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On behalf of the administrators, faculty and staff of the READY Academy Christian School, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you. We will continue to provide a Christian and quality education for our students.

At READY Academy Christian School, we believe that all children can learn. We are committed to working with each child's strengths in a way that will capitalize on how they learn individually. We recognize the importance of providing our students with a safe, happy, warm, caring, spiritual and challenging environment in which they can grow and learn. We believe that the most effective educational journey is possible only in an environment where parents, teachers and children are working together.

This year we will continue to focus on the Abeka and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) Curriculums. Our teachers will work with our students in a concentrated way to ensure that they gain the knowledge to help them be successful in school and in life. You will notice examples of our students shining all year long.

This handbook for our READY families was developed as a quick reference for information about our school. I hope that it provides information about the daily operation of our school and serves as a guide to our school procedures. Although this book cannot include all information pertinent to your child's experience at READY Academy, we hope it will give you a better understanding of how we operate our school.

You are encouraged to be an active participant in your child's educational journey and in the activities of our school. I look forward to working with you and your family this year.

Yours in God's Service,

OUR COMMITMENT

A child's pre-school and elementary school years are most important because this is the time when the foundation for life is set. School is where a child first explores his/her role in society. Because it is a time and place for so many of a child's first experiences, much care must be taken to ensure positive passage through those experiences.

"Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth (READY) is the **mission** of the First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School. It is committed to providing a Christian foundation and quality education for children. In partnership with families and communities, the READY Academy will emphasize specialization in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics, (STEAM) to meet the individual, academic needs of each child. The First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School's Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff believe God has a purpose for each child and that all children can learn". We, at the READY Academy Christian School, are **committed** to fulfilling our schools mission in the following seven areas:

- *Safe Christian school*
- *Rigorous educational standards*
- *Effectiveness and efficiency in our programs and operations*
- *Strengthened staff training*
- *Greater use of technology by students and staff*
- *Increased community involvement*
- *Adequate school facilities*

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TO: All Parents, Students, Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Volunteers, and Donors of the
First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School

May grace, mercy and peace be yours! We are grateful to God as we look back and thank Him for our 23rd year as a Christian School dedicated to making disciples and scholars for Christ. Last school year was Awesome as we gave Praise and Thanks to God for "22 Years of Building Firm Spiritual and Academic Foundations!"

Special thanks are extended to the official family and church family of the First Baptist Church in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia where we are "Being a Church of Faith" (1 Corinthians 13:13). We thank God for our Chair, Dr. Barry Brown, and the Board of Education for their faithfulness in promoting a standard of excellence for our school. I also want to express my thanks to Mrs. Lisa Anderson, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for your servitude and commitment during your time serving as Chair for READY Academy Board of Directors. To those who previously served, Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards, and all former Board Members who faithfully served READY Academy, during its 1st Decade, thank you for your hard work and dedication. We thank God for Mrs. Amanda B. Murray and Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards; our retired Administrators, for 18 years of dedicated CORE Team of Faculty, Staff and Administrators. To Mrs. M. Trovene Artis, retired Volunteers/Special Events Coordinator and all Volunteers and Donors of the READY Academy Christian School, who worked with energy and enthusiasm to provide our children with excellence in education and life enhancing skills.

Our goal remains the same, and that is **R**eaching **E**ducationally **A**spiring **D**ynamic **Y**outh (**READY**) by providing a Christian based Education with an added emphasis in **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, the **A**rts and **M**athematics (**STEAM**). Our children, along with their parents, are the focus of our prayers, teachings, goals and vision – We believe that our children can be all that God wants them to be. Our school motto is ***"failure is not an option", "mediocrity is unacceptable"; and "excellence is our standard."*** This is our commitment to our children, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, donors, church and community.

To our READY Academy students, I will continue to pray that you will grow in God's word, as you continue to amaze us with your ability to learn Bible Verses, from "A through Z", Special Psalms, The Lord's Prayer and know their meaning. I challenge you this year to exceed last year's goals and continue "to grow in the grace – and the knowledge of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). It is my prayer that our READY Academy children will reach even higher levels in their academic pursuits to be the best that they can be and to enjoy being a child of God!

On behalf of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, I must also say "Thank You" students and parents for your Missions Offering each Monday that we have chapel. This offering benefits our "Adopted Sister" school, the Lott Carey Missions School in Liberia. I pray we will continue to give!

May God's richest blessings be yours and thank you for all you do and will continue to do for READY Academy Christian School.

Yours in God's service,
Robert G. Murray
Robert G. Murray, D. Min, **Retired** Senior Pastor/Superintendent

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As we begin this 19th Year of GOD's READY Academy -- the 9th year towards Our 2nd Decade, I must again begin by saying, "**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!" to All who were a part of READY's AWESOME 18th YEAR!**

First, I must say "THANK YOU" to Pastor Murray, our Visionary Leader, who "birthed" us – to Mrs. Lisa Anderson, our fantastic Chair and our most dedicated, hard-working Board of Education Members – to the greatest "CORE Team" of Teachers, Administrators, and Staff who work endlessly – to my Awesome "Full-Time Volunteer" Assistant Director, Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards and to our many First Baptist volunteers and donors who bless us with their time, talents and treasure!

Secondly, I must say "THANK YOU" to the most wonderful, loving, and supportive parents in the world – to our most committed Parent Student Teacher Association (PSTA), which had an Awesome 1st year of dynamic, leadership by President: Alexandria Davis, Vice-President: Lekia Worsley and Teacher Recognition Chair: Kira Butler, and to the Beautiful, Blessed, and Bubbly Students who make every school day a "Loving Joy" to share!

Thirdly, and Most Important, I must say "THANK YOU GOD" for HIS INFINITE Blessings towards HIS READY Academy throughout Our Eighteen Years. Listed below is a Brief Recap of READY's Blessed History:

Year #1: 2004-2005 – Opened with 22 students – closed with 33 – Started with PK3 and PK4; Held 1st Annual STEMA Fair!

Year #2: 2005-2006 – Opening enrollment of 45 – closed with 60 – Held 1st Annual K5 Graduation, with 15 students!

Year #3: 2006-2007 – Opening enrollment of 60 – closed with 90 – Annual K5 Graduation, with 17 Graduates – 1st Grade added!

Year #4: 2007-2008 – Opening enrollment of 90 – closed with 100 – Annual K5 Graduation with 22 Graduates – 2nd Grade added!

Year #5: 2008-2009 – Opening enrollment of 100 – closed with 110 – Annual K5 Graduation with 30 Graduates! – 3rd Grade added! (Initial Vision for PK3 thru 3rd Grade Attained!)1st 3rd-Grade Finale Program with 8 students And 1st 3-Day "Senior" Trip to Washington, D.C.!

Year #6: 2009-2010 – Opening enrollment of 110 – closed with 120 – Annual K5 Graduation with 25 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 10 students And 2nd 3-Day "Senior Class" Trip to Washington, DC!

Year #7: 2010-2011 – Opening enrollment of 110 – closed with 118 – Annual K5 Graduation with 24 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 8 students **And Finally a visit to the White House; During President Obama's 1st Term As President**!

Year #8: 2011-2012 – Opening enrollment of 90 – closed with 106 – Annual K5 Graduation with 20 Graduates – Annual 3rd Grade Finale with 6 students and 1st Senior Trip to Williamsburg!

Year #9: 2012-2013 – Opening enrollment of 120! – closed with 134!! – Opened with an Awesome New Playground!! – Annual K5 Graduation with 26 Graduates – And No Ending Finale for Our 12 3rd Graders but an Upper Class Trip to Williamsburg!

Year #10: 2013-2014 – Opening enrollment of 127! – Closed with 138!! – Opened with A New 4th Grade Class of 12 students! – Annual K5 Graduation with 25 Graduates - **A Year of 10th Anniversary Celebrations Including**: **A Homecoming & Grand Reunion Weekend – Scholarship Banquet – Volunteers & Donors Thank You Weekend – 1st Annual Grandparents Day - 5 Day Finale Trip to Orlando!**

Year #11: 2014-2015 – Opened with 120 students – closed with 147!! - Opened with A New 5th Grade Class of 13 students! – Annual K5 Graduation with 29 Graduates – 1st 5th-Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony with 13 Seniors and a Senior Trip to Richmond!

Year #12: 2015-2016 – Opened with 126 students – closed with 136!! – Went "Green" with emailed Teachers' Weekly and Director's Monthly Newsletters – Awarded a Grant for 30 Tablets – Awesome K5 Graduation (30 students) AND 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (7 students) **And 3 Day Finale Trip to the D.C. Area and White House During President Obama's 2nd Term!**

Year #13: 2016-2017—Opened with 152 students-Our 1st Time Reaching/Exceeding Our Goal of 150 students!-Awesome K5 Graduation (29students); 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (8 students) **AND a 5 Day Finale' Trip to Atlanta!** And to God Goes All the Glory!!

Year #14: 2017-2018 – Opened again with 152 students – Closed with 162! Celebrated READY's 1st K5 Grads of 2006 –Now High School Grads, 2018! –12 of the Original 14 marched with Our 30 K5 Grads! – They received $8,500.00 in Scholarships! – 5th Grade "Crossing Over" Ceremony (10 Students) And 3 Day Finale' Trip to Williamsburg /Great Wolf Lodge!

Year #15: 2018-2019 – Opened with 159 students – closed with 164! – With A Match From An Angel Donor, Opened Our 1st Foundation Fund (in the Hampton Roads Foundation) with $50,000 –Awesome K5 Graduation (36 Students) And 5th Grade Crossing Over (9 Students) AND A 5 Day Finale' Trip to New York! Celebrated 14 – 2nd Year K5 Grads Graduating High School with $9,500 in Scholarships!

Year #16: 2019-2020 – Opened with 158 Students – Physically closed in March Due to OCVID19 – But blessed to Close Virtually with 141! Foundation Fund grew to $75,000 – Awesome Virtual K5 Graduation (23 students) and 5th Grade Crossing Over (7 students). No Senior Trip But A "Grateful" End of the Year "Drive Thru" Celebration!

Year #17: Opened 100% Virtually, with only 99 students—Teachers Trained Weekly in latest Technology—Creativity provided Our Special Programs Virtually. March 15, 2021 opened its Combined In-Person and Virtual School—enrollment of 105!—STEMA Fair Virtual and In-Person, with Special T-shirts from PSTA!—In-Person 5th Grade Crossing Over (9 students) and K5 Graduation (12 students), also Live Streamed! Another End-of-the-Year "Drive-Thru" Celebration.—Grateful to God to Survive and Thrive!

Year #18: Opened in Person- with 115 Students- Although we stayed masked-up, our students were able to thrive academically while bridging the educational gap caused by COVID 19. End of the Year Hybrid 5th Grade "Crossing Over Ceremony", with 9 Graduates and Hybrid Kindergarten Graduation with 22 Graduates. This was the 2nd High School and College Alumni Graduate Recognition and Scholarship Awards given.

Year #19: Opened in Person with 134 Students. Kindergarten Graduation consisted of 20 Graduates. This was our 3rd Alumni Graduate Recognition with 17 High School Graduates and 6 College Graduates receiving Named Scholarship Awards. Fund Raisers were a Tremendous Success. We started our 1st STEMA Fair, bringing PK3-K5 together and 1st-5th together in Taste N See Auditorium with Student's Projects being judged nightly. Each Grade Level received 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place Awards.
Year #20: Opened in Person with 168 students. Kindergarten Graduation consisted of 30 graduates. This was our 4th Alumni Graduate Recognition with 13 High School and 4 College Graduates, receiving Named Scholarship Awards. We had a tremendous Fun Run Event, with the successful raising of funds. We celebrated READY Academy's 20th Year, with a reunion Sneaker Ball for all READY students, past and present. Also, a formal Gala for parents and staff, past and present was enjoyed by all who attended. Lastly, the weekend celebration ended with worship at First Baptist, and there was a cookout after the morning service for all to enjoy.
Year #21: 2024-2025 **-** READY opened in person with 175 students. Kindergarten Graduation consisted of 27 graduates. This was the 5th Alumni Graduate Recognition with 20 High School Graduates and 1 College Graduate, receiving Named Scholarship Awards. Fifth Grade Crossing Over Ceremony consisted of 13 Students who will be transitioning to Middle School. We had another Fun Run Fundraiser Event and successfully raised over 30,000 dollars. We purchased our school van and paid cash, because of our successful Fun Run Fundraiser during May 2024.
Year #22: 2025-2026 – READY opened with a total of 163 students. Kindergarten Graduation consisted of 28 graduates. This was the 6th Alumni Graduate Recognition with 18 High School Graduates and 7 College Graduates, receiving Named Scholarship Awards. Fifth Grade "Crossing Over Ceremony" consisted of 12 students who will be transitioning to Middle School. We had yet another successful Fun Run Fundraiser Event, raising a total amount of $41,700 dollars.

