

School Colors  
Orange & Blue



## LOWERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

15950 Ridge Park Drive  
Houston, Texas 77095  
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<http://schools.cfsd.net/lowery>

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School Hours  
8:05 – 3:20

\*Doors Open at 7:50 a.m.  
7:40 Café breakfast eaters

### Lowery's Office Staff

April Wright, Principal  
Kerrie Turner, Asst. Principal – 1,2,5  
Katie Nelson, Asst. Principal – PK, PPCD, K,3,4  
Teresa Rychlik, Counselor  
Alicia Aguilar, Cafe Manager  
Kathy Tubbs – M/SC Instructional Specialist  
Susan Mueller R/LA Instructional Specialist

Toni Jasek, Principal's Secretary  
Karen Owens, Admin. Secretary  
Amy Tyrrell, Registrar  
Jill Jensen – School Nurse  
Amy Hodges, Librarian  
Melissa Tysdal – Diagnostician  
Lily Dominguez – SL Pathologist

#### Arrival

Our staff is on duty, ready to supervise students at 7:40 am. Doors open at 7:40 am for breakfast eaters and 7:50 am for all students. Announcements begin at 8:00, and instruction begins at 8:05.

- **K/1** Students wait in the café or front foyer
- **2-5** Students wait and enter on the side of the building where they arrive in the morning.

**Late Arrival:** Morning meetings begin at 8:05. Students arriving at 8:05 a.m. will be escorted into the building by an adult. Students will then receive a tardy pass to enter their classrooms.

#### Safety is Our Priority

**Early Leave:** Occasionally it may be necessary for your child to leave earlier than regular dismissal time. Please send a note with your child so they will be ready when you arrive. The note should state the release time and who will be picking up your child. Proof of identity will be required to pick up students. Students are only released to a guardian unless a note is sent by the guardian stating who will pick up the child.

#### Transportation Changes

Transportation changes made by phone must be followed up with a fax, 281-463-5516. **Email transportation changes are not accepted.** We can not accommodate transportation changes made after 2:45 pm, due to limited time & personnel to carry out changes.

#### Lunch Money

By going to [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com), you can add money to your child's account, view balances and schedule automatic payments. Contact the cafeteria manager if you want the account to only purchase meals and no extras (desserts, etc.).

#### Cafeteria Meal Prices

Student: Breakfast \$1.00      Lunch \$2.25  
Adult: Breakfast \$2.00      Lunch \$3.50

The Federal Lunch Program is available.

#### Attendance

Attendance is key in student success. In the event of an absence, please send a note upon return. The note may be delivered, faxed, mailed or scanned, with the parent's original signature is required. (See Student Handbook)

Parents may make arrangements with the teacher for make-up work. Allow 24 hours for the teacher to gather work. Make-up work will not be provided in advance.

Absences will be excused for:

- Illness
- Death in Family
- Weather/Road Conditions making travel dangerous
- Other circumstances deemed appropriate by Campus Attendance Committee.

#### School Visitation Procedures

##### Visitors are welcome at Lowery! ☺

- We love our students! Please sign in and out at the front desk and visibly wear a V-soft nametag. You will be asked to show valid ID. This procedure helps ensure the safety of our students.
- Lunch visitors are welcome. For your child's safety, only individuals listed as guardians will be allowed to eat lunch with your child. For family members to enjoy lunch with your child, please send a note providing written permission. Please be patient as all information will be checked each time you visit. At lunch, visitors may sit with their children at the visitor's table.
- In an effort to protect instructional time, please contact the assistant principal to schedule a classroom visit. This enables visits around schedule changes and instructional/testing. Visits are limited to 20 minutes.
- Visitation forms for special events, like Field Days, Western Day, and Celebrations will be sent home prior to the event to preregister for Vsoft nametags.

