



COUNCIL ROCK CONNECTIONS

Family Information Guide

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**COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

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ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Welcome to the Council Rock learning journey! This guide is designed explicitly for Council Rock families to help you navigate school routines, expectations, and available resources. At Council Rock, we believe every child's success begins with strong partnerships, and we're proud to keep *Students First. Always.*

Central Administration

Superintendent of Schools.....	Dr. Andrew Sanko
Director of Elementary Education.....	Ms. Nicole Crawford
Director of Secondary Education.....	Mr. Albert Funk
Director of Educational Innovation and Engagement.....	Ms. Andrea Mangold
Director of Special Services.....	Dr. Alvin Oberman
Director of Business Administration.....	Mr. Anthony Rapp
Director of Human Resources.....	Mr. Ronnie Spring
Director of Education, Information, and Systems.....	Mr. Joseph Torrieri

SCHOOL HOURS

Normal School Hours

Elementary: 9:10 am- 3:40 pm

Middle Level 8:05 am- 3:00 pm

High School 7:33 am- 2:15 pm

Early Dismissal Hours

Elementary: 9:10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Middle Level: 8:05 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

High School: 7:33 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.



SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION

The Board of School Directors holds public meetings at least once a month.

The start times, agenda, and relevant attachments are posted on the website before each meeting. These meetings are streamed live on the night they occur and recorded for replay in the following weeks on CRTV (Channel 28 on Comcast and Channel 44 on Verizon). Recordings are also available on YouTube at this [LINK](#). Additionally, the Board conducts several Committee meetings each month, with the schedule available on the website. These meetings are streamed live through the YouTube channel.

Board of School Directors

Mr. Jim Green

Mr. Joseph Hidalgo

Ms. Anne Horner

Ms. Nicole Khan

Ms. Tracey Osecki

Ms. Cheryl Rickert

Mr. Michael Roosevelt

Ms. Linda Stone

Mr. Edward Tate III

Board of Directors Meetings

August 21, 2025

September 18, 2025

October 23, 2025

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

January 22, 2026

February 19, 2026

March 19, 2026

April 23, 2026

May 21, 2026

June 18, 2026

Full School Board Meeting Calendar [link](#)

School Board Policies [link](#)

Administrative Regulations [link](#)



EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND ANNUAL NOTICES

AHERA NOTICE

The purpose of this notification is to make parents of registered students, faculty, and staff aware that Council Rock School District engages an environmental consulting firm regarding compliance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E. This law requires each Local Education Authority (LEA) to engage EPA-accredited individuals to inspect all student- and staff-accessible areas for the presence of both friable and asbestos-containing materials (ACM), and to maintain an Asbestos Management Plan as a result of the building inspection. The management plan describes the amount, type, location, and condition of all ACM found in each building within the district. The plan also contains a detailed schedule of responses and activities for handling the ACM. Council Rock School District follows all deadlines and has submitted reports and documentation to the designated state agency. The School District's Management Plan is available for review by interested parents, faculty, and staff in the school offices during business hours.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Council Rock School District is an equal opportunity education institution. It will not discriminate based on age, race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Director of Human Resources. For information regarding services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by disabled persons, contact the Director of Special Services at the Council Rock Administration Offices, 30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown, PA 18940, 215-944-1000

NONDISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM PRACTICES

Council Rock School District provides an equal opportunity for all students regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, or handicap/disability through the programs offered in our schools. The equitable distribution of District resources is one means by which the district shall ensure that all students receive a quality education. Students and third parties who believe they have been subject to discrimination are encouraged to report such incidents promptly, as outlined in Policy 103. Incidents should be reported to the District Compliance Officer, Dr. Andrew J. Sanko, Superintendent of Schools, 30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown, PA 18940, or via email at asanko@crsd.org.



ABSENCE/ ATTENDANCE

Any child who is absent from school must present a written excuse signed by the parent or guardian upon their return. Parents can submit an absence in one of three ways: 1. Online (preferred method), respond directly to the absentee email that you will receive on the day of the absence, 2. Printable Absent Form (found [here](#)), or 3. Handwritten note.

