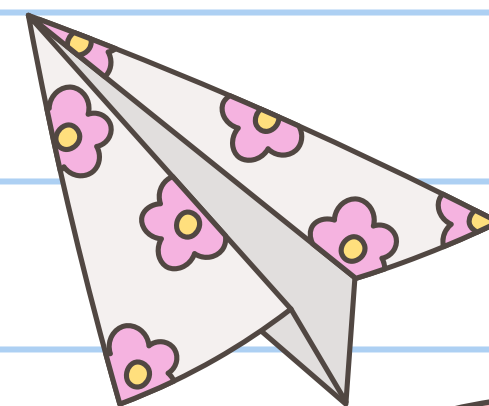
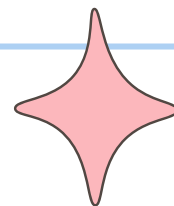
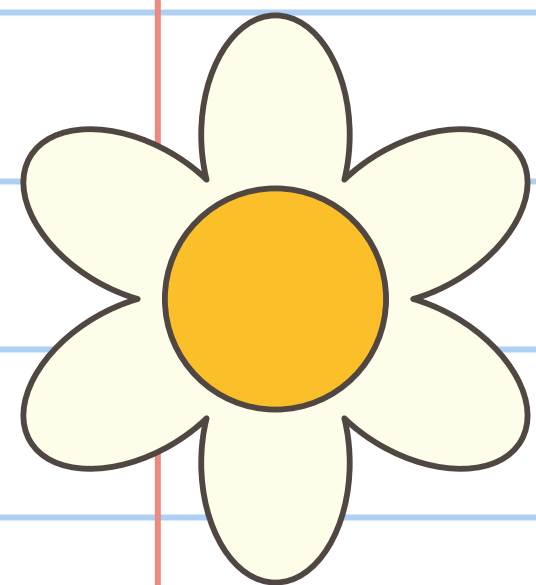
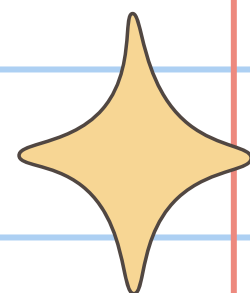
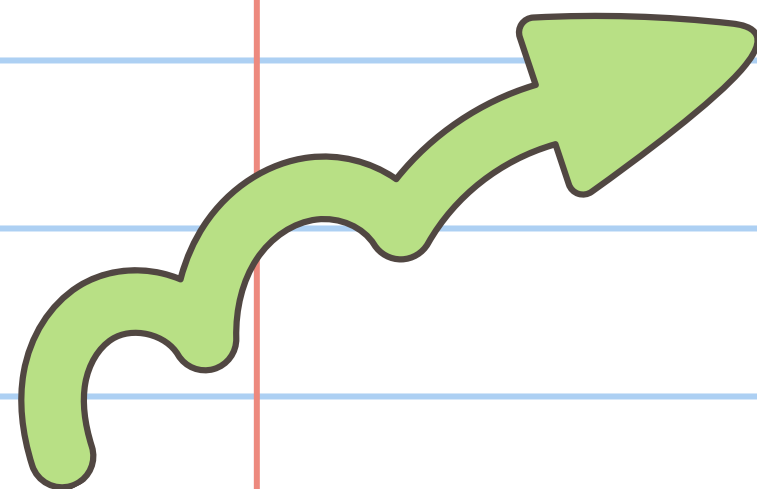




