

# Ferguson-Florissant School District

August 2023

## *Mission Statement:*

Through implementation of continuous improvement practices Special School District in partnership with Ferguson-Florissant School District will provide specialized programming, supports and services designed for all student's successful contribution to our community.

## Let's Talk!

Let's Talk is an open invitation from Special School District (SSD) to tell us what's on your mind. Let's Talk is an easy way to submit feedback at your convenience directly to the SSD staff member who can help.



## *BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL*

Greetings Ferguson-Florissant Families,  
It's that time of year! Make plans to join us for the FFSD Back-to-School Festival with a Gun Safety & Mental Health Awareness March and the Fair at STEAM Academy at McCluer South-Berkeley High

School. We are excited to bring a new twist to an old tradition. Don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on the new school year!

**Please note the date has been changed to Saturday, August 19.**

**Ferguson-Florissant School District**

**Gun Safety and Mental Health Awareness March and Back-to-School Fair**

**Saturday, August 19**

**Gun Safety & Mental Health Awareness March will begin at 9:30-10 a.m.**

**Location: Starts at [501 S. Florissant Rd. 63135](#). The march will conclude at the Back-to-School Fair**

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**Back-to-School Fair**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Location: STEAM Academy at McCluer South-Berkeley High School [201 Brotherton Lane 63135](#)**

- Over 30 different community partners + our very own schools sharing information to help families get ready for success in the upcoming school year.
- There will be games, fun activities, food, music, prizes, inflatables and more.
- Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis for FFSD students while supplies last.



### *Welcome Back Ferguson-Florissant families!*

As summer winds down, I hope you and your families are getting excited for a wonderful school year! We are excited to see all of your faces and begin the journey of exploring new learning.

The start of the new school year can be challenging and stressful. Here are a few routines to start at the beginning of August in order to slowly transition your students back to the school schedule and routines.

- 1. Start the sleep schedule and screen time shift**
- 2. Start practicing the morning routine**
- 3. Organize the homework space and gather up school supplies**
- 4. Discuss goals for the new school year**
- 5. Attend the schools open house**

Here's a link to a site with further resources for transitioning back to school.

<https://www.familyeducation.com/school-learning/back-school>

*Director & SPED Coordinators!*





*Please welcome our newest SSD staff members!*







Satellite Food Pantry  
at  
The Family Resource Hub  
North Tech High School  
1700 Derhake Road  
Florissant, MO 63033



Supporting families with access to  
non-perishable food items and  
household supplies.

#### Hours of Operation

Monday,  
Wednesday, and  
Thursday

By Appointment  
Only

Tuesday and  
Friday

9:00 AM-  
4:00 PM

Contact the SSD Family and Community  
Engagement Department at  
314-989-7683 or email  
[FACE@ssdmo.org](mailto:FACE@ssdmo.org)  
for additional information.



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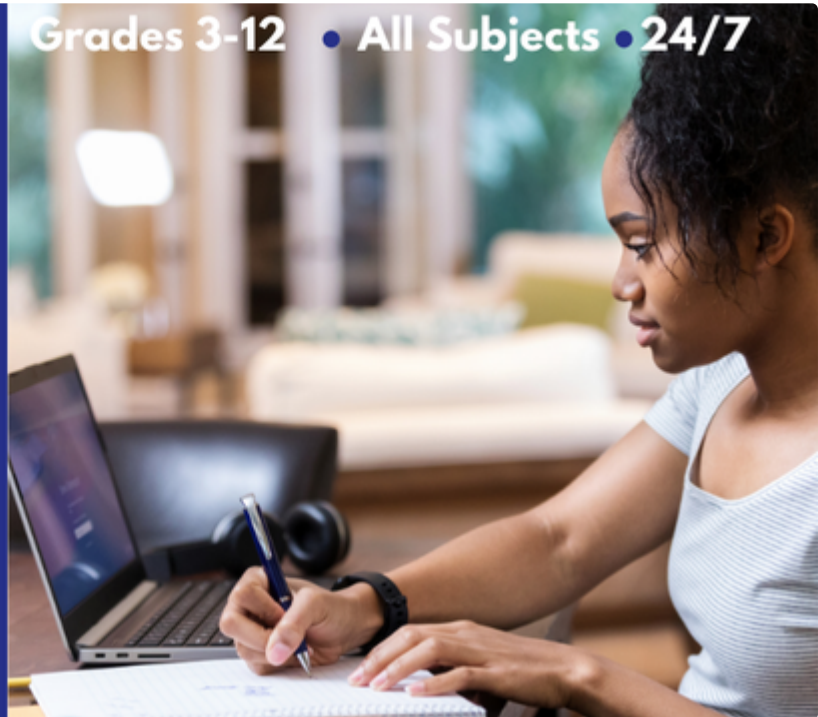
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**Early Childhood Screening  
Make an appointment today!**

**The Ferguson-Florissant Early Education Program has started  
the screening process for the 2022-2023 school year.**



Every child **MUST** be screened prior to enrolling in one of the Early Childhood programs.

To schedule, please call  
**314-824-2074** or send an email request to [earlyed@fergflor.org](mailto:earlyed@fergflor.org) \*Please  
allow 48 hrs. for all inquiries.

Students **MUST** be at least 3 years of age at the time of the  
screening.

Registration for students enrolled in Parents as Teachers will open on  
April 4. Registration for students not currently enrolled in Parents as  
Teachers and new to Ferguson-Florissant will open on April 18.



**Screen at 3**

***PARENTS** your voice makes a **DIFFERENCE!***

### ***SSD Board of Education***

**Connect with the SSD Board of Education:** The SSD Board of Education strives for transparency, accountability, and accessibility. We welcome family, staff, and community members to share comments, concerns, and ideas with SSD Board of Education members. To find the Board member representing your subdistrict, [visit the Board of Education page on the SSD website.](#)

### **Special School District of St. Louis County@SSDStLCo**

It's possible to get free diapers and pull-ups for children ages 3+ with special needs, through Medicaid.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3xIBiKt>

**FREE**  
**Diaper & Pull-Ups**  
For children with special needs



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by Medicaid**

### ***Community Outreach***

Operation Food Search will provide free grab-and-go meals to children Monday-Friday (3:30 pm-4:30 pm) at select St. Louis County Library locations during the school year. Stop by after school and pick up a shelf-stable meal to take home. Meals will be available free of charge for children ages 5-18. For more information, please visit <https://www.slcl.org/events> or call 314-994-3300.

***Free online Math program for K-5 students!***

<https://www.zearn.org/> Zearn is a free Math online program for K-5 students. It has online materials, printable materials, is set up for full digital use, or working in small groups with independent practice. [Zearn Math: Top-rated math program created for teachers, by teachers](#)  
Zearn Math is a K-5 math curriculum based on Eureka Math / EngageNY with top-rated materials for teacher-led and digital instruction.  
[www.zearn.org](http://www.zearn.org)

*T-Mobile we believe access to education is access to opportunity. That's why we're offering free hotspots and internet to 10 million eligible households.*

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million>

## *Another discounted Internet service*

### **Affordable Internet Service for Families**

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a [Federal Communications Commission program](#) that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting [www.fcc.gov/ACP](http://www.fcc.gov/ACP), or by calling 877-384-2575.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FERGUSON-FLORISSANT SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 9, BOE meeting 6pm

August 19th Back to School Fair

August 21st First Day of School

### SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 21st First day of School

August 22nd BOE meeting 5:45pm

## Additional Resources

- [SSD Superintendent Updates](#)
- [SSD Parent Advisory Council](#)
- [Parent Education & Diversity Awareness Program](#)
- [SSD Guidance/Resources for In-Person and Distance Learning](#)
- [SSD Partner District - Ferguson-Florissant](#)
- [Academic and Related Services Toolkit](#)







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