



Greetings Parents and Guardians!

I hope your summer has been great! It's almost time to begin a new school year at TESG! We look forward to meeting everyone associated with the TESG family, continued partnerships and building new relationships. This new year brings new life and new possibilities. This letter will also be sent electronically so you can have access to the links.

We are excited for what the 2026-2027 school year brings and want to share this information with our families. This letter contains information that will help us get off to a great start! Most of this information, as well as other important information, can be found in the [Family Handbook](#). Feel free to contact us should you have questions.

OPEN HOUSE

We will have an Open House prior to the first day of school to give you an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, the school staff, and to distribute important information.

Open House will be held on Monday, August 24th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

There will be information about before and after school care, bus transportation, volunteering and other important things. Class rosters and teacher's school supply lists will be posted and/or distributed to parents at Open House.

ATTENDANCE

The first day of school for the 2026-2027 school year will be **Wednesday, August 26th**. We expect all students to attend school daily from the beginning until the end. It is extremely important for every student enrolled in school to attend on the first day as student attendance is an important part of our school funding for the year. **The school day begins each day at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm.** Every minute of instruction is important, so we expect everyone to be in their seat and prepared for learning each day by 8:30 am. Arriving at school after 8:30 makes you tardy, late for learning and disrupts the learning of others. Please be sure to familiarize yourselves with the [TESG Attendance Policy](#).

BUS DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP LANE

We pride ourselves in safety! Therefore, we ask that parents do not park in the bus lane on Church St. when dropping off students. Students should be dropped off in the car rider line. Walkers are to use the gate along Washington Street and bus riders are to use the gate along Church Street. We want to ensure that our students can enter the school safely and in a timely manner. Additionally, we ask that you do not park in front of the walker's entrance gate as the city has expressed traffic back-up concerns. ALL students, no matter their age, should walk to the gate, escorted by a parent/guardian.

BUS TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

If you would like to request transportation for your child(ren), please fill out the [Bus Request Form](#).

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CAR RIDERS / PARKING LOT SAFETY

When entering the parking lot for car riders, we ask that parents be mindful of going into the parking lot through Hughes St. from Lyndon and not from Church St. as cars exit onto Church St. There is a diagram located in the [Family Handbook](#) on page 59 which may be helpful. Remember, we have children getting in and out of cars. We want to make sure that we are considering the safety of all our families, so safe driving is essential!

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Key Details of the NC Law:

- **The Rule:** Cell Phones must be **turned off** and put away during all classes. Schools establish their own disciplinary consequences for violations, which frequently include confiscation.
- **Allowed Exceptions:** Students are permitted to use their phones if:
 - A teacher authorizes it for educational purposes.
 - It is required by a student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) or Section 504 plan.
 - It is needed to manage a documented medical condition (e.g., blood sugar monitoring).
 - An emergency situation exists.

Cell phones are used for more than just conversations. We use them for games, tutorials, social media sites, directions, various modes of communication and a plethora of other things. In North Carolina, the law ([House Bill 959](#)) restricts cellphone use in public schools during instructional time. This law, signed by Governor Josh Stein, requires school districts to develop and implement policies that limit cellphone usage during class time. Our goal is to create a distraction-free learning environment and address the potential negative impacts of social media on students. **During the school day, cell phones will not be allowed for student use.** Our policy is, “out of sight, out of mind.” In other words, student cell phones should be kept in their book bags, pockets, purses and/or tote bags, turned off, and not used or out during the school day. All electronic devices that are approved for student use will be issued by the classroom teacher here at school. The policy will be more detailed in the family handbook and explained to students for clarity. If you have questions regarding this policy, feel free to give Mr. Jarmon a call.

DISMISSAL COMMUNICATION

Parents, please communicate with your child’s homeroom teacher should their dismissal transportation mode change for a particular day. If anything changes, please contact the school immediately. It is very important that we have current and working phone numbers for our parents and guardians. **Please be sure to keep student and parent information updated.**

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

We encourage parents and guardians to get involved with the school community. One way to get involved is by volunteering in the school. Your participation makes you feel good and greatly

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benefits the school in an abundance of ways. **All volunteers must complete a background check.** Please contact Ms. Lawson, the , for more information. Once approved and in the building, you must check in and out at the front desk and contact your child's teacher for any assistance needed. If there aren't any volunteer opportunities during your availability, there will be other times. Please contact your child's teacher or the office staff for more information.

FAMILY / PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

We ask that parents and guardians provide updated contact information for each student enrolled. Please see the following link to complete the Google form at your earliest convenience. [Student Information Form](#) We have progress reports sent out each trimester at the mid-point, report cards at the end of each trimester, and student/parent conferences so parents will know how their student is performing throughout the school year. Our mission is to provide a joyful and productive learning environment for all students. We appreciate your cooperation as we embark upon this new school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office staff at the school number or the emails listed below:

Jervita Lawson, Office Manager at jlawson@tesgk8.org (336) 890-8374

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Parents who are entering the building to sign their students out early should do so **before 2:45 pm.** Otherwise, parents are encouraged to join the car rider line, or park and walk to the walker's side. If students are signing out early due to a medical reason (appointments, therapy, etc.), please send a note to your child's homeroom teacher on the morning of the activity. We will do our best to make dismissal as smooth as possible. It is our hope that all students will remain in school for the course of the school day.

EARLY SIGN-OUT / LATE ARRIVAL

Students leaving before 12:00 pm will be marked absent for the day. To be considered present for the day, students must be in their seats for at least half the school day. Student arrival is from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. If a student is not in their homeroom class by 8:30 am, they are considered tardy (this has been mentioned several times in this communication). If you are dropping your child(ren) off late, **PLEASE COME IN AND SIGN YOUR CHILD(REN) IN.** Please refer to our attendance policy below on tardies and absences as well as the family handbook.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The TESG Morning Care Program provides students with before-school care, including breakfast snack and sensory/free-choice activities. Morning care will take place in TESG's cafeteria from 7:30 am - 8:00 am. The cost for morning care is \$20 per week or \$4 per day, per student. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the Fresh Start Morning Care Program, please [CLICK HERE](#) to register them and submit payments to TESG via Ms. Coley, morning care director. Please write any checks payable to: **The Experiential School of Greensboro or TESG.** A fee

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reduction/waiver is available for those who qualify for free or reduced lunch. We will have these applications available at the beginning of the year.

If you have any questions about the Morning Care Program, please contact the Morning Care Director, Ms. Briana Coley at bcoley@tesgk8.org.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

TESG has partnered with several organizations that offer after-school programs for families. You can hear all about these programs at Open House and even get registered to attend!

WEEKLY LUNCH ORDERS

Parents will receive information on how to purchase/select student lunches. Families will be able to order lunches in advance each week. The lunch menu for the month will be displayed on the school website and accessible via a Google Drive link. **Lunch for the following week should be ordered by noon each Wednesday.** We ask that parents/guardians order from the lunch menu or send your child to school with a lunch from home. **Students will not be allowed to order through Door Dash, Grub Hub, Uber Eats, etc.** Following this protocol will greatly assist us in managing lunch time with fidelity. We thank you in advance for adhering to our school policy.

Families/Parents/Guardians, our mission is to provide a fun-loving, and productive learning environment for all children. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we enter this new school year! This communication shares some of the more common things you should know. Your Family Handbook will provide more details as well as other areas of importance. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office staff or school administration.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House, Monday, August 24^h from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm!

Here's to a great year!!

David A. Jarmon, Principal

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