

Adults who Support your Children at School

R.K. Finn Ryan Road Elementary School

Everyone works together here at R.K. Finn Ryan Road School to care for and help children with positive decision-making. These are people who could help your child during the day as we work to create a safe and friendly school:

1. Classroom Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and ESPs (Educational Support Personnel) in the classroom. ESPs also do an incredible job in classrooms, in the cafeteria, and on the playground building relationships that help our students feel appreciated.
2. Principal, Sarah Madden. I work hard to set a positive school-wide tone and to follow up with concerns in a thoughtful, careful manner.
3. Student Support Specialist, Chris St. George. His role is to support students in class, in the cafeteria, on the playground, and in the hallways to reach their potential and learn self-regulation strategies. He helps me respond to emotional and behavioral challenges and responds to children's mistakes with respectful, reasonable, and logical consequences.
4. School Adjustment Counselor, Vickie Brown. Vickie's role is focused on listening and problem solving with students as they navigate relationships throughout the school day. She supports social emotional learning individually and in groups.
5. School Psychologist, Clara McCoy. Clara will be conducting psychological assessments as part of our special education process, but she also has a good deal of experience dealing with behavioral challenges and will work with teachers and our team to help guide students toward positive learning opportunities.
6. BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst), Dan White. Dan has joined our Ryan Road community this year, which will allow us not to have to contract out for this service. Dan brings experience in creating plans to improve problematic behaviors at school.
7. Nurse Karen Schiaffo. Nurse Karen certainly deals with any medical issues, but she is also an incredible support for students who might be having any variety of discomforts.
8. Head Teacher, Rebecca Minton. Ms. Minton is our PE teacher and also our Head Teacher. She is quick to support with any community needs and gives extra support if I am ever out of the building.
9. Office Staff: There are times when our school secretary, Cheryl Michon, or the administrative assistant, Vanessa Keillor, will be the first people to deal with upset children. Their role is to de-escalate and show compassion until another member of our team can come and help. We are always available on walkie-talkies to help with any issues that arise.

Our team of Sarah Madden, Chris St. George, Vickie Brown, Clara McCoy, Dan White, and Karen Schiaffo has weekly "Care Team" meetings to discuss any students who we have noticed need an increased level of support. Sitting down together on a weekly basis helps us to monitor needs and problem solve together so that we can best support teachers and students at school.

Please contact any of us on the Care Team or your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns at anytime during the school year.