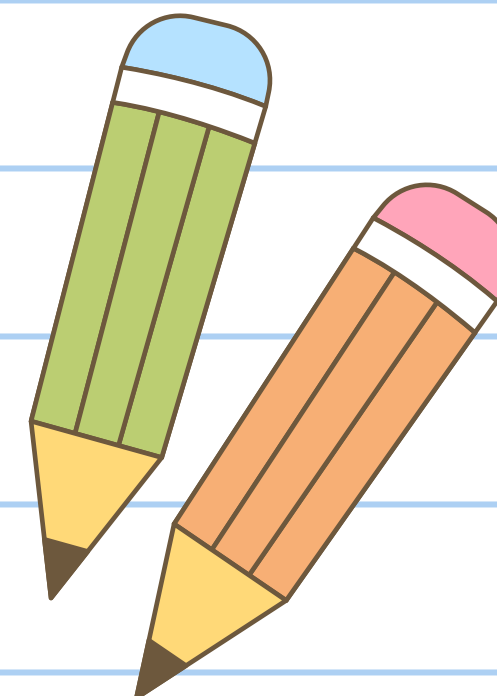
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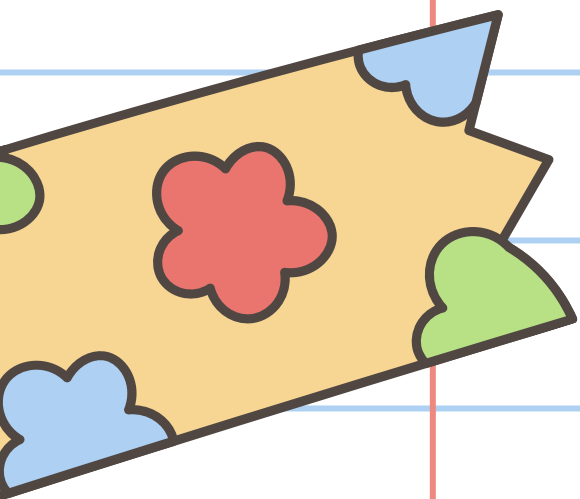
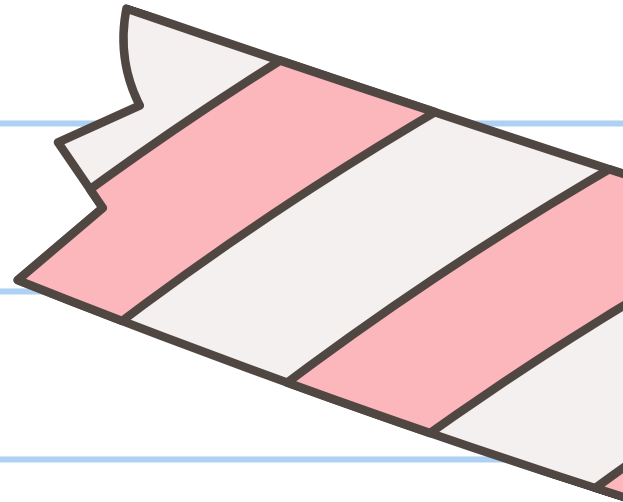
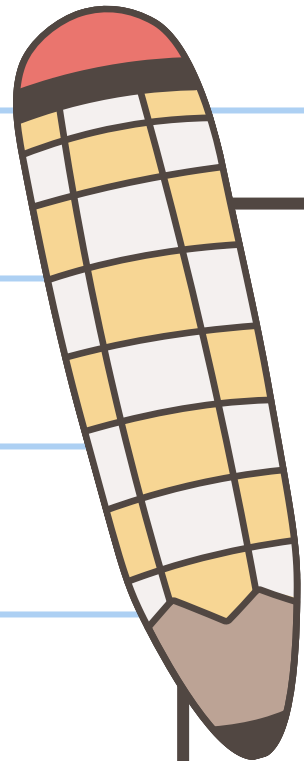
# Here's what you need to know...



## Welcome to Kindergarten!

I hope you all are ready to start this school year!

The following slideshow is intended to give you a quick snapshot of how Kindergarten will work at Spalding STEM Academy. More details will come to you as they are available. If you have questions that are not answered here, or in any of the handouts you received at kindergarten registration, please direct your questions to your child's teacher (who will reach out to you soon), our principal Melissa Hampton, or the front office team at Spalding STEM.



# Your Child's Teacher



## Don't Worry!

In the beginning of August, you should receive an email detailing everything you will need to know (specific to your student's teacher and their classroom). They will explain how their classroom works, some information about them, and other details about how to prepare for the first day. Expect that email from them and feel free to email them if you have any other questions.



# School Lunches

West Ada offers breakfast and lunch every day!

**Set up a lunch account for your student!**

Your student will come in to class everyday and be asked if they are having a "hot lunch" (AKA: school provided lunch) or a "cold lunch" (AKA: a lunch from home) and familiarizing yourself and your students with these terms and what they are eating the next day, will help them tremendously! In the event that they need a lunch (forgot their lunch at home, dropped their lunch on the floor, etc.), they will be provided one from the school- so you will need to make your student a lunch account (through TITAN) to avoid complications! This makes it much easier to make sure your child is fed in case of an emergency!



