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Welcome to  
Dozier Elementary School's  
Virtual Orientation





# Welcome Back!

As the 2025-2026 school year quickly approaches, our faculty and staff have been working hard planning and preparing to welcome our students back to school. Please know we are committed to providing a high quality education which focuses on growth and learning for all.



♥ it's a  
**great**  
♥ **DAY**  
to be a ♥  
**BOBCAT**













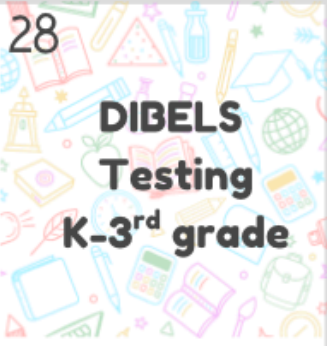

Office
Calendar

New Teacher Orientation	8/1
Teachers report:	8/5 8/6 8/7 10/15
Students report to school	8/8
Mandatory Screening- Pre-K & K	8/8, 11,12
Pre-K & Kindergarten students report	8/13, 14, 15
Graduation for GHS	5/14/26
Graduation for AHS, KHS	5/15/26
Graduation for EHS, NVHS	5/16/26
Denotes 10 Month Employee Days	

9 Weeks	Begins	Ends	# Days
1st 9 weeks	8/8/25	10/8/25	43
2nd 9 weeks	10/9/25	12/19/25	44
3rd 9 weeks	1/5/26	3/13/26	44
4th 9 weeks	3/16/26	5/22/26	44
			175
Final Exam Window		5/14-5/22	

Holidays	
Independence Day	7/1
Labor Day	9/1
Fall Break	10/13-14
Thanksgiving Break	11/24-25
Christmas Break	12/22-1/1
MLK Day	1/1
Mardi Gras Break	2/16-27
Easter/Spring Break	4/3-10
Memorial Day	5/2
Juneteenth	6/1



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Spirit Shirt Orders are due by Friday, September 5th. This is your final opportunity to purchase a School Spirit Shirt for the 2025-2026 School year. No additional orders will be placed, so be sure to get yours in before the deadline!			1	2
3			6	7	8	9
Remember to bring labeled supplies to Meet & Greet!			<b>MEET &amp; GREET</b> <b>PreK-5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5:30- 6:30</b> 	<b>Mandatory Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Meeting 2-3 p.m.</b>	<b>First Day of School for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Students</b> Kindergarten Girls Reports PreK Testing Mandatory PreK Parent/Guardian Orientation at 10 a.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Remember to send all paperwork back to the teacher ASAP, Book of Forms are due by Friday!	Kindergarten Girls Report	 All of Kinder reports PreK Testing	 $\frac{1}{2}$ PreK Reports	$\frac{1}{2}$ PreK Reports	<b>Forms Due</b> <b>ALL Students Report</b>  <b>\$1 Jeans/Pants</b>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	PreK Testing				 <b>\$1 Jeans/Pants</b>	
		26	27	28	29	30
				<b>DIBELS Testing K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b> 	 <b>\$1 Jeans/Pants</b>	
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WELCOME





# **VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM**

## **25-26 EARLY DISMISSAL DATES**

**DUE TO STATE MANDATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS, THE FOLLOWING DATES WILL BE EARLY DISMISSAL DATES FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2026**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2026**

**11:00 AM**  
**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL**

**11:45 AM**  
**ELEMENTARY**





# Admin. Team



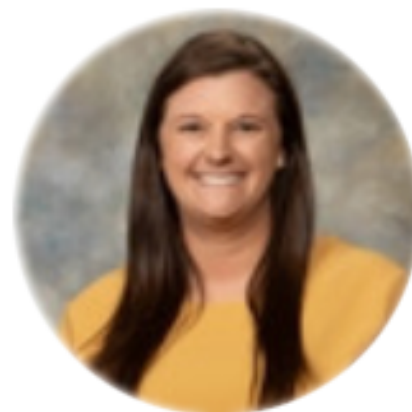
## Principal

Ms. Andrea Ford



## Assistant Principal

Ms. Cristi Trahan



## Counselor

Ms. Kayla Robles





# PES Student Expectations



We

Cooperate

Are Responsible and Safe

Respect Everyone

Enjoy Learning!



