

WELCOME TO THE



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Dublin, GA 31021

IGA Elementary: (478) 353-8490

IGA Middle: (478) 353-8475



WELCOME TO THE IRISH GIFTED ACADEMY



Dear Parent and/or Guardian,
Thank you for applying for the Irish Gifted Academy! You have chosen a program and campus rich in tradition and academic excellence. We are excited about working with your child, and hope that you will enjoy your experience as part of the IGA family. Below is information you may find helpful as you embark on this new journey.

Sincerely,
Mr. Matt Taylor, Principal

HELPFUL INFORMATION

School Phone Number: 478-353-8452

Mr. Taylor's Officer: 478-353-8453

School webpage: Go to www.dcsirish.com and choose Irish Gifted Academy from the list of schools.

***Go to the school webpage for a calendar of events, class information, announcements, etc.*

The school also has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/irishgiftedacademy/>

Our program has multiple events throughout the year. A yearly schedule of events can be found on our website and will be sent home with your child. You can email our Family Support Specialist at deidra.devaney@dcsirish.com to get more information about events or to find out how you can volunteer at the Irish Gifted Academy.

Morning drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. and classes start at 8:00 a.m. Students need to be in classrooms by 8:00 and are late after 8:00 a.m. If they are late a parent must walk them to the office to sign-in that their child is tardy. Dismissal begins at 2:30 p.m. for grades PK-4 and 2:35 p.m. for grades 5-8. We use a staggered dismissal system to help with traffic congestion. Parents must specify a regular afternoon transportation method. You can choose to designate your child as a car rider or bus rider. Any changes to the method you select must be communicated to your child's teacher in writing.

If students are eating breakfast they need to be in the building by 8:00 a.m. at which time they will report to the lunchroom. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students in our program. You may also send lunch if you choose to do so.

Fast food of any kind is not allowed in the lunchroom unless approved by the building administration.

Please remember to always send money in sealed envelopes w/name and the purpose of the money clearly noted.
(Example: Tommy Smith, t-shirt money)

Dublin City Schools operates on nine-week grading periods. Parents of students in grades K-12 can access grades online in real-time through the Parent Portal of our Infinite Campus Platform. You can request a login through our Central Registration Department or by contacting your child's teacher and/or administrator.

Put your child's name on all supplies, coats, etc. with a permanent marker.

Medicine cannot be administered at school without a signed release from the doctor. Students may not have medicine in their possession at school. All medicine is to be kept and secured in the nurses' clinic.

Our policy is not to dismiss children through the office after 2:15 p.m. The outside doors are locked at all times. All visitors must sign-in with our front desk and wear a visitor's badge.

All IGA and DCS staff have email addresses. Most email addresses are firstname.lastname@dcsirish.com. Here is the email address and contact number for the Principal and Lead Learner: matt.taylor@dcsirish.com and 478-353-8453 (Office)

Dublin City Schools 2024 - 2025 District Calendar

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Important Dates & Holidays	
25-26-Jul & 29-31 Jul	Pre-Planning
1-Aug	School Begins
2-Sep	Labor Day Holiday
3-Oct	End of 1st Nine Weeks
7-Oct - 18-Oct	Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
10-Oct	Student Holiday/Professional Learning
11-Oct - 14-Oct	Fall Break Holiday
15-Oct	Students Return
25-Nov - 29-Nov	Thanksgiving Break
17-Dec	End of 2nd Nine Weeks/Half Day
Dismissal Times for half day	11:00 AM (DHS, MSS, DMS)
18-Dec - 1-Jan	Christmas Break
2-Jan	Student Holiday/Professional Learning
3-Jan	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
6-Jan	Students Return
20-Jan	MLK Jr. Holiday
13-Feb - 17-Feb	Winter Break
18-Feb	Students Return
13-Mar	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
17-Mar - 28-Mar	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
21-Mar	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
7-Apr - 11-Apr	Spring Break
23-May	End of 4th Nine Weeks & Graduation
26-May	Memorial Day
27-May	Post-Planning

THE IGA'S DRESS CODE

The use of a dress code provides a common element upon which the culture of a school is built. At IGA, we want our students to be known by the content of their character and their abilities, rather than by fashion. Students at IGA will adhere to the following:

Tops:

Shirts can be any solid color, polo-style or button down oxford, or t-shirts, short or long sleeves with images, emblems, or artwork no larger than 3 inches. Any symbol larger than three inches is too big. Any shirt with a Dublin City Schools / IGA logo, insignias, DCS sports team, or club can be worn any time. No tank tops, lace, sheer, or see-thru, or crop tops that show a student's mid-section/stomach will be allowed. The tucking in of shirts by boys is highly encouraged. If shirts are excessive in size or length, students may be asked to tuck them in.

