Learning is the Adventure of a Lifetime.

Carleton Elementary Student/Parent Handbook

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Campus Vision
To instill in students a love of learning through exemplary education, civic responsibility, and personal determination.

Campus Mission
We provide exceptional service to the community and empower children by meeting every students’ needs, delivering rigorous instruction, developing innovative programs, modeling professionalism, and producing outstanding student performance.

Students’ School Day
The regular school day is from 8:00 a.m. – 3:10 p.m. for kindergarten through 4th grade students. Morning Pre-K classes are from 8:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.; afternoon Pre-K classes are from 12:05 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be given tardy slips by the front office staff. Starting the third day of school, students will be expected to walk to class in the mornings without their parents. Parents must sign in at the front office to be on campus.

School Office Hours
During the school year the school office hours are 7:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrivals
Students may begin arriving at 7:15 a.m. All students will report to the cafeteria when arriving before 7:30 a.m. At 7:30 a.m., Pre-K – 2nd grade will report to the gym, and 3rd and 4th grade will report to their hall. All students need a book to read during this time and are expected to remain quiet.

Students should not arrive at school before 7:15 a.m. – Staff members are not available to provide supervision prior to 7:15 a.m. Therefore, please do not drop off students prior to 7:15 a.m. as we are not responsible for students left unattended at this time. Additionally, please do not park and leave your car unattended along curbing.

When the 7:50 bell rings, students are dismissed to the classroom teachers.

Morning Drop Off Areas
For safety reasons, parents driving their children to school are requested to form one single lane of traffic in the drop off lanes of the school. There are two drop-off sites for students in the mornings: the new drive with entrance from Fite rd, and the circle by the gym which will open at 7:30. Adults and safety patrols will be at each station. Map of morning drop off and afternoon pick-up will follow the dismissal procedures section.

Dismissals
The school day ends at 3:10 p.m. Students will be dismissed under the supervision of school personnel:
- Bus riders dismissed to board buses
- Daycare riders and Car riders
- Neighborhood Walkers
- Crossing Guard Walkers

In order to ensure all students are dismissed safely, students will only be dismissed at designated dismissal locations.

Dismissal Procedures
Our school day ends at 3:10 P.M. To ensure a safe and orderly end to our instructional day, children are dismissed according to how they are transported home, i.e. bus riders, day care vans, car riders, and neighborhood or crossing guard walkers. In the interest of your child’s safety and to ensure that dismissal runs safely and smoothly, please complete the Dismissal Permission Form.

Any changes to the student’s dismissal must be made in writing to the child’s teacher. When a last minute change is needed, please contact the office prior to 2:30pm. If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment, plan to arrive prior to 2:30 and sign them out from the office. Students will not be dismissed after 2:40pm.

There are five ways a student may be dismissed in the afternoon. Please carefully review each of these choices before deciding which choice is the best for your child. Students will ONLY be dismissed at designated dismissal locations. In order to ensure the safety of all students, please pick up your child at your chosen dismissal location. Students may not be taken out of the dismissal line as teachers have been instructed to only release students once everyone has reached the designated dismissal location.
**Bus**
Parents must register students online for bus services. During the third week of school, the bus driver will give your 1st-4th grade child a transportation form that must be filled out and returned to the driver. Parents of Pre K and Kindergarten students must register their children through the school office or the transportation office. You may contact them at 281-485-3562 or online at http://www.pearlandisd.org/transportation/schedules.htm. In the interest of your child’s safety, please discuss proper bus behavior with your child prior to the first day of school. If a student is in grades Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, an adult must be present at the bus stop with a photo ID to receive the child, or the driver must return the child to the school. Pre-K or Kindergarten children may get off the bus with an older sibling (1st grade or older) who rides the same bus.

**Daycare**
There are many daycares that service our school and the daycare dismissal is located in the gym. Please rehearse with your child the name of his/her daycare. Teachers will escort the students to the gym where they will be placed with the other children who attend the same daycare, and then they will be loaded onto the daycare vans as they arrive. You must notify the daycare in the event of your child’s absence or if their dismissal routine changes.

**Car**
The students will be seated by grade level in the Kindergarten hall. You will need to have a sign with your child’s first and last name and their grade level clearly visible to show to the person and to show the teacher who places your child in the car. Please enter the drive from Fite Rd., show the sign to the teacher calling names and drive to the cone the teacher indicates. Your child will then be escorted to a cone with the number on it, the student will be placed on the right side in the back seat by a teacher the teacher which is necessary to keep our line of traffic moving efficiently. If there are multiple children in your family, or it is a carpool, a sign must be made that includes all children’s names. The teachers on duty rotate, so in the interest of safety for your child, you will need to show the sign every time you pick up your child. **If your student is being picked up by a car, you will need to go through the car rider line.**

**Neighborhood Walkers**
These students live in the West Oaks subdivision on the north side of our campus and will be escorted to the neighborhood entrance on the school side of the pass through. Please wait at the end of the sidewalk to receive your children. Students will not be escorted into the neighborhood. Students who do not have a parent waiting for them will be brought back to the school and placed in the car rider line. **If your child is picked up by a vehicle of any kind, you will need to go through the car rider line. Please do not pick up your child by driving into the neighborhood and waiting.**

**Crossing Guard Walkers**
These students live in West Oaks subdivision across Fite. They will be escorted out of the building, down the sidewalk and across Fite by the crossing guard. Please wait across Fite to receive your child. Students will not be escorted into the neighborhood. Students who do not have a parent waiting for them will be brought back to the school and placed in the car rider line. **If your child is picked up by a vehicle of any kind, you will need to go through the car rider line. Please do not pick up your child up by driving into the neighborhood and waiting or parking along the side of the road and picking your child up as the group passes.**

Any changes in dismissal routine must be made before 2:30 p.m. by calling the school. To ensure attention to student and staff safety, we will NOT be able to honor dismissal changes after 2:40 PM.

Students cannot be checked out from school after 2:40pm. If you have to check out a student early, please do so before 2:30pm.
ATTENDANCE

Attendance for State Funding is taken at 10:00 AM. If a student arrives after 10:00 AM and does not have a signed note from a health care professional, the student is considered absent for that day. School attendance is essential for student success. Students ages 6-18 are required by state law to attend school. Students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten are required to attend school. Section 25.095 of the attendance law (SB 1432) passed by the Texas Legislature states that the school district is required to notify parents of the following:

A school district shall notify students’ parents in writing at the beginning of the school year that if the student is absent from school 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period

1. the student’s parent is subject to prosecution under Sec. 25.093 (Parent Contributing to Truancy) and
2. the student is subject to prosecution under Sec. 25.094 (Failure to Attend School)

(Exception: Texas law accommodates a child who is absent from school part of the day because of an appointment with a health provider. A child is counted present if he begins or completes the school day and provides the school with a signed note from the health care professional.)

Parent’s Note After an Absence
When a student must be absent from school, the student – upon returning to school – must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. This note should be provided to the school within three (3) days after the student returns to school.

Doctor’s Note After an Absence for Illness
If a student is absent five (5) or more consecutive days because of a personal illness the student must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s extended absence from school.

Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s absence from school.

Additional Excused Absences
Section 25.087 of the attendance laws (SB 260) passed by the Texas Legislature establishes that a mandatory excused absence for up to five days in a school year a student whose parent, stepparent, or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from continuous deployment of at least four months to visit with the parent, stepparent, or guardian. The absence must be taken not earlier than the 60th day before the date of deployment or not later than the 30th day after the date of return from deployment.

Perfect Attendance Award
This award is given to each student who has not been absent during the school year. The student must have entered school here at the beginning of the year or have his report card from the previous school attended to prove his/her eligibility. Please note that three (3) or more
tardies in a nine week period will constitute an absence for perfect attendance awards. Please note that three (3) or more early withdrawals in a nine week period will also constitute an absence for perfect attendance awards.

