

# Northside Independent School District



## Student-Parent Handbook

2025 - 2026

A Supplement to the NISD  
Student-Parent Handbook

# Raba's Promise to our Community!



**GROWING  
COMPASSIONATE  
LEADERS AT RABA**

## Our Campus Vision:

Every day, every student grows in confidence, curiosity, and capability in a diverse and multicultural society.

## Our Campus Mission:

We are Committed to Transforming the Learning Experience for ALL Students.

## Learners Will Be:

Creators	Leaders
Collaborators	Learners
Communicators	Innovators
Critical Thinkers	Solution-Finders

## Core Beliefs:

- Each student deserves a quality education which honors their voice and prepares them to engage, contribute, and succeed.
- Students' health, safety, engagement, challenge, and support is directly linked to their academic achievement and future success.
- Meaningful relationships among students, families, educators, and the community are vital to student success.
- Classroom teachers have the most impact on student achievement followed by campus principals.
- Public schools are essential to foster community and develop engaged citizens.

***We do what is best for all students!  
Learning Today... Leading Tomorrow...***

# Raba Elementary

9740 Raba Drive, San Antonio, 78251  
210-397-1350

Principal: Cole Bader  
Associate Principal: Leticia Zabava  
Counselors: Amber Wood

School Colors: Maroon and White  
School Mascot: Rattlers

School Hours: 7:45am-3:00pm  
Office Hours: 7:15am-3:45pm  
Clinic Hours: 7:30am-3:00pm  
Doors open: 7:00am  
Breakfast served: 7:00am-7:35am



## Welcome to Raba Elementary!

We're excited to welcome you to the Raba community! Our staff is committed to providing your child with the best educational experience possible, and we value your support and involvement throughout the school year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our front office. Our staff is happy to assist you and provide the information you need.

Office hours are 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### Office Staff

Principal's Secretary: Gloria Webber  
Attendance Secretary: Aurora Garza  
Office Clerk: Open  
Nurse: Keri Heckman

### Parent Orientation Nights

During Meet the Teacher/Open House, each teacher or grade level team will meet with parents to explain procedures, routines, grading policies, and curriculum. This will be an opportunity for you to ask general questions. Individual conferences do not occur at this time.



### Grading Periods

Raba is on a nine-week grading period. Report cards are issued one week following the end of each grading period. The last nine weeks' report card will be issued on the last day of school.

Your child's teacher will keep you informed about their progress throughout the school year. Progress reports are issued to all students during the fourth

week of each grading period. These reports provide updates on academic performance, behavior, attendance, citizenship, and work habits. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please feel free to contact the teacher at any time.

### School Spirit

Every Monday will be spirit day unless it is a holiday. Students are encouraged to wear our school t-shirt or the school colors of maroon and white. Raba Spirit Gear can be purchased on the PTA website. Every Friday is college/military day unless it is a holiday. Students are encouraged to wear a college or military shirt of their choice to promote higher education.



### Dress Policy

Raba dress policy for students is in accordance with Northside's policy as explained in the [Northside Student-Parent Handbook](#). To aid students and their parents in making decisions about appropriate dress and grooming for schools, the following guidelines are established.

Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee:

1. Shorts of mid-thigh length may be worn at all school levels. Suggestive and/or indecent shorts will be prohibited.
2. Mid-thigh length skirts, skorts, and dresses may be worn at all levels. There should not be a cut or slit in the clothing that extends above the mid-thigh. Suggestive and/or indecent styles will be prohibited.
3. Appropriate footwear must be worn; footwear which has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastics or similar materials are specifically prohibited.
4. Caps, hats, and hoodies must not be worn in the building, unless it is a special day scheduled by the campus.
5. Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional colored, multi-colored, spiked, designs, and multiple lines/parts hairstyles are NOT permitted. If a child comes to school with one of the above styles, they will be warned, and the parent will be contacted. This policy will be enforced until the very last day of school as well as the EOY promotion ceremony.
6. Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or which cause a distraction will be prohibited. Specifically, oversized clothing, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter/crop tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see-through garments are prohibited.
7. Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing are prohibited. Undergarments must not be visible.
8. All pants are to be worn at the waist (no "sagging") Tight fitting pants (e.g. tights, spandex, bicycle pants, etc.) are also prohibited. Frays or holes above the knees are prohibited.
9. Body piercing jewelry is prohibited except for rings, studs or other traditional jewelry. Any piercing that distracts the teaching and learning environment will be prohibited.

