

A Message From Dublin Middle School's Lead Learner

Greetings,

I am Dr. Willie Batts, and I am the proud principal of Dublin Middle School (DMS). I am very excited to be the Lead Learner! I completed my undergraduate degree at Fort Valley State University, and I earned a Masters in Special Education and Health & PE from Albany State



University. I also completed my Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Cambridge College as well as earned my Doctorate in Education Leadership from Valdosta State University.

At Dublin Middle School, we have created an environment where students can learn, and teachers can teach. I believe in being fair, firm, and consistent when making decisions for our students and staff.

Our faculty and staff are committed to modeling high expectations for all students by being clear in our expectations and communicating effectively with our stakeholders.

Thank you for showing interest in Dublin Middle School for the upcoming school year. We look forward to great things in the new year!

Educationally,

Dr. Willie L. Batts, Jr.

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DRAFTED Dublin City Schools 2025 - 2026 District Calendar

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	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	11:00 AM (DHS, MSS, DMS)
for half day	11:45 (HCE, SDE, IGA)
18-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-Mav	End of 4th Nine Weeks & Graduation
25-May	Memorial Day
26-May	Post-Planning

To Be Approved By the Dublin City Board of Education of 2/24/25

DMS'S DRESS CODE

Purpose

The purpose of this code is to provide the students, parents, faculty, and administration guidelines as to the standards of dress expected in our school. The learning environment must be free as possible from distractions/interruptions. The following requirements are applicable to both male and female students except where indicated:

ONLY CLEAR OR MESH BOOKBAGS ARE ALLOWED AT DMS.

Tops:

Shirts can be any solid color, polo-style, button-down oxford, or t-shirt (short or long sleeves) with images, emblems, or artwork no larger than an inch. Any symbol larger than a quarter is too big. Any shirt with a Dublin Middle School logo, insignia, sports team or club can be worn at any time. All other Dublin City Schools spirit shirts can be worn on Fridays. No tank tops or tops that are lace, sheer, see-thru, or show a student's mid-section/stomach will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in for boys.

Bottoms:

Bottoms must be solid khaki, brown, black, blue or gray uniform or denim-style pants, fingertip length or longer skirts / skorts, capri pants, or jumpers. Joggers ARE NOT allowed. Cargo pants ARE allowed, but they must be the same as the colors above. Additionally, Dublin Middle School athletic pants/sweatpants (not tight-fighting) can be worn. Pants, shorts, and 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 WILL BE ALLOWED!!

Shoes:

Shoes may be any color. All shoes must have an enclosed toe and strap on the back. Students cannot wear sandals, flip-flops, cleats, Nike slides or spiked high heels to school. Crocs CAN be worn, but the strap must be on the back.

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. Solid-color sweaters, sweatshirts, and cardigans may be worn over a uniform shirt. Solid color turtlenecks can also be worn. We have no restrictions on jacket colors; however, no outerwear can bear inappropriate messages or images. No trench coats or dusters will be permitted.

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 cannot be oversized or in excessive amounts. Masks are highly encouraged but not required.

As principal, Dr. Batts will have the authority to make case-by-case determinations about the appropriateness of dress not covered in this policy.

DMS DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

The dress code will be enforced **DAILY** at Dublin Middle School. 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 us at (478) 353-8130.











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.



Crocs MAY be worn as long as the strap is on the back.



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



Jeans may not have any predesigned rips, tears, holes or frays as to expose skin.
Jogger pants and wearing legging as pants is NOT acceptable.



Slides may NOT be worn unless it is a specified "Dress Down Day."

SCHOOL SPECIFICS

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIME

<u>Arrival</u>: Car riders and walkers should not arrive earlier than 7:00 A.M. Students are to report to assigned areas until they are dismissed to their classrooms. Students planning to eat breakfast must arrive no later than 7:30 A.M. Car riders must enter Dublin Middle School using the rear cafeteria doors by the gym. Car riders who arrive after 7:30 A.M. are tardy and students must sign in the front office.

<u>Dismissal</u>: Dublin Middle School students are dismissed at 2:30 P.M. Car riders will exit Dublin Middle School using the rear cafeteria doors by the gym. Parents should pull to the parking lot by the gym to pick up car riders. Car riders must be picked up by 3:00 P.M. Parents of car riders please stay in line, watch for children, and do not travel more than 5 mph while on campus. Students will not be allowed to walk to cars that do not stay in line and follow the flow of traffic.

* There will be no early pick up of students after 2:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE EXAMPLE

Beginning School Bell - 7:30 am Ending School Bell - 2:30 pm

5th Grade Bell Schedule		
1st Block	7:30 - 9:00	90 minutes
Recess	9:00-9:20	20 minutes
Irish Time	9:20-10:20	60 minutes
Lunch	10:20 - 10:50	30 minutes
2 nd Block	10:50- 12:05	90 minutes
3 rd Block	12:05 – 1:35	90 minutes
Connections	1:35 - 2:30	60 minutes

6th - 8th Grade Bell Schedule				
1st Block	7:30 - 9:00*	90 minutes		
2 nd Block	9:00 – 10:30*	90 minutes		
3 rd Block	10:30 – 1:00 (includes 30 minutes for lunch)	150 minutes		
4 th Block	1:00 - 2:30	90 minutes		

^{*} includes Connections and Irish Time; see below for details











EXTRACURRICULARS

Dublin Middle Schoolers are encouraged to participate in any athletic or extracurricular activities available to them. It is through participation in school activities that students can develop poise, social awareness, and leadership skills. Students who become involved in different activities within the school usually experience a greater sense of belonging and have a greater feeling of loyalty to the system.

