



FALCON NEWSLETTER

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Check out HISD's updated Ready, Set, Go! Back to School Plan at <https://www.houstonisd.org/ReadySetGo>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Rice School Parents & Guardians,

We had a wonderful beginning to our 2021-2022 School Year thanks to our Teachers, Students, Parents, and Staff! We have systems in place from the time our students walk through the school door to have temperatures checked, until they leave at the end of the day. As we navigate through the COVID pandemic, I ask that you review HISD's "Ready, Set, Go" plan. This plan outlines both instructional and operational protocols for The Rice School and every school in the Houston ISD. We have sent parents a copy via email, Class Dojo, and Remind. This plan can also be found on our Rice School website as well as the Houston ISD website. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher, grade level administrator, or call the main office at 713-349-1800. Thank you for your support as we begin the new school year!

Principal Hobbs

MEET OUR ADMIN TEAM



Kimberly Hobbs
Principal, The Rice School/La Escuela Rice



Jacqueline Curtis
Administrator, Kindergarten - 2nd Grade



Rubye Gilbert
Administrator, 3rd - 5th Grade



Marilyn Callegari
Administrator, 6th - 8th Grade



Vickie Matson
Magnet Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/3	Parent Packet Due	Turn in to Homeroom Teacher
9/6	Labor Day	No School
9/16	Fall Holiday	No School
9/17	Teacher Service Day	No School
9/21	Virtual Open House Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd	4:30 – 6:30 pm
9/22	Virtual Open House 3rd, 4th, & 5th	4:30 – 6:30 pm
9/23	Virtual Open House 6th, 7th, & 8th	4:30 – 6:30 pm
10/4	Teacher Service Day	No School

CONTACT FACULTY & STAFF

Are you looking for a Rice School Faculty or Staff email? Please go to: <https://www.houstonisd.org/trsfaculty>

HISD CONNECT PARENT PORTAL



HISD Connect by PowerSchool includes student contact, enrollment, and demographic information, as well as grades and online resources.

Parents will be given a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students and will be able to use those codes to set up an account to access their students' profiles through a new parent portal.

If you accessed HISD Connect during the 2020-2021 school year, your login is the same for this school year.

If your child is new to HISD or you did not receive your students' HISD Connect Parent Portal letter, you should contact your child's [homeroom teacher](#).

HISD Connect: <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org>

How to Access Forms:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/11001>

<https://youtu.be/RwiShAFKITI> (English)

<https://youtu.be/tgHUX2voDoY> (Español)

2021-2022 STUDENT MEALS



All HISD students receive breakfast in the classroom and lunch in the cafeteria, provided daily at no charge.

The Neighborhood Supersite community food and household supplies distribution program is closed, as are the campus curbside pickup and apartment complex delivery programs.

Families in need of meal assistance should submit a **Student Assistance Form** (<http://www.houstonisd.org/SAF>) to HISD's **Wraparound Services** Department (<https://www.houstonisd.org/wraparound>)

Note: Competitive food sales — including food sold by schools, parent groups, booster clubs, and outside vendors — is prohibited.

For more information about HISD Nutrition Services, go to: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/171536>

HISD@H.O.M.E.: TEMPORARY ONLINE LEARNING



Get info on learning at home for students with a temporary medical condition.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/HOME>

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS



Progress Report – September 10, 2021
Report Card – October 8, 2021

Parents can access grades, progress reports, and report cards through HISD Connect by PowerSchool at:

<https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org>

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DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE SOCIOECONOMIC FORM FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



The Houston Independent School District will provide free breakfast and lunch to students for the 2021-2022 school year, but parents will still need to fill out a new socioeconomic form.

Because all HISD students qualify for free breakfast and lunch parents will not need to complete and return a free and reduced-price meal application. However, HISD is still required to collect and report the socioeconomic status of each student via a blue form that is then sent to the Texas Education Agency. This ensures campuses receive Title I funding.

Parents must complete and return one form to each school where they have a child enrolled. A form is not needed for pre-K students who have been qualified based on proof of income eligibility or homeless status.

It is very important that families complete the form so that schools can receive Title I and State Compensatory Education funding, which directly impact campuses and students throughout the district. Title I and State Compensatory Education funding can be used to:

- Hire personnel
- Provide tutoring services
- Order technology
- Provide professional development for teachers.

Socioeconomic forms are also utilized in the annual state accountability ratings, ensuring that each campus is compared to other campuses with the same percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

Forms were placed in the Parent Packet. The Public Education Information Management System encompasses all data requested and received by TEA about public education,

including student demographic and academic performance, personnel, financial, and organizational information.

PARENT UNIVERSITY



HISD is dedicated to providing parents with the supports they need to be invested in the success of their children. Parent University supports parents and families in the education of their children, providing an introduction to district programs, community resources, and parent-engagement strategies. Each Parent University session will be held online.

All HISD families are encouraged to attend. A variety of community resources will be available for parents, and Spanish interpretation will be offered. Registration and more information for each event can be found at HoustonISD.org/ParentUniversity.

HISD 'LET'S STAY CONNECTED' MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The Houston Independent School District has made available to the Let's Stay Connected Hotline, a mental health hotline for students and parents to provide emotional, social, and psychological support to students and parents who feel the need for assistance.

Students and parents may call the Let's Stay Connected Hotline at 713-556-1340 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Trained staff from HISD's Social and Emotional Learning Department are available to offer counseling, mental health education, and make referrals in English and Spanish.

Callers to the hotline may remain anonymous.

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