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Superintendent's Message

Hello Lawrence Community,

It's an exciting time in Lawrence as we prepare for the launch of a brand new 2025-26 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and families back to school on **Wednesday, August 13th, 2025.**

Our campuses are bustling with activity as we prepare to welcome our students, parents and families to our Lawrence school campuses; we look forward to the many upcoming back-to-school community events across our LPS schools. Please watch for communication from your school Principal with more specific information about activities at your school.

This newsletter includes helpful information to support our students, parents and community as we all prepare for a strong start to this upcoming school year, including: daily schedules, school supply lists, and information about how parents can benefit from accessing Parent Square, a new communication tool designed to streamline school communications for busy families.

We look forward to welcoming each and every student through our school doors very soon; we are enriched by the presence, the unique story, talents, and gifts that each child brings to our classrooms and schools.

Caring, high-quality public schools are the outgrowth of engaged and supportive communities. Thank you for all you do to support the quality educational experiences of our more than 10,000 students and the remarkable teachers, staff, and leaders who serve them each day.

Jeanice Kerr Swift

Superintendent of Schools
Lawrence Public Schools

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The Lawrence Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, unless otherwise announced, at 110 McDonald Drive.

Upcoming Meetings:

2025	2026
August 11 & 25	January 12 & 26
September 8 & 22	February 9 & 23
October 14 & 27	March 9 & 23
November 10 & 17	April 13 & 27
December 8	May 11 & 26
	June 8 & 22

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Directory of Schools and Programs

SCHOOLS

Billy Mills MS
Dr. Andrew Taylor, Principal
2734 Louisiana St. 66046
P: 832-5450 F: 596-6557



Cordley ES
Rebecca Reaver, Principal
1837 Vermont 66044
P: 832-5640 F:596-6562



Deerfield ES
Summer Moeckel, Principal
101 Lawrence Ave. 66049
P: 832-5660 F: 596-6563



Hillcrest ES
Christine Caffey, Principal
1045 Hilltop Dr. 66044
P: 832-5720 F: 596-6565



Langston Hughes ES
Jackie Mickel, Principal
1101 George Williams Way 66049
P: 832-5890 F: 596-6575



Lawrence Free State HS
Amy McAnarney, Principal
4700 Overland Dr. 66049
P: 832-6050 F: 596-6579



Lawrence HS
Dr. Quentin Rials, Principal
1901 Louisiana St. 66046
P: 832-5050 F: 596-6543



Lawrence Virtual School
Zachary Harwood, Principal
110 McDonald Dr.
P: 832-5620 F: 596-6561



Liberty Memorial Central MS
Dr. Jennifer Schmitt, Principal
1400 Massachusetts St. 66044
P:832-5400 F:596-6554



New York Montessori & ES
Brian Workman, Principal
936 New York St. 66044
P: 832-5780 F: 596-6568



Prairie Park ES
Denise Johnson, Interim Principal
2711 Kensington Rd. 66046
P: 832-5740 F: 596-6566



Quail Run ES
Sara Murray, Principal
1130 Inverness Dr. 66049
P: 832-5820 F: 596-6571



Schwegler ES
Dr. Jared Comfort, Principal
2201 Ousdahl Rd. 66046
P: 832-5860 F: 596-6572



Southwest MS
Dr. Carissa Miles, Principal
2511 Inverness Dr. 66047
P: 832-5550 F: 596-6559



Sunflower ES
Amanda Green, Principal
2521 Inverness Dr. 66047
P: 832-5870 F: 596-6574



Sunset Hill ES
Jennifer Georgie, Interim Principal
901 Schwarz Rd. 66049
P: 832-5880 F: 596-6573



West MS
Kady Carson, Principal
2700 Harvard Rd. 66049
P: 832-5500 F: 596-6558



Woodlawn ES
Brandon Daley, Principal
508 Elm St. 66044
P: 832-5920 F: 596-6577



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Community Connections @ Pinckney
Jenna Viscomi, Coordinator
810 W. 6th St. 66044
P:785-832-5061 F: 596-6570



Kennedy Early Childhood Community Center
Esther Kottwitz, Principal
1605 Davis Rd. 66046
P: 832-5760 F: 596-6567



Lawrence College and Career Center and Academy
Mark Preut, Principal
2910 Haskell Ave. 66046
P: 832-5900 F: 596-6576

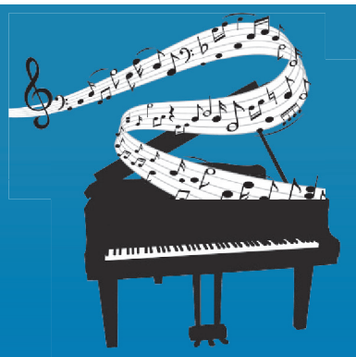


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2025-2026 LPS School Community Calendar

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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August 2025

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31						

September 2025

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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	**6**	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

EC-HS No School | EC-MS No School | EC-5 No School | PT Conferences | Federal Holidays | District Closed

July

4	District Closed

August

12	Grade K, 6 & 9 Transition Day: AM Only
13	K-12 First Day of School for Students
19	EC First Day- Kennedy & New York

September

1	EC-HS No School - District Closed
15	EC-HS No School

October

9	End of 1st Quarter
10	EC-HS No School
16	EC-MS No School-PT Conferences
17	EC-HS No School

November

24-28	EC-HS No School - Fall Break
27-28	District Closed

December

18	HS Finals Early Release
19	End of 2nd Quarter
	HS Finals Early Release
22-31	EC-HS No School - Winter Break
24-25	District Closed

January

1	District Closed
1-5	EC-HS No School - Winter Break
6	First Day of 2nd Semester
19	EC-HS No School - District Closed

February

6	EC-HS No School
12	EC-5 No School
	EC-5 PT Conferences
13	EC-HS No School

March

12	End of 3rd Quarter
13-20	EC-HS No School - Spring Break

April

17	EC-HS No School
22	New Kindergarten Orientation
	Current Kindergartners No School

May

14-15	Senior Finals AM
15	Seniors Last Day
	Kennedy Last Day
16	LVS Graduation
19	FSHS Graduation
20	HS Finals Early Release
	LHS Graduation
21	End of 4th Quarter
	HS Finals Early Release
	K-HS Last Day (Early Release)
25	District Closed

June

19	District Closed

Ready, Set, Learn!