Bottoms:

Must be solid khaki, black, blue or grey uniform or denim-style pants, skirts, skorts, capri pants, or jumpers. Cargo pants are allowed, but they must be the same as the colors above. Form fitting yoga pants, sweatpants, or joggers are not allowed. Pants, shorts, jeans must NOT be torn, ripped, cut or frayed or have holes of any kind. Leggings CANNOT be worn as "stand alone" attire. They can be worn under skirts/shorts and must be a solid color. Skirts/shorts must be no shorter than the fingertips when arms are extended and/or two inches above the knee. NO SAGGING OF BOTTOMS ALLOWED!!!

Shoes:

Shoes may be any color. Students must wear safe and appropriate shoes at all times. All shoes must have an enclosed toe. Students cannot wear slides, Crocs, shower shoes, flip flops, cleats, heels, or spiked high heels to school.

Outerwear:

Students will be allowed to wear sweatshirts or jackets with hoods attached while on campus. However, hoods cannot be worn on or over the head while on campus. Sweater vests and cardigan sweaters may be worn over the standard uniform shirt and may be of any solid color. Solid color turtlenecks can be worn. No restrictions on jacket colors, but outerwear cannot bear inappropriate messages or images.

Belts/Accessories:

Belts must be leather or cloth and worn in the belt loops. Buckles must be plain and not oversized, ornate, or offensive in design or message. Accessories (earrings, bracelets, rings, etc.) cannot be oversized or in excessive amounts. No jewelry is allowed that will distract in noise or in appearance in the school or classroom.

Headgear:

Absolutely no hats, hoods, baseball caps, bandanas, or sunglasses may be worn on campus unless the administration authorizes it for a special occasion.

Team Attire:

Dublin City Schools team attire may be allowed on specified days and at the approval of the building principal.

The administration shall have the authority to make a case by case determination for the appropriateness of student dress which is not covered in this policy. The principal also has discretion for determining any action for a student's attire, body piercing, or tattoos that are deemed offensive, gang related or distracting. Violation of the IGA's Dress Code Policy is covered in the Student Code of Conduct.

Fred Williams, Ed.D
Superintendent



TaKeshia L. Thomas, Ed.D
Pre-K Director

The **mission** of Dublin City Schools is to prepare all students to be effective communicators, problem solvers and lifelong learners. It begins in Pre-K, therefore, we are excited to have your child in our Pre-K program.

This letter is to inform parents/guardians about the upcoming school year in your child's Pre-K classroom. We encourage open communication between you and your child's teacher, and all other staff members throughout the school year.

The main focus of our program is to prepare your child for their kindergarten year. Our emphasis is on your child learning basic colors, numbers, letters, shapes, following rules, handwriting, beginning reading skills, and we always encourage independence in our classroom.

The first week of school is used to transition your child to school and to practice the class routine.

Please see the information below regarding the our DCS Pre-K program regarding the standards and curriculum that will be used during the 2024-2025 SY.

Standards

Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards

Domains of Learning- I. Physical Development and Motor Skills II. Social and Emotional Development III. Approaches to Play and Learning IV. Communication, Language, and Literacy V. Cognitive Development and General Knowledge.

Curriculum

High Scope Curriculum

Play-based, child-centered, and grounded in research, the High Scope Curriculum features active learning at its core. In a High Scope classroom, children are guided to explore, interact, and exercise their creative imagination through purposeful play. The main focus of High Scope is Active Learning, the components are Assessment, Daily Routine, Adult-Child Interaction, and Learning Environment.

Your child's teacher will provide you with specific school information and events.

We look forward to having your child in our program this school year.

TaKeshia Thomas
Director of Pre-K
478-278-8772





Pre-K 2024~2025 School Supply List

- Nap Mat
- 1 towel or blanket
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 1 box of Kleenex
- Ziploc bags (gallon size)
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 packs of baby wipes
- 2 containers of Lysol/Clorox wipes
- 2 bottles of Disinfectant spray
- A change of clothes

****All students need a WATER BOTTLE for daily use**

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DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS'
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Visit Schools Within Our District

Thursday, March 14th

Drop-in Between 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Most Locations

From 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM at Dublin Middle School due to the Pancake Supper

**VISIT THE IRISH
GIFTED ACADEMY
DURING THE
DISTRICT'S
UPCOMING CAMPUS
TOUR DAY!**