



Spring Branch Independent School District

Advanced Academic Studies

2100 Shadowdale Dr., Houston, Texas 77043

Phone (713) 251-1901

Tracy.scholz@springbranchisd.com

Dr. Tracy Scholz, Director

August 20, 2020

Dear SPIRAL and PGP Parents,

Thank you for your patience during this time of responding to and planning for our 2020-2021 school year. We know that these times of uncertainty have disrupted the normal routines to which we are accustomed, but we continue to make it our mission to ensure your child has opportunities to enrich and extend his or her learning.

Timeline

- **Week of August 24** – First week of school. Campus PGP and SPIRAL teachers will communicate more information about specific GT service schedules during this week.
- Beginning **Monday, August 31** – Online, asynchronous lessons will be accessible for both our PGP and SPIRAL students. Teachers will send PGP students a Google Site link and SPIRAL students will access their lessons through itslearning.
- In order to allow time for students to acclimate to new routines and health and safety protocols for this school year, in-person pullouts and synchronous (live) teaching will begin the week of **September 21**.

In-Person Learning

- PGP and SPIRAL students have access to asynchronous lessons beginning August 31 and these lessons will remain accessible throughout the nine weeks.
- PGP teachers will work in coordination with classroom teachers to schedule pull-out instruction for students. Because students will remain on their home campuses, we have established a districtwide schedule for our SPIRAL teachers to work with students at their schools.
- Both SPIRAL and PGP teachers will maintain health and safety protocols established in [LearnSBISD](#).

Distance Learning

- PGP and SPIRAL students can access asynchronous lessons beginning August 31 and will continue to receive GT instruction through lessons posted in itslearning (SPIRAL) and Google sites (PGP) throughout the nine weeks.
- PGP and SPIRAL teachers will work with campus “flex time” schedules to connect with your child to model activities and engage students in collaborative discussions.

I am certain that by working together we will be able to provide your child the academic growth and emotional support he or she needs and deserves.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracy Scholz, Ed.D.

Director of Advanced Academic Studies

Inspiring minds. Shaping lives.

Dr. Jennifer Blaine, Superintendent of Schools

www.springbranchisd.com