The school will classify an absence as excused for one of the following reasons only:

- Death in the immediate family
- Educational tours or trips WITH prior approval (*not to exceed five days per year*)
- Exceptionally urgent reasons (*will be used only in such unavoidable absences as affect the welfare of the child directly and not for the convenience of the parent*)
- Health care
- Illness
- Quarantine
- Religious observances WITH prior approval (*For full or part-time absence of a student to observe a religious holiday, a written request for absence must be presented to the school before the religious holiday*)
- Tutorial work

Educational Tours or Trips

Requests by parents/guardians for permission to have children absent from school for educational tours or trips must be made to and processed by the principal or their designee. The request must be received by the principal at least ten (10) days before the anticipated absence. ***The total number of approved days of absence shall not exceed five (5) days in a given school year.*** Days exceeding these guidelines shall be considered unlawful and/or unexcused. The parent/guardian must assume the responsibility for checking with the principal or his/her designee, at least one (1) week or more, if possible, in advance of the trip, to ascertain the present scholastic standing of the child in the class. The student shall be held responsible for making up missed assignments.

Health Care

Upon written parental request, a student may be excused from school hours to obtain professional healthcare or therapy services.

Tutorial Work

Upon written parental request, a student may be excused during school hours to receive tutorial instruction in a field not offered in the district's curriculum. The excused absence shall not interfere. The student's regular program of study and the outside instructor's qualifications shall be approved by the school district.

Unexcused or Unlawful Absences

All absences for reasons other than those cited above will be considered "unexcused." All "unexcused" absences for students under the age of eighteen are also recorded as "unlawful."



parent/guardian will be notified of a first and second unexcused/unlawful absence. When a student has ten days of illegal absence in a school year, the principal shall send an official “first offense notice” to

The parent/guardian and a copy to the Director of Special Services. Additionally, a “School Attendance Improvement Plan” will be developed to enhance student attendance.

For each incident of unlawful absence after the sixth unlawful absence, the attendance officer shall do one or more of the following: refer the child to an attendance improvement program, refer to Children and Youth, or file a truancy citation with the District Magistrate.

Attendance

The school laws of Pennsylvania require every parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child or children between the ages of six and eighteen to send such child or children to school. Once a parent elects to send their child to school, the child must attend continuously until eighteen years of age, has graduated from a senior high school, or has secured legal employment at age sixteen.

Resident children may be enrolled in kindergarten provided they have reached the age of five years on or before September 1. Children shall be admitted to first grade provided they have reached the age of six years on or before the first day of September.

Change of Address, Phone Number, Email

Parents are requested to contact the Central Registration Department ([registration](#)) to change their address and/or phone number. The email address should be changed through the Home Access Center. In the event of an emergency, this information is invaluable. We ask you to review this information each school year in the Demographic Update.

Request for Student’s Early Excusal from School

Parents or guardians who desire to have their children excused early from school during the instructional day will be requested to do the following:

Send a letter to the principal to request early dismissal. At the elementary level, please visit the front office to pick up your student. For the secondary level, your student will use your signed letter as a pass to

Exception to Procedure

To have a high school student who drives to school excused early, a note requesting the same, stating the reason, the time of excusal, and signed by the parent or guardian, must be presented by the student at the Attendance office. The student will then be permitted to leave school at the specified time.

Upon their return to school, the student must present a written excuse signed by their parent or guardian. The note must indicate the reason for absence.



ACCEPTABLE USE OF CELL PHONES

Council Rock recognizes the continued need for student cell phone use; however, cell phones are not permitted for use during the school day. Moreover, the presence of a cell phone during any testing setting in our high schools is considered a violation of our Academic Integrity Policy. We encourage parents to discuss acceptable use of cell phones with their child. The school district's full policy on cell phones is outlined in [Board Policy 237](#).

