

Section A

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ED RAWLINSON

Ed Rawlinson, a respected state leader, is a long-time educator who served as Superintendent of Northside ISD. He received two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree from Texas A&I University and went on to have a long and illustrious career in education. A quiet leader with a steady vision, Rawlinson worked in education for 39 years; thirty-one of those years were in Northside ISD. Mr. Rawlinson served as President of the Texas Academic Decathlon, Chair of the Fast Growth School Coalition and President of the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, a 3000-member organization committed to the improvement of teaching and learning. In 2002, Mr. Rawlinson was named Texas' School Superintendent of the Year by Communities In Schools. Defining student success, Mr. Rawlinson says student succeed when they "have a strong preparation for the future with a strong academic background and a sound set of moral values." He also believes that schools should be an enjoyable experience for students. Ed Rawlinson Middle School proudly bears the name of this very distinguished educator.

FOREWORD

This Student Handbook has been prepared for your information and guidance. From it, you and your parents will better understand the spirit, ideals, and objectives of Ed Rawlinson Middle School. Rawlinson Middle School is dedicated to the purpose of training minds and building skills that will be useful and required, now and in the future. Therefore, it is necessary to have certain rules to insure each individual the opportunity to benefit from the program. This handbook outlines some of the basic policies around which your school functions. Frequent reference will keep you informed of guidelines and allow you to take full advantage of all school offerings. The 2013-2014 school year at Rawlinson will see the implementation of programs that result in high levels of student performance. Academic teachers will be planning lessons in interdisciplinary teams which will result in greater consistency of expectations and more meaningful learning for students. Students will have a teacher-advisor who will monitor their progress and work closely with them to solve problems. While we will continue to emphasize the basic skills, students will be more involved in higher level thinking skills. Please feel free to confer with teachers and the administration when you deem it necessary. The cooperation of school patrons, based upon the knowledge of the school, will result in a more efficient and successful school program. Conferences may be scheduled by calling the school.

PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU

Principal

The principal is responsible to the superintendent of schools for proper administration of Ed Rawlinson Middle School. It is his/her duty to organize, supervise, and administer all of the affairs of the school as they affect students, teachers, and patrons. He/she will be glad to help you with any of your problems.

Vice Principal

The vice principals work directly with the principal in the administration and organization of the school. They are in charge of attendance and handle the routine discipline problems. They handle the day by day operation of school and assume the responsibility of the principal in his/her absence.

Counselors

You have a guidance counselor who will be with you for three years. Your counselor will be happy to assist you with problems concerning both school and your personal life. An appointment with your counselor can be arranged with the secretary in the guidance office before and after school, or during a study period. If your counselor cannot see you that same day, he/she will make an appointment with you for the next day. Conferences with students receive first consideration of the counselor's time.

The function of the counselor is advisory, not disciplinary, and all information is confidential.

Teacher

Your teachers are specialists in the fields in which they teach and are eager to help you get the most out of your classes.

The teachers are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and any additional policies set up by the administration.

Your teachers will be on duty each school day at 8:10 a.m. and will remain after classes from 3:30-3:45 p.m. for the purpose of helping any student desiring to report at this time.

Your teachers are the classroom leaders and charged with the responsibility of supervising and directing all students in the pursuit of their education.

Librarian

The librarian will assist you in the orientation and use of the library. Before, after or during the school day feel free to consult her in order to more efficiently use the library.

Police Officer

The police officer assists students when needed and helps maintain a safe atmosphere. They help supervise all after school events and help monitor traffic. The SAFE hotline number is 397-SAFE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address Changes

If you are changing your address, we must have a copy of your most recent bill or lease showing the new address. We are unable to accept the new address from a hand-written note or phone message.

Anti-Bullying Campaign

Each student and parent/guardian is expected to read and sign the anti-bullying contract which will be sent home and returned through advisory the first week of school or upon registration. The anti-bullying contract can also be found on Rawlinson's website. Along with the contract is a link on which anyone can report bullying. The information is sent to the Vice Principal's office and will be given the appropriate attention.

Appointments/Conferences

Due to regular school duties administrators/teachers are not available for unscheduled conferences. Please call to set up an appointment or conference. Parents are invited to shadow their child with a 24-hour notice to the teacher.