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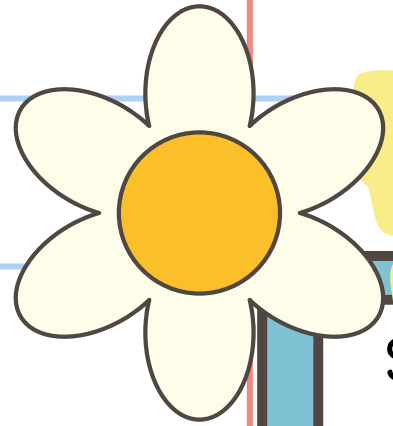
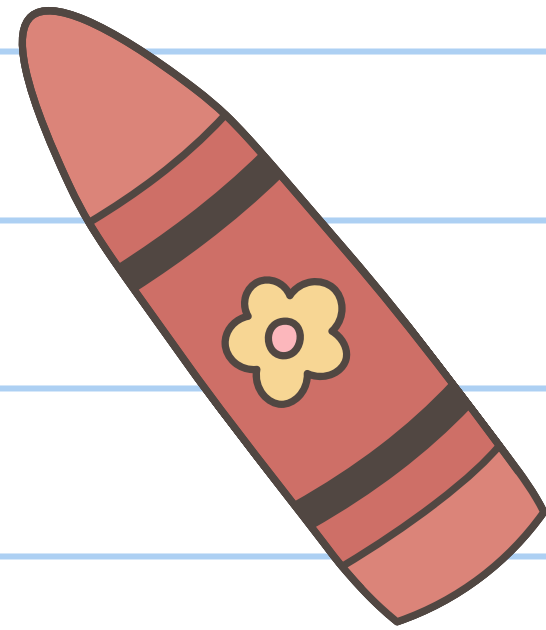
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Apply here for free or reduced lunch after August 1, 2026. You must reapply every year.

(Solicitudes para comidas escolares gratis o a precio reducido para el año escolar 26/27 estarán disponibles el 1 de agosto de 20236)