NAME	SPONSOR	PURPOSE	ACTIVITIES
Junior Beta Club 5th - 8th Grade	Arrion Reed Marci Mulkey	To promote the ideals of character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students, to reward meritorious achievement, and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.	Service projects in the community and school, State Convention
Student Council 5th - 8th Grade	Lakeisha Washington	The purpose of Student Council is to provide leadership and to serve the student body, the school, and the community.	Service projects in the community and school
Chess Club 5th - 8th Grade		To promote opportunities for students to enhance their critical thinking or decision-making skills	Practices, games
Softball 6th - 8th Grade	Ralph Wright Michelle Carr	To provide opportunities for girls to learn and improve their softball skills (August - Early October)	Practices, games
Football 6th - 8th Grade	Seth Watts	To provide opportunities for boys to learn and improve their football skills (August-November)	Practices, games
Cross Country 6th - 8th Grade	Evan Jefferson	To provide opportunities for girls and boys to improve their running skills (September)	Practices, meets
Soccer 6th - 8th Grade	Ralph Wright Ashai Brown	To provide opportunities for girls and boys to improve their soccer skills (October-December)	Practices, games
Basketball 6th - 8th Grade	Neisha Bell (Girls)	To provide opportunities for girls and boys to improve their basketball skills (November-February)	Practices, games
Cheerleading 6th - 8th Grade	Jasmine Tharpe	To provide cheering support to football and basketball teams and opportunities to improve cheerleading skills. The team is chosen in the spring, and works throughout the summer, fall and winter seasons.	Practices, camps, games, competitions
Wrestling 6th - 8th Grade	Bryce Carr	To provide opportunities for boys to learn and improve their wrestling skills (November-January)	Practices, matches
Baseball 6th - 8th Grade	Mathew Pogue	To provide opportunities for boys to learn and improve their baseball skills (January-Apri)	Practices, games
Track & Field 6th - 8th Grade	Jameka Morris(Girls)	To provide opportunities for boys and girls to learn and improve their track and field skills (February-March)	Practices, meets
Tennis 6th - 8th Grade	Arrion Reed	To provide opportunities for boys and girls to learn and improve their tennis skills (March-April)	Practices, matches
Golf 6th - 8th Grade	Kevin Thomas	To provide opportunities for boys and girls to learn improve their golf skills (March-May)	Practices, matches

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. <u>From anywhere.</u>

- 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











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.

<u>Step 1:</u> 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.



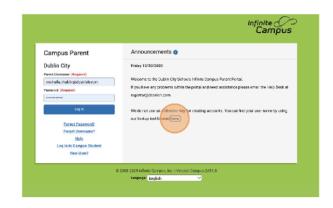
Step 2: Click on the Families Heading > Infinite Campus Parent Portal.



Step 3: Click Campus Parent.



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



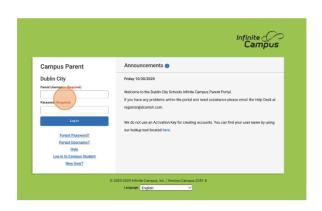
<u>Step 5:</u> Enter the requested information: student's first and last name (as shown on the Birth Certificate), grade level, student number (student's lunch number), last 4 digits of the student's SSN, and student's birthday, then click **SUBMIT**.



<u>Step 6:</u> Your personalized account information will then appear on your screen.



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



<u>Step 8:</u> 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.





Irish Healthcare is here to meet the healthcare needs of our students and staff. We offer highquality on-site care for a variety of needs, and look forward to serving you!



Click here to meet our team!

OUR SERVICES

- 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 STAFF

Dr. Berrien Waters

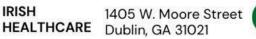
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IN DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS...

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
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can lead to confusion and
hinder the efforts of
emergency responders and
the district.



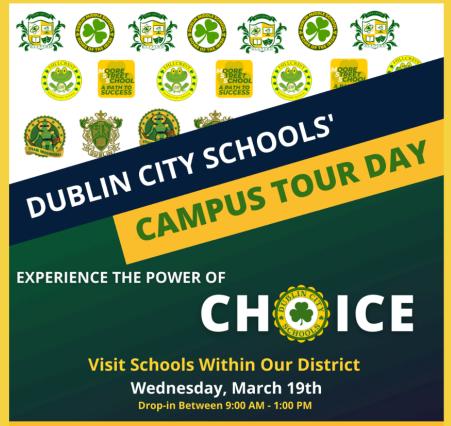
Attempt to Circumvent Security Procedures:

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 DMS'S CAMPUS LIFE BY REVIEWING THE SCHOOL'S 2024-2025 HANDBOOK





VISIT DUBLIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
DURING THE
DISTRICT'S
UPCOMING CAMPUS
TOUR DAY!