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A Day in the Life of a SPARK Student

- Wake Up
- Eat Breakfast
- Brush your teeth
- Check your backpack
- Pack snacks



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Arrival is from 7:15 am - 7:40 am! Prioritize a timely arrival at school to avoid being tardy. Kids will go directly to their classroom when they arrive.

If kids will eat breakfast at school, they will eat in their classrooms. (Breakfast must be paid for if not on F/R Lunch).

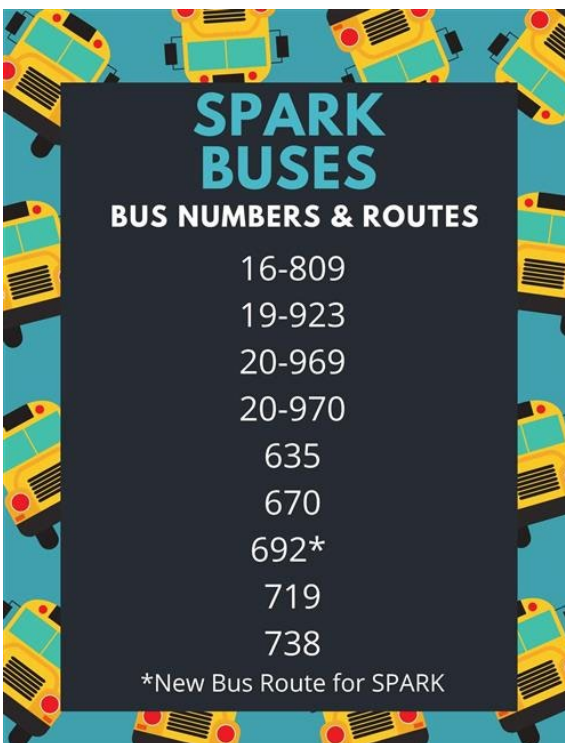


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Tips

- Get to the bus stop 15 minutes earlier for the first month for A.M. pickup & P.M. drop-off.
- Parents/Guardians are never allowed to get on a school bus.
- Any issues, feel free to ask bus driver and let us know.



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Bus stop Locator on APS Website

<http://aps-edulog.apsk12.org/livewebsa/webquery/>

Here Comes the Bus Locator

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/65386>



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Where will my student enter the building?

- **Kindergarten - K Center**
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade**
 - Cafeteria Courtyard, Cafeteria Entrance
- **4th & 5th Grade**
 - Gym Side Door Entrance

There are videos on the SPARK Website showing where each entrance is located!



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What if my child forgets something at home?



You can drop it off
in the front office
and we will make
sure your child
receives it.



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7:15 am: Unpack/Breakfast/Morning Work

7:45 am: Instructional Day Begins (Optimal Time of Day)

2:45 pm: Dismissal Starts



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SPARK Plug

7:50-8:20 for Grades 3-5

8:30-9:00 for Grades 1-2

8:45 - 9:15 for Kindergarten (Starts in January)

This is a time for intervention or enrichment, depending on the specific needs of each student.

Students will receive individualized instruction, based on initial screeners & MAP scores.

Instructional delivery models include:

