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2024-25 School Calendar & Parent Information

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Find school board meeting dates,
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CALLING ALL FAMILIES

We welcome and invite all families to actively participate in our learning community! Family engagement leads to a positive impact on students socially, emotionally, and academically.

Our school Parent Advisory / Connection teams help build relationships between families, schools, and community by:

- Creating a welcoming climate and culture
- Building trust through meaningful relationships
- Engaging in frequent, two-way communication
- Connecting families with resources
- Facilitating shared decision-making
- Supporting student learning and engagement

Contact your school principal to learn more about specific opportunities at your child's school.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

The 2024-25 School Calendar and Parent Information publication was printed with the most recent information available at the time of printing. Times and dates for events occasionally need to be rescheduled and some events are not scheduled until the school year is already underway. As you receive newsletters, daily bulletins, or sports schedules from individual schools, remember to verify and update the school calendar information as necessary.

You may also check the district's website at www.alexschools.org for information throughout the school year.

Due to limited space, only varsity sports schedules are reflected within the calendar. Separate sports schedules are available at the Alexandria Area High School Activities Office and can be downloaded from the Central Lakes Conference website, www.centrallakesconference.org.

ANNUAL NOTICES

School districts must provide certain annual notices as required by law. The annual notices content area on the district website will help you better understand your rights. We encourage parents and guardians of our students to review the information. Please contact your child's principal with any questions or concerns about the information contained in these notices.



TRANSPORTATION

Riding the bus is a privilege

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Safety is the first priority for the Transportation Department. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions, or events.

The School District School Bus Safety Rules are posted on every bus. Enforcement of the rules is necessary for the safety of all passengers. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the Transportation Office and School Office. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or at the bus stop. Any student who violates the student conduct and/or school bus safety rules is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the District Discipline Policy and may result in the denial of transportation privileges upon notification of the parent or guardian.

Please review the **School Bus Safety Rules** posted on the district website with your child.

Important Back to School Information

Busing information, including bus numbers, bus stop location, pickup times and drop-off times, will be available via ParentVUE about the 3rd week of August. If you don't have bus information in ParentVUE, or something does not look correct, please call the Transportation Department at (320) 762-3317. Reminder, the stop may not be at your house but should be nearby as we group students to neighborhood stops.

CLOSINGS & DELAYS

School closings due to severe weather or other emergencies will be announced to families through the District's phone/email messaging system, on the district website at alexschools.org and Facebook page, KXRA (1490 AM), and KIKV (100.7 FM) radio, and WCCO 4, KSTP 5, KMSP 9 and KARE 11 television stations. Weather closings and delay notices are usually made no later than 10 pm and no earlier than 5:30 am. The success of this system depends on accurate contact information obtained from school records. If your information has changed, or you are not receiving notifications, please contact the school office to update your phone numbers in Synergy.



The closing or delay of the start of school due to inclement weather is an in-depth process that involves many factors to reach a decision that ensures school operation and keeps students safe. Transportation personnel check road conditions considerably, but the school district is vast, with different types of terrain. As the weather is often unpredictable, the process is never completely foolproof. Typically, after-school and evening activities are also canceled when school is canceled. Even if school is in session, parents are asked to assess their particular situation and determine whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to attend school on a specific day.

NUTRITION



SERVICES

The Alexandria Public Schools Meals program serves breakfast and lunch at all schools each school day. Meal accounts are debit accounts and a positive balance must be maintained.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS

The state of Minnesota passed into law that breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the upcoming school year. This does not include second meals or à la carte. You will still need to pay for any negative meal balance carried over from last school year. This new provision is not retroactive.

MEAL, ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS - AVOID THE APP GAP

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students for the 2024-25 school year, however the meal benefit application needs to be completed to receive additional family benefits and additional funding for your school.

Please complete an online meal application found on our district website. Click on Departments and then Food and Nutrition Services. Applications are valid for 1 year only and must be completed prior to the new school year to receive benefits for the start of school. Applications can be completed after the start of school, however families are responsible for any meal fees before the application approval date.

You may also qualify for additional benefits such as activity scholarships and more. Your school district receives funding based on meal benefit applications.

MEAL PAYMENTS

Parents can easily access their student's accounts online, make a meal payment and set limits anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Simply click on "Students and Families" on our district website and from there go to "My AlexSchools Portal". Payments can be made with VISA, Mastercard or Discover. Your payment may take up to 1 business day to be processed. You can also make a cash or check payment at your student's school or at our Food & Nutrition office at 1410 South McKay Ave.

À LA CARTE

À la carte foods are meant to supplement a student's meal based on their individual needs. These foods are not covered under a student's meal benefits and do cost extra. You can put limits on your student's purchases by logging into "Parent Vue". From there, go to "Food Service", select "Students" and "Customize Student Settings."

MENUS

Daily menus along with nutritional information are at your fingertips! Download the district mobile app to easily access menus, nutritionals, allergen info and more.



OUR FOOD PHILOSOPHY

Alexandria Food and Nutrition Services' goal is to foster positive eating habits that last a lifetime for students. The foods we provide go above and beyond the minimum standards set by USDA. As much as possible, we source foods with real ingredients that minimize additives, preservatives and anything artificial. Food that tastes fresh with lots of flavor!

We also believe that to truly teach lifelong habits, students must understand how foods fuel their bodies as well as open up new flavors and foods to them to experience. Every Tuesday, in our cafeteria during lunch, we offer a new food for students to taste and learn why it's good for them.

Please visit our website to learn more about food philosophy and our continued work toward optimizing our students' health so they can reach their full potential!

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR STUDENT OR FAMILY ID NUMBER OR ACCOUNT BALANCE?

Call the Food & Nutrition Services office between the hours of 7:30AM-4:00PM at (320) 762-3315 ext. 4980.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

AUGUST 2024

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Carlos Elementary School is a little school with a lot of heart! The staff is committed to providing a quality education for each student and is heavily supported by a very generous community.