If a child comes to school wearing one of the above items, they will be warned the first time, and the parent will be called. On the second occurrence, the parent will need to bring a change of clothing for the child. Dress code will be enforced for all school activities including the EOY promotion ceremony.

For safety reasons, children must wear rubber-soled shoes to participate in



P.E. In August you will receive a schedule from their teacher which identifies the days your child will have art, STEM, music, and PE. Although sometimes confusing to parents, students quickly learn their P.E. day.

### **Discipline Policy**

At Raba Elementary, we believe that positive behavior is essential for a successful learning environment. Students are expected to take responsibility for their actions, and we ask that parents partner with us in reinforcing appropriate behavior and helping children understand the consequences of misbehavior.

Disciplinary actions are determined by several factors, including:

- The seriousness of the offense
- The student's age and grade level
- The frequency of the behavior
- The student's attitude
- The impact on the classroom and school environment

Consequences may include:

- Verbal correction
- Loss of privileges
- Missing part of recess
- Parent contact (call or conference)
- Discipline Ticket
- Office referral
- In-School Suspension (ISS)
- Out of School Suspension (OSS)
- Referral to an alternative school

In some cases, a teacher may determine that a student should be referred directly to an administrator. Examples of behaviors that result in an automatic office referral include:

- Fighting
- Possession of weapons, alcohol, or drugs
- Vandalism
- Biting
- Dishonesty
- Intentional disrespect toward adults or peers
- Behavior that significantly disrupts learning

When this occurs, an administrator will meet with the student and contact the parent. A Student Offense Report will be sent home with the child and must be signed and returned to the administrator the following school day.

If behavior becomes persistent or the incident is more serious, a parent conference may be scheduled. This meeting may include the teacher, administrator, and/or school counselor. The goal of the conference will be to create a support plan that promotes positive behavior moving forward.

During Parent Orientation Night, each teacher will review campus and classroom behavior expectations. Please take time to review these with your child. Additional information about district-wide discipline policies can be found in the Northside ISD Parent-Student Handbook at [www.nisd.net](http://www.nisd.net).

## **Bus Transportation**

Students who live within a two-mile radius of the school are not eligible for bus service. For questions about pick-up or drop-off times, you may contact our front office. If additional assistance is needed, please call the Culebra Transportation Station at (210) 397-0289.



If your child needs to get off the bus at a stop other than their regular one, a signed note from a parent or guardian is required at least two days in advance. This allows time for verification and administrative approval. The note must include the exact address of the alternate stop, and the student must already be eligible for bus transportation.

Families are responsible for their child's safety while walking to and from the bus stop.

Bus drivers are tasked with safely transporting students to and from school. To ensure a safe and orderly ride, students must follow basic bus safety rules. These rules are reinforced at school and should be reviewed at home as well. When rules are not followed, the driver will submit a Bus Safety Report to the school.

- The first report serves as a warning.
- A second report may result in a temporary or long-term suspension from bus privileges, depending on the nature of the behavior.

## **Bus Rider Rules**

1. I will obey and respect the bus driver.
2. I will stay in my seat while the bus is moving.
3. I will keep my hands, feet, and objects to myself.
4. I will keep all of my body parts and objects inside the bus.
5. I will not push or shove when entering or exiting the bus.
6. I will speak quietly to my neighbor and use kind words.
7. I will not eat or drink while on the bus.



A complete list of bus rules can be found in the [Northside Student-Parent Handbook](#).

## **Keri - Medication**

Our nurse will work with you and your child. If your child comes to the clinic and is running a fever (100.0 degrees or above), the nurse will call you and ask you to pick up your child. We cannot put a sick child on the bus to go home.

If your child needs to take medication for an extended period of time, you will need to get a Medication Form from the nurse which must be signed by your doctor. Once completed you may fax this form back to the school office at 210-257-1335 if this is the most convenient way for you. Please follow-up with the nurse to confirm the document has been received.

