



Little Run Elementary School
2025-2026

Family Handbook

Attendance Matters

In Virginia, students enrolled in public schools are required to attend school regularly. We understand that family time is important, and to help you plan, we encourage families to consult the FCPS calendar (QR code) when scheduling vacations. This can help minimize disruptions to your child's learning.



If your child will be absent or late, call, email the attendance line or report using ParentVUE. Unexcused absences, without prior notice, will result in automated system contact.

Absence Types:

EXCUSED absences may include, but are not limited to, the following reasons: illness, injury, funeral, legal obligations, medical procedures, religious observances, deployment-related absences, or family emergency.

UNEXCUSED absences are any absences for which the parent or guardian does not give prior notice or a legitimate reason. Examples of unexcused absences include: Family vacations, missing the bus, student is tired/oversleeping, student did not want to come to school.

Bell Schedule

Monday-Friday
8:30 AM - 3:15 PM

Doors Open at 8:15 AM

Stay Connected

Front Office: 703-503-3500

Attendance Line: 703-503-3535

LittleRunElem.Attendance@fcps.edu

Clinic: 703-503-3510

Website: fcps.edu/LittleRunES

Principal: Christie Yarn
(clyarn@fcps.edu)

Assistant Principal: Alison Butler
(ajbutler@fcps.edu)

Follow Us on Social Media:

We're on Instagram!

@LittleRunElementary

Little Run PTA

Join the PTA and volunteer!

Littlerun.givebacks.com

Board@littlerunpta.org

Communication

Tuesday Folder: A folder with flyers and information from both the teacher & school will be sent home each Tuesday. Please remove and review papers and return the folder each Wednesday.

Little Run News (News You Choose): Use the QR code below to subscribe for News You Choose messages from the school and administration. These include weekly updates, important information, links, and upcoming dates & events.



TalkingPoints: Free app that helps families stay connected. With TalkingPoints, you can receive important messages from teachers, translated into your preferred language, and easily communicate back.

Email & Phone: Parents/guardians and teachers should communicate through email and phone as needed. Please allow 48 hours during school days for teachers to respond to emails. Teachers do not have time during the instructional day to respond to emails.

ParentVUE: Online portal provided by Fairfax County Public Schools that gives parents/guardians access to their child's academic information. You can check grades, attendance, and more.

Interim & Quarterly Progress Reports: FCPS Progress Reports are sent home each quarter. As needed, interims will be sent home mid-quarter, with students in which teachers may have academic or behavior concerns.

Positive Behavior Approach

We use a positive behavior approach that focuses on explicitly teaching students school-wide and classroom expectations (The Little Run Way). We use a blend of Responsive Classroom (RC) practices and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to ensure we meet each student's individual needs.



Early Release Wednesdays

On the dates below, students will be released at 12:15 PM.

- September 10
- October 29
- November 12
- December 10
- February 18
- April 22
- May 13

Please note that the above dates are 3-hour early release days. Scan the QR code for the full FCPS calendar, including holidays and other early release days.





School Safety & Visitors

Little Run Elementary prioritizes safety. For the well-being of our students, all visitors must enter through Door 1. Please use the intercom to announce your presence, state your name, and the reason for your visit. Remember to bring a photo ID to check in and receive a visitor's badge.

Students leaving school early require a prior note and will only be released to authorized adults listed on their Emergency Care form, with a matching photo ID.

School Meal Prices

Breakfast - \$1.75 | Lunch - \$3.25 | Milk - \$0.75

Lunch Accounts	Daily Menus
	

Birthdays & Celebrations

We recognize that some students may have food allergies or dietary restrictions, and we want to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Please note: birthday treats/food of any kind will not be accepted or distributed at school.

Celebrations: Classes may have 2 parties per year (Winter & End of Year) where food may be served. Families will be notified before the party regarding any food being served to ensure safety & inclusion for all.

Lost & Found Reminders

Please label your children's personal items. This includes lunchboxes, water bottles, backpacks, jackets, sweatshirts. If your child misplaces an item, make sure they check the Lost & Found.

Health Room Information

Taking Your Child Home: If your child exhibits symptoms like fever (100.5°F or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or unexplained rash, we'll call you to pick them up. Please respond promptly. Ensure your emergency contact information is current.

Medications: We cannot administer medication without a completed Medication Authorization Form. Students cannot carry medication. Please bring any needed medicine to school and check it in with the clinic aide or Public Health Nurse.

When to Keep Your Child Home: Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough, sore throat, stomach ache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or unexplained rash.

Volunteers

We welcome parents and family members to volunteer at school. You may sign up with your child's teacher, contact the school office, or contact the PTA board to participate.

Bus Transportation

- Students eligible to ride the bus will receive information regarding their bus stop location, pick up and drop off times via ParentVUE.
- Report to the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the listed time for pick up & drop off if meeting your student.
- Kindergarten students will not be let off the bus unless an adult is present. If an adult is not present, they will return to LRES.
- Please ensure any individual picking up your child is listed on the Emergency Care form.

Contact Transportation Area 2: 703-446-2050

Arrival

At 8:15 AM school doors open for students. The cafeteria will be open for students to get breakfast before heading to class.

Walkers: Students will be directed to the main entrance (Door 1) or Door 7.

Kiss & Ride: Please remain in your vehicle and wait for a staff member to signal your student to exit the car. Students will be directed to the main entrance (Door 1).

If you arrive after the second bell at 8:30 AM, please park your car and walk your student to the Front Office through Door 1.

Tardies: Our school day starts at 8:30 AM. Students not in their classrooms by 8:30 AM will be marked tardy.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 3:15 PM.

Please notify your child's teacher and the front office by noon of the day of the change if you need to make a change to your child's dismissal.

Walkers: Students walking home will exit through Door 1. Students may exit through Door 7 if they are walking towards Kristin Lane. For safety, please use designated crosswalks.

Kiss & Ride: Please remain in your vehicle. Students will wait at the top of the stairs for parent/guardian arrival. Please follow staff directions as you arrive & depart.

Bus Riders: Students are dismissed from class when their bus number is called.