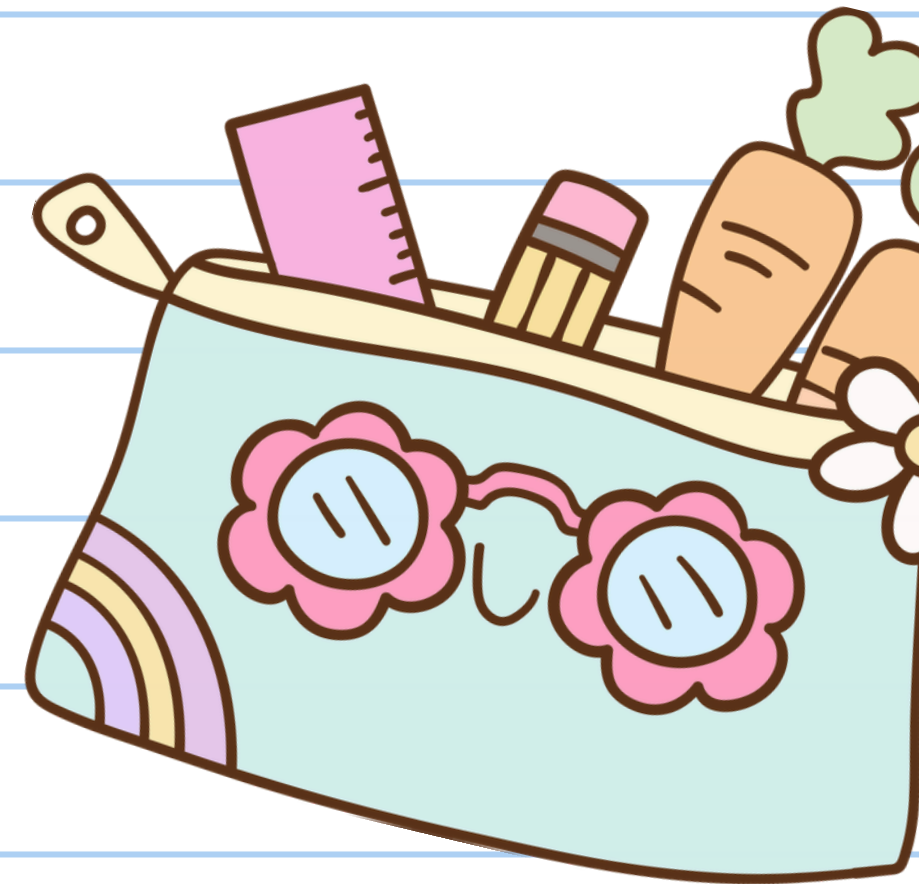
# Morning Drop Off



## On the first day...

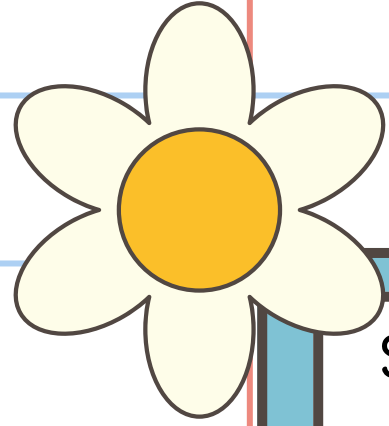
Students will need to be dropped off on the playground or the front office (only if they are eating breakfast provided by the school, then they will be taken to the playground to play while they wait for the bell to ring). For security reasons, if you are dropping students off at the playground, please do not pass the red line (located on the ground by the entrance to the playground)! Release your students to the playground to make new friends- they are watched over by the duties located in various places all over the playground. Remember, you are not allowed in the building unless you are given a visitors' badge, so you are welcome to drop them off at the playground or front office and leave.

Pro tip: it makes the transition easier for the littles when you say goodbye quickly! Staying only prolongs the tears. We promise they are in good hands! Usually, the sadness stops right away when they see the exciting things they get to do, so don't fret. We know how to make them feel better... especially when they see how much they are going to learn and do! Trust us, we know its hard for parents and students alike, and we want to make this transition as painless as possible!



# Parent Pick Up

## For those not riding the bus...



Students can be picked up at 3:55 PM at the parent pick up spot (the parking lot attached to the park!). Any child being picked up by a parent waits here with adult supervision, so keep in mind that kindergarteners typically walk out first and wait closest to the fence (there are large numbers painted onto the side of the building where they will wait- look for the big K for kindergarten!).

You may walk up to the fence or drive up in the parent loop to pick up your child. If you are walking up, please wait behind the fence until we release your student out the gate to you- in kinder, we like the students to say goodbye to us before leaving so we know where everyone is! If you are picking your student up in a vehicle, please write their name and "Kindergarten" on a piece of paper and put it in the window to speed up the process of the pickup line. When driving up, you must pull all the way forward to the red line. At the front of this line, a staff member will help your child into the car. If someone other than those listed on PowerSchool are picking up your child, please call the front office before 3pm to let them know! Any pickup changes must be called in to the front office by 3pm to keep things running smoothly!



### Pro Tip:

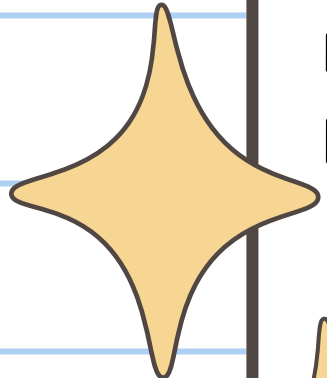
**Try to get to parent pick up early the first few days so you can find your way! The front office is a great place to ask for help if you are lost!**



# Helpful Tidbits



## Public Restrooms



Teaching your child to use public restrooms (opening stall doors, proper use of the toilet/ urinal, using the hand soap, driers, and paper towels) is a great way to help your student feel prepared when they come to school for the first time!



## Names

A fun way to get your student excited for the school year is to practice writing their name correctly! Make sure their name is written on their jackets, water bottles, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. because we can almost guarantee someone has the same thing as your child!

## Academics

If you and your student are excited to get started in their learning journey, learning the alphabet, uppercase and lowercase letters, and numbers 1 to 10 is a wonderful place to start!



# Navigating PowerSchool

Click the pictures for more  
information on how to navigate  
each section!

