

Hickory Elementary Back to School Information 2021-2022

Back to School Schedule-

Monday, July 19th: Parents will be able to access their child's bus information beginning on July 19th. Login information was sent home on Friday, July 16th. Please email srwright@avon-schools.org if you did not receive your child's login information for bus schedule. To login to the Versa trans Login site, go to: <http://versatrans.avon-schools.org/elinkrp/Login.aspx>

Wednesday, July 28th: Open House for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm

This is an opportunity for students to find out their teacher for the year, locate their classrooms, and drop off school supplies.

Wednesday, July 28th: Kindergarten Back to School Night from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Kindergarten students and parents will be able to locate their classrooms, meet their teacher, and learn more about what to expect this year in Kindergarten.

Wednesday, August 4th: 1st-4th Grade Back to School Night; 6:00 pm-6:45 pm or 7:00 pm-7:45 pm

First, Second, Third, and Fourth Grade parents are invited to meet their child's teacher and learn more about what to expect for this school year.

School Supplies- All pre-ordered school supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom before the first day of school. The deadline for this was back in June. For all grade level supply lists for the 2021-22 School Year, click on this link: [New-school-year-guide](#)

School Start times: 9:25am to 4:10 pm

Tardy and Early Dismissals: Students entering the building after 9:25 are considered tardy. Students who leave the school before 4:05 will be counted as leaving before end of school day. To be considered *Tardy-Excused*, or *Early Dismissal-Excused* a doctor's note MUST be provided to the school office.

Please contact the school office if your child is going to be late: 317-544-6300.

First Day Information:

The first student school day is Thursday, July 29th. This is a full day for our students. This year, we will not be allowing parents to park and bring their children into the school on the first day or any other day. We will have staff available to help students find their classrooms over the first few days of school.

Are You A Parent that Prefers that their child(ren) wear masks throughout the day?

According to the Indiana Department of Health guidelines, masks are recommended indoors for all unvaccinated individuals (but not required). Please inform your child's teacher if you would like for your child to wear their mask throughout the day. We will do our part to support parents making this decision.

Breakfast/Lunch:

Lunch and breakfast will be served beginning the first day of school. Parents can deposit money on their child's account for a la carte or extra items by cash, check, or online at **family.titank12.com**. Existing students will use their same login credentials for this site and new students will create an account using their school ID number. Contact the food service department with questions at 317-544-6000.

- All students will receive lunch and breakfast free again this year thanks to a federal grant for schools.

- Students at lunch will have assigned seats. No more than four students will be seated at one cafeteria table. Classroom cohorts will eat together at lunch.
- Students that enter the building as car riders should proceed directly to the cafeteria for breakfast.
- Students should keep their mask on at lunch and recess when they are in line. Students can then take their mask off after they have found their assigned seat.
- No outside food deliveries or lunch visitors

Hickory Elementary End of Day Transportation Form:

We need you to complete the attached End of Day Transportation Form. This is the form that tells the teacher and office how your child will get home from school each day or what Day Care they will go to. You should have received a ParentSquare message from Mrs. Wright earlier today. If you have any questions, call the Hickory office at 317-544-6300 or reply to this ParentSquare communication.

Car Riders/Pick-ups

For parents/guardians who plan to pick up their student(s) on a regular basis, car window signs will be issued. If you were issued a sign/number last year, we will be using the same numbers this year. You may re-use the original sign. If you need a new or replacement sign, please email Rhonda Harris, rjharris@avon-schools.org, or call the Hickory office. Signs can be picked up the day before school during the Open House from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. Be prepared to show ID. If you are unable to pick up your child's car sign on this day, it will be sent home in student's backpack on the first day of school.

Morning Drop-Off Routine:

Parents will need to enter parking lot via 100 South entrance. This year there will be only one line for morning drop offs (the same as afternoon pickup). You **will not** split into two lines. Students need to exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side of the car between the large yellow cones. Please be sure children have all their belongings in hand, ready to exit vehicle as soon as you are in the designated area.

Doors will open at 9:10 am. Please wait until Hickory staff exit the building and invite students in with a wave. Students need to remain in the vehicles until this time. Parents who need to visit the office, may park their car and walk in with their child.

Afternoon Pick-Up Routine:

Parents will need to enter parking lot via 100 South entrance. This year there will be only one line for afternoon pick-up. Parents who regularly pick up their child(ren) will need to display car sign in front window. Parents will remain in their cars and students will be dismissed to parents when cars arrive in designated area. Students need to enter vehicles from sidewalk side. If you do not have a car sign, please give your child's name to staff member and be prepared to show ID.

Bus Transportation

Students riding on the bus must wear masks at all times. Masks must fit properly, and cover students mouth and nose at all times. This protocol is in compliance with the federal government's public transportation mandate.

Just like last year, students may only have one designated morning bus and one designated afternoon bus. Students may not change their designated morning or afternoon bus numbers. The office will **not** be able to issue bus passes allowing students to travel home on a non-assigned bus.

Kindergarten students must all be met at their bus stop by a parent/guardian. Kindergarten parents who want to give permission for someone other than themselves to meet the bus, must complete the Kindergarten Affidavit form (click here to complete this form). If a parent, or designated person is not at the bus stop, the student will be returned to the school for parent pick-up.

Before and After School Care:

The YMCA Before and After School Program is available to parents who need it. To register your child and check prices, go to <https://indy.recliquecore.com/programs/41715/before-and-after-school-avon-school-district/>

In addition, Hickory school buses pick up and drop off at both [Crossroads Church Daycare](#) and [Children of America](#).

Other area daycares who may also provide transportation to and from Hickory Elementary are:

The Learning Grove Academy, Childtime of Avon, Imagination Station, LaPetite Academy Tree of Life Child Care, ABC 123 Child Care (This may not be a complete list, check your local listings for other possibilities)

End of Day Changes- The Hickory delivers all end of day changes to the classroom at 2:15 each day. Parents must notify the office (Rhonda Harris, S. Rene' Wright) by 2:00 pm each day for any changes. You may also send a note in with your child in their take-home folder. These notes are delivered to the office each morning.

Volunteering at school-

At least to start the school year, volunteers are encouraged to support ACSC schools in ways that don't require direct contact with students. All volunteers must have a criminal history [background check](#) done prior to volunteering at school. You can check with the building's front office staff to see if your background check is current. If you have multiple students who attend multiple schools in Avon, you only need one criminal background check.

Food, Treats, Celebrations:

Per the Student Handbook, parents may only provide food, treats, for their own child(ren). Student birthdays are recognized by the Hickory Student Birthday Club and are not to be celebrated by parents in any other manner during school hours. This includes birthday invitations. These **may not** be distributed at school.

Classroom Parties: Parents MAY provide food donations (if requested by teacher) for a scheduled classroom celebration or daily snack break.

Visiting the Nurse:

- Our school nurse is a Registered Nurse employed and supervised by Hendricks Regional Health to provide the best care possible for students and staff.
- Our clinic will now have two sections allowing us to isolate students with COVID-like symptoms until a parent can pick the student up.
- Students who feel sick will be sent to the clinic to be evaluated by the nurse. Please tell your child to tell their teacher when they do not feel well so your child will be sent to the clinic. The nurse will call you from the clinic after evaluating your child.
- Students who have been ill may only return to school after being fever and symptom free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications. Please keep your child home when he/she is sick.

ParentSquare Questions:

Please email Rene' Wright with any ParentSquare questions at srwright@avon-schools.org