I pray that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be our TEAM Leader and continue to grant "Favor" to HIS READY Academy Christian School.
"THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!"

Yours in God's "Purpose",
Fatima Cason, **Principal**

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Welcome to the READY Academy Christian School, (**R**eaching **E**ducationally **A**spiring **D**ynamic **Y**outh) where Christianity and Dedication run hand in hand. As we begin the 2026-27 academic school year, the 23rd year; it is my prayer that this will be a year of continued success for our students, teachers, faculty, staff, and the entire school community. I encourage each parent to guide and direct their child daily, to help him or her to thrive in this most dynamic and innovative program.

This year we continued our Fundraising Project – the "Fence of Honor". We encourage all parents to help READY and also honor your student(s) and yourselves by purchasing personally engraved stones to be placed on the Fence of Honor.

READY Academy is truly a family. Many thanks are bestowed upon the Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Robert G. Murray, for his vision and the help of dedicated, faithful and loyal members of the Board of Education who continue to give of their time, energy and religious convictions.

To our Retired Director and Assistant Director, Mrs. Amanda B. Murray, and Mrs. Rosa C. Edwards, I say, "A job well done with the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!" Indeed, our vision continues to be made a reality.

To all who are committed to the success of our READY Academy I say, "Thank You" and "To God Be the Glory!"

Sincerely yours,

The READY Academy Board of Education

VISION STATEMENT

The READY Academy Christian School, (**R**eaching **E**ducationally **A**spiring **D**ynamic **Y**outh), is dedicated to preparing Christ-like children and youth, according to their ability, who will be spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially **ready** to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond. ***This is a school where "failure is not an option", "mediocrity is unacceptable" and "excellence is our standard."***

In addition to acquiring a solid foundation in the Bible, being challenged to achieve excellence in academics, and being nurtured in a loving and caring environment, these students will be intentionally exposed at an early age to the "exciting" world of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM).

"… Reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 3:13b-14 NKJV

MISSION STATEMENT

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The First Baptist Church READY Academy Christian School's Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff believe God has a purpose for each child and that all children can learn.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The tenets of the school shall be the Word of God interpreted by the following Purpose *Driven* statements of faith:

- For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – *Ephes*. 2:10 (NIV)
- Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. – *Peter* 4:10 (NIV)
- So, in Christ we who are many, form one body, and each member belongs to all others. – *Romans* 12:5 (NIV)
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. – *Mark* 12:30 (NIV)
- Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. – *Philippians* 2:5 (NIV)
- Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. – *Colossians* 4:5 (NIV)

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PHILOSOPHY

The First Baptist Church fosters Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth (READY). The READY Academy Christian School is committed to providing students with educational opportunities and academic challenges necessary to meet world-class standards. By emphasizing high expectations, academic rigor and student achievement, we will encourage students to become productive citizens and life-long learners in a diverse and global 21st century society. As part of our philosophy:

- The READY Academy will partner with parents and the community to promote the development of Christian values and high moral standards.
- The educational curriculum will have a strong focus on academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM).
- An academic emphasis on high level thinking skills, problem solving and decision-making will prepare students for life-long learning.

First Baptist Church has historically confronted the ills of the community and sought social justice for all. The READY Academy supports these accomplishments by promoting academic excellence and a belief in the importance of character and moral education, based on Christian values, as the foundation to confront the challenges of the world.

The Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, in collaboration with parents and community, will provide a safe, nurturing and creative learning environment. Through the use of proven strategies, learning techniques and a special focus on issues of diversity that best support student learning, the READY Academy will have a positive impact on our children in a Christian setting.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **To provide a Christ-centered education where the word of God is an integral part of the entire curriculum.**
- **To excel in an advance level of academic standards, with an educational program that will prepare students to achieve their fullest potential for the glory of God.**
- **To provide a strong specialization in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts.**
- **To provide excellence in individualized instructions that will meet the needs of students academically, spiritually, mentally, socially, emotionally and physically.**
- **To instill a strong moral code of behavior in the life of each student, based God's Word that will serve as a guide for the student.**
- **To provide a low-moderate child to teacher ratio.**
- **To teach the whole child.**
- **To provide and maintain partnerships and collaborations between parents and school personnel, which will foster a sense of well being among all children.**

Students will be able to:

- **Academically compete with the same high or higher academic rigor as other students within their peer group.**

- **Spiritually understand and know Christ in every aspect of their life.**

- **Mentally discover and develop individual aptitudes, cultivate the power of critical thinking and relate to the truth of God's Word.**

- **Socially be prepared to live and interact with others in a global society.**

- **Emotionally develop self worth and self discipline and adjust to life's situations.**

- **Physically develop, learn to respect the body and learn the proper care of the body.**

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PARENT PLEDGE

I WILL HELP MY CHILD BE ALL THAT THEY CAN BE
MY CHILD WILL STUDY HARD
MY CHILD WILL READ MORE
MY CHILD WILL HAVE GOOD GRADES AND TEST SCORES
BECAUSE MY CHILD IS SOMEBODY!

I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL THEIR HEART
I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO RESPECT THEMSELF
I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO RESPECT OTHERS
I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO BE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON
I WILL LOVE AND RESPECT MY CHILD
I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO KEEP THEIR MOUTH, BODY, AND MIND CLEAN
I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO TREAT OTHERS THE WAY THEY WANT TO BE TREATED
BECAUSE MY CHILD IS SOMEBODY!!

MY CHILD'S EDUCATION WILL ALWAYS BE MY NUMBER 1 PRIORITY
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION
I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD'S PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
BECAUSE MY CHILD IS SOMEBODY!!!

MY CHILD WILL STUDY GOD'S WORD, PRAY DAILY, AND LEARN ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
MY CHILD WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE
MY CHILD WILL ALWAYS SURVIVE
BECAUSE MY CHILD IS SOMEBODY!!!!

I WILL PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR MY CHILD
I WILL BE MY CHILD'S POSITIVE ROLE MODEL
I WILL RESPECT MY CHILD, I WILL PROTECT MY CHILD
I WILL NEVER NEGLECT MY CHILD
BECAUSE MY CHILD IS SOMEBODY
AND BECAUSE MY CHILD IS A CHILD OF GOD!!!!!

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FINANCIAL PAYMENT GUIDELINES & PAST DUE ACCOUNT POLICY

1. I agree to pay a **non-refundable Registration Fee**, at the time of enrollment and again at the beginning of each school year. Seat-Holds expire on the first day of school which officially begins in August, for the current academic year.
2. I agree to pay all Academic Fees (**i.**e. **Book** and **Resource Fees** at the beginning of each school year).
3. I understand that the tuition is divided into **10 equal monthly payments, from August thru May OR Other Payment Options of Yearly or Bi-Yearly Tuition Payments are available.**
4. I agree to pay the **Tuition Fee** on the 1st of each month and according to the terms of my financial agreement. If the 1st is on the weekend, I agree to pay tuition on the following Monday. Late fees will be applied on the sixth day of each month.
5. **No student will be permitted to attend school if the tuition is more than 30 days past due. Report cards and other records will be held until the tuition balance is zero.**
6. The tuition fee will be paid via Procare in the form of credit/debit card, electronic check, money order or cashier's check. **Cash is not accepted for tuition payments.**
7. If tuition is not paid prior to the close of business on the fifth day of the month, a **Late Payment** Fee of $25.00 will be automatically posted to the student's account.
8. A $25.00 **Stop Payment Fee** will be assessed for any stopped automatic tuition payment or stopped payments on personal/business checks.
9. I agree to pay the full monthly tuition fee even if my child is absent for one or more days during that month and if the school is closed for inclement weather or emergency situations beyond their control.
10. I agree to pay a **Late Pickup Fee** per child for **each minute** my child is not picked up from School past the designated pick-up time. A late pick-up fee will be charged for **each minute** after the closing time of 6:00 p.m. for **Extended Day** Students and each minute after 3:35PM for **Academic Day** Students.
11. I agree to complete an official form to change the **"Tuition Rate and Term of Day,** in accordance with my tuition contract. I also agree to submit the above referenced form no later than the **15th of the month, prior to the change being in effect**.
12. I agree and understand that if my child has a pattern of staying beyond the "Term-of-Day" that I selected, I will be assessed the entire tuition rate that coincides with the extended time they were present at READY Academy.
13. Any parent receiving funding from external providers, such as an **EMPLOYER RELATED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, WORKFORCE CHILDCARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, etc.),** must inform a finance administrator of his/her intent to use this funding to subsidize tuition. Parents receiving this funding must also attend a financial assistance meeting with a finance administrator to ensure that the parent understands his/her financial commitment beyond the external funding; and to ensure that all necessary paperwork is completed.
14. **Multiple Siblings Discount Rule:** A 10% Discount will be applied to each additional sibling after the 1st enrolled student. The discount will be applied to the youngest sibling(s) tuition rate. **(NOT TO BE COMBINED w/OTHER DISCOUNTS).**
15. All Accounts Must Receive Clearance before a child's name can be placed on the travel roster for the **Upper Class & Senior Trip.** Accounts must also be **Granted Clearance (3) "Business Days**" Prior to the date of travel.
16. **IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE APPROVAL FOR ANY SPECIALIZED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT, A FORMAL REQUEST NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO A FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR. ALL ADDENDUM FORMS/STIPULATIONS MUST BE FULLY ADHERED TO AND DOCUMENTED/SIGNED BY THE FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT.**
17. **Withdrawal Procedure & Policy:** Any student withdrawing during the school year for medical reasons or for military relocation must submit official documentation **30** days prior to the date of the official withdrawal. All Official Withdrawal Forms must be completed by both a Parent/Guardian and a READY Academy Student Account Representative before a withdrawal is considered official. There must also be a zero balance on the student account before a withdrawal is considered official. All student records will be held until there is a zero balance on the account. All other withdrawals will be assessed **20%** of the remaining contract.
18. **Parent Volunteer Hour Addendum:** In an attempt to maintain low and competitive tuition rates, READY Academy requires that all READY families complete a total of 2 volunteer hours. **(REFER TO VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES)**

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DISRUPTION OF SERVICES GUIDELINES FOR NON-PAYMENT & PAST DUE ACCOUNT POLICY

A disruption of services due to a delinquent student's account is a rare occurrence. But when it occurs, it can be inconvenient for both the parent and the student. READY Academy makes every attempt to avoid these circumstances; however, they do sometimes occur. Listed below are reasons why a disruption of services occurs and the procedure that must be followed in order to re-instate the student account:

1. **Suspension of all academic and/or extended-care services will be executed due to failure to submit all requested/required documentation.**

2. **Suspension of all academic and/or extended-care services will be executed due to failure to maintain payment terms as well as failure to meet any other requirements according to the READY Academy Admissions Criteria, Enrollment Continuation Standards, Financial Contract, and any Financial Addendums**.

   An account that has generated a total of (3) Disruption of Services Notifications for any reason, within the same (10-month) academic year, will be placed on Probation. Account(s) will incur the following penalties and the following protocols must be completed in order to re-instate the account:

   - All academic services will be suspended according to the date listed on the notification.
   - The student will not be allowed to return to school without clearance from the finance administrator.
   - Student records will be placed in a "Hold Status" and will not be released or available for viewing, etc. until the entire tuition/fee amounts for the remaining (10-month) academic year are paid in their entirety.
   - The students account will no longer be eligible for any payment plan or financial assistance for the next 10-month academic year.
   - An Appointment for reinstatement must be requested in writing and submitted to a finance administrator.

*** READY Academy reserves the right to make all superseding decisions regarding any student account and suspension.**

Please Note:

- **Financial assistance at READY Academy is based on donations received and specified criteria being met.**

Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to maintain timely payments in accordance with the READY Academy Tuition Contract.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2026-2027

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ENROLLMENT & GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES

- **Enrollment is open to children ages (3-10) for the appropriate PK3-5th grade-level-based on age on September 30th.**
- **The child must be fully toilet trained prior to enrollment.**
- **To be eligible for enrollment, parents must present the following at the time of registration:**

□*Original Birth Certificate □ Picture ID for Dismissal □ Proof of Address

□ Record of Current Physical Examination Completed by a Physician

□ Official Verification of Child's Next Scheduled Wellness Visit on Physician's Stationery

□ Up-to-Date Immunization Records (*See Below for Additional Medical Information

- **Immunization record(s) and annual physical examination(s) must be included for: PK3, PK4, K5 and ALL FIRST TIME STUDENTS TO READY ACADEMY.**
- **IT IS MANDATORY TO SUBMIT A CURRENT-YEAR COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL ENTRANCE HEALTH FORM AND EACH PAGE MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED (PAGES 1-4, TOP TO BOTTOM) IN ITS ENTIRETY, AT THE ONSET OF ENROLLMENT. ALL PAGES (1-4) MUST REFLECT THE DESIGNATED PARENTAL/MEDICAL-PERSONNEL SIGNATURES. EXPIRED FORMS ARE CONSIDERED INVALID.**
- **If a condition and/or section does not pertain to the student, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A "LINE/SECTION" EMPTY. These sections can be marked "N/A" indicating Not Applicable. This confirms to staff that the student is not impacted by the information requested as well as the parent/guardian has reviewed the information in question.**
- **READY Academy reserves the right to request additional information at any time and can decline/postpone/suspend enrollment/attendance until all information deemed necessary has been submitted, accordingly.**
- **READY Academy requires additional forms/documentation issued by the student's physician for ALL prescriptions being requested to be administered during the period while the student is at school. --- Action/Treatment Plans may also be mandated from the designated medical authority.**
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS: It is mandatory for all students to wear their yellow, READY Academy Monogrammed shirts/blouses. READY Academy Monogrammed shirts/blouses may be ordered on-line at FrenchToast.Com or by placing orders at READY Academy for a local vendor to process. All students are required to wear READY Academy Spring/Winter Physical Education Uniforms, according to the printed uniform schedule.**
- **The A-Beka Curriculum will be used for Christian Education and Academic Subjects, along with external resources.**
- **Special Emphasis in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).**
- **The Parent-Student Handbook, Monthly Newsletters and Parent Portal lists a Calendar-of-Events as well as weekly updates.**
- **Assessments will be conducted within approximately the first 2 weeks of the official August start-date. Class performance and/or test scores may require that a student's grade level be changed.**
- **READY ACADEMY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ALL SUPERSEDING DECISIONS REGARDING ADMISSION, FINANCES, CONTINUATION OF ENROLLMENT, DISCREPANCIES, AND/OR ANY "FACTORS OF CONCERN."**

***Present Forms to Administrator for validating authenticity of the original documents and recording necessary information.**

The READY Academy admits students of any race, color, gender, religious affiliation, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2026-2027 MONTHY TUITION RATES & FEES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

GRADE LEVEL	NEW STUDENT APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT FEE *NON-REFUNDABLE* DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	RETURNING STUDENT ENROLLMENT FEE *NON-REFUNDABLE* DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	BOOK FEES PER GRADE LEVEL *DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION	RESOURCE FEES *DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION Includes Technology Fee, Annual Assessment Fees, Maintenance Fee, Recreation Fee, Physical Education Uniforms, STEAM T-Shirt and Chapel Tie
PK3	$250.00	$200.00	$175.00	$250.00
PK4	$250.00	$200.00	$205.00	$250.00
K5	$250.00	$200.00	$235.00	$250.00
1ST / 2ND	$250.00	$200.00	$455.00	$250.00
3RD / 4TH /5TH	$250.00	$200.00	$465.00	$250.00

ENROLLMENT FEE DUE DATES

- **Registration Fee:** DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 31ST
- **Book Fee:** DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY – JULY 31ST
- **Resource Fee:** DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY – JULY 31ST
- **First Month's Tuition:** DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
- **First Day of School:** MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

MONTHLY TUITION

GRADE LEVEL	ACADEMIC DAY TUITION 8:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M.	BEFORE/AFTER CARE FEE CHILD MUST BE ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT READY ACADEMY FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR 6:30-7:45 A.M./4:00–6:00 P.M.	EXTENDED DAY TUITION INCLUDES BEFORE/AFTERCARE FEE 6:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.
PK3 /PK4	$750.00	$80.00	$830.00
K5	$750.00	$80.00	$830.00
1ST / 2ND	$760.00	$80.00	$840.00
3RD / 4TH/ 5TH	$770.00	$80.00	$850.00

EDUCATIONAL EXCEPTIONS DISCLAIMER:

Children with learning disabilities and or certain medical diagnoses that result in unmanageable behaviors are required to submit additional documentation and must provide full disclosure for READY Academy's administration to determine if we are equipped with the appropriate staff and to accommodate the student. Admittance to READY Academy may be denied if the student has been evaluated/assessed and observed in the classroom setting and administration determines that adequate services are not available. We reserve the right to accept the student on a trial basis before consideration for full enrollment. READY Academy administration may require a review of previous student records and a Special Education evaluation to determine if we are equipped with adequate services to meet the needs of the student. Full parental cooperation is required during the evaluation process as well as trial period.

PAYMENT ADDENDUM:

- **All Registration Fees are Due at Time of Registration, and Book Fees are due No Later Than July 31, 2026.**
- ***Visa/MasterCard/AMEX, Money Orders & Cashier's/Personal Checks are Honored for tuition and fees. NO CASH/DISCOVER CARDS.**
- **ACADEMIC DAY TUITION INCLUDES LUNCH ONLY. EXTENDED DAY TUITION INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON SNACK.**
- **BREAKFAST 7:00AM – 7:30AM SNACK 3:30PM – 4:00PM.**
- **A 10% Tuition Discount is applied to student accounts based on eligibility. Only 1-Type of Discount Per Family Allowed:**
  - **▪First Baptist Church Norfolk Members ▪Active-Duty Military Parent(s) ▪Multi-Child (Discount Applied to younger child)**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR RESOURCE FEE:

- **Assessment MATERIALS, Instructional Materials, Paper Products, Transportation Maintenance Fee and Technology Fee**
- **Maintenance of School Building, External Recreational Area, Parking Lot, Lawn & Garden Features**
- **Physical Education Uniforms and Accessory Attire for ALL Students: (1) Fall/Winter Physical Education Uniform (1) Chapel Tie ▪ (1) Spring/Summer Physical Education Uniform ▪ (1) READY T-Shirt: Distributed in 2027 for STEAM Fair Vehicle/Transportation Fee *(For use of READY Academy van for field trips and special events, Only)**

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TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

PAYMENT PERIOD	DUE DATE	SCHOOL DAYS PAYMENT COVER
1	AUG. 14	AUG. 31 – SEPT. 25
2	SEPT. 1	SEPT. 28 - OCT. 23
3	OCT. 1	OCT. 26 - NOV. 20
4	NOV. 1*	NOV. 23 – DEC. 18
5	DEC. 1	DEC. 21– JAN. 15
6	JAN. 1	JAN. 18 – FEB. 12
7	FEB. 1*	FEB. 15 – MAR. 12
8	MAR. 1*	MAR. 15 – APR. 9
9	APR. 1	APR. 12 – MAY 7
10	MAY 1	MAY 10 – JUNE 11

PAYMENT PERIOD COVERS SCHOOL DAYS; HOLIDAYS; INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS; PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS; TEACHER WORKDAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Monthly Payment Option – Requires the first tuition payment by August 14th, then monthly Payments on the 1st OF EACH MONTH, from September 1st through May 1st.

***NOTE: When the 1st occurs during a weekend, payment is due on the Monday immediately following.**

****NOTE: When the 1st occurs during a Holiday Break, Payment is due <u>BEFORE</u> the Holiday begins.**

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STUDENT LATE PICK-UP NOTICE AND FEE

Name of Parent(s): _____

On _____, You Were _____ late picking
DATE MINUTES

up _____. The Late Fee of $_____
NAME OF STUDENT AMOUNT OF FEE

is based on $2.00 per minute late from 6:00 P.M.

If the late fee is not paid when picking up the student, the late fee WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR MONTHLY TUITION ACCOUNT.

If you have questions concerning this statement, please see Mrs. Cason.

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READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
START OF YEAR – IMPORTANT NOTES/RULES/BIRTHDAYS/UNIFORMS

PK3 and PK4 NAP NOTES and Important Notes for All Grade Levels

- **For PK3 and PK4 ONLY. Please provide a sleeping mat (with child's name on both sides in permanent marker) along with a blanket in an extra large zipped, plastic Ziploc bag. *DO NOT SEND* sheets or pillows!**
- **WHEN THE WEATHER IS COOL OR COLD, YOUR CHILD MAY WEAR A NAVY MONOGRAM SWEATER IN CLASS AND WHEN TAKING A NAP.**
- **Blanket(s) and bag will be sent home each Friday to be washed and disinfected. Items must be returned each Monday in a clean & clear labeled Ziploc bag. We take pride in working daily to keep a germ-free school. Please help us and do your part at home.**
- **MUST KEEP A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHES, underwear, AND socks included in child's book bag. For your child's comfort (if an "accident" occurs), the change of clothes should be a PLAIN YELLOW SHIRT and navy pants, shorts or skirt.**
- **Blue or black plain Book Bags can be found at Ross, Wal-Mart, and other "bargain" stores. No Book Bags on rollers and NO Character Book Bags.**

REQUIRED HELP DISCIPLINE FROM PARENTS
Please discuss with your child daily (ESPECIALLY THE FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL)

THE READY ACADEMY GOLDEN HABITS/RULES:

- **All students *MUST*, at all times, show respect for God, Teachers, Adults, Students, and themselves.**
- **All students *MUST* listen and follow directions the *FIRST TIME*.**
- **All students *MUST* learn to the best of their ability.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays may be celebrated if parents want to bring store bought treats during the approved time of starting and ending between 1:30p.m and 2:30p.m. Parents must follow the Chain of Communications for parties. The Chain of Communications for parties is as follows: Parents → Teacher → Administration for Approval or Needed Modification → Back to Teacher → Back to Parent. Date and Time will be recorded on School's Master Calendar. Nutritious, healthy store-bought snacks are recommended. IMPORTANT: NO NUTS – NO CHOCOLATE – NO HOME-MADE TREATS. Please do not send birthday invitations to school if *EVERY* child in class is not invited. (We do not want to offend anyone) MUST REQUEST CELEBRATIONS 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

UNIFORM SCHEDULE

Monday – Chapel Uniform
Tuesday and Friday – Assigned seasonal Physical Education Uniform
Wednesday and Thursday – Regular READY Uniform
All Chapel and Regular Uniform Tops and Navy-Blue Sweaters, blazers and jackets must be monogrammed. Only monogrammed sweaters, blazers or light weight jackets may be worn in the classroom. NO OTHER TYPE OF sweaters, coats, or jackets can be worn.
ONLY Boys may wear uniform attire listed on our list for boys and ONLY GIRLS may wear uniform attire listed on our list for girls
Students who have color braided into their hair must only have blue or yellow braided into their original hair color.
Recess/Creative Play – DAILY {girls MUST wear shorts under dresses and skirts}

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE AND MISSIONS OFFERING

Students will learn a Bible verse each week. Please assist them. **{Students are asked to bring a Missions Offering to Chapel each Monday, $1.00 or more to reach our Goal!}.** This offering will go to our "Adopted" Sister School in Liberia. We suggest that you have your child(ren) "earn" their donation so they can "feel" their sacrifice.

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Good Discipline starts the first day and continues – At READY Academy we stress praising positive behavior. Please refer to the Discipline Plan in your Handbook.

CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICES, ETC. ARE ONLY ALLOWED AT SCHOOL FOR EMERGENCIES. CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND LEFT IN BOOKBAGS DURING THE ACADEMIC DAY.
***RECORDING OF OTHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF IN THE CLASSROOM BY STUDENTS IS PROHIBITED!!!**

NO CHEWING GUM, PLAYING CARDS OR TOYS ALLOWED, UNLESS IT IS A APPROVED FOR A PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED SPECIAL DAY. TOY GUNS OR OTHER TOYS DEEMED AS DANGEROUS TOYS ARE NEVER ALLOWED.

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START OF YEAR – IMPORTANT NOTES/RULES/BIRTHDAYS/UNIFORMS CONT'D

HOMEWORK

A quiet consistent place and time is needed daily. Parent/Guardian MUST Sign and Date each Homework sheet in the upper right corner. Unsigned Homework will be returned for your signature. Remove all Parental communications daily from your child's Folder. Home-work Folders MUST be returned to school the following day. Please check your child's Behavior Chart daily and respond to any behaviors that are not correct or appropriate.

INSURANCE

As a part of your Resource Fee, your child has accident insurance for the hours he/she attends READY Academy.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

READY Academy will follow Norfolk Public Schools Closings for major holidays and inclement weather. Please check the internet or television for inclement weather updates. NPS Inclement weather updates will be announced on all major news stations. In cases of a 2-hour delay, there is NO BEFORE SCHOOL CARE and students will arrive at 10:00 am.

READY's closing will also have its announcement on at least 2 of the major television news channels, WAVY TV-10 and WVEC-13

TARDIES

The Academic School Day begins promptly at 8:00a.m. Students are recorded as Tardy after 8:15 a.m. - in the classroom. **After 3 unexcused tardies the parent will be contacted and made aware of how tardiness affects student's academic progress.**

Excused tardies shall be for the following reasons:

l. Severe Weather/Extreme Traffic Conditions
2. Illness
3. Doctor or Dentist Appointments (Please bring in a note from your child's doctor or dentist upon returning to school.
4. Unforeseen Tragedies

UNEXCUSED TARDIES

3 Unexcused Tardies will be counted as 1 absence for Kindergarten – Fifth Grade level students.

IMPORTANCE OF NEWSLETTERS AND COMMUNICATION AT READY ACADEMY IS KEY, BUT IT Also REQUIRES READING Weekly and Monthly Newsletters.

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PSTA
PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

2026 - 2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President – Ciara Barnard

Vice President – Alexus Coggins

Assistant Secretary – Aleea Slappy-Wilson

Treasurer – TBA

Chaplain – TBA

Parliamentarian – TBA

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
2026 – 2027

Chairperson Tracy Hall and Chevice Dunn
PK3/
PK4/Danielle Reid and Brandy Wicker
K5/
1st Grade/Zenora Gay
2nd Grade/
3rd Grade/DeAnne Williams
4th Grade/Kristin Allen
5th Grade/Erin Abrams

Chairperson – Fundraiser: TBA

Chairperson – Membership: Laurra Young

Chairpersons - Teacher Appreciation: TBA

Community Engagement – Brian Gay

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PARENT STUDENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
CALENDAR OF PSTA MEETINGS, SCHOOL PROGRAMS, & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

2026-2027

PLEASE NOTE: There are **ONLY 3 PSTA MEETINGS** for the Entire School Year. They are scheduled on Tuesdays, 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Please plan to attend **ALL 3 Informative Meetings**.

Aug. 22	**Parent Orientation 10:00 a.m.**
Aug. 31	**First Day of School**
Sept.4-Sept. 7	**Labor Day Holiday (READY Academy Closed)**
Sept.	**Grandparent's Day Celebration: 10:00 a.m. (TBD)**
Sept. 15	**PSTA Meeting #1/Open House: @ 6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 1-14	**K5 – 2nd Grades Fall PALS Testing**
Oct. 05	***Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference & Progress Report #1 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.* (No Students)**
Oct. 13-26	**3rd – 5th IOWA Testing**
Oct. 19	**PICTURE DAY/CHAPEL ATTIRE**
Oct. 30	**Harvest Fest**
Nov. 02	**End of Quarter (1st 9 Weeks)**
Nov. 03	**Staff Professional Development Daty (No Students)**
Nov. 11	**Veterans Day (READY Academy Closed)**
Nov. 17	**PSTA Meeting #2 @ 6:00 p.m.**
Nov. 19	**REPORT CARD #1**
Nov. 23	**Thanksgiving Student and Staff Luncheon**
Nov. 24	**Early Release (School is Closes @ 12 Noon. Late Pickups Will Receive a Late Fee)**
Nov. 25-27	**Thanksgiving Holiday (READY Academy Closed)**
Dec. 17	**Christmas Program 10:00 a.m. – (TBD)**
Dec. 18	**Christmas Celebrations**
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	**Winter Break (READY Academy Closed)**
Jan. 04	**Return to School From Winter Break**
Jan. 18	**MLK Day (READY Academy Closed)**
Jan. 22	**End of Quarter (2nd 9 Weeks)**
Jan. 25	***Teacher Workday (No Students)**
Feb. 1-26	**Black History Month Celebration-Daily Focus**
Feb. 04	**REPORT CARD #2**
Feb. 12	**100th Day of School**
Feb. 15	**President's Day (READY Academy Closed)**
Feb. 26	**Black History Program10:00 a.m. Taste N See Auditorium**
Mar. 02	**Read Across America**
Mar. 16	**PSTA Meeting #3 @ 6:00 p.m.**
Mar. 17	**Career Day**
Mar. 22	**SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES (TBA)**
Mar. 25	**End of Quarter (3rd 9 Weeks)**
Mar. 25	**Easter Program 10:00 a.m. – Taste N See Auditorium**

2026-2027 CALENDAR OF PSTA MEETINGS, SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
CONTINUED

Mar. 26	**Teacher Workday (No Students)**
Mar. 29-Apr.2	**Spring Break (READY Academy Closed)**
April 9	**Staff Professional Development Day (No Students)**
April 15	**REPORT CARD #3**
May 3-7	**Teacher Appreciation Week**
May 4-6	**STEAM Fair PK3-PK4 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and K5-5th 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
May 28	**End of Quarter (4th 9 Weeks)**
May 28	**Teacher Workday/Staff Development (No Students)**
May 31	**Memorial Day (READY Academy Closed)**
June 02	**Awards Assembly 10:00a.m.- Taste N See Auditorium**
June 04	**Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 a.m. - Taste N See Auditorium**
June 07	**5th Grade Crossing Over Ceremony10:00 a.m. - Taste N See Auditorium**
June 09	**Field Day 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
June 11	**Final Report Card #4 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- DISMISSAL @ 12 NOON (Students ONLY!)**
June 14	**TEACHER/STAFF WORKDAY - CLOSEOUT**

NOTE: Times and Dates are Subject to Change

NOTE: READY Academy will generally follow Norfolk Public Schools' Calendar, with the exception o their Opening day this year, Early Release Days, and Last Day of School. Snow makeup days may vary.

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2026-2027

PROGRESS REPORTS/ALL GRADES

Closing Date: (Period Covered)	DUE IN OFFICE BY:	DISTRIBUTION DATE:	NUMBER OF DAYS
10/1/2026 (8/31/26-10/1/26)	October 8, 2026	October 15, 2026*	22
12/10/2026 (11/3/26-12/10/26)	December 17, 2026	January 7, 2027	22
2/19/2027 (1/20/27-2/19/27)	February 26, 2027	March 4, 2027	21
4/29/2027 (3/24/27-4/29/27)	May 6, 2027	May 13, 2027	22

REPORT CARDS

Closing Date: (Period Covered)	DUE IN OFFICE BY:	DISTRIBUTION DATE:	NUMBER OF DAYS
11/2/2026 (8/31/26-11/2/26)	November 11, 2026	November 19, 2026	43
1/22/2027 (11/4/26-1/22/27)	January 27, 2027	February 4, 2027	43
3/25/2027 (1/25/27-3/25/27)	April 8, 2027	April 15, 2027	42
5/28/2027 (4/25/27-5/28/27)	June 4, 2027	June 11, 2027	40

*Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference **Day 1 October 5, 2026**
Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference **Day 2 Held on **January 25, 2027,** for students who are having difficulty and may possibly be retained, unless a parent strongly requests a meeting. No Progress or Report Cards go home on these days.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CORE TEAM
2026- 2027

PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Fatima Cason

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Ms. Gale V. Mills

FBC LIAISON/CURRICULUM SPECIALIST
& TESTING COORDINATOR
Rev. T. Michele Logan

ADMINISTRATION TEAM
Mrs. Sherry Brooks – Office Manager
Ms. Karla Brown – Enrollment Coordinator
Mrs. Thelma Hardy – FBC Elder for READY Academy

TEACHERS
Ms. Jewel Wilkerson – PK3 Teacher
Ms. Kiara Daughtry – PK3 Co-Teacher
Mrs. Paula Fulford– PK4 Teacher
Ms. Leona Knox- PK4 Co-Teacher
Ms. Lawana Bennett – K5 Teacher
Miss Gabrielle Bullock – K5 Co-Teacher
Mrs. Kimberly Lewis– 1st Grade Teacher
Mrs. Vernenci Samuels – 1st Grade Co-Teacher
Ms. Sandra Robinson – 2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Sharon Powell – 2nd Grade Teacher
Ms. Crystal Thomas– 3rd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Kira Butler – 4th Grade Teacher
Ms. Rea Cuffee– 5th Grade Teacher

RESOURCE TEACHERS
Mrs. Shantoya Ward – Computer/Resource Teacher
TBA – Physical Education Teacher
Ms. Rea Cuffee– Music Teacher
Senora Julia Hughey -- Spanish

STAFF
Mrs. Tamara Taylor-Boone – Front Desk/Administrative Receptionist
Rev. Travis Barnes IT Support Specialist
Mr. Marc Banatte – Security/Maintenance; McKinley Beaty Sr.– Maintenance/Sexton; Ms. Cotica Lee - Sexton
Mr. Tony Brooks – Food Service Coordinator
Mrs. Annie Patterson– Food Service Assistant
Mrs. Cynthia White – Cafeteria Assistant
Ms. Jaqueline Small – Cafeteria Assistant
Ms. Lynn Lawrence – Cafeteria Assistant

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Mrs. Sharon Powell – After School Coordinator
Dr. Tekita Blackwell/STEAM Coordinator

General School Rules

1. Students are expected to walk in the hallways. Horseplay will not be tolerated at any time – in the school or outside on the playground.

2. No toys or non-school items are allowed on school property, unless pre-approved and announced by the principal.

A daily check of book bags is advised to see what your child is taking or bringing to school.

3. Students are expected to wear the required regulation school uniforms daily unless change is pre-approved by Administration.
Black sneakers or black rubber sole closed toe and closed heel shoes are needed for school and physical education. Flip-flops and crocs are not permitted.

- **Apparel, which advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substance, drug paraphernalia, satanic, demonic or occultic symbols, and racial slurs may not be worn. No clothing with objectionable printed slogans or pictures may be worn.**
- **No bare midriff or revealing tank tops may be worn.**
- **Short skirts or extremely short shorts may not be worn.**
- **Hats are not to be worn in the building.**

4. Students are expected to have supplies at school at all times.

COMMUNICATION
Effective education of children requires cooperation between home and school. Parents are informed of their child's progress in school through interim progress reports and formal report cards which are sent home at the end of each nine-week period.

Homework Folder
The homework folder will be sent home nightly. We ask that you check it each night to see what your child needs to do for homework and for communication from school. **Parents must sign completed homework nightly.**

Conferences
Conferences are arranged for all parents at the end of the first nine-week period and whenever requested by the teacher and/or parent during the school year. In January, we hold a second conference. Both conferences include evening hours for our parents who work during the day. Parent-Teachers Conferences are invaluable for both parents and the teachers. Parents can see a showcase of their child's work that progress reports will never reveal. Teachers can explain the child's strengths and weaknesses that a narrative summary may not be able to describe. More importantly, the child sees their parents and teachers meeting together to support his/her educational program.