- Computer-based (adaptive)
- Small group
- Peer/individual

2 Days of Reading, 2 Days of Math per week.



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Screening Measures @SPARK

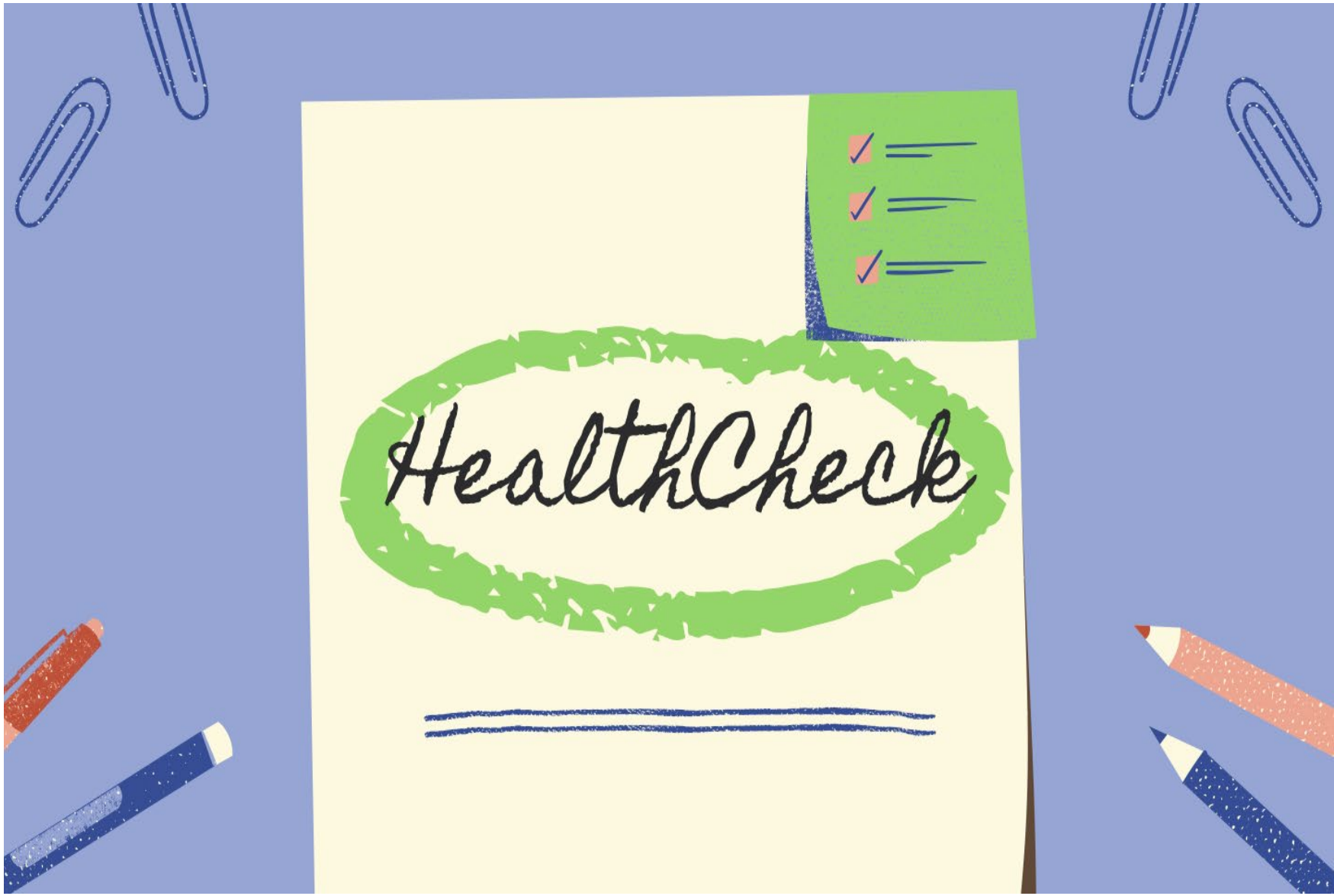
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**Temperature
Screenings
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**Surveillance
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Each morning parents will need to check in with your children.

1. **Fever.** Any temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit (38° Centigrade) is a fever, and children shouldn't go to school with fevers. Not only are fevers a sign of some sort of infection, it also usually means that they are shedding germs right and left. There's just no way you can know whether things will get better or worse — and while giving them medicine might bring the fever down, it won't stop them from being contagious.

2. **Vomiting or diarrhea.** It's unfair all around — to the child and the school or daycare — to send a child with vomiting or diarrhea no matter how well they might look to you. The same 20-24 hour rule applies, although it's worth checking with your doctor for advice. Some viruses, such as norovirus, can be contagious for an extra day or so. You do *not* want to be the parent responsible for an outbreak of norovirus at your school or daycare, trust me.

3. **Bad pain.** If your child has a sore knee or a mild headache but is otherwise acting okay, it's likely fine to give some medicine and send them off. But if the pain is anything more than mild, don't do it. Pain is always something you want to keep an eye on. Keep them home and call your doctor instead.

