

## **Here are a few important details for a smooth transition.**

### *Arrival and Dismissal*

Elementary Challenge hours are 7:45 a.m.- 1:45 p.m. Students are to be dropped off and picked up at the South Point Elementary main entrance. Specific procedures allow this process to move as smoothly as possible. Doors do not open until 7:20 a.m. When students arrive, they are expected to get breakfast (if needed) and then go directly to the Challenge classroom (2111). If no adults are present outside the building, park in the lot and walk your child to the front of the building.

The district bus transportation routes are configured in the most efficient way possible in order to limit time on the bus. In most cases that means K-12 students are riding the bus together. The bus company, therefore, has practices in place to limit the interaction between multiple level age groups. The other option would be that the parent drives the child to Challenge class or make other arrangements in transportation for arrival and dismissal.

Dismissal for parent pick-up (1:45) will require that the parent pull up along the sidewalk in front of the building or park in the lot and walk to the main entrance area. The student is not allowed to walk independently through the parking lot to their car. We encourage the use of the crosswalk for safety. The student will be dismissed to the parent by the Challenge teachers. Dismissal to the student's parent/carpool or bus is 1:45 p.m. Students not picked up on time by parent/carpools will wait in the South Point office.

In-district students picked up by parents and not returning to their regular classroom will be signed out at the end of the Challenge day and building secretaries will be made aware. We encourage students to return to class after their Challenge day to check in and get any assignments and/or notes.

### *Lunch*

Students eat lunch at 12:25 p.m. in the cafeteria. Students may bring their lunch from home or order a tray and/or drink. The student's Washington

School District lumen account will be charged accordingly. The cost is \$2.75. All students have a lunch account. The menu lists the student lunch choices and can be found on the district website under the departments tab (food services link).

### Snack

The students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. We will enjoy snacks about 9:30 each day, we have a late lunch shift this year!

### Breakfast

Breakfast is available as grab and go in the cafeteria. If breakfast is needed it must be picked up from the cafeteria on the way to the Challenge classroom in the morning. The student's district Lumen account will be charged accordingly. The cost is \$1.75.

### Attendance

If a student is absent on their Challenge day, please notify the Challenge teachers. Challenge attendance is forwarded each day to the in-district elementary schools.

Challenge attendance is parallel with learning, structure and sense of belonging. On occasion, a regular classroom activity will occur on the same day as the student's day of attendance at Challenge. Attending part of the day at both schools does not promote the structure and sense of belonging with Challenge class. If the child is committed to attending Challenge that means they are expected to attend Challenge each week for the full day. If a student discontinues attending Challenge for the school year, they are able to reconsider Challenge classes the following year.

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