



**Rhodes School**  
*for the* Performing Arts

**COVID-19**  
**Smart Start 2020-2021**  
**Re-Entry Plan**

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Thursday, July 23, 2020

Dear RSPA Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. As the state of Texas prepares to return to school this fall, RSPA is doing our part by keeping our parents up to date and informed on the latest guidelines released by the Texas Education Agency. TEA has provided districts more flexibility in the design of their re-entry plans. As of Monday, July 20, 2020, RSPA has planned a gradual phase-in system for our students. The phase schedule is below for your review. Parents who opt-out of sending their student back to school during their designated phase, will have until **Friday, October 2, 2020** to decide if their child will return to campus. Any student that does not return by Friday, October 2, 2020 will have to wait until the end of the grading period to change their instructional method.

### Technology Needs

Additionally, we have scheduled two days for parents to check -out technology. Families in need of technology must review [Public Copy - The Rhodes School Digital Policy](#) and complete the [Technology Check-Out Agreement](#), prior to receiving their devices. For more help regarding technology check-out please email [ITParentHelpDesk@rhodesschool.org](mailto:ITParentHelpDesk@rhodesschool.org). The dates and times are also listed below, all campuses have the same dates and times.

#### Technology Pick-Up Dates(all campuses):

- Saturday, August 15, 2020 | 10:00am-3:00pm
- Friday, August 21, 2020 | 10:00am-3:00pm

### Transportation

Transportation will be provided for students in need; however, due to social distancing guidelines and other restrictions, bus capacity will be significantly lower and bus routes will be adjusted. Seats on the busses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the [Transportation Request Form](#) only if your student is in need of transport to and from school. Parents who have previously completed a Transportation Request prior to the end of the 19-20 SY, are asked to complete this form.

### **School Meals**

RSPA will provide free breakfast and lunch to all its students for the 2020-2021 school year; however, parents are still required to complete a new school lunch application. The 2020-2021 lunch application will be available the second week in August. For more additional assistance regarding the school lunch application and program please email [foodservice@rhodesschool.org](mailto:foodservice@rhodesschool.org)

### **P-EBT**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has not released any guidance or updates regarding a second wave of P-EBT funding to families. We will update eligible families as more information becomes available.

### **Crayon Club**

Crayon Club will be available to parents for before and after school care. Additionally, Crayon Club is also available for parents considering virtual learning. Crayon Club offers Texas State Ready trained and certified teachers and highly qualified Academic Coaches. Please visit their website at [www.crayon-club.com](http://www.crayon-club.com) for more information.

***2020-2021 Crayon Club applications are being updated. Enrollment applications will be available soon.***

# Re-Entry Phases



## Phase I

- All students will start school on **Monday, August 24, 2020 virtually.**

## Phase II

- Students grades **Pre-Kindergarten - 2nd** will have the option to return in-person on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**
- Parents who wish for their students to remain virtual have the option to keep their students at home.

## Phase III

- Students grades **3rd-5th** will have the option to return in-person on **Monday, September 14, 2020.**
- Parents who wish for their students to remain virtual have the option to keep their students at home.

## Phase IV

- Students grades **6th-8th** will have the option to return in-person on **Monday, September 21, 2020.**
- Parents who wish for their students to remain virtual have the option to keep their students at home.

## Phase V

- Students who did not return in-person during their designated phase may return on **Monday, September 28, 2020.**
- Parents who wish for their students to remain virtual have the option to keep their students at home.

*Please note that this situation is fluid and subject to frequent changes. RSPA is committed to updating our families as new information becomes available. For the latest and most accurate information please visit our website at <https://rhodesschool.org/covid-19-information/>*

# Important Dates



- **Technology Pick-Up Dates(all campuses):**

- Saturday, August 15, 2020 |  
10:00am-3:00pm
- Friday, August 21, 2020 |  
10:00am-3:00pm

- **Phase I/First Day of School:**

- Monday, August 24, 2020

- **Phase II:**

- Tuesday, September 8, 2020

- **Phase III:**

- Monday, September 14, 2020

- **Phase IV:**

- Monday, September 21, 2020

- **Phase V:**

- Monday, September 28, 2020

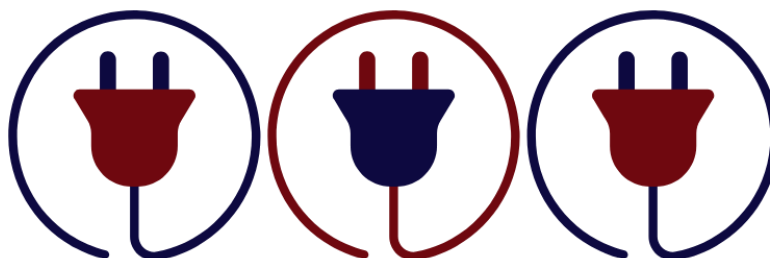
*Please note that RSPA will have full day Fridays for the 2020-2021 school year. Click [here](#) to access the District Calendar.*

# COVID-19 FAQ



Additionally, our COVID-19 FAQ is available for your review on our district website. The FAQ is a living document and will be updated frequently, so please review it routinely. As previously stated, this situation is ever-evolving and all plans are subject to change. Please stay connected to our website and our social media pages. If you are a new parent and are not registered to receive **Remind 101** text alerts, please see the instructions below.

**stay  
connected**



## **Remind 101**

Text the phrase (including the "@" sign) associated with your campus to 81010.

Northwest: @TRSLW

Channelview: @TRSCV

Humble: @TRSHumble

## **Social Media**

Stay connected and like, share, and follow us on our social media accounts.

Facebook: @rhodesschool

Instagram: @RSPA07

Twitter: @rhodesschool

# Helpful Links



Center for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov>

Texas Education Agency

<https://tea.texas.gov>

Harris Health System

<https://www.harrishealth.org>

RSPA COVID-19 Information Page

<https://rhodesschool.org/covid-19-information/>