CRISIS RESOURCES

Safe2Say Something Safety Program



S2SS is part of Act 44, a law signed into effect on June 12, 2018, by the PA General Assembly, which contains multiple enhanced provisions for school safety and security.

S2SS is designed to help students and school staff recognize risk factors and signals of those who may be a threat to themselves or others. From a student's perspective, S2SS teaches students to take every warning sign seriously and to act quickly by seeking help from a trusted adult and/or by reporting it anonymously to the Pennsylvania S2SS Crisis Center via telephone, mobile device, or website. The program is based on the following three-step system:

An anonymous tip is submitted via one of the following options:

Website: www.safe2saypa.org

or

Tip Line: 1-844-SAF2SAY



EMPLOYMENT (WORKING) PAPERS

All persons under eighteen years of age (except for golf caddies, newspaper carriers, and those who have graduated) are required by the Pennsylvania Child Labor Law to have working papers for all types of employment at any time of the calendar year (including summer vacation). Employment (working) papers may be obtained from the high schools and middle schools. Go to the front desk to finalize your working papers at the high school.

HARASSMENT/DISCRIMINATION POLICY

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND/OR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS

The elimination of improper conduct, including harassment, is a high priority for the School District. It is the established policy of the School District to prohibit all forms of inappropriate conduct, including harassment. A copy of the School District's policy on harassment/discrimination is available on the web as contained in [Board Policy 218](#). Copies of this policy are available in school offices.

All students are subject to the prohibitions in the policy and are protected by it. If students and their parents/legal guardians believe that they are the victim of harassment or any other form of improper conduct, or if students observe what they believe to be harassment or any other form of improper conduct, they are urged to report it to any teacher, guidance counselor, nurse, school principal, or administrator in the school district. Complaints will be thoroughly investigated to ensure prompt and effective action is taken to eradicate improper conduct.

BULLYING. Consistent with the school code and best practices, Council Rock has a separate policy that addresses the issues of bullying and cyberbullying. [Board Policy 249](#) prohibits bullying in Council Rock Schools.

HEALTH SERVICES

The district recommends that the family physician and dentist administer all medical and dental examinations since they can best evaluate your child's health and assist in obtaining necessary treatment and corrections. Anyone who has not been seen by their private physician or dentist for the mandated medical and dental examinations will be scheduled to be seen by the school physician and dentist. All students who are entering Council Rock schools as transfers from other school districts are required to have current medical and dental examinations. The school nurse is responsible only for the emergency care of

injuries and sudden illnesses that occur while the student is in school. The nurse is not available to diagnose or treat students who come to school with injuries or diseases except in exceptional cases under medical care and with the physician's written orders. When possible, parents are responsible for transporting the ill or injured student to their home, to a doctor, or to the hospital.

For more information about various matters related to our Health Services Department, please visit our [website](#).



Medications

Prescribed medications necessary for a child's health may be administered during the school day. It is recommended that, whenever possible, all medications be administered at home by the parent or guardian. The first dose of any new medication should always be administered at home to ensure close observation for any adverse reaction. If your physician determines that your child needs to receive medication during school hours, the parent or guardian may request that the school nurse administer the physician-prescribed medication at scheduled times.

The [Permission to Administer Medication](#) form must be completed and signed by the physician and parent or guardian. This form must be signed for both prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Medication must be delivered to school in the original pharmacy container with the current prescription label. Upon request, pharmacists can prepare a duplicate container for use in school. All medications are kept in the health office in a locked cabinet.

In addition to Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, for which the district has a standing order from the district physician, will be administered to students in grades K through 12, with the signed permission of parent or guardian as noted on the Student Demographic Verification Form.

The application of sunscreen by students is allowed during school hours, at a school-sponsored activity, or while under the supervision of school personnel. According to Pennsylvania law, parents/guardians may choose to provide their child with non-aerosol topical sunscreen. The sunscreen must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Parents/guardians must complete and submit a required form for their child to apply sunscreen during school hours, at a school-sponsored activity, or while under the supervision of school personnel. Please contact the school nurse to obtain the form.