Program Enhancements Overview

Expanding Preschool Offerings into Neighborhood Schools

Lawrence Public Schools will use a phased approach to expand early childhood educational opportunities. New preschool classrooms will open in August at two neighborhood schools in opposite geographic quadrants of the district—Sunflower and Woodlawn Elementary Schools. These neighborhood Pre-K classrooms expand on the excellent services already provided to families of young children by Kennedy Early Childhood Center and New York Montessori.

Growing New York Montessori

The first public Montessori school of its kind in Kansas, New York Montessori will expand to upper elementary grades, serving children from age 3 to third grade during the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. New York will also continue offering traditional fourth and fifth grade classrooms this year.

Amplifying Elementary Science

By popular request from our community and current staff, amplifying elementary science was made a big priority for the upcoming school year. The addition of a second planning period for elementary teachers allowed science to be added to the elementary specials rotation alongside art, music, and physical education. Fully certified and highly enthusiastic teachers will bring high-interest, standards-aligned instruction to all elementary students starting in August.

Advancing STEAM@LMCMS

The STEAM@LMCMS program enables all students in grades 6-8 to experience Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses Design and Modeling and Automation and Robotics, a year-long fine arts course of their choice, while also taking core subjects like English language arts, math, science, and social studies. STEAM@LMCMS will continue adding new PLTW courses, with Computer Science for Innovators in 2025-26 and App Creators on deck.

Strengthening Jayhawk Blueprint Partnership

When KU and Lawrence Public Schools launched the Jayhawk Blueprint program in the 2017-2018 school year, 89 high school students took at least one dual-credit course. By the 2023-2024 school year, that number rose to 456 students, who earned a combined 2,732 college credits. Our district will continue strengthening this partnership throughout the 2025-2026 school year—helping more students and families shrink the burden of college debt and earn college credit in high school. Thanks to generous donations from LEAP partner Truity Credit Union, the Lawrence Schools Foundation is working with our school student services staff to offer scholarships. Students can visit their school counselors about these scholarship opportunities.

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Completing Districtwide Implementation of AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, is a curriculum and elective that uses research-based strategies to help develop students' academic skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking. Starting as an elective for high school students, the AVID program has been gradually implemented in classrooms throughout our middle and elementary schools as well. By 2026, students in all our schools will have the opportunity to benefit from AVID.

Unifying School-Based Communications with ParentSquare

In response to community feedback, our schools will launch ParentSquare for this upcoming school year. This tool will unify all school-based communication in one place for parents, including families with multiple students in school. All school, grade level, and classroom information will be delivered to parents via email and/or text. Parents also may download the free ParentSquare app from the App Store or Google Play. Read more about ParentSquare on Page 10.

Equipping High School Students with MacBooks

"I want to thank students in our high schools who got my attention around the need to get back to MacBooks for their academic delivery," said Dr. Swift. Earlier this year, students shared with the superintendent that MacBooks better support them academically and help them prepare for college. "They were clear that to have a better college-aligned experience, they needed to have MacBooks, rather than iPads," Swift added. Capital outlay funds, which cannot be used for classroom staff salaries, will be used to purchase student laptops for the high schools.

Lawrence Public Schools

2025-2026 Supply Lists

Traditional Elementary School

Kindergarten

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Washable Markers - 8 Pack	3	Thick Washable Classic (1 for Art)
Crayons	2	Crayola - 24 pack
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	Wide-Rule
Backpack	1	

1st Grade

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Washable Markers - 8 Pack	3	Thick Washable Classic (1 for Art)
Crayons	2	Crayola - 24 pack
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	Wide-Rule
Backpack	1	

2nd Grade

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Crayons	1	Crayola - 24 pack
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Colored Pencils	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	Wide-Rule
Backpack	1	

3rd Grade

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Crayons	1	Crayola - 24 pack
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Colored Pencils	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	Wide-Rule
Backpack	1	

4th Grade

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Washable Markers - 8 Pack	1	Thick Classic
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Colored Pencils	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	College Rule
Backpack	1	

5th Grade

Item	Quantity	Type
Pencil Box	1	
Washable Markers - 8 Pack	1	Thick Classic
Pencils	20	#2
Scissors	1	
Colored Pencils	1	
Spiral Notebook	1	College Rule
Backpack	1	

New York Montessori School

Primary (Ages 3-6)

Item	Quantity	Type
Water Bottle	1	Labeled with Child's Name
Inside Shoes	1 Pair	Slip-On or Velcro with Flexible Sole
Facial Tissues	2 boxes	
3 and 4 Year Old Resting Gear	1	
Colored Pencils	1	Prisma or Prang

In the Montessori environment, many classroom materials are shared among the children.

Lower & Upper Elementary

Item	Quantity	Type
Water Bottle	1	Labeled with Child's Name
Inside Shoes	1 Pair	Slip-On or Velcro with Flexible Sole
Facial Tissues	2 boxes	

Please scan the QR code to help equip each environment with the necessary materials throughout the school year.

Early Childhood & Preschool

Kennedy Early Childhood Center, Woodlawn, & Sunflower

Preschool, Half-Day, and Full-Day Enrollments

Item	Quantity	Type
Shaving cream foam	3	Foam- Unscented
Cotton balls	2 bags	
Playdough	6	Reg Size Containers
Plain, white, unwaxed paper plates	2 pkg	One Each Size (Salad and Dinner)
Gallon size Ziploc type bags	1	
Quart size Ziploc type bags	1	
Fragrance free baby wipes	2	
Change of Clothing	1	Place in Bag with Child's Name
Backpack	1	Large Enough to Fit a Winter Coat
Full-Day Students Only		
Water Bottle	1	Dishwasher Safe w/Name
Blanket	1	Child Size for Nap

