

Horizons Parent Guide 2021

Arrivals/Departures

- All campuses require that students wear a mask while on campus. We will have some paper masks available daily. Please wear a mask while on campus in the carpool area dropping off and picking up students.
- All students must complete a MyMedBot assessment each morning before arrival.

MyMedBot

MyMedBot is an app that screens students prior to arrival on campus. It is a safe and simple app that send push notifications to quickly pre-screen individuals each morning for COVID-19 risk factors. Every morning, you will be asked to complete a brief health questionnaire for your student. Any student that receives an at-risk classification must stay home and follow up with the Horizons nurse. You will need a thermometer to complete the screening. Please let us know if you need help purchasing a thermometer to keep at home.

- Students should remain in the car at drop off areas until they have had their temperature taken and are told it is okay to exit the vehicle. Parents should stay in their vehicles during this process.
- No student may arrive before 8:15am, unless participating in the Swim Team program practices which begin at 7am. All students should be picked up by 3:00pm.
- Please be mindful of carpool procedures and follow all instructions given by faculty. See the carpool map for your site.
- You will be given a Car Tag with your students names. You will not be allowed on any campus without this clearly displayed in your windshield.
- Early departures must be checked out at the Horizons office at your campus. Please call ahead to inform us of early dismissals. Late arrivals after 8:30am must be checked in. If you miss the bus to your site, bring your child to your site. Visitors are not allowed inside buildings due to COVID-19, so please follow posted instructions to call ahead when a student is arriving late or leaving early. Late arrivals must be health screened at the car before entering campus.
- The bus WILL NOT STOP for you if you miss the bus departure.

- If someone other than a parent or guardian is picking up your child, complete a Permission Form and return it in advance. We will ask anyone without a car tag to show ID and check your student's file for a permission form.
- We do not put children under the age of 8 in the front seats of cars at dismissal. We also ask that you have all children in your vehicle properly restrained, especially when moving in the carpool line.

Breakfast/Lunch/Snack

- We serve breakfast, lunch and snack every day.
- Please notify us on your child's medical form of any food allergies your child may have.
- Your student may take part in our lunch program for free or you may send a sack lunch with them. Please do not send carbonated drinks, anything that needs to be reheated or cooked, or bring/have delivered fast food. If you forget to send lunch, your child can have a program provided lunch.
- Due to COVID-19 we will eat outside as often as weather permits, or in our classrooms at our desks, spaced six feet apart.
- Please do not send snacks or candy with your child.

Swimming

- All K-5 students have three swim lessons per week. Middle school students may choose swimming as a special. Please see the schedule for swim days.
- Only one piece bathing suits are allowed. No two-pieces, bikinis, or other overly revealing suits please. Students need to be able to move freely for swimming and jumping in and out of the pool, so a well fitting, comfortable suit is key.
- Rash guard shirts and other sun protection clothing is encouraged for outdoor pools.
- Students should arrive on swim days ready to swim. Please send a towel and dry clothing. All suits and towels will go home after each swim day. Please work with your child to help them be ready to dress themselves independently.
- Per CDC recommendation, students do not wear masks in the pool.
- Your child is expected to swim unless you send a note with an excuse. If a student does not have a bathing suit, we contact parents and ask them to bring a suit in time for swimming. If you need a suit or towel for your student, please let us know. We take pool safety and swim lessons very seriously. Breaking pool or locker room rules will not be tolerated.
- Please label your students belongings. Lost items will be collected at each site in a lost and found area. At the end of the summer, they will be discarded if not claimed.

Field Trips

- Due to COVID-19 it may not be possible to take field trips this summer, other than virtual opportunities. We will keep parents informed if this changes.
- Parents are welcome to chaperone field trips but must complete a background screen prior to attending. Please contact Christy Edwards for more information. Some trips may not be able to accommodate all parents and we may need to limit participation.

Sunscreen

- We ask that you apply sunscreen to your child at home before arrival on swim days or days when we will be outside for extended times (field trips).
- Please send your child on the first day with their own sunscreen with their name clearly labeled on it. We will have some available, but this will help us be sure we have enough for every child.

Parent Nights/End of Year Program

- Due to COVID-19 and campus protocols that limit visitors, we will be offering virtual opportunities for parents to engage and visit our program. This information will be shared in our weekly email newsletter.

Attendance/Illness

- Please do not send your child to our program if they are ill or not feeling well. Contact us for assistance if your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. All attendance guidelines that have been in place in past summers are waived this summer.
- Please let us know if your child will not be attending for any reason so that we can maintain contact tracing if necessary. If your child isn't present, the nurse will reach out to you to check in.

Dress Code

- There is no specific dress code. However, please do not send your child in clothing that is inappropriate for a school environment. You will be asked to bring them a change of clothes if we determine what they are wearing is inappropriate.
- Students should wear closed toe shoes unless they are attending swim lessons.
- Students can bring one small bag for their clothes and personal items. Please label your child's belongings with their name. Please send an extra change of clothes for your child the first day.
- A Horizons t-shirt will be provided to your child. This t-shirt is to be worn for special days or as often as your student would like.

Cell Phones/Texting/Electronic Devices

- Summer is a time to disconnect from technology and connect with friends!

iPods, iPads, Tablets, Nintendo DS, handheld game devices, iPhones, Cell Phones, and any other similar item is not allowed on campus. This applies to ALL students, including middle school students. There is a phone located in the office on each campus that students are welcome to use if they need to call home or you need to reach them. Students should not bring these items to Horizons. We are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal property. If we see a child with one of these items, we will confiscate it and hold it in our office to give back to parents at the end of the day.

Community Expectations

- Horizons believes in positive behavior management. We will make every reasonable effort to communicate with you on a regular basis about your child's behavior and what support we need from you as a parent.
- Horizons faculty will use Behavior Plans if necessary to reinforce positive behaviors and assist us with helping your child meet our behavioral expectations.
- If your child does not abide by our agreed expectations and we cannot come to a mutually agreeable conclusion with your child, Horizons has the right to dismiss your student at any time. The Site Supervisor will contact you and you will need to pick your child up immediately if they are dismissed. Students can and will be dismissed and unable to return to Horizons for major infractions or a continual pattern of disrespect for our community as defined by the Site Supervisor.

We are so happy that you are here and thankful to be a part of your child's life. Let's have a great, safe summer.

HORIZONS CONTACT INFORMATION

Here's how to get in touch with us:

Horizons Office at SCDS at 912-961-8854

Rocki Manning- Site Supervisor

Horizons Office at SAS at 912-308-6306

Amber Haslam- Site Supervisor

Horizons Office at SCPS at 912-398-2744

Amy Gorham- Site Supervisor

Front Office at Bethesda at 912-351-2055

Marsha Davis- Site Supervisor

Christy Edwards, Executive Director at 912-228-2122.