Phone Conferences
The staff at READY Academy does not adhere to the expression that "no news is good news". We strongly believe that parents appreciate a positive
phone call from school that reports our children's success. We also appreciate your feedback from home, even when you are satisfied with your child's instruction.

Weekly Parent Bulletin
A newsletter is sent home at least once a month. The newsletter is the principal's way of keeping you informed about our school and about important dates to remember. It is very IMPORTANT to read ALL newsletters, whether online or in hard copy. Teachers send weekly newsletters to keep parents informed about the educational "excitement" in the classroom.

PSTA Plans an Exciting Year!
Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of the READY Academy Parent Student Teachers Association (PSTA). We are planning exciting activities for the coming school year. We encourage you to join the PSTA immediately and invest $5.00 in your child's future. We need your support. Studies have shown that the more active parents are in their child's school, the better the child performs. We believe we provide opportunities for fun and education in which your family will want to participate.

Included is a calendar of PSTA meetings and events for the year. Your attendance at these events is important and your child will benefit from your presence at school. Please Mark these dates down! PSTA Board will meet monthly as indicated in their calendar.

ATTENDANCE
Children need to understand the importance of and develop an appreciation for school during their elementary years. We will be unable to promote the importance of school if children do not attend on a regular basis.

A record is kept of students' absences and tardiness. Parents of those children who are absent/or consistently late more than 15 days will receive a letter informing them of this attendance concern. Excessive absences can and may affect students' passage to the next grade.

Tardiness is very disruptive to the instructional process. Most children also benefit from having a few moments of organizational time in the morning.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
Students are not allowed to leave the school building and the grounds with anyone other than their parent/guardian and persons listed on Authorization for Pick Up form unless the parent or guardian makes a written request and adds the pickup to Procare. A picture I.D is required the first time a different authorized adult (18 and older) comes in for pick-up. Students must be signed via Procare by the parent/designee prior to leaving the school grounds. Unfamiliar individuals will be required to show picture identification to office personnel before the child can be released. All adults signing a child out from school are required to sign out via Procare. For your child's safety, we will only accept from the parent or legal guardian any change of dismissal over the phone. It is preferred that parents/guardians send a note to school in the morning if you plan to change the dismissal plan for that day.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION
School Closing or Delayed Openings:
On occasion, school will be closed or will have a delay in its opening due to inclement weather. When such conditions exist, you are encouraged to watch all of the local Television Stations for complete information on school openings and closings. The READY Academy will follow the Norfolk Public Schools' inclement weather opening and closing procedures.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING
Parents will be asked to complete and return to school the Emergency Contact Information Form.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Accident/Dental Insurance
The READY Academy School Board endorses an accident insurance policy, which covers accidents while your child is at school. The cost of this policy is included in the student's resource fee.

Change of Address and Telephone Numbers
For the safety and welfare of the children, it is imperative for the school to have the child's current address and telephone number(s). Parents are required to inform the school of any address, home or work telephone number changes during the school year. Parents must designate additional emergency contact person(s).

SPECIAL READING PROGRAM
The **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead (D.E.A.R) Program has been developed to promote a love for reading. Each day from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EVERYONE at READY will STOP and READ. Students WILL NOT be released UNTIL 3:30 PM. Our doors will be locked, and NO ONE may enter for pick-up until 3:30 p.m.

EVACUATION DRILLS
Fire, lockdown, active shooter and tornado evacuation drills will be conducted during the school year. Fire drills are conducted monthly during the school year. Lockdown drills are held each semester. Tornado drills are held on the state of Virginia's tornado drill day.

Health Care
Parents are called if their child has a fever or appears to be suffering from an illness or injury. Children with a fever should be fever-free 24 hours before returning to school. Parents are contacted immediately if their child is suspected of having a contagious disease. Once a contagious disease is diagnosed, the child must remain at home until the symptoms have disappeared.

Occasionally ringworms are a problem in schools. If a child is sent home to treat this situation, he/she may not return until a doctor has determined that the child may return to school. A doctor's written slip is required.

Medication
The school staff may administer no external or internal medication, including aspirin, without the proper documentation from a physician. If a child needs regular medicine, the parent must contact the school administrators so the appropriate arrangements can be made. A note from the doctor stating the dosage and duration of medication is required. Medication must be in a prescription bottle labeled with the child's name. Medication must be taken to the office by the parent and cannot be brought by the child.

Visitors
Visitors and parents are welcomed in the school to conduct business, hold conferences, attend birthday celebrations and for special events. All people are required to report to the office upon entering the building to pick up a visitor's badge and then sign the visitor's sign-in and sign-out book. All visitors are required to wear a visitor's badge while they remain in the building and on school grounds. Visitors are required to sign-out when they leave and turn in their visitor's badge.

Parent volunteers are also required to report to the office to pick up a volunteer's badge and to sign the volunteer sheet as well.
***(for certain reasons/events parents may be required to have a background check to be in the building.**

STUDENT CONDUCT
Our Administrators and School Board work hard to ensure that our students are educated in a safe school environment. Student conduct plays an important part in ensuring safety and in creating an atmosphere that is conducive for proper learning. READY Academy Christian School is very proud of the positive environment it has established for its children, parents, staff, and visitors. Based on the school's Code of Student Conduct, guidelines have been established by the classroom teachers and the school in order to maintain this environment. School regulations apply in the school building, on the school grounds, and at any event where the school is represented.

As school is the first institution outside of the home where students learn, we stress the importance of respecting the rights and property of others, being helpful to other students and to adults, resolving disagreements in appropriate ways, and just learning how to be good citizens.

The Golden Rules of the READY Academy;

1. All students must, at all times, show respect for God, teacher, other adults, other students and themselves.
2. All students must follow directions the first time.
3. All students must learn to the best of their ability.

Unfortunately, there are times when a child might forget how to be a good citizen or disregard the practices of proper conduct. Whenever this occurs, the teacher or the school administrator may have to intervene with some form of discipline such as the taking away of privileges, placing a child on a behavioral contract, holding conferences with the child's parent(s), or removing the child from the classroom or school for a specific period of time. However, in order for the child to learn the importance of proper conduct, it is imperative that the parent be supportive of the action(s) taken to help correct the problem. All of our children benefit from seeing the home and school working together on one accord.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Students of the Month

Students of the Month are recognized each month with a certificate, a special treat and special recognition.

Display of Student Work

Children get a real sense of pride when their work is displayed for everyone to see. Look for your child's work displayed in our classrooms and hallways.

Perfect Attendance

Student achievement is directly tied to attendance. In order for students to take advantage of all that our school has to offer, they need to attend regularly. We recognize perfect attendance in extra special ways. Perfect Attendance is defined as a student who attends 75% or more of each school day; for the school year.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Parents and students are reminded that a child's only job is to come to school each day prepared to learn as much as he/she possibly can. Our students will focus on the Bible, the Major Academic Courses including Phonics, Reading, Arithmetic, Handwriting, Science, Social Studies; and Special Focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). It is our obligation to prepare students as much as possible for the 21st century and beyond. This is a school where "failure is not an option, mediocrity is unacceptable, and excellence is our standard."

Documentation Requests

All requests for financial invoices, student documents, and/or legal requests must be submitted in writing. Processing time for these requests may take up to 1 week.

In conclusion, we look forward to working with your family this year as we give your child the best education we possibly can.

IMPORTANT:

The READY Academy expects ALL PARENTS TO:

1. Fully support the teaching and learning goals of your child's teachers.
2. Attend ALL PSTA meetings possible.
3. Support ALL PSTA/School Fund Raisers/Special Programs
4. Work cooperatively with teachers/administrators for the betterment of your child.

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DAILY UNIFORM DRESS CODE & SEASONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM CALENDAR

MONDAY ~ GIRLS CHAPEL ATTIRE
- NAVY BLUE V-NECK PLEATED JUMPER/ *YELLOW PETER PAN BLOUSE - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- NAVY BLUE & GOLD PLAID CROSS TIE / SOLID BLACK /LEATHER SOLE BUCKLED DRESS SHOES
- NAVY/YELLOW DRESS SOCKS OR TIGHTS

PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES - NO TENNIS SHOES

MONDAY ~ BOYS CHAPEL ATTIRE
- NAVY DRESS PANTS / *YELLOW CLASSIC DRESS SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- NAVY BLUE & GOLD PLAID TIE / BLACK BELT
- BLACK SOCKS / SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE DRESS SHOES

PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES - NO TENNIS SHOES

**** TUESDAY ~ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ GIRLS & BOYS**
- SUMMER/SPRING SHORT PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM ….**OR**….FALL/WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM
- BLACK CREW SOCKS & SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES – WITH BLACK SHOE STRINGS ONLY

PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY ~ GIRLS
- NAVY KICK PLEAT SKOOTER/ SLACKS/ SHORTS
- YELLOW POLO SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- NAVY/YELLOW SOCKS OR TIGHTS & SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE OR SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY ~ BOYS
- NAVY SLACKS OR SHORTS
- YELLOW POLO SHIRT - LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES
- BLACK SOCKS & SOLID BLACK RUBBER SOLE OR SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES

**** FRIDAY ~ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ GIRLS & BOYS**
- SUMMER/SPRING SHORT PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM…. **OR**…FALL/WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM
- BLACK CREW SOCKS & SOLID BLACK TENNIS SHOES WITH BLACK SHOE STRINGS ONLY

PK3 & PK4 MUST WEAR VELCRO CLOSURES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM CALENDAR

SEASON FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM	STARTING DATES	ENDING DATES
Summer/Spring	August 31st	October 31st
Fall/Winter	November 1st	April 20th

ADDENDUM:
- STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR YELLOW MONOGRAMMED POLO SHIRT UNDERNEATH THEIR FALL / WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM.
- PLEASE BE ADVISED, IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.
- STUDENTS MUST WEAR GIRLS / BOYS NAVY CARDIGAN SWEATER, ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM… NO OTHER SWEATER/ COAT/ JACKET MAY BE WORN IN THE CLASSROOM.
- **HAIR ACCESSORIES** MUST BE SOLID BLUE/ SOLID YELLOW/ SOLID WHITE/ SOLID CLEAR/ NO OTHER COLORS ALLOWED.
- JEWELRY – NO SILLY BANDS, FINGER RINGS, INAPPROPRIATE OR DANGLING EARRINGS – (Acceptable studs: gold, navy blue, diamond-like).

READY UNIFORMS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE FRENCHTOAST WEBSITE: WWW.FRENCHTOAST.COM … OR … BY CALLING 1-(800) 373-6248
***READY SHIRTS / BLOUSES / POLOS & CARDIGAN SWEATERS MUST BE MONOGRAMMED**
ATTIRE CAN BE MONOGRAMMED BY FRENCH TOAST – SOURCE CODE QS5EVJM … OR… READY'S LOCAL MONOGRAM VENDOR (ADDITIONAL COST)

ABC Memory Verses

A - All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*

B - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. *Acts 16:31*

C - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*

D - Depart from all evil and do good. *Psalm 34:14*

E - Even a child is known by his doings. *Proverbs 20:11*

F - Fear not, for I am with you. *Isaiah 43:5*

G - God is love. *1John 4:8*

H - Honor your father and your mother. *Exodus 20:12*

I - If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. *John 14:14*

J - Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*

K - Keep your tongue from evil. *Psalm 34:13*

L - Look to me and be saved. *Isaiah 45:22*

M - My son, give me your heart. *Proverbs 23:26*

N - No man can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24*

O - O give thanks to the Lord: for He is good. *Psalm 118:1*

P - Praise you the Lord: for it is good to sing praises to our God. *Psalm 147:1*

Q - Quit you like men, be strong. *1Corinthians 16:13*

R - Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Exodus 20:8*

S - Seek you the Lord while he may be found. *Isaiah 55:6*

T - The Lord sees me. *Genesis 16:13*

U - Unto you, O God, do we give thanks. *Psalm 75:1*

V - Verily, verily, I say to you, whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. *John 16:23*

W - Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. *Psalm 56:3*

X - Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us. *2Peter 1:4*

Y - You are the light of the world. *Matthew 5:14*

Z - Zion heard and was glad. *Psalm 97:8*

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We Make the Difference…Let's Team Up For Our Students

Discipline Plan

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain on it. Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

All education begins with good discipline. The root word of discipline is disciple. By administering positive and negative consequences for behavior, we train students to become self-disciplined. It is our aim to maintain a level of conduct by all students that will create an environment suitable for learning for all students.