Girls Soccer

8/24 Detroit Lakes 7:00pm
8/27 Zimmerman..... 7:00pm
8/29 @ Cloquet..... 2:00pm

Girls Swimming & Diving

8/22 @ Little Falls 6:00pm
8/29 @ Willmar..... 6:00pm

Girls Tennis

8/20 @ Annandale 1:00pm
8/21 Triangular @ Bemidji 1:30 pm
8/22 @ Sartell 12:00pm
8/23 Quad..... 10:00am
8/27 @ Brainerd 4:30pm
8/29 Sauk Rapids-Rice..... 4:30pm

Volleyball

8/23 Brainerd..... 7:00pm
8/29 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm

Football

8/29 @ Chaska..... 7:00pm

Boys Soccer

8/24 @ Detroit Lakes..... 7:00pm
8/27 @ Willmar..... 7:00pm
8/29 St. Cloud Cathedral 7:00pm

Cross Country

8/30 Invite @ Brainerd..... 10:00am

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAHS Alexandria Area High School
DMS Discovery Middle School
CES Carlos Elementary School
GES Garfield Elementary School
LES Lincoln Elementary School
MES Miliona Science Magnet
Elementary School
VES Voyager Elementary School
WES Woodland Elementary School
EEC Early Education Center
DO District Office
PAC Performing Arts Center
BCLP Bridgeway Career Learning Program
TBD To Be Determined

**First Day
of School is
September
3rd**

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Application for Meal
Benefits Due August 5
for start of Fall Sports.
Apply online at
lobby.wordwareinc.com

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				Annual Activities Meeting for all HS level fall sport participants, 5:15 p.m., AAHS PAC		
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Application for Meal Benefits Due August 30 for start of school on Sept 3. Apply online at lobby.wordwareinc.com	Opening Day for Fall Sports	9th Grade Orientation 5:15-7:00 p.m. WES Jumpstart into Kindergarten 8:00-11:30 a.m.	9th Grade Orientation 5:15-7:00 p.m. WES Jumpstart into Kindergarten 8:00-11:30 a.m.	WES Jumpstart into Kindergarten 8:00-11:30 a.m.		
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School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m. WES Kindergarten Pre-Conferences 2:00-7:00 p.m.	LES Kindergarten Orientation, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. DMS Discovery Day for incoming 6th Grade, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	WES Kindergarten Pre-Conferences, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. LES Kindergarten Orientation, 12:00-6:00 p.m. VES Kindergarten Orientation, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CES Kindergarten Orientation	DMS Fall Activities Player/Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., DMS Gym VES Kindergarten Orientation, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.			
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Teacher Professional Development work week, August 26-29	Fall ECCE Open House 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Elementary K-5 Open House/Orientation 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. PreK Open House/Orientation CES Picture Day LES Picture Day GES Picture Day MES Picture Day VES Picture Day	AAHS Open House 3:30-5:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Only 5:00-7:00 p.m. - 10th-12th DMS Open House, 3:30-7:30 p.m.		All Staff Welcome Back and Kickoff Event, 7:00 a.m. AAHS PAC		

AUGUST 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Garfield Elementary staff members nurture students in an open, friendly atmosphere. The family atmosphere permeates the school and is supported by involved parents.

Girls Soccer

9/5	Brainerd.....	7:00pm
9/7	Monticello.....	3:30pm
9/9	Fergus Falls.....	7:00pm
9/10	@ Rocori.....	7:00 pm
9/12	St. Cloud Apollo.....	7:00pm
9/17	St. Cloud Tech.....	7:00pm
9/19	@ Sartell.....	7:00pm
9/23	@ Willmar.....	7:00pm
9/24	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	5:00pm
9/26	East Grand Forks.....	7:00pm
9/30	Willmar.....	7:00pm

Girls Swimming & Diving

9/5	Fergus Falls.....	6:00pm
9/10	Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	6:00pm
9/12	@ St. Cloud Tech.....	6:00pm
9/19	@ Sartell.....	6:00pm
9/26	Brainerd.....	6:00pm

Girls Tennis

9/3	@ Fergus Falls.....	4:30pm
9/5	Sartell.....	4:30pm
9/7	Detroit Lakes.....	4:30pm
9/9	Triangular @ Moorhead.....	2:00pm
9/10	@ Willmar.....	4:30pm
9/12	@ Rocori.....	4:30pm
9/17	St. Cloud Apollo.....	4:30pm
9/23	@ Sartell.....	4:30pm
9/26	Fergus Falls.....	4:30pm

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Volleyball

9/3	@ Rocori.....	7:00pm
9/5	St. Cloud Apollo.....	7:00pm
9/6	Tourney @ Marshall.....	5:00pm
9/10	@ St. Cloud Tech.....	7:00pm
9/12	@ Sartell.....	7:00pm
9/13	Invite @ Burnsville.....	TBD
9/17	Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	7:00pm
9/19	@ Willmar.....	7:00pm
9/24	@ Moorhead.....	7:00pm
9/26	@ Brainerd.....	7:00pm

Cross Country

9/19	Meet @ River Oaks Golf Course	4:15pm
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Football

9/6	Monticello.....	7:00pm
9/13	St. Cloud Tech.....	7:00pm
9/20	Sartell (Homecoming).....	7:00pm
9/27	Brainerd.....	7:00pm

Boys Soccer

9/7	@ Monticello.....	11:00am
9/10	Rocori.....	7:00pm
9/12	@ St. Cloud Apollo.....	7:00pm
9/14	@ Fridley.....	7:00pm
9/17	@ St. Cloud Tech.....	7:00pm
9/19	Sartell.....	7:00pm
9/24	Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	7:00pm
9/30	Willmar.....	7:00pm



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School Begins
PreK-12

Labor Day

ECFE Fall Session Starts
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	DMS Picture Day School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.		2-hour late start PreK-12 Elementary Run, DMS 3:30 p.m.	LES Moms, Dads & Muffins, 7:30-8:00 a.m. VES Muffins in the Morning, 7:00-7:45 a.m.	LES Moms, Dads & Muffins, 7:30-8:00 a.m. VES Muffins in the Morning, 7:00-7:45 a.m.																																																																																																			
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OCTOBER 2024

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Lincoln Elementary is home to approximately 470 students in grades K-5. The staff works as a team to ensure students learn and grow. Staff members strive to achieve academic excellence by collaborating with families and are accountable as a team by monitoring the progress of all students.