## Login Information

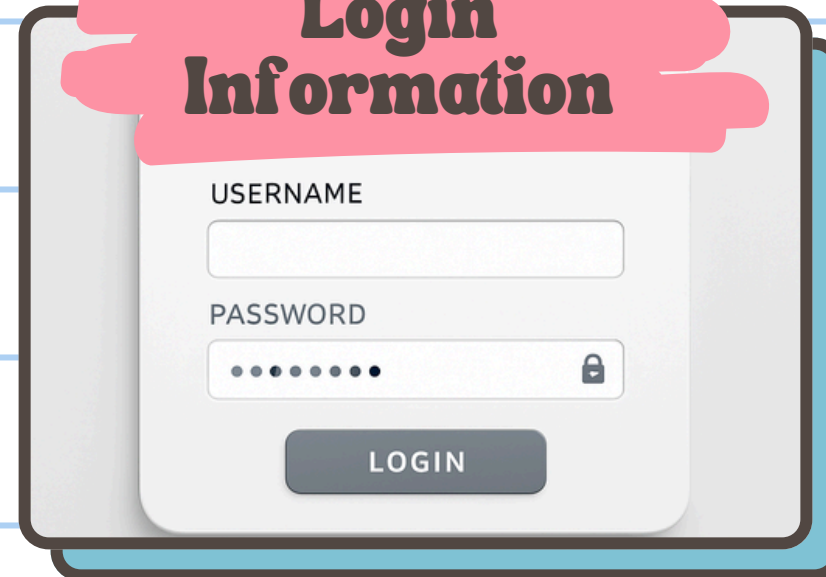


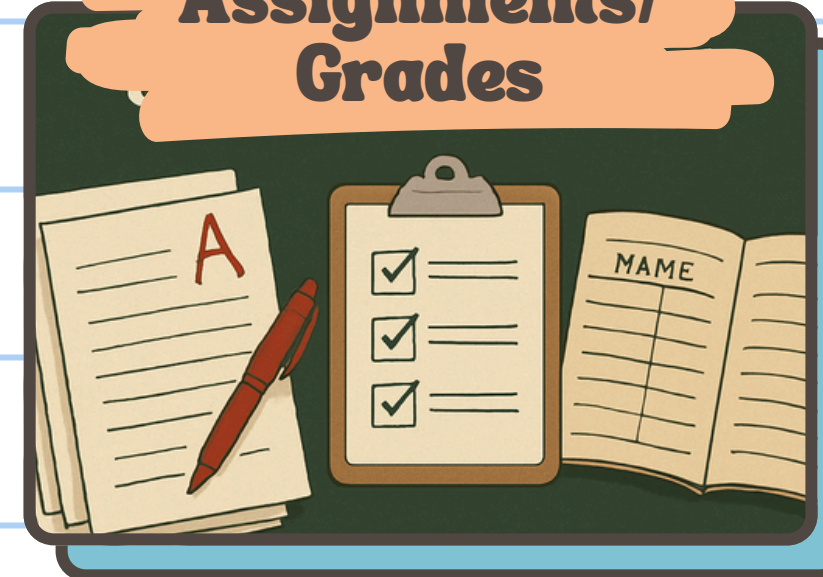
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USERNAME

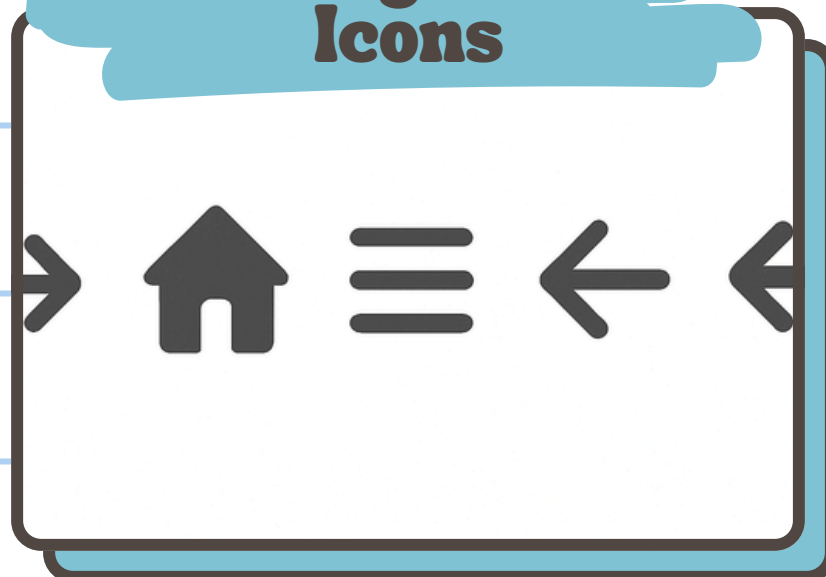
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## Assignments/ Grades