If your child comes to the clinic more than once in a day, you will be called even though your child is not running a fever. This call notifies you of your child's continued discomfort. Be sure to read the medication policy regarding children carrying medication in their backpacks. All medications should be taken to the school clinic by the parent. No medication may be kept in the classroom nor may children administer their own medication. Life-threatening circumstances may amend this rule.



Parents are encouraged to schedule the administration of student medication so medication is given at home whenever possible.

In cases where medication must be administered at school, the following procedures apply:

- All medications should be taken directly to the school office by the parent. No medication may be kept in the classroom nor may students administer their own medication. If it is necessary to send medication via the child, the parent is encouraged to notify the school office by phone the same day. (Parents are reminded they are responsible for the medication until it is delivered to a school district employee.)
- Prescription medication must be taken to school in a properly labeled prescription container. Short term medication (up to two weeks) may be administered upon written request by the parent such as antibiotics. Long term medication may be administered only if the NISD Special Health Form is completed by the physician.
- The administration of non-prescription medications is normally not permitted, but may be authorized by the principal and administered by the nurse under either of the following conditions:
  1. If ordered by the child's physician, accompanied by a written request from the parent, and brought in the original manufacturer's package.
  2. If the child is experiencing pain due to causes such as post-surgical procedures, injury or dental procedures. In such cases, pain relief medication such as Tylenol, Advil or aspirin may be administered for up to three days if accompanied by a signed note from the physician, a written request from the parent, and brought in the manufacturer's package.
- Any other non-prescription medication cannot be dispensed to a student by school personnel, or carried by a student at school. This includes cold medications, cough syrups, throat lozenges, vitamins, and herbal remedies.

Leftover medications must be picked up by the parents. Students may take home only empty medication containers. If medicine remains, parents will be informed, and medicine will be disposed of two weeks after notification.

## **Student Arrival and Departure**

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:35 a.m.



Doors open at 7:00 a.m., and some instructional assistants will be on duty at that time. For safety reasons, no students should arrive before 7:00 a.m., as there will be no supervision. School buses also begin arriving at 7:00 a.m.

Although students are not considered tardy until 7:45 a.m., we recommend arriving between 7:10 and 7:15 a.m. to help your child start the day smoothly. At 7:35 a.m., teachers welcome students into their classrooms. The time before morning announcements is used to unpack, turn in homework, and get organized for the day.

If your child will go home a different way than usual, please notify the teacher in writing by noon. A written note or message is required—it should not be the child's responsibility to inform the teacher. Without written instructions or verbal confirmation from a parent/guardian, your child will be sent home according to their regular dismissal plan.

At dismissal, each teacher walks their class to the appropriate area:

- Parent pick-up is in front of the school.
- Learning Tree and daycare students report to the cafeteria.
- Bus riders go to the bus loop in the back of the school.
- PK & Kindergarten students are dismissed five minutes early to allow for a smoother transition.

This dismissal system is designed to ensure every student gets to their destination safely. Please be patient—dismissal may take a few extra minutes during the first few weeks of school and on rainy days.

### **Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up**

Our drop-off and pick-up procedures are designed with student safety as the top priority. Please review and follow the guidelines below to help us ensure a safe and efficient process for all students, staff, and families.

### **General Guidelines**

- Drive-Up Reminders:
  - Stay to the right when driving up to campus.
  - The far left parking lot is for staff only. Do not turn left at the marquee; this route is reserved for buses and authorized personnel.
- No Cell Phone Use / No Smoking — These are state laws, not just school policies.
- Dismissal Time: 3:00 PM for all NISD elementary schools.
- NISD Police may monitor traffic for speeding and cell phone usage when available.
- **STOP SIGN NOTICE:** For everyone's safety, all drivers **MUST** come to a complete stop at the stop sign when exiting the front loop. This applies during both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

### **Student Pick-Up Protocol (Before Normal Dismissal)**

- If someone is picking up your child before 3:00 PM, please note:
  - No early sign outs after 2:30 PM.
  - The designated adult must park and come into the security lobby, provide a picture ID, and be listed on the child's emergency contact card.

