

Clayton County Public Schools

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CCPS Shares Opening of 2025-2026 School Year Info With Stakeholders

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools is excited to welcome all stakeholders back for the 2025-2026 School Year. As the district welcomes back students, please see the following information that may be helpful.

General statement of welcome

The Clayton County Board of Education, Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent/CEO of Schools, district and school leaders and administrators are excited about the new school year and the many learning and professional development opportunities that await all new and returning scholars, employees and invested partners in education! As a reminder to the general public, Clayton County Public Schools remains committed to *Building and Better Tomorrow*, *Today -- Together* in a safe learning and working environment at *all* times for *all* students, staff, and visitors.

Back To School Bash

CCPS is excited to invite you to join us for the 2025 Back-to-School Bash! Get ready to kick off the 2025–2026 school year with fun, resources, and family-friendly excitement at our annual Back to School Bash on **Saturday**, **July 26**, **2025**, **from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. This event is designed to support all CCPS students and families by providing essential school supplies, valuable information, and a positive start to the new school year. There will be FREE School Supplies (while supplies last) and Informative Parent Sessions.

Families should plan to attend the host location associated with their student's school.

Host Locations:

- Charles Drew High School Riverdale
- Forest Park High School Forest Park
- Mt. Zion High School Jonesboro
- Eddie White Academy Hampton

View the full list of participating schools and assigned locations on the official flyer at the end of the Advisory.

Open House/Meet and Greet

Open House/Meet and Greet sessions for 2025-2026 will take place on **Thursday**, **July 31**, **2025**, utilizing the following schedule:

- Elementary -1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- · Middle 3:00 PM 5:00 PM
- High -5:00 PM 7:00 PM

Day One

The first day of the 2025-2026 school year is **Monday**, **August 4**, **2025**! CCPS will welcome students back utilizing the following operating hours for all grade levels:

- Elementary 7:45 AM 2:15 PM
- Middle 8:45 AM 3:45 PM
- High 8:20 AM 3:15 PM

Curriculum Nights

Curriculum Night sessions for 2025-2026 will take place utilizing the following schedule:

- Elementary Thursday, September 11, 2025, 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Middle Thursday, September 18, 2025, 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
- High Thursday, September 25, 2025, 5:00 PM 7:00 PM

Clear Bookbags

Clayton County Public Schools will continue its clear bookbag protocol for all grade levels. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are responsible for providing the clear bookbags for their students.

Visitors to School Buildings

While Clayton County Public Schools welcomes parents/guardians/caretakers and others to visit our campuses, we strongly encourage making appointments for any visit. This is especially important during the instructional day to minimize distractions. Appointments can be made through the school's secretary, school counselor, school parent liaison or directly with the classroom teacher.

School Bus Safety

Students are expected to follow specific rules of behavior related to riding a school bus to and from school and while waiting at a designated bus stop. Schools employ a progressive form of discipline that could result in a suspension of riding privileges.

School Bus Stop Locator

Parents/Guardians can utilize WebQuery, a School and Bus Route Locator application to obtain students' route and bus stop information. To access this application, please use the following link: https://ewa2.edulogweb.com/claytonga01web/webquery/

Please be advised that there may be some minor delays in bus pick-up and drop-off times due to the number of multiple routes that will occur. The patience of all stakeholders that may be impacted throughout this process is greatly appreciated in advance.

Drive with Care

As a precautionary measure, the school district asks all community constituents to **SLOW DOWN** and follow the speed limit (and the law) especially in school zones and around bus stops; pay attention to those flashing yellow caution signs and lights; watch out for students crossing the street and staff/security crossing guards. Please note that a number of CCPS schools have a *school zone camera system* to enforce speed limits.

In addition, motorists are asked to please be prepared to stop for school buses; do not drive around school buses with the stop-arm extended; do not drive distracted--discontinue the use of any devices and adhere to the cell phone laws that govern this state.

2025-2026 New Student Registration

Clayton County Public Schools is excited to remind all stakeholders that new student registration for the 2025–2026 school year is now open through July 25, 2025, at satellite locations throughout the district. Families can register at the following satellite locations across the district to receive extended in-person support between the hours of 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

- Central Office South
- Forest Park High School
- Morrow Middle School
- Northcutt Elementary School
- Sequoyah Middle School
- Roberts Middle School

Registration is available Monday through Friday at each satellite location throughout the month of July and will begin at all traditional school sites beginning on **Monday**, **July 28**, **2025**.

Parents and guardians should be prepared to bring all required documents. For a full list of required documents, locations, and times, please refer to the flyer.

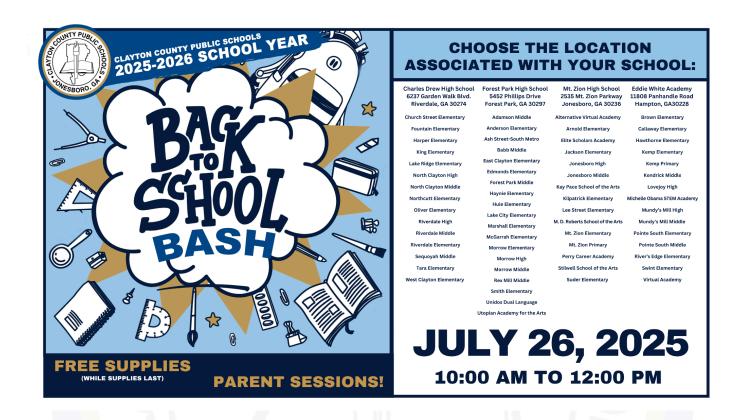
Have questions? Visit a satellite location for in-person help, or email <u>registrationcentral@clayton.k12.ga.us</u>, or call without delay, Ms. Katara George, 404-670-5601, or Dr. Alicia Dunn, 678-817-3124.

Stay Connected

All stakeholders are encouraged to stay connected to official Clayton County Public Schools platforms:

- All television and radio stations in the Metro Area
- CCPS Finalsite/ParentLink phone and email
- CCPS Infinite Campus portal
- CCPS Channel 24 (accessible through the CCPS Website)
- CCPS Website: www.clayton.k12.ga.us
- CCPS Social Media Platforms (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, etc.)
- CCPS Mobile APP

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are also encouraged to participate in key in-person or virtual meetings and watch for announcements as shared by district/school leaders or administrators. For more information in regards to school related affairs or activities, please feel free to contact your respective school leadership and/or visit their websites.



-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

<u>About Clayton County Public Schools:</u> Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.