



July 2022

Dear Valrico Elementary Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Our team has been working hard preparing for your child's return on Aug. 10th! The theme this year is all about ***Good Vibes at Valrico!*** We are dedicated to excellence and providing every student with an outstanding educational experience! Our positive school climate makes Valrico a true community where teachers love to teach, students love to learn, and families love to feel connected!

Valrico earned an "A" on the Florida DOE Grade Card! Congratulations to our hard-working students, highly dedicated teachers & staff, and super supportive parents!

Check out a few of the items below that were included in the **21-22 Parent Surveys!** The percentages indicate the number of Valrico parent responders that Agree or Strongly Agree with the statements listed! Wow – impressive data!

- *My child's teachers challenge my child to do their best work. (VES 94%; District Average 76%)*
- *My child's teachers work hard to build a trusting relationship with me. (VES 91%; District Average 63%)*
- *School leaders care about my child's success. (VES 95%; District Average 72%)*
- *My child's school is focused on the right priorities. (VES 94%; District Average 69%)*
- *My child's school is a safe place. (VES 96%; District Average 76%)*
- *I receive enough communication from teachers about my child's progress. (VES 93%; District Avg. 64%)*

Complete Parent Survey Results are available to view on our school webpage.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our **Open House on August 8 from 3:00 – 5:00.** This event is a perfect time to visit our campus, meet your child's teacher & other staff members, purchase your school spirit shirt, join the PTA, declare & practice arrival/dismissal plans, verify & sign emergency card information, share any important medical information with our nurse, see our student nutrition manager to document any food allergies, and so much more!

Thank you for your continued support of our fabulous school!

Sincerely,

Tricia Simonsen, Principal

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August 10, 2022

Dear Parents,

In this packet you will find materials that contain information that is of interest to you regarding Hillsborough County Schools and Valrico Elementary. Please carefully review with your child the policies and information written in this packet. Also included are forms that will need your prompt attention and signature.

On-Line District Forms: If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the main office to obtain a hard copy. Limited quantities are available.

Application for Free and Reduced Meals – Not needed at Valrico this year.

Our school has been designated as a Community Eligible Provision (CEP) school and will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all students this year. Families do not need to apply for free or reduced lunch.

The 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct for Parents is available online at

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct>. This contains many county policies and procedures that will help in planning with your child.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TOMORROW (i.e. the day after receipt):

- 1. Emergency Information Cards** (pre-registered students) - make any necessary changes to address, phone numbers, and emergency information. This information is critical in the event your child becomes ill or if an emergency occurs. The collection of emergency information by schools is mandated by Florida state rules and regulations (Florida Statue 402.32). Please sign, date and return the form to school. **Make sure you list at least two current contact phone numbers.**
- 2. 1st Day Packet Sign Off Form** (gold)
- 3. Media/Student Likeness Release Form** (bright yellow)
- 4. P.E. Health Form** (blue)
- 5. PTA Forms: Membership & Volunteer** (green)
- 6. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form** (white)
- 7. Consent for Medicaid Reimbursement (NEW)** (white)

Please take the time to review all the contents of this packet as it will answer many of your questions regarding our policies and procedures. Also, be aware that we have an established plan in place should any emergency arise. The safety of all our students is our primary concern.

Sincerely,


Tricia Simonsen
Principal

*** Una versión en Español de estas formas está disponible a petición.**

**Valrico Elementary
Attendance Guidelines
2022-2023**

ATTENDANCE LINE 744-6777, ext. 400

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD BY FOLLOWING THESE REMINDERS....

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1. **Students should be at school and in class by 7:40 a.m. every day.** Students that arrive to class after the 7:40 a.m. bell will be marked tardy. Tardies become part of the student's permanent record. Excessive tardies have a negative effect on academic achievement and a referral to the social worker may be deemed necessary. Please remember that, just as adults need to be on time for their jobs, students need to be on time for school. Encourage your child to be in school every day. Your support is essential to maximizing achievement.
 2. Plan vacations for non-school days. Any plans for absences due to family trips during scheduled school days must be sent to the principal requesting approval for excused absences. You may email the principal at Tricia.Simonsen@hcps.net.
 3. Valrico parents must call the school's attendance line on the day of the absence by 8:15 a.m. to explain their child's absence. Your help with this is extremely important. If you know about the absence in advance you can send an email to Terry.Gammill@hcps.net. An automated phone call will go out prior to 9:30 a.m. to advise the parent of when a student is not in class when attendance was taken. This means that you will receive a phone call and email even if you have already called in to excuse the absence. Please disregard the automated call if you have already called in the absence for your child.
 4. If your child has a doctor or dentist appointment, bring him/her to school after the appointment or sign them out prior to the appointment. Students that sign in more than one hour late may still generate a ParentLink phone call and email message because the record has already been sent to ParentLink. If your child is tardy to school, make sure that he/she follows the school procedure and signs in. When a student signs in, the absence will be changed to a tardy.
 5. When a student accumulates 5 absences (Excused or Unexcused) from the designated attendance period during a nine-week grading period, a computer-generated letter will be sent to the parent or guardian. Students who are absent excessively (more than 5 days in a grading period) will be tracked carefully and considered at risk. Parents will be contacted and a conference will be held to implement improvement in the child's attendance. A student who is absent 6 or more days in a nine-week grading period may be required to present medical evidence or have the parent visit the school to verify absences. Students who have excessive absences will be referred to the guidance counselor or school social worker.
 6. All absences will be counted as unexcused unless the school is notified by phone, email, or in person.

Great attendance is a direct correlation with student achievement.
Thank you for making attendance a priority.

Valrico Elementary

2022 – 2023 Student Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

IMPORTANT: FIRST DAY DROP OFF & VISITOR ACCESS:

There will be an exception to visitor sign in procedures on the morning of the *first day* of school due to the increased number of parents escorting their children to class. Visitors will be monitored closely and permitted to enter gates without a visitor pass *only* if they are escorting a student. **Please have your open house postcard in hand at the gate to enter without signing in.** Beginning August 11 and for the remainder of the school year, Valrico will implement a closed campus for safety purposes. The closed campus procedures apply to breakfast and lunch as well – no visitors will be permitted. Sign-ins for district approved volunteers, special events, and for teacher conferences will be permitted.

MORNING DROP OFF DIRECTIONS:

BUS/DAYCARE VAN DROP OFF IN FRONT OF SCHOOL (BUSES/DAYCARE VANS IN FRONT ONLY)

The front of the school will be designated for buses only. The bus drop off is located just outside the main office. **No vehicles are permitted in this area during the arrival of buses or until 7:40 a.m.** Parents that are dropping off their children will need to do so in the back of the school via the car line.

A.M. DROP OFF IN BACK OF SCHOOL (CAR LINE)

All parents dropping children off via car must follow car drop off procedures. **Remember breakfast is complimentary for all students every day starting at 7:10 a.m. and ending at 7:35 a.m.** At no time may a student walk through the parking lot unescorted. If a parent would like to park and walk their child on campus, we ask that you park in the designated visitor lot on the side of the school. However, please do not drop off students in the visitor lot. For safety reasons, no parking is permitted in the back faculty lot.