**School Closing Announcements:** School cancellation due to weather will be announced on: **School Messenger**,  
**TV Channels:** NCB, ABC, CBS, 26, 45, 47, 39 & 16  
**Radio Channels:** KILT (FM 100.3), KTRH (AM 740), KLTN (FM 102.9),  
[WWW.CFISD.NET](http://WWW.CFISD.NET)

To assist in promoting a safe and secure environment on all CFISD campuses, as well as a tool for communication, the district has implemented SchoolTipline.

[www.schooltipline.com](http://www.schooltipline.com)

### Rounding Up Appropriate Behavior

It is the fundamental right of all students to have the opportunity to learn in a safe environment without distractions from other students. Staff will be teaching social skills and appropriate behavior choices daily. Our staff has been trained in –PBIS– Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports and Restorative Practices. Many of our staff have also been trained through Flip Flippen’s Capturing Kids’ Hearts. Lowery Longhorns will focus on the key principles of being Lowery Longhorn **PROUD** – positive, respectful, ownership of choices, use time wisely and dependable.

Students will also review

- The District Code of Conduct & the STAR Pledge
- Classroom behaviors like “how to listen, get the teacher’s attention, accept “no” for an answer, resist peer pressure, disagree appropriately, ...”
- Monthly values such as respect, responsibility, creativity, service, gratitude, generosity, patience, kindness, commitment, peace, honesty, persistence/effort ...

### LIBRARY

Children will have the opportunity to visit the library with their class once a week. Be sure to ask your child about the books they are reading. Students will be required to pay for lost or damaged library books.

### Birthdays

Celebrating our birthdays is a special treat. Our cafeteria manager, [Alicia.Agular@cfisd.net](mailto:Alicia.Agular@cfisd.net) will be happy to order cookies or ice cream for the entire class with two weeks notice. Due to state regulations, please do not send or bring cakes, cookies, cupcakes or treat bags. Students are permitted to pass out invitations at school if the entire class is invited.

### Lunch Times

Kindergarten	1:00–1:30
First Grade	12:30–1:00
Second Grade	12:00–12:30
Third Grade	11:30–12:00
Fourth Grade	10:30–11:00
Fifth Grade	11:00–11:30

### STAY CONNECTED...

Our school communication the, **Lowery Lariat and LowDown**, are posted on our campus page at [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net)

### HAC & Progress Reports

You can stay informed about your child’s progress through HAC (Home Access Center) It allows you to access your child’s grades on a secure online site for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and attendance for PK-1<sup>st</sup>. Progress reports are sent home after the 4<sup>th</sup> week of each grading period. Communication cards are sent home by classroom teachers.

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Please check in at the front office with valid identification and obtain a visitor’s pass.

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Please check your child’s communication card and our website for testing days. We ask for no visitors during testing.

### Clinic Procedures

Medication must be brought in by the parent in the original container properly labeled with the child’s name and directions for the time and dosage. A written request to administer drugs must be on file. **Students may not transport medications to or from school.**

### Transportation

Bus Transportation is offered to all students in the CFISD.

You can check bus site information by going to the district website. [Cfisd.net](http://Cfisd.net)

A student may not ride a bus different than the one they are assigned

Hikers & Bikers Transportation

- Walkers and bike riders should not arrive on campus before 7:40 am.
- On rainy days, walkers and bike riders will be dismissed as usual; bring raincoats/umbrellas.
- On severe weather days, walkers and bike riders will need alternate plans
- All hikers and bikers should cross at the crossing guard or street corners for their safety.

Car Rider Transportation

Car riders are dropped off and picked up in the front circular drive following traffic directions.

- Guardians should not park or wait in cars for hikers and bikers in the front parking lot or in front of the school grounds.

### Change of Address and Telephone Number

\* Please keep address and phone numbers up to date in the school office at all times.

\* Notify us of any change by sending a note with your child and letting the office know.

\* In case of an emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

### PTO/Volunteers/Mentors [WWW.LoweryPTO.com](http://WWW.LoweryPTO.com)

Lowery has an outstanding PTO. You may volunteer in many ways. Register with the Membership Toolkit.

**Please join PTO** ...your membership provides for cultural programs, celebrations and instructional support for you child.