Girls Soccer

10/1 @ Brainerd..... 7:00pm
10/3 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm

Girls Swimming & Diving

10/3 Detroit Lakes 6:00pm
10/8 @ St. Cloud Apollo..... 6:00pm
10/15 Rocori..... 6:00pm
10/26 CLC @ Brainerd 10:00am

Volleyball

10/1 Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm
10/3 Rocori..... 7:00pm
10/5 Invitational 9:00am
10/10 Marshall..... 7:15pm
10/15 Detroit Lakes 7:00pm

Cross Country

10/5 Invite @ Arrowwood..... 10:00am
10/15 CLC @ St. Cloud Apollo..... 3:00pm

Football

10/4 @ Bemidji..... 7:00pm
10/11 Moorhead..... 7:00pm
10/16 @ Elk River 7:00pm

Boys Soccer

10/1 Brainerd..... 7:00pm
10/3 Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm

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National Bullying
Prevention Month

LES Picture Retake Day

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Elementary Run Make-Up Day,
(if necessary)

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WES Picture Day

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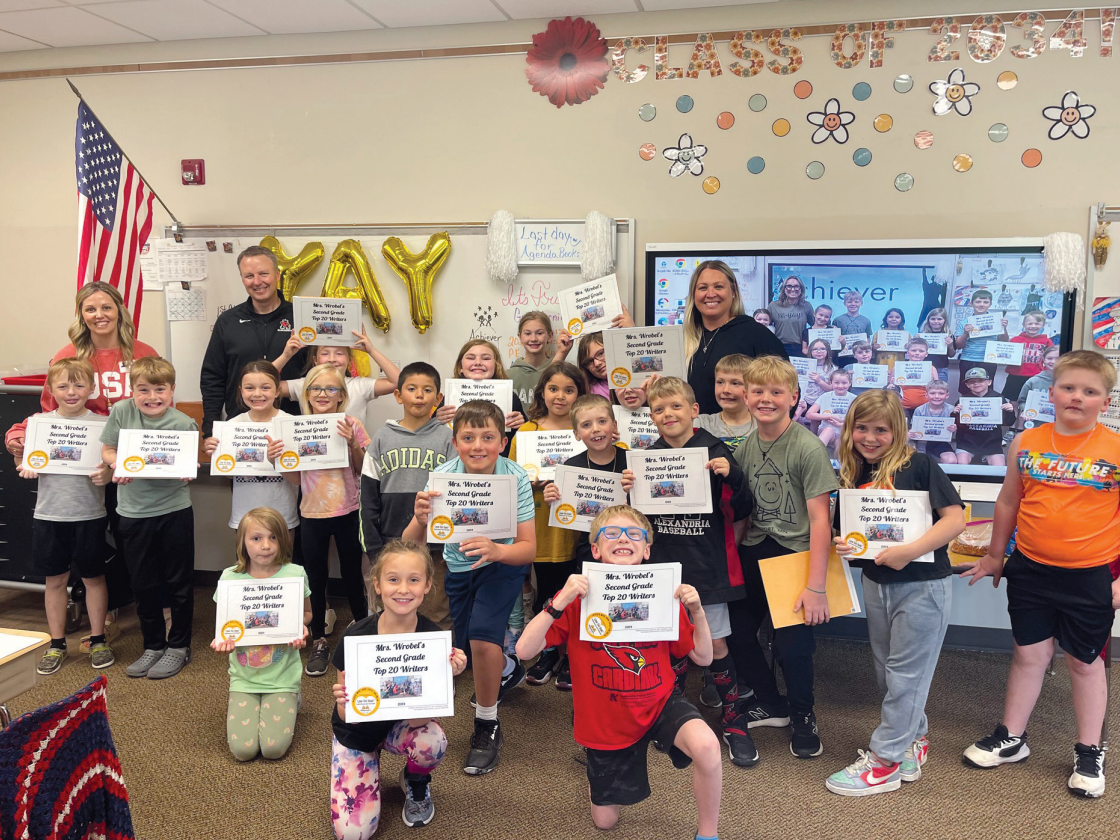
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National Fire Prevention Week October 6-12		VES Picture Retake Day	VES Fundraiser Kick-Off	WES Fun Run Fundraiser		
		DMS Vision and Hearing Screenings for 7th Grade	MES Picture Retake Day	PreK-8 Parent Conferences		
				LES Fundraiser Ends		
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			No School PreK-8 PreK-8 Parent Conferences 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 6-8 Parent Conferences 7:30-11:30 a.m.	Fall Break No School PreK-12 Author Hour with: Patty Wetterling & Joy Baker 6:30-9:00 p.m., AAHS PAC (in collaboration with Douglas County Library and Friends of the Library)		
PreK-12 Parent Conferences		WES Vision and Hearing Screenings 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	School in Session 9-12			
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			WES Muffins in the Morning 7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	VES Bingo for Books 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	EEC Harvest Fun Event 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	
School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.		VES Vision and Hearing Screenings	VES Fundraiser Ends	AAHS Picture Retake Day	AAHS Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	
				DMS Picture Retake Day		
27	28	29	30	31		
	CLC Jazz Festival, 7:00 p.m., Sartell HS					
	AAHS Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC					
	CLC Jazz Honor Band @ AAHS, all-day (AAHS Jazz)					
				Halloween		

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NOVEMBER 2024

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Boys Basketball

11/23 Jamboree @ Rocori9:00am

Boys Hockey

11/26 @ Brainerd7:15pm

Girls Hockey

11/14 Rocori – River Lakes7:15pm

11/19 St. Cloud Apollo7:15pm

11/21 @ Fergus Falls7:15pm

11/26 @ Detroit Lakes7:15pm

Girls Basketball

11/23 Jamboree @ Brainerd9:00am

11/26 @ Brainerd7:15pm

Dance Team

11/22 Conference Tourney @ Sartell 7:00pm

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Situated on a 48-acre site, Woodland Elementary is designed to provide a sustainable, efficient and flexible learning environment. Its beautiful setting provides unique outdoor experiences such as the school garden, walking/snowshoeing the trails, using the outdoor classroom, and large open playground areas.



