

CALUMET CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 155

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WELCOME to the 2023-2024 School Year!

On behalf of Calumet City School District 155, we would like to thank you for a beautiful 2022-2023 school year and announce that registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited to kick off another successful year full of engaging opportunities for our students. Much planning and hard work have gone into preparing for the new school year.

Let me begin by introducing new members of the administration.

- **Director of Student Services,**
Dr. Joyce Nelson
- **Wentworth Intermediate Assistant Principal,**
Jaclynn Labahn
- **Woodrow Wilson Principal,**
Gregory Mason
- **Wentworth Jr. High Assistant Principal,**
Kimberly Wesley

I would like to provide you with a brief summary of the work that was completed over the last school year, and scheduled to begin this summer. The District has updated its curriculum offerings and has adopted a new reading series (k-8) and intervention materials for our students with disabilities. Over the summer, the District plans to add new HVAC systems, roofs, technology infrastructure, new junior high lockers, and make improvements to school asphalt playgrounds. It is important to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the District staff.

We are also proud to announce that the district has operated a surplus budget and will be in the second year of the property tax relief grant that will abate a total of \$1,082,968 in property taxes.

Over the 2023-2024 school year, the District will work hard to build off the successes of last school year. The district will continue to operate its calendar using a weekly school improvement day each Wednesday of the month. Please review our approved school calendar and make the necessary arrangements as our students will be released at 1 p.m.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to all of our staff and parents. Everyone has worked diligently throughout the school year getting back to our pre-pandemic expectations and operations. The District is looking forward to the new year and promoting new opportunities for our students and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph H. Zotto

REGISTRATION FOR ALL SCHOOLS

began on June 1st, 2023.

Both new and returning students must register online by verifying, updating, and uploading the required enrollment information and then scheduling an appointment with school staff to pick up calendars, purchase student planners, and complete a home language survey.

Current families will receive a letter with their own unique snapcode and steps to register.

ALL PARENTS will be asked to supply proof of residency from each of the following categories:

- 1) current mortgage or lease agreement, contract for house; only if new purchase
- 2) two current utility bills showing date no more than 30 days old;
- 3) Illinois driver's license or Illinois State ID card with *current address*

Also, an **original birth certificate** is needed for any new students to the district for the first time.

All forms of residency proof must be originals with addresses within district boundaries. Additional proof of residency may be requested by the Resource Officers, at their discretion.

Parents or Guardians making a fraudulent registration will be charged tuition for the time the child has been enrolled and the child will be dismissed immediately, and possible criminal charges may be filed.

Unless students are registered PRIOR to the first day of class, they WILL NOT be allowed in class on Wednesday, August 23.

Pre-K

The first day of school for Pre-K is Thursday, August 24, 2023. Additional Pre-K registration dates will be announced through Wilson Elementary School. New Pre-K registration will be held on a rolling basis beginning the week of August 16th.

Children from all households will be asked to fill out an income verification form. This form is attached and will inform the district if the student is eligible for benefits. You must complete the form and return it to the school during registration. If you have questions please contact the Assistant Principal at Wentworth Intermediate at 708-868-7926.

NOTE:

All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch!

HEALTH RECORDS

All students registering for Kindergarten, entering from an out-of-state school, and 6th graders are required to have a NEW physical examination done prior to registration.

SIXTH GRADE PHYSICALS

If your child plans to participate in any junior high interscholastic sports activities during the 2023-2024 school year, they will need a new physical exam to be completed before they are allowed to participate.

DENTIST

All second and sixth graders are required to have a dental examination done prior to May 11, 2024.

VISION

The law calls for the eye exam to take place one year prior to kindergarteners starting school in the fall and for all students who are entering for the first time in Illinois. Proof of the eye exam must be submitted by October 15 of each school year.

TRANSPORTATION

Anyone living more than 1.5 miles from their school will be provided bus service. If you live less than 1.5 miles and you have a bus stop close to your home, you may be eligible to purchase bus service for \$200.00 (**paid in advance**) for the entire year, **if there is a seat available.**

District Website

www.calumetcity155.org

SCHOOL HOURS

Wentworth Intermediate/Wentworth Jr. High
8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wilson Elementary
8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

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