

EBRPSS Students and Families Smart Start FAQ

Q: Is attendance mandatory? If my child is unable to attend because of prior engagements, will my child's attendance record be impacted?

A: Yes, these will be considered true instructional days. Absences will be counted. In the event a special circumstance needs to be taken into consideration, a hardship waiver will be offered.

Q: Is the second-semester calendar impacted?

A: No, the second semester will remain the same.

Q: Will transportation be running for the first day of school?

A: Yes, transportation will run. The department will send out bus route cards over the summer with more information.

Q: Will high school students still receive all of their schedules ahead of time and will the schools have freshman orientation?

A: Schools will adjust any previously scheduled activities to adapt to the new calendar.

Q: Will virtual schools still be available for students who would like to continue in the virtual environment?

A: Yes, the EBR Virtual Academy will be open to students who wish to learn virtually. More information will be available in May and throughout the summer for those who are still seeking a virtual learning environment.

Q: Will the school cafeterias provide meals for the students during Smart Start?

A: Yes, the Child Nutrition department is committed to providing children with nutritious meals.

Q: What ESS services will be provided for students with disabilities?

A: As stipulated according to their IEPs, students will receive any and all services as determined by the IEP team.

Q: What will Extended School Year programs look like?

A: Monday, June 7, 2021 - Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ESYS days are Monday through Thursday. The number of services, times, and days your child will receive was determined by decisions made at the ESY-IEP meeting held at his/her school or virtually. Transportation will be provided to and from the school. Services will be delivered face-to-face and/or virtually.

Q: Does Smart Start apply to Prekindergarten students? When is the PreK start date?

A: Yes, the Smart Start Plan will apply to Pre-K students. ESS Pre-K students start day will be the same as the regular ed Pre-K start date.

Q: How does Smart Start affect students that need to recover credits over the summer?

A: Summer School sessions and credit recovery courses will be adjusted to not interfere with Smart Start. Additional summer school information will be made available soon.