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ABBREVIATIONS

AAHS..... Alexandria Area High School
 DMS..... Discovery Middle School
 CES..... Carlos Elementary School
 GES..... Garfield Elementary School
 LES..... Lincoln Elementary School
 MES..... Miliona Science Magnet Elementary School
 VES..... Voyager Elementary School
 WES..... Woodland Elementary School
 EEC..... Early Education Center
 DO..... District Office
 PAC..... Performing Arts Center
 BCLP Bridgeway Career Learning Program
 TBD..... To Be Determined

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No School
PreK-12
 PreK-12 Prof.
 Development Day

End of 1st Quarter

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Daylight Savings Time Ends	AAHS Fall Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	General Election Day No activities from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.		DMS Fall Play "Play within a Play", Written by 8th grade playwrights, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	WES Picture Retake Day DMS Fall Play "Play within a Play", Written by 8th grade playwrights, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	
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	DMS 7th Grade & 8th Grade Bands Concert, DMS Gym Veterans Day			AAHS Fall Musical, "Into the Woods", 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	AAHS Fall Musical, "Into the Woods", 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	AAHS Fall Musical, "Into the Woods", 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
American Education Week November 18-22 AAHS Fall Musical, "Into the Woods", 2:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	DMS 7th & 8th Grade Choirs Concert School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.			Elementary Orchestra/Stormy Strings Concert, DMS Gym		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	ECFE Winter Open House 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orchestras Concert, DMS Gym			No School PreK-12 Compass Closed Thanksgiving Day		

DECEMBER 2024

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Miltona Science Magnet Elementary has an emphasis on the environment and science. Located on 12 acres of wooded hills and trails, a meadow and wetlands area, its motto is: "Branching out to create an appreciation of our environment."

Boys Basketball

12/5 Brainerd..... 7:15pm
12/10 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice 7:15pm
12/13 Willmar 7:15pm
12/17 @ St. Cloud Apollo..... 7:15pm

Boys Hockey

12/3 Sartell..... 7:15pm
12/12 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice 7:15pm
12/17 @ Detroit Lakes..... 7:15pm
12/19 Rocori – Rivers Lakes 7:15pm

Girls Hockey

12/10 Willmar 7:15pm
12/19 @ Rocori – River Lakes..... 7:15pm
12/27 @ Brainerd-Little Falls..... 1:30pm

Girls Basketball

12/3 Sauk Rapids-Rice..... 7:15pm
12/6 @ Willmar 7:15pm
12/10 Detroit Lakes 7:15pm
12/17 St. Cloud Apollo 7:15pm

Boys Swimming & Diving

12/12 @ St. Cloud Apollo..... 6:00pm
12/19 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice 6:00pm

Gymnastics

12/6 @ Willmar..... 6:00pm
12/17 @ Sartell 6:00pm

Wrestling

12/10 Triangular @ Bemidji 5:00pm

Dance Team

12/13 CLC @ Rocori..... 7:00pm

■ Home games denoted in Red



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ECFE Winter Session Starts

DMS 6th Grade Choir Concert,
& Early Bird Choir Concert

AAHS Jazz Snowball Dance,
7:00 p.m., AAHS Commons

Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		DMS 6th Grade Bands Concert (Purple/Gold), (Red/Blue), DMS Gym				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
AAHS Christmas Concert, 3:00 & 5:30 p.m., AAHS PAC DMS Early Bird Choir, 5:30 p.m. Concert	School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.	DMS Jazz Holiday Mini Concert (before school in foyer)			Nutcracker Ballet 4:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	
					First Day of Winter	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	No School PreK-12 Compass Closed					
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day			
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	No School PreK-12 Compass Closed					
		New Year's Eve				

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Voyager Elementary is on 17 acres and includes the William F. Banke Memorial Marsh, a wildlife area that offers students, parents, and staff the opportunity to learn about nature.

Boys Basketball

1/3	Rocori.....	7:15pm
1/9	@ Fergus Falls.....	7:15pm
1/14	Sartell.....	7:15pm
1/17	Detroit Lakes.....	7:15pm
1/23	@ St. Cloud Tech.....	7:00pm
1/28	@ Brainerd.....	7:15pm
1/31	Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	7:15pm

Boys Hockey

1/2	St. Cloud Apollo.....	7:15pm
1/7	@ Fergus Falls.....	7:15pm
1/9	@ Brainerd.....	7:15pm
1/16	@ Sartell.....	7:15pm
1/23	Willmar.....	7:15pm
1/28	Detroit Lakes.....	7:15pm
1/30	Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	7:15pm

Girls Hockey

1/2	@ St. Cloud Apollo.....	7:15pm
1/7	Fergus Falls.....	7:15pm
1/9	Brainerd-Little Falls.....	7:15pm
1/16	Sartell/SRR.....	7:15pm
1/23	@ Willmar.....	7:15pm
1/30	@ Sartell/SRR.....	7:15pm

Girls Basketball

1/2	@ Rocori.....	7:15pm
1/7	Fergus Falls.....	7:15pm

1/10	Sartell.....	7:15pm
1/21	Brainerd.....	7:15pm
1/24	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice.....	7:15pm
1/30	Willmar.....	7:15pm