Athletics

Athletics at Rawlinson are extra-curricular activities and most practices are scheduled before or after school. We have team sports such as football, basketball, and track for 7th & 8th grade boys. We have basketball, volleyball, and track for 7th & 8th grade girls. We have lifetime sports for all students in tennis and golf at the 7th & 8th grade level. Athletes at Rawlinson are boys and girls who have indicated a desire to contribute time and energy for the good of themselves, the team, and their school. We recognize this contribution in various ways. We expect our athletes to be good representatives of Rawlinson wherever they may go. An athlete is first a lady or a gentleman, acts courteously, and is an example of good conduct and grooming for others to follow. There are no special privileges for athletes and none are expected. The athlete is assuring for himself or herself a better balanced education through a variety of interests. We welcome student participation in our athletic program, and we hope that it will result in victorious competition.

Attendance Procedures

All students returning to school after a full-day absence must come by the attendance office with a note from a parent or doctor. For absences greater than three days, a doctor's note is required. Students are allowed to come by the attendance office before 8:30 a.m. to turn in the excuse. Please make sure to include the date of the absence, your child's grade level, first and last name. In accordance with state law, if excessive unexcused absences occur, a parent conference with a school administrator may be necessary. Students who have a doctor's appointment during the day need to bring a note by the attendance office before school. The student will then be given a pass to leave class at the appropriate time. Please be prepared to show a picture ID when picking up your child and allow about 10-15 minutes for us to send for your child.

Please note that we do not deliver passes or messages for students after 3:15 p.m. **NOTE:** Please refer to the District policy on attendance in the following sections of this handbook.

Awards

In order that students may be duly recognized for outstanding achievements, awards and certificates will be given in May. These awards may be given in the areas of service, athletics and academic achievement.

Back Packs/Satchels/Briefcases/Large Purses

Back Packs, Satchels, briefcases, and large purses may be used to carry books and supplies to and from school, but they are not to be taken to classes during the school day.

Band/Choir/Orchestra

Students in band and orchestra are expected to buy their instruments except in a few instances where the instrument is furnished. Students are expected to participate in Solo and Ensemble contests. Participation is based on individual student skill level and talent. Students are expected to attend all performances as part of their grade. Participation is a very rewarding experience. The pride associated with our programs is a big factor in their success. Clinicians assist students before, during, and after school.

Bus Procedures

Students are expected to ride the designated bus assigned to them by transportation. In genuine hardship (emergency) situations (e.g., hospitalization of a single parent, parents out of town), the school administrator may approve a temporary assignment to a different bus following these procedures:

- 1) When possible, students should bring a note from a parent at least one day prior to riding an alternate bus. If this condition cannot be met, all notes must be brought to the vice principals' office before 8:30 a.m. on the day the student is to ride the alternate office **before 8:30 a.m. on the day the student is to ride the alternate bus.**
- 2) The note should include the following information:
 - a) parent signature
 - b) phone number of parent for verification of note
 - c) dates to ride alternate bus
 - d) type of emergency
- 3) Approved notes should be shown to the alternate bus driver upon boarding.

Due to the overcrowding of buses, parents should make other arrangements for after school functions, working on school projects or personal engagements.

Cell Phones

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

The telephone in the office is for school business and emergencies. The office telephone is not for general use by students. A student will not be called from class to answer the telephone or make calls. In addition, students are not to make phone calls from their teacher's classroom during the school day. In extreme emergencies or unforeseen circumstances (e.g. car break down, doctor's appointment cancelled, etc.) a message will be taken by the office staff and delivered to the students. Arrangements of scheduled appointments and rides home from school activities should be made before the student comes to school.

Cell phones with earbuds are allowed on campus, but they are to be turned off and out of sight starting at 8:20 am to 3:40 p.m. Students may use their cell phones after school or at other after school events to arrange for parent pick up. Cell phones are not to be used to make unauthorized calls during the school day. However, students will be allowed to use electronic devices at teacher discretion for instructionally-based activities. Students who compromise the academic environment with unauthorized use and / or possession of a cell phone during the school day are subject to disciplinary action.

District Policy on Cell phones or PED's

Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) must be turned off and not visible during the school day unless you are in a school designated 'electronic device zone' or using the device for 'teacher approved' instructional purposes. Students who violate this policy will be subject to escalating consequences which might include confiscation of the device and require a parent to pick up the device. Students should follow specific guidelines regarding PED's in Section B and Section E of the Student-Parent Handbook which include the Acceptable Use of District's Technology Resources.