Your cooperation is needed. Whenever school and homework together are educating the children, EVERYONE IS A WINNER, especially the CHILDREN. Please team up with us as we teach our students to choose the right path.

To keep you informed about your child's behavior the teacher will send home an apple in his or her Homework Folder each day.

The color "Green" indicates…Good Behavior
The color "Yellow" indicates…Needs Improvement
The color "Red" indicates…Unsatisfactory Behavior

Please Check the color each day and Praise or Discipline as the ***color*** indicates. Also please ensure that the behavior chart remains in The Homework Folder. Of course, our ultimate goal is a "Green" every day! Each morning as you depart from your child; give him or her big hug and wish your child a "Green Day".

Oh God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I have constantly told others about the wonderful things you do. Psalm 71:17 NLT

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Month _____ Year_____

PARENTS

Please initial over each stamp each day.

- Listens in Class
- Follows Directions
- Completes Homework
- Completes Work/On Task
- Shares
- Has Pencil and Paper
- Keeps Materials Neat
- Writes Neatly
- Writes Name on Paper
- Uses Manners
- Cooperates
- Shows Respect to Others
- Talks During Instruction
- Calls Out
- Does Not Follow Directions
- Does Not Complete Work
- No Homework Handed in
- Needs to Cooperate
- Needs to Write Clearly
- Needs to Follow Rules
- Needs Supplies
- Fighting
- Name Calling
- Hitting
- Talking Back
- Other/Comment on Back

See Daily Box for Comments

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here
Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here

Excellent

Good

Needs Improvement

Unacceptable

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REFERRAL FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERRING STAFF MEMBER

Referral Date _____ Time _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____

Referred By: _____

Please Check One or More of The Following:

- **Constantly Out of Seat**
- **Hitting Others/Uncooperative**
- **Refuses to Listen and Follow Directions**
- **Disrespectful/Rude to Classmate**
- **Disrespectful/Rude to Teacher**
- **Talking Out of Turn**
- **Constantly Off Task**
- **Disobedient /Uncooperative**

Explain Reason for Referral: _____
_____
_____

Prior intervention(s) For This Action: (Circle one or more)

Behavior Modification Plan **Time-out/Isolation**
Conference with Child/Warning **Conduct Notice**
Conference with Parents **Daily Conduct Tablet**

Teacher - Action Taken_____
_____
_____

Administration – Action Taken_____
_____
_____

Number of Times Student was Referred This Week: _____
Date(s) of Previous Referral(s): _____
Director/Assistant Director: _____
Signature
Parent's Signature_____
Response_____
_____
_____

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DISCIPLINE REFERRAL FORM

_____
Name of Student

_____
Date

_____
Teacher/Teacher Assistant

Reason(s) For Office Referral

_____

_____

_____

Action(s) Taken By Administration

_____

_____

_____

_____
Signature of Administrator

_____
Date

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STEAM CURRICULUM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

SEPTEMBER **SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS**

- **The Sense of Hearing**
- **Seeds Travel**
- **Probing Into Plant Parts**
- **Spooky Spiders and Wacky Webs**
- **Give Me Five**
- **Core Concept**
- **All About Grouping**

OCTOBER **TECHNOLOGY**

- **Computer/Internet**
- **Language Arts**
- **Art**
- **Introduction To Word Processing**
- **Mathematics, Science, Computer/Internet**
- **Technology at Bay Point Elementary**
- **Core Concept**

NOVEMBER **ENGINEERING**

- **Building The Mayflower**
- **Thanksgiving Quilt**
- **Making A Leprechaun Trap**
- **The Little Three Pigs**
- **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**
- **Space Case**
- **Choo Choo**
- **Humpty Dumpty**
- **Maxi The Race Car Dog's Activity**
- **Maxi The Race Car Dog's Web Text**

DECEMBER **ARTS**

- **Brain Songs**
- **Shape Hokey Pokey**
- **Fun With Shape**
- **Heavenly Hands**
- **Finger Print Trees**
- **Shiny Painting**
- **Angel Potato**
- **Kente Cloths**
- **Multicultural Art**
- **Art Specialist for December**

JANUARY **MATHEMATICS**

- **M&M Counting**
- **100th Day of School**
- **Where Is Triangle?**
- **Mathematics/Arithmetic**
- **Counting Cheerios**
- **Cookie Fractions – The School Bell Rang**
- **Shape Hokey Pokey**

- **FEBRUARY – SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS**
- **MARCH – TECHNOLOGY**
- **APRIL – ENGINEERING**
- **MAY – ARTS/STEAM FAIR**
- **JUNE – MATHEMATICS**

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STEAM

Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics

HOW TO PRESENT STEAM PROJECT

The STEAM Fair will begin on Tuesday, May 4, 2027, promptly at *5:00 p.m.*, with our *PK3, PK4,* and *K5 students.* On Wednesday, May 5th, *1st and 2nd Grade students will present promptly at 6:00 p.m.* Lastly, on Thursday, May 6th, *3rd,, 4th, and 5th Grade students will present promptly at 6:00 p.m.* PLEASE BE PRESENT AND ON TIME.

STEAM PROJECT SUGGESTIONS:
Have your child(ren) begin by saying the following:

My name is: First and Last Name

My STEAM Project is titled: _____. My STEAM area is _____.
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

Have your child give the definition of the STEAM area their project relates to: For example, Science is learning about your surroundings.

Have your child tell at least 3 main points about his/her project. 1. Why they chose this project.
2. Parents may assist by PROMPTING their child (ren) if the child should need assistance.
3. Have your child say "Thank You" when he/she is finished telling about his/her project.

NOTE: If 2 or more siblings are presenting the same project, parents must discuss their selected night with each child's Teacher. The sharing of projects will not be allowed if your child(ren) are in grades 3rd – 5th.

ALL PROJECTS MUST BE TURNED IN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30th,
AND PRESENTED IN CLASS ON MONDAY, MAY 3rd FOR A STEAM GRADE.

ALL PROJECTS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN TASTE N SEE THE DAY OF YOUR CHILD'S PRESENTATION. DURING THE PRESENTATION, VARIOUS JUDGES WILL QUESTION YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR PROJECT. YOUR CHILD'S PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN WITH THEIR PROJECT ALSO. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLACE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THREE STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5, FOR PROJECT PRESENTARION FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL. THESE STUDENTS WILL BE CHOSEN BY HOW THEY PRESENTED THEIR PROJECTS TO THE JUDGES. ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ON TIME, ALL STUDENTS MUST PRESENT ON THEIR CLASS NIGHT UNLESS YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO MRS. CASON FOR CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND YOUR CONTROL. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON THE EVENING OF THEIR CLASS PRESENTATION, FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR PRESENTATION NIGHT, WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO FOR NON-PATICIPATION, IF THE PARENT HAS NOT SPOKEN WITH ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO THE STEAM FAIR. STUDENTS WHO PRESENT NIGHTLY MUST BE PRESENT DURING THE ENTIRE TIME OF THEIR STEAM FAIR NIGHT.

HAVE A SUPER, FUN FILLED STEAM LEARNING WEEK!!!

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2026-2027
STEAM FAIR WEEK

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS and MATHEMATICS

The READY Academy Christian School will hold its Annual STEAM Fair Finale Week. The STEAM Fair Week will begin Tuesday, May 4, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. This Fair is the culmination of our STEAM Program and a way to assess your child on the knowledge retained in each area of STEAM during the 2026-2027 school year. This is a family project; however, your child(ren) will be assessed on their presentation and knowledge of their STEAM project. Because our enrollment has grown, we will have each INDIVIDUAL grade level to present their STEAM Projects on the following dates:

- **PK 3 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS - TUESDAY, MAY 4th - 5:00 P.M.**
- **PK 4 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS - TUESDAY, MAY 4th – 5:00 P.M.**
- **K5 STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – TUESDAY, MAY 4th – 6:00 P.M.**
- **1st GRADE STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS –WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th – 6:00 P.M.**
- **2nd GRADE STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATION – WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th – 6:00 P.M.**
- **3rd, 4th, and 5th GRADES STEAM PROJECT PRESENTATIONS –THURSDAY, MAY 6th – 6:00 P.M.**

ALL Projects are due on Friday, April 30, 2027. ALL STEAM Projects will be on display in their classrooms until the Student's Presentation night is done. All READY Runners will wear their BEAUTIFUL NEW READY T-shirts at their scheduled STEAM Student Presentation. (Parents may order and wear matching shirts if you'd like). We suggest that you wear your t-shirt and match your "Super STEAM Stars"!

Please follow the STEAM Project Guidelines Below: 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades ONLY, will follow the guidelines for Scientific Investigation, sent home by your child's classroom teacher.

- **FOCUS on 1 AREA of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) THE STUDENT MUST CHOOSE THEIR FAVORITE STEAM AREA.**
- **Use a FREE-standing poster cardboard for the project. (Example, each end of the cardboard poster should be able to fold). An example of the poster cardboard will be at the Greeter's Desk. It may be purchased at Office Max, Office Depot,**
  Wal-Mart or The Dollar Store. (Other choices are available as well. These are suggestions.)
- **All STEAM information may be attached to the poster cardboard, and some may be placed on table in front of the standing poster cardboard. However, a free-standing poster board MUST be used for ALL STEAM PROJECTS.**
- **All students are required to participate. Please feel free to make this a family project. Before beginning, have a family meeting and ask your child(ren) to tell the family about everything they remember and learned about each area of STEAM. Begin with science and continue until each area has been discussed. Then get suggestions from each family member. Please keep in mind that everyone is allowed to give input, but only the student will be able to explain the project during the STEAM Fair presentation. Parents and siblings may introduce the project and explain how your family planned and prepared for the STEAM Fair. The presentations should be child-friendly, specific, and brief. (3 minute max.)**
- **READY Academy siblings may design one STEAM project poster and share the oral presentation. If 2 or more siblings present together, the parent must select 1 of the 3 evening dates and inform each child's teacher. *This applies to PK3-2nd Grade students only! STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5 will follow the guidelines for SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION and will present by themselves.**
- **The project MUST be completed and turned in by Friday, April 30, 2027. The children will present their project to their classmates on Monday, May 3, 2027.**

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE DEFINITION OF EACH AREA OF STEAM:

SCIENCE – is learning about your surroundings.
TECHNOLOGY – is the use of computers and other things in our surroundings to make work easier.
ENGINEERING – is the bridge that connects science, mathematics, and technology.
ARTS – The Arts are…music, dance, drama, visual art and other creative expressions.

MATHEMATICS – is the use of numbers and symbols to count and measure.
If you have any questions regarding our STEAM Fair Week, contact your child's teacher first. If there are still unanswered questions, please call Ms. Mills at 622-5650. Your cooperation and support with our 23nd Annual STEAM Fair is appreciated.