PARKING:

Visitor parking is available on the side parking lot of the school. **The back lot is restricted to faculty/staff parking only.** The parking lot is **ONE WAY** traffic only. Vehicles should enter through the East gate and exit through the West gate. If you chose to park during morning arrivals, then you must walk your child to the gate at the front of the school. Students cannot be dropped off and walk through the parking lot alone. Do not use the parking spaces outside the fence during arrival and dismissal times. This will impede the flow of carline traffic. **Keep in mind that the back gate is closed and locked at 7:35 a.m. until the end of the school day.**

MORNING DAY CARE (before 7:10 a.m.):

Students are not allowed on campus prior to 7:10 a.m. unless they are signed up in our supervised morning program offered by our afterschool SPACE program. This program runs from 6:10 a.m. to 7:10 a.m. and costs \$20.75 a week. These students stay in the cafeteria during that time and are supervised by our staff. If you are interested in this program, please call Coach Macko at 744-6777 x 235. All parents dropping their child off for before school SPACE must park and walk into the MP room to sign their student in prior to 6:55 a.m.

TARDINESS:

If a parent arrives with their child after 7:40 a.m., the parent must walk the child into the front office and sign them in. The child will then report to class with a tardy slip.

AFTERNOON CAR PICK UP:

In the afternoon all car riders are to be picked up in the back of the school via the car line. No afternoon parking in the back lot is permitted. All parents must have a car tag hanging on their rearview mirror with the child's name clearly written on the tag. Put the last name and grade of oldest child on front. **Any parent or approved adult who does not have this tag will be asked to show identification for school personnel to verify they are on the child's emergency card in order for the child to be released.**

- Please see enclosed afternoon Car Rider Waiting Area map.
- Parents should remain in single file in the car pick up line. Passing and pulling around other cars is prohibited. Safety is our primary concern.
- Please follow the directions of the staff on duty. If they request that you move up before loading your child in the car, please do so. We need to keep the line moving.
- The car line is not a place to talk with other parents, students, or teachers who are standing in the area. If you wish to conference with someone, please park in the front of the school.
- We want all parents to buckle up both themselves and their children. If you have a difficult seat belt arrangement for your child please pull forward to the upper righthand corner of the pickup line, by the handicapped parking to arrange the seat belt properly before leaving the campus. This simple step will be helpful in keeping the line moving.
- We realize that from time to time it might be difficult for parents to wait in the line. **However, students will not be released to parents who walk up to the line, or at any other areas of the school. Please stay in your car and follow car pick-up procedures.**
- Student early sign outs must occur prior to 1:10 p.m. (12:10 on Early Release Mondays). Sign outs will not be permitted after 1:10 p.m. due to buses arriving in the front of the school. Please avoid parking in the front of the school within 45 minutes of dismissal.

LATE PICK UP/PM:

Dismissal time is at 1:55 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 12:55 p.m. on Mondays. In the event of an emergency, parents should call the main office and notify us if they can not be here by 2:10 p.m. After 2:15 p.m. any remaining students will be taken to the Main Office.

Parents arriving after 2:15 p.m. will need to park their car in the front parking lot and walk into the Office to sign out their child. All previous times should be adjusted accordingly for Mondays.

Standard of Conduct for Pupils Riding School Buses

Dear Parents:

Please read the following Standard of Conduct for Pupils Riding School Buses with your child. It is important that you and your child understand the standards of conduct for students riding Hillsborough County Public Schools' buses.

Sign this form and return to the school, where it will be retained on file.

Sincerely,
Principal

GENERAL

Daily bus service will be provided for all pupils living in excess of two miles from school. Pupils, who are physically handicapped or if walking would subject them to hazardous walking conditions (as defined by the State and the School Board), will be provided transportation regardless of the distance.

STANDARDS

Acceptable classroom standards of conduct are expected of bus passengers. Drivers shall ensure that pupils observe regulations at all times.

DISCIPLINE

A driver experiencing discipline problems with a student will notify the school principal by submitting a written referral describing the discipline problem. The principal may suspend the student's bus privileges. During a period of suspension, the School Board shall not be responsible for transporting the pupil to school.

STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Recognize that the bus driver is the authority on the bus; obey and be courteous to the driver and to fellow students. Follow the directions of safety patrols that are assigned to assist the bus driver.
2. Plan to leave home each day so that you will arrive at your bus stop on time.
3. When walking where there are no sidewalks, face the traffic, and walk on the shoulder of the road.
4. Stand away from the highway at the bus stop.
5. Never run alongside a moving bus.
6. Wait until the bus and other traffic comes to a full stop and the bus door is opened before moving toward the bus. Cross in front of the bus at a distance of 10' to 12' feet.
7. Use the handrail when boarding the bus.
8. Go directly to your assigned seat and remain seated unless otherwise directed by the driver.
9. Do not carry onto the bus any glass items, reptiles, insects, pets, weapons or sharp instruments.
10. Keep the aisles clear at all times.
11. Hold books and other belongings firmly on your lap.
12. Large or heavy articles that cannot be held on your lap should be transported to school by your parents; this includes large band instruments.
13. Normal classroom behavior is expected while riding the bus.
14. Observe complete silence at all railroad crossings.
15. Do not throw objects about the bus or from a window. Keep arms and head inside the bus at all times.
16. Do not tamper with the emergency doors.
17. No eating, drinking, smoking, yelling, or fighting is allowed on the bus.
18. Leave the bus **ONLY** at your designated stop.
19. Take all your belongings off the bus each day. Transportation is not responsible for articles left on school buses.
20. Report any illness or injury sustained on or around the bus immediately to the driver.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents are encouraged to walk with students to and from bus stops and to meet their children at the bus stop in the afternoon.
2. Parents are responsible for their children's safety when they are going to and from the bus stop. A responsible person must accompany Exceptional Education students at their bus stop both in the morning and afternoon.
3. Parents should not expect to have conferences with the school bus driver at the bus stop. If necessary, conferences can be arranged through the school and the Transportation Department.
4. Parents should make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for pupil transportation, and accept responsibility for the proper conduct of their children.
5. Parents are to refrain from boarding school buses and/or attempting conferences with drivers at bus stops.
6. Parents may access their children only at designated bus stops unless the driver has authorization for a change approved by the school administrator.

FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read and helped my child to understand the *Standards of Conduct for Pupils Riding School Buses*.

Signature: Parent or Guardian

Date:

Child's Name (printed):

School Child Attends:

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL AFTER SIGNING.

Valrico Elementary

2022-2023

Important Information

Please review the items below and then sign off on the form provided. You may keep this sheet at home for your reference.

