



RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Runge Elementary Parents and Guardians,

The academic performance across all Runge ISD campuses has never been stronger, and much of that success is due to your partnership and commitment to your child's education. I want to take a moment to thank you for supporting our teachers and staff as we work together to ensure every student grows academically and socially.

At Runge High School, we have seen tremendous improvement in student punctuality, thanks to parents ensuring their children arrive on time each day. For those few students who continue to struggle with tardiness, Mrs. Torres has implemented behavior intervention plans that are already showing positive results.

Mrs. Jones has also implemented the same plans at the elementary level. However, for a small number of families, these interventions have not yet been successful in improving morning attendance. Beginning **Tuesday, October 28**, I have added an attendance-tracking period at the start **of the school day** for students in **grades PK3–5**.

It is important to remember that **state law requires students to attend regularly on all instructional days**. Some parents believe that arriving by 10:00 a.m. counts as being present. While this may meet the minimum attendance requirement for state reporting, it does not reflect the expectation that students participate in instruction from the first bell to the last—every minute of instruction counts toward your child's success.

By adding this attendance period, we aim to reduce classroom interruptions and strengthen instructional time for all students. We ask for your support in helping your child arrive on campus and be ready to learn each morning when the school day begins.

Thank you for your continued support of Runge ISD. Together, we are ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Educationally Yours,

Hector O. Dominguez, Jr.
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