**Tardies**
At Carleston Elementary, a student is tardy after 8:00 a.m. All children must be encouraged to arrive at school and class on time. Tardiness is a matter of habit and once formed is very difficult to break. Students may enter the school at 7:15 a.m. Be sure to allow sufficient time if your child will be eating breakfast. Students entering the class after 8:00 a.m. will be counted tardy.

**Make-up Work**
If a student has an excused absence, the teacher will determine the need for make-up work. If a student is absent for more than three days, upon parent request, the teacher will provide make-up work. Parents may request make-up work by contacting the teacher.

**Withdrawals**
If a child is moving from the district or our school zone, the parents must come to school to withdraw the child. All textbooks and library books should be resolved before a student withdraws. Additionally, any outstanding cafeteria balance should be resolved if leaving the district. Please allow 24 hours for the registrar to process the withdrawal.

**Early Release Days for Students**
The following dates have been scheduled as early release days for students:
**December 15 and May 31**

Times on these dates for elementary students will be:
- Kindergarten - 4th graders 
  8:00 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.
- A.M. Pre-K
  8:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
- P.M. Pre-K
  11:05 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

**Safety**
Parents should urge their children to exercise safety precautions at all times in their play, in their journey to and from school, and while at school. Any student riding a bicycle to school should lock it in the bike racks. (The school is not responsible for damage or theft.) Students must walk their bicycles on campus grounds. No motorized cycling vehicles are allowed. No skateboards, scooters, or skates are allowed on campus.

**VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL**
In order to keep our children and staff safe, **ALL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS** are required to sign in at the office and wear a "Visitor" nametag. Currently this is done with the RAPTOR software program. You will be asked to provide your driver's license for a fast and efficient way to check in and out as a visitor. A nametag will be printed out that must be worn at all times while on campus. You must sign out and leave your pass upon departure from the school.

All classroom observations must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance with the teacher and principal. Classroom observations are limited to 15 minutes in order to maintain an optimal learning environment.
CAFETERIA

Breakfast and Lunch
Breakfast and lunch are served in the cafeteria each school day. **Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. Lunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.** Students are allowed to go through the line once to select their meal items and make purchases.

Cafeteria Visitors
Visitors to the cafeteria:
1. Must sign-in at the Front Office and get a visitor badge.
2. May sit with your child at the table. During the child’s lunch time, please keep in mind all students must have a seat first.
3. You may bring your child a yummy meal but food cannot be shared with or brought for a student that is not your child.

Cafeteria Volunteers
Here are a few things you should know when volunteering in the cafeteria:
1. Encourage the students to use their inside voice and stay seated.
2. If they have forgotten to purchase or pick up an item in the cafeteria line, they may not return to the line.
3. Help us by walking around the tables and opening food items for the students.
4. If a student has an emergency, requests to go to the restroom or has a discipline issue, please notify a staff member immediately to address the student’s need.

Food Service Charging Policy
Each student has a meal account where funds may be deposited by sending cash or check to the campus cafeteria or by accessing www.parentonline.net to make a payment using a credit card. If students forget their money or their funds are diminished, they will be allowed to charge two meals, up to $5, which must be paid back the next school day.

2017-2018 Meal Prices

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MEDICAL

Clinic Information
Elementary school students may NOT carry medication or administer medication to themselves, siblings, or friends. Medication must be administered by the Health Care Assistant or authorized personnel ONLY. If possible, all medications should be administered to the child by the parents at home.

If the student needs to take medication during the school day the following is required:
1. Complete a Form to provide written permission and specific directions. The form must be signed by the parent or guardian. Directions must include the student’s name, name of the medication, and dates and time(s) medication is to be given.
2. The medication must be supplied in the original container and must have the student’s name on the label.
3. If prescription and/or non-prescription drugs are to be administered for longer than ten days, a written request must be received from a physician or dentist.
4. The student should not carry the medication with him/her or administer it to himself. The HCA (Health Care Assistant) will supervise the storing and dispensing of medicine.