Clubs

All clubs will submit a constitution to the Director of Student-Activities.

Membership

1. Members of the club must meet standards which are set up by the organization.
2. Some criteria should be set up where membership in the club is restrictive to some extent. For example, a student making very low grades should not be allowed membership in any club where members should have a satisfactory scholastic standing. Citizenship should also be considered in club membership.
3. There should be evidence that the individual has a genuine interest in the club.
4. If the membership totals more than 50 pupils co-sponsors will be needed.
5. Students may join more than one club.

Meetings

1. Club meetings will be held before or after school. All clubs will meet at least once a month.
2. Meetings will be supervised by faculty sponsors. Sponsors should not leave until all members have left the school grounds after a meeting.

Schedule, Activities, Etc.

1. All scheduling, activities, etc. must receive approval from the Student Activity Director.
2. All activities must be on the main calendar. After approval has been given the sponsor must see to it that it is on the calendar.
3. Sponsors will be responsible for the action of their organization.

Proper dress and behavior should be expected when the organization is representing Ed Rawlinson Middle School.

Coming to School Late

A student coming to school late must report to the attendance office with a signed note from his/her parents stating the reason for his/her tardy before going to his/her class. This rule applies even when the student arrives between classes.

Corridor Passes

Students out of any class will be charged with the responsibility of having in their possession a corridor pass signed by a member of the faculty or staff. Time leaving class and returning to class will be noted on the pass. Students in the halls without a pass will be subject to disciplinary action.

Dances

School dances will be held periodically. These dances are open only to those Rawlinson students currently enrolled and in good standing. Students who are absent the day of the dance may not attend. In order to attend future dances, students must be picked up no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the dance. Tickets will be sold in advance; none will be sold at the door. Students may not exchange or sell tickets among themselves. All tickets must be bought through the dance sponsor. Students may purchase only their own ticket. Appropriate school attire as specified in the dress code is to be worn to all dances. Students will NOT be allowed to attend dances if assigned ISS or OCS during the two weeks prior to the dance.

Delivery Items

To help reduce the number of classroom interruptions, the office staff will only be able to deliver keys, glasses, lunches, or lunch money. Any other items may be left at the front office for your child to pick up during passing period. We will not deliver homework, assignments, books, binders, or articles of clothing, nor will a message be sent stating that these items have been left in the front office. If you leave an item for your child, please label it with your child's full name and grade level.

Detention Hall/Saturday Detention Hall

A supervised detention hall will be held at Ed Rawlinson Middle School. Students are assigned to detention hall when it is felt this study time is necessary for disciplinary purposes. Detention hall on school days will be scheduled between 3:40 and 5:00. Saturday Detention will be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Arriving late or not being properly prepared could result in an additional administrative referral.

Display of Affection

Embracing, holding hands or kissing is not an accepted practice on school campus. There is a time and place for everything, and this type of conduct is not condoned in the school environment and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Dress Code

The district's dress code is implemented (Section D page 7); therefore, students will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the district. Dress code standards are extended to extra-curricular activities held on the campus.

In an effort to promote a safe and positive school environment which is conducive to learning the following will be enforced:

