

What should my scholar bring on the first day of school? Backpack, lunchbox, morning snack, labeled water bottle, school supplies, literature book, green parent-teacher communication folder and student planner. We also recommend bringing a labeled uniform sweater (the a/c can get chilly!)

What time does carline begin? Morning carline will begin at 7:15am on Tuesday, August 13th. All students will enter and exit from Cooper Street. **The right lane is unassisted – students may exit their vehicle when the traffic director holds up the stop sign. The left lane is assisted – students must wait for a teacher to open their door, and escort them to the sidewalk.** Students must be seated in their classrooms by 7:45am or they will be marked as tardy. **Upper School siblings can be dropped off at the same time as Lower School scholars.**

May I walk my student to class on the first day of school? Our carline procedures make it unsafe for parents to get out and walk students into the school building. Allowing your child to hop out of the car in carline that morning and walk into his/her new school ready for a wonderful day of learning is a gift, especially for children who may be inclined to suffer separation anxiety. We will have plenty of teachers available outside and in our hallways to make sure our newest scholars are given a warm welcome and make it to the right place. **Please do not park and walk your students in.**

Should I pack my scholar lunch? Yes. We do encourage healthy eating habits and ask that you pack your scholar a full and healthy lunch. Please be sure to pack a nutritious morning snack for K-5 students. **Scholars who do not bring lunch from home will be given a school lunch, which costs \$4, charged to their online lunch account.**

**Families are welcome to apply for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program. See website for details! **

What is the uniform policy? [The uniform policy is outlined online and in our academy handbook.](#) The basics are as follows: Great Hearts white or light blue polo shirt, with navy-colored pants or shorts for K-5 students. Female students are allowed to wear the uniform skirts, with modesty shorts underneath. Shoes should be all black or all white and meet our [dress-code guidelines](#).

When is pick-up? Afternoon carline starts at 3:30pm and ends at 4pm, Monday-Thursday, and 1:30pm-2pm on most Fridays. There are a total of 6 full-day Fridays this year—[these are listed on the academic calendar](#). Full day Fridays follow a Monday schedule, 7:45am-3:30pm.

Lower School scholars with siblings in the upper school should be picked up in the Upper School carline, between 4pm-4:25pm. Those picking up students MUST have their student placard displayed on their dashboard every single day. ***Please note that we will not accept the yellow placards from the previous school year! ***

If you need a replacement placard, please email GHAfrontdesk@greatheartstxschools.org. Replacement placards will cost \$2.

How long can I expect to wait during pick-up? **Pick up during the first few days of school will likely take longer than usual. As our scholars, staff and families learn the system over the first few days things will improve - we promise. We ask that you plan for this extended pick-up line early in the year and be patient with us and our families.**

Early Student Pick Up- Students needing to be picked up for early dismissal **cannot** be picked up later than 2:45pm Monday-Thursday, or 12:45pm on Fridays. This is due to the constraints of our parking lot and car line. The campus will use its judgment with respect to family emergencies. This policy ensures our parking lot is clear and safe for afternoon dismissal.

Late Student Pick-Up- If your scholar is still with us after 4:00pm, they will be sent to our after-school program, and you will be charged a late fee. Late students will need to be picked up at the front desk. Please bring your placard with you. This policy will go into effect on Monday, August 26th.