### **Dismissal Procedures**

Each family will be issued a set of unique dismissal ID cards:

- Hang one tag from your rearview mirror; distribute others to any designated pick-up contacts.
- The card must be presented during dismissal for student release.
- Photos of the ID or IDs from previous years will not be accepted.

If you forget your dismissal ID card:

- Park and enter the security lobby with a photo ID.
- You will receive a clearance form.



- Then either return to the car line or wait at the walk-up sign (note: walk-up students are not dismissed until all cars have been processed).

For safety and efficiency, all students are dismissed through the front circle:

- Cars will be dismissed first, followed by walk-up numbers.
- Keep your dismissal tag visible until your child is safely in the car and verified in the dismissal system.

### **Morning Drop-Off**

- No student arrival before 7:00 AM — there is no supervision available.
- 7:00–7:35 AM: Students eating breakfast may enter the cafeteria.
- 7:00–7:15 AM: Students not eating breakfast will wait in:
  - Gym (Grades 1–5)
  - Cafeteria (Kindergarten)
- 7:15 AM: Students will wait in their assigned hallway.
- 7:35 AM: Teachers welcome students into classrooms.
- 7:45 AM: The tardy bell rings. **Parents arriving after 9:00 AM** must park and sign their child in at the front office.

### **Drop-Off Reminders:**

- Use the right-hand lane and pull forward as far as possible.
- **Do not exit your vehicle.** Staff and Safety Patrol members will assist younger students.
- Walking up? Use the left lane to access the parking lot. Park and walk your child through the crosswalk—do not drop students at the curb.
- Visitors are not permitted to walk students into the building after the first week of school.

### **Morning Walkers**

- No arrival before 7:00 AM.
- Until 7:35 AM: Walkers may enter through the cafeteria (knock for entry).
- After 7:35 AM: Use the front entrance only.

### **Afternoon Pick-Up**

- No early sign outs after 2:30 PM.
- Pull forward as much as possible to help load multiple cars quickly.
- Once your child is loaded in the car:
  - You may pull forward past the merge sign or into the staff lot to buckle.
  - Adults should not exit the vehicle. Practice seatbelt routines at home if needed.
- If walking up:
  - Wait at the designated walk-up sign.
  - Walk-up students will not be dismissed until after the car line has cleared.

### **Walkers at Dismissal**

- Teachers escort walkers to the Village Parkway crosswalk.
- Parents should wait at the crosswalk, not near the main dismissal area — this supports student safety and keeps traffic flowing.
- On rainy days, please inform your child's teacher of any alternate dismissal plans. If we cannot reach a parent, the student will remain in the front office until we confirm a transportation plan.

## **Late Pick-Up Policy**

We do not permit students to wait unsupervised after school. Please pick your child up on time. Students can become anxious if left waiting. If an emergency arises, please notify the school office. In such cases, your child will wait in the office until picked up.

Note: The office closes at 3:45 PM.

**\*\*\* PARENTS/VISITORS MUST ENTER AND EXIT THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS ONLY!!!**



## **The Learning Tree**

Learning Tree is the after school care provided at Raba. They provide child care from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. For information about enrolling your child, please call 210-397-2591 or pick up a flier in the front foyer of the school.

## **Attendance Policy**

Regular school attendance is critical to your child's academic success. Students who are present each day benefit from consistent instruction, build strong routines, and achieve at higher levels. Even a few absences can interrupt learning and cause students to fall behind.

## **How Families Can Help Support Good Attendance**

- Ensure your child attends school every day.
- Schedule appointments after school hours, whenever possible.
- Avoid removing your child from school for vacations or non-essential activities.
- Help your child prepare for school each night to ensure on-time arrival.

## **Absences**

Acceptable reasons for excused absences include:

- Personal illness
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergencies
- Other extenuating circumstances approved by the principal

To excuse an absence:

- Submit a written note within 3 school days
- Include the student's name, date(s) of the absence, specific reason, and a parent/guardian signature
- Turn in any doctor or dentist notes to the teacher or front office

Official attendance is taken at 9:00 a.m.

- Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. are considered absent for the entire day
- A maximum of 6 absences per year may be excused with a parent note
- Additional absences require a doctor's note or will be recorded as unexcused

## **Medical Appointments**

If your child has a doctor's appointment and returns to school the same day with a note, the absence will not count against them.

- The doctor's note must be submitted the same day
- It may be faxed to 210-257-1335
- Please confirm with the office that the fax has been received

## **Tardies and Early Sign-Outs**

### **Tardies**

Students are expected to be inside the building and ready to learn by 7:45 a.m. Students arriving after this time are marked tardy.

- Parents must park and sign in their child at the front office after 9:00 a.m.

### **Early Sign-Outs**

Students should not be signed out after 2:30 p.m., as this interferes with dismissal procedures.

- If your child needs to leave early, please pick them up before 2:30 p.m.
- If you need to change your child's dismissal plan, call the office by 2:30 p.m. so we can notify the teacher
- Frequent early sign-outs affect instructional time and are discouraged

All tardies and early sign-outs are documented and reflected on the report card. Patterns of excessive tardies or early dismissals may be referred to the District Truancy Officer.

## **Perfect Attendance Criteria**

To earn Perfect Attendance recognition for each nine-week grading period, students must:

- Have no more than one tardy, and
- No more than one early sign-out

## **State Attendance Laws**

In accordance with Texas Education Code:

- Section 25.093 – Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school. Excessive unexcused absences may result in referral to the District Truancy Officer
- Section 25.092 – Students must attend at least 90% of instructional days to earn credit for the year

If a student has 3 or more unexcused absences within 4 weeks, the parent will receive an Attendance Warning Notice (AWN).

## **Withdrawing from School**

If your child is transferring or withdrawing:

- Notify the office at least 24 hours in advance by phone or written note
- We will prepare a withdrawal form, gather personal belongings, and provide a report card

Before withdrawal, families must:

- Return all school-issued materials
- Pay any outstanding charges (e.g., cafeteria balance, lost books/devices)

## **Safety**

The safety of every student is our highest priority.

All exterior doors will remain locked during the school day. Students will have access to exit through doors equipped with panic bars. All visitors must check in at the front office, present a photo ID, and wear a visitor badge while on campus. For safety reasons, students from other schools are not allowed to visit during the school day.

Parents are always welcome to visit, following campus safety guidelines. Please sign in at the

office and obtain a visitor pass before going to a classroom. Visits should be brief and non-disruptive to instruction. You may even be invited to assist during your visit!

To maintain a smooth and safe dismissal process, student check-outs are not permitted after 2:30 p.m. If you need to pick up your child early, please do so before that time by signing them out in the office. We will call for your child once you've signed them out.

If someone not listed on your child's emergency contacts will be picking them up, notify the office in advance with a phone call or written note. That individual must be **18 years or older** and show a valid photo ID. For added security, the office may call to confirm your approval.

Please ensure anyone picking up your child understands that our safety procedures—including ID checks and verification—are in place to protect students.

If there are legal matters or family circumstances affecting your child's safety or custody, please contact an administrator. Keeping the school updated helps us best support your child.

We regularly practice fire, severe weather, and lockdown drills to ensure we're prepared for any emergency. An evacuation plan is also in place. If you have questions about our safety procedures, feel free to reach out to the office.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences are encouraged throughout the year. During the first nine weeks of school, teachers will invite every parent for an individual conference, and we ask that you make every effort to attend.

If you wish to schedule a conference at other times during the year, please email the teacher or leave a message on their voicemail at (210) 397-1350. The teacher will then contact you to arrange a convenient time. Please avoid brief "on-the-go" conversations during drop-off or pick-up times, as these do not allow for meaningful discussion or the teacher's full attention.

If concerns arise, we encourage you to discuss them first with the teacher. Should you need further assistance, please feel free to contact the school administration.