4. **Coughing that won't stop** — or anything different about your child's breathing. If we kept every child with a cold home during the winter months, there would be a lot of empty classrooms. But a really bad cough not only makes it hard for a child to learn or play, it also warrants a call to the doctor, as does breathing that sounds or looks different from usual.



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MASK OPTIONAL PRACTICES @SPARK

#1

Parents decide as to whether their child will wear a mask while at school indoors.

#2

There is no opt-out letter that will be provided to parents. We will accept all children as they are.

#3

Teachers will not police mask wearing. Parents will set the expectation for their child.

#4

If a kid requests a mask, we will give he/she/they a mask. We will never deny a student of having a mask.

#5

Masks are no longer required on school buses. Masks are optional.

#6

Teachers will refrain from sharing their own personal opinion regarding mask wearing with children.

#7

Teachers will take time to speak with students about respecting everyone's perspective.

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Student Absences

- If you know your child is going to be absent, please let your teacher know.
- Excused Absences:
 - Illness
 - Death in the family
 - Doctor's Appointments
- Unexcused Absences:
 - Vacation
 - Grandma/grandpa/family visiting
 - Birthdays



It is our goal for students to have fewer than 6 absences for the school year! We had 96.2% of all SPARK students last year with 6 or fewer absences.



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Morning Meeting/SEL

Reading (Whole Group, Small Group)

Writing

Social Studies

Math

Science

Health

SPECIALS



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Physical Education - Twice a week!

Art

General Music

Spanish

Social Emotional Learning

Media Center

Band/Orchestra/Chorus (4-5 only)

Environmental Science



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Lunch

Ask your teacher about your child's exact time.

Breakfast & Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria or cafeteria courtyard!



Lunch from Home

Please be sure not to send food in that needs to be warmed up. Microwaves are not available. If you use Tupperware, it should be easily opened. Please do not send UberEats, Doordash or GrubHub to SPARK!



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- Parents are not allowed to have lunch with kids.

No more Free Breakfast & Lunch

Lunch

Parents who do not qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch will have to pay for Breakfast & Lunch.



Breakfast & Lunch Account Set up

For students who will eat at school, parents must add money to their meal account regularly.

Free/Reduced Lunch Application

Some families may qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch. Application will need to be completed to determine eligibility.



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Healthy Snacks



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Food Allergies

DID YOU KNOW?



- ▶ **8%** of students are affected by food allergies, and the incidence is increasing.

- ▶ **1 of 5 students** with food allergies will have a reaction while at school.



- ▶ **25%** of severe food allergy reactions at school happen to students with no previous known food allergy.



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Food Allergies

1. Let your child's teacher and school nurse know. Complete the SPARK Medical Form. You can even mention it to other support team members like - Bus Driver, Cafeteria Staff, Administrators.
2. If your child has an Epinephrine Pen please provide an EPI Pen to the school. The EPI Pen will be housed with the school nurse. Make sure that everyone is trained on how to use it.
3. Volunteer at School during parties or class field trips. Stay in frequent contact with your child's teacher & "Room Parent". (A room parent is someone who volunteers to help the teacher organize/set up parties, etc.)
4. Involve your Kid - Be sure to read books with your child about food allergies. Help them practice by speaking up and reminding others about their food allergies. Older children can read food labels. Teach your children to speak up and advocate for themselves.
5. Pack safe meals and snacks.



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You may want to design a similar sign to this with your child to give to the teacher!

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Grade	Daily recess time	Grade	Daily recess time
K	40 minutes	3	30 minutes
1	40 minutes	4	30 minutes
2	30 minutes	5	30 minutes