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BUS 1

7:14	1	3100 LAWRENCE AVE - FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH
7:15	2	KASOLD DR @ MEADOW DR (SE)
7:17	3	KASOLD DR @ W 26TH ST (SE)
7:17	4	KASOLD DR @ W 25TH ST (SE)
7:17	5	KASOLD DR @ W 24TH TERR (SE)
7:20	6	W 22ND ST @ MELHOLLAND DR (SE)
7:20	7	W 22ND ST @ MARVONNE RD (SW)
7:25	8	ATCHISON AVE @ BRECKENRIDGE DR (E)
7:26	9	HEATHERWOOD DR @ W 22ST
7:32	10	ATCHISON AVE @ W 31ST TERR (W)
7:36	11	EASY LIVING MOBILE HOME (MAILBOXES)(N)

BUS 4

7:07	1	781 E 1300 RD(W)
7:08	2	765 E 1300 RD (W)
7:14	3	810 E 1259 RD
7:18	4	N 935 RD @ E 1279 RD (SW)
7:20	5	1016 E 1292 RD
7:24	6	1104 E 1200 RD

BUS 6

6:44	1	604 E 4785 RD (E)
6:45	2	649 E 475 RD
6:48	3	518 N 750 RD
6:49	4	561 N 775 RD
6:52	5	813 E 661 DIAGONAL RD (SE)
6:57	6	775 N 766 RD
7:02	7	910 E 850 RD
7:08	8	935 E 1000 RD
7:11	9	948 N 900 RD (N)
7:13	10	842 E 1000 RD (W)
7:18	11	N 800 RD @ E 1055 RD (SW)

BUS 9

7:31	1	E 29TH ST @ LANKFORD DR (NE)
7:32	2	WHITMORE DR @ WHITMORE CT (W)
7:33	3	E 30TH ST @KENSINGTON RD (SW)
7:34	4	BISHOP ST @ PRAIRIE TERR (SE)
7:35	5	E 27TH ST @ CRANLEY ST

BUS 11

6:24	1	336 N 1250 RD (S)
6:37	2	607 N 1190 RD (S)
6:38	3	1193 E 596 RD (W)
6:45	4	356 N 851 DIAGONAL RD (NW)
6:50	5	587 N 950 RD (S)
6:54	6	1007 E 700 RD (E)
7:00	7	783 N 976 RD (S)
7:04	8	1005 E 850 RD
7:06	9	1052 E 850 RD (E)
7:06	10	1057 E 850 RD (E)
7:15	11	1197 E 1087 RD (W)
7:17	12	1192 E 1067 RD
7:18	13	1110 N 1200 RD (S)
7:20	14	N 1250 RD @ E 1169 RD

BUS 24

7:12	1	1129 E 1500 RD
7:15	2	1092/1091 E 1479 RD
7:19	3	1056 E 1400 RD (W)
7:21	4	1374 N 1100 RD
7:24	5	1043 E 1326 RD (NW)
7:25	6	E 1326 RD @ N 1056 RD
7:25	7	E 1326 RD @ N 1082 RD
7:30	8	1374 N 1100 RD

BUS 30

6:54	1	931 E 1600 RD
6:57	2	989 E 1531 RD
6:59	3	1517 N 1000 RD
7:00	4	1537 N 1000 RD
7:01	5	N 1000 RD @ E 1549 RD (SW)
7:02	6	990 E 1587 RD (W)
7:02	7	970 E 1587 RD (SE)
7:03	8	1570 N 962 RD (N)
7:03	9	1007 E 1600 RD
7:04	10	1049 E 1600 RD
7:05	11	1129 E 1500 RD (E)
7:20	12	1645 N 1300 RD
7:25	13	E 1600 RD @ E 27TH TER (SE)
7:26	14	E 26TH TERR @ COLLETE DR (NE)
7:28	15	E 25TH TERR @ SURREY DR (NE)
7:30	16	1905 E 25TH TER (N)
7:31	17	O'CONNELL YOUTH RANCH
7:32	18	E 25TH TER @ HARPER ST (N)

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BUS 2

7:08	1	W 19TH ST @ ATCHISON AVE
7:10	2	ATCHINSON AVE @ BRECKENRIDGE DR (E)
7:11	3	2040 HEATHWOOD DR (SE)
7:13	4	W 22ND ST @ W 22ND CT (NE)
7:13	5	W 22ND ST @ KASOLD DR (NE)
7:16	6	QUAIL CREEK DR @ AUGUSTA DR (NW)
7:17	7	W 22ND ST @ HARTFORD AVE (NE)
7:19	8	CROSSGATE DR @ GREENBRIAR DR €
7:18	9	CROSSGATE DR @ CLINTON PKWY (NW)
7:22	10	INVERNESS DR @ WIMBLEDON DR (SE)
7:22	11	WIMBLEDON DR @ RODEO DR (N)
7:24	12	4419 TURNBERRY DR (S)
7:24	13	INVERNESS DR @ NICKLAUS DR (SE)
7:25	14	INVERNESS DR @ MUIRFIELD DR (NE)
7:25	15	INVERNESS DR @ CARMEL DR (E)
7:26	16	INVERNESS DR @ BOB BILLINGS PKWY (SE)
7:29	17	1529 EL DORADO DR (SE)
7:31	18	1628 ALVARMAR DR (SE)

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7:18	11	N 800 RD @ E 1055 RD (SW)

BUS 11

6:24	1	336 N 1250 RD (S)
6:37	2	607 N 1190 RD (S)
6:38	3	1193 E 596 RD (W)
6:45	4	356 N 851 DIAGONAL RD (NW)
6:50	5	587 N 950 RD (S)
6:54	6	1007 E 700 RD (E)
7:00	7	783 N 976 RD (S)
7:04	8	1005 E 850 RD
7:06	9	1052 E 850 RD (E)
7:06	10	1057 E 850 RD (E)
7:15	11	1197 E 1087 RD (W)
7:17	12	1192 E 1067 RD
7:18	13	1110 N 1200 RD (S)
7:20	14	N 1250 RD @ E 1169 RD