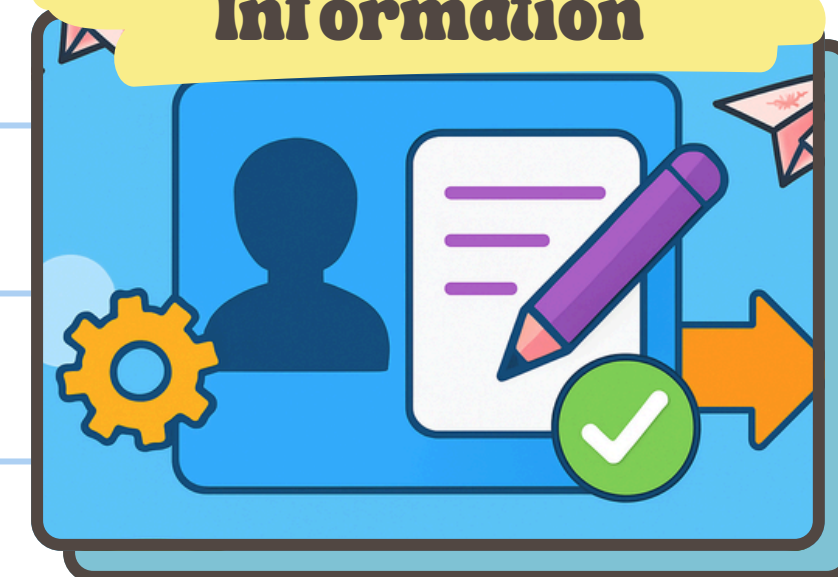
## Navigation Icons



## Updating Parent Information



## Updating Student Information



# More on PowerSchool

Email updates in both \* places.

Thrillshare  
pulls email from  
household page

## Navigation

SchoolForms

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Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
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## Navigating In PowerSchool

After logging in, you will see a navigation bar on the **left side** of the screen. Below is a brief description of each icon.

### SchoolForms

- Student information can be updated using this icon

### Missing Assignments

- All current missing assignments *(for secondary grades only)*

### ClassChoice

- Students make course request using this icon

### Grades and Attendance

- All current school year course grades, assignments, and total of absences/tardies

### Grade History

- All course grades from previous years

### Attendance History

- History of attendance for the current school year

### Email Notification

- Email notification preferences and settings

### Teacher Comments

- General comments for the subject area as a whole

### School Bulletin

- Some schools use this to communicate with parents

### My Schedule

- Student's individual schedule for the Quarter/Semester/Year

### School Information

- Contact information for your student's school

### Account Preferences

- Account settings and place to add additional students

### Payment Portal

- Place to see and pay fees

### Historical Documents

- Access to documents related to grades and test scores (report cards, state test results, progress reports, etc.)

### District Code

- Code needed to log in to PowerSchool app on a mobile device

# What about the bus?

To sign your child up to ride the bus, log into PowerSchool and fill out the "Request for Transportation" form. Confirm eligibility at the link in the form and if your student is going to be a consistent rider, make sure you say, "YES" to the final question, "Does your student need school bus transportation (at least once every two weeks)?" Then sign the form! Before you log out, write down your student's Student ID#. It's the "2011" number. You need this to acquire bus information.

To register for bus information, go to [westada.org](http://westada.org), click on Transportation. From the Transportation page select TRANSPORTATION APP. Follow the Steps 1 and 2. Completing these steps will register you for both the web service and the mobile app (MyRide K-12). Note: Bus Information is available two weeks before school starts. In session, allow two weeks for any new request for transportation.

## Pro Tips for new bus riders:

- **Practice the routine:** Walk with your child to the bus stop a few times before the first day. Show them where the stop is located. If possible, let them meet some of the other children who will be on the same bus!
- **Create a goodbye routine:** Create a consistent and calm goodbye ritual to reassure your child. Whether it's a hug, a wave, or saying something comforting, this routine can help ease any anxiety. Kids often mirror their parents' emotions, so if you're confident, it will help them feel more confident, too.
- **Safety First:** Teach your child important bus safety rules: waiting for the bus to stop completely before getting on, sitting down right away, staying in their seat, and keeping their belongings with them. If your child will be walking to the bus stop alone, go over street safety and the rules of crossing.
- **Introduce Bus Etiquette** Reinforce that talking quietly and being respectful on the bus is important. Practicing these behaviors at home can help your child feel more prepared.

# More Bus Information!

## Understanding the Mobile App

Posted bus routes for pick-up and drop-off times are approximate times only. Please remember that doubled routes, mechanical problems, traffic, weather and other unforeseen circumstances may cause some routes to be early or delayed. Routes that are split between 2 buses will not show an updated time. The app does not have that capability currently.

Parents and students should arrive at their bus stops at least five minutes prior to the published times. If you see an issue with your child's transportation information or need a bus stop, a Help Desk ticket at:

[www.westada.org/o/wasd/page/transportation](http://www.westada.org/o/wasd/page/transportation).

