

NO EXCUSES IS OUR 2015-16 "MOTTO" AT **COFFEEN SCHOOL**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We are committed to creating a school that knows no limits to the academic success of each student. We support college readiness for every student at every age. We don't wait until high school, that's too late. They need to learn it now. Beginning in Pre-K teachers use vocabulary words like scholar, university, and mascot. At the elementary level, we refer to anything after high school, as 'college'. Every classroom learns about their college mascot, their college colors, what majors are available, maybe the specialty of the college or a college cheer. It is an atmosphere of high expectations.

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

Students will understand that education doesn't end after high school. Every student, without exception, and without excuse, will be proficient in reading, language arts, and math.

HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE IT?

Every person on staff believes that there are NO EXCUSES for poor effort, and that student achievement is our responsibility. It takes a commitment from everybody; teachers, parents, and the principal, to build the entire school's culture around college readiness.

THE FACTS.

If we start the conversations on the first day of Kindergarten, spending just 5 minutes a day talking about college, the student would have spent 195 hours thinking about, envisioning, planning, and asking questions about college. Compare that to only 30 hours of college conversations if started in the 11th grade. Who do you think will be more prepared for college?

If you would like additional information regarding the idea behind No Excuses University go to turnaroundschools.com.