

WELCOME TO



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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)

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DRAFTED Dublin City Schools 2025 - 2026 District Calendar

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Important Dates & Holidays	
25-Jul & 28-31 Jul	Pre-Planning
1-Aug	School Begins
1-Sep	Labor Day Holiday
2-Oct	End of 1st Nine Weeks
6-Oct - 17-Oct	Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
9-Oct	Student Holiday/Professional Learning
10-Oct - 13-Oct	Fall Break Holiday
14-Oct	Students Return
24-Nov - 28-Nov	Thanksgiving Break
17-Dec	End of 2nd Nine Weeks/Half Day
Dismissal Times for half day	
18-Dec	11:45 (HCE, SDE, IGA)
19-Dec	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
19-Dec - 2-Jan	Christmas Break
5-Jan	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
6-Jan	Students Return
19-Jan	MLK Jr. Holiday
2-Feb - 12-Feb	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
13-Feb - 16-Feb	Winter Break
17-Feb	Students Return
12-Mar	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
16-Mar - 27-Mar	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
20-Mar	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
6-Apr - 10-Apr	Spring Break
22-May	End of 4th Nine Weeks & Graduation
25-May	Memorial Day
26-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.

IGA DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

The dress code will be enforced **DAILY** at the Irish Gifted Academy. Please assist us by ensuring that your child is dressed following the school-wide dress code. When we have to call parents for repeated violations, this not only interferes with your child's instructional time, but it also impacts his/her participation in upcoming school-wide events.

Please review the examples below for further clarification on what is considered acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact IGA Elementary at (478) 353-8490 and/or IGA Middle at (478) 353-8475.

YES 



SOLID COLOR polos/polo style dresses may be worn.



Traditional, basic denim jeans and basic uniform bottoms may be worn any day. Acceptable colors include: **KHAKI, BROWN, NAVY BLUE, BLACK OR GRAY.**



Any shirt with a Dublin City Schools / IGA logo, insignias, DCS sports team, or club can be worn any time.

No 



Although this is a solid color polo, the insignia is larger than 3 inches.



Jeans may not have any pre-designed rips, tears, holes or frays as to expose skin.

Jogger sweatpants are NOT acceptable.



Crocs, bubble shoes, slides, etc. may NOT be worn unless it is a specified "Dress Down Day."



IGA School Supply Lists



Kindergarten Supply List



1st Grade Supply List



2nd Grade Supply List



3rd Grade Supply List



4th Grade Supply List



*5th Grade ELA/SS & 6th
Grade ELA*



*5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade
Science / 6th Grade SS*



*7th Grade ELA
Supply List*



*8th Grade ELA
Supply List*



*7th and 8th Grade SS
Supply List*



*5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Math
Supply List*



*K-8 Art
Supply List*





PRE-K SCHOOL SUPPLIES 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 **

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



PARENTSQUARE

We are excited to let you know that we'll be using ParentSquare to communicate with you at the school and in your classrooms and groups during the 2025-2026 school year.

ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect.

With ParentSquare you'll be able to:

- Receive all district, school and classroom communication via email, text, or app.
- Direct message teachers and staff.
- View the school and classroom calendar and RSVP for events.
- Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items.

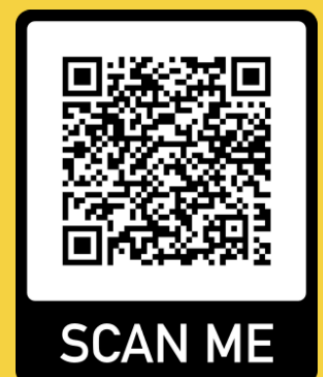
Activating Your Account

You will receive an invitation email or text to join ParentSquare closer to the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Please click the link provided to activate your account. It takes less than a minute.

You can use ParentSquare on any device. You can download the free mobile app for iOS or Android or use the desktop version at www.parentsquare.com.

Our goal is for every family to join ParentSquare and engage with our school community.

Additional information can be found by visiting dcsirish.com or scanning this QR Code:



PARENTSQUARE

DOWNLOAD THE PARENTSQUARE APP

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.

- ✓ Receive messages from your teacher, the school and the district via email, text or an app notification
- ✓ Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6:00 PM
- ✓ Direct message teachers & staff



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Infinite Campus Parent Portal Access

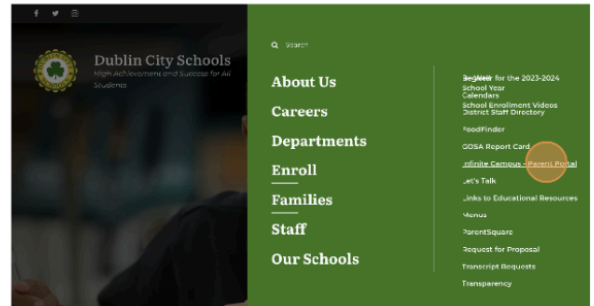
Dublin City Schools is pleased to offer our parents the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This online tool is used for you to keep track of your child's progress. Parents may view their student's grades, attendance, schedule, and more using Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Once your student(s) is/are enrolled, please follow the steps listed below to access the portal.

