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2018-19 Back to School Information for District 205 Families

REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS – Parents of all currently enrolled District 205 students received their **Infosnap code** in May to begin the **registration process** for the 2018-2019 school year. The four steps of the registration process include:

Step one: Residency Verification - All 9th grade students and families with leases expiring prior to the beginning of school must complete residency verification (see details below).

Step two: Online registration (infosnap) - complete all required fields including parent address, phone, email, medical and emergency contact information, releases and agreements.

Step three: Complete all medical forms as required.

Step four: Pay fees.

Step five: Please consider supporting your school's parent organization(s) and donating to the [District 205 Foundation](#).

If you have a child currently enrolled in District 205 and have misplaced your Infosnap code, please contact onlineregistration@elmhurst205.org. **All students MUST have a completed online registration on file on the first day of school or risk exclusion from classes.** For technical assistance with registration, contact the infosnap support line at 866-752-6850, or send an email to support@infosnap.com.

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FOR ALL YORK FRESHMEN – Even if your high school freshman has been a District 205 student for years, he or she must prove residency for the 2018-19 school year. **Failure to complete registration and provide proof of residency will result in the student's schedule being pulled and course selections removed.** If you have any questions about either online registration or residency verification, please contact York High School directly at 630-617-2400 prior to Book Sale Week, which begins Monday, August 6.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT NOW TAKING PLACE – Is there a new family in your neighborhood? Please let them know that enrollment for grades K-8 is taking place as follows at the District 205 Center, 162 S. York Street, Elmhurst:

- July 18, 1 PM-7 PM
- July 24, 1 PM-7 PM
- July 25, 9 AM-3 PM
- July 26, 1 PM-7 PM
- July 31, 4 PM-8 PM
- August 6, 4 PM-8 PM

Evening enrollment hours will also be held on **July 31 and August 6** from **4 to 8 PM** at **Conrad Fischer Elementary, 888 N. Wilson, for students attending Fischer only**. Following that, and throughout the school year, families should enroll new students at their school of attendance.

Parents of **Pre-K (Early Childhood) students** should contact the Madison Early Childhood Education Center to make an appointment by calling 630-617-2385 beginning August 1.

Parents of **York High School students** should call 630-617-2487 to make an appointment.

FIRST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR 2018-19 – The first day of school for students attending **District 205** will be Wednesday, **August 15**. Please note this will be a **full attendance day** for all students, with the exception of Early Childhood (EC). For EC families, this is a “Meet the Teacher” opportunity for both parents and students (AM session–9 to 10 AM/PM session–10:30 to 11:30 AM); the actual first day of school for **EC students is August 16**.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – Following is the **daily instructional schedule for elementary students**:

AM Kindergarten – 8:15 AM to 11:05 AM
PM Kindergarten – 12:05 PM to 3:00 PM
Grades 1-5 – 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM

STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL DAYS FOR 2018-19 – The purpose of Student Late Arrival days is to provide time for teaching staff to collaborate and share best/next practices as part of their Professional Learning Communities, which improves student engagement and achievement.

Start times for **2018-19 Student Late Arrival days** are as follows:

- Elementary School and Madison Early Childhood: Student instruction begins at 9:45 AM
 - Grades 1-5: instruction begins at 9:45 AM; classes release at 3:00 PM
 - AM Early Childhood & Kindergarten: instruction begins at 9:45 AM
 - AM Early Childhood & Kindergarten: classes release at 11:55 AM
 - PM Early Childhood & Kindergarten: instruction begins at 12:55 PM
 - PM Early Childhood & Kindergarten: classes release at 3:00 PM
- Middle School: Student instruction begins at 10:00 AM
- High School: Student instruction begins at 9:25 AM

Due to the fact that District 205 uses the same bus company to transport students at all three levels – elementary, middle school and high school, there is some extra time built in to the Student Late Arrival days to allow for busing needs.

Following are the **Student Late Arrival days for York High School**: August 29; September 5, 12, 19 & 26; October 3, 17, 24 & 31; November 7 & 14, 28; December 5 & 12; January 16, 23, & 30; February 6, 13, 20, & 27; March 6, 13 & 20; April 10, 17 & 24.

Following are the **Student Late Arrival days for elementary and middle school students**: August 29; September 12 & 26; October 24; November 28; December 12; January 16; February 6,

13, 20 & 27; March 6, 13 & 20; April 10 & 24.

As always, supervised student arrival will begin 15 minutes prior to the start time. Regular start times will remain the same as they were in 2017-18.