# Bell Times

7:30 Students allowed on campus

7:30-8:00 Breakfast in Classrooms

7:55 All Car Riders Must be on Campus

8:00 Instruction Begins

3:10 Dismissal Begins





# School Opening Plan



- Meet and Greet for PreK - 5th grade will be August 6th. This is a time to meet your child's teacher, bring school supplies, obtain bus information, and ease the first day of school jitters.
- PreK Screening will take place August 8th - 12th. You will receive notification at the end of July with your child's testing time. Please call the front office after August 1st if you are unsure of your child's testing time.
- Kindergarten Mandatory Parent Orientation is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm. Students do not attend this event.
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- PreK Mandatory Parent Orientation is scheduled for August 8th @ 10:00 am. Students do not attend this event.

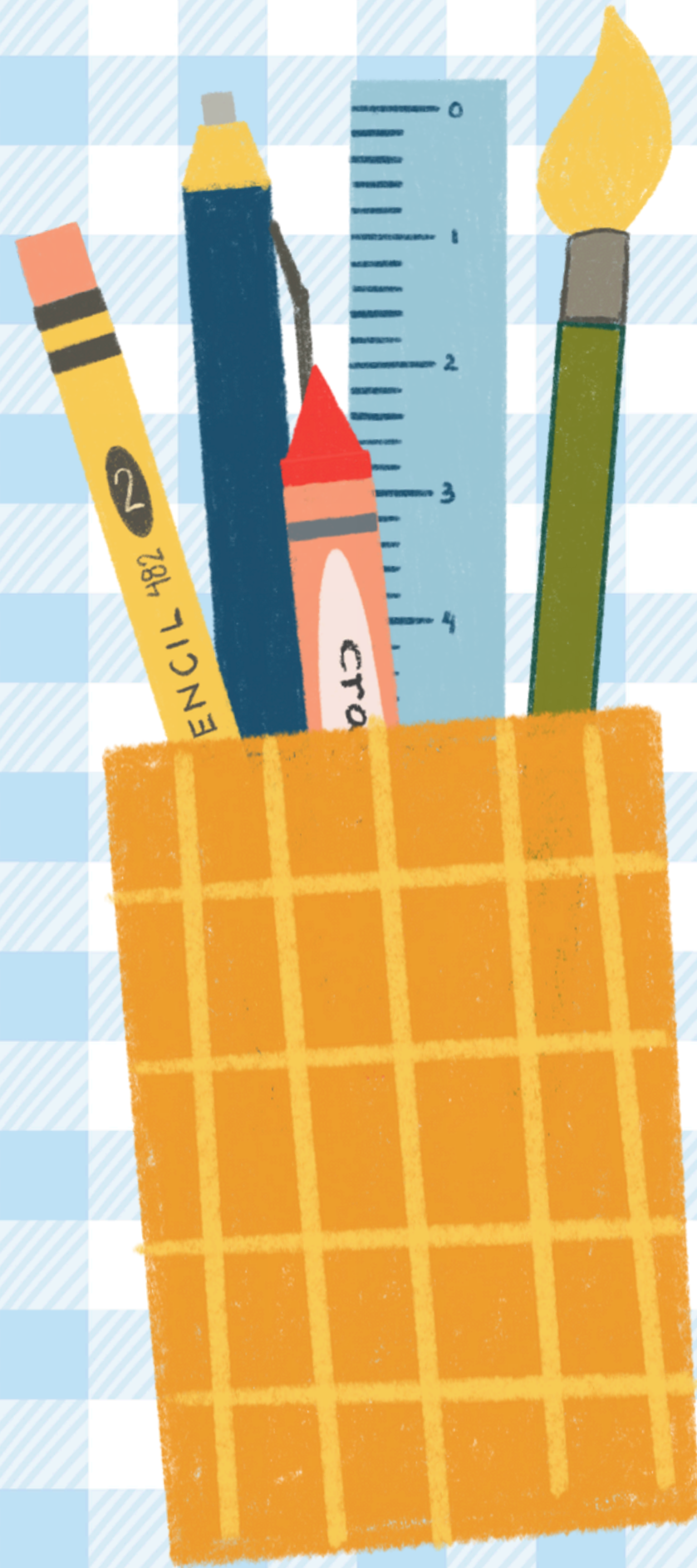


# First Day of School

- Kindergarten Boys & 1st - 5th grade students attend on August 8th.
- Kindergarten Girls attend on August 11th.
- All Kindergarten students begin full time on August 12th.
- PreK students begin on either August 13th or 14th.
- All PreK students begin full time on August 15th.







# School Supplies

We ask that you make every effort to bring school supplies for Meet and Greet. This gives teachers the opportunity to sort through supplies and be ready to teach on the first day of school. If you are not able to make it to Meet and Greet and have to send your child with supplies on the first day of school, please only send what your child can carry. It is okay if it takes more than one day for your child to bring all supplies. Students do wash their hands upon entering the school and collect a breakfast. This is difficult to do with a handful of supplies.





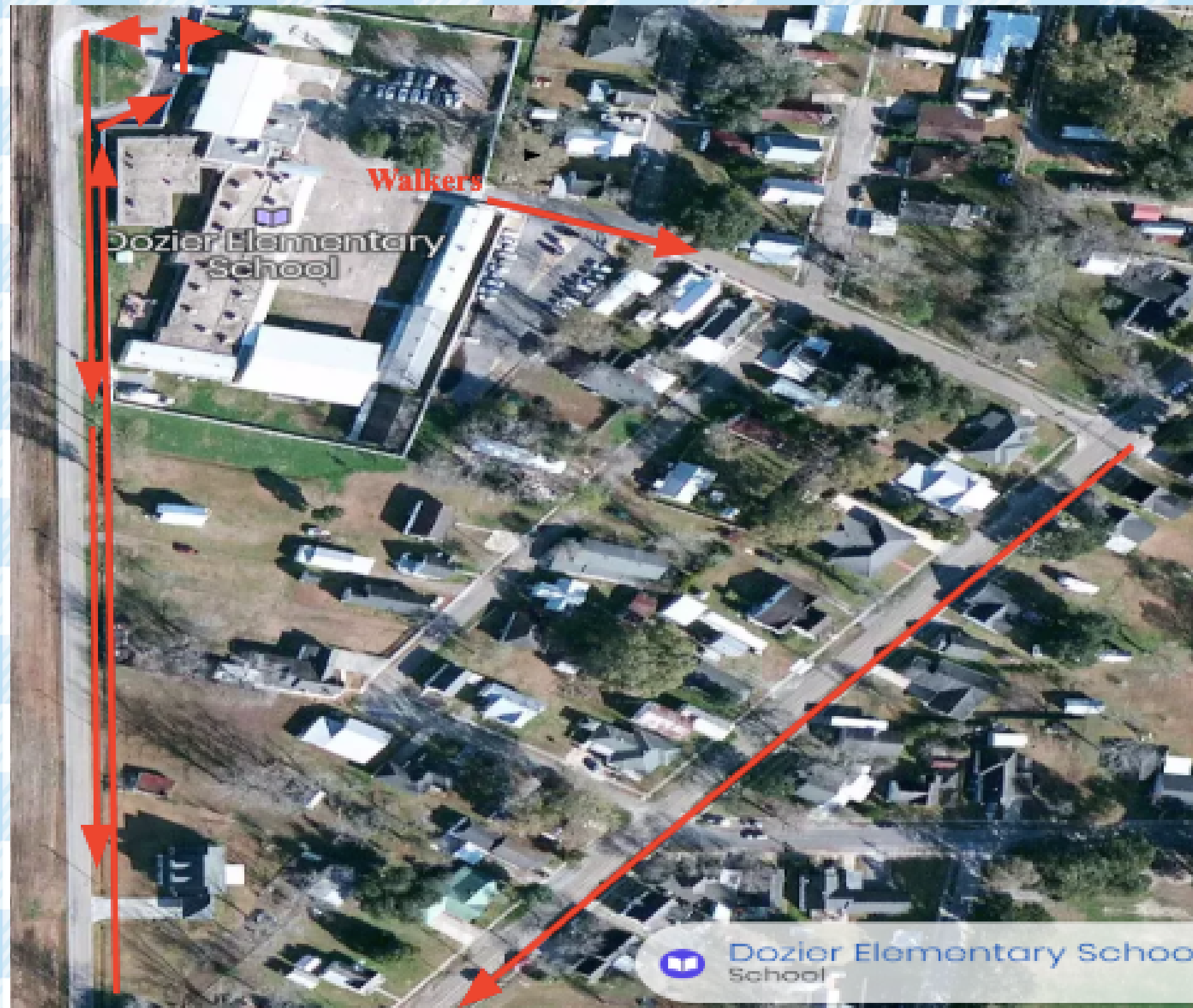
# Arrival



- Campus opens at 7:30. The car rider line will begin moving at that time. We ask for your patience if dropping your child off at school in the mornings. We will do our best to unload students as quickly as possible while maintaining safety guidelines and protocol expectations. ALL students must unload on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Do not drop off students in the front of school, the back parking lot, or streets near or on Primeaux Road.
- Car rider drop off will end at 7:55. If you are dropping your child off after 7:55, you will be required to drive to the front of school, park in the back parking lot, and walk to the front entrance to sign your child in.



# Morning Drop-off / Afternoon Pick-Up





# Walkers

## Morning:

- Students must be escorted to the front of school by an adult each morning. All walkers must arrive on campus no later than 7:55.

## Afternoon:

- Once all car riders are picked up, walkers will be escorted down Primeaux Road. An adult or designee must be visible to accept the child from the duty teacher.
- Parents may NOT pick up students in the teacher parking lot.





# Dismissal



- Car rider line will begin at 3:10 pm. Please make sure your car rider sign is visible on your dashboard.
- Buses will begin loading in the front of school at 3:12 pm.
- Only the individuals listed on the student's information card will be allowed to check a student out of school. It must match information on the emergency card!!!
- No checkouts after 2:55 pm!!!



# Visitors on Campus

The front gates of the school as well as the front office will remain locked during instructional time. Visitors will be required to park in the back parking lot, walk through the side front gate and make their way to the front entrance. Upon entry, visitors must sign in using the Raptor system. (State Issued IDs must be provided by all visitors) Once access is granted, a visitor badge will be issued and must be worn visibly at all times while on campus.

Before leaving, visitors are required to sign out through the Raptor system and return their visitor badge to the front office. required to sign in using the Raptor system.





# Breakfast and Lunch



Breakfast will be served  
from 7:30-8:00.

Both breakfast and lunch are  
free of charge to all  
students!



# DRESS Code

## Belts

- Belts worn must adhere to VPSB guidelines. Belts must be worn at all times in grades 1st-5th.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times in grades 1st-5th.

## Friday Spirit Shirts:

- Only Dozier Elementary school spirit shirts are allowed.

## T-shirts for Technology:

- Every Tuesday your child may wear his/her favorite t-shirt to school for a \$1.00 minimum donation. T-shirts must follow the guidelines in the parish handbook. T-shirts with emblems and/or insignias that promote profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang, wrestling related symbols, or hate type slogans, etc. are prohibited.
- Proceeds will help provide funds for school-wide technology and supplies.

The VPSB dress code policy will be followed. Can be viewed online.



# DOZIER UNIFORM QUICK GUIDE

## SHIRTS

- Polo style shirt (short or long sleeve) in navy, white, red, or black
- No emblems, monograms, or contrast stitching
- 1st-5th grade students must tuck in shirts at all times



No Capris No Joggers Too Short No Leggings No Cargos

## BOTTOMS

- Uniform bottoms must be khaki, navy, or black
- Prek and Kindergarten students may have elastic waist uniform bottoms
- 1st-5th grade students must have belt loops on shorts/ pants. Skirts/ skorts do not need belt loops
- Length of skirts/ skorts/ shorts must not exceed 6 inches from the floor when in a kneeling position
- No emblems or logos, other than the manufacture logo. Cannot be larger than 1.5 inch by 1.5 inch.
- No denim, corduroy, jeans, leggings, joggers, capris, tights, or cargo pants

## DRESSES/ JUMPERS

- The color must be khaki or navy
- Dresses/ jumpers may be pleated, straight or bib
- Length must not exceed six inches above the floor when in a kneeling position but dresses may be worn to the floor
- Any color shorts may be worn under dresses/ jumpers, as long as the shorts are not visible.
- No emblems or logos, other than the manufacture logo. Cannot be larger than 1.5 inch by 1.5 inch.
- Jumpers MUST BE WORN with a uniform shirt underneath.



## SHOES

Shoes must have a full back. Flip-flops, crocs, slippers, open-toed, and backless shoes are not permitted.

## BELTS

Belts must be black, brown, khaki, or navy. Belts must be worn in belt loops at all times, for students in 1st-5th grade.



# Friday Dress / \$1.00 Jean / Athletic Pants

Every Friday will be "SPIRIT DAY"! Students are allowed to wear their Dozier spirit shirts with uniform bottoms or Dozier spirit sweatpants.. In addition, students will be allowed to wear blue jean or athletic pants for \$1 with spirit shirts or uniform shirts. Jeans and/or athletic pants must comply with school board policy. See student handbook for details. Spirit shirts must be from Dozier Elementary ONLY.

Proceeds will help provide funds for instructional materials, operating expenses, motivational incentives for staff and students and other expenditures, which are not funded through other sources.

The VPSB dress code policy will be followed. Can be viewed online.



# Student IDs

- ID's will be mandatory for Dozier Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year! ID's and clips will be provided free of charge. A fee will be issued for replacement ID's and clips

