



## Early Childhood Pre-K FAQs

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### KEY 2020-21 PRE-K DATES:

- **September 4:** Parent Orientation Meetings (virtual)
- **September 8-11:** Virtual Orientation Week
- **September 9-18:** Pre-K Device Distribution

### VIRTUAL TRAINING:

#### Will training be offered for families to help connect virtually?

Yes. We are offering multiple LIVE virtual trainings to explain how to connect and answer questions.

[Click here to access the sessions below.](#) Sessions are offered multiple times each day. Just click the time of the session you want to log into. [You can also access previously recorded sessions here.](#)

- **September 4:** The Inclusive Classroom
- **September 9:** Be Ready with Office 365
- **September 16:** Connect, Create and Achieve More with Communication and Digital Citizenship

### STUDENT DEVICES & HOTSPOT REQUESTS:

#### When will Pre-K families receive student devices?

Pre-K device pick-up will take place September 9-18. Pick-up dates, times and locations vary by Pre-K site, and each site has a specific make-up date. [View the full schedule here.](#)

#### Will Pre-K families receive Hotspots?

There is no guarantee hotspots will be available for Pre-K students. However, we are working with private donors to secure funding to purchase internet hotspots for Pre-K families who do not have home internet access.

### VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION:

#### When will Pre-K families receive the Remote Learning Manual and school supply kits?

The printed manual will be distributed with devices. School supply kits are expected to be available before Fall Break.

#### How will students be grouped for virtual instruction?

Teachers and assistants will conduct small group instruction via breakout rooms with planned groups of students.

#### What curriculum will my child's teacher use?

The Pre-K curriculum is Big Day Curriculum.

**Will teachers record their lessons?**

Yes. We want to provide parents the opportunity to engage in lessons at a later time with their students, if necessary. The classroom teacher will provide links to access all of their recorded lessons.

**DAILY SCHEDULE****Will all Pre-K students have the same schedule?**

Teachers will keep the same 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. schedule all day, but students' schedules may vary depending upon the needs of each individual family. Students will break out into small groups with teachers and assistants, as well as engage in individual learning times with teachers and assistants.

**What should be done the week of September 8-11?**

Teachers will use the week of September 8-11 to get families oriented to the virtual learning experience. Teachers will schedule individual times to assess students on Brigance (virtually or in person), make sure parents have schedules that are specific to their child, and make sure families know how to access the virtual classrooms when they get their devices.

**How often am I expected to communicate with my child's teacher?**

The expectation is for teachers to have daily contact with parents. This may vary depending upon the small group and individual lesson schedules. These times should be considered communication, as well as phone calls, text messages, emails, etc., to monitor student engagement and support the remote learning activities parents will provide.

**What should I be doing until all students receive devices?**

Teachers should still be available on their remote learning platforms. If any students do not have a device to log in an engage, staff will reach out to families to provide them with activities from the remote learning manual and/or other activities they can do at home that do not require technology.

**How will attendance be taken?**

Teachers will record attendance daily within the first 30 minutes of the school day. The teacher assistant will take the attendance from the platform's participant list and login information. All students must log into class no later than 8:30 a.m. to be marked as present for the day.

**PRE-K MEAL DISTRIBUTION:****When will Pre-K meal distribution begin?**

Pre-K students will be able to pick up weekly meal boxes at the Pre-K site every Thursday beginning September 10.

**What is the difference between a Pre-K meal box and a K-12 meal box?**

All Pre-K meal boxes will include breakfast, lunch and a snack as a part of their daily meal.

**Can Pre-K parents pick up their meal boxes at a middle or high school?**

Yes. Parents will have the option to pick up a meal box at any SCS school location. The only difference is that boxes picked up at a non-Pre-K site will not include a daily snack.