Boys Swimming & Diving

1/2	@ Brainerd.....	6:00pm
1/14	Fergus Falls.....	6:00pm
1/16	Willmar.....	6:00pm
1/23	Detroit Lakes.....	6:00pm
1/28	@ Sartell.....	6:00pm
1/30	Tech/Rocori.....	6:00pm

Gymnastics

1/9	Brainerd.....	6:00pm
1/17	Fergus Falls.....	6:00pm
1/31	@ St. Cloud Apollo.....	6:00pm

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1/30	CLC @ Sartell.....	1:00pm
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Wrestling

1/7	Triangular @ Willmar.....	5:00pm
1/14	Home Triangular.....	5:00pm
1/21	Triangular @ Brainerd.....	5:00pm

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No School PreK-12

PreK-12 Teacher Workday
Compass Closed

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

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2-hour late start
PreK-12

School Board Meeting
DO - 7:00 p.m.

All-District Band Concert
(Grades 7-12), 7:00 p.m. AAHS Gym

AAHS Jazz Bands @ NDSU Jazz
Festival, Fargo, All Day

JANUARY 2025

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APS offers an outstanding all-day, every day kindergarten program. Our primary goal is to inspire in children a love of learning. Providing children with experiences that help them become confident, successful learners and achieve personal growth is at the heart of the district's mission.

Boys Basketball

2/6 @ Willmar 7:15pm
 2/11 St. Cloud Apollo 7:15pm
 2/14 @ Rocori 7:15pm
 2/18 Fergus Falls 7:15pm
 2/20 @ Sartell 7:15pm
 2/25 @ Detroit Lakes 7:15pm
 2/28 St. Cloud Tech 7:15pm

Boys Hockey

2/6 @ St. Cloud Apollo 7:15pm
 2/11 Fergus Falls 7:15pm

Girls Basketball

2/4 Rocori 7:15pm
 2/7 @ Fergus Falls 7:15pm
 2/11 @ St. Cloud Apollo 7:15pm
 2/13 @ Sartell 7:15pm
 2/21 @ Detroit Lakes 7:15pm

Boys Swimming & Diving

2/15 CLC @ Sartell 10:00am

Gymnastics

2/4 @ Detroit Lakes 6:00pm
 2/8 CLC @ Detroit Lakes 1:00pm

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Black History &
"I Love to
Read Month"

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AAHS Choir and Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. AAHS PAC				PreK-5 Parent Conferences	No School PreK-5 PreK-5 Parent Conferences		
					School in Session 6-12		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orchestras Concert, DMS Gym						
	PreK-5 Parent Conferences	2025-2026 Preschool Registration Opens	Vocal Solo/Ensemble @ Detroit Lakes		Valentine's Day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	No School PreK-12 Compass Closed						
	President's Day						
					EEC Storybookland, 4:00-6:00 p.m., EEC		
23	24	25	26	27	28		
	School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.						
	ECFE Spring Open House, 2:00-5:00 p.m., EEC			9-12 Registration			
				6-8 Parent Conferences			



Discovery Middle School (DMS) unites students transitioning from elementary level grades into our grade 6-8 Alexandria Cardinal middle school community. Annually, 8th grade students team up with United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties to work at community sites cleaning up yards, gardens and homes for those who need a little extra help.



To view varsity athletic schedules, visit:
<https://centrallakesconference.org>
 website and select Alexandria Area High School,
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National Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Birthday) 6-8 Parent Conferences 9-12 Registration ECFE Spring Session Starts			Cool School Plunge @ DMS Ash Wednesday			
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Daylight Savings Time Begins	DMS 6th grade Bands Concert (Purple/Gold), (Red/Blue) DMS & AAHS Jazz Bands Concert DMS Gym	Township Elections No Activities from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.		No School PreK-5 School in Session 6-12 AAHS/DMS Jazz Bands @ Willmar Jazz Festival, All Day	No School PreK-12	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m. 70th Kiwanis Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC St. Patrick's Day			12th annual Empty Bowls Project 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., AAHS Commons DMS Spring Play, "High School Rebels", 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., DMS Auditorium First Day of Spring	12th annual Empty Bowls Project 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., AAHS Commons DMS Spring Play, "High School Rebels", 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., DMS Auditorium	
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			2-hour late start PreK-12			
30	31					
	No School PreK-12 PreK-12 Prof. Development Day NHS Induction, AAHS PAC, Time TBD			STEAM Expo, AAHS, 4:30-7:00 p.m.	CLC Music Festival @ St. Cloud Tech HS, 7:00 p.m. End of 3rd Quarter	

MARCH 2025



Girls Softball

4/8 @ Rocori 5:00pm
 4/15 @ Willmar 5:00pm
 4/17 Fergus Falls 5:00pm
 4/22 @ Detroit Lakes 5:00pm
 4/29 St. Cloud Apollo 4:00pm

Baseball

4/15 @ Rocori 5:00pm
 4/22 St. Cloud Apollo 5:00pm
 4/24 @ Brainerd 5:00pm
 4/29 Fergus Falls 5:00pm

Track

4/5 Conference @ St. John's 9:00am

Boys Tennis

4/15 Willmar 4:30pm
 4/17 @ Sartell 4:30pm
 4/22 @ Detroit Lakes 4:30pm
 4/24 Sauk Rapids-Rice 4:30pm
 4/29 @ Brainerd 4:30pm

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Early Education is Birth - 5-year-old programming and is part of APS Community Education. The team is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.