- Trench-style coats are not permitted.
- Undergarments are not to be worn as outer garments, including pajama tops or bottoms. All undershirts must be tucked inside trousers.
- Pants and skirts must be worn at the waist - no loose waistbands or oversized pants are permitted.
- Pants hems should be worn at or below the ankles and not drag the ground.
- Clothing with holes, rips, tears, purposely torn, or frayed, that cause a distraction to the school environment will NOT be allowed.
- No sunglasses, or non-prescription glasses, will be allowed while in school building. No colored contacts other than normal eye color.
- Yoga pants or Leggings are permitted; however, a shirt/top MUST cover the entire buttock area.
- Skirts with slits must be 4 inches above the knee (the slit must meet the same requirement)
- Wallet chains, dog chains, dog collars, spike and leash type jewelry is prohibited.
- Inappropriate, indecent, suggestive, low cut, excessively tight, or distracting clothing (some examples: sexual slogans, gangs, tobacco, alcohol products drugs or violence) will not be allowed. This includes patches, drawings, or writing on clothing.
- All Shirts/Tops must be worn appropriately.
- No exposed midriffs, backs, or underpants. No tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, strapless, tube top, camisole type, see through are not allowed.
- No Flip-Flops, or house shoes are permitted.
- Body piercing other than ears is not permitted. Ear rings, like all jewelry must be school appropriate, and earlobe spikes and/or "spacers are prohibited. No other body piercing jewelry is allowed.
- Tattoos should be covered at all times.
- Body art in any form to include writing on skin, distracting or inappropriate stickers, and glitter is prohibited.
- Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional colored, multi-colored or spiked, Mohawk or Fohawk hairstyles are not permitted. Hair must not cover the eyes. Insignias or initials, lines, designs etched in the eyebrows, hair or any part of the scalp are not permitted. Because fads in dress and grooming are subject to sudden and sometimes radical change, a basic rule to remember is that student dress and grooming should not be suggestive, indecent or unusual as to detract from the classroom environment. Changes in dress code, deemed appropriate and necessary by the school principal, may be announced, implemented and enforced during the course of the academic school year. Students not complying with the dress code may be removed from the regular school setting until the parent is able to provide appropriate attire. We acknowledge that students form close association/friendships. When those associations/friendships are expressed outwardly by the wearing of specific colors or displaying of jewelry items that stand out from the general student body disciplinary action may ensue. Final determination of acceptable dress code and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee.

Extra Curricular Activities

All Rawlinson students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. Students must maintain their academic eligibility to participate fully. **However**, students who are absent from school the day an extra-curricular event is scheduled may not participate in that activity. Prior to and during the event, a student may not leave the campus unless accompanied by their parent. Students who violate this will not be admitted to the event. Students who attend any extra-curricular activities should be picked up no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the event. Students must adhere to the above in order to attend future events.

Front Office

The front office hours are from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Students are allowed to use the main office phone before and after school. Students are not allowed to use the phone between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Messages for changes in transportation must be received before 3:15 p.m.

Guidance and Counseling

Counseling services are provided for the students at Ed Rawlinson Middle School. Students and parents may schedule conferences with the counselor in the counseling office during the day. Parents may telephone for appointments. All conferences are kept CONFIDENTIAL.

1. Social and personal counseling are provided to assist the student in working out solutions for their personal and social problems.
2. Educational guidance is provided to assist the students in understanding their abilities and interest through testing, scholastic and interest inventory questionnaires in order that he/she may make appropriate decisions.
3. Educational guidance is also provided to give parents information about the total school program, including special programs that are available. Counselors also assist students in the preparation of a four-year high school plan.
4. Orientation is provided every year to help students promoted to a new level to adjust to the new school environment and to inform students about the school policies, procedures, requirements and problems experienced when a child moves into a new environment.

Students are encouraged to come in to see his/her counselor at any time for an appointment even if it is just to meet the counselor.

Sixth Grade Transition

In an effort to assist sixth graders with a smooth transition into middle school, we have some special practices and procedures in sixth grade. These procedures, which will be discussed fully at orientations, include:

1. Planner — Planners are required for all students to help them keep track of daily and long-term assignments.
2. Three-ring binder/supplies — sixth graders are required to maintain a notebook with dividers and supplies throughout the year.
3. Academy – sixth graders will all have a period of Academy to focus on healthy relationship building, team work, leadership skills, etc.

Gum/Candy

Due to unsanitary conditions created by the improper disposal of gum, **students are not permitted to chew gum during the school day even during lunch.** Students are not permitted to eat candy, unless during lunch, at school. Students who violate this regulation will be subject to disciplinary action.

Honor Roll

At the end of each grading period, students with outstanding scholastic and citizenship records receive special recognition by having their names placed on the Honor Roll. The exception will be the final six weeks, where the honor roll is not posted. "U" in citizenship is not eligible for Honor Roll recognition during that particular grading period.

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Please refer to Northside's Student and Parent Agreement for the Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Communications System policy covered in Section B.

Library

Each campus library supports the curriculum and provides a wide variety of materials suitable to the interest and abilities of students in their pursuit of knowledge and love of reading. Information literacy skills for life-long learning are taught, practiced, and applied. Home access to the online card catalog is available at <http://webcat.nisd.net/>. In order for each school to maintain a high quality collection, students learn responsibility in caring for library materials. If library materials are lost or damaged the student is expected to pay for them. In order to administer the library efficiently, a set of regulations has been formulated.