### **Classroom Parties**

In accordance with district policy, Raba Elementary will hold two classroom parties each school year:

- Winter Party: December 19
- End-of-Year Party: May 15

### **Birthday Celebrations at School**



We love celebrating our students on their special day! To ensure that all birthday celebrations are safe, inclusive, and aligned with district policies, please review the following guidelines:

#### **Making Arrangements**

Please coordinate with your child's teacher in advance if you plan to celebrate a birthday at

school. The teacher will allow the birthday child to pass out store-bought treats. These treats will be distributed after 2:30 p.m. and may be taken home or enjoyed at the end of the day.

Please note: Balloons and flowers are not allowed in classrooms and will be kept in the front office if brought to school.

### **Birthday Invitations**

Students may hand out birthday invitations at school only if all classmates are included. Distributing invitations selectively can lead to hurt feelings, so we ask that you be considerate of all children.

### **Two Options for Celebrating at School**

#### **Option 1: Ice Cream from the Cafeteria**

Parents may purchase ice cream through the cafeteria for their child's class to enjoy after lunch. To do so:

- Contact Ms. Lawrence, Cafeteria Manager, in advance to arrange payment. She will provide a class count and distribute birthday coupons for your child to hand out during lunch.
- ECSE, Pre-K, and Kindergarten: Ice cream is only served on Fridays, and only one birthday celebration per Friday is allowed. Early coordination is recommended.
- 1st-5th Grade: May celebrate on any day of the week, with a limit of one celebration per day. If more than one request is submitted for the same day, one will be postponed to the next school day.

#### **Option 2: Goody Bags**

Parents may send in goody bags with store-bought items. These will be sent home in students' backpacks at the end of the day.

### **Summer Birthdays**

If your child has a summer birthday, you are welcome to schedule a classroom celebration on an alternate day. Please coordinate with your child's teacher to avoid conflicts with other scheduled events.

**Please Note:** Due to NISD Administrative Regulation EAD-08, meals such as pizza, fast food, or catered lunches may not be brought to school for birthday celebrations or other occasions. These types of meals are only allowed during the two district-approved classroom parties listed under "Classroom Parties."

### **Eating Lunch with your Child**

Starting September 17, parents will be permitted to eat lunch with their child on Wednesdays only in the designated parent lunch area.

- A maximum of **two guests per student** will be allowed.
- At least one guest must be listed as a guardian or emergency contact on the student's file.
- All visitors must check in at the front office and receive a visitor pass before entering the cafeteria.
- For safety reasons, glass containers, plates, or cups are not permitted in the cafeteria.

Parents may bring lunch only for their own child on the designated day. Students are not

permitted to invite friends to join them or share outside food with other students.

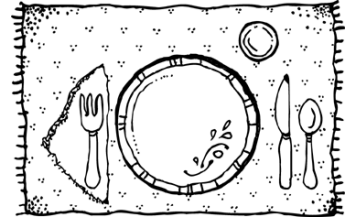
We appreciate your support in helping us follow state guidelines related to Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value.

(Reference: NISD Administrative Regulation EAD-08)

### **Breakfast and Lunch Information**

#### **Breakfast Hours:**

Breakfast is served from 7:00 a.m. to 7:35 a.m. each school day. Cafeteria doors will close promptly at 7:35 a.m. Students arriving after this time will not be able to receive breakfast. Please ensure your child arrives early enough if they plan to eat breakfast at school.



*Note: Students arriving late due to a delayed school bus will still be allowed to eat breakfast.*

Families can view school menus, nutritional information, and set up allergen alerts at [Schools.MealViewer.com](https://Schools.MealViewer.com).

### **Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students – CEP Program 2025-2026**

We're excited to share that Raba Elementary will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2025–2026 school year. This means that all enrolled students will receive a free, healthy breakfast and lunch each school day.

To help secure continued access to additional state and federal funding, we kindly ask all families to complete the CEP Household Survey Form. This information supports funding for important school programs and services.

CEP Data Entry: [Website](#) (for families)

### **Cafeteria Accounts & Snack Purchases**

Although meals are free, families may choose to add money to their child's cafeteria account for purchasing additional items such as snacks.

- Visit [MySchoolBucks.com](https://MySchoolBucks.com) to add funds online.
- Paper forms are also available in the campus security lobby.
- For questions about charges or your child's account, please contact our cafeteria manager, Ms. Lawrence, at 210-397-1385.