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DMS & AAHS Jazz Bands @
Morris Jazz Festival

8AA North Vocal Large Group

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MAY 2025

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Girls Softball

5/1 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice 5:00pm
 5/6 Rocori 5:00pm
 5/8 @ Brainerd 5:00pm
 5/13 Sartell 5:00pm

Baseball

5/1 @ Detroit Lakes 5:00pm
 5/6 Sartell 5:00pm
 5/8 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice 5:00pm
 5/13 Willmar 5:00pm
 5/15 Rocori 5:00pm

Track

5/20 @ Willmar 3:00pm

Boys Tennis

5/1 St. Cloud Apollo 4:30pm
 5/6 @ Fergus Falls 4:30pm

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5th & 6th Grade/Stormy Strings
Orchestra Concert, DMS Gym

Safety Day Camp 5th Grade

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	AP Biology Exam	AP Human Geography Exam				
	All-District Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	AP Chemistry Exam				
	National Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9	VES Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek, 4:00 p.m. OR 5:00 p.m.				
	Cinco de Mayo	LES Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek, 4:00 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m.		AP World History: Modern Exam	AP US History Exam	
		National Teacher Appreciation Day May 6	AP English Literature & Composition Exam	AP Statistics Exam	AP Art & Design Portfolio Deadline	
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	AP Calculus Exam					
	AP Music Theory Exam					
	DMS Choir Concerts		5th grade Elementary Track & Field, AAHS			
Mother's Day	AAHS Honors Night, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	DMS 6th Grade Choir Concert, DMS Early Bird Choir Concert	AAHS Spring Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. @ AAHS PAC	4th grade Elementary Track & Field, AAHS		EEC Big Vehicle Day, 9:00-11:00 a.m., EEC Parking Lot
		AP Precalculus Exam				Armed Forces Day
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	DMS Band Concerts 7th grade, 8th grade, DMS Gym		Elementary Track & Field 2nd Make-Up Day (if necessary), AAHS			
	School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.	Elementary Track & Field 1st Make-Up Day (if necessary), AAHS	AAHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC	DMS 6th Grade Bands Concert (Purple/Gold), (Red/Blue), DMS Gym		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	No School PreK-12 Compass Closed				Last Day of School for PreK-12 Students	
	Memorial Day				Last day of Compass	
					End of 4th Quarter/ 2nd Semester	
			Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC		Graduation, 5:30 p.m., AAHS Gym. Ticket required.	

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JUNE 2025

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



FREE Summer Food Service Program
 FREE breakfast and lunch for all children, ages 18 and under, is served throughout the summer. Check the district website at www.alexschools.org for locations and hours of operation.

Transition Center serves students ages 18-22 to help them develop skills to become more independent in their community in the areas of:
Healthy Independent Living • Community Participation • Employment.



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PreK-12 Prof. Development Day
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Summer Compass Begins

PreK-12 Teacher Workday (½)

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Father's Day

School Board Meeting
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Alexandria Area High School's (AAHS) Bridgeway Career Learning Program provides opportunities for students to earn credits toward graduation in an alternative learning environment. Program goals are designed to help students graduate and to develop their career skills to transition to a career after high school.



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JULY 2025

HEALTH SERVICES

Alexandria Public Schools employs one Licensed School Nurse (LSN) district wide. A School Health Paraprofessional (SHP) or the building secretary will be responsible for your child's health needs with oversight by the LSN.

To promote good health for students and staff, Alexandria Public Schools has established the following procedures:

Reporting Illness

When your child stays home with an illness, call your child's school health services office to report the absence. If your child has a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, or pink eye, please let the school health office paraprofessional know.

Returning to School after Illness or Injury

Students may return to school when symptoms have resolved and they feel well enough to make it through the school day. They should also stay home until it has been 24 hours since the last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhea and 24 hours fever free without the use of medications.

If your child has had an injury that may affect their school day, please contact the school health office to set up a return plan.

Send Home Policy

If a student has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or is determined to be too ill to be in school for the day (diarrhea, vomiting, suspicious rash, chronic coughing, etc.) the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child.

Student Immunization Law

According to the State Immunization Law, "All students must have a complete record of immunizations or a legal exemption form on file prior to attending school. This applies to all students enrolled in any of the district's schools as well as Early Education Center preschool classes or Early Childhood Special Education.

Students entering kindergarten must show evidence of having the following immunizations or an exemption form:

- Five (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Four (4) Polio
- Three (3) Hepatitis B
- Two (2) MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Two (2) Varicella (Chicken Pox-either date of illness or date of immunization)

Proof of vaccination or exemption forms for the following boosters:

- 7th Grade: Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis) & Meningococcal
- 12th Grade: Meningococcal

New exemption forms are required any time boosters or new vaccines are due.

Your child's immunization records remain in the school system once enrolled. Be sure to update your child's health file by sending written verification each time he or she has received another immunization.

Parents may get a legal exemption from the school law for medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs. A notarized statement indicating which immunizations are objected to is necessary before the start of the school year. Students who do not meet the requirements will be excluded from school according to the Minnesota State Immunization Law. For further information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website, www.health.state.mn.us/immunize.

Medication Policy and Procedure

Parents may request that the school district administer medication to their child when it is necessary during the school day.

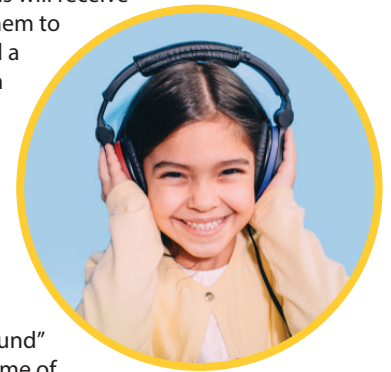
The following procedure must be followed:

- No medication is administered by health services personnel without specific written instructions from a healthcare provider. This includes all over the counter (OTC) medications, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and cough drops, except as noted below.
- Parent/guardian and prescribing health care provider must sign the authorization sheet for prescription medications given during the school day by staff. This form is found on the district website.
- Medications must be delivered in pharmacy-labeled containers by an adult. Students are not allowed to bring medications to school.
- OTC medications must be in original containers.