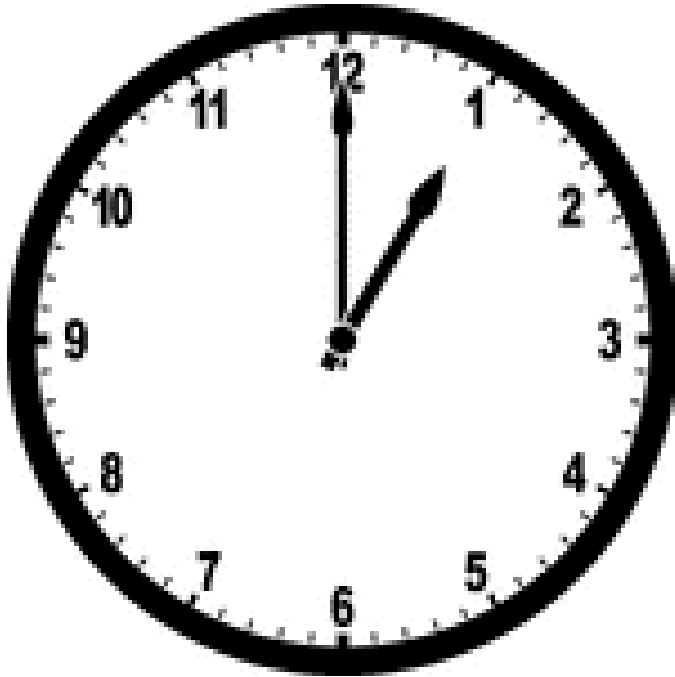


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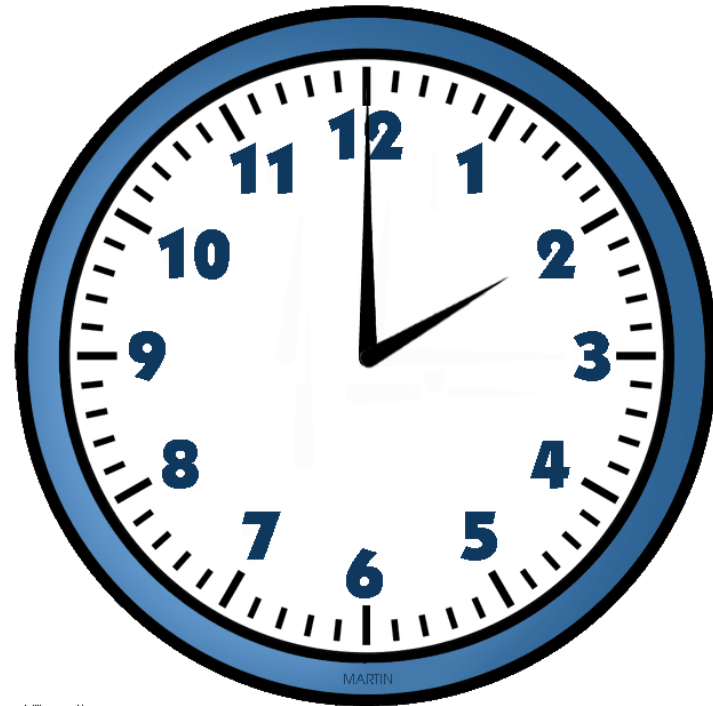
1:00pm:

Deadline to change
afternoon transportation



2:00pm:

