



# Clayton County Public Schools

## Office of the Interim Superintendent

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Greetings Parents,

We appreciate you making sure your child is ready for school. Your role in your child's academic and behavioral success is important. We gladly communicate with our parents when we start new programs. This letter shares a new program for elementary schools that supports a safe school culture and a quality learning environment.

In Clayton County Public Schools, we define discipline as the *practice of teaching and training students to follow rules or a code of conduct using strategies to correct inappropriate behavior*. Sometimes, students don't follow the rules. In most cases, we can get the student back on track using strategies and resources in the classroom. Sometimes, we have to take action that requires using resources and strategies outside of the classroom. Because of this, all elementary schools will have an Opportunity Room by March 20, 2023.

The Opportunity Room is for students who are persistently disrespectful and who disrupt the learning environment. The Opportunity Room is a place where students can reflect on their inappropriate behavior and learn a new appropriate behavior to use in the future. In order to continue their learning, students will have access to their classroom assignments.

Although ensuring all students can remain in the classroom and engage in the learning process is our ultimate goal, we can assign the Opportunity Room to students for a few hours or the entire day based on the inappropriate behavior. It is important to note that if a student is assigned to the Opportunity Room for the entire day (or six hours), we will consider this as ***In School Suspension***.

We ask you to work with us to make sure our students understand the importance of following the rules. There are ways to support us.

- Please review the student code of conduct in the Student Handbook with your child.
- Please keep an eye on how your child is feeling each day and how they are doing academically.
- Please use the resources provided by the school to help our students feel connected and to improve their academic skills.

Thank you for continuing to be an essential partner!

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony W. Smith  
Interim Superintendent