

RUTH RAINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Cross City, Florida 32628
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Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 8
5:30–7:00 P.M.

Principal
Chris Lord

Assistant Principal
Jimmy Bray

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“CONTINUING TO “ACHIEVE THEIR BEST”



Ruth Rains Middle School faculty and staff would like to welcome students and parents to an exciting new school year. We hope you had a relaxing, safe and fun-filled summer. This year at Ruth Rains Middle School, you will see several new faces including a new principal and new teachers in every grade level. We are excited to begin a new year and look forward to helping students achieve their best. We are committed to building relationships with students and parents as we teach, support, and encourage students to set and reach goals and become successful citizens.

We encourage students to get involved in extracurricular activities. These activities include: Jr. BETA, SWAT, FFA, Drama, Cheerleading, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, and FCA. Our physical education department runs a school wide intramural program twice a year.

Ruth Rains Middle School rewards students for their academic success as well as their effort. These rewards include: Principal's Club, 100% Club, All Stars, and Accelerated Reader.

We invite you to our Meet Your Teacher Night on August 8, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:00. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 10, 2016. This is an early release day @ 12:35.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make this the best year yet!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students in grades 6-8 are expected to attend school on a regular basis in order to receive the necessary instruction to be promoted.

Excused Absence – is defined as medical with written verification, Religious Holiday as verification by a religious official, death in the immediate family with a printed funeral announcement, or a school sponsored activity. Notes for Excused absences must specify date(s) and are due within three (3) days or absence will be and will remain Unexcused. Parents will be contacted by automated telephone service or home visit will be attempted after each unexcused absence.

Tardy to School – On those occasions when your child arrives late to school, by any method other than district provided transportation, an unexcused tardy will be given.

Tardies – A tardy is defined as a student not being in his/her assigned seat when the tardy bell has sounded. A student will be written on a discipline referral on the third tardy to a class. Tardies start over at the beginning of each semester.



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DRESS CODE

We take pride in the appearance of our students. The appearance or dress of students shall not be disruptive to the educational process. All students are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothes that are suitable for learning. Fashion trends often suggest clothing that may be acceptable outside of school but may not be acceptable inside of school. The following standards will be observed:

- Dresses, skirts, skorts and shorts are to be appropriate length, beyond the fingertips when arms are extended.
- Tank tops may not be worn.
- Hats, caps and headgear are not to be worn on campus during school hours.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Any tops or shirts must have a 3" shoulder seam. Undergarments should not be exposed and pants must be worn at the natural waistline.
- Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, notebooks, etc. must not display alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, racial/ethnic slurs, vulgar or sexually suggestive language or images.
- Shirts, blouses and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back; shorts and tops must go to the waistband of pants, shorts, skirts and skorts with no midriff visible.
- Prohibited items:
 - 1) large, long and or heavy chains
 - 2) studded or chain accessories
 - 3) sunglasses
 - 4) sleepwear
 - 5) skin-tight outer materials such as spandex
 - 6) wildly colored hair
 - 7) any other apparel/clothing which the principal/or designee determines to be unacceptable will not be worn to school.

Students may receive disciplinary action for failure to abide by the school dress code.

Phones are not to be visible, turned on or used during school hours. This includes texting, camera function (video/or still photo).