All medications brought to school must be kept in the health services office. An exception would be a medication kept with the student once approved by the school nurse with proper physician's orders, i.e. inhalers, epi-pens or diabetes equipment and medication. OTC pain-relieving medication (acetaminophen and ibuprofen) can be carried by students in middle/high school, with the proper paperwork filed in the Health Office.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings will be given to all children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 each year per MDH recommendations. These screenings are typically conducted in September or early October. Parents/guardians will receive a referral letter advising them to consult a physician should a screening indicate a vision or hearing concern. In the event that your child should need glasses and that poses a financial hardship for your family, please contact the health services office at your child's school to inquire about the "Have A Heart Fund" to assist with offsetting some of those costs.



Physical Exam Recommendations and Requirements

Early childhood screenings are required before entering Kindergarten (refer to page 29). It is recommended that children have a physical exam before entering kindergarten, grades 4, 7, 10 and have a yearly dental exam. Students who plan to participate in High School League activities must have a physical examination on file within the previous three years before the start of the activity's season.

For more information, please contact Melissa Bright, Licensed School Nurse, at (320) 762-2141 ext. 4135.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 201, Alexandria, MN 56308 | communityed.alexschools.org | Registration: alexandria.ce.eleyo.com



ALEXANDRIA Public Schools

Community Education

Main Office: 320-762-3310 Programs & Services

- **Director of Community Education**
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- **Early Education Center Coordinator**
April Larsonext. 4241
- **Shenanigans Coordinator**
Angel Manzanoext. 4289
- **Youth Enrichment Coordinator**
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- **Compass Coordinator**
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- **Gymnastics Coordinator**
Nichole Boydenext. 4238
- **Recreation Coordinator**
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- **Aquatics Coordinator**
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Julie Fietek.....320-762-3312
- **Community Education Secretary**
Melanie Belsheim.....ext. 4272

Alexandria Public Schools Community Education was a Minnesota community pioneer, beginning one of the first Community Education programs in Minnesota in 1971. Whether it's academic, enrichment, social, emotional or recreational opportunities, APS Community Education programs have something for everyone.

- Early Childhood Family Education, Birth-5 years
- Parent Education
- Preschool, 3-5 years
- Shenanigans Indoor Playground/Climbing Wall/Laser Tag
- Alexandria Area Gymnastics
- Youth Enrichment/Recreation
- Compass, Childcare PreK-5th Grade
- Adult Enrichment/Recreation
- Adults & Students with Disabilities
- Adult Basic Education/GED/ELL
- Volunteer Services
- Community Engagement through the Performing Arts
- Outdoor Gear Rental



The APS Community Education catalog is mailed to all district residents 3 times a year, Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer.

Is Your Child on the Census?

Please register your baby, toddler or preschooler on the Alexandria Public Schools Census (regardless of whether your child will attend public, private or home school). If you have moved within school district boundaries, changed your phone number or have a new baby, please call Alexandria Public Schools Early Childhood, 320-762-3305.

Early Childhood Screening

This screening examination is a mandatory requirement for a student to attend Kindergarten or first grade in a public school. Screening is a simple and careful check of your 3 year old child in the following areas of development: speech and language, concepts, gross and fine motor, and social/emotional. Vision, hearing and physical growth are



also screened. It is designed to evaluate the current development of your child and if needed, suggest resources to assist your child.

Community Education's Early Education program offers developmental screening in the Early Education Center. Provided your child is in our District's census, you will receive an invitation to attend when your child is approximately 3 ½ years. There is no cost for early childhood screening. If you have concerns or questions, please call the Early Education Center at 320-762-3305.

Shenanigans Indoor Playground

Shenanigans Indoor Playground is the ideal place for all kids ages 1-12. It offers a series of parent/child activities devoted to the physical, emotional and social development of youth, while giving parents the satisfaction of a safe place for their kids to engage with other kids, slides, ladders, nets, mazes and imagination-inspiring play zones.

Outdoor Gear Rental

We offer high quality, clean rental gear and yard games for outdoor adventures. Why buy, when you can rent! Outdoor Gear Library rental has: Water, Camping/Hiking, Bikes, Yard Games, Hunting, and Snow Gear.

Adult Basic Education

Alexandria Area Basic Education offers the following FREE programs and services: GED, Adult Diploma, ESL, Accuplacer & TEAS Prep, basic reading, writing and math, functional literacy skills, workforce preparation, digital literacy skills, and citizenship. Anyone 17 years or older who is not presently enrolled in a secondary school and whose educational skills are below the 12th grade may take advantage of the FREE services. Enroll anytime. Flexible schedules. One on one assistance. Call 320-762-3312.

School Facility Use

School facilities are available to community groups and organizations at times when the regular K-12 and Community Education programs are not scheduled. To reserve a school facility or for outdoor field reservations, call 320-762-3310 or communityed.alexschools.org/community-services/facilities-rental

DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Office

1410 South McKay Ave, Ste 201,
Alexandria 56308
320-762-2141
Rick Sansted, Superintendent
Maggie Timm, Supt's Asst.
Jessie Hjelle, Director of Human Resources
Darcy Josephson, Asst. Supt of
Teaching & Learning
Trevor Peterson,
Director of Finance & Facilities
Michelle Bethke-Kaliher,
Director of Student Support Services
Sara Richards, Student Support
Services Asst. Director
Jill Johnson, Communications Director
Janeen Peterson, Food and
Nutrition Services Director
Wendy Fridgen,
MARSS-Central Enrollment

Community Education

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 201
Alexandria 56308
320-762-3310
Lynn Jenc, Director

Early Education Center

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 102
Alexandria 56308
320-762-3305
Attendance: ext. 1
April Larson, Coordinator

Carlos Elementary

20 N Douglas Ave., Carlos 56319
320-852-7181
Attendance/Health: ext. 4900
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

Garfield Elementary

303 Sanstead St E, Garfield 56332
320-762-3350
Attendance/Health: ext. 4952
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

