

Principal's Welcome Letter

August 1, 2024

Dear Explorers Academy Families,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and fun summer. I am Mrs. Deirdre Bruce Chalmers, the Principal here at Explorers Academy, (E.A.S.T.). Two campuses, one school, 728 Parkside, (K-4) and 1850 Airport, (5-9). I bring twenty-five years of urban teaching experience, former Principal, Teacher of Mathematics, Instructional Coach, and Dean of Students. Education is my passion; I am here to serve. I am extremely proud to serve this amazing learning community and excited to meet each one of you during this upcoming school year. This new school year brings the promise of renewed dedication, focus and energy to the mission of teaching and learning. With that said, the Explorers Academy of Science and Technology staff are ready to kick this year off in true ROCKET style!

I would like to welcome all our new families, whether you are joining us from another school or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share that Explorers Academy is a special place for all children. Our teachers, support staff and families are ready to welcome you into the Rocket Community.

The resolute staff at Explorers has been working tirelessly to finalize classes and schedules, fine tune our instructional models, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of fostering academic success. Our teachers and staff are eager to meet our new students and begin this year's journey with them.

Our primary goal this academic school year is to ensure student proficiency in core subjects, with strong emphasis on reading and math. We will work together to create a solid foundation for our students so that they can become self-directed learners, collaborative teammates, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

My staff and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our students' success and want you to know that we will do our absolute best to fulfill our responsibilities.

As the Principal, please know that my door is always open to address any questions, ideas or concerns. Please feel free to contact me at the email listed below or here at the school. Again, welcome to an amazing school year!

Educationally Yours,

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