The ticket is on the right-hand side under "Need Assistance?"

## Reminders

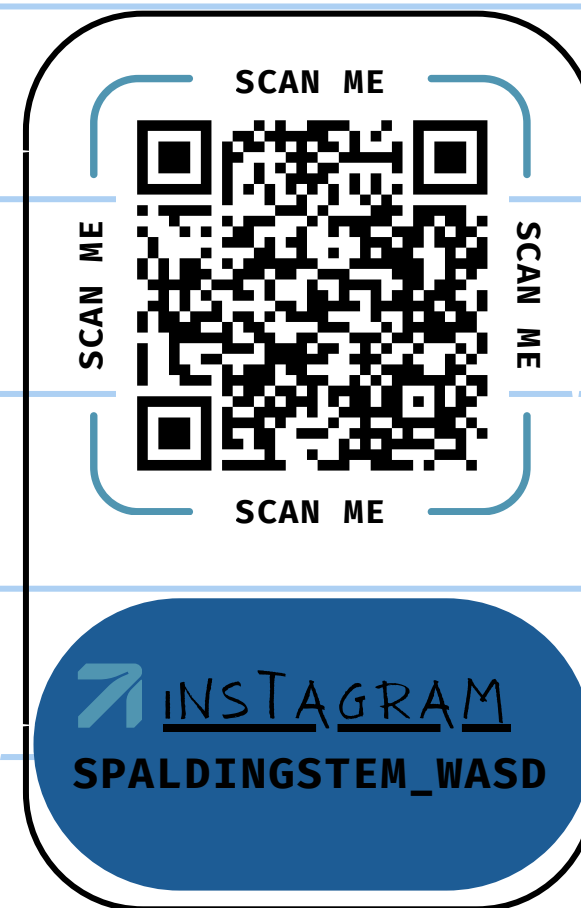
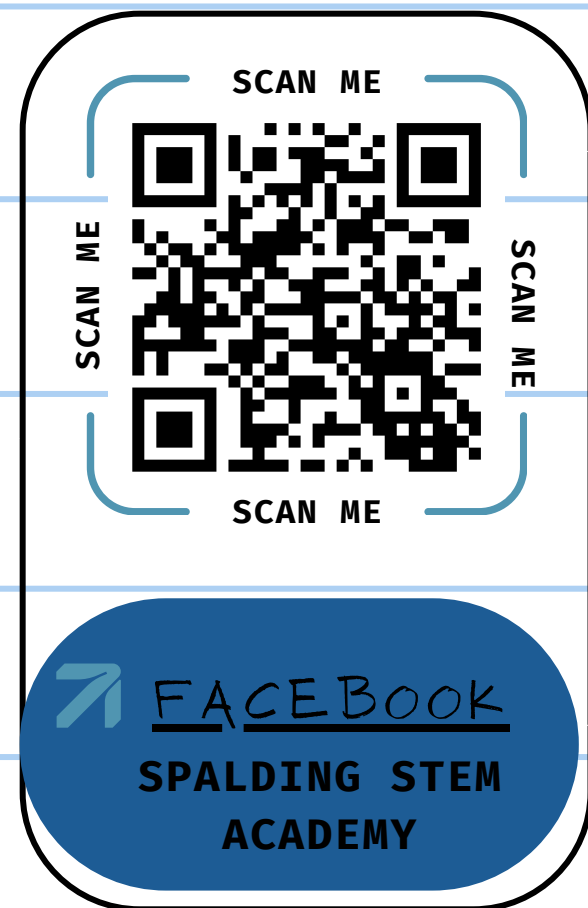
Bus riders must be registered and carry their bus pass ID badge in order to ride the bus (these will be handed out on the first day of school). If a student only needs to ride the bus for a short term or temporary reason, they will not be routed. They can obtain a temporary Bus Pass from the front office of the school. If a student requires a replacement badge, it can be acquired at the school's office. If a student does not ride for a month, their bus assignment may be removed. Submit a new Request for Transportation form in PowerSchool, and we will get them reassigned.

## Your Bus

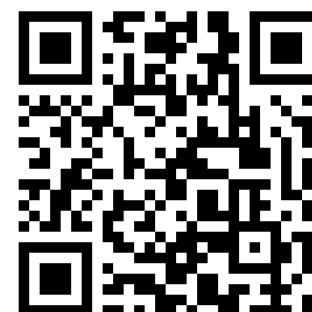
My Ride K-12 is where all student stop information can be found, and also where any notifications for location changes, time changes, or late buses will be sent. When all students are added, you can then view transportation details including the schedule and badge activity for each of your children.