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2026– 2027
DAILY SCHEDULE
PK3/WILKERSON/DAUGHTRY

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)
08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed
08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set The Tone For A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Today's Instructional Centers**
- **Behavior Management**

Chapel/Mondays
08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday
08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs
09:00 – 10:15 – Phonics/Language Development/Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity

09:00 – 09:35 – Phonics/Language Development/Instructional Activity/WILKERSON/Group # 1
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/DAUGHTRY/Group # 2

09:40 – 10:15 – Phonics/Language Development/Instructional Activity/DAUGHTRY/Group # 2
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/WILKERSON/Group # 1

10:20 –10:30 – BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR RECESS
10:30 –10:55 – RECESS/PREPARE FOR LUNCH

11:00 – 11:30 – LUNCH
11:30 – 11:45 – BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR NAP
11:45 – 01:30 – NAP

01:30 – 01:45 – UP FROM NAP/BATHROOM
01:50 – 02:30 – STEAM (Mon/Wed) Tech Time (Tue/Thur.) Art/Math Lab (Fri)
02:30 – 03:00 – Readiness Skills
03:00 – 03:15 – Drop Everything And Read/D.E.A.R.
03:15 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack
03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)
03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal
04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
10:30 – 10:55

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2026 – 2027
DAILY SCHEDULE
PK4 FULFORD/KNOX/ALEXANDER

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/ (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM)
08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed
08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management/PK4 TEACHER'S INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOM

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Today's Centers**
- **Behavior Management**

Chapel/Mondays 08:30 – 09:00
08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday–Friday
08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Phonics/Language Development/Handwriting/Math

09:00 – 10:35 Phonics/Language Development/Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity
09:00 – 09:45 – Phonics/Language Development/Reading/Instructional Activity/FULFORD/Group # 1
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/TBA/Group # 2

09:50 – 10:35 – Phonics/Language Development/Reading/Instructional Activity/FULFORD/Group #2
– Handwriting/Math/Instructional Activity/TBA/Group # 1

10:40 - 10:55 – TRANSITION/BATHROOM BREAK/PREPARE FOR LUNCH
11:00 - 11:30 – LUNCH
11:35 - 11:55 – RECESS
12:00 - 01:35 – NAPS WILL BE TAKEN IN INDIVIVUAL CLASSROOMS
01:40 - 02:00 – GET UP FROM NAP/BATHROOM BREAK

02:05 - 02:30 – READINESS SKILLS/FULFORD/Group #1
– STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art/Heritage (Fri)/TBA/Group #2
02:35 - 03:00 – READINESS SKILLS/TBA/Group #2
– STEAM (Mon/Wed)/Tech Time (Tue/Thur.)/Art (Fri)/FULFORD/Group #1

03:00 – 03:15 – Drop Everything And Read/D.E.A.R.
03:15 – 03:30 – Prepare for Snack
03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)
03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal
04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
11:35 – 11:55

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth
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DAILY SCHEDULE
K5/BENNETT/BULLOCK

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)

08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Front Lobby Bathrooms

08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management (TOGETHER)

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set The Tone For A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Today's Instructional Centers**
- **Behavior Management**

08:30 - 09:00 - Chapel/Mondays

08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition (Tuesday – Friday)

08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading and Centers

09:00 – 10:00 – Phonics/Reading Groups/Writing Prompts

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Phonics/Reading/BENNETT Reading Group # 1**
- **BULLOCK Group #2 Phonics Reinforcement/Worksheets**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Phonics/Reading/BENNETT Reading Group # 2**
- **BULLOCK Group #1 Phonics Reinforcement/Worksheets**

10:00 - 10:15 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading and Math Groups

10:15 - 11:45 -Math Groups

- **10:15 – 11:00 – Math Group/BENNETT Math Group # 1**
- **BULLOCK Group #2 Instructional Centers/Worksheets**
- **11:00 – 11:45 – Math Group/BENNETT Math Group # 2**
- **BULLOCK Group #1 Instructional Centers/Worksheets**

11:50 – 12:00 – Transition Prepare for Lunch

12:05 – 12:35 – LUNCH

12:40 – 01:00 – RECESS

01:00 – 01:15 – Bathroom Break

01:15 – 02:00 – Handwriting (Mon/Wed/Fri) Spelling (Tues/Thurs) (SEPARATE GROUPS)
Transition from Handwriting or Spelling @ 1:35 to Poetry

01:35– 02:15 – Poetry (Mon/Wed/Thur.) (TOGETHER)

02:15 – 02:45 – Social Studies (Mon/Wed/Fri) Science (Tues/Thurs) Skill Development (Mon-Thurs) (SEPARATE GROUPS)

02:45 – 03:15 – Heritage (Mon.)/Tech Time (Tue.)/STEAM (Wed.)/Art (Fri) (TOGETHER)

02:45 – 03:15 – D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read (Thur.) (TOGETHER)

03:15 – 03:30 – Review/Pack Folders and Homework Sheets/ Early Dismissal

03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
12:40 – 01:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DAILY SCHEDULE
1ST GRADE LEWIS /SAMUELS

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT
DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)
08:00 – 08:15 – Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Media Center Bathrooms
08:20 – 08:30 – Morning Management

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
  - **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
  - **Pledge to the Bible**
  - **Attendance – Calendar – Weather – Birthdays**
  - **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
  - **Today's Instructional Centers**
  - **Behavior Management**

08:30 - 09:00 - Chapel/Mondays
08:30 – 08:55 – Bible (Tuesday – Friday)
09:00 – 10:00 – Phonics/Reading Groups/Centers

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Reading LEWIS Group #1**
- **SAMUELS Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Reading LEWIS Group #2**
- **SAMUELS Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **10:00 – 10:20 – Phonics LEWIS Group #2**
- **SAMUELS Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **10:20 – 10:40 – Phonics LEWIS Group #1**
- **SAMUELS Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

10:45 - 11:00 – Movement Songs/Transition to Math Groups
11:05 – 12:05– Math Groups/Centers

- **11:05 – 11:30 – Math LEWIS Group # 1**
- **SAMUELS Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **11:35 – 12:05 – Math LEWIS Group # 2**
- **SAMUELS Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

12:05 – 12:35 – LUNCH
12:35 – 12:45 – Bathroom Break
12:50 – 01:05 – RECESS
01:10 – 02:10 – Writing (Mon/Wed/Fri) Spelling/Poetry (Tue/Thur.)
02:10 – 02:40 – Social Studies (Mon/Wed) Science (Tues/Thurs)
02:45 – 03:15 – Handwriting (Mon.) Tech Time (Tue) STEAM (Wed) Art (Fri)
02:45 – 03:15 –D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read (Thurs)
03:15 – 03:30 – Review Homework/Pack Books That Need to go Home/ Early Dismissal
03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND

03:55 – 04:00 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal
04:00 – 06:00 – Aftercare

12:50 – 01:05

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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2026 - 2027
DAILY SCHEDULE
2nd GRADE ROBINSON/POWELL

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)
08:00 – 08:15 – Morning Management

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Behavior Management**

8:15-8:30 Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Front Lobby Bathrooms
Chapel/Mondays
08:30 – 09:00 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday
09:00 – 10:00 – Reading Groups/Seatwork

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Reading ROBINSON/POWELL**
- **Group # 1/Group #1 (and Groups #2/Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork)**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Reading ROBINSON/POWELL Group # 2/Group #2 (and Group #1/Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork)**
- **10:00 – 10:15 Phonics POWELL Groups #2 ROBINSON Group #2 (and Group #1/**
- **Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork)**
- **10:15 – 10:30 –Phonics POWELL Group #1 ROBINSON Group #1(and Group #2/**
- **Group #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork)**

10:30 – 11:30 – Math Groups/Seatwork

- **10:30 – 11:00 – Math ROBINSON Group # 1 (and Groups #2 Instructional Centers/**
- **Seatwork**
- **Math POWELL Group #1 (and Groups #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **11:00 – 11:30 – Math ROBINSON Group # 2 (and Group #1 Instructional**
- **Centers/Seatwork**
- **Math POWELL Group #2 Seatwork(and Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

11:30 – 11:35 – Transition/Prepare for Lunch
11:35 – 12:05 – LUNCH
12:10 – 01:10 – Writing/Spelling (Mon/Wed/Fri) Language Arts/Poetry (Tue/Thurs)
01:20 – 01:40 – RECESS
01:45 – 01:55 – Bathroom Break
02:00 – 02:30 – Health/Science (Mon/Wed) History (Tue/Thurs)
02:35 – 03:15 – Handwriting (Mon) Tech Time/Math Lab (Alternate Tue) STEAM (Wed) Art/Heritage (Alternate Fri)
03:00 – 03:15 – Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR) (Thurs)
03:15 – 03:25 – Prepare for Snack
03:30 – 03:50 – Snack Time (In Classroom)
03:55 – 04:15 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal

04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
01:20 – 01:40

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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DAILY SCHEDULE
3RD GRADE THOMAS

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT
DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)
08:00 – 08:15 – Morning Management

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Behavior Management**

08:15 – 08:30 Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *Media Center Bathrooms
Chapel/Mondays
08:30 – 09:00– Bible/Transition/Tuesday–Friday
09:00– 10:00 – Reading Groups/Centers/Seatwork

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Reading Group #1/Group #2 Seatwork/Group/Instructional Centers**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Reading Group #2/Group #1 Seatwork/Group/Instructional Centers**

10:00 – 11:30 – Math Groups/Centers/Seatwork

- **10:00 – 10:45 – Math Group #1/Group #2 Seatwork/Instructional Centers**
- **10:45 – 11:30 – Math Group #2/Group #1 Seatwork/Instructional Centers**

11:30– 11:35 – Transition/Prepare for Lunch

11:35 – 12:05 – LUNCH
12:05 – 12:25 – RECESS
12:30 – 12:40 – Bathroom Break
12:40 – 01:35 – Writing (Mon/Wed/Fri) Spelling/Poetry (Tue/Thurs)
01:40 – 02:10 – Science/Health (Mon/Wed) History (Tue/Thurs)
02:10 - 02:40 – Math Extension (Mon/Wed/Fri)
02:40 – 03:00 – Heritage (Mon) Language Arts (Tue/Thurs) STEAM (Wed.) Art (Fri)
03:00 – 03:15 – Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)
03:15 – 03:45 – Handwriting
03:45 – 04:10 – Review Reading/Math/Homework/Review Days Subjects/Early Dismissal
04:10 – 04:25 – Snack Time (In Classroom)
04:25 – 04:30 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal
04:30 – 05:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
12:05 – 12:25

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DAILY SCHEDULE
4TH GRADE/BUTLER
5th GRADE/CUFFEE

07:45 – 08:00 – Daily Morning Prayer/Announcements *Over Intercom (ALL TEACHERS MUST REPORT
DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS)
08:00 – 08:15 – Morning Management

- **Pledge to the American Flag**
- **Pledge to the Christian Flag**
- **Pledge to the Bible**
- **Attendance – Calendar – Weather –Birthdays**
- **Set The Tone for A Positive Learning Climate/Directions for Seatwork**
- **Behavior Management**

8:15 – 8:30 Bathroom Break/Teacher Directed *4th Grade Classroom Bathrooms/5th Grade Front Lobby Bathrooms
Chapel/Mondays
08:30 – 08:45 – Bible/Transition/Tuesday – Friday
08:45 – 08:55 – Movement Songs/Transition to Reading Groups/Seatwork
09:00 – 10:00 – Reading Groups/Seatwork

- **09:00 – 09:30 – Reading Groups #1 (With Teacher)**
- **Groups #2 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**
- **09:30 – 10:00 – Reading Groups #2 (With Teacher)**
- **Group #1 Instructional Centers/Seatwork**

10:00 – 11:30 – Math Groups/Seatwork

- **10:00 – 10:45 – Math Group #1/Group #2 Seatwork**
- **11:15 – 11:45 – Math Group #2/Group #1 Seatwork 4th and 5th Grades**

11:45 – 12:15 - Math Extension (Mon/Wed/Fri) Language Arts (Tue/Thurs)
12:15 – 12:50 – Writing (Mon/Tues/Wed) Spelling/Poetry (Thurs/Fri)
12:55 – 01:25 – LUNCH
01:45 – 02:05 – RECESS
02:10 – 02:20 – Bathroom Break
02:25 – 02:50 – Science/Health (Mon./Thurs.) History (Tue/Wed)
02:55 – 03:20 – STEAM (Wed.) Tech Time/Math Lab (Tue/Thurs) Art (Fri)
03:25 - 03:45 – Handwriting (Mon.-Thur.)
03:50 - 04:00 - Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR) (Fri)
03:50 – 04:00 – Review Reading/Math/Homework/Review Days Subjects/Early Dismissal
04:00 – 04:25 – Snack Time (In Classroom)
04:25 – 04:30 – Prepare for After-Care/Dismissal
04:30 – 06:00 – Aftercare