**Medication Regulations**
See the district website for Medication Guidelines. PISD.org→ Parents→ Nurse/Clinic Information→ Medication

**Emergency First Aid Care**
Any treatment given at school is limited to first aid. When a student visits the Health Care Assistant (HCA), the HCA will determine the need for parent notification. If a parent cannot be reached and the situation requires medical attention beyond our resources, the family physician is contacted for instructions. If no physician has been named by the parents, it may be necessary to send the student to a hospital emergency service for needed care until the parent(s) can be reached. Parents are responsible for all emergency care costs.

Parents must supply the school with information concerning special health problems. Emergency phone numbers and the family physician’s name and telephone number are all required on the emergency information card. **Please remember to provide new numbers to the office and classroom teacher whenever changes occur.**

**School Counseling**
Our school counselor helps children throughout the year. She teaches whole class guidance lessons, social skills programs, and assists teachers and administrators with support for students. With parent permission, she is also available to counsel children with academic, social, or emotional issues, individually or in groups. Please contact her if you feel your child could benefit from counseling.

**Bullying**
The campus follows district guidelines associated with bullying. Please see the Pearland ISD Student Code of Conduct and Handbook. Bullying can be prevented or reduced by encouraging and building positive relationships. You may contact the classroom teacher, the school counselor, or the campus administrators if you have a bullying concern.

**Tobacco Free District**
Pearland ISD declared our schools “Tobacco Free”. No employee or visitor is allowed to use tobacco on our campus or school grounds. We hope this will help set an example to our students not to begin a practice which could be detrimental to their health in the future.

**Drug Free School**
We have an ongoing program in our school which endorses the Texas Education Agency’s declaration that “The use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.” We ask that you please assist us when material is sent home to be shared between parent and child.
**Dress Code**
The current Pearland ISD dress code can be found on the Carleston Elementary website as well as in the District’s Student Code of Conduct handbook. Students out of dress code will call home for proper attire. If a student is repeatedly out of dress code, a conference will be required between parents and administration to address the issue. If you need clothing assistance, please contact the School Counselor.

**Spirit Shirts and College Shirts** Carleston students can show their spirit any day of the week, Monday through Friday, by wearing an approved Carleston spirit shirt, other approved Pearland school spirit shirts, or college pride shirts. The principal/assistant principal may make determinations regarding whether any article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear.

**Report Cards / Progress Reports**
Report cards will be issued each 9 weeks.
Report cards be available on Skyward or sent home on October 26, January 4, March 22, May 31
Progress Reports will be available on Skyward or sent home on September 14, October 5, November 16, February 1, February 22, April 12, and May 3

**Grade Scale**
Elementary campuses will use the following for grade designations district wide.

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**Student Behavior Support**
All staff members contribute to Carleston Elementary as an inviting environment. Our continuous support, encouragement, and positive attitudes towards students will be demonstrated through three important procedures:

1. We will teach students expectations for responsible behavior in every school environment by relating student actions to our school-wide expectations.
2. We will provide positive feedback to students when they are meeting expectations and following the guidelines for success.
3. When minor misbehavior occurs, staff will view the misbehavior as a teaching opportunity, responding with calm, consistent corrections or consequences.
PAWS
Carleston Elementary School-wide expectations:

P rove you care

A ct responsible

W ork on being safe

S how respect

AWARDS
Honor Roll - Students must make all A’s in the following areas: Reading, Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. The A’s apply to academic grades only and not conduct grades.

STAAR Testing
(State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)
Students in grades 3 and 4 are required to take the state assessment. Third graders will take a reading and math assessment. Fourth graders will take a reading, writing, and math assessment.