IMPORTANT HOURS

Before School Care	6:10 a.m. – 7:10 a.m. (Drop off by 6:55 to not impact the carline.)
Student Arrival Begins	7:10 a.m. (Safety Patrol drop off begins at 6:55 in first row of Faculty Lot.)
Free Breakfast Begins	7:10 a.m. Breakfast Ends at 7:35 (Available to all students.)
Tardy Bell	7:40 a.m. (Per House Bill 529, a one-minute moment of silence will start each day. Parents, please discuss the best use of this time with your child.)
Dismissal	1:55 p.m. (12:55 p.m. - Early Release Mondays)
Office Hours	7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

STUDENT SAFETY & VISITOR ACCESS

Our priority at Valrico Elementary is to ensure student safety at all times on our campus. Officer Jose Hernandez will return to Valrico this year as our full-time school security officer. We are happy to welcome him back as part of our team as he brings valuable safety experience as a retired U.S. marine and HCSO deputy. The District has implemented a new program called Raptor for all Visitors and Volunteers to sign in (and out) with a driver's license in the main office. Please reference the “Student Arrival/Dismissal Procedures” information sheet for visitor procedures during the first day of school. To ensure the safety of students during arrival/dismissal and breakfast/lunch times, we will continue to implement closed campus procedures beginning August 11 and for the remainder of the school year. However, school visitors and volunteers may sign in the main office to access the campus during the school day as needed. Also as part of student safety, Valrico will continue to have monthly Lockdown, Evacuation, and Fire Drills. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students, teachers, and staff members to practice procedures in the event of an emergency.

STUDENT MEDIA RELEASE

We often take pictures of our students engaged in a variety of activities in their learning environment. Sometimes these pictures are used for photo and slide presentations of students, staff, and parents. At other times, we have requests for student activity pictures from the news media or will place photos on our school or class websites. In such cases, pictures are released only in accordance with Hillsborough County Public School policy.

STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are considered an integral part of a child’s learning. It is required that your child have a signed permission slip to participate and go on a field trip. In the event your child does not return a specific field trip permission slip back to school, this signed form will allow us to let your child go on the trip. We will attempt to contact you by phone to alert you to the use of this form in the event this situation arises.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

The Hillsborough County Public School District has deemed it permissible for students to bring their own digital devices for the use in the classrooms. Please review the expectations below if your child will bring their own electronic device on campus.

1. The classroom teacher has the right to approve and/or not approve the use of devices in the classroom.
2. Digital devices are to be used only for the reading of school approved material (books, etc.) and not for other purposes such as communication, entertainment, music, gaming, etc.
3. Digital devices must be used at appropriate times in accordance with teacher instructions. The device must not be a distraction for the student or those around him/her nor be a source of any classroom disruption.
4. Digital devices are not to be used during lunch, recess, or during teacher directed P.E. times.
5. The student is responsible for knowing how to properly and effectively use their device and this should be not be a burden for the teachers.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS POLICIES

Please refer to the “Attendance Policies” section in the Student Code of Conduct under the Student Behavior Expectations tab, along with the attached Attendance Guidelines. To report your child’s absence call 744-6777 ext. 400 or email Terry.Gammill@hcps.net .

*** Students are considered tardy if they are not in the classroom when the 2nd bell rings at 7:40. ***

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please see the back of this sheet for important bus rider standards for student conduct & parent responsibilities. Additional information may be found on the School District of Hillsborough County web site.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to provide you with the expectations for student behavior in all of our schools. There is important information in the Code of Conduct which also explains the role you play in helping us ensure your student reaches his/her fullest potential. You may access the Student Code of Conduct at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct>. Please read each page carefully and review all material with your children before signing the Acknowledgement Form, which can be found in the first day of school packet. **This form must be returned to your child's school with both the parent and student signature.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER AT DISMISSAL

Please note that dismissal will be delayed in the event of lightning. Due to the unpredictable Florida weather, there may be times when dismissal will be delayed due to lightning, high winds, or heavy rains. Thank you for your understanding and support with ensuring a safe departure for students.

WATER FOUNTAINS / REFILL STATIONS

This year the water fountains have been turned back on to be utilized either as a traditional drinking fountain OR a bottle refill station. Please have your child bring a refillable water bottle to school if their preference is to use the refill station. Be sure to label all water bottles with your child's first and last name in permanent marker. The District will no longer provide water bottles for student distribution. If your child does not have a water bottle, they can utilize the fountain.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

Treats may be sent in to celebrate your child's birthday if you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. ***Any food items must be pre-packaged and store bought. Please send in items that can be easily distributed to each student (i.e. cupcakes, cookies, individually packaged items).*** Due to allergy concerns, birthday items will not be distributed in the cafeteria during lunch. Rather, these treats will be distributed only by the classroom teacher at outside recess (typically immediately following lunch) or at a time period deemed most appropriate. Please remember due to latex allergies, balloons of any kind are not permitted in school.

BULLY PREVENTION

Ways to Prevent Incidents

- Contact your child's teacher or school personnel verbally, via email, or telephone
- Complete a Bullying Report Form found at your child's school
- On-line reporting: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/bullyprevention>

Remember that bullying is a pattern of behaviors, not an isolated incident.

Parent Tips: When Child is Suspected Victim

- Do not confront bully; talk to your child's teacher, a guidance counselor, or a school administrator, or use one of the various reporting systems
- Ask child to describe what happened and how they are feeling
- Role play and discuss ways to respond
- Teach child that telling is not tattling
- Encourage child to talk with friends about bullying
- Monitor electronic communications and social media

Parent Tips: When Child is Suspected Bully

- Talk with child to determine what happened and what motivated them to engage in the behavior
- Explain why bullying is unacceptable, including the potential consequences
- Help child empathize with the alleged victim(s)
- Discuss and role play alternatives to aggressive behavior or communication
- Report instances to school officials

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Florida Department of Education has released the 2021-2022 School Financial Reports. A copy of our school's report is on file if you are interested in reviewing it.

VALRICO HAWKS – COMMUNICATION



School Website: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/valrico>

Our Parent Newsletters are posted monthly and include important dates and information.

Parentlink

We will communicate our most up-to-date information and reminders through text messages using the District's Parentlink communication system. ***It is very important that you make sure your cell phone numbers are current to receive these text messages.*** Emails from the Parentlink email system have the domain name @Blackboard.com. Please check your spam folder often for important messages. Please mark these emails "Not Spam" to prevent them from going to your spam folder in the future.

Email:

Email message from Valrico teachers/staff members will come from the domain @hcps.net. Please check your spam folder often for important messages. Please mark these emails "Not Spam" to prevent them from going to your spam folder in the future.



Follow us on **Twitter** for updates, announcements, and events. @ValricoHawks

**Valrico Elementary School
1st Day Packet Sign-off Form
2022-2023**

(PRINT Last Name)

(PRINT First Name)

(Homeroom)

By placing your initials on the line before each of the forms listed below, you are indicating that you have received and understand the need to review with your child the contents of the following papers:

____ 1. **Student Media Release Permission (CHECK ONE):** (Please also return enclosed district Media/Student Likeness Release form.)

____ **I GIVE PERMISSION**

____ **I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION**

____ 2. **Bring Your Own Device (CHECK ONE):**

____ **I GIVE PERMISSION**

____ **I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION**

____ 3. **Student Field Trip Permission (CHECK ONE):**

____ **I GIVE PERMISSION**

____ **I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION**

____ 4. **Bus Transportation Information:**

____ **I have reviewed bus routes, Transportation Assignment letter, Mutual Responsibility letter, and Standards of Conduct for both students and parents. If I have a kindergartner, I am aware of the specific district guidelines.**

____ 5. **Car Transportation Information (if applicable):**

____ **I have reviewed car drop-off/pick-up procedures, and will utilize the provided car tag daily.**

____ 6. **Student Attendance and Tardiness policies:**

____ **I have reviewed attendance/tardy procedures.**

____ 7. **Student Code of Conduct for School District of Hillsborough County, FL.**

____ **I have reviewed the Student Code of Conduct online at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct> and discussed applicable items with my child. The signed form has been returned to school.**

____ 8. **AM/PM Procedures & Visitor Parking Guidelines**

____ **I have reviewed the student arrival/dismissal procedures/visitor parking guidelines.**

____ **I am aware of the parent walk-up procedures and designated areas.**

Return this form with your initials and signature. It will be retained on file at the school.