1. Library hours each day are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
2. Students may arrange for additional time if needed.
3. All books taken from the library must be charged to a student's name. The student is responsible for the prompt return of library books. Students must pay for the loss or damage of library books.
4. Students may use the library during the school day with an appropriate pass from their teacher.
5. Students are urged to be quiet in the library so as not to disturb others. The librarian has the right to report to the vice principal for disciplinary action any student whose conduct is in any way improper.

Lockers

Individual locker assignments are assigned at Prep Days before school begins. Lockers should be kept locked; a student should not divulge the combination to another student. Direct all locker problems to the office. Sharing lockers is not permitted. Students should observe the following practices:

1. Valuable items should be left at home, not kept in a locker.
2. Students should plan to use their lockers **ONLY** at designated locker times.
3. Locker problems should be reported to the Vice Principal.
4. Abuse of lockers will result in disciplinary action.

Meals

Students may eat lunch in the cafeteria or bring their lunch from home. Parents wishing to bring their child lunch may do so for their child **only**. Bringing lunch for other students or groups is **not permitted**. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child. Please make sure to sign in the front office first and get a visitor's badge. **Other siblings wishing to eat lunch with a student must be accompanied by a parent.** Food items need to be contained within a lunch bag or box. No large bags of chips will be permitted. If you would like to add money to your child's lunch account, please sign in at the main office to get a visitor's pass. You may then go down to the cafeteria to visit with a cafeteria staff member. If your child does not

have appropriate funds in his/her account, he/she can receive an alternate meal which is charged to the student's account.

Nuisance Items

Any item not school related can be considered nuisances and are not to be brought on campus. Examples are iPods, CD players, cameras, toys, video games, laser pens and stuffed animals. Any other items that are considered nuisances by the principal are also not permitted. For safety reasons, WHITE OUT (LIQUID PAPER), PERMANENT MARKERS, PAINT PENS AND FOUNTAIN/CARTRIDGE PENS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR STUDENT USE. These items will be confiscated and held in the vice principal's office for parents to pick up. Students bringing nuisance items on campus are subject to disciplinary action. Rawlinson Middle School and its staff is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Offices

The offices of the principal and the vice principal are open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each school day. All school business should be transacted during these hours.

Planner

Planners are required for all students to help them keep track of daily and long-term assignments.

Physical Education

All students are required to take physical education. Students are required to dress out during physical education classes. Any student not able to dress out and participate for a prolonged period of time because of injury or illness must have a written excuse from a doctor stating the nature of the injury or illness along with the time span of inactivity.

Police

Every middle school has a campus officer. Our officer is charged with making sure the campus is safe for all students, faculty and community members. The officer is highly visible both inside and outside the building. The officer builds relationships with students so they feel confident in discussing situations that need attention on the campus. The officer is a great resource of knowledge for parents who have questions about school law, who experience challenges with their child, or for discussing problems that occur in the school or community. Our officer also teaches safe and drug free programs in the classroom throughout the year.

PTA

All parents have an opportunity to participate in and become members of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Regular Class Periods

Students will be expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes assigned to them. Students will be expected to bring all of the necessary materials to class each day and will be expected to participate in all class activities and complete all assigned school work. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner and follow all classroom regulations. Eating candy and other foods or consuming drinks will not be allowed in the classrooms or hallway.

Schedule Change

Schedule changes will not be made after the last day of the previous school year. Requests to change teachers are done only with principal approval and will not ordinarily be granted except in cases where the change will assist in equalizing the teacher load.

School Binders

A school wide binder supply list will be prepared and made available for students and parents at the beginning of each school year. Students will keep a binder containing sections for class notes and assessments. The student binders are organized to maximize learning in all classes. Individual teachers may require other specific materials in addition to the school wide binder list. Departments should consider many of the following basic supplies for classroom use:

Needed Binder Contents:

- Good Quality, 3-ring hardcover binder, 2" or 3" rings with pocket inserts
- White wide-rule notebook paper
- 5 to 6 colored tab subject dividers to separate each academic class, as well as elective
- 8 top-load clear sheet protectors
- Zipper pouch to store supplies (3-hole punched heavy duty zip-lock bags also work)
- 2 or more pens
- 2 or more pencils

Suggested Binder Contents:

- 1 or more colored highlighter pens
- Notebook dictionary and/or thesaurus

Calculator
Six-inch ruler

Each subsequent section in the binder should have these parts in this order:

Divider
Notes
Handouts
Tests
Blank Paper

Each student is also expected to have their student planner with them at all times. The student planner will be found behind the zipper pouch in the front of the binder

Divider Colors will be identified in the following format:

RED: ELA
YELLOW: Math
GREEN: Science
ORANGE: Social Studies
WHITE: Elective

School Day

Classes begin for Rawlinson Middle School students at 8:30 a.m. and end each afternoon at 3:40 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.