Lincoln Elementary

1120 Lark St, Alexandria, MN 56308
320-762-3320
Attendance/Health: ext. 4804
Brendan Bogart, Principal

Miltona Science Magnet Elementary

271 Dale Ave, Miltona 56354
877-736-1419
Attendance/Health: ext. 4925
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

Voyager Elementary

203 Voyager Dr, Alexandria 56308
320-762-3325
Attendance/Health: ext. 4701
Dana Christenson, Principal

Woodland Elementary

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 101
Alexandria 56308
320-762-3300
Attendance/Health: ext. 4124
Stephanie Ruegemer, Principal

Discovery Middle School

510 McKay Ave N, Alexandria 56308
320-762-7900 | Attendance: ext. 4300
Health: ext. 4311 | Guidance: ext. 4308
Heather Timm, Principal
Sara Kusters, Asst. Principal

Alexandria Area High School

4300 Pioneer Rd SE, Alexandria 56308
320-762-2142 | Attendance: ext. 4278
Health: ext. 4501
College & Career Center: ext. 4502
Chad Duwenhoegger, Principal
Robert Brakke, Asst. Principal

Bridgeway Career Learning

5398 South Broadway, Alexandria 56308
320-762-3360
Joe Hurlbut, Dean

Transition Center

1204 34th Ave W, Alexandria 56308
320-762-2142
Sara Richards, Asst. Director,
Student Support Services

SCHOOL START & DISMISSAL TIMES

Following are the start and dismissal times for Alexandria Public Schools:

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Carlos Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Garfield Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary	8:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Miltona Science Magnet Elementary	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Voyager Elementary	7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Woodland Elementary	7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Discovery Middle School	8:15 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Alexandria Area High School	8:25 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Runestone Alternative School	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Transition Center (AM session)	8:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Transition Center (PM session)	12:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education

Special education services are available to address the educational needs of students with disabilities attending Alexandria Public Schools. Services are available to students identified with one or more of the following disabling conditions:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Deaf-Blind
- Developmental Cognitive Disability
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional or Behavioral Disorder
- Other Health Disabilities
- Physically Impaired
- Severely Multiply Impaired
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impaired

Licensed special education teachers work with classroom teachers and related service providers to ensure that each child within our District receives a free and appropriate public education. A child's team includes a licensed teacher, administrator, and other support staff to meet the individual needs of the child. Support staff may include Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Social Workers, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher, Vision Teacher, and paraprofessionals. All services are based on a child's individual educational needs.

In compliance with Federal and State law, Alexandria Public Schools identifies and evaluates all students in its jurisdiction, ages birth through 22nd birthdate, suspected of having a disabling condition. The district regularly conducts "child find" activities, accepting referrals from classroom teachers, parents, physicians and numerous outside agencies. If you suspect your child may suffer from any of the disabling conditions listed above please contact your child's building principal for more information. Parents who would like to refer a child ages 0-5 for a special education assessment should contact the Early Education Center Special Education Secretary at 762-3305 ext. 4243 or the Student Support Services Office at 762-2141 ext. 4297. Concerns related to programming issues should be reported to the building principal or to the Student Support Services Director, Michelle Bethke-Kaliher at (320) 762-2141 ext. 4297.



School District Related Policies

Equal Educational Opportunity (Policy 102)

It is the school district's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression or age. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. This commitment is expressed in the Board-approved equal educational opportunity policy in the following areas:

- The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above.
- This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities or other rights or privileges of enrollment.

- It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.
- Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate school district official as provided by policy.
- A copy of the district's grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination is available at all district buildings main offices, the district offices and on the district website, alexschools.org.

Student Disability Nondiscrimination (Policy 521)

The purpose of this policy is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need services, accommodations or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education. In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the

Alexandria School District has a policy that states that no discrimination against any student with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who: has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, including learning; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.



Independent School District 206

P.O. Box 308
Alexandria, MN 56308



ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Alexandria Public Schools - ISD 206 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression or age, or disability in admission to its programs, services, or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations. School District 206 Career and Technical Education department does not discriminate in enrollment or access to any of the programs available. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the district's activities and programs. The Alexandria Public Schools also does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices.



It's more than a meal application!

Even though all students will receive free school breakfast and lunch this year, we still need income eligible families to complete the Application for Education Benefits to generate funds for our district as well as benefits for your family.

Benefits for you and your student:

- ★ Discounts on school sports/activities
- ★ Discounted rates on community educational activities
- ★ Discounts on internet services and devices through the Federal Communication Commission.

Benefits to your school district:

The forms also support how much funding your child's school receives for educational programs and technology.

A new form must be completed each school year. Additionally, families who have completed an application and have experienced a change in household income or size are encouraged to complete a new application.



Scan the QR code below to complete the online application.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR	KEY DATES
First Day of School	September 3
2-hour late start K-12	September 25
October Non-School Days	October 17-18
November Non-School Days	November 1, 28 & 29
December Non-School Days	December 23-January 1
January Non-School Day	January 20
End of First Semester	January 17
2-hour late start PreK-12	January 29
February Non-School Day	February 17
March Non-School Days	March 14 & 31
2-hour late start PreK-12	March 26
April Non-School Days	April 18 & 21
Memorial Day	May 26
Last Day of School for Students	May 30



Save Receipts for School Supplies!

The Minnesota Department of Revenue offers two valuable tax benefits for parents who purchase school supplies for their K-12 students: the K-12 Education Credit and Subtraction.

These benefits can reduce parents' taxes to increase their refund, but is only available for those who keep their receipts. Purchases for most school supplies, field trips, and musical instruments for school band are eligible.

Most Minnesota parents qualify for the K-12 subtraction, which reduces their taxable income. Parents under certain income limits may also qualify for the K-12 credit, which can refund up to 75% of their costs – even for parents who do not owe any taxes. Visit Revenue's website for details.