

explore!



My name is Latonya Douglas, I am ending my first year at Coordinator of Site Intervention at Pershing and Hickory Hills Middle School during the regular school year and I also have the privilege of being the Explore principal at Pershing Middle School second session. I have been a math educator for thirteen years, with six of my years at Central High School. I am excited to work with your students and will strive for the students and parents to have an amazing experience.

Session 2 of Explore will begin on Thursday July 5 and will continue five days a week until July 31. While students can be dropped off as early as 7:30am, we will begin classes promptly at 8:00am and the day ends at 2:30pm. Breakfast and lunch will be available to all students at no cost.

Free transportation will be available to middle school students to their designated Explore sites. Students must register by April 15 to be guaranteed bus transportation on the first day of Explore. If you've missed that deadline, don't worry! Transportation may still be available but can't be guaranteed for the first day. Students are eligible if they live within the designated attendance area and their residence is more than 1.5 miles from their designated Explore site. "Where's My Stop" postcards will be mailed home. Students may choose to attend any Explore location if they provide their own transportation. Call 417-523-0500 for transportation questions.

The YMCA will offer wrap-around care for a fee both before and after school. You can drop your child off as early as 6:30am, and you can pick your child up as late as 6:00pm if they are enrolled with the YMCA. To get your child enrolled, please call 417-862-8962.

Having good attendance is extremely important during Explore. There are many activities and experiences to take part in, and we want to make sure your child doesn't miss out. Your efforts in making sure your child is here every day is very much appreciated!

Demonstrating good behavior is also an expectation during Explore. Student misbehaviors will be addressed in a proactive manner using principles of positive behavior interventions. Explore Coordinators from the SPS district office will review instances with students having

repeated inappropriate behaviors. At the Explore Coordinators' discretion, students with repeated inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the program.

Students are encouraged to bring their leftover school supplies from this past school year to Explore. Supplies your child may bring: pencils, a notebook, colored pencils, a folder, glue, and scissors.

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse so the proper paperwork can be completed.

I look forward to meeting you in July for Explore! Until then, enjoy these last few months of the 2017-18 school year!

Sincerely,

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