Signature: Parent or Guardian

Date

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Student Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form

I have been notified that I can review the Student Code of Conduct online at: <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/conduct>

I have received, read, understand and agree to abide by the Student Code of Conduct

Student Signature

Date

I/we have read the Student Code of Conduct and discussed it with my student.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

The Student Code of Conduct has been established to communicate the expectations for student behavior at school or school activities. Failure to return this acknowledgement will not relieve a student or the parent/guardian(s) from the responsibility of abiding by the Code of Conduct.

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Código de Conducta del Estudiante Formulario de Reconocimiento

He sido notificado que puedo revisar el Código de Conducta del Estudiante en el internet al:
<http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/conduct>

He recibido, leído, entendido y aceptado cumplir con el Código de Conducta del Estudiante.

Firma del estudiante

Fecha

He / hemos leído y discutido el Código de Conducta del Estudiante con mi hijo(a).

Firma del padre/madre / tutor

Fecha

El Código de Conducta del Estudiante se ha establecido para comunicar lo que se espera de los estudiantes en cuanto a comportamiento se refiere, ya sea en la escuela o en actividades escolares. El no devolver esta forma de reconocimiento no exime al estudiante, padres o tutor de la responsabilidad y obligación de cumplir con el Código de Conducta del Estudiante.

Valrico Elementary
Physical Education Health Form
2022-2023

To assist us in working with your child this year in physical education, **please complete and return this form to your child's teacher.**

Please remember that if your child needs to be excused or restricted from physical education activities, we will need a note from you. If the time period is for more than a week, we will need a note from the doctor.

For Physical Education, your child is required to wear any type of rubber-soled, multipurpose athletic shoe, which is laced or fits snugly to the foot. We encourage all children to wear sneaker type shoes to school daily. Sandals, backless, or strapless shoes are never allowed.

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____
(Signature)

_____ My child has no health problems

_____ My child has health problems as indicated below.

1. _____ Asthma
2. _____ Allergies
3. _____ Heart problems
4. _____ Has had a serious operation
5. _____ Has had a broken bone
6. _____ Has vision or hearing problem
7. _____ Has sickle-cell anemia
8. _____ Takes medication for health related problem
9. _____ Other (be specific) _____

If any of the above problems are checked, please provide us with specific information that would be helpful in working with your child.

Teacher: Send original to PE office

**2022-2023 Hillsborough County Public Schools
Student Likeness Release Form**



School: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Student Name (Last, First): _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Throughout the school year, certain Hillsborough County Public School partners and media members may be involved with special events or activities at your child's school.

Hillsborough County Public Schools also may wish to interview, photograph, or videotape your child for promotional and educational reasons to utilize in publications and special district events. Before your child can participate in any of the above events or activities, you must give your permission by signing and returning this likeness release form to your child's school.

Please select only one option below:

I give my permission for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped by the school/district, school/district partners or sponsors, and/or members of the general news media and expressly authorize and grant my consent to such parties the right to use my child's physical likeness, other identifying characteristics, information, and/or recordings of his/her voice in any media, including but not limited to, broadcast, cable, print, and/or digital, and for any purpose including but not limited to entertainment, news, education, advertising, marketing and promotion without compensation thereof.

I do not give permission for my child to be interviewed, photographed, or videotaped by the school/district, school/district partners or sponsors, and/or members of the general news media; nor for his/her name to be published in school/district publications, on the internet, or in news Publications or broadcasts.

I give my permission ONLY for my child to be photographed for and his/her name be published in the 2022-2023 school yearbook.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

2022-2023

Formulario de Comunicado de Prensa de Estudiante

Escuela: _____ Número de identificación estudiantil: _____

Nombre del estudiante (apellido, nombre): _____

Profesor/a de aula: _____ En qué grado está su hijo(a): _____

Dirección de casa: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Código postal: _____

Número de teléfono: _____ Correo electrónico: _____

Estimado Padre/Tutor:

A lo largo del año escolar, ciertos socios de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Hillsborough y miembros de los medios de comunicación pueden participar en eventos o actividades especiales en la escuela de su hijo(a).

Es posible que las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Hillsborough también deseen entrevistar, fotografiar o grabar en video a su hijo por razones promocionales y educativas para utilizarlo en publicaciones y eventos especiales del distrito. Antes de que su hijo(a) pueda participar en cualquiera de los eventos o actividades anteriores, usted debe dar su permiso firmando y devolviendo este formulario de autorización a la escuela de su hijo(a).

Seleccione solo una opción a continuación:

Doy mi permiso para que mi hijo(a) sea entrevistado, fotografiado o grabado en video por la escuela/distrito, socios o patrocinadores de la escuela/distrito y/o miembros de los medios de comunicación en general y autorizo expresamente y otorgo mi consentimiento a tales partes el derecho a usar la semejanza física de mi hijo(a), otras características de identificación, información y/o grabaciones de su voz en cualquier medio, incluyendo pero no limitado a, transmisión, cable, impreso y/o digital, y para cualquier propósito incluyendo pero no limitado a entretenimiento, noticias, educación, publicidad, marketing y promoción sin compensación por los mismos.

No doy permiso para que mi hijo(a) sea entrevistado, fotografiado o grabado en video por la escuela/distrito, socios o patrocinadores de la escuela/distrito y/o miembros de los medios de comunicación en general; ni que su nombre sea publicado en publicaciones de la escuela/ distrito, en Internet o en publicaciones o transmisiones de noticias.

Doy mi permiso SOLAMENTE para que mi hijo sea fotografiado y su nombre se publique en el anuario escolar 2022-2023.

Nombre del Padre/Tutor (en letra de imprenta): _____

Firma del Padre/Tutor: _____ Fecha: _____



Valrico Elementary PTA 2022-2023 Membership Form

Scan code with
phone camera



ORDER ONLINE: <https://valricoelementary.new.memberhub.store/store>
(Chrome or Safari Browser) *Shirt(s) will be delivered to your child's classroom once order is processed by PTA.*

Your PTA membership benefits: *(1 Membership per family)*

- *Discount on Spirit Shirts *FREE admission to Skate Nights
- *Discount on Jubilee *Voting privileges at PTA events (one card = one vote)
- **NOTE: All PTA events are subject to change due to COVID safety precautions.**

All purchases go toward student agendas, safety patrol, 5th grade celebration, PTA events, Teacher appreciation, academic competitions, and more!

Adult's Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

A digital PTA Membership card will be emailed to you for those purchasing a membership. We will only text, call, or email if we have a question about your order and/or regarding PTA events or volunteer opportunities.

Student(s) full name(s)

Teacher/Grade

Membership Bundle: \$20.00
Includes PTA Membership & 1 Spirit Shirt *(Choose size below)*

Membership Only: \$8

Additional Spirit Shirt(s): \$12 each x ____
(Reduced price for PTA members only. Choose size(s) below.)