Severe Weather and Drills
In case of an emergency or inclement weather, tune in to your radio and television stations. Pearland ISD will be included in the media reports (KPRC radio-950 AM and KHOU-TV – Channel 11). The students will participate in fire alarm drills and crisis situation drills throughout the year.

During a crisis, please remember the school may be the safest place for your students. Your assistance is critical. Students will be released to parent(s) only. Remain calm and follow campus procedures for signing your child out through the front office.

During lockdowns, including lockdown drills, the campus is closed to all visitors.

School Supplies
Each child is responsible for furnishing his/her own consumable school supplies. These supplies vary from grade to grade. Parents may choose to pre-order the pre-packaged supplies from the PTA at the end of the school year. If you have a special need for school supplies to be provided for your child, please contact the school counselor.

Transportation
The district provides free transportation for students who live two or more miles from the school they attend. Those living inside the two-mile limit are charged a fee for bus transportation.

Transportation costs for students residing within the two-mile limit can be found on the district web site or by calling the Transportation Department at 281-485-3562.

Good student behavior on the bus is very important for the safe transportation of children to and from school. Any student who fails to comply with established rules of conduct while on school transportation may be denied transportation services and is subject to disciplinary action. School bus safety rules can be found in the PISD student handbook.
**Peeks of the Week**
The weekly classroom information is updated on Monday mornings and published on the teacher’s website www.pearlandisd.org/carleston. Please review weekly for homework information. It is also important to check the peek for information on when your child will attend P.E., so they will be appropriately dressed.

**Skyward**
The Skyward family/student access portal is used for parents to view grades, schedules, attendance, assignments and other items online. Please be sure to update your email so that you may receive important messages.

**Parent Concerns**
We value our parents as well as the home and school relationship. "Meet the Teacher Night" is scheduled each fall to give parents information that creates a positive working relationship for parents, teachers, and children.

Furthermore, if you have specific concerns about your child, please contact the teacher and set up a conference. In an individual conference the teacher can listen and focus on your child.

**CARLESTON “MEET YOUR TEACHER NIGHT” – August 31, 2017 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
Grades K-2 6:30-7:15 pm
Grades 3-4 7:15-8:00 pm

**Conferences**
Conferences can be scheduled any time during the school year. Call the office at 281-412-1412 and leave your request. Please allow up to 24 hours for the teacher to return your call.

**Parties**
There are three authorized school parties during the 2017-2018 school year: Christmas, Valentine, and End of School. Guidelines for classroom parties will be sent out as we near these events.

**Birthdays**
Birthday treats may not be given during lunch with the exception of ice cream may be purchased for the class from the school cafeteria.

**Store bought** cupcakes or cookies will be allowed for student birthdays: however, they must be dropped off at the front desk with the child and teacher’s name. Please get prior approval from the teacher as well as discuss with the teacher any food allergies. The cupcake/cookies will be delivered to the classroom by a staff member. The teacher will distribute the treat to students. Birthday party and other such invites are not to be distributed in class unless there is an invite for every student or for all the girls or all the boys in the classroom.

Party Favors, candy bags, balloons, etc. are not distributed at school.

**Confiscation of Contraband or Disruptive Items**
School personnel have the authority to confiscate items that students bring to school that are either prohibited items, or disruptive to the educational process. It is the student's responsibility to make the parents aware that an item has been taken from him/her. If the item has not been
picked up by the parent of the student from which the item was confiscated within six weeks, the District is free to dispose of the property in a manner they deem appropriate. Any items which are illegal to possess, such as controlled substances, alcohol, or weapons may be turned over to law enforcement authorities. In accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, appropriate disciplinary actions will follow.