To view the full calendar overview, including Parent-Teacher Conference dates, Institute days and the tentative last days of school (which are dependent on the use of emergency days), please visit www.elmhurst205.org/events_calendar.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FALL CONFERENCES – In response to parent requests for conference dates earlier in the term, Parent-Teacher Conferences for the families of York High School students will be held on Wednesday, October 3, from 4 to 8:30 PM and on Thursday, October 4, from 8 AM to 3 PM. There will be **no school for high school students only** on that Thursday.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the families of middle school students will be held on Thursday, October 25, from 4 to 8:30 PM and on Friday, October 26, from 8 AM to 3 PM, with **no school for middle school students only** on that Friday.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the families of elementary students will be held on Monday, November 19, from 4:30 to 8 PM and on Tuesday, November 20, from 10 AM to 6 PM. There will be **no school for elementary students only that day. Middle and high school students WILL attend school on November 19 and 20.** Since Thanksgiving is on Thursday the 22nd, there will be no school for all students from Wednesday through Friday of that week (November 21-23).

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION – District 205 continues its contract with First Student for regular education transportation (Special Education students have been and will continue to be bused by Cottage Hill). Buses are equipped with video cameras and outfitted with GPS tracking, both designed to increase student safety. Related to the presence of video cameras, parents/guardians should be familiar with Board of Education Policy 7:220, Bus Conduct, which reads as follows:

Electronic Recordings on School Buses

Electronic visual and audio recordings may be used on school buses to monitor conduct and to promote and maintain a safe environment for students and employees when transportation is provided for any school related activity. Notice of electronic recordings shall be displayed on the exterior of the vehicle's entrance door and front interior bulkhead in compliance with State law and the rules of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.

Students are prohibited from tampering with electronic recording devices. Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with the Board's discipline policy and shall reimburse the School District for any necessary repairs or replacement.

MEDICAL FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS – The Illinois Department of Public Health has outlined minimum school immunization requirements for 2018-19. The document is posted under the [Health and Safety tab](#) of the District 205 website, www.elmhurst205.org. Please [click here](#) for a direct link to the document. (**Note: requirements are the same as last school year**).

Per the Illinois Department of Public Health, **any child entering the 6th grade shall show proof of having received 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) prior to the**

beginning of school. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday. The meningococcal immunization is **in addition to** the previously required immunizations for 6th grade entry.

Any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received TWO doses of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to the beginning of school. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, or at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.

Without proof of immunization, your child will be subject to exclusion in the fall of 2018, as set forth in the Illinois School Code and per Elmhurst School District 205 procedures. If you have questions regarding your child's current immunization status with regard to this new requirement, please contact your child's doctor.

In addition, physical exams are required for students entering kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. Parents need to remember to complete the "parent" portion of the physical exam form. Please be aware that all kindergarten students are also required to have an eye exam. By state law, physical and eye exams must be completed and on file with your child(ren)'s school as of October 15. District 205 is required to exclude students from school as of this date if these documents have not been received. Students in kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade are required to have a dental exam; that form must be on file by May 15 of the current school year. All [medical forms](#) can be found on the District website, www.elmhurst205.org.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE ONLINE – District families interested in optional non-school related accident coverage (which covers students beyond the school day), as well as dental accident coverage, will need to access the information online.

Please visit the Gerber website at <https://www.k12specialmarkets.com> to obtain full details and enroll your child(ren) directly using a credit or debit card. You may also print off the application and mail it in with a check. Further details in English and Spanish are [available here](#). No application is necessary for the mandatory student accident coverage, which is included in the student fees.

ONLINE LIBRARY MAKES DOWNLOADING MULTIPLE FORMS EASY – A variety of downloadable forms, in both English and Spanish, are available by visiting the [Student Registration](#) page of the D205 website (see [Forms](#) in the left navigation column or visit www.elmhurst205.org/forms directly). Included are: physical, dental, vision, and special residency affidavit forms, as well as National School Lunch Program applications (for free or reduced lunch consideration).

FEE WAIVER AND NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATIONS – Financial assistance is available in the form of student fee waivers for qualified families. Apply for assistance by filling out a Request for Financial Assistance form and returning it to the main office of your child's school, beginning the first week of August. Please click on the links below to access the appropriate form:

- [Request For Financial Assistance - Waiver of Student Fees](#)
- [Solicitud Para Asistencia Financiera Y La Exención \(Fee Waiver\) Del Pago De La Matrícula](#)

Elementary & Middle School

- [National School Lunch Program Application \(English\)](#)

High School

- [National School Lunch Program Application \(English\)](#)

[2018-19 Free/Reduced Lunch Application and Instructions \(Español\)](#)

Completed free/reduced lunch applications must be turned in to your child's school for initial authorization. All applications **must** be on the 2018-19 form. The District **cannot** accept old applications. Request for Financial Assistance/Waiver of Student Fees is due by November 15, 2018.

