health Services

Director – Casey Brawner, RN

Dear parents/guardians,

School Health Services would like to remind parents of Macon County School children and also inform our new families of the county-wide school guidelines used for assessing sick children. It is our goal to keep the school environment as healthy as possible for all children.

A child will be sent home if he or she has:

- 1) a temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- 2) a rash/skin eruption, with or without drainage, of unknown origin
- 3) active vomiting or diarrhea
- 4) suspected contagious illness
- 5) a serious injury or appears obviously ill
- 6) head lice or nits
- 7) flea(s) or bedbug(s)

Please be aware that we encourage students to stay in class when possible.

The nurses do not routinely notify parents of minor illness or injury.

Guidelines for parents to follow to avoid exposing other children to possibly contagious illness and to help prevent excessive clinic visits in school are as follows:

- 1) Children with a temperature above 100 degrees must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not give your child a dose of fever medication and then send them to school.
- 2) Injuries that happen at home or over the weekend should be taken care of prior to returning to school.
- 3) A.) If a child vomits or has diarrhea during the night or in the morning before school, child should be kept at home for 24 hours from the last episode.
B.) If a child vomits or has diarrhea while at school, they must be picked up from school and cannot return until 24 hours after the last episode.
- 4) If a parent or guardian is called by the school nurse, please pick up your child in a timely manner. The nurse will only call home if she feels the child really needs to leave school.
- 5) Encourage your child to eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch as this prevents many stomachaches, headaches, poor concentration, and fatigue.
- 6) Encourage your child to get adequate rest.
- 7) Teach your child to wash their hands frequently-before and after meals, after using the bathroom, etc.
- 8) Children sent home due to head lice/nits must be checked by the nurse before returning to class. They must be brought back to school by a parent/guardian and **are not** to ride the bus until rechecked.

Parents will be notified if a child is seen frequently in the clinic with minor complaints of illness or injury that tend to be chronic and contributes to a lot of missed class time.

Please update your emergency card throughout the school year!

Often parents will have changes in work numbers, cell phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Valuable time is frequently spent by school nurses or office staff trying to locate a parent for a sick child.

We encourage that all medication be given at home, but for those children requiring medications in school, a Medication Consent Form must be completed. Over-the-counter medicines may be given with parent permission only for up to five days. Ongoing medications require a physician's order. Please make sure that the form is filled out completely. Medication that is to be given twice a day should be given before school and after school. Medication that is to be given three times a day should generally be given before school, after school and at bedtime.

*****PER TN STATE GUIDELINES, WE DO NOT ADMINISTER DAILY ADHD MEDICATION AT SCHOOL, THIS MUST BE GIVEN BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE SCHOOL.*****

If your child complains of being sick in the morning, but does not have any symptoms, use your best judgment regarding sending them to school. Please do not tell your child that you will come to get them if they do not feel better or tell them to see the nurse as soon as they get to school. Do tell them to go to class and try to make it today. If they really are feeling sick, their teacher will send them to see the nurse.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, you may call the school where your child attends.

Macon County School Nurses

Fairlane Elementary School

Kelsie McMurtry, RN

Central Elementary School

Alicia Thompson, LPN

Lafayette Elementary School

Rebecca Stone, LPN

Macon County Junior High School

Tina Parrish, LPN

Macon County High School

Jessica Barlow, LPN

R.B.S. Schools

Kathy Birdwell, LPN

Westside Elementary School

Alyssa Jenkins, LPN

Float Nurse

Trena Bray, RN

Red Boiling Springs Alma Mater

On Red Boiling's Eastern border,
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years go by.

Forward ever be our watchword,
Conquer and prevail,

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Red Boiling High, all hail!