**Cell Phones**
Students are not allowed to turn on, display or use cell phones during the school day unless allowed by the teacher. A devise that is visible and/or in use during the school day without permission will be confiscated and turned into the principal. The student’s parent or guardian may pick up the device at the end of the school day. Parents will be charged a fee of $15.00 for retrieval of the telecommunication device. *Any cell phone, paging device or other electronic/computer device that a student possesses which contains illegal obscenity, and/or pornography, contraband, or other material, the possession of which is a violation of Texas law, will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement authorities.* Appropriate disciplinary actions will follow in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**Bring Your Own Device – BYOD**
Carleston Elementary is excited to participate in the districts Bring Your Own Device initiative. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate technology into their lessons, and students may bring an electronic device such as a cell phone, IPAD, tablet, kindle, etc. that can connect wirelessly to the internet. Devices may only be utilized for instructional purposes. Devices out for any other purpose during the school day will be confiscated and disciplinary procedures will be followed. A student’s BYOD privileges may be revoked if classroom, campus and district procedures are not followed.

**Yearbook**
In order for your child to have an individual picture in the yearbook, parents must sign the directory information form for school sponsored purposes in the PISD Student Code of Conduct & Handbook. The FERPA form must be filled out online and can be updated any time by contacting the campus registrar.

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**
**Working Together**
Both experience and research tell us that a child’s education is best served when there is a strong partnership between home and school. Your involvement in this partnership may include:

- Encouraging your child to put a high priority on education and working with your child on a daily basis to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides. Ensure that your child completes all homework assignments and special projects. Be sure your child comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Becoming familiar with all of your child’s school activities and with the academic programs, including special programs, offered in the district. Discuss with the counselor or principal any questions you may have about the options and opportunities available to your child. Monitor your child’s academic progress and contact teachers as needed.
- Attending scheduled conferences and requesting additional conferences as needed. To schedule a telephone or in-person conference with a teacher, counselor, or principal, please call the school’s office for an appointment.
- Attending campus activities such as parties during the school day, musical performances and special events in the evening, and other activities sponsored by the PTA.
- Becoming a school volunteer.
- Participating in the Carleston Elementary PTA.
• Offering to serve as a parent representative on the district-level or campus-level planning committees assisting in the development of educational goals and plans to improve student achievement. For further information, contact the office.

PTA
Carleston PTA is dedicated to making our school the best environment it can be for educating our students. It does this through the many on-going programs, special events and presentations it coordinates for our Cubs and their families. Carleston PTA is a membership organization and cannot be successful without its members so ask all parents, grandparents, etc. to consider joining. Research has proven that students do better when their families are involved, and Carleston PTA is a GREAT way to be involved – whether its with your membership dues funding our activities or with your time as a volunteer actually helping with them.

Volunteers
For parents and grandparents who want to "make a difference", Carleston has an active volunteer program. All adults who work directly with children must be screened and cleared of any criminal history. To register as a parent volunteer log on to www.pearlandisd.org, then click on the “Become a Pearland ISD volunteer” link.

- The PTA has a website for parents to know upcoming events where volunteers will be needed and where they are able to sign up.
- Volunteering for something specific that is not posted must get approval from administration.

Watchdog
Campus Coordinator: Counselor Faith Flowers

About:
WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering.

WATCH D.O.G.S., a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child’s/student’s school during the school year. Fathers and father figures sign up to volunteer through a ‘Launch Event’ such as a “Dads and Kids Pizza Night” (September) or by calling Counselor Flowers to schedule a volunteer day. Two weeks notice of your intention to volunteer is requested. The program is overseen by a “Top Dog” volunteer who partners with Counselor Flowers to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for WatchDOGS to provide assistance at the school. WatchDOG dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher’s guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, review games, or spelling.

Purpose:
WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) - Engage men, inspire children, reduce bullying and enhance the educational environment at your school.

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) - The father involvement initiative of the National Center for Fathering that organizes fathers and father figures in order to provide positive male role models for the students and to enhance school security.

Who are WatchDOGS? Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal or other administrator.

Contact Counselor Flowers for further information: flowersf@pearlandisd.org or 281-412-1412