

Talbott Springs Elementary School At-A-Glance



1. Hours of Operation:

Office Hours: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Instructional Hours: 8:40 AM-3:05 PM

Breakfast: 8:20 AM-8:35 AM

Student Arrival: 8:30 am on the school blacktop

Student Dismissal: 3:05 car riders and bus riders (front doors)

3:10 walkers (cafeteria doors and PE doors to the blacktop)

Students are marked late if they arrive after 8:40 AM

Students are marked as half-day absent if arrival is after 10:40 AM

Students are marked as half-day absent if dismissal is prior to 1:10 PM

2. Contact Information:

- Phone number: 410-313-6915
- Fax number: 410-313-6921
- TSES Website: <http://tses.hcpss.org/>
- TSES PTA website: <http://www.tsespta.org>
- www.HCPSS.org

3. Student Absence and Lateness

- Attendance is taken each school day and documented on each report card
- Lawful absences include a death in the family, illness, a court summons, hazardous weather as determined by the Superintendent, religious observance, declared State emergencies, suspension, or for other emergencies or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the Superintendent or designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence. If your child is absent, please email tsesabsence@hcpss.org or call the school.
- When your child returns to school, please send a written note with a brief explanation of the absence. TSES provides easy to fill out forms for this purpose.
- Absences for Religious Obligations must be reported in advance using the Absence for Religious Obligation form: <http://www.hcpss.org/aboutus/forms.shtml>
- Parents may select up to three days for discretionary excused absence due to extenuating circumstances beyond the COMAR accepted reasons for absence. The absence must be approved in advance using the form for Extended or Discretionary Absence <http://www.hcpss.org/aboutus/forms.shtml>

4. Home/School Communication:

- Please follow TSES and HCPSS information through HCPSS News! Find out more at <http://www.hcpss.org/news/> . This is the source of information for school system news, school information and emergency closing information.
- HCPSS has an app that you can download to your tablet or phone. This resource is another easy way to access school system information including the 2015-2016 calendar

- Friday folders (weekly progress checklist/teacher notes, student work, school notices) go home with students on the first day of school and every Friday. Please remove and review papers and ensure that student returns the folder on Monday.
- The student agenda book (grades 1 through 5) will be used to send a quick message to a parent. If the situation is more involved than can be included in a short note, the teacher may email or call to provide more detailed information. Please allow up to 24 hours for a response from a teacher. Parents are asked to sign the agenda book each evening after checking for homework completion.

5. Curriculum

The Howard County Public School System shares the curriculum for each grade level (Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5) on the HCPSS website. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/> to find out specific curriculum topics and to access 'Parent Resources'.

6. Elementary School Model

Talbott Springs Elementary School is one of eight schools in the HCPSS following an updated model for elementary school programming. The components of the [Elementary School Model](#) (ESM) are:

- Departmentalization for students in Grades 1-5
- Telehealth®
- World Language instruction 30 minutes/day
- Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for income qualified families
- Strengths Development

7. Parent Teacher Conferences

- HCPSS Conference Dates are scheduled in November and February. Parents are encouraged to use Pick-a-Time is used schedule these conferences. <https://pickatime.com/hcpss.html> . Parents or teachers may request additional conferences during the course of the school year.

8. Breakfast, Lunch and Recess

- Breakfast is offered at Talbott Springs Elementary from 8:20 AM-8:35 AM.
 - Full price \$2.00
 - Reduced meal price: \$0.30
- Each grade level has a 30 minute lunch period (see below)
 - Full price \$2.75
 - Reduced meal price: \$0.40
- For information regarding menus, food nutritional content, payment options (Point of Sale) and Free and Reduced Meal applications, please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

| Grade Level | Lunch | Recess |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten | 11:00-11:30 | 12:45-1:15 |
| Kindergarten | 10:30-11:00 | 10:00-10:30 |
| Grade 1 | 10:45-11:15 | 11:15-11:45 |
| Grade 2 | 11:15-11:45 | 10:45-11:15 |

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| Grade 3 | 12:00-12:30 | 12:30-1:00 |
| Grade 4 | 12:30-1:00 | 12:00-12:30 |
| Grade 5 | 1:15-1:45 | 12:45-1:15 |

9. Student arrival and dismissal procedures:

- **Bus Riders:** Check the Columbia Flier or the HCPSS website for bus numbers and pick up/drop off times. Students are delivered to the bus loop at the front of the school building and walk to the blacktop to lines that are assigned by class. At dismissal, students exit through the front doors of the building to their buses. Attendance is taken prior to the bus leaving TSES.
- **Car Riders:** For arrival, parents are to drop off students following the protocol of the car pool loop. Students are to join assigned class lines for entry into the school building. Cars may not enter the bus loop to drop off students until 8:50. At dismissal time, students are escorted to the car pool loop and are loaded into cars as the parents come through the loop. Cars may not enter the bus loop until 3:30 PM.
- **Walkers:** Parents are asked to supervise children who are walking to school. Students are to walk to the blacktop upon arrival to join the assigned class line. At dismissal time, walkers are released from the cafeteria doors and from the doors near the gym. Kindergarten students are dismissed from the Kindergarten playground area.

10. Visitation Protocol:

- Upon entering the building, all visitors must sign in at the front office using a driver's license or MVA identification card and receive a visitor's badge/sticker.
- When visiting a classroom, please provide the teacher with prior notification in the event that there has been a schedule change or students are taking a test.
- Students really appreciate a visit from a parent during lunch or recess!

11. Volunteering

- We love volunteers! There are so many opportunities for family and community members to assist at Talbott Springs! Please call the School Counselor for more information!

12. Emergency Procedures:

- In the event of an emergency at Talbott Springs Elementary, families are notified and updated through HCPSSNews email and text. Please ensure that you sign up for this service. During an emergency, we are not able to call each family because the school staff will be working with emergency providers to keep the children safe.
- In order to be prepared for an emergency, we conduct drills on a regular basis. Teachers work with students to assist with developmentally appropriate understanding of how to follow directions of the adults during an emergency. Teachers are trained each year based on the Emergency Procedures that are updated and approved on an annual basis.