

First Day of School FAQs

What should my scholar bring on the first day of school? Backpack, lunchbox, morning snack, labeled water bottle, school supplies, literature book, folder and 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 7:15 AM on Thursday, August 11th. K-2 students (and their siblings) will enter and exit from Cooper Street. 3rd-8th grade students will enter and exit from Eden Road.

What time are the students allowed into the building? Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:15am. Under no circumstances are parents allowed to drop off their scholars at the school entrance prior to 7:15am. This policy is in place for the safety of our 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.

Can I pack my scholar lunch? Yes. Scholars do not need to purchase or eat the school lunch. 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.

What is the uniform policy? The uniform policy is [outlined online as well as in our handbook](#). The basics are as follows: Great Hearts polo shirt, navy colored pants or shorts for K-5 students, khaki pants or shorts for 6th-8th grade students. Female students are allowed to wear the uniform skirt/jumpers. 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 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. Those picking up students MUST have their student placard on the passenger side dashboard every single day. you need a replacement/additional card you may call the front office. It is imperative you have this with you each day. ****Please note that we will not accept the blue or green placards from the previous school year! ****

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. As days go by, the line will move faster and faster. We work hard to ensure our dismissal is as safe and efficient as possible. We thank you in advance!**

Early Student Pick Up- Students needing to be picked up for early dismissal cannot be picked up later than 3:00pm Monday-Thursday, or 1:00pm on Fridays. Parents wishing to pick up their scholar after this time in the front office for an early dismissal must provide a doctor's note or appointment card. The campus will use its judgment with respect to family emergencies. This policy ensures our parking lot is clear and safe for afternoon dismissal. Please contact our main office at 817-260-0890 to schedule your scholar's early dismissal, 24 hours in advance if beyond the 2:45pm time and be prepared to provide documentation.

Late Student Pick-Up- If your scholar is still with us at 4:00pm, they will be sent to our after-school program, and you will be charged a late fee. Late students will be picked up at the front desk. Please bring your placard with you. This policy will go into effect on Monday, August 22nd.