



Thomas Elementary

CAMPUS GUIDE

2016-2017



Thomas Elementary “Leader in Me” School

The Seven Habits:

Habit 1: Be Proactive • You're in Charge

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind • Have a Plan

Habit 3: Put First Things First • Work First, Then Play

Habit 4: Think Win-Win • Everyone Can Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

- Listen Before You Talk

Habit 6: Synergize • Together Is Better

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw • Balance Feels Best



Welcome to Thomas Elementary!

Whether you're a newcomer to our school or a returning Texan, we hope you'll find the 2016-17 school year to be a memorable and educationally successful one. Thomas has established a reputation for excellence and high achievement and we want to continue these accomplishments! Thomas is a "Leader in Me" school and we want parents to become more involved with the Leader in Me activities at school and extend those to the home as well. Be looking for Leader in Me opportunities for families as the school year begins.

Please take time to read the handbook to remind you or to become familiar with school procedures. We hope that parents will visit us often and become an active member of our school community.

Cindy Hay

Principal

The Thomas Office Staff

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Cindy Hay	Principal
Tabitha Coffman	Assistant Principal
Joy McKnight	Secretary
Sandi Rainwater	Instructional Coordinator
Nikki Kittley	Counselor
Catherine Ruiz	Nurse

Thomasville

Thomasville is unique to AISD. It is an opportunity to purchase items at store fronts in the hallway maned by 5th grade students. Students earn Accelerated Reading points by testing on a book the student has read. Once a month the students go by grade level to Thomasville to spend their points.



Using the Circle Drive

In the mornings when you drop students off at school:

The **left lane** is for drop off and through traffic. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended. **Please pull into a parking space if you need to come into the building.**

The **center lane** should be left open for through traffic. Please do not stop or halt traffic in the center lane.

The **right lane** is for drop-off. Please do not park in this lane or leave your vehicle. Remind children to exit the vehicle on the right side if at all possible so that they will not be exiting into traffic.

Mrs. Robinson oversees the crosswalk and student pick-up in the afternoon. Please follow her directions to ensure the safety of all of our children. **In the afternoons** when you pick up:

The **left lane** is for pick-up. Please do not stop or halt traffic in the left lane.

The **center lane** is for pick-up. Pull forward to the crosswalk and a crossing guard will assist your child to the car.

The **right lane** is for buses and daycare vans. Please do not park in this lane or block the buses.

If you will be picking up students from the parking lot, please pull into a parking space. Do not block the buses. The circle drive is a fire zone. Parking is not permitted. If you need to park, please park in the parking lot. Please observe the two painted cross walks in the drive-thru. Watch for children crossing, and do not stop in these areas. In addition, state law prohibits the use of cell phones in school zones. **Please refrain from using your cell phone while in the circle drive for the safety of our children.**

Title 1 Information

- Thomas is a Title 1 campus. What does that mean?
 - a) Any campus with more than 40% of its students that receive lunch assistance is eligible for Title 1 assistance. Thomas has almost 70% of our students that receive lunch assistance.
 - b) We receive additional staff and funding to help meet our students' needs:
 - Jill Dennis & Debbie Miller – reading intervention
 - Denise Davis – parent coordinator
 - Literacy Library
 - Parent Involvement is an important component to the Title 1 program.
 - Five Categories:
 - 1) Planning (surveys, ARD meetings, Parent Compact)
 - 2) Parent Education (PAC meetings, Awards assembly, Meet the teacher, Book Fair, PTO meeting, Discipline folder)
 - 3) Conference (parent-teacher, parent-principal, counselor)
 - 4) Family Home Learning Activity(reading log, homework folder)
 - 5) Volunteer (field trip, PTO officer, refreshments, tutoring, fundraiser, room party, supplies)