### **Nuisances/Gadgets/Dangerous Weapons**

Students should not bring toys or gadgets to school unless specifically requested by a teacher for a special project or activity. Depending on a child's age, these items may vary, but a nuisance is defined as anything that distracts from learning—for themselves or others. Even seemingly small items like a new watch or hair accessory can become a distraction in the classroom.

For the safety of all students, dangerous items and weapons are strictly prohibited at all times. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Weapons or items that resemble weapons

- Fireworks, firecrackers, poppers, matches, or lighters
- Knives of any kind, including pocket knives, keychain knives, and Boy Scout knives
- Toy guns or toy knives, which may be mistaken for real weapons

These items are never allowed on campus under any circumstances. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all students.

### **Cell Phone & Mobile Device Policy (Updated per HB 1481 Legislative Requirements)**

#### **Responsibility of Staff, Students, and Parents:**

Bringing a personal communication device to school—such as a cell phone, SMART watch, or personal tablet—is a family decision. Parents should be aware of when their child has a device, and students are fully responsible for their own devices at all times. The school and district are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

#### **Use During the School Day and on Buses:**

In accordance with HB 1481, all personal communication devices—including cell phones, SMART watches, and personal tablets—must be turned off and stored out of sight during the school day. Devices must remain in backpacks or be placed in a designated area, such as classroom cubbies, and may not be used or visible unless specifically permitted by a teacher for instructional purposes.

This policy also applies to time spent on school buses, as they are considered an extension of the classroom. Devices should never disrupt instruction, the learning environment, or school operations.

Students who fail to follow this policy may have their device collected by a teacher or administrator. Devices will be held on campus and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

We'd love for you to join and support the Raba PTA! During Parent Orientation Night, teachers will share information on how to become a member. PTA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Stay informed by checking for meeting updates on the school marquee, Rattlin' Rattlers Newsletter, ClassDojo, X (formerly Twitter), and our Raba Facebook page.



We have a variety of exciting programs and events planned for the school year, and your involvement makes a big difference!

### **Parent Volunteers**

We welcome and value parent involvement at Raba! There are many opportunities throughout the year to support our campus, pending security and safety guidelines.

Room parents help coordinate class parties and reach out to other families to assist with events such as the book fair, vision and hearing screenings, picture day, and more. Parents may also volunteer to support teachers by making copies, laminating materials, or assisting in the classroom as needed. Teachers may request chaperones for field trips, and these opportunities will be communicated as they arise during the school year.



*Please remember: All volunteers and chaperones must complete a district-required criminal background check each school year. This can be submitted online or completed in the front office.*

If you have a special skill, career, or hobby, we'd love to hear about it! Guest speakers help bring learning to life and are especially appreciated during Career Day and other enrichment opportunities.

### **School Advisory Team (SAT)**

The Raba School Advisory Team (SAT) is made up of parents, teachers, and community members who work together in an advisory role to support the principal and promote student success. The primary goal of the SAT is to help improve student learning through collaboration and shared decision-making.

The committee meets four times per year, and membership is open to those interested in supporting our school community. If you would like to be considered, please contact the school office. Members will be selected through a random drawing held around the third week of school, and selected individuals will be notified.

If you know a community or business member—such as a neighbor who does not have a child at Raba—but who would be interested in serving, please have them contact Mr. Bader. We welcome the voices of local stakeholders who want to make a positive impact at Raba!

