



Discovery Ridge Elementary

Dr. Curtis Cain
Superintendent of Schools

Recipient of the "Distinction In Performance" Award
- Every year since 2006 -

Mrs. Laura Bates
Principal

Mrs. Laurie Zaleuke
Assistant Principal

Every Minute Counts

Discovery Ridge Elementary is dedicated to student success. One of the most important factors in determining academic success is the amount of time a student spends in the classroom. We track student attendance by recording the number of minutes a student is at school each day. Attendance data is then submitted to the Missouri Department of Education. The State of Missouri requires each student to have at least 90% attendance per school year. This includes excused and unexcused absences. Wentzville School Board Policy #2310 and Regulation #2310 address Student Attendance. Discovery Ridge Elementary has a total of 178 school days this year. The school day starts at 8:35 a.m. The expectation is that students are in the classroom by the time the bell rings at 8:35 a.m.

Last year, Discovery Ridge Elementary as a whole averaged 95.44% attendance. This put us as one of the top schools in the school district. It is our goal to have the best attendance rate in the district this year. Here are a few suggestions to encourage good attendance:

- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school today and talk positively about school.
- Talk with your child about why it's important to attend school regularly.
- Ensure your child is at school on time and is not taken out of school early.
- Show your child why education is important with examples of how education allows people to succeed.

Join us and challenge your student to **"Make Every Minute Count!"**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura Bates'.

Laura Bates,
Principal