BUS 18

7:20	1	KASOLD DR @ W 27 ST (SE)
7:21	2	KASOLD DR @ W 24TH TER (SE)
7:24	3	HAWTHORN DR @ CLINTON (FRONTAGE) PKWY (NW)
7:26	4	INVERNESS DR @ ADAM AVE (NW)
7:28	5	INVERNESS DR @ SUNFLOWER PARK PL ROUNDABOUT (NW)
7:29	6	N 1350 RD @ RED CEDAR DR (S)
7:30	7	CROSSGATE DR @SUNNYBROOK LN (SE)
7:33	8	BRUSH CREEK DR @ MORNINGSIDE DR (SW)
7:34	9	BRUSH CREEK DR @ LAZY BROOK LANE (SE)
7:35	10	LAZY BROOK LN @ W 25TH TER
7:36	11	W 25TH TER @ WINTERBROOK DR (NE)
7:39	12	2725 WINTERBROOK DR (SW)

BUS 24

7:12	1	1129 E 1500 RD
7:15	2	1092/1091 E 1479 RD
7:19	3	1056 E 1400 RD (W)
7:21	4	1374 N 1100 RD
7:24	5	1043 E 1326 RD (NW)
7:25	6	1326 RD @ N 1056 RD
7:25	7	1326 RD @ N 1082 RD
7:30	8	1374 N 1100 RD

BUS 26

7:07	1	5150 CLINTON PKWY FRONTAGE RD (S)
7:11	2	LAKE POINTE DR @ W 22ND CT (E)
7:19	3	1505 LEGEND TRAIL DR (W)
7:19	4	1537 LEGEND TRAIL DR (E)
7:23	5	BOBWHITE DR @ VILLA DR (S)
7:24	6	BOBWHITE DR @ FOUNTAIN DR (SE)
7:26	7	W 18TH ST @ CASTLE PINE CT
7:26	8	W 18TH ST @ SWEETWATER CT
7:28	9	W 24TH ST @ VIA LINDA DR (SW)
7:30	10	W 24TH ST @ RANCH ST (SW)
7:30	11	SCOTTSDALE ST @ MCCORMICK ST (NW)
7:31	12	W 27TH ST @ LARKSPUR CT (SW)
7:33	13	W 27TH ST @ WILDFLOWER DR (SW)

BUS 28

7:10	1	KASOLD DR @ ALDRICH ST (NW)
7:13	2	ATCHISON AVE @ W 31ST TERR (SE)
7:15	3	EASY LIVING MOBILE HOME (MAILBOXES) (N)
7:21	4	HARRISON AVE @ HARRISON PL (SE)
7:22	5	HARRISON AVE @ PEBBLE LN (NE)
7:23	6	LAWRENCE AVE @ W 30TH ST (W)
7:24	7	CRESTLINE DR @ CRESTLINE CIR (SE)
7:27	8	W 27TH TER @ W 27TH CT (N)
7:30	9	W 27TH ST @ ATCHISON AVE (NE)

BUS 30

6:54	1	931 E 1600 RD
6:57	2	989 E 1531 RD
6:59	3	1517 N 1000 RD
7:00	4	1537 N 1000 RD
7:01	5	N 1000 RD @ E 1549 RD (SW)
7:02	6	990 E 1587 RD (W)
7:02	7	970 E 1587 RD (SE)
7:03	8	1570 N 962 RD (N)
7:03	9	1007 E 1600 RD
7:04	10	1049 E 1600 RD
7:05	11	1129 E 1500 RD (E)
7:20	12	1645 N 1300 RD

BUS 43

7:23	1	E 25TH TERR @ KNOX DR
7:24	2	E 1600 RD @ E 26TH ST
7:25	3	E 26TH TERR @ COLLETE DR (NE)
7:28	4	BISHOP ST @ E 28TH ST (NW)
7:29	5	O'CONNELL RD @ E 1600 RD
7:29	6	BISHOP ST @ BISHOP CT (SE)
7:30	7	BISHOP ST @ E 29TH ST (SE)
7:30	8	E 29TH ST @ KENSINGTON RD (NE)
7:33	9	WHITMORE DR @ CHARISE CT (SE)
7:35	10	E 30TH ST @ KENSINGTON RD (SW)
7:37	11	E 27TH ST @ MAYFAIR ST (NE)

FREE STATE HIGH

BUS 16

7:20	1	YORKSHIRE DR @ MANCHESTER RD (SE)
7:21	2	YORKSHIRE DR @ WESTCHESTER DR (SE)
7:22	3	PETERSON RD @ N CRESTLINE DR (NE)
7:24	4	PETERSON RD @ ARROWHEAD DR (NE)
7:27	5	N KASOLD DR @ CALVIN DR (SE)
7:29	6	N NOTTINGHAM RD @ HUNTINGTON RD (E)
7:32	7	GRAND VISTA DR @ MORNING DOVE CIR (NE) EAST END
7:33	8	GRAND VISTA DR @ MORNING DOVE CIR (NE) WEST END

BUS 17

7:10	1	16203 US -24
7:21	2	1804 E 1500 RD (W)
7:24	3	1723 E 1500 RD (W)
7:32	4	WOODLAWN SCHOOL TRANSFER TO 16 FOR SHUTTLE

BUS 25

7:05	1	1714 E 700 RD (W)
7:15	2	N 1800 RD @ E 770 RD (SW)
7:23	3	727 N 1500 RD (S)
7:30	4	RENAISSANCE DR @ SERENADE DR (SE)

BUS 37

7:10	1	PROSPECT AVE @ OAK HILL AVE (SE)
7:10	2	E 13TH ST @ BROOK ST (NE)
7:12	3	E 13TH ST @ HASKELL AVE (NE)
7:13	4	E 13TH ST @ DELAWARE ST (NE)
7:13	5	E 13TH ST @ NEW YORK ST (NE)
7:14	6	NEW YORK ST @ E 12TH ST (SE)
7:14	7	NEW YORK ST @ E 11TH ST (SE)
7:15	8	DELAWARE ST @ E 10TH ST (SE)
7:15	9	E 9TH ST @ CONNECTICUT ST (NE)
7:18	10	E 13TH ST @ RHODE ISLAND ST (NE)
7:20	11	KENTUCKY ST @ W 13TH ST (SE)
7:23	12	OHIO ST @ W 8TH ST (SE)

BUS 38

6:54	1	25523 PRIMROSE LN (SW)
7:02	2	14729 243 RD ST
7:05	3	25195 STILLWELL RD
7:14	4	25761 LORING RD (S)
7:16	5	25940 CHIEFTAIN RD