DAILY RECESS/PLAYGROUND
1:45 – 02:05

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DAILY LUNCH AND SNACK SCHEDULES

DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE

11:00 – 11:30 – PK3/PK4

11:35 – 12:05 – 2nd/3RD GRADES*

12:05 – 12:35 – K5/1ST GRADES*

12:55 – 01:25 – 4TH/5TH GRADES

DAILY SNACK SCHEDULE*

03:30 – 04:25 – PK3-5th Grades *(Time varies per class)

*All Snacks will be eaten in the classroom

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DAILY RECESS
PLAYGROUND SCHEDULE

10:30 – 10:55 – PK3 WILKERSON/DAUGHTRY

11:35 – 11:55 – PK4 FULFORD/KNOX/ALEXANDER

12:05 – 12:25 – 3RD GRADE/THOMAS

12:40 – 01:00 – K5 BENNETT/BULLOCK

12:50 – 01:05 – 1ST GRADE LEWIS/SAMUELS

01:20 – 01:40 – 2ND GRADE/ROBINSON/POWELL

01:45 – 02:05 – 4TH/5TH GRADE BUTLER/CUFFEE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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READY's 20 Daily Rules for Polishing Our Students for a Successful Life

Rule # 1 **When responding to any adult, you must answer by saying "Yes ma'am or No sir". Just nodding your head or saying any other form of yes or no is not acceptable.**

Rule # 2 **Make eye contact. When someone is speaking, keep your eyes on him or her at all times. If someone makes a comment, turn and face that person.**

Rule # 3 **Always say "Thank You" when someone gives you something. If you do not say it within three seconds after receiving the item, it will be taken back. There is no excuse for not showing appreciation.**

Rule # 4 **Answer questions with a complete sentence. Also, in conversation with others, it is important to use complete sentences out of respect for the person's question. For example, if a person asks, "How are you?" instead of just responding by saying, "Fine," you should say, "I am doing fine, thank you. "How about yourself?"**

Rule # 5 **Homework will be turned in each day, (Tuesday – Friday and usually for each subject) by every student with no exceptions.**

Rule # 6 **When we are in transition from one subject to the other, the change will be swift, quiet, and orderly. We should consistently be able to turn from one book to another, complete with all homework and necessary materials, as quickly as possible.**

Rule # 7 **We will follow certain classroom protocols. We will be organized, efficient, and on task. In order to do so, we will follow these rules:**

A. Do not get out of your seat without permission. Exception: If you are sick, raise your hand and leave immediately.

B. Do not speak unless:

1. **You raise your hand, and the teacher calls on you.**
2. **Teacher asks you a question, and you are responding**
3. **It is recess or lunch**
4. **Teacher instructs you otherwise**

Rule # 8 **Flush the toilet and wash your hands after using the restroom. When you are in a public rest room, get a paper towel before washing your hands, use the paper towel to turn off the faucets and press the dispenser to get another paper towel to dry your hands. (Or use the towel to press the button to start the dryer.) The last thing you want to do is touch areas with clean hands that others have touched with dirty hands.**

Rule # 9 **We will often have visitors to our school. If someone is coming to visit your class, the teacher may send two students to the front door of the building. If so, students(s) will welcome the person to our school. Then take the person to the front office and introduce them to whoever is in the front office. Afterwards give them a brief tour of the building as you bring him or her to the classroom. —For PK3 through K5, a teacher will assist the 2 selected students.**

Rule # 10 **The ABC's Etiquette manners when dealing with food:**

A. When you first sit down for a meal, immediately place your napkin in your lap. If your silverware is wrapped in a napkin, unwrap it as soon as you sit down and place the napkin in your lap.

B. When you finish eating, place your napkin beside your plate. Don't crumble it because you don't want to seem untidy.

C. Never place your elbows on the table.

READY's 20 Daily Rules for Polishing Our Students for a Successful Life (Cont'd)

Rule # 11 **After we eat we will clean up after ourselves. This includes cleaning off the tables and making sure we have not left any trash on the floor or around the eating area. It is important to be responsible for your trash no matter where you are and be sure not to litter.**

Rule # 12 **When we ride on a bus or van, we will always sit facing forward. We will never turn around to talk to other students or get up out of our seats. When we exit the bus or van, we will always thank the driver and tell him or her to have a good day.**

Rule # 13 **When we are on a field trip, there will be no talking as we enter the building.**

Rule # 14 **During chapel or any program do not speak and do not look around and try and get the attention of your friends in your or other classes.**

Rule # 15 **When in line, walk single file, two or three feet behind the person in front of you with your arms by your side, (or your teacher may require "Bubbles and Hands in the back). Always respecting other's personal space. Absolutely no talking in line.**

Rule # 16 **Never cut line. If someone cuts in front of you, do not say or do anything about it. Let it happen but let the teacher know about it quietly after we return to our classroom. The teacher will handle the situation. If you fuss with someone who has cut line, then both of you will be in trouble with the teacher. Handle all other disputes the same way. Come to the teacher quietly about any problem. Your teacher will handle it. "Tatter Tails" are unacceptable in our classroom.**

Rule # 17 **If any child in this school is bothering you, let your teacher know. Your teacher is here to protect you. Bullying at this school is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.**

Rule # 18 **No matter what the circumstances, ALWAYS be HONEST. Even if you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it to your teacher, because your teacher will respect that, and oftentimes he/she may forget any disciplinary measures because of your honesty. Always strive to be the best you can be.**

Rule # 19 **If you are asked a question in conversation, you should ask a question in return. If someone asks, "Did you have a nice weekend?" you should answer the question and then ask a question in return. For example: "Did you have a nice weekend?" Answer "Yes, I had a great time. My family and I went shopping. What about you? Did you have a nice weekend? Did you have a nice weekend?"**

Rule # 20 **You will make every effort to be as organized as possible.**

Taken from Ron Clark's: The Essential 55

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY
Reaching Educationally Aspiring Dynamic Youth
IMPROPER UNIFORM DRESS ATTIRE TICKET
2026– 2027

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TEACHER(S): _____

The Item(s) Checked Below Indicate Improper Uniform:

INCORRECT UNIFORM FOR THIS DAY: ☐ MON ☐ TUES ☐ WED ☐ THURS ☐ FRI
NO TIE: ☐

IMPROPER TIE: ☐

IMPROPER CROSS TIE: ☐

PANTS/CHAPEL DAY (GIRL): ☐

INCORRECT COLOR PANTS: ☐

INCORRECT COLOR BLOUSE/SWEATER: ☐

INCORRECT COLOR SHIRT/SWEATER: ☐

POLO SHIRT/INCORRECT DAY: ☐

BELT NOT BLACK: ☐

SHOES NOT BLACK: ☐

SOCKS NOT BLACK: ☐

GIRL'S DRESS SOCKS/TIGHTS NOT NAVY OR YELLOW ☐

BOY'S SOCKS/NOT BLACK: ☐

JEWELRY (NO SILLY BANDS, FINGER RINGS, DANGLING EARRINGS): ☐

ALL HAIR ACCESSORIES MUST BE SOLID BLUE/SOLID YELLOW/SOLID WHITE/SOLID CLEAR/NO OTHER COLORS ALLOWED: ☐

ANY COLORED HAIR WEAVED OR BRAIDED INTO HAIR, MUST BE NO OTHER COLOR THAN BLUE OR YELLOW

BOOTS/SANDAL'S/OPEN TOES NOT ALLOWED: ☐

Please follow school dress code policy.

A uniform violation ticket will be issued each time your child is out of uniform compliance and there will be a fee of $5.00.

Note: If you have any concerns about this requirement please ask to speak with an administrator.

Parent Signature: _____

Comment: _____

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Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY ALONG WITH NON-COMPLIANT FEE.

VIOLATION TICKET #: _____

The signature(s) below indicate that this Handbook has been reviewed by parent(s)/guardian(s) and child, and that all rules/regulations/expectations will be followed.

Please download, sign and return this sheet ONLY. PLEASE keep Handbook for a reference.

_____

Student Name

_____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature(s)

_____

Date

FOR IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION THIS HANDBOOK MUST BE READ FROM COVER TO COVER!

COMMENTS/FEEDBACK

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
READY ACADEMY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2026-2027
PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE REQUIREMENT CONTRACT

READY Academy Christian School is working diligently to keep tuition fees affordable so that parents will be able to provide a Christian and Superior Academic Education for their children.

In our efforts to continue providing an affordable private school education for our students, all of our parents/guardians MUST volunteer a total of 2 hours for READY Academy per household during the school year.

Student Name(s): _____ _____

Grade(s) _____ _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ _____
Print Name **Print Name**

Best Telephone #(s)
Signature(s) _____ _____

I can volunteer in the following area(s):

_____ **Classroom Assist/Tutor (*Will Need Division of Social Services/DSS Background Check)**
STEAM/CHROME
_____ **Before School Program**
_____ **After School Program**
_____ **Cafeteria Monitor**
_____ **Yearbook/Photography**
_____ **Videographer**
_____ **Room Parent**
_____ **Beautification Projects**
Technology
_____ **PSTA Fundraisers**
_____ **PSTA Membership**
_____ **Teacher Appreciation**
Other (List)

****FORM BELOW MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY, TURNED IN AT THE FRONT DESK ON THE SAME DAY VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS RENDERED AND SIGNED BY THE ASSIGNED STAFF MEMBER****

After the completion of each volunteer service the information below must be filled out completely, signed, and turned in at the Front Desk to Office Staff Member on the same day volunteer service is rendered.

Name(s) of Student & Grade: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date of Service: _____

Area of Volunteer Service: _____

Volunteer Hour Start & Finish Time: _____

***Total Time Volunteered:** _____

Signature of Volunteer: _____

Confirmed Signature: _____
Assigned Staff Member

***1/2 HOUR INCREMENTS ONLY**

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

JULY 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

3 Independence Day Holiday Observed

AUGUST 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

24–28 Pre-service Days
26-28 School Supply Drop-Off from 2-5
31 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

4-7 Labor Day Holiday
15 PSTA Meeting #1 & Open House

OCTOBER 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

5 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference
19 Fall Picture Day*
30 Harvest Fest
1-14 Fall Pal's Testing
13-26 IOWA Testing 3rd-5th Grade

NOVEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

3 Staff Professional Development Day
11 Veterans Day Holiday
17 PSTA Meeting #2
19 Report Card #1
24 Early Release at 12 noon
25–27 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

DECEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

17 Christmas Program
18 Holiday Celebrations
21-31 Winter Break

JANUARY 2027

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1 Winter Break Cont.
18 MLK Holiday
25 Teacher Workday

FEBRUARY 2027

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1-26 Black History Month Recognized
4 Report Card #2
12 100th Day of School
15 Presidents Day Holiday
26 Black History Program

MARCH 2027

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2 Read Across America
16 PSTA Meeting #3
17 Career Day
22 Spring Picture Day
25 Easter Program/Holiday Celebration
26 Teacher Workday/Good Friday
29–31 Spring Break

APRIL 2027

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1–2 Spring Break Cont.
15 Report Card #3

MAY 2027

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3-7 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
4-6 STEAM Fair
28 Teacher Workday
31 Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2027

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2 Awards Assembly
4 Kindergarten Graduation
7 5th Grade Crossing Over
9 Field Day
11 Last Day of School, Early Release at 12noon
11 Report Card #4
14 Teacher/Staff Workday & Close-out

LEGEND

	School Days for Students and Staff
	No School for Students, Teacher Workday
	No School for Students and Staff
	Special Events/Picture Day
	First and Last Day of School

Quarters/Marking Periods		
Quarter	End Date	Duration
Q1	November 2	43 days
Q2	January 22	43 days
Q3	March 25	42 days
Q4	May 28	40 days

Additional Legend Designations
PS – Preservice Week
H – Holiday *(school closed)*
ER – Early Release Departure at 12noon
PSTA– PSTA Meetings and Open House