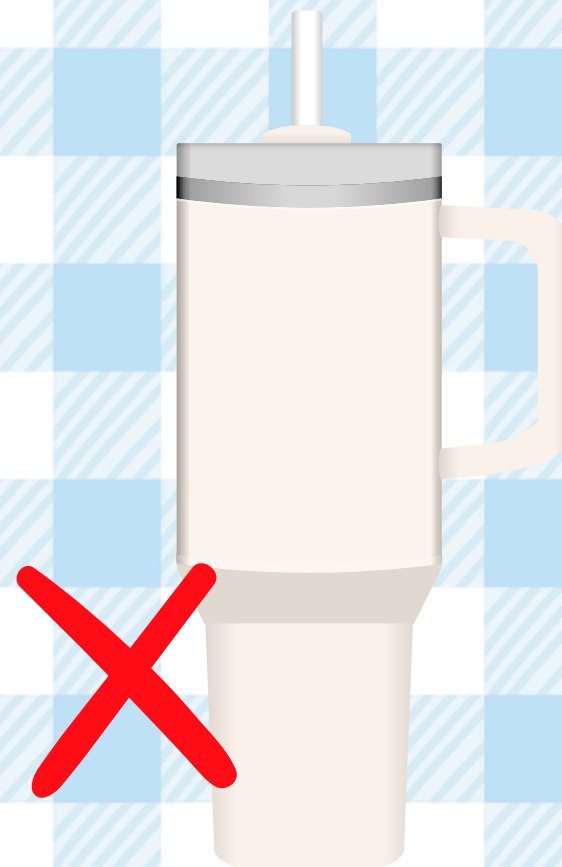
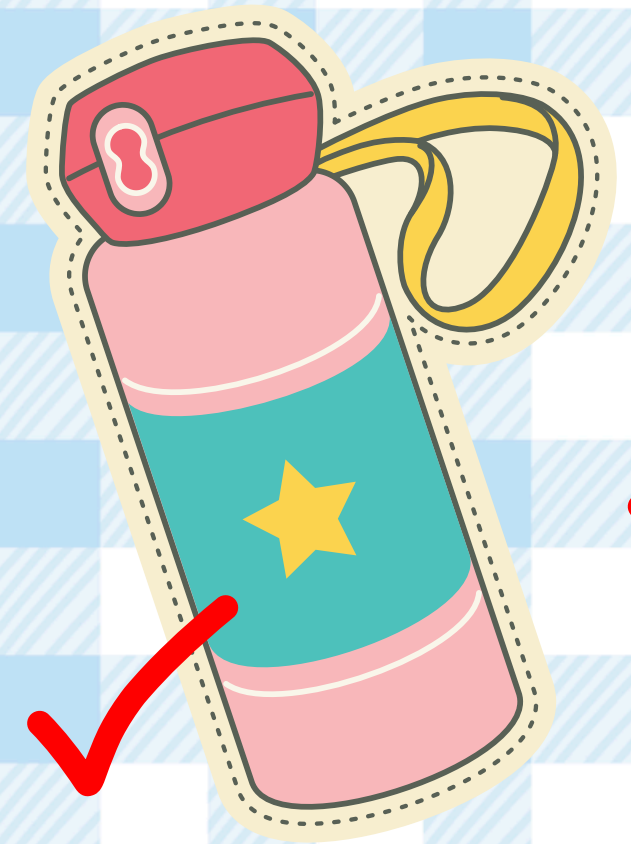
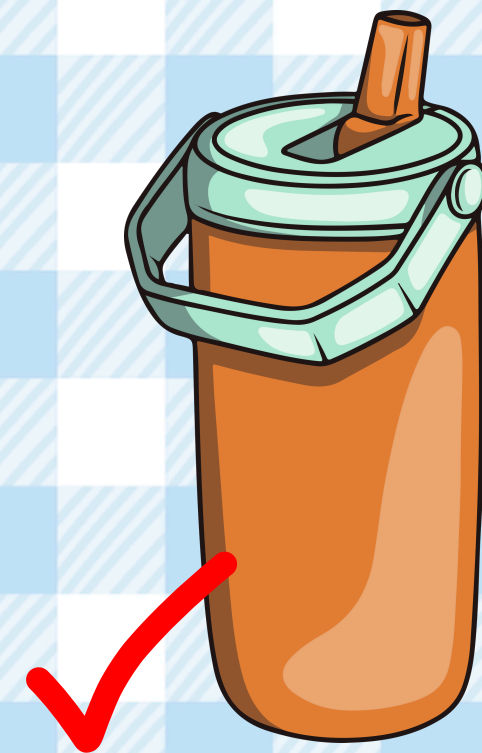
No lanyards are allowed!!





# Water Bottle Guidelines

- Bottles MUST have a secure lid that seals.
- Cups with straws are not allowed-Ex. Stanley Style
- Water bottle must not be larger than 20 oz and fit in the child's booksack
- Only water allowed in bottles. No energy drinks, flavored water or soft drinks.
- If students take their water bottle to lunch, they must be able to carry the water bottle along with their plate of food to the table.





# Attendance Policy

- Students have five (5) SCHOOL DAYS to submit an excuse for their absence. A student should not miss school unless they are able to provide one of the following types of documents to verify the reason for the absence. Excuses returned after five (5) school days will not be accepted and will be considered unexcused. Excessive unexcused absences or non-exempted excused absences may prevent the student from being promoted.
- A doctor's, dentist's or nurse practitioner's written statement of student's incapacity to attend school shall be required for those absences for three (3) or more consecutive days due to illness, contagious illness in a family, hospitalization, or accidents.
- Non-Exempted and Excused: The student is allowed to make up the missed work, tests, receive credit for work completed, and receive credit for a course and/or school year completed. The absence is counted against the compulsory attendance requirement. An example is personal or family illness documented by a parent's note. The number of non-exempted excused absences and unexcused absence a student is allowed is a combined total of twelve (12) absences per school year.
- Exempted and Excused: The student is allowed to make up the missed work, tests, receive credit for work completed, and receive credit for a course and/or school year completed. The absence is not counted against the attendance requirement. Examples are extended illness documented by a doctor or to celebrate religious holidays. There is no limit to these absences.
- Unexcused: The student is allowed to make up the missed work, tests, receive credit for work completed, and receive credit for a course and/or school year completed. The absence is counted against the attendance requirement. Unexcused absences are any absences not meeting the requirements set forth in the Exempted and Non-Exempted Excused Absences above or the Extenuating Circumstance below. The number of non-exempted excused absences and unexcused absences a student is allowed is a combined total of twelve (12) absences per school year.
- Suspensions: Refers to both in-school and out-of-school suspensions. The student is allowed to make up the missed work, tests, receive the same credit originally available for work completed, and receive credit for a course and/or school year completed, provided it is completed satisfactorily and in a timely manner. Students absent from school as a result of any out- of-school suspension shall be marked absent, but the absence is not counted against the attendance requirement.