BUS 39

7:09	1	W 9TH ST @ ALABAMA ST (NE)
7:10	2	ALABAMA ST @ W 7TH ST
7:12	3	W 7TH ST @ MICHIGAN ST (N)
7:14	4	837 MICHIGAN ST (NW) SUNRISE PL APTS
7:15	5	904 EMERY RD
7:17	6	EMERY RD @ STRATFORD RD (NW)
7:19	7	STRATFORD RD @ SUNSET DR (NE)
7:20	8	SUNSET DR @ CAMBRIDGE RD
7:21	9	HARVARD RD @ HIGHLAND DR (NE)
7:24	10	HARVARD RD @ CENTENNIAL DR (NE)
7:24	11	HARVARD RD @ CRESTLINE DR (NE)
7:26	12	2912 OXFORD RD (NW)
7:27	13	UNIVERSITY RD @ STRATFORD RD (S)
7:29	14	UNIVERSITY RD @ CRESTLINE DR (SW)
7:31	15	1417 LAWRENCE AVE.
7:32	16	LAWRENCE AVE @ JANA DR
7:36	17	2525 MOUNVIEW DR (S)

BUS 41

7:13	1	ELM ST @ N 5TH ST
7:14	2	ELM ST @ N 7TH ST (SW)
7:15	3	800 ELM ST (SW)
7:16	4	N 8TH ST @ LOCUST ST (SE)
7:20	5	N 7TH ST @ LYON ST (SE)
7:22	6	N 7TH ST @ HICKORY ST (SE)
7:24	7	1466 NORTH ST (N)
7:25	8	N 4TH ST @ FUNSTON AVE (NW)
7:27	9	LYON ST @ N 3RD ST (NE)

BUS 42

7:21	1	W 5TH ST @ ALABAMA ST (SW)
7:22	2	W 5TH ST @ INDIANA ST (SW)
7:23	3	MISSISSPPI ST @ W 4TH ST (NE)
7:25	4	5TH ST @ ALLEY (NE)
7:25	5	WISCONSIN ST @ W 5TH ST
7:27	6	W 4TH @ COUNTRY CLUB CT
7:28	7	WISCONSIN ST @ W 3RD ST (SE)
7:29	8	1406 W 2ND ST (S)
7:30	9	N MICHIGAN ST @ MOBILE VILLAGE (SE)
7:31	10	255 N MICHIGAN ST WOODCREEK APTS NORTH ENT (SE)
7:33	11	N MICHIGAN ST @ SUNCHASE DR (SE)
7:34	12	RIVERRIDGE RD @ N MICHIGAN ST (NE)
7:35	13	RIVERRIDGE RD @ SHOAL RD(NE)



Dear School Families,
The state of Kansas provides student transportation funding for students living more than 2.5 miles from school by the most direct route from the residence of the pupil (K.S.A. 72-8302). State-reimbursed transportation is the only busing provided by First Student for students of the Lawrence Public Schools.

Eligible families may enroll for the 2025-2026 student transportation program through First Student, 1548 E. 23rd Street, Suite C, during business hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Enrollment forms, available at First Student and at www.usd497.org, may be faxed to (785) 841-4388. Contact First Student at (785) 841-3594 or Darlene.Withers@firstgroup.com with questions about student transportation.

Another option that may be of assistance to families is the Lawrence Transit System (The "T"). Route maps, fare information and a trip planner may be found online at www.lawrencetransit.org or by calling (785) 864-4644.

Sincerely,
Shaun Hanson, Director of Administrative Services
Lawrence Public Schools

LANGSTON HUGHES

BUS 23

7:23	1	866 N 1710 RD (W)
7:25	2	835 N 1750 RD (S)
7:38	3	727 N 1500 RD (S)
7:45	4	CORP OF ENGINEERS 872 N 1402 RD (SW)
7:50	5	5150 CLINTON PKWY FRONTAGE RD (S)
7:56	6	6205 W 22ND CT (S)
7:58	7	6314 W 22ND CT (N)
8:00	8	LAKE POINTE DR @ LAKESIDE LN (W)

BUS 102

6:50	1	775 N 766 RD
7:08	2	402 N 600 RD
7:16	3	823 E 550 RD
7:30	4	1210 E 600 RD
7:42	5	652 N 900 RD
7:44	6	837 E 675 RD
7:55	7	942 N 1050 RD (N)
7:57	8	N 1050 RD @ E 912 RD

BUS 142

7:22	1	861 E 1150 RD (W)
7:30	2	1191 N 900 RD
7:40	3	1157 E 1200 RD
7:46	4	E 1135 RD @ N 1075 RD (N)
7:50	5	1197 E 1087 RD (W)
8:00	6	842 E 1000 RD

LIBERTY MEMORIAL CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

BUS 17

7:10	1	16203 US -24
7:21	2	1804 E 1500 RD (W)
7:24	3	1723 E 1500 RD (W)
7:25	4	712 HICKORY ST
7:27	5	751 LAKE ST

BUS 31

7:23	1	W 4TH ST @FLORIDA ST (NE)
7:25	2	W 4TH ST @ NORTHWOOD LN (NE)
7:30	3	255 N MICHIGAN ST WOODCREEK APTS SOUTH ENT (SE)
7:33	4	101 N MICHIGAN ST (NW)
7:34	5	W 2ND ST @ FLORIDA ST (NE)

BUS 38

6:54	1	25523 PRIMROSE LN (SW)
7:02	2	14729 234RD ST
7:05	3	25195 STILLWELL RD
7:14	4	25761 LORING RD (S)
7:16	5	25940 CHIEFTAIN RD
7:27	6	COMFORT CT @ WALNUT ST
7:30	7	WOODLAWN SCHOOL TRANSFER TO 17 FOR SHUTTLE

PRAIRIE PARK ELEMENTARY

BUS 21

6:48	1	1490 N 1082 RD
6:54	2	1049 E 1600 RD
6:57	3	1045 E 1600 RD
7:02	4	931 E 1600 RD
7:09	5	962 E 1531 RD
7:14	6	989 E 1531 RD
7:18	7	1517 N 1000 RD
7:25	8	1110 E 1600 RD
7:29	9	1114 E 1550 RD
7:33	10	1536 N 1175 RD

SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

BUS 6

7:05	1	HARVARD RD @ ANDOVER ST (NE)
7:09	2	WHEAT STATE ST @ ELDRIDGE ST (SW)
7:10	3	ELDRIDGE ST @ GOLDFIELD ST (SE)
7:11	4	GOLDFIELD ST @ EASY ST (NE)
7:12	5	GOLDFIELD ST @ HARVARD RD (N)
7:13	6	HARVARD RD @ MULBERRY DR (E)
7:15	7	FOLKS RD @ OLD OAK CT (E)
7:21	8	ALVAMAR DR @ ALVAMAR CT (NW)
7:22	9	1577 ALVAMAR DR (SW)
7:23	10	1617 ALVAMAR DR
7:33	11	6314 W 22ND CT (S)

BUS 12

7:26	1	LEGENDS DR @ MARILEE DR
7:27	2	LEGENDS DR @ VERONICA DR (NW)
7:28	3	STONECREEK DR @ MORGAN CT
7:28	4	1345 STONECREEK DR (SW)
7:29	5	HARVARD RD @ STONECREEK DR(SE)
7:31	6	WAVERLY DR @ BOWERSOCK DR (E)
7:33	7	KANZA DR @ BOWERSOCK DR (N)
7:35	8	HARVARD RD @ KANZA DR (SE)
7:37	9	HARVARD RD @ APRIL RAIN RD

BUS 13

7:13	1	HARVARD RD @ COLONIAL DR (NW)
7:14	2	HARVARD RD @ CONGRESSIONAL DR (NE)
7:15	3	SPRUCE ST @ JUNIPER LN (NE)
7:17	4	JUNIPER LN @ CEDAR GROVE CT (SE)
7:18	5	HARVARD RD @ SUMMERFIELD WAY (N)
7:19	6	HARVARD RD @ DEER RUN DR (N)
7:20	7	STONERIDGE DR @ BRANCHWOOD DR (E)
7:23	8	BRANCHWOOD DR @ FOX CHASE DR (W)
7:25	9	1004 STONERIDGE DR (NE)
7:28	10	STONERIDGE DR @ APRIL RAIN RD (W)
7:32	11	HARVARD RD @ RANKIN DR

BUS 15

6:58	1	1548 E 800 RD €
7:03	2	866 N 1710 RD €
7:08	3	1714 E 700 RD (W)
7:15	4	N 1800 RD@ E 770 RD (SW)
7:24	5	LOGES CT @ FORT BENTON DR
7:26	6	OVERLAND DR @ FORT LARAMIE DR (NE

BUS 27

7:01	1	MOUNDRIDGE DR @ BROADWAY DR (W)
7:06	2	HARVARD RD @ GROVE
7:07	3	HEARTHSIDE DR @ WESTGATE PL (N)
7:14	4	BLUE NILE DR @ DIAMONDHEAD DR (NW)
7:14	5	ANDREW JOHN DR @ CRYSTAL LANE (NW)
7:16	6	CRYSTAL LANE @ SILVER RAIN RD (NE)
7:19	7	SILVER RAIN RD @ STEEPLE CHASE DR (NW)
7:19	8	RENAISSANCE DR @ ROCKAWAY DR (W)
7:22	9	SILVER RAIN RD @ PALISADES DR
7:23	10	DIAMONDHEAD DR @ GEORGE WILLIAMS WAY ROUNDABOUT
7:27	11	LONGLEAF DR @ GOLDLEAF PL
7:31	12	1505 LEGEND TRAIL DR
7:32	13	1536 LEDGEND TRAIL DR
7:34	14	GEORGE WILLIAMS WAY @ WHITETAIL CT (W)
7:35	15	GEORGE WILLIAMS WAY @ BOBWHITE DR
7:36	16	BOBWHITE DR @ LAKE ALVAMAR DR
7:38	17	1736 LAKE ALVAMAR DR
7:42	18	FOXFIRE DR @ KEYSTONE CT

SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUS 1

8:11	1	3323 IOWA ST MOBILE HOME OFFICE
8:12	2	EASY LIVING # 456

BUS 9

8:12	1	EASY LIVING # 125 (N)
8:13	2	EASY LIVING #165 (SW)

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

BUS 10

7:22	1	1095 N 1750 RD (NE)
7:24	2	N MONTEREY WAY @ N OLIVIA AVE (SE)
7:25	3	N MONTEREY WAY @ MONTEREY BLUFFS ST (E)
7:26	4	N GUNNISON WAY @ GUNNISON DR (NW)
7:28	5	GRAND VISTA DR @ MORNING DOVE CIR (S) WEST END
7:29	6	N EAGLE PASS DR @ TILLERMAN DR (NW)
7:30	7	TILLERMAN DR @ N STONEGATE CT (S)
7:35	8	N KASOLD DR @ HUTTON DR (NW)

BUS 32

7:25	1	PETERSON RD @ N CRESTLINE DR (NE)
7:26	2	PETERSON RD @ ARROWHEAD DR (NE)
7:28	3	NOTTINGHAM DR @ NOTTINGHAM CIR
7:28	4	N NOTTINGHAM RD @ HUNTINGTON RD (E)
7:36	5	RIVER RIDGE RD @ SHOAL LN (SW)
7:38	6	RIVER RIDGE RD @ N MICHIGAN ST (S)
7:39	7	N MICHIGAN ST @ PIKES PEAK ST (NW)

BUS 33

7:15	1	MONTEREY WAY @ OVERLAND DR
7:19	2	TUMBLEWEED DR @ SHARON DR (NE)
7:22	3	ROUNDABOUT CIR @ PALOMINO CT (N)
7:24	4	FOLKS RD @ FREEDOM CREEK DR (NW)
7:29	5	257 EARHEART CIR (SW)
7:31	6	EARHART CIR @ DOLE DR
7:34	7	BROWN LN @ N CARVER LN (N)
7:36	8	CAMPBELL PL @ CAMPBELL CT (N)
7:38	9	CAMPBELL DR @ CARSON DR (W)
7:40	10	EISENHOWER PL @ EISENHOWER DR (N)
7:42	11	EISENHOWER DR & OVERLAND DR

