



Office of Innovation

“We're meeting the needs of families with innovative approaches.”

August 2026 Newsletter

Welcome Back to School!

Parent-Family-Community Engagements & Events:



Special Education FAQs 1.0

Aug. 5th @ 12:00 PM tinyurl.com/SPEDFAQs080526

Join us as we cover some of the most frequently asked questions by parents about the identification, referral, and evaluation process of special education. As part of our FAQ series, 2.0 will cover the IEP process and 3.0 will cover the transition process.

TPSS Office of Innovation Presents...

A 90s-Themed FREE Family Event!

"Did I do that?" 🤖

Oh, we definitely did!

Grab your neon windbreakers, dust off your cassettes, and bring the whole family. We're throwing it back to the 1990s for an evening of community, connection, and back-to-school preparation that's bound to be all that and a bag of chips!

REGISTER HERE:



[BIT.LY/4BFPTQJ](https://bit.ly/4BFPTQJ)

FAMILY MATTERS MEETING

90s VIBES

IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY!

90s THEME EVENT!

JOIN US TO:

- LEARN ABOUT THE AUGUST SEL TRAIT
- GAIN VALUABLE BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION
- GET CONNECTED WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

5:00PM - 7:00PM

GREENVILLE PARK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
111 J W DAVIS DR
HAMMOND, LA 70403

FREE EVENT!

PARENTS AND FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE A QUICK "SPEAK UP, LIFT UP: POSITIVE SCHOOL ADVOCACY FOR FAMILIES" SESSION DURING THE MEETING!

DINNER AND DOOR PRIZES PROVIDED!

STRONG FAMILIES. STRONG FUTURES.

ENGAGE. • EMPOWER. • EXCEL. | Together, we make a difference!



Virtual PD

Thursday, August 27, 2026

1:00pm

Getting a Diploma with an IEP -April Dunn Act

Register Below:

<https://bit.ly/3U10F8Y>



Each Hope Closet is stocked with:



Food & Water



Hygiene Products



Medical Supplies

The Tangipahoa Parish School System believes that no student should ever have to wonder where their next meal will come from. To make that belief a reality, we are proud to introduce "The Hope Closet Project" — a new initiative that is now available on all 34 school campuses across our parish as a result of our partnership with Crimestoppers and Transport Ministries. If you need anything, please ask the counselor at your child's school.

The August *Family* Focus

Back-to-School Tips

Shift bedtime gradually:

Starting 7 to 10 days before the first day, shift bedtimes and wake-up alarms earlier by 10–15 minutes each night. Jumping straight into a 6:00 AM wake-up call after weeks of sleeping in is a recipe for morning meltdowns.



Involve your child in decisions:

Let your child pick out their own backpack, lunchbox, or notebook colors. Giving them choices builds excitement and gives them a sense of control over the transition.

Create a dedicated homework hub:

Set up a quiet, well-lit workspace supplied with pencils, paper, and highlighters. Keep it free of non-school electronics during homework and study time.



Plan quick, balanced fuel:

Stock up on easy-to-grab snacks (nuts, fruit, yogurt, cheese sticks) and establish an easy system for breakfasts and snacks. Don't forget a reusable water bottle to keep them hydrated!

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) Spotlight

The August Focus Trait:

KINDNESS

is acting with understanding, generosity, and care

Reflect:



If you could have any superpower to help others, what would it be?

Character Strong



Meet the Office of Innovation Team!

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WELCOME

BACK TO SCHOOL



**NEED TO UPDATE
YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION?**



**FOLLOW THE STEP BY STEP
DIRECTIONS ON THE BACK
OR SCAN QR CODE HERE**





Step-by-Step Instructions

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- **Log In:**
 - Go to the **Student Progress Center** at tangiedgear.net/progress. It is recommended to use the Google Chrome browser for the best experience.
 - **Open the Menu:**
 - Look for the arrow on the right side of the screen labeled "Make Selection" and click on it.
 - **Navigate to Contacts:**
 - Select "Contact Information" from the list of available options.
 - **Edit Details:**
 - Update your phone numbers and email address in the designated fields.
 - **Save Changes:**
 - Click the "Save" button to finalize your updates.
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Important Notes

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- **Prerequisites:** If you do not have an existing account, you must first obtain a PSN number from your child's school to register. The original document provides video links for **SPC New Account Creation** and **SPC Link Multiple Students** if you need setup assistance.
 - **Multi-Student Accounts:** If you have multiple students linked to your account, updating your contact information once will automatically apply the changes to all associated students.



WELCOME

back to school!

HAVE YOU MOVED OVER SUMMER?

**IF SO, IT MAY BE TIME TO
UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS!**

**FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON BACK
TO UPDATE**





CHANGE OF ADDRESS PROCESS

HAS YOUR FAMILY MOVED? TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S RECORDS ARE ACCURATE AND THAT YOU RECEIVE IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION.

WHERE TO REPORT

- DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR: PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.
- DURING SUMMER BREAK: SINCE SCHOOL OFFICES ARE CLOSED, PLEASE REPORT TO OUR REGISTRATION OFFICE TO PROCESS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE. 1745 S. W. RAILROAD AVENUE IN HAMMOND

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- TO VERIFY A NEW PHYSICAL ADDRESS, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO (2) ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW. IMPORTANT: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST SHOW A PHYSICAL **q11** ADDRESS AND BE IN THE NAME OF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. DOCUMENTS WITH A P.O. BOX ADDRESS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE.
- ACCEPTABLE PROOFS OF RESIDENCY
 - PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY TAX RECORDS, MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS, OR A PROPERTY DEED.
 - LEASE AGREEMENTS: A FORMAL APARTMENT/HOME LEASE OR A NOTARIZED STATEMENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER IDENTIFYING THE LEASEHOLDER AND THE TERM OF THE LEASE.
 - UTILITY BILLS: CURRENT UTILITY BILLS THAT CLEARLY SHOW BOTH THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND THE "SERVICE LOCATION."
 - LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP/EMANCIPATION: IF THE STUDENT LIVES WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN OR IS JUDICIALLY EMANCIPATED, OFFICIAL COURT DECREES MUST BE PRESENTED.

SPECIAL RESIDENCY SITUATIONS

- IF YOU ARE LIVING WITH ANOTHER RESIDENT AND DO NOT HAVE RESIDENCY PROOFS IN YOUR OWN NAME, YOU MUST PROVIDE A DECLARATION OF RESIDENCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT A PERSONAL HOME VISIT BY A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIAL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION.