

SLLIS August 2021 Parent Q&A Frequently Asked Questions

Actionable Feedback Item or Question	Central Office Response
Operations	
What are the Covid protocols in place for in school learning?	You can read our detailed procedures in our Safe Return to Instruction Plan, which is linked here: https://5il.co/u9v0 . All people in the building need to wear a mask over the nose and mouth at all times. Building cleaning services continue to be utilized multiple times per day. Students should bring reusable water bottles to be refilled at our touchless water stations located on each floor. All people entering the building must have their temperature checked in the lobby. Staff complete a daily self-screening health checklist prior to entering the building. Students with any symptoms should not be sent to school. For more information and to access necessary medical documents, see the health packet here: https://5il.co/x4r5
Can you confirm drop off and pick up times?	Drop-off time is 8:10 to 8:30am. Pick-up time is 3:45. The 2021-2022 calendar can be found here: https://5il.co/r87x
Any updates on when bus information/routes are expected? Will Kindergartners have a bus home on the 23rd or will they need picked up? (Since dropping off for first day in the morning.)	Keep an eye on your email; we will have bus information emailed to all families by Friday at the end of the day.
Is SLLIS still using PikMyKid for pick-up time?	Yes, you will get your PikMyKid information on Friday via email and will pick up your car tag on your student's first day. If you plan to pick up your student by car, please plan to park and walk your student to the playground on the first day of school so you can pick up your PikMyKid tag!
Are uniforms required this year?	Yes, uniform guidelines can be found here: https://5il.co/upph
Are parents going to be allowed to come into the school?	Yes, on an individual basis for essential purposes only. We will follow current guidance and not allow for large gatherings of adults in the building.
Can you tell us about SLLIS' vaccination requirements for teachers and staff? Or what percent are vaccinated?	SLLIS highly recommends and actively encourages all staff to be vaccinated, but does not require vaccination at this time. 90% of all staff on site during the first day of school will be vaccinated.

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<p>Can you tell us about Boys & Girls Club (before and after school care) this year?</p>	<p>The Boys and Girls Club of St. Louis (BGCSTL) is our partner for before and after school care at SLLIS. Before care is on site at 1881 Pine, and after care is at BGCSTL at Adams Park Elementary School. BGCSTL provides daily transportations for students to the after care site. For more information or to enroll with BGCSTL, go to https://www.sllis.org/page/before-school-and-after-school-care</p>
<p>Can you tell us more about Beyond School?</p>	<p>Beyond School is an expanded after school learning opportunity for SLLIS students focusing on individualized academic support and social/emotional learning. It is a daily program that runs from 4-6 pm. Students who require additional support will be contacted and invited to participate.</p>
<p>How will COVID restrictions be maintained on the bus?</p>	<p>All students on the bus and the driver must wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times. Students will be sat at their own seat or with a household member (sibling, cousin, etc.).</p>
<p>How many kids are in-school and how many are virtual this semester?</p>	<p>About 94% of our students will be on site this year. 6% have requested a Virtual Accommodation. We are very excited to welcome many students back to campus! We have a full year of in-school learning experience from 2020-2021 under our belts and are very confident we will be able to ensure safety of staff and students. We also have very spacious classrooms and cafeteria spaces and can effectively distance students for safety at all times.</p>
<p>When can we pick up or drop off forms? (i.e. Middle School packet, FRL forms, etc)</p>	<p>You can drop off completed forms to the SLLIS lobby anytime during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. If you need access to a form in electronic or paper copy, email kara.mank@sllis.org. All current forms necessary can be found in the Summer Mailer or Welcome Back Packet folders at https://www.sllis.org/browse/20228. We ask that all families complete the Free and Reduced lunch application, as this greatly impacts our state funding. You can find this form at https://5il.co/upp8.</p>
<p>Are there still Pre-K seats available?</p>	<p>As of last week we still had a number of Pre-K seats available. Please contact Lindsey Noblot at SouthSide Early Childhood Center with inquiries: lnoblot@southside-ecc.org.</p>
<p>What is the attendance policy?</p>	<p>Every student, every seat, every day! In order for your student to thrive at SLLIS, they must attend school each day. We strongly discourage late arrivals and early dismissals.</p>

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Should we provide our children with their own mask?	Yes! You should send your student wearing a mask every day. We have a limited number of spare child masks available.
What school supplies do we need to send?	You do not need to send any supplies! SLLIS is covering the cost of providing supplies to every classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. If you wish to donate supplies, you are welcome to give them to the receptionist, Blanca, or send them in your child's backpack to give directly to their teacher. A list of commonly requested supplies can be found here: https://5il.co/upqa
Are there restrictions about what a child can bring to school for lunch?	SLLIS is a nut-free campus to protect students and staff with allergies, so please be mindful of this restriction.
How do we confirm the school has all the paperwork needed?	You can email kara.mank@sllis.org , and she will connect you with the right person to confirm.
Does the Pre-K have bus services?	No, pre-K does not offer bus services at this time.
How does a family confirm if they qualified for Free and Reduced lunch?	All students will receive free daily breakfast and lunch this year! Please make sure you still complete the FRL form, as this impacts our funding greatly.
How do we add money to student lunch accounts?	All student breakfasts and lunches are free this year! No need to add money.
Can students wear face shields instead of masks?	Students are welcome to wear face shields <i>as well as</i> face masks, but not <i>instead of</i> face masks. Students should be wearing a cloth or textile nose and mouth covering at all times.
If a student has to quarantine away from school, will there be an option for learning virtually during that time?	We will do everything we can to provide virtual learning during quarantine.
Is it too late to enroll a student at SLLIS in Kindergarten?	No, it isn't too late! There are still seats available in two out of three language programs. You can enroll anytime at https://www.sllis.org/page/enroll-now or email jennifer.ting@sllis.org with enrollment questions.
Community	
Will there be any clubs, sports, or Boy/ Girl Scouts?	We are working on enhancing SLLIS extracurriculars and would be happy to support any parent who would like to lead a Boy or Girl Scout troop for their SLLIS grade level.

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<p>Are there efforts to connect parents with each other since we won't be able to meet in person? especially kindergarten care givers with care givers of older students?</p>	<p>We understand this is a challenge given the pandemic, and we will continue to work on this! As a starting point, we plan to put together a SLLIS Buzz Book with emails and phone numbers for all families who did not opt out so that you can get in touch with other parents more easily.</p>
<p>When will the PTO have its first meeting? How do we get onto the PTO?</p>	<p>The PTO's first meeting will be on Zoom September 16 at 6 pm. If you would like to get involved with the PTO, please contact Paul Granneman, the SLLIS PTO President, at grannep@hotmail.com.</p>
<p>Instruction</p>	
<p>How and when do we find out our child's teacher?</p>	<p>Teachers began to contact families via phone and email on August 18!</p>
<p>What are the plans for target language? Is it still alternating days for the target language or will they have it everyday?</p>	<p>Every SLLIS classroom has a bilingual teacher this year! Per the Dual Language Model, half of each school day will be in the target language, and half will be in English.</p>
<p>Will Virtual Learners have a dual language instructor and 50% target language?</p>	<p>Yes. Virtual Learners will have a different schedule than onsite students, but they will receive half of their instruction in the target language. We have hired three bilingual virtual teachers to support Virtual Learners this year.</p>
<p>Will there be field trips this year?</p>	<p>As a pandemic safety precaution, we will not hold field trips during the first quarter of the year. We will continue to monitor the public health situation surrounding the pandemic and adjust this policy as needed throughout the year.</p>