Spirit Shirt Only: \$15 x ____

Yearbook Pre-Order: \$15 x ____
Lowest Price of the Year!

Short Sleeve Spirit Shirt:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| _____ Youth Small (size 6-8) | _____ Adult Small | _____ Adult XL |
| _____ Youth Medium (size 10-12) | _____ Adult Medium | _____ Adult XXL
(\$2.00 extra) |
| _____ Youth Large (size 14-16) | _____ Adult Large | _____ Adult XXXL
(\$3.00 Extra) |

TOTAL: \$ _____ **PAID:** Cash Check Online **DATE:** _____

Make checks payable to Valrico Elementary PTA. Include student's full name and a phone #.

FOR PTA USE ONLY

TEACHER/FACULTY

DATE RECEIVED: _____ CK # _____ CASH Memberhub AMOUNT: \$ _____
SHIRT(S) DELIVERED: _____ YEARBOOK DELIVERED: _____ INITIALS: _____



**Valrico Elementary PTA
2022-2023 Volunteer Form**

There are many opportunities to help at Valrico Elementary! Please check any categories that interest you below. You can participate as much or as little as you would like to. Thank you for helping us to make this a great year for our students, teachers and staff!

Volunteers will need to complete the Hillsborough County Volunteer Application at:
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/volunteer>

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ OK to Text? Yes No

WEEKLY/MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES:

- Media Center Helper
- Cafeteria Helper
- PTA Board Member
- PTA Committee Member

OCCASIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Special Events
- Campus Beautification

FALL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Picture Day
- Book Fair
- Book-O-Ween
- Fall Fundraiser (Read-a-Thon)
- Skate Night
- Reflections (Art Contest for Students)

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Picture Day
- Book Fair
- Teacher Appreciation
- Skate Night
- Yearbook Sales

SPRING JUBILEE:

- Fundraising/Collecting Silent Auction Items
- Signage/Decoration
- Ticket Sales
- Games/Activities
- Food/Snack Sales

Do you know anyone from a local business that may want to sponsor PTA or donate an auction item for Jubilee?

Comments or Suggestions? _____

Questions? Please email: ValricoPTABoard@gmail.com
Follow PTA on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with events and opportunities.



Valrico Elementary
KINDERGARTEN BUS TRANSPORTATION
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
2022-2023

To help ensure safe bus transportation home of all kindergarten bus students, the following procedures will be in place for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. On the first day of school, kindergarten bus students will be issued a green tag with a label containing important information. The tag is to be attached to the student's book bag for the entire year. The tag must be shown daily to the afternoon bus driver. Kindergarten students who are not bus riders will be issued a red tag. The red tag will be left blank. The red tag is to be attached to the student's book bag for the entire year. This tag will indicate that the student is not a bus rider and should not be placed on the bus.
2. All kindergarten students will sit at the front of the bus. Older siblings of kindergarten students may also sit at the front of the bus with their kindergarten sibling.
3. A designated adult must be at the bus stop in the afternoon to receive the child.
4. A kindergarten student may be released at the bus stop with an older sibling unless otherwise stipulated by the parent.
5. If no older sibling rides the bus, a designated adult must be at the bus stop (not waiting in the car).
6. If there is no adult at the stop, the kindergarten student will be returned to the school after the elementary route is complete.
7. The kindergarten student returned to the school will be in the care of the principal or designee. If an administrator is not available, the afterschool care program will assist with supervision. The school will attempt to contact the parent. Please be sure to always update your current contact information with the school. You will need a photo ID to pick up your child. If the student is not picked up by 4:00 p.m. at the school, School Security/Tampa PD/Sheriff's Office will be notified for assistance.
8. After 3 incidents of an adult not meeting the kindergarten student at the bus stop, the student may be suspended 1 day from the bus. The next incident may result in a 3 day suspension and subsequent times may increase the days of suspension from the bus.
9. Charges may be incurred from the afterschool care program for repeated incidents.

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Bus Assignment Letter or Newsletter Notification

Dear Parent:

The safety of students is the number one priority of the Transportation Department. Students living two or more miles from the assigned school and exceptional education students with specialized transportation need to qualify for transportation services according to state statute. Students living within two miles may qualify for transportation due to hazardous walking conditions as defined by the State.

Students who are eligible for pupil transportation services are assigned to a specific bus and stop. Students must use the bus stop of record that coincides with their residence and are not authorized to ride other buses. Parent notes authorizing a student to ride a different bus are not accepted. Requests due to a family hardship or emergency situation must be submitted to a school administrator for approval by the principal and the General Director of Transportation or designee.

If a student boards at an unauthorized stop or on an unauthorized bus, the driver will notify a school administrator who will contact the parent. If the student continues unauthorized boarding, a disciplinary referral will be submitted to the school administration.

Tricia Simonsen
Principal

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Bus Assignment Letter or Newsletter Notification

La seguridad de los estudiantes es la prioridad número uno del Departamento de Transporte. Los estudiantes que viven a dos o más millas de la escuela asignada y los estudiantes de educación excepcional con transporte especializado necesitan calificar para los servicios de transporte de acuerdo con el estatuto estatal. Los estudiantes que viven dentro de dos millas pueden calificar para el transporte debido a condiciones peligrosas para caminar según lo definido por el estado.

Los estudiantes que son elegibles para los servicios de transporte de alumnos son asignados a un autobús y parada específicos. Los estudiantes deben utilizar la parada de autobús de registro que coincide con su residencia y no están autorizados a viajar en otros autobuses. No se aceptan notas de los padres que autoricen a un estudiante a viajar en un autobús diferente. La solicitud debido a una situación de dificultad familiar o emergencia debe presentarse a un administrador de la escuela para su aprobación por el director y el Director General de Transporte o la persona designada.

Si un estudiante aborda en una parada no autorizada o en un autobús no autorizado, el conductor notificará a un administrador de la escuela que se comunicará con el padre. Si el estudiante continúa internado no autorizado, se enviará una referencia disciplinaria a la administración de la escuela.

Tricia Simonsen
Director de la escuela

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August 10, 2022

Dear Afternoon Car Rider Parents,

Deputy Elizabeth Baker with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing our community with a safe environment during dismissal. She has observed the concern that Miller Rd. would get so backed up that vehicles would drive into oncoming traffic and/or drive on the sidewalks that our children use to walk home. There have been several close calls due to this congestion on Miller Rd. Deputy Baker came to the school with a solution that allows the parents to wait for the back car line gates to open for release and keep Miller Rd. clear. She has also obtained permission from the Hillsborough County Parks Division to utilize the driveway to Valrico Park.

Prior to the letter and map being sent out, Deputy Baker came out to the school and verbally advised the car riders of the change and had them start implementing the plan that day. Since then, it appears that the plan is working and that our afternoon cars are supporting the changes. Our goal is to ensure all parents are aware of this new procedure.

