



# FIRST DAY FACTS



First Day of School: Friday, August 1, 2025

## WHO'S NEW

In the Principal's Office



**ACTIVE Academies**  
Adam Johnson



**Boston Elementary**  
Dr. Celeice Hood



**CCSD Preschools**  
Dr. Jessica Porter



**Indian Knoll Elementary**  
Erica Morrie



**Knox Elementary STEM Academy**  
Debbie Ritter



**Mountain Road Elementary**  
Dr. Leah Bleisath



**Oak Grove Elementary School STEAM Academy**  
Jennifer Williams

WHO ELSE IS NEW?  
**220**

CLASSROOM TEACHERS!

They are joining a job family of 5,573 caring professionals who are focused on helping students learn more, grow more and achieve more here in CCSD than they could anywhere else!



Parents will receive communication later this month from their child's Principal as to how and when they can complete the annual "first day forms" online process that updates important information on file with the school (new home address, new emergency contact person, new medical forms, etc.).



Need to enroll a new student? Click [HERE!](#)

**Get involved:** sign up to volunteer, join your school's PTA or become a business partner. Look for the PTA & Partners or PTSA icon on your school website.



New CCSD parent? You will need a **parent Canvas account** to view your child's assignments and grades. Find out more on our website [here](#).



School meal accounts, menus and nutritional information are housed under one app: Linq Connect, which will show new menus and accept payments starting **July 21**. Look for the app online or you can set up your account on their website: <https://linqconnect.com/>. Existing account funds transferred over during the summer. Student meal prices for 2025-26 will remain the same.



**School supply lists** are online. Click the pencil for a list of links to all CCSD school supply lists.



To receive emergency and non-emergency messages from the District via text, please opt in to the message service (School Messenger) by texting the word **SUBSCRIBE** to the number **68453**.



Parents will receive communication later this month from their child's Principal as to how and when they will be notified of homeroom teachers for elementary school students and schedules for middle and high school students.



July 30 & 31

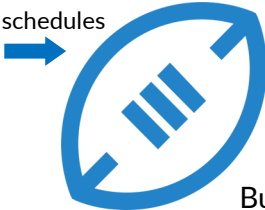
Open House/Walk Through events are Wednesday, July 30 and Thursday, July 31 for elementary and middle schools; some high school welcome events are only for 9th grade/new students. Click the hand for a link to the schedules.

Projected Student Enrollment:

**42,178**

CCSD is the 9th largest school district in Georgia and the 132nd largest in the U.S.

Click for schedules



2025 high school football season kicks off **Aug. 15**. Buy tickets online at <https://gofan.co/search>



Schools use **Parent Square** for communication from the principal/school. If you have not activated your account, you will receive an email before school starts (note: you will still get emails without activation, but no access to secure documents like report cards and schedules). There is also a ParentSquare app available.



July 28

Check your child's **bus stop time** and location for pick up and drop off. Bus Stop Look-Up will be **LIVE July 28**. Click the bus to check your stop/info.

Click the calendar page to access the CCSD school calendar for 2025-26



**Free/reduced price meals** are available for eligible families. One online form can be completed for all children in a family, **beginning July 21**. There are additional benefits, including reduced fees for college entrance exams and other resources.

Access the form at <https://linqconnect.com/>



CHEROKEE ZONE

Cherokee HS  
Teasley MS  
Clayton ES  
Liberty ES  
Hasty ES  
Knox ES  
RM Moore ES



CREEKVIEW ZONE

Creekview HS  
Creekland MS  
Avery ES  
Ball Ground ES  
Free Home ES  
Macedonia ES



ETOWAH ZONE

Etowah HS  
E.T. Booth MS  
Bascomb ES  
Boston ES  
Clark Creek ES  
Oak Grove ES



RIVER RIDGE ZONE

River Ridge HS  
Mill Creek MS  
Arnold Mill ES  
Johnston ES  
Little River ES



SEQUOYAH ZONE

Sequoyah HS  
Dean Rusk MS  
Hickory Flat ES  
Holly Springs ES  
Indian Knoll ES  
Mountain Rd ES



WOODSTOCK ZONE

Woodstock HS  
Freedom MS  
Woodstock MS  
Carmel ES  
Sixes ES  
Woodstock ES

CENTERS & PROGRAMS

- Preschool Centers
  - Tippens Education Center
- A.C.T.I.V.E. CAMPUS
- ◇ ACE Academy
  - ◇ C3 Academy
  - ◇ Transition Academy
  - ◇ i-Grad Virtual Academy

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

i-Grad Virtual Academy  
(Grades 9-12)



GIVING BACK

The Cherokee County Educational Foundation is a charitable non-profit that raises money to benefit CCSD students and staff. Click the logo to learn more.

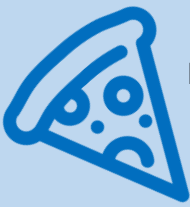


Buying a **laptop** for your child?  
Click [HERE](#) for the basic tech specs you need.



2025-26 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Click [here](#) to go to the Menus website



|                        | BREAKFAST | LUNCH  | GRILL LINE |
|------------------------|-----------|--------|------------|
| ELEMENTARY             | \$1.60    | \$2.45 | N/A        |
| MIDDLE                 | \$1.60    | \$2.70 | N/A        |
| HIGH                   | \$1.60    | \$2.70 | \$3.75     |
| CCSD STAFF             | \$2.75    | \$5.25 |            |
| VISITOR/NON STUDENT    | \$3.00    | \$5.50 |            |
| VISITOR- SPECIAL EVENT | \$5.00    | \$8.00 |            |

CCSD Elementary Schools offer an After School Program (ASP) to provide after hours care for students until 6 pm. Sign up in advance at <https://ccsd.graystep.com> ; daily rate for a full week is \$12 per day per child; single days are \$15; drop-in care (unscheduled) is \$20.

Follow us on social media and model good digital citizenship for your child!



Meet your Governance Team!

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MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS, PHD

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