



PRESS ADVISORY

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Team KCPS ready to celebrate the first day of classes with the Chiefs and City Year

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Kansas City Public Schools is ready launch a new school year with about 16,000 students and nearly 3,000 staff. Team KCPS will celebrate the start of the 2016-2017 academic year when classes begin first thing Monday morning, Aug. 15. To help build excitement, students, parents and staff are being asked to tweet out what's happening at their schools by using #kcpsfirstday.

This will be an exciting first day for students, staff and new Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell, who is eager to see teaching and learning start in classrooms across KCPS.

“It’s game on for Kansas City Public Schools!” Dr. Bedell said. “I’m excited to see all of our students at school on time and ready to learn on August 15. I know that Team KCPS is ready to hit the ground running from day one.”

Members of the Kansas City news media are invited along as Dr. Bedell tours schools throughout the first day of classes. His day will start with a special celebration with the Kansas City Chiefs and City Year Kansas City at 7:30 a.m. at Central Middle School, 3611 E. Linwood Blvd. The Chiefs Community Caring Team will be there, including President Mark Donovan, KC Wolf, Chiefs Cheerleaders, the Rumble drum line, along with City Year Kansas City AmeriCorps members and Central Middle School teachers and administrators to welcome students to school. Monday’s celebration represents Donovan’s first event as part of his multi-year role as Founding Board Chair for City Year Kansas City.

Other first-day school stops for Dr. Bedell include:

- 8:15 a.m. – Southeast High School/African Centered College Preparatory Academy (3500 E. Meyer Blvd.)
- 9:05 a.m. – Benjamin Banneker Elementary School (7050 Askew Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. – Longfellow Elementary School (2830 Holmes St.)
- 11:40 a.m. – Lincoln College Preparatory Academy (2111 Woodland Ave.)
- 1:30 p.m. – Northeast Middle School (4904 Independence Ave.)

Students and parents can check their school’s start and ending times by visiting kcpublicschools.org/BellTimes. Enrollment information is at kcpublicschools.org/Enroll, and transportation information is at kcpublicschools.org/Transportation. Both transportation and enrollment questions can also be addressed by calling the KCPS Transportation Hotline at (816) 418-8825; the hotline will be available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 12, then 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 15 to 19.

Kansas City Public Schools is dedicated to graduating students that are college, career, and workforce ready. This mission is supported by innovative classroom instruction, engaging programs, highly qualified employees, and an engaged and well-informed community. To learn more about the ways our community of schools supports students and the community-at-large, please visit www.kcpublicschools.org, [kcpublicschools](#) on Facebook, or [@kcpublicschools](#) on Twitter.

For more information, please contact the Department of Communications and Community Engagement at (816) 418-7420.

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