WOODLAWN ELEMENTARY

BUS 17

7:10	1	16203 US -24
7:21	2	1804 E 1500 RD (W)
7:24	3	1723 E 1500 RD (W)

BUS 38

6:54	1	25523 PRIMROSE LN (SW)
7:02	2	14729 243RD ST
7:05	3	25195 STILLWELL RD
7:14	4	25761 LORING RD (S)
7:21	5	25940 CHIEFTAIN RD-24

Tips for Staying Safe on the School Bus

- Sit in assigned seat for entire school year.
- Follow the directions of the bus driver.
- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled time.
- Stay clear of the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions while waiting for or riding the bus.
- Parents may send water bottles with students for the bus ride.
- Wait for the bus to stop before boarding.
- Wait for the driver to motion to you if crossing the road to board the bus.
- Always cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.
- Use the handrails when boarding the bus.
- Be extra careful when weather is wet or icy, as bus steps can become slippery.
- Store your personal belongings in your lap. Keep your area clean.
- Treat bus equipment with respect. Refrain from horseplay and speak softly while on the bus.
- Remain quiet at all railroad crossings, so the driver may listen for warning signals.
- Use electronic devices with headphones only.
- Keep hands, head, and other body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Treat the bus driver with respect.
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Obtain written permission from the school office to leave the bus at a destination other than your regular stop.
- Obtain temporary bus pass from the office to ride home with a friend. (max. three times/semester).



Parents must sign and review with their students the Safety and Behavior Code for Bus Riders on the back of their student's transportation enrollment form. Riding the school bus is a privilege that may be revoked if a student violates safety rules.

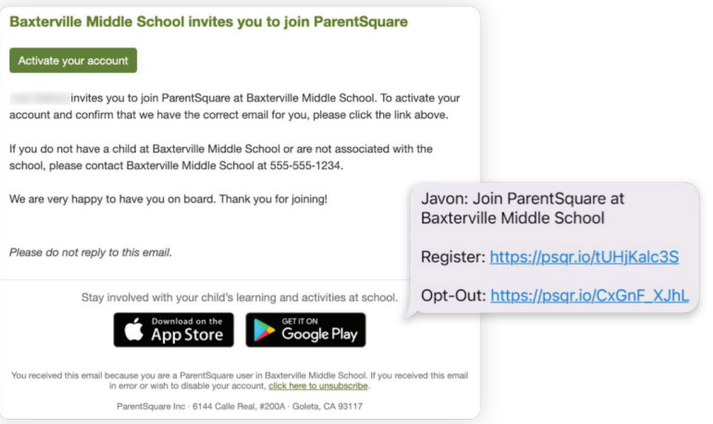
Getting Started with ParentSquare

Welcome to ParentSquare! Starting this August, Lawrence Public Schools will use ParentSquare—which will consolidate all school-based communication in one place for parents, including families with multiple students in school. This guide will help you activate your account, find helpful resources, and download the free ParentSquare app so you can start receiving updates from your school.

Activate your ParentSquare account

Your school will send you an invitation using your email address or phone number on file.

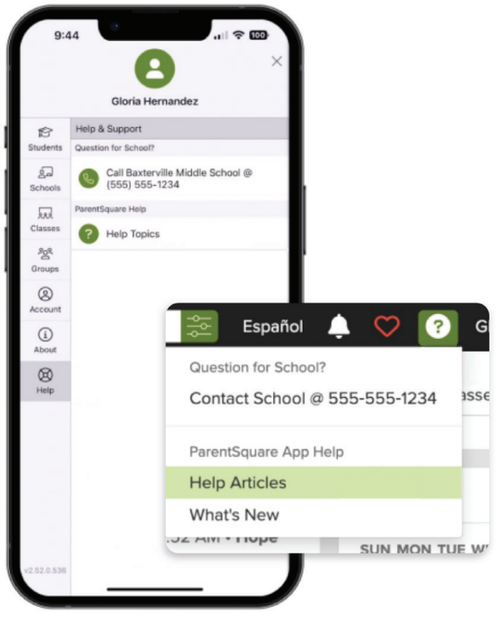
1. Open the invitation from ParentSquare in your email or text messages.
2. Click **Activate your account** or tap the link to go to the account registration page.
3. Enter your email or phone number, then click **Get Started.** (Optional: You can also sign in with Google or Microsoft.)
4. Check your contact information. If it looks correct, click **Confirm.** You'll receive a code by text or email.
5. Enter the verification code when asked.
6. You'll see your children's names. Click **Confirm** next to each child who should be connected to your account. If a child is listed by mistake, click **Not my child.**
7. If everything looks correct, click **Yes, this is me.**



Now you're ready to start using ParentSquare!

Need help with your account?

Contact your school if:
- A name is spelled wrong
- Your email address or phone number is incorrect
- A child is missing from your account



Access helpful resources

When you're logged in, you can access resources to help you with using ParentSquare.
On a computer, click the **question mark (?)** in the top menu.
In the app, tap the **Help** icon in the app.
You'll see these options:
- **Contact School** - Send a question to your school or find contact details.
- **Help Articles** - Search for answers or step-by-step guides.

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The free ParentSquare app helps you stay connected on the go.
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2025 - 2026 School Hours

SCHOOL	START	DISMISS	WEDNESDAY DISMISS*
Cordley	8:45	3:55	2:25
Deerfield	8:00	3:10	1:40
Hillcrest	8:45	3:55	2:25
Kennedy Early Childhood Program	Half-Day AM 8:00 Half-Day PM Noon Full Day 8:00	Half-Day AM 11:00 Half-Day PM 3:00 Full Day 3:00	No preschool
Langston Hughes	8:33	3:55	1:25
New York	8:00	3:10	1:40
Prairie Park	8:00	3:10	1:40
Quail Run	8:45	3:55	2:25
Schwegler	8:45	3:55	2:25
Sunflower	8:45	3:55	2:25
Sunset Hill	8:15	3:25	1:55
Woodlawn	8:00	3:10	1:40
Billy Mills Middle School	8:00	3:11 3:15 (LMCMS)	1:40 1:15 (LMCMS)
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School			
Southwest Middle School			
West Middle School			
Lawrence College & Career Center	8:00	3:15	1:40
Lawrence Free State High			
Lawrence High			

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

(Release of Student Directory Information to the Public and/or Military Recruiters)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents* certain rights with respect to their student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents* should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school will make arrangements for access and notify the parent* of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent* believes are inaccurate. Parents* may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parents,* the school will notify the parents* of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

For purposes of FERPA, USD 497 has designated certain information as "directory information," which may be disclosed for any purpose without prior consent. The primary purpose of this designation is for district use of the information in school publications, such as newsletters, drama playbills, recognition listings, graduation programs, sports team rosters and yearbooks. USD 497 considers the following "directory information:" student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of teams, dates of attendance, honors received, the most recent previous school attended, class designation and photographs.

Release of Student Directory Information to Military Recruiters

In addition, two federal laws: Section 9528 of ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), require educational agencies to provide military recruiters, upon request, students' names, addresses and telephone listings.

Parents* wishing to withdraw consent for release of directory information must complete a Non-Disclosure of Student Directory Information form available upon request at any school, the district office and www.usd497.org. USD 497 assumes there is no objection to the release of directory information if this signed form is not returned to the school upon enrollment.

4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by USD 497 to comply with these requirements. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-5901.

*parents, legal guardians and students 18 or older

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use – protected information surveys of students; instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under state law.

Lawrence Public Schools USD 497 has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

USD 497 will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. USD 497 will also directly notify parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys and will provide an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5901.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Lawrence Public Schools are committed to maintaining a learning environment free from discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment for any reason.

Discrimination, including acts of harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or disability is prohibited by federal and state law and district policy.



Discrimination, including acts of harassment, against any individual on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socioeconomic status or physical characteristics is prohibited by district policy thereby making the district complaint procedure available to persons who believe they have experienced such discrimination.

Any incident of discrimination, including acts of harassment, shall be promptly reported for investigation and corrective action by the principal or district compliance coordinator.

The district is an equal opportunity employer.

Persons desiring additional information about this policy or assistance to accommodate individual needs under Title VI, Title IX, Americans with Disability Act, or Section 504 should contact the Superintendent of Schools, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044, 785-832-5000.

Referrals for Special Education

The Lawrence Public Schools are committed to providing an education that appropriately meets the needs of each student. For some students, supportive educational assistance is needed through special education programs and services.

The Department of Student Services includes a comprehensive special education program that adheres to the federal regulations included in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Title II, and to the Kansas requirements contained within Article 12 of the Kansas Administrative Regulations. The need for services is determined with parents at each building site and those services are supervised by the building principal or his/her designee. If you believe your child may be in need of special education services, you may initiate a referral to your school's Special Services Team.

Notice of Accessibility

Lawrence Public Schools provide services and programs to people with disabilities in the most integrated setting possible. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Executive Director of Student Services has been appointed as the ADA Coordinator. Please call for information on accessibility, ADA compliance procedures or accommodation requests.

In order to facilitate participation, accommodations will be made on an individual basis. If you would like to attend a Board of Education meeting or other public event of the district and require an accommodation for people with disabilities, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Lawrence Public Schools, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence KS 66044, 785-832-5000 or through the Kansas Relay Center, 1-800-766-3777, at least 48 hours in advance. The ADA Coordinator may refer issues regarding accessibility and accommodations for students to the Department of Student Services. ADA issues regarding employment may be referred to the Human Resources Department by the ADA Coordinator.

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 504 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include, but are not limited to, activities such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working);
2. has a record of such impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Lawrence Public Schools have the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If you have questions about Section 504, please contact your school principal.

Early Childhood Screenings

Lawrence Public Schools will offer screening for children living in the district who are 5 years of age or younger (as of Aug. 31) and who demonstrate possible delays in one or more areas of development (speech/language, motor, cognitive, sensory, etc.). Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling Kennedy Early Childhood Center at 785-832-5760.

Special Education Statutes, Regulations and Assurances

Statutes, regulations, and assurances that govern the administration of special education services can be reviewed at the Educational Support Center (ESC). Public review and comment on federal funds received under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) can also be made at 110 McDonald Drive, Department of Student Services. Public review and comment on the special education budget can be made as part of the district's budget hearing in August.

Annual Notice of Authorized Student Data Disclosures

In accordance with the Student Data Privacy Act and board policy IDEA, student data submitted to or maintained in a statewide longitudinal data system may only be disclosed as follows. Such data may be disclosed to:

- the authorized personnel of an educational agency or the state board of regents who require disclosures to perform assigned duties; and
- the student and the parent or legal guardian of the student, provided the data pertains solely to the student.

Student data may be disclosed to authorized personnel of any state agency, or to a service provider of a state agency, educational agency, or school performing instruction, assessment, or longitudinal reporting, provided a data-sharing agreement between the educational agency and other state agency or service provider provides the following:

- purpose, scope and duration of the data-sharing agreement;
- recipient of student data use such information solely for the purposes specified in agreement;
- recipient shall comply with data access, use, and security restrictions specifically described in agreement; and
- student data shall be destroyed when no longer necessary for purposes of the data-sharing agreement or upon expiration of the agreement, whichever occurs first.

A service provider engaged to perform a function of instruction may be allowed to retain student transcripts as required by applicable laws and rules and regulations.

Unless an adult student or parent or guardian of a minor student provides written consent to disclose personally identifiable student data, student data may only be disclosed to a governmental entity not specified above or any public or private audit and evaluation or research organization if the data is aggregate data. "Aggregate data" means data collected or reported at the group, cohort, or institutional level and which contains no personally identifiable student data.

The district may disclose:

- student directory information pursuant to FERPA;
- any information requiring disclosure pursuant to state statutes;
- student data pursuant to any lawful subpoena or court order directing such disclosures; and
- student data to a public or private postsecondary educational institution for purposes of application or admission of a student to such postsecondary educational institution with the student's written consent.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

Information about the district's asbestos management plan may be obtained by contacting the Facilities and Operations Department, 785/832-5975.



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