The doors will be opened to all students at 8:20. During bad weather, students who arrive at school before 8:20 are to report to the cafeteria for supervised study. When a student has been absent, he/she should report to the attendance office.

Skate Boards, Scooters and Bicycles

Students are not to bring or ride skate boards or scooters on the Rawlinson campus. Students who ride bicycles to school should lock their bikes to the posts provided at the front of the school. Rawlinson is not responsible for locks or stolen bicycles.

Student Activity Program

The aim of our student activity program is to provide students an opportunity to participate in worthwhile experiences which normally will not be found in regular classwork.

The following criteria apply to all activities in our program:

1. The organization must be sanctioned by the principal.
2. The organization must be composed entirely of Rawlinson students and must have a faculty advisor.
3. Membership in clubs is open to all qualified students.
4. Club constitutions may limit membership by grade averages, conduct, and special activities.
5. Membership dues or fees will not be charged.
6. Club officers will be elected using the criteria set forth in the club constitution.
7. Club sponsors may place a time limit on the enrollment in each club.
8. Club meetings will be coordinated through the vice principal. (Director of Student Activities)
9. Field trips and fund raising activities will be coordinated through the vice principal. (Director of Student Activities)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Council Representatives

Any student is welcome to participate in the Rawlinson Student Council. Leadership positions are elected by the Student Council. These students are named as grade level representatives and are responsible for leading their respective grade level activities sponsored by the Student Council.

Telephone

The telephone in the office is for school business and emergencies only. However, if the student is unable to contact a parent the office phone may be used between 8:00-8:20 and

3:45-4:00. To eliminate class interruptions, messages will not be delivered to students other than for emergencies.

Tardies

The efficient student is not tardy. Sufficient time is provided to pass from one class to another. If you are not in your seat at the end of the passing period, the teacher may consider you tardy. All unexcused tardies will be subject to a penalty. Teachers are not required to allow the student consideration for any unexcused tardies. Should a student be detained by a teacher, he/she should secure a note from that teacher and present it to the teacher in charge of the class he/she is entering. For such an occurrence, the student will not be charged with an unexcused tardy.

1. Tardiness to class

If a student is tardy to class, he/she should report directly to his/her teacher, who will evaluate his/her reason for tardiness and assess an appropriate penalty. The penalties for tardiness are as follows: first tardy – warning; second tardy – parent phone call; third tardy – detention; fourth tardy – one day of ISS; fifth tardy – two days of ISS; sixth tardy – three days of ISS, and 7th tardy – administrator's discretion.

2. Coming to school late

If a student arrives on the campus more than five minutes late, he/she will report immediately to the attendance office for a class admittance slip. Students who arrive late on the campus will be subject to a penalty.

Visitors on Campus

Visits from parents and patrons are encouraged by Rawlinson staff. We welcome you, but all parents and visitors are required to register in the Administrative Office with the Principal's secretary and indicate the reason for visiting the campus. They are also required to sign-out prior to leaving the campus. Upon sign-in, all parents and visitors should receive a Visitor's Pass. Older siblings are not allowed to visit unless accompanied by a parent. For classroom visitation policy, see **Section B**.

Withdrawal From School

The student should bring a written statement from his/her parents or his/her guardian requesting withdrawal. This written statement should be taken to the attendance office on the morning of the day he/she is to check out of school. The student will receive duplicate withdrawal slips to be taken to each of his/her teachers, to the counselor, and to the librarian for signature. Textbooks are to be turned in to the attendance secretary. Each teacher will list his/her grade for that particular six weeks period up to the time of withdrawal. The librarian must indicate that the student's library record is clear. In addition, before withdrawal is completed, all other records must be cleared. When all necessary information has been secured, the student should return the withdrawal slips to the principal or vice principal's office for signature. One copy will be given to the student, and the other will be retained by the school.