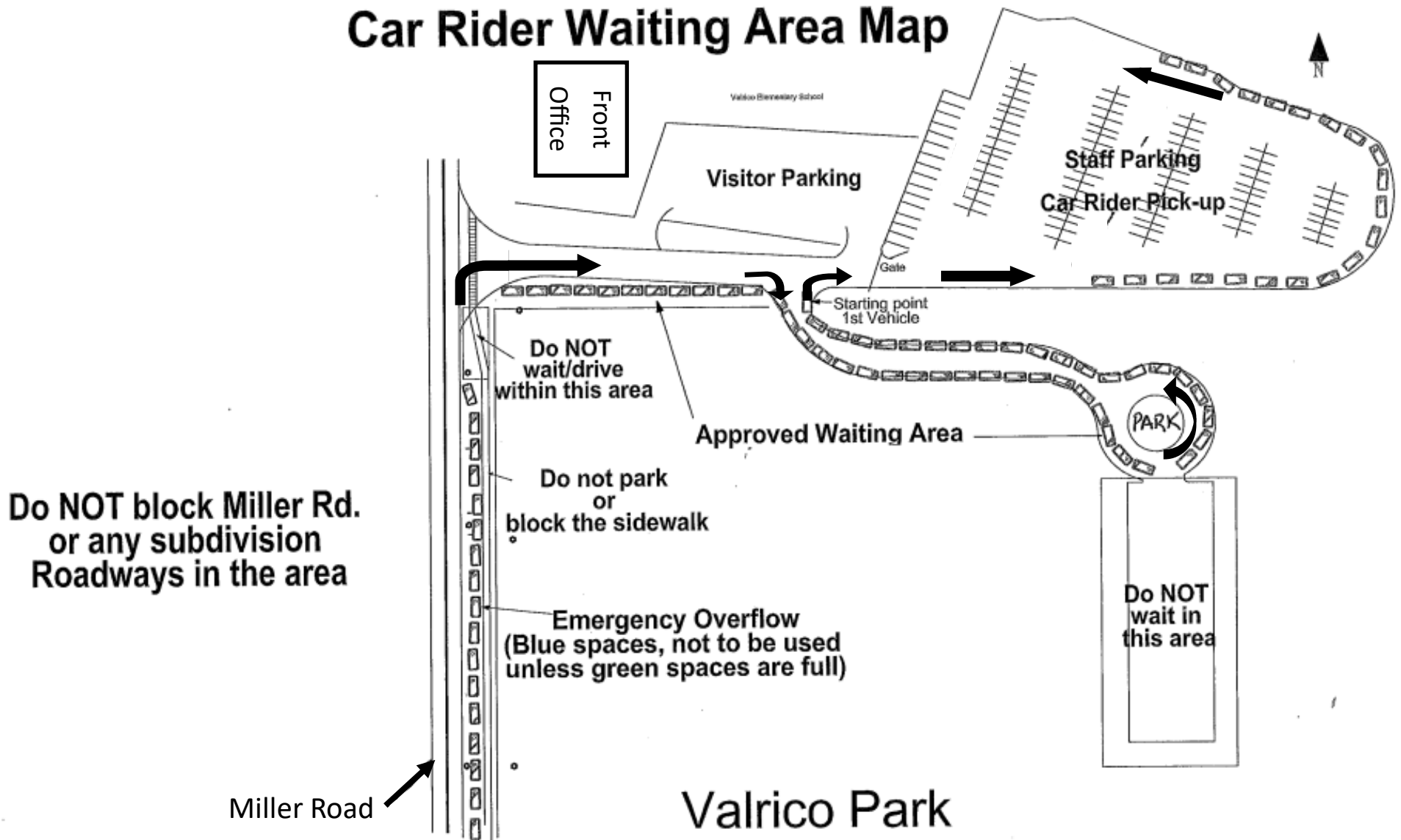
Please reference the map on the backside of this letter. Note that when that gate is closed, the line starts at the exit lane of the park. Once the gate opens, that first vehicle will continue into the parking lot to the pick-up area and wait for the release. Notice the back bus area in which a few buses will use to loop around in the parking lot to pick-up early release children. Please do NOT block the area until the buses have exited the parking lot completely. This will help prevent any damages that could result from the back end of a bus hitting your vehicle as they make left turn down the designated aisle. Please do not block the roadway (Miller Rd.); doing so could result in a citation from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for your continued support to provide a safe environment for our community.

Sincerely,

Valrico Elementary Staff & Deputy E. Baker

Car Rider Waiting Area Map



Do NOT block Miller Rd. or any subdivision Roadways in the area

Map provided by Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office



Volunteer Services

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Hillsborough County Public Schools requires **all** volunteers and community partners to complete the HCPS Volunteer Application **or** have a current active application on file prior to any volunteer engagement.

This application should be submitted at least **two-four** weeks prior to any volunteer activity.
Allow longer for Level 2 Fingerprinting

Becoming a Volunteer

Ways to access the online application:

From the District website (<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org>)

- Click on the “Departments”
- Then click on the “Volunteering Services”.
- Finally, click on the “**Y.E.S.**” icon on the right.



From a school website

- Click on the “Volunteer Services” box on the homepage
- Finally, click on the “**Y.E.S.**” **icon** on the right.



While on the HCPS Application introduction page, please take a moment to view the video for completing the volunteer application. Returning active volunteers, can access the Quick Reference Guide for the Volunteer Portal.

We are thankful to the many volunteers and community partners that say Y.E.S. (You Empower Students) every day to collaborate with us in preparing our students for life.

For more information, please click on the link to [Volunteer Services](#) or email volunteer.services@hcps.net

The HCPS Volunteer Application is **not applicable for **Charter Schools**. If you are interested in volunteering at a Charter School, please contact the school directly.*

Servicios de Voluntariados



Hillsborough County Public Schools

Las escuelas Publicas del Condado de Hillsborough requieren que **todos** los voluntarios y socios de la comunidad completen la **Solicitud de Voluntariado de HCPS** o tengan una solicitud activa actual en el archivo antes de cualquier participación como voluntarios.

Esta solicitud debe enviarse por lo menos **dos a cuatro** semanas antes de cualquier actividad de voluntariado.
***Tiene que permitir más tiempo para la toma de huellas digitales de nivel 2**

Cómo ser un voluntario

Desde la página web del Distrito (<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org>)

- Vaya donde dice "Departments"
- Luego seleccione el enlace "Volunteering Services".
- Finalmente, seleccione el ícono "Y.E.S." a la derecha.



Desde la página web de la escuela

- Seleccione el menú "Volunteer Services".
- Finalmente, seleccione el ícono "Y.E.S." de la derecha.



Mientras se encuentra en la página de introducción de la solicitud de HCPS, tómese un momento para ver el video de cómo completar la solicitud de voluntariado. Los voluntarios activos que regresan, pueden acceder a la Guía de Referencia Rápida para el portal de Voluntarios.

Estamos muy agradecidos de todos los voluntarios y socios comunitarios que dicen Y.E.S. (*You Empower Students*) cada día para colaborar con nosotros en preparar a nuestros estudiantes para la vida.

Para más información, por favor ingrese en el enlace [Volunteer Services](#) o envíe un correo electrónico a volunteer.services@hcps.net

**Las solicitudes de voluntario de HCPS no se aplican para las escuelas *Charter*. Si usted está interesado en ser voluntario en una escuela *Charter*, por favor comuníquese con la escuela directamente.



VALRICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
INFORMATION SHEET:
WHO DO I CONTACT, IF I NEED...

Administration	Front Office	744-6777 dial 0
Tricia Simonsen, Principal		Tricia.Simonsen@hcps.net
Heather Bisesto, Assistant Principal		Heather.Bisesto@hcps.net
Address Changes	Front Office	744-6777 dial 0
Absences		
To Report an Absence		744-6777 opt #1
To Request a Pre-approved Excused Absence	Mrs. Gammill	Terry.Gammill@hcps.net
Buses/Transportation	Parent Info Line - District	982-5500
Before/After SPACE Program.....	Coach Macko	744-6777 ext 235
Clinic/Health Issues	Ms. Hartzog	744-6777 ext 263
	Mrs. Day	744-6777 ext 231
Guidance	Ms. Oliver	744-6777 ext 225
PTA	Mrs. Timken	valricoptaboard@gmail.com
Registration/Withdrawals/Student Records.....	Mrs. Gammill	744-6777 ext 229
Social Worker.....	Ms. Gatewood	744-6777 ext 241
Student Nutrition Services Manager.....	Mrs. Kelley	744-6777 ext 227



STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES EMERGENCY MEAL POLICY

A written copy of the emergency meal policy will be provided to all households. Every school is required to follow the policy. Students who qualify for a free or a reduced-priced meal can always receive a free lunch (the district waives the .40 cost for the reduced-priced meal). All students regardless of eligibility status can receive a free breakfast. Paid students who forget their lunch money can receive a “charged” meal. To protect the identity of all children at the point of service, SNS uses a prepayment system that limits the exchange of money and prevents the disclosure of a student’s eligibility status.

1. Students are allowed to charge for meals when they don’t have money. The student will be given the same school lunch that other children are receiving. A La Carte Items can never be charged.
2. Parents of students who charge one meal will be notified by phone, after their child has received the meal. The parent will be encouraged to quickly pay for this meal and reminded of the policy.
3. Parents of students who continue to charge will receive notification in writing which will encourage the parent to pay off their charges.
4. If a student continues to come to school with no packed lunch or lunch money, attempts will be made to discuss the issue with the parent and to encourage them to complete a meal benefit application.
5. Any time there is an uncollected balance on a child’s meal account, the child will be prevented from purchasing A La Carte items.
6. Any unpaid balance on a child’s account will be carried over from year to year.
7. The parent is responsible for all uncollected meal balances which must be paid, prior to graduation.



Alimentando el cuerpo, mente y alma...un niño a la vez

***NORMAS PARA LAS COMIDAS DE EMERGENCIA
DE LOS SERVICIOS DE NUTRICIÓN ESTUDIANTIL***

Se proporcionará una copia de las normas de comidas de emergencia a todas las familias. A todas las escuelas se les exige que acaten estas normas. Los estudiantes que califican para obtener almuerzo gratis o a precio reducido siempre podrán recibir almuerzo gratis, (el distrito les exonerará los 40 centavos del almuerzo). Todos los estudiantes, independientemente de su elegibilidad, pueden recibir desayuno gratis. Los estudiantes que pagan el precio completo y se les olvida traer el dinero, pueden recibir comida “fiada”. Para proteger la identidad de todos los estudiantes en el momento de servirles, el Servicio de Nutrición Estudiantil (SNS) utiliza un sistema de prepago que limita el intercambio de dinero y evita que se exponga el estado de elegibilidad del estudiante.

1. A los estudiantes se les permite cargar a la cuenta por las comidas cuando no tienen dinero. Se les proveerá el mismo almuerzo que los demás niños reciben. No se fiarán los artículos a la carta.
2. A los padres se les notificará por teléfono después que el estudiante haya cargado el almuerzo y lo haya recibido. Se les exhortará a los padres que paguen inmediatamente por el almuerzo y se les enfatizará sobre las normas.
3. Los padres de los estudiantes que continúen cargando comidas a la cuenta, recibirán una notificación escrita, para exhortarlos a que paguen los cargos.
4. Si un estudiante continúa viniendo a la escuela sin su almuerzo o sin dinero para pagarlo, haremos el propósito de discutir el asunto con los padres y les exhortaremos a que llenen una solicitud de beneficios para comidas.
5. Si el estudiante tiene un estado de cuenta negativo, no se le permitirá comprar artículos a la carta.
6. Los cargos no pagados se seguirán reflejando en la cuenta del estudiante en los años subsiguientes.
7. Los padres son responsables del estado de cuenta negativo el cual deberá pagar antes de la graduación.



Click here to learn more!

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Breakfast	FREE
Elementary Lunch	\$2.25
Middle and High School Lunch	\$2.75
** Lunch in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools	FREE **
Adult and Visitor Lunch	\$4.00

SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS ****NOTE: Valrico Elementary is a CEP school. Parents DO NOT need to apply for free or reduced lunch.****

Free meals are available to any student who is enrolled in a school eligible for the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals based on household income. If you have any children **not enrolled** in a CEP school, please submit a meal benefit application for all children in the same home. You may also qualify for other benefits like discounts on internet services and utility bills or waivers for college application fees and SAT/ACT/PSAT exam fees.

A list of CEP schools and the meal benefit application can be found at www.hillsboroughschools.org/sns and the QR code above. Contact us at 813-840-7066 if you have questions about your application or CEP.

SCHOOL MEAL MENUS

Visit our SNS website or download the Nutrislice app on any mobile device for information on our delicious, healthy meals including ingredients, photos, descriptions, nutrition facts, and allergens in each menu item.

MYPAYMENTS PLUS MEAL ACCOUNTS

MyPayments Plus allows you to prepay for school meals or other food items, set up auto pay, and monitor student spending. Go to www.mypaymentsplus.com or download the MyPayments Plus app on your mobile device. Students with negative balances on their meal account will not be allowed to purchase A La Carte items. See the Local Meal Charge Policy at our website for more information.

ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

We take food allergies, food safety and student health very seriously. If your child requires a menu change due to a medical condition, you must submit a Diet Prescription Form signed by your child's doctor. Turn these in to the SNS Cafeteria Manager **every school year** to ensure all allergy alerts are correct and up to date. A meal preference form can also be completed by the parent or guardian if other needs are required because of cultural or religious reasons. Both forms can be found on our SNS website. Our online menus show the top eight food allergens to help you and your child identify their menu choices ahead of time.

ARE YOU STILL PACKING LUNCH?

Student Nutrition Services is here for you. Let us lighten the load, while saving money in your weekly food budget. School meals are a convenient, healthy option for busy families. Where else can you get a complete meal under \$3? Encourage your child to try our meals today and put packing behind you!