# Tardy Policy



Students arriving late to school must be signed-in by a parent or guardian, gate will close at 7:55 am.

Excessive absences (more than 3) or tardiness in the morning can result in TASC referral.



# Homework

If your child is absent from school and you would like for the teacher(s) to gather homework, call before 10:00 a.m. This will give the teacher ample time to get the assignment together without taking away valuable instructional time. Homework will be ready for pickup in the front office daily at 2:00 p.m.





# Telephone / Deliveries



- Students will not be allowed to make phone calls.
- Emergency only!
- No messages will be taken for students in the office. Only in an emergency.
- No deliveries of flowers, balloons, fast food, etc. Forgotten home lunches only. Encourage your child to eat at school if possible!



# VPSB & Dozier Handbooks & Beginning of the Year Paperwork

Student handbooks will be available to view online. There is also a link below for your reference. Acknowledgement form booklets will be sent home on the first day of school. Please make every effort to sign all forms in the booklet and send them back with your child the next day. Emergency cards will be completed at Meet and Greet. If you are not able to attend Meet and Greet these will be sent home on the first day of school with acknowledgement form booklet. It is extremely important that we receive this paperwork completed as soon as possible.



VPSB

Click on the QR Code to view handbooks:



Dozier



# Online Store

Our online store allows you to  
pay for planners (3rd-5th Grade)  
and purchase spirit shirts.



Click on the QR Code  
for online store



# Discipline

VPSB policies on discipline will be followed.

Each teacher has classroom rules that are established within the class.

## CONSEQUENCES

- Classroom rules and consequences will be followed.
- Minor infraction form 1 will be sent home to be signed by the guardian.
- Minor infraction form 2 will be sent home to be signed by the guardian.
- On third (3rd) minor infraction in a week an office referral will result.
- An accumulation of ten (10) minor infractions in a 9 week grading period, for which an office referral has not been earned, will result in an office referral.



# Dozier Spirit Shirts

Spirit shirts ordered in May will be passed out to students the first week of school.

Second round order forms will be sent home the first week of school. Order forms and money will be due no later than September 5th.

All summer and second round orders will receive shirts roughly around the 1st week of October.



Click on the QR Code  
for order form



# Grades 1 Report Cards

## It's All About Academics!

### Nine Week Grading Periods:

- ❑ 1st Nine Weeks: 8/8/24-10/8/24
- ❑ 2nd Nine Weeks: 10/9/24-12/19/24
- ❑ 3rd Nine Weeks: 1/5/25-3/13/25
- ❑ 4th Nine Weeks: 3/16/25-5/22/25

★ Progress Reports will be available on Student Progress Center in the middle of each 9 weeks.

★ Wednesday is the designated day for signed papers to go home.



# Bullying



- Bullying is prohibited on our campus
- We must know about it to stop it!





# Parent Resources

- Google Classroom - every teacher has a Google classroom that students are a part of.
- Dozier Elementary Website - <https://des.vpsb.net/>
- Dozier Elementary Facebook page
- JCampus communication through text messages and call outs. (Make sure all information is updated in the office.)
- Parent Command Center





# Contact Information

Feel free to contact Ms.  
Ford with any questions or  
concerns related to this  
virtual orientation.

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# Thank you

for viewing Dozier Elementary's virtual orientation!

We look forward to a great  
year with you and your child.

