



ELEMENTARY DIVISION INFORMATION (GRADES 1-4)

Elementary Division Administration & Staff

Superintendent: Don Mayes • Elementary Division Head: Jeff Lilley • Curriculum and Educational Specialist: Rhonda Normand • Counselor: Angel Barnes

Accreditations & Memberships

Louisiana State Approved School • Advanc-Ed (Formerly SACS - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Southern Association of Independent Schools • Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools

Faculty

The elementary school faculty is a group of dedicated professionals committed to emphasizing academics in a Christian environment. Teachers regularly participate in professional growth activities including national and regional seminars, institutes, and conferences to enhance their content knowledge and teaching skills. Six of our twenty-six Elementary Faculty hold advanced degrees.

Student Teacher Ratio: Each grade level has four sections, none of which exceed 22 in a classroom.

Grading Scale

A+ 98-100	C 73-76
A 93-97	C- 70-72
A- 90-92	D+ 67-69
B+ 87-89	D 63-66
B 83-86	D- 60-62
B- 80-82	F Below 60
C+ 77-79	

**Lower Elementary
& Non-Core Subjects:**
S Satisfactory
N Needs Improvement
U Unsatisfactory

Dress Code

Elementary school students wear Parkview Baptist School uniforms on a daily basis. However, Fridays are designated as spirit days and students are encouraged to show their team spirit with Friday Spirit Shirts and uniform bottoms.

Elementary Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. School Begins (Carpool begins at 7:30)
- 3:15 p.m. Dismissal (Carpool runs until 3:45)
- Early Morning Care provided for a fee 6:30-7:30am
- After Care Daycamp provided for a fee by PBCBR from 3:45-6:00pm

THE FOUR A'S IN ELEMENTARY – Abundant Life, Academics, Arts and Athletics

Abundant Life

Abundant Life is the foundation of our school. Elementary students and faculty attend chapel each Thursday at 8:15am. The chapel program is designed to be a time of worship, praise and the study of God's word. Parents are always invited to join us for chapel. Additionally, Bible is taught as a separate subject at 8am – first thing in the morning each day. Students also participate in various grade-level mission projects throughout the year.

Academics

The elementary curriculum is developmentally appropriate and involves hands-on activities. Teachers incorporate multiple teaching strategies and technologies to appeal to every learning style. Through careful planning and research, teachers are able to provide a strong foundation that fosters critical thinking skills. Special attention is given to language acquisition including reading, writing and speaking skills. Using manipulatives, models, and deep questions, students gain a conceptual understanding of the math concepts they are taught. They are able to move beyond surface level memorization of skills to explain the applied process. Science is an inquiry-based program designed to allow the students to experience the concepts in which they are learning. The social studies curriculum is rich in non-fiction literature. In third and fourth grade, interactive notebooks are incorporated.

- **Academics - First & Second Grade:** When children enter the first grade, they are eager to learn and create. The program at PBS is designed to use these natural tendencies to build skills in reading, writing, math, Bible, science and social studies. The language arts curriculum is a balanced literacy program which provides phonics instruction, small group reading instruction and writing experiences to meet the students' needs. Math manipulatives are commonly used to help develop number concepts. Students in first and second grades are engaged daily in hands-on activities to develop knowledge and understanding of the world around them.



- **Academics -Third & Fourth Grade:** Children in third and fourth grades are still easily motivated to learn new ideas. As a result, PBS teachers enrich the academic curriculum with art, music, experiments, technology and hands-on activities. Students are held to high expectations of self-discipline, respect and kindness. With this in mind, students have the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, socially and physically through a curriculum designed to meet each students' needs.
- **Field Trips:** Students in the elementary division are provided many opportunities to learn off-campus. Field trips are designed to be an extension of the classroom. Local favorites include the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, nearby plantations, Pennington Planetarium, LIGO, Cohn Arboretum, Global Wildlife, and the Louisiana State Museum. While off-campus, students are engaged in interactive activities to achieve maximum learning.
- **Learning Lab:** Children in the Elementary who need either remediation or more challenge can be pulled out and serviced in our Learning Lab. PBS employs a part time reading specialist and can use Learning Lab time for outside specialists such as speech therapists, to pull students out to work with them.
- **Library:** Parkview Baptist School has a library used by students to teach them to be life-long learners. Students are taught how to find and use information. The library has a large collection of print materials: nonfiction books, fiction books, reference books, and current magazines. Students also have access to online resources including encyclopedias, databases, and websites appropriate for students in kindergarten through 4th grades. Another major goal of the library program is to encourage students to develop a love for reading. Students in third and fourth grades participate in the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program established by the State Library of Louisiana
- **Spanish:** The second language program at PBS offers students the opportunity to begin communicating in Spanish. The curriculum exposes students to the language, the countries where the language is spoken and the culture of the people who speak Spanish. This allows children to have a more global perspective of the world in which they live as well as sharpening their cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- **Technology:** Technology is frequently used in the elementary division to engage students in all disciplines. ACTIVboards, ACTIVotes, document cameras, computers, and classroom sets of iPads are widely available to enhance interactive lessons.

Arts

The elementary division strives to bring out the artistic talents in all of its students. Through drama, music and visual arts, PBS strives to develop artistic skills and knowledge in all students. All elementary students participate in music and art classes two times a week.

- **Visual Art:** The elementary art program is designed to teach children to appreciate the beautiful world God has made and to see His artistic craftsmanship through the world of fine art. Students are presented with various projects based on the elements of art: color, form, line, shape, space, texture and value. These projects help inspire students to express themselves while experiencing the use of different media. Art history and exposure to the works of famous artists are interjected into the curriculum throughout each project.
- **Music:** The elementary music department is proud to provide the newest and most effective teaching methods to inspire great musicianship. Every child has the opportunity to learn about composers and music history along with music theory and composition. The music classroom is a great place to find a child's creative side through the use of hands-on teaching and a strong eurhythmics teaching program. This program combines a unique technique of bodily response to rhythm and music using improvisation and artistry

Athletics

In an effort to increase physical activity, elementary students participate in a developmentally appropriate physical education program four times a week. Emphasis is placed on exercise, basic skill development and group activities. The elementary students also participate in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program and Jump Rope for Heart. Additionally, students are allowed to participate with Parkview's award-winning Heart & Soul jump rope team beginning in second grade. In third grade, girls are invited to participate in Girls on the Run.

- **Physical Education:** The physical education curriculum consists of structured themes and units that are age appropriate to each grade level. PE Coaches strive to instill Christ-like character traits while helping students develop life-long skills of teamwork and cooperativeness. Our goal is to educate students on the importance of having a healthy and active lifestyle. Students participate in activities that improve motor skills, which are needed for athletics and physical fitness. They also learn how to work individually and as a team.

The mission of Parkview Baptist School, in partnership with the church and community, is to seek first the Kingdom of God while providing students with a college-preparatory, Christ-centered education that allows them to grow and mature in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

non-discriminatory admissions policy