OTHER FOOD AID FOR FAMILIES

Additional food resources are available in our community. Feeding Tampa Bay can help you find a distribution of fresh groceries near you or to help add more money to your family food budget each month. www.feedingtampabay.org/findfood



PRECIOS DE LAS COMIDAS ESCOLARES

Desayuno	GRATIS
Almuerzo de las escuelas primarias	\$2.25
Almuerzo de las escuelas secundarias e intermedias	\$2.75
** Almuerzo en las escuelas de Provisión de Elegibilidad de la Comunidad (CEP)	GRATIS **
Almuerzo para adultos y visitantes	\$4.00

BENEFICIOS DE COMIDAS ESCOLARES

****NOTA: Valrico Elementary es una escuela CEP. No es necesario que padres/parientes apliquen para el almuerzo gratis o reducido.****

Las comidas gratuitas están disponibles para cualquier estudiante que esté inscrito en una escuela elegible para la Provisión de Elegibilidad Federal de la Comunidad (CEP) o que califique para comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido según los ingresos del hogar. Si tiene hijos **no inscritos** en una escuela CEP, envíe una solicitud de beneficios de comida para todos los niños en el mismo hogar. También puede calificar para otros beneficios como descuentos en servicios de Internet y facturas de servicios públicos o exenciones para tarifas de solicitud universitaria y tarifas de exámenes SAT / ACT / PSAT.

Puede encontrar una lista de las escuelas CEP y la solicitud de beneficios de comidas en www.hillsboroughschools.org/sns y el código QR anterior. Contáctenos al 813-840-7066 si tiene preguntas sobre su solicitud o CEP.

MENÚS DE COMIDAS ESCOLARES

Visite nuestro sitio web de SNS o descargue la aplicación Nutrislice en cualquier dispositivo móvil para obtener información sobre nuestras deliciosas y saludables comidas que incluyen ingredientes, fotos, descripciones, información nutricional y alérgenos en cada elemento del menú.

CUENTAS DE COMIDAS EN MYPAYMENTS PLUS

MyPayments Plus le permite pagar por adelantado las comidas escolares u otros alimentos, configurar el pago automático y monitorear los gastos de los estudiantes. Vaya a www.mypaymentsplus.com o descargue la aplicación MyPayments Plus en su dispositivo móvil. Los estudiantes con saldos negativos en su cuenta de comidas no podrán comprar artículos a la carta. Consulte la Política de cargos por comidas locales en nuestro sitio web para obtener más información.

ALERGIAS Y DIETAS ESPECIALES

Nos tomamos muy en serio las alergias alimentarias, la seguridad alimentaria y la salud de los estudiantes. Si su hijo requiere un cambio de menú debido a una afección médica, debe enviar un Formulario de prescripción de dieta firmado por el médico de su hijo. Entréguelos al Gerente de Cafetería de SNS **cada año escolar** para asegurarse de que todas las alertas de alergia sean correctas y estén actualizadas. Un formulario de preferencia de comida también puede ser completado por el padre o tutor si se requieren otras necesidades debido a razones culturales o religiosas. Ambos formularios se pueden encontrar en nuestro sitio web de SNS. Nuestros menús en línea muestran los ocho alérgenos alimentarios principales para ayudarlo a usted y a su hijo a identificar sus opciones de menú con anticipación.

¿TODAVÍA ESTÁS EMPACANDO EL ALMUERZO?

El departamento de nutrición estudiantil está aquí para usted. Permítanos aligerar la carga, mientras ahorra dinero en su presupuesto semanal de alimentos. Las comidas escolares son una opción conveniente y saludable para las familias ocupadas. ¿Dónde más puede obtener una comida completa por menos de \$3? ¡Anime a su hijo a probar nuestras comidas hoy y deje atrás el embalaje!

OTRAS AYUDAS ALIMENTARIAS PARA LAS FAMILIAS

Recursos alimenticios adicionales están disponibles en nuestra comunidad. Alimentar a Tampa Bay puede ayudarlo a encontrar una distribución de comestibles frescos cerca de usted o para ayudar a agregar más dinero a su presupuesto familiar de alimentos cada mes. www.feedingtampabay.org/findfood



Student Nutrition Services Local Meal Charge Policy

A written copy of the Student Nutrition Services Local Meal Charge Policy will be provided to all households. Every school is required to follow the policy.

Student Nutrition Services uses a prepayment system called MyPayments Plus. This system limits the exchange of money, protects the identity of all students, and prevents the disclosure of a student's eligibility status. Students who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals will always receive a free meal. All students receive free breakfast regardless of eligibility status.

Full pay students who do not have money on their MyPayments Plus meal account can receive a "charged" meal with the following restrictions. Adults may not charge meals at any time.

1. Students are allowed to charge for meals when they do not have money in their MyPayments Plus meal account. The student will be given the same school lunch that other children are receiving.
2. Any time there is a negative balance on a student's MyPayments Plus meal account, the child will be prohibited from purchasing A La Carte items (food purchased in addition to the school meal), even when purchasing with cash.
3. Students in CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) schools with negative balances on their student MyPayments Plus meal account will also be prohibited from purchasing A La Carte items.
4. Parents/guardians of students who charge for one meal will receive a phone notification after their student has received the meal. The parent/guardian will be encouraged to quickly pay for this meal and will be reminded of this policy.
5. Parents/guardians of students who continue to charge will receive additional email and text notifications which will encourage the parent/guardian to pay off their charge balances.
6. Any unpaid balance on a child's account will be carried over from year to year.
7. The parent/guardian is responsible for all uncollected meal balances which must be paid prior to graduation or withdrawal from Hillsborough County Public Schools.



Política de Cargos de Comida Locales del Servicio de Nutrición Estudiantil

Se proporcionará una copia de la política de cargos de comida del Servicio de Nutrición Estudiantil a todas las familias. A todas las escuelas se les exige que sigan estas normas.

Servicios de nutrición estudiantil utiliza un sistema de prepago llamado MyPayment Plus. Este sistema limita el intercambio de dinero, protege la identidad de todos los estudiantes y evita la divulgación del estado de elegibilidad de un estudiante. Los estudiantes que califican para una comida gratuita o de precio reducido siempre recibirán una comida gratis. Todos los estudiantes reciben desayuno gratis, independientemente de su estado de elegibilidad.

Los estudiantes de pago completo que no tienen dinero en su cuenta de comidas MyPayments Plus pueden recibir una comida "cobrada" con las siguientes restricciones. Los adultos no pueden cobrar comidas en ningún momento.

1. Los estudiantes pueden cobrar por las comidas cuando no tienen dinero en su cuenta de comidas MyPayment Plus. El estudiante recibirá el mismo almuerzo escolar que otros niños están recibiendo.
2. Cada vez que haya un balance negativo en la cuenta de comidas MyPayment Plus de un estudiante, el niño tendrá prohibido comprar los artículos de A La Carte (alimentos comprados además de la comida escolar), incluso cuando se compre con dinero efectivo.
3. Los estudiantes en las escuelas CEP (provisión de elegibilidad de la comunidad) con balances negativos en su cuenta de comidas de MyPayment Plus también tendrán prohibido comprar artículos de A La Carte.
4. Los padres/guardianes de los estudiantes que agreguen un cargo por una comida recibirán una notificación telefónica después de que su estudiante tenga la comida. Se alertará al padre/guardián que pague rápidamente por esta comida y se le recordará esta política.
5. Los padres de estudiantes que continúen cobrando recibirán notificaciones adicionales por correo electrónico y texto que alertarán al padre/tutor a pagar sus cargos.
6. Cualquier balance que no sea pagado en la cuenta de un niño se transferirá de año en año. Los padres son responsables del estado de cuenta negativo, el cual tiene que pagarse antes de la graduación o retiro de las Escuelas Públicas del Conda