Immunizations

Pennsylvania legislation requires that all children, from kindergarten through 12th grade, including those from public, private, parochial, intermediate unit, and home-schooled schools, show proof of immunization before attending school in the Commonwealth, unless an exemption is granted for medical or religious reasons. If your child does not have proof of immunizations, documentation of exemption, or a medical plan signed by their medical provider, state law requires them to be excluded from school until the appropriate documentation is submitted.

Communicable Diseases Requiring Exclusion

If a communicable disease is suspected, the parent will be notified, and the child will be excluded from school until the disease is confirmed and cleared. The student will not be readmitted until the minimum number of days designated by the State and Local Departments of Health has been met.

Other Reasons for Exclusions from School

Council Rock School District, in addition, reserves the right to exclude children from school with the following conditions:



of 100.4° F or higher. Students should return when they are fever-free and have not taken fever medication for at least 24 hours.

Diarrhea or vomiting during the previous 24 hours. Students should return when their appetite has returned normal, and their symptoms have cleared.

- Rash with a fever.
- An illness that prevents a child from participating in activities.
- Other conditions identified through assessment by the certified and/or staff nurse.

Health Resources: Bucks County Department of Health (phone: 215-345-3318)
PA Department of Health (phone: 877-724-3258)
Poison Control (phone: 800-222-1222)
A Women’s Place Shelter for Battered Women in Bucks County (215-343-9241)
Bucks County Suicide Hotline (phone: 800-273-8255)
Crisis Lines:
Lower Bucks (phone 215-355-6000 or 215-547-1889)
Central Bucks (phone 215-340-1998)
Upper Bucks (phone 215-536-0911)

Nurses’ contact information for each school is found [here](#).

LINCS - CR SERVICE PROGRAM

Council Rock’s service-learning program, Learning in Neighborhood Community Service (LINCS), encourages students to volunteer their time after school, on weekends, and in the summer to local community nonprofit organizations. Please note that LINCS hours are not awarded when students are absent from school. A directory of pre-approved organizations is available on our website, along with information on short-term volunteer opportunities. If an organization or activity is listed on our website or the LINCS bulletin board located in our high schools, it does not require pre-approval. All other volunteer activities must be pre-approved to earn LINCS credit. This is especially important because clearances, including PA Criminal Record, PA Clearance Statement, and FBI Report, are required for all individuals directly supervising students.

LINCS forms are available in our high schools and can also be downloaded from the [LINCS](#) website. Although not a requirement for graduation, students receive documentation on their transcripts and an acknowledgement on their diplomas when they accumulate 60 hours or more of credit. Students also become eligible for scholarships sponsored by local community organizations. For a more comprehensive description of the LINCS program, including submission due dates for forms, please visit the [LINCS](#) website.



LUNCHES

The Food Service Department makes available wholesome, well-balanced lunches every full school day for all students in the district. As participants in the National School Lunch Program, free and reduced-priced lunches are provided for those students whose family income makes them eligible under the provisions of Public Law 91-248. A variety of menu selections and à la carte items are offered in all schools. Council Rock lunch menus and other food service information can be found at the [Food Services](#) link on the home page of the CRSD website.

REPORT CARD DATES

End of Marking Period:

- #1 November 10th, 2025
- #2 January 28th, 2026
- #3 April 13th, 2026
- #4 June 17th, 2026

Report Cards Posted to HAC

- #1 November 21, 2025
- #2 February 12th, 2026
- #3 April 24th, 2026
- #4 TBD

SPECIAL SERVICES

PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE OR PROTECTED STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In compliance with state and federal laws, the Council Rock School District hereby gives notice that it conducts ongoing identification activities as part of its school program to identify students who may require special education and related services (eligible students). If the district identifies your child as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures.

Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction. If you believe that your school-age child may need special education services and related programs, or a young child (age 3 to school age) may need early intervention, screening, and evaluation processes designed to assess



Child and their eligibility, these services are available to you at no cost, upon written request. You may request an evaluation at any time, regardless of whether your child is enrolled in the district's public-school program. For evaluation and screening should be made in writing to the principal of the building where your child attends or would attend school.