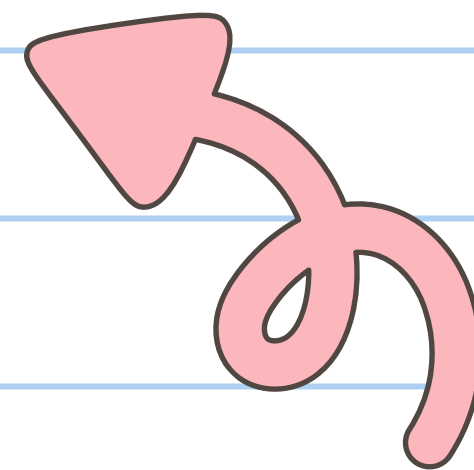
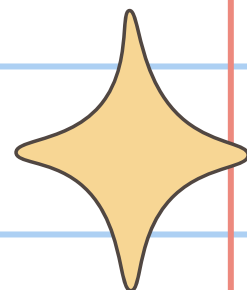
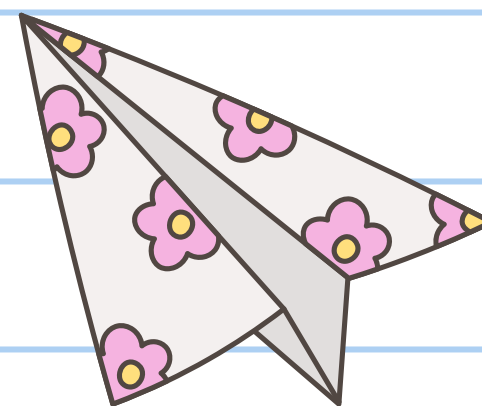
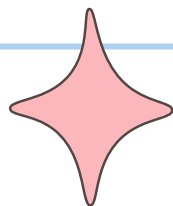
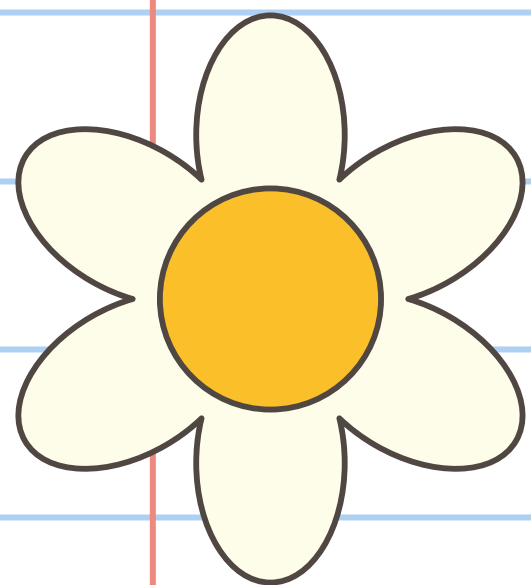
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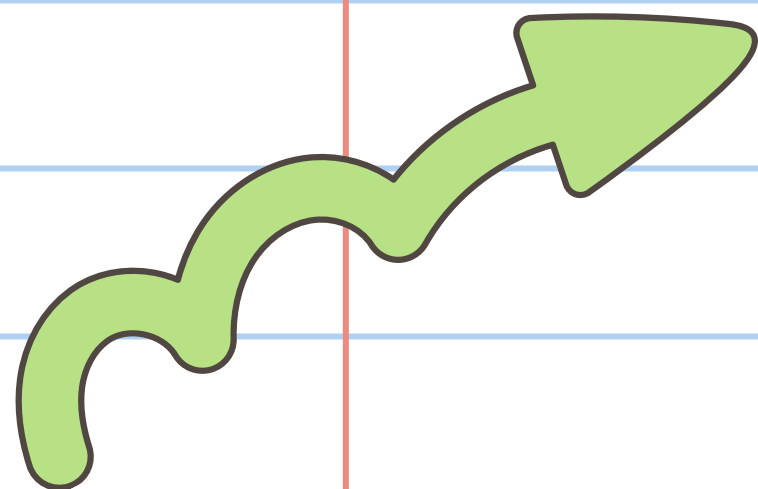


NEWS AND  
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ALSO AVAILABLE ON  
THE SPALDING STEM  
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