### **Lost and Found**

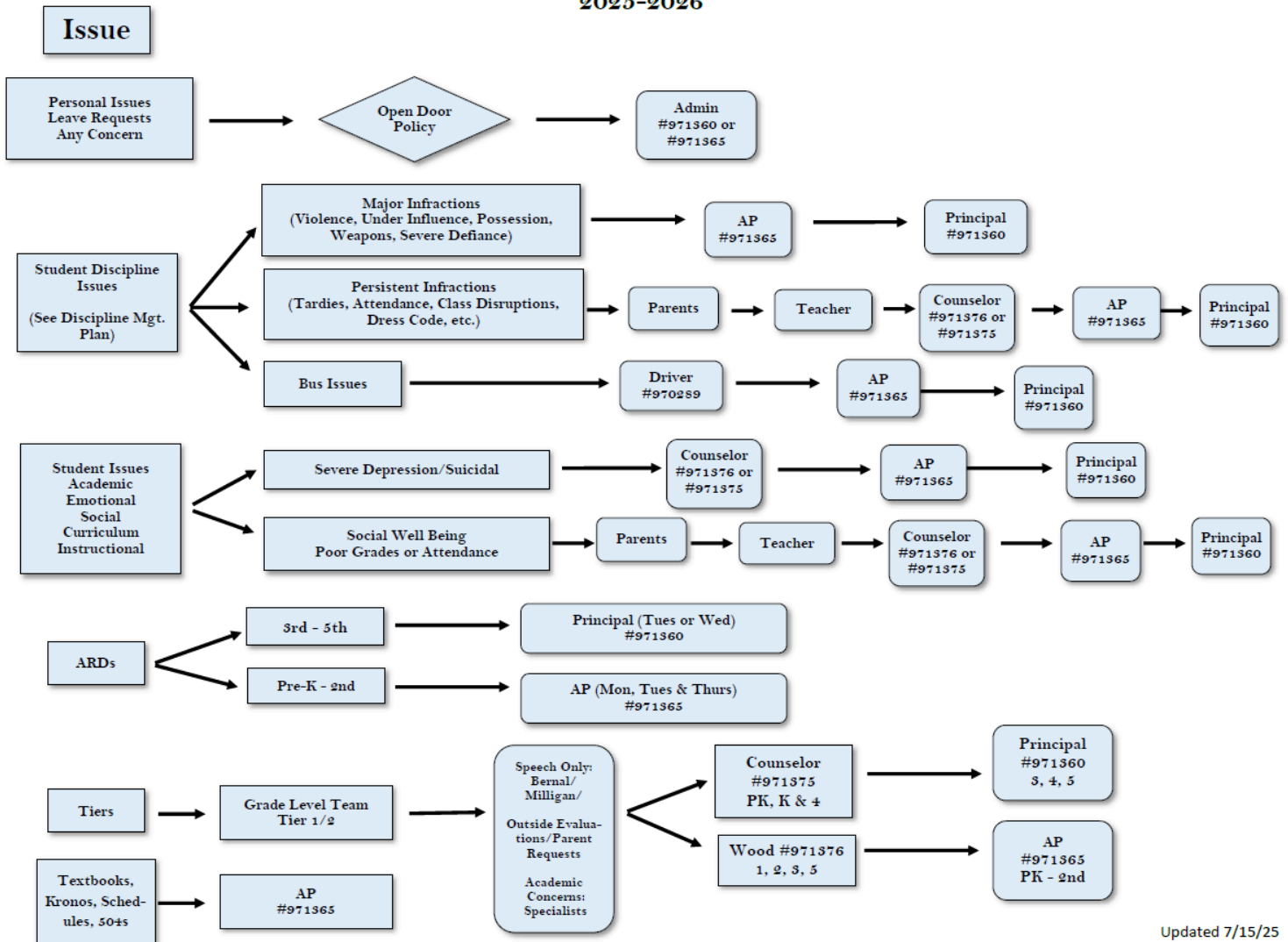
Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found rack located near the cafeteria if they are missing any items. Each year, many coats, sweaters, lunch boxes, and water bottles go unclaimed.

To help us return lost items to their rightful owners, please label all personal belongings—including clothing, lunch containers, and water bottles—with your child's name.



# Raba Communication Chain

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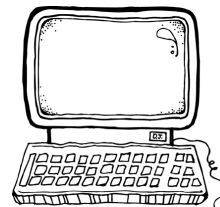


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### Visit us on the Web and in Social Media

Our school web page can be reached through Northside's web page at:

[www.nisd.net/raba](http://www.nisd.net/raba)



Information on school events and teacher pages are available on the web. Your child's teacher will give you their email address. If you have an e-mail address at home or at work, please share it with your child's teacher.

You can also find school information and stories on ClassDojo, Facebook and Twitter:



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ClassDojo

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=520b97ac4dcc50b37e000880>