In mid-July, over 1,000 notification letters were mailed out to students who were automatically certified for free lunches last year (2017-18). **Families who have received this letter DO NOT need to apply.** However, if a letter is received for one child and there are other students in the family who did not receive a letter, please call the District 205 Food Service Office at 630-617-2436 to provide further information. Be sure to keep this letter, as you may need it for other programs and benefits ([Comcast Internet Essentials](#), Park District programs, etc.).

ALL FOOD SERVICE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS MADE TO MYSCHOOLBUCKS – Lunch payments and balances paid on a credit card are made and viewed through [MySchoolBucks](#), a division of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. Student fees and payments for other services will continue to be made through RevTrak.

MySchoolBucks is District 205's Point of Sale service, which provides families with the ability to view and print their children's account balances (going back 30 days) through the [mySchoolBucks.com](#) website. Parents also have the ability to print out a copy of their child's purchasing history report. This report lists all dates and times that the student has purchased a breakfast and/or lunch within the past 30 days. In addition, families automatically receive low balance email notifications once they have set up that feature.

MySchoolBucks is a convenient service that allows parents to securely pay for their child's meals online using a credit/debit card or electronic check. There's even a mobile app available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) users. For more information call [\(855\) 832-5226](#). There is a \$2.49 convenience fee per transaction, which does not go to District 205. Money may be added to multiple student accounts under one transaction fee.

Please keep in mind payments can take 12-24 hours to process. If your payment DOES NOT meet this time frame, please print a receipt and send it with your students for seamless processing in the lunch line. Families also have the option of sending a check in an envelope with their child's name and student ID number. Checks should be made payable to Elmhurst Food Services.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND MILK COSTS – Fees for 2018-19 school lunches will be as follows:

- Elementary and middle school breakfast meals will now be \$1.95.
- Elementary and middle school lunch meals will increase from \$3.00 to \$3.10.
- High school breakfast meals will now be \$2.80.
- High school lunch meals will increase from \$3.75 to \$3.85.

At all school levels, milk will be \$.55 per carton.

REC STATION CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY THE PARK DISTRICT – District 205 partners with the Elmhurst Park District to offer Rec Station, a before- and after-school care program for first through fifth graders, at all eight District 205 elementary schools. Rec Station’s friendly, experienced staff plans daily activities including arts and crafts, active games, group games and tournaments, quiet time for homework and more. The program is held daily, Monday through Friday, from 7-8:20 AM and 3-6 PM. Parents may register their child(ren) for five days each week in the morning, afternoon, or both. To find out if there is space available in your child’s school, please email aperry@epd.org or call (630) 993-8678. For additional information, visit www.epd.org/recstation/recstation.asp.

DUPAGE BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES, AUGUST 1 – The DuPage Regional Office of Education, in partnership with volunteers from the DuPage Credit Union, SCARCE, United Way and Catholic Charities (Diocese of Joliet), will sponsor the annual Back to School Fair taking place on Wednesday, August 1, from 11 AM to 6 PM at St. Francis High School, 2130 Roosevelt Road in Wheaton.

This is an opportunity for families to meet with and learn about services provided by numerous agencies from DuPage County and the State of Illinois. Each K-12 student in attendance will receive free vision/dental screenings, plus free school supplies - even a free haircut, if desired. There will also be free medical, dental, employment, legal counseling, financial information and more. Visit the event website at [this link](#).

Meant to be a fun day for kids, the Fair will offer balloon art, games and face painting. Books and novels will be given away, as well as coupons for free haircuts. The Fair is a totally free event, but participants must bring proof of residency in DuPage County, identification for all family members and proof of family income. For additional information, see the [flyer \(in English and Spanish\)](#) posted on the District 205 [Virtual Backpack page](#).

COMCAST OFFERS INTERNET ESSENTIALS TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES – In an effort to close the “digital divide,” Comcast is partnering with Chicago area municipalities and school districts to spread the word about its Internet Essentials program that provides affordable access to the Internet, refurbished computers and training to families with at least one child receiving free or reduced lunches under the National School Lunch Program. If your family qualifies, please keep the letter provided by District 205’s Food Service office as proof for Comcast.

Eligible families will receive Comcast home Internet service for \$9.95 per month (plus applicable taxes), with no activation or equipment rental charges. In addition, there is an option to buy a computer for under \$150 (plus applicable taxes) and receive access to online, print and classroom digital literacy training. A household will be eligible to participate in Internet Essentials if it is located where Comcast offers Internet service; has at least one child receiving free or reduced school lunches through the National School Lunch Program; has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days; and does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

For more information, visit www.InternetEssentials.com or call 855-8-INTERNET (855-846-8376). Internet Essentials is not a District 205 program and is not endorsed or required by the District. District 205 is not responsible for Internet Essentials accounts; all questions should be directed to Comcast.