



## Hillpoint Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the next transition of the 2020-2021 school year! Our faculty and staff have been waiting to begin face-to-face instruction which will provide our students with another opportunity for success. Listed below are a few changes/reminders that will continue to assist with the safety of our students and staff.

### **Hybrid vs. Virtual:**

To eliminate confusion, please understand the difference between Hybrid and Virtual learning. Hybrid learning is where students learn through a mix of hybrid and online activities. In this model, students attend school 2 days a week and complete work at home on the remaining 3 days. Virtual learning is where students learn through live virtual instruction 4 days a week from home. Friday is designated as an asynchronous virtual learning day for all students.

### **My Child Is Hybrid, What Does this Mean?**

Elementary Hybrid students will receive 2 days of face-to-face instruction and 3 days of asynchronous learning activities via Canvas. For example, if your student is assigned to Cohort A, they will attend school for face-to-face instruction on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday they participate virtually via asynchronous learning activities assigned via Canvas. In order for students to return to this model of learning, the SPS Parent Acknowledgement Form must be completed. The link is provided here: [COVID 19 Screening-Parent Acknowledgement](#). Please note that cohort assignments will be mailed out to all families on March 8, 2021.

### **My Child is Virtual, What Does this Mean?**

All virtual students will log in daily, Monday-Thursday, for live instruction. Friday will be an asynchronous virtual learning day. The Canvas platform will continue to be used for the virtual setting for completing assignments. Please note that virtual teacher assignments as well as the updated schedule will be mailed out to all families on March 8, 2021.

### **Morning Drop Off Procedures:**

Students are welcomed into the building from the school bus and parent drop-off line promptly at 9:00 a.m. For the safety of all students, there will be staff to greet your child/children outside. At this time, our staff will not be opening car doors for the parent drop-off line. Please do not allow your students to get out of the vehicle until you are located in the front of the building doors to ensure student safety from moving vehicles. Students that arrive after 9:25 a.m. must be signed in at the front kiosk and receive a tardy slip.

### **Breakfast and Lunch:**

Breakfast and lunch will be provided and eaten in the classrooms daily. No visitors will be allowed to eat with students at this time. Due to a grant, breakfast and lunch will be free to all students.

### **Everyday Tag Pick- Up Procedures:**

If your students will not be riding the bus and will be transported by a parent/guardian, they must participate in the Tag Pick-up process. When you arrive to pick-up your child, you will stay in your car. When you reach the front of the building, your child will be walked out to you with one of our staff members.

- When dismissal begins, everyday pickup students (those students with everyday pick up letters on file) will be called down to the gym as they await your arrival.
- Parents must have placards visible daily for student pick up. If the placard is not visible, parents will be required to park and come into the building to sign out the student(s).
- Parents must be prepared to show their identification daily and sign out their student(s).
- Anyone who is not included on the application will not be allowed to pick up the student.
- Please have your own pen ready to use for sign out to help reduce contact.
- Students will **NOT** be allowed to switch back and forth between the bus and Tag Pick-up.

Dates to come and pick-up your tag placard are forthcoming.

**The main office will not honor calls placed to hold any child off of the school bus if you are not able to arrive by the scheduled dismissal time of the building.**

### **Visitors:**

Although we enjoy having parents/guardians in the building, in an effort to maintain the safety of our building and maximize instructional time for our students, no visitors will be allowed this school year. Students that are tardy to school will walk to class without parental supervision. School safety and instruction are the priorities of our building and we must honor both to increase the success for our students. Although you are always welcomed into our building, please understand that the faculty, staff, and students are in classrooms working to maximize each students' potential daily.

**Website:**

Please visit our website below for other pertinent information in regards to the hybrid model reopening transition.

<https://hes.spsk12.net/home>

**Communication:**

If at any point in the school year you have any concerns about your child/children in our building, please don't hesitate to communicate your needs. Establishing communication between parents and teachers is vital to the process of education. We appreciate working together to facilitate the learning process for our students as we continue the remainder of our exciting school year.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Kristal Taylor, Ed.S.*

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Principal