Step 1: We DO NOT use an Activation Key for creating accounts. Instead, you can also go to the Dublin City Schools home page <https://www.dcsirish.com/> then navigate to the upper right-hand corner to Menu.



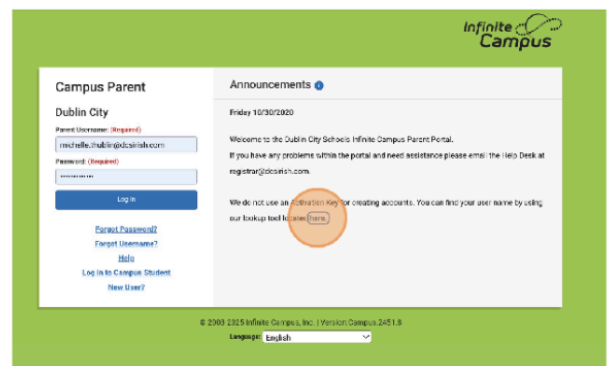
Step 2: Click on the Families Heading > Infinite Campus Parent Portal.



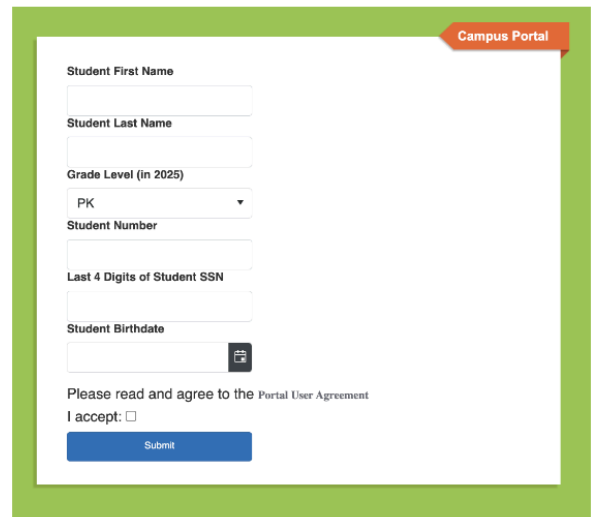
Step 3: Click Campus Parent.



Step 4: Find your individual username & password by navigating to the on-screen announcement & clicking HERE.

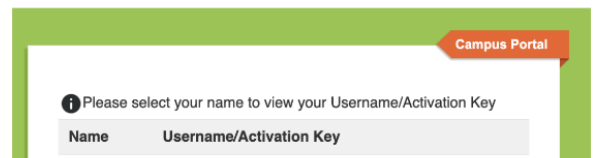


Step 5: Enter the requested information: student's first and last name (as shown on the Birth Certificate), grade level, student number (student's lunch number), last 4 digits of the student's SSN, and student's birthday, then click **SUBMIT**.



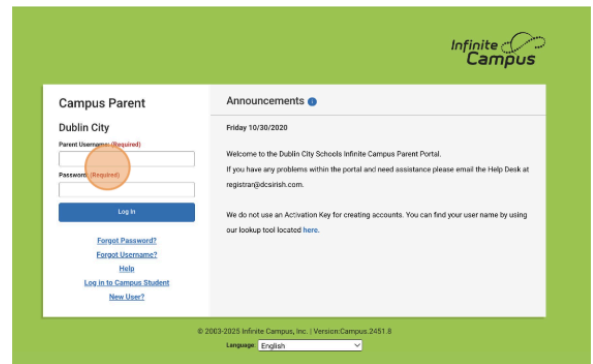
The screenshot shows the 'Campus Portal' registration form. It includes input fields for 'Student First Name', 'Student Last Name', 'Grade Level (in 2025)' (with a dropdown menu showing 'PK'), 'Student Number', 'Last 4 Digits of Student SSN', and 'Student Birthdate'. Below these fields is a checkbox for 'Please read and agree to the Portal User Agreement' and a 'Submit' button.

Step 6: Your personalized account information will then appear on your screen.



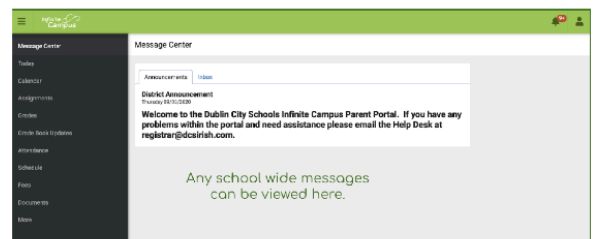
The screenshot shows the 'Campus Portal' account information screen. It features a table with two columns: 'Name' and 'Username/Activation Key'. Above the table, there is a message: 'Please select your name to view your Username/Activation Key'.

Step 7: Use your personalized account information to log in.