Deadline to check child out of
school - Bring your ID



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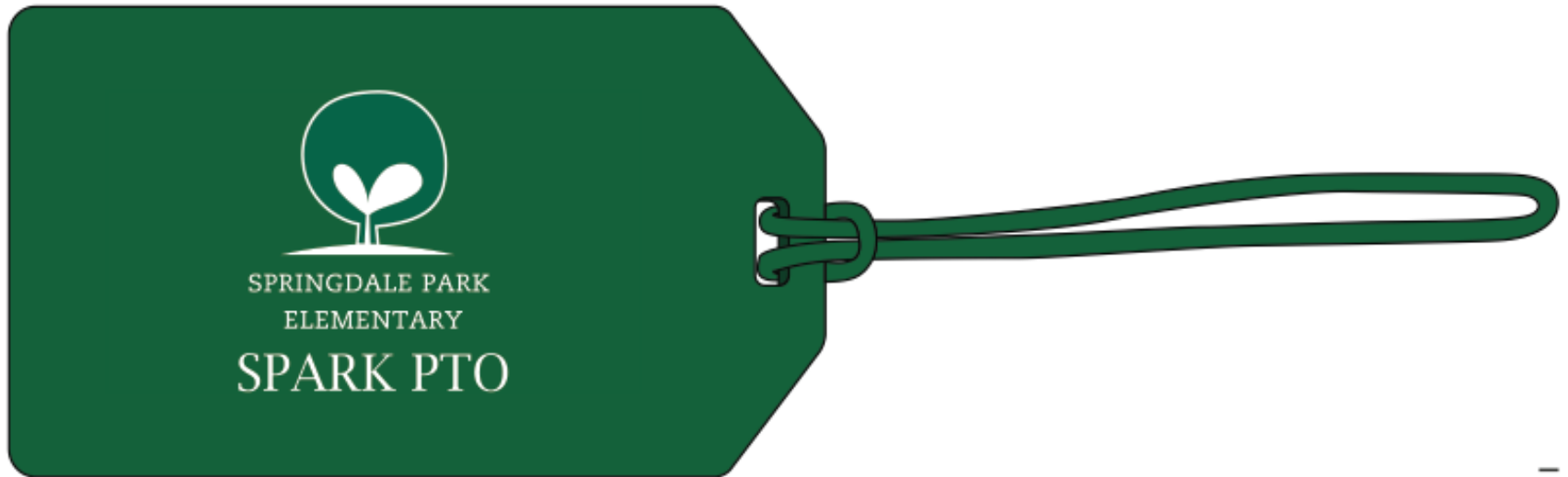
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Bag Tag – Every student @ SPARK has a bag tag.

Dismissal – The end of the school day is at 2:45.

Please update your bag tag daily!



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How do I make sure that a transportation change is made?

1. Contact the Teacher
2. Contact the front office by emailing:
SpringdaleTransportC@atlanta.k12.ga.us



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How is your child going to get home each day!?

After School Dismissal Codes for Parents!

These codes should be used when marking your child's "Permanent Transportation Card". The permanent transportation card goes in your child bag tag on their backpack so we know how your child goes home every day!

At SPARK we ask that you do all you can to have the same mode of transportation each and every day. It makes it easier on the school and on your child's teacher!



B ←······→ Bus



C ←······→ Carpool



W ←······→ Walker



V ←······→ Vans

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Clubs

SPARK Afterschool
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Daycare

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SPARK Buses will pick up from the Kindergarten Center, first, every day. Buses then make their way to Main Campus to pick up all other students.

All buses leave main campus by 3pm at the latest.



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Remind

Join the Remind group for your child's bus! SPARK uses this app to alert parents of route delays, driver changes, departure times the first few weeks.

Bus 635



Bus 670



Bus 719



Bus 738



Bus 20-970



Bus 20-969



Bus 19-923



Bus 692

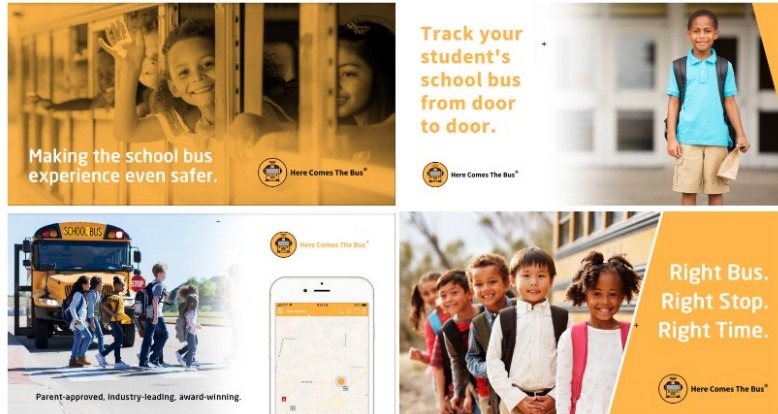


Bus 16-809



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Making the school bus experience even safer.

Track your student's school bus from door to door.

Right Bus. Right Stop. Right Time.

Parent-approved. Industry-leading. Award-winning.

The Here Comes the Bus app is operated by APS Transportation.



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A School Bus Tracking App for Parents

Tracking Features

- Shows the real-time location of your child's bus on a map
- Gives scheduled and actual arrival times at home and school for bus routes
- Provides push and email notifications when the bus is near

RIGHT BUS. RIGHT STOP. RIGHT TIME.