In compliance with state and federal law, the Council Rock School District will provide to each student with disability without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services, or accommodations which are needed.

To provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. A student with disabilities is identified as being of school age with a physical or mental disability that substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for students with disabilities are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.

For further information on the rights of parents and children, provision of services, evaluation, and screening (including purpose, time, and location), and rights to due process procedures, you may contact in writing the Director of Special Services, 30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown, PA 18940, or any building principal.

Confidentiality: All information gathered about your child is subject to the confidentiality provisions contained in federal and state law. The district has policies and procedures in place governing the collection, maintenance, destruction, and disclosure of this information to third parties. For information about these policies and procedures, as well as rights of confidentiality and access to educational records, you may contact in writing the above-named person or any building principal.

MCKINNEY-VENTO

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures that homeless children and youth, including unaccompanied youth and those students experiencing educational instability, will secure immediate school enrollment, facilitating the stability of their education. The term "homeless children and youth" refers to individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason. The Council Rock School District has designated the Director of Special Services as the Homeless Liaison to support homeless students within the district. For more information on the support available, please refer to the following links: Homeless: McKinney-Vento Information and [Policy 251: Homeless Students](#).

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Council Rock's Student Assistance Program (CR CARES) is a multi-disciplinary team that may include teachers, administrators, nurses, social workers, psychologists, and counselors. The team is specially trained to understand and work with adolescent drug and alcohol use, abuse, or dependency, mental health issues, and other "at-risk" behavior. The team's primary role is to identify, intervene, and refer when drug or alcohol use, abuse, possession, and/or distribution is suspected. The same referral process will be initiated when "at-risk" behavior is identified and referred by other professionals. "At-risk" behavior is defined as any manifestation of self-destructive or potentially self-destructive behavior. Parents can initiate a referral to the Student Assistance Team by contacting their child's school principal or counselor.



STUDENT CONDUCT

Policies on student conduct are outlined in Board Policies 218–**218.2**. These policies can be found at the [Board Policies](#) link.

Student Dress and Grooming

Council Rock students are encouraged to maintain cleanliness, neatness, and generally good taste in their dress and grooming habits. To keep an atmosphere that is most conducive to learning, student attire is expected to be appropriate for school. Proper dress is that which is neither offensive nor distracting. It should not pose a safety hazard or disrupt the learning environment. Clothing that advertises or promotes the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is not considered appropriate.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Council Rock’s policies on Student Rights and Responsibility assume that most Council Rock students are law-abiding and respect public property and personal property, as well as the rights of others. However, when student conduct interferes with the learning environment or threatens the health, safety, and welfare of themselves and others, they are subject to disciplinary action by the school. Such action could be in the form of one or more of the following: teacher-pupil conferences, parent-teacher conferences, detention, suspension, or expulsion from school.

Council Rock School District Controlled Substance Policy

A student using or in possession of a controlled substance will be recommended for a 10-day out-of-school suspension. A second offense warrants a recommendation for a one-year expulsion. The specific details regarding the discipline of students who are found to use, possess, or distribute a controlled substance are outlined in [Board Policy 227](#).

Tobacco and Vaping Usage

The use of tobacco is prohibited in all Council Rock schools and on the grounds of all Council Rock property. More information on the Council Rock policy on Tobacco Use may be found in [Board Policy 222](#).

Council Rock School District Weapons Policy

Council Rock [Board Policy 218.1](#) complies with the PA School Code provisions on weapons in schools.

Among the essential parts of this policy:

1. Pocket knives or cutting instruments are considered weapons.
2. Principals must report the discovery of any weapon to the student’s parents, police, and the school board (via the Superintendent).
3. Violations of this policy may result in expulsion from school for up to one calendar year.

