



FALCON NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Rice School Parents and School Community,

We have had a wonderful beginning to our 2023-2024 School Year! We are focused on High-Quality Instruction in every classroom. The objectives are aligned with state standards and logically sequenced. Lessons are differentiated and assignments encourage higher-order thinking. Our Rice School Teachers are focused on scaffolding instruction to support student learning. The problem solving activities are rigorous. Our students are engaged in reading, writing, discussing, and thinking the entire lesson. We are creating a College and Career-Ready Culture at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice. I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teachers. Thank you for your support as we begin the new school year!

Principal Kimberly Hobbs

MEET OUR ADMIN TEAM



Ms. Kimberly Hobbs

Principal, The Rice School/La Escuela Rice



Dr. Jacqueline Curtis

Administrator, Kindergarten - 2nd Grade



Ms. Rubye Gilbert

Administrator, 3rd - 5th Grade



Ms. Marilyn Callegari

Administrator, 6th - 8th Grade



Dr. Vickie Matson

Magnet Coordinator

CONTACT FACULTY & STAFF

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

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS



Progress Report – September 22, 2023
Report Card – October 6, 2023

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

<https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org>

THE RICE SCHOOL IS A NATIONALLY CERTIFIED MAGNET SCHOOL



The Rice School/La Escuela Rice is proud to announce that it has been recognized as a nationally certified magnet school. Nationally certified magnet schools provide high-quality, innovative educational options to families and students that promote choice, diversity, and academic excellence.

To learn more, visit

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/199852>

THE RICE SCHOOL IS A GOLD CERTIFIED FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOL



The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department is dedicated to establishing meaningful partnerships among families, communities, and schools by building capacity for all educators to empower parents as educational partners and advocates for all children. Empowering parents to help their children achieve their maximum learning potential is a moral imperative that all educators must promote in order to help their students' success in school and beyond. We invite you to partner with us in building a strong engagement program to support student achievement in your community.

To learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HISDFACE>

PINK OUT DAY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle School Students, PINK OUT DAY is Friday, October 20th. Wear pink shirts, bows, ribbons, or socks to show your support. Purchase an admission ticket for \$3 on SchoolPay in order to participate in having some fun. There will be games, sports, and competitions hosted by our coaches. Also, concessions will be sold. Thank you for your support of the e Rice School Athletics Teams! Scan the QR Code to access SchoolPay.



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 2022-2023 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)

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE SOCIOECONOMIC FORM FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



HISD asking parents to complete socioeconomic form for the 2023-2024 school year.

Houston Independent School District will provide free breakfast and lunch to students in the Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP) for the 2023-2024 school year, but all parents/caregivers will still need to fill out a new socioeconomic form (SIF).

It can be completed online via the HISD Parent Portal or submitted in a paper form to their campus. The blue paper form was included in the parent packet. The HISD Parent Portal will be available to input data on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023.

Parents/caregivers must complete and return one form to each school where they have a child enrolled. The deadline is Friday, October 27, 2023.




Because all HISD-CEP 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 socioeconomic information form (SIF) that is then sent to the Texas Education Agency. This ensures campuses receive federal and state funds.

It is very important that families complete the form so that schools can receive federal and state funding (i.e., Title I and State Compensatory Education), 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, and 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.

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.


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HELPFUL LINKS

 HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	 THE RICE SCHOOL	 HISD ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
 ACADEMIC OUTFITTERS UNIFORM STORE	 REQUEST RECORDS	 EARLY RISERS & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM