



SLLIS February 2022 Parent Q&A Frequently Asked Questions

Actionable Feedback Item or Question	SLLIS Response
<p>How can we get a tour of the school?</p>	<p>From our homepage (sllis.org), use the Take a Tour button in the top-right corner, or go to https://calendly.com/sllis. From there, sign up for the “In-Person Campus Tour” for current families, (which we didn’t have on the sign-up page previously but will be adding by no later than 2.14.22!).</p>
<p>How do we take people off the communications list? My family members are receiving every communication about drop offs, school closing, etc., and they don't need to.</p>	<p>We are working with our website support team to ensure robocalls and non-emergency communications do not go to emergency contacts. We apologize for any confusion this caused.</p>
<p>Can we update our preferences for our own family’s communication?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this is not a feature we have on our communications host site. We do err on the side of using more communication methods in order to ensure all families have access to important information.</p>
<p>Did the school switch from trimesters from last year to quarters?</p>	<p>Yes, we reviewed the calendar last year around this time and included the transition to quarters and semesters in our planning sessions and communications. We are preparing to review the 2022-2023 calendar with the community very soon.</p>
<p>How is the dual language model going? Is it now implemented where students are getting 50% of their instruction in the target language?</p>	<p>It’s going great! Last year (2020-2021) was challenging for our dual language model due to the pandemic. We offered both full time virtual instruction and full time onsite instruction and could not adhere to the dual language model as closely as we wanted to as a result. We are very pleased to share that this year (2021-2022), as planned, we are implementing the model with fidelity, and our students are receiving 50% of their instruction in the target language. The Gomez and Gomez Dual Language Team visited SLLIS in December. They stopped by every classroom and gave teachers and instructional leaders specific feedback on areas where we can continue to improve. The Gomez team will also lead virtual professional learning sessions with the</p>



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	LLIS staff on the February 18th Professional Learning day.
Will there be virtual days after spring break scheduled to be proactive as a mitigation strategy for Covid-19?	No, we do not plan to hold virtual days at this time.
Can we clean off the rest of the sidewalks surrounding the school? If the city is not plowing the street, then why don't we pay for it?	We got tons of snow last week. We took every measure to clear our steps and sidewalks adjacent to campus. The challenge is that the snow that's removed has to go somewhere! The snow and ice on the streets surrounding campus is melting, but it freezes again every night. No matter what we do, when we get that volume of snow it's going to be in the way for a few days. The only plow route adjacent to our campus is Olive Street. 19th Street and Pine will not be plowed by the City, and we are not sure the Streets Department allows private plowing. We will see what can be done for future snow events. Luckily this week will be warm and the rest of the snow should melt soon.
Any changes to the masks in school for vaccinated children or when numbers of cases go down?	At this time, we continue to follow the St. Louis City Department of Health guidelines for schools. We have implemented all mitigation strategies, including masking, since August of 2020 when we reopened for on campus learning. We will continue to do so until the local health department and our partners at Washington University and BJC assure us it is safe to scale back mitigation efforts.
Did you already have the hearing and vision screening? I know it was supposed to be December but I never heard anything else about it.	No; the group who runs the vision & hearing screenings also does COVID vaccine sites, and they prioritized that in their schedule this December. We will let you know soon when it is rescheduled!
Last year, you moved many teachers around to new grades. Will you be doing this again this year?	Every change that we make in our classrooms has been focused on ensuring that our students get what they need. This was the reason for the changes this school year, and it will continue to guide our decision making.



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<p>Will the summer school program be offered again this year?</p>	<p>We will be partnering with Beyond School to offer summer programming. It will not be exactly the same as the SLLIS-led summer school last year, but there will be academic time in reading and math each day. Students will also have time for community service and enrichment. We will have more information later this month!</p>
<p>Who can I contact about Beyond School?</p>	<p>Email peter.gioia@missionstl.org.</p>
<p>How long are you going to keep Kindergarten and 1st grade French classes together?</p>	<p>The French Program kindergarten and first grade classes will continue to be combined until further notice. We are doing everything we can to ensure our students in all programs are getting what they need, especially the target language. At the moment, the best way for us to accomplish this for our K-1 TFP classes is to keep these two classes combined under the leadership of one of our most experienced TFP staff members.</p>
<p>Can you share about the grading system for primary school?</p>	<p>Yes! We will put together some information about our grading system and share it with the community before Parent Conferences (which will take place March 3-4).</p>
<p>Is the pre-k program dual language?</p>	<p>In order to be able to financially support a Pre-K program, we work with multiple partners. This includes two other charter schools and SouthSide Early Childhood Center, a neighborhood-based early childhood education provider. Given the collaborative nature of the Pre-K program, it is not dual language at this time, and the students follow the SouthSide Early Childhood Center curriculum. We hope to be able to offer language programming in the Pre-K in the future. If you are interested in enrolling a three or four year old in Pre-K for 2022-2023, we will be releasing information about how to apply by the end of February!</p>
<p>When does the next school year calendar get finalized?</p>	<p>We usually begin to collect feedback from our community on next year's calendar in February. Then, the Board will approve the final draft in March. We will be in touch with</p>



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	staff and families soon to collect your feedback!
Does SLLIS accept children from the suburban areas and what about metro STL?	<p>Based on Missouri law, SLLIS may accept students who live outside of St. Louis City, but they must pay tuition. Our current tuition rate is \$11,000 per year, which aligns with our expenditure per pupil.</p> <p>The Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC), has made the decision to phase out the desegregation program in St. Louis. The phaseout began several years ago. As such, SLLIS can no longer accept students from St. Louis County tuition-free unless they are grandfathered in and have a sibling currently enrolled in a City public or charter school. For more information, you can visit the VICC website. This FAQ page is also helpful to understand more information.</p>