

**DEKALB COUNTY**  
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**Back-to-School Plan for Students and  
Families  
2023-2024**

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# 2023-2024 School Calendar

1-3 Employee Work/PD Days  
4 Students First Day

AUGUST '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

20 Student Days  
3 Employee PD Days

4 Labor Day  
11 Employee Work/PD Days

SEPTEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

19 Student Days  
1 Employee PD Day

6 End of First Grading Period  
9-11 Fall Break

OCTOBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

19 Student Days

10 Veterans Day (Recognized)  
13 Employee Work/PD Days  
20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

15 Student Days  
1 Employee PD Day

18 End of Second Grading Period  
19-29 Christmas Holiday

DECEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

12 Student Days

**Grading Period**

First Term Aug 4 - Oct 6 (44 Days)

Second Term Oct 16- Dec 18 (41 Days)

Third Term Jan 5 - Mar 12 (46 Days)

Fourth Term Mar 13 - May 23 (46 Days)

1-2 New Year's Holiday  
3-4 Employee Work/PD Days  
15 MLK Jr. Day

JANUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

18 Student Days  
2 Employee PD Days

12 Employee Work/PD Days  
19 Remote Learning Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

20 Student Days  
1 Employee PD Day

12 End of Third Grading Period  
25-29 Spring Break

MARCH '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

16 Student Days

8 Employee Work/PD Days

APRIL '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

21 Student Days  
1 Employee PD Day

23 Students Last Day  
24 Employee Work/PD Day/Flex Day  
27 Memorial Day

MAY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

17 Student Days  
1 Employee PD Day/ Flex Day

**Calendar Features**

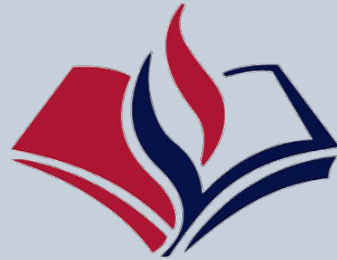
177 Instructional Days  
10 Teacher PD/Work Days

- \*Teacher PD and Work Days
- \*Holiday / Vacation Day
- \*Summer Vacation
- \*Flex Day
- \*Remote Learning

\*Attendance for all employees is required for PD/work days. No employee should use personal or vacation leave on a PD/work day. A doctor's excuse or other approved absence is required for absence on a PD/work day.



# Health and Wellness



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# Health & Wellness Measures - School

- Common Area Sanitations- Common areas and surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day by custodial staff.
- Classroom sanitation and cleaning will be a joint effort by the school custodial staff and classroom teachers.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available throughout the school campus(entrances, hallways, cafeteria, common areas, etc..).
- Sanitizing chemicals and mopping equipment specifically designed to kill COVID-19 and prevent cross contamination will be used across the system.
- Air filters should be changed regularly.
- Water bottle fillers have been installed throughout the schools.



## Health & Wellness Measures - Transportation

- The local school district has provided sanitizing equipment to each local school and each school bus is equipped with an automatic sanitation system.



# Health & Wellness Measures- Training

- Each school nurse will be a resource person for student educational activities, such as age-appropriate educational videos on hand-washing, covering one's mouth when coughing or sneezing, and how to wear a mask if needed.



# Health & Wellness Measures- Parent and Home Prevention

- If a child has a pre-existing condition, parents are advised to speak with their child's primary care physician about returning to school.
- Parents will be encouraged to take students' temperatures and assess students before sending to school. Students who have an elevated temperature greater than 98.6°F and/or are exhibiting symptoms should stay at home.
- Parents will be encouraged to give appropriate contact information and make plans to ensure someone could check student out if needed.





# Safety & Wellness Measures- Nurse Office Visits

## Nurse Office Visits

- School Nurse will work closely with administrators in developing a plan to isolate sick children until someone comes and gets them.
- School Nurse will continue to develop Individual Health Plans for students with chronic health problems.
- School Nurse will assess the student and take appropriate actions.
- School Nurse will sanitize and disinfect as needed.



## **Safety & Wellness Measures - Extra-curricular**

- All athletic teams, band, cheer, academic clubs will follow guidance as applicable during meetings, practices, transportation, competition and other organized activities provided by the AHSAA, ADPH, ALSDE and the Dekalb County Board of Education.



# Instructional Services



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# What type of instruction will my child receive as they enter school in August?



## Traditional Instruction

- All students in grades PK-12 can participate in traditional instruction.
- Traditional-learning students are anticipated to participate in on-campus instruction for the duration of the year; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students enrolled in traditional learning may be required to transition to remote learning led by the student-assigned classroom teacher.
- Students who are new to the system will enroll through the county registrar. [Information](#) is available on the website.



## Virtual Instruction

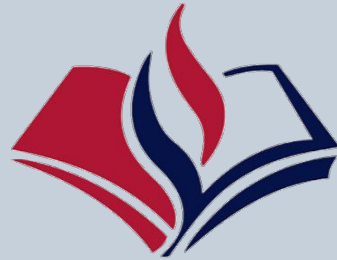
- DeKalb Virtual Academy (DVA) is an online instructional opportunity for students in grades 6-12.
- DVA is a rigorous program in which most learning takes place at home.
- Some tests are required to be taken at the virtual academy at 1724 McCurdy Ave N, Rainsville.
- To enroll visit [www.dekalbk12.org](http://www.dekalbk12.org).



# What are the expectations for student attendance during the 2023-2024 school year?

- Students who attend traditional school will be expected to attend on a regular basis in accordance with the board-approved attendance policy. The local school administration will consider extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19 or other illnesses.
- If traditional school transitions to a remote learning environment, attendance will be taken through participation in the assigned remote learning activities.
- Virtual students will utilize activity and participation through the virtual curriculum as attendance.
- Students who are absent should timely submit a note for their absence to the school administrator in accordance with board policy.
- In the case of COVID-related absence, the student is strongly encouraged to notify the school administrator and submit a physician's note in a timely manner to the school.

# Student Support Services



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## Will any changes be made to the breakfast and lunch program due to COVID-19?

- Outside visitors and/or family guests will be allowed to dine in the school cafeteria at the discretion of the school principal.
- DeKalb County Schools that participated in student self-service will continue to practice self-service.
- Cafeteria workers will monitor the serving lines to ensure students are practicing safe food service.
- All schools will be CEP schools, meaning all students will be eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch. However, students will have to pay for extra or specialty items. Families are encouraged to prepay to reduce and/or eliminate the handling of money. [EZSchoolPay](#)



# Social & Emotional Well-Being Support

- DeKalb County Schools is committed to providing the supports students and families social and emotional well-being. The district employees full-time social workers. Social workers provide resources to families, complete home visits, and support students.
- The district also partners with the Children Advocacy Center (CAC). Counselors employed by the CAC provide counseling services at each school location upon parental approval.
- We also have school counselors who are trained to meet student needs.
- DeKalb County Schools will continue to provide appropriate accommodations and services for children with disabilities, English learners, migratory, homeless, and children in foster care.