

October 2, 2019

Dear Parents,

As previously communicated the schools will be on a partial day schedule due to the damage of Imelda's flooding. The school facilities took on more water than after the storm of 2017. There are about 13 fewer classrooms available for use and more students and teachers than in the district at that time. Due to this situation, we recognize the need for child care in the community. The school district met with local daycare facilities and churches to discuss what might be done to address this need. The daycare facilities are hopeful they may reopen about the time school restarts. The churches have offered any and all assistance to meet this need in spite of some of their facilities being flooded as well. We are overwhelmed by the positive response to supporting the school and community in the wake of this disaster.

In an effort to bring normalcy and allow the community to recover, the schools and churches are coordinating to provide child care to cover the normal school day. School personnel will supervise and coordinate transportation and student activities to provide quality child care at the participating church facilities. Some things planned for the students include indoor and outdoor physical play/games, tutoring/participating in academic subjects, art time, watching movies, snack time and counseling activities. While the child care will not be the same as regular school it is designed to provide enrichment and tutorial activities during the abbreviated schedule.

While the development of this childcare program is based upon the parent interest in having their child or children participate, it is not mandatory or part of the abbreviated school day.

This program is strictly **voluntary**.

Plans for the program include:

- Transportation to/from the church sites will be provided on school buses
- The elementary and intermediate students will be provided a snack (morning or afternoon)

- All drop-off and pick-up of students will be done at the school campus facility (Elem or HS), as will dismissal and arrival
- There will be school staff (administrator, nurse, teachers and others) at the church site to supervise/instruct the students
- Assigned district law enforcement officers will patrol the church sites
- All volunteers will have a background check just as if they volunteered at the school
- The program may be altered depending on the student participation numbers

Detailed information regarding the abbreviated schedule is below:

**\*\*\*Although the school district is on an abbreviated schedule, buses will run morning and afternoon routes only.\*\*\***

**Elementary:** PreK, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd grade students may be dropped off for breakfast at 7:25 AM with the first bell at 7:55 AM. Instruction starts at 8:00 AM and ends at noon. Lunch will be from 12:05-12:35 PM with pick up beginning at 12:35 PM, but buses will not run until after 3:45 PM. Parents may allow their student to forgo lunch if they choose to feed their child at home with pickup beginning at 12:05 PM. For elementary students registered to go to the school childcare program (at Grace Community Church), a bus will take them and the school staff to Grace Community Church on Burrell-Wingate Rd. Bus(es) will bring the students and staff back to the elementary campus by 3:30 PM for dismissal, parent pick up, or to get on the bus to bring the child home as appropriate.

**Intermediate:** 4th and 5th grade students may be dropped off at the elementary campus at 10:45 AM to eat lunch at 11:00 AM. Parents may allow their student to forgo lunch if they choose to feed their child at home. Instructional time will begin at 11:30 AM. Intermediate students registered for the School childcare program (at First Baptist in Fannett) must be dropped off at the elementary by 7:45 AM and buses will take them and the school staff to the First Baptist Church in Fannett on the corner of Burrell-Wingate Rd and Hwy. 124. Bus(es) will bring the students and staff back to the elementary campus by 10:45 AM for lunch at 11:00 AM. All intermediate students will be dismissed at 3:45 PM for parent pick up, or to get on the bus to bring the child home as appropriate.

**Middle School:** 6th, 7th and 8th grade students may be dropped off at the High School campus at 10:45 AM to eat lunch at 11:00 AM. Instructional time will begin at 11:35 AM. For parents of students that may need supervision for the entire school day - please register for child care provided by the school. Students registered for the program may be dropped off no

earlier than 7:30 AM and report to the auditorium. Teachers/staff will be available to instruct/tutor/supervise your child until the regular day begins at 11:00 AM. All middle school students will be dismissed at 3:45 PM to after-school activities, parent pick up, or to get on the bus to bring the child home as appropriate.

**High School:** 9th-12th grade students may arrive for breakfast at 7:20 AM if desired. Instruction begins at 7:50 AM and ends at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided from 12:00-12:30 PM, but buses will not run until after 3:45 PM. Students may leave after 12:00 PM if they have transportation. After school activities will be scheduled after dismissal. Any parent that needs supervision of their high school student for the remainder of the normal school day (3:45 PM) may register by turning in the attached form.

**Registration for HFISD child care:**

Thursday, October 3rd and Friday, October 4th from 4-6 PM in Hamshire at the HS office, and in Fannett at the Elementary office. All grade levels may register at either location.

We thank you for your patience as we try to restart school and meet the needs of the community during this time of recovery. Please sign up for child care if you have that need so that we can plan appropriately.

Also, information about transportation for any displaced students that are currently outside the district will be put on the district website as available.



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## **HFISD EXTENDED CHILD CARE PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

(Please print)

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child attend the child care program?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please fill-out the information below:

Will your child ride the bus home? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

*Parent or Guardian's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent Phone # CELL* \_\_\_\_\_ *WORK* \_\_\_\_\_

*Medication taking:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Allergic to:* \_\_\_\_\_

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