

First Day of School August 28, 2023

Dear HSES Families,

Tomorrow is the first day of school! The energy and enthusiasm we felt from our families at Open House on Friday added to our excitement for the new year. Please read the reminders below carefully so that you are ready for the first day of school. As we shared at Open House, please send your child(ren) to school the way they will normally arrive during the year.

Starting routines on day 1 will set them up for success for the rest of the year. We can't wait to get the year started! See you all tomorrow!

Sincerely,

Amanda Wadsworth, Principal

&

Aaron Tark, Assistant Principal

Arrival Information

School Times: 9:15 - 3:45

9:00 Doors Open

9:15 Instruction Begins

After 9:15, please bring your child in to sign them in.

Dismissal Information

3:45 Dismissal Process Begins

Order of Dismissal:

1. Car riders, walkers, van riders and aftercare are called first.

(The first week of school Kindergarten and 1st will be called earlier to help them learn the dismissal routine.)

2. Bus Riders are called after the above listed groups when at least half of the buses are in the parking lot.

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Bus Riders are called by grade level with our youngest learners being called first.

We appreciate your patience during the first week as we adjust to arrival times of our buses in the morning and the afternoon.

A few helpful hints, requests, and reminders for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

- Staff is there to help. Please treat them kindly.
- Please have your car loop sign with your child's number and name in your windshield at dismissal. If you did not get your number, we will be distributing them at dismissal.
- PLEASE wait in your car if you are a car rider.
- Please do not arrive prior to 3:30. This causes congestion at the light.
- **You cannot park in the car loop parking lot. See link to our procedures shared previously below.**
- **You cannot cross the bus loop parking lot at arrival or dismissal. Please use the sidewalk.**

Arrival / Dismissal Procedures [LINK](#)

Please be patient during arrival and dismissal. It will take a while, but if we work together, it will go smoothly.

Car Riders

Morning:

Drive into the car loop (not the bus loop).

Pull as far forward as you can go. Have your child exit the car by the sidewalk. PLEASE do not have them exit into the parking lot as it is not safe.

Have your child prepared with all of their items.

Afternoon:

Please have your car tag with your child's name (and the names of all children that you are picking up) in the window.

- Pull as far forward as you can.
- Children will be called to your car.

- Be mindful when you are picking up your children in the car.
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CARLOOP and leave your car. This stops all dismissal.
- Please do not drive around others in the loop.
- Stay off of your phone! Let's keep everyone safe!

Bus Riders

If your child is able to ride the bus, we highly encourage you to allow them to do so!

Morning:

Students will be picked up at their designated bus stop. The school does NOT provide supervision at these locations.

When students arrive at school, they will be let off the bus, and they will head into the building.

Afternoon:

Bus riders will be called when approximately half the buses are in the loop and students will walk out.

Students will have assigned seats and our older students will sit in the back.

Please review bus etiquette with your children. There is one adult on the bus, and that is the bus driver. The bus driver needs to focus on driving.

How can I find my child's bus?

We understand there have been some bus number changes since the bus locator opened to parent view earlier last week. We encourage you to check Bus Locator again today to ensure you have the correct bus number for your child for Monday morning. Please review the following [HCPSS Transportation](#) Information

Parents and guardians are asked to once again review and verify school and transportation information for each child through [Family File in HCPSS Connect](#) before school begins tomorrow, Monday, August 28, 2023. If any information is incorrect, please reach out to transportation@hcpss.org.

Walkers

If you are able, PLEASE WALK TO SCHOOL.

Afternoon:

Wait for your walker on the sidewalk in front of the building.

After Care

Students will gather in the cafeteria.

Changing Dismissal Plans

If you need to change your child's dismissal plan, please do the following:

Write a note to your child's teacher.

Email your child's teacher and our secretaries at hseabsences@hcpss.org and let them know there is a change.