

Denver Public Schools

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Parents/Guardians:

First, thank you for all you do to support us and your scholars at Hamilton each day. We now ask for your support with getting your scholar to school on time and encouraging them to be on time for their classes throughout the day. Our start time is 7:25 am. Students are required to be in class at that time. Students are allowed to go to their locker at 7:15 each morning to put away items that they do not need in class, and to get any materials they need for the morning. Arriving at this time gives them more than enough time to go to their lockers and be seated in class at 7:25 am. When students are tardy, they disrupt the learning environment of the students who are seated and ready to learn, as well as disrupting the instruction being provided by the teacher. Each time a student walks in late, any direct instruction being provided stops. Students who are tardy often miss the beginning of the first subject of the day, making it more difficult for them to learn what is being taught. We ask that you consider the effects of your student's tardiness on his/her education and on the education of his/her classmates.

Please note that there are few legitimate excuses for children coming late to school. Denver Public Schools does not excuse oversleeping, baby-sitting/caring for siblings, missing the bus, personal hygiene issues, car problems, or living outside of the enrollment area. If you do live outside of the enrollment area, it is expected that you will leave home early enough to arrive on time. Your child may also be assigned Saturday School or another consequence for continued tardiness.

If your child comes late due to a doctor or dentist appointment, a note is expected from that health care provider. A note written by you asking that your student be excused for being late with no valid reason will no longer be accepted. Students will also not be excused without a valid reason because you came in and signed them in. **If there is an ongoing obstacle to getting your student to school on time, please let us know so we can try to help you solve the problem. Again, thank you for your support.**

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Principal

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