



FIRST DAY FACTS



First Day of School: Tuesday, August 1, 2023



July 26

Complete "First Day Forms" for each of your children online using [Back to School Gateway](#), which will open **July 26**. *Note: in the event of an emergency, your contact information must be current for you to receive important information, so be sure to complete this process!*

Need to enroll a new student? Click [HERE!](#)



New CCSD parent? You will need a **parent Canvas account** to view your child's assignments and grades. Find out more on our website [here](#).



School supply lists are online.

Click the pencil for a list of links to all CCSD school supply lists.



NEW!

School meal accounts, menus and nutritional information will be housed under one app: Linq Connect. Look for the app online or you can set up your account on their website: <https://linqconnect.com/>. Your existing account funds transferred over during the summer. Student meal prices for 2023-24 will remain the same, visitors will see a slight increase.

Get involved: sign up to volunteer, join your school's PTA or become a business partner. Look for the PTA & Partners icon on your school website.



July 27-31

Open House/Walk Through events are **July 27-28** and **July 31** for elementary and middle schools; some high school welcome events are only for 9th grade/new students. Click the hand for a link to the schedules.



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Check your child's **bus stop time** and location for pick up and drop off. Bus Stop Look-Up will be **LIVE July 26**. Click the bus to check your stop/info.

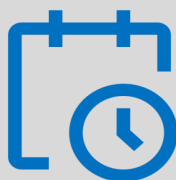


To receive emergency and non-emergency messages from the District via text, please opt in to the message service (School Messenger) by texting the word **SUBSCRIBE** to the number **68453**.



Schools use **Parent Square** for communication from the principal/school. If you have not activated your account, you will receive an email before school starts (note: you will still get emails without activation, but no access to secure documents like report cards and schedules). There is also a ParentSquare app available.

CCSD School Police will be installing an Ident-A-Kid visitor management system at all schools to better screen school visitors upon entry.



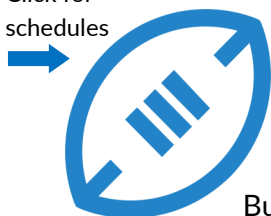
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Class schedules for middle and high school students (and homeroom assignments for elementary students) will be released on **July 26**. Students will receive schedules via student email; parents also will receive an email with this information.

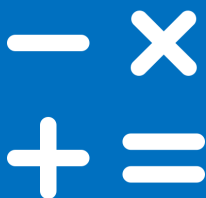


Free/reduced price meals are available for eligible families. One online form can be completed for all children in a family. There are additional benefits, including reduced fees for college entrance exams and other resources. Access the form at <https://linqconnect.com/> starting mid-July.

Click for schedules



2023 high school football season kicks off **Aug. 18**. Buy tickets online at <https://gofan.co/search>



Georgia's new Math standards are in effect starting this school year. The new standards emphasize the "big ideas" of math and focus on problem solving, as well as critical thinking skills. Learn more from our Curriculum & Instruction staff [here](#). Detailed information on the new standards can be found [here](#) on the GaDOE website.

Projected Student Enrollment:

41,625

CCSD is the 9th largest school district in Georgia and the 133rd largest in the U.S.



Click the book for more information

LITERACY HIGHLIGHTS for K-5: the Science of Reading

- Foundations Phonics will expand to third grade
- K-1 will practice phonics and phonemic awareness
- Grades 2-5 will focus on specific reading and writing strategies to support vocabulary and comprehension
- Teachers are undergoing training on LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading)



AUG 1

Subscribe to the **CCSD calendar** feed at <https://www.cherokeek12.net/calendar> to add school breaks and holidays to your calendar. Upcoming dates of note:

- Monday, Sept. 4: Labor Day Holiday
- September 18-22: Fall Break
- Monday, Oct. 9: Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- Tuesday, Nov. 7: Remote Learning (Election Day)

Six CCSD schools will have new principals for 2023-24!

Who's New in the Principal's Office?

ACTIVE Academies: Mark Smith
Boston ES: Jessica Currie
Cherokee HS: Andy Hall
Clayton ES: Valerie Lowery
Little River ES: Joni Adams
Macedonia ES: Dr. Carrie O'Bryant



Adams



Currie



Hall



Lowery



O'Bryant



Smith



CHEROKEE
ZONE

Cherokee HS
Teasley MS
Clayton ES
Liberty ES
Hasty ES
Knox ES
RM Moore ES



CREEKVIEW
ZONE

Creekview HS
Creekland MS
Avery ES
Ball Ground ES
Free Home ES
Macedonia ES



ETOWAH
ZONE

Etowah HS
E.T. Booth MS
Bascomb ES
Boston ES
Clark Creek ES
Oak Grove ES



RIVER RIDGE
ZONE

River Ridge HS
Mill Creek MS
Arnold Mill ES
Johnston ES
Little River ES



SEQUOYAH
ZONE

Sequoyah HS
Dean Rusk MS
Hickory Flat ES
Holly Springs ES
Indian Knoll ES
Mountain Rd ES



WOODSTOCK
ZONE

Woodstock HS
Freedom MS
Woodstock MS
Carmel ES
Sixes ES
Woodstock ES

CENTERS & PROGRAMS

- Preschool Centers
 - Tippens Education Center
- A.C.T.I.V.E. CAMPUS
- ◇ ACE Academy
 - ◇ C3 Academy
 - ◇ Transition Academy
 - ◇ i-Grad Virtual Academy

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

i-Grad Virtual Academy
(Grades 9-12)



GIVING BACK

The Cherokee County Educational Foundation is a charitable non-profit that raises money to benefit CCSD students and staff. Click the logo to learn more.



Buying a **laptop** for your child?
Click [HERE](#) for the basic tech specs
you need.



Know the rules. Review the
[Student Code of Conduct](#)
with your child.

2023-24 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Click [here](#) to go to the Menus website



	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	GRILL LINE
ELEMENTARY	\$1.60	\$2.45	N/A
MIDDLE	\$1.60	\$2.70	N/A
HIGH	\$1.60	\$2.70	\$3.75
ADULT/STAFF	\$2.35	\$4.35	
VISITOR/NON STUDENT	\$2.50	\$4.50	
VISITOR- SPECIAL EVENT	\$3.50	\$5.50	

CCSD Elementary Schools offer an After School Program (ASP) to provide after hours care for students until 6 pm. Sign up in advance at <https://ccsd.graystep.com> ; daily rate for a full week is \$12 per day per child; single days are \$15; drop-in care (unscheduled) is \$20.

Follow us on social media and model good digital citizenship for your child!



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