Sign Up Instructions For Parents:

1. Download Here Comes the Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school code **87794** and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin



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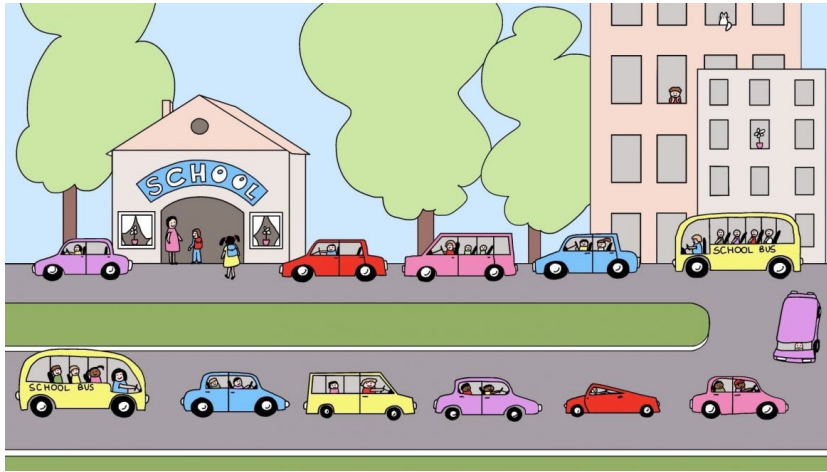


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CARPOOL & Walkers!

Make sure to have your hang tag.
Having your hang tag displayed makes
it easier for us to get your kid to you!

Every kid has a carpool number at
SPARK! Teach them their number!



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After School Van Riders!

Many SPARK students go to other off-site After School Daycare/Club Providers! These providers may offer pick up service for your children from SPARK and drive them to their site location.



- CampUS Kids
- Canterbury School
- The Children's School
- ContactPoint
- Druid Hills Child Development
- Glenn After School
- Kids Academy
- Little 5 Points Music Center
- Jewish Kids Group (JKG)
- Atlanta Montessori International School

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SPARK AFTER SCHOOL (SPAS)

On-Site After School Daycare & Clubs/Organizations

- On-Site at SPARK Main Campus
- Kindergarteners who are enrolled in SPAS will be shuttled to the Main Campus for SPAS. SPARK Staff member will ride the bus to the Main Campus, daily, with the Kinders.
- SPAS is open from 2:45pm - 6:00pm daily.
- Monthly Fee with easy set up!



- Starting on 9/12
- Clubs & Organizations
 - Basketball
 - Blue Heron Preserve
 - Soccer
 - Kids TV
 - Drawing Elements
 - Graphic Novel & Comic Creations
 - Tap & Ballet
 - Chess
 - Kidz Tennis
 - Video Gaming & Coding
 - STEM Velocity Lab & STEM 4 Girls
 - Golf



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Activity	After School Child Care SPAS	After School Clubs/Organizations
Start Date	Monday, August 1st	Monday, September 12th
Times	2:45 - 6:00 pm	2:45 - 4:00 pm *actual times TBD, per activity
Pick up	Come to cafeteria to sign children out.	Come to the cafeteria courtyard to sign children out.



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We love our volunteers!

Every year, **ALL** volunteers are required to complete a new Level 2 form and provide a photocopy of ID.

Level 3 forms will need to be completed and turned into APS Office of Safety & Security for parents who go on field trips with students. This also means that you will need to go through a district background check.

Documents must be on file with K Center and Main Campus prior to your volunteer activity start time.

Please sign in & out at the Front Office.



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Communication

- Teacher needs to be the first point of contact for any concerns.
- Teachers are expected to reply within 24/48 hours. During business hours.
- If the concern is not addressed promptly, please contact Mrs. Bringslid or Dr. Toney for guidance.
- Do not wait until May to share concerns. We want your child to have a wonderful experience at SPARK. We can't support if we don't know.



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How do I arrange a conference with a teacher?

- Your child's teacher is your first line of communication at SPARK
- Teachers will schedule 1 conference in the Fall, and 1 in the Spring. If you would like additional time to meet, reach out to the teacher.



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Thank you!



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