

School Year Start - Important Information

Dear Mead School District Families -

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to a great year ahead. Please read carefully below for some important information for all students and their families.

Also look for a follow-up email from your child's school principal with school-specific information soon!

Important Notes and Information

- Read about our [Wednesday Late Start School day here](#), but ***please note the first Wednesday (August 31) will be a normal start school day, and the first Late Start Wednesday will be Sept. 7.***
 - For Wednesday Late Start starting on Sept. 7, if an elementary student needs supervision, parents can drop their child off at the school beginning at 9 a.m. This time frame until they transition to breakfast or class lineup will be supervised, but not structured with activities.
 - **Grades 9-12 Zero Hour Courses on Wednesday**
 - Teachers of zero hours courses will meet with their students to discuss Wednesday mornings and how they will be impacted due to the late start. More information will be sent home, via email, from your student's high school.
 - **Grades 9-12 Skills Center Programs on Wednesday**
 - Each Wednesday, students must board a bus at 8:25 a.m. at Mead High School or Mt. Spokane High School to travel to their program of study at NEWTech Skills Center.
 - Administrators and teachers at NEWTech Skills Center will accommodate our students for any missed time on Wednesdays.
- **Bell Schedules** for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 are available on school websites.
 - [Mead High School](#)
 - [Mt. Spokane High School](#)
 - [Highland Middle School](#)
 - [Mountainside Middle School](#)
 - [Northwood Middle School](#)
- **Nutrition Services:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) waiver that allowed school districts to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students expired at the end of the last school year. This means that for the 2022-23 school year, we are transitioning back to regular prices for school meals, with free/reduced price meals for qualified families. [Free/reduced lunch applications can be found here](#).

- Nutrition Services will be sending a packet of information with meal details and more information.
- **Transportation** will be contacting all families with registered bus riders in the coming week. Please be on the lookout for information!
 - All bus riders must register each year, so if you still need to register a bus rider, [click here](#).
 - **Bus route and bus stop information will be communicated directly to families of bus riders.**
 - **Bus Arrival Times**
 - **Elementary (Grades K-5)** All of our buses are scheduled to arrive at their respective schools around 8:50 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday (beginning Sept. 7), the buses will arrive around 9:30 a.m.
 - **Middle School (Grades 6-8)**
 - Highland Middle School:
 - 7:40 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri.
 - 8:20 a.m. on Wed. (beginning Sept. 7)
 - Mountainside Middle School:
 - 7:40 and 7:45 a.m. on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri.
 - 8:15 - 8:25 a.m. on Wed. (beginning Sept. 7)
 - Northwood Middle School:
 - 7:30 and 7:40 a.m. on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri.
 - 8:15 and 8:25 a.m. on Wed. (beginning Sept. 7)
- **Breakfast** will be available for students, school-specific breakfast serving times will be communicated directly from each school.
- The **Affordable Connectivity Program** is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service, [click here to learn more and see if you qualify](#).
- Find the **District Academic Calendar** in [printable PDF here](#).