The screenshot shows the 'Campus Parent' login page for 'Dublin City'. It includes input fields for 'Parent Username (Required)' and 'Password (Required)', a 'Log In' button, and links for 'Forgot Password?', 'Forgot Username?', 'Help', 'Log In As Campus Student', and 'New User?'. On the right, there is an 'Announcements' section with a date 'Friday 10/30/2020' and a welcome message. The footer shows '© 2003-2020 Infinite Campus, Inc. | Version Campus 2451.8' and a language dropdown set to 'English'.

Step 8: Once you've logged in, you'll be able to access the message center, see your child's schedule and assignments, view grades as well as check their attendance.



The screenshot shows the 'Infinite Campus' Message Center. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: 'Tools', 'Calendar', 'Assignments', 'Grades', 'Grade Book History', 'Attendance', 'Calendar', 'Files', 'Enclosures', and 'Notes'. The main area is titled 'Message Center' and contains a 'Welcome to the Dublin City Schools Infinite Campus Parent Portal' message. It also states: 'Any school wide messages can be viewed here.'



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- ✓ Routine health physicals
- ✓ Chronic illness management
- ✓ Lab testing
- ✓ Patient referrals
- ✓ Hearing and vision
- ✓ Immunizations/vaccinations
- ✓ And much more!

DOCTOR'S PRACTICE SCHEDULE

GENERAL PRACTITIONER

Monday-Friday

8 AM - 1 PM
2 PM - 4 PM

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IN DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS...

We believe that a safe, secure, flexible and loving environment promotes positive learning communities for academic achievement, personal growth, and emotional well-being.



Our highly-trained safety and security staff monitor, protect and respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our paramount duty is to create a safe learning environment where each student can learn, discover and thrive.

Safety and security staff support and assist in the training of all district staff to be prepared to respond to natural- or human-caused emergencies. We work with communications and school staff to inform families about emergencies as soon as we can with as much information as possible.

We are committed to creating a safe environment in every school, every day. We put a high priority on building relationships with students. And, our safety and security officers proactively work to support our district's promise of supporting the needs of the whole child.

COMMUNICATION DURING AN INCIDENT

In the event of a snowstorm, hurricane, threat to campus or other emergency event, Dublin City Schools will implement safety procedures and may change school start or dismissal times for student safety.

Here are the ways we communicate emergency information:

- Automated messages through ParentSquare. Please provide your school with current telephone numbers to reach you and other emergency contacts.
- Announcements on district and school websites.
- Announcements on social media. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Announcements on TV and radio.

Student safety is our number one priority. Our schools have safety plans in place to handle natural disasters, security issues, and other emergency situations, in coordination with local law enforcement and first responders. Help us keep your child safe by following these emergency DOs and DON'Ts.

DO: PREPARE IN ADVANCE



Bookmark our Website: We will post the latest available information at dcsirish.com. Check back frequently for updates and instructions on when and where you can pick up your child if parent pick-up is necessary.



Get Connected: Make sure we have your current phone number and email address on file so we can reach you quickly with an automated text, or email about an emergency situation. When you move, change jobs, or get a new number, please update your contact information with your child's front office.



Have Identification Ready: Always bring a photo ID when picking up your child. This supports school staff with verifying identities quickly and maintaining the safety of all students.



Plan Ahead: Discuss reunification plans with your child ahead of time so they understand the process and won't be alarmed. Let them know to follow their teacher's instructions and not try to leave the school on their own.

DON'T



Call Your Child's School: Resources are stretched thin during emergencies. Incoming calls take away from our ability to get updates to you through our website, mass notification system, and social media platforms.



Rush to the School: Coming to school may put you or your child at great risk. Additional people on the scene distract first responders from their primary job – keeping our students and staff safe. Instead, check our website, social media channels or your phone for information and instructions.



Share Unverified Information: Avoid spreading unverified information through social media or other means. This can lead to confusion and hinder the efforts of emergency responders and the district.



Attempt to Circumvent Security Procedures: Even if the process seems slow, do not attempt to pick up your child from unauthorized locations or before you've been notified. This will ensure everyone's safety.

GET A JUMPSTART ON CAMPUS LIFE AT THE IGA BY REVIEWING OUR 2024-2025 HANDBOOK



SCAN ME



DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS'
CAMPUS TOUR DAY

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF

CHOICE

Visit Schools Within Our District

Wednesday, March 19th

Drop-in Between 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

*Invites Parents with Children Ages
Birth to Pre-K to...*



BABY IRISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
CLASSES BEGIN @ 10:00 AM

Irish Gifted Academy - Beginning In Elementary Building
1951 Hillcrest Pkwy, Dublin, GA 31021

- **FREE TREATS**
- **TWO PARENT UNIVERSITY CLASSES**
- **A DELICIOUS LUNCH**
- **OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY SCREENINGS**
- **CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S
FUTURE CLASSMATES**
- **PRE-K REGISTRATION**

Have Questions? Email takeshia.thomas@dcsirish.com// Call (478) 278-8772