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

There are times during a school year that certain student record information is made public to enhance or further a student’s and/or the district’s educational program. Such information may be published in class rosters, school musicals, theatrical programs, sports programs, and the yearbook, among other venues.



wishes to restrict the release of Directory Information for their child. In that case, they should notify school principal in writing within two weeks after the beginning of each school year or within two weeks

This statement follows the Federal Law on Privacy Rights of Students and Parents.

STUDENT RECORDS

Notice to Parents and Eligible Students Who Reside in the Council Rock School District Notice of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Students

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) confers certain rights on parents and eligible students (those over eighteen years of age) regarding their access to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records. Parents or Eligible Students should submit a written request to the school principal or other appropriate school official, identifying the records they wish to inspect. The principal will arrange for access and notify the parent or eligible students 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 or Eligible Student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or Eligible Students may ask Council Rock School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the school principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specifying why it is incorrect or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the Parent or Eligible Student, the District will notify the Parent or Eligible Student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding their request for the amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

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.
4. The right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. 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, D.C.
20202-4605.

Council Rock's Policy on [Student Records, Policy 216](#).



STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students who leave the district during the school year or withdraw from school for other reasons are required to go through the withdrawal process through the Guidance Office in secondary schools or the Principal's Office in elementary schools. This is essential for an orderly maintenance and prompt transfer of school records.

If a parent wishes to review their child's educational records before they are transferred to another school, they should submit a written request to the principal of the current school.

TECHNOLOGY

All students and staff are expected to act responsibly, ethically, and in accordance with the law when using school computers. The policy prohibits the destruction, modification, and/or abuse of computers, hardware, software, or data. It also states that violating security could lead to the revocation of the right to use a computer. Anyone found guilty of damaging equipment, software, or files will be held financially responsible and face disciplinary action for vandalism. Additionally, the unauthorized use of computers or computer networks will be reported to the relevant law enforcement authorities. Complete copies of the policies can be found using the following links: Council Rock Acceptable Use Policy, [Board Policy 815](#) (Mobile Devices), [Board Policy 816](#), and Livestream Video, [Board Policy 817](#).

Artificial Intelligence Study Team

As artificial intelligence continues to evolve at a rapid pace, the Council Rock School District recognizes the responsibility we hold in guiding its use in our schools. We are developing AI guidelines in collaboration with various stakeholders to create a pathway for our students to use this powerful tool safely and effectively on their learning journey. Please go [here](#) to learn more.

TESTING PROGRAM

The district has implemented a testing program to measure the proficiency of all children in the district on academic achievement and aptitude. The results of these tests provide a record of each child's educational progress. They are also an invaluable aid to your child's teacher and counselor in determining an effective instructional program. During the coming school year, the following tests may be administered as part of this program.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS INVENTORY

(Kindergarten) Measure of entry-level skills and concepts.

(Grade 1) THE COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (CogAT)

The CogAT assesses students' abilities in reasoning and problem-solving using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal (spatial) symbols.

MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH DIAGNOSTIC AND PLACEMENT TESTS

(Grades 1-8) Measurement of achievement.



PLANNING CAREER GOALS (Grade 8)

Measurement to assist students in educational and career planning.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

(Grades 3-8) English Language Arts and mathematics skills

(Grades 4, 8) assessment of science skills

These will take place at the Elementary level between April 20, 2026, and May 1, 2026.

These will take place at the Middle level between April 21, 2026, and May 2, 2026.

As part of our testing program, each school administers to select pupils, based on academic need, a variety of achievement and aptitude tests in basic skill areas of reading, mathematics, and science. These tests include, but are not limited to, the following:

DYNAMIC INDICATORS OF BASIC EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

(Grades K- 6) screening to identify students at-risk for early literacy difficulties.

KEYSTONE EXAMS

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course exams in the following courses:

Algebra 1

Biology

Literature (Grade 10 English)

These will take place between May 11, 2026, and May 22, 2026.

To view additional testing information, click [here](#).

Your child's scores on these tests will be checked carefully and maintained in the school record as long as your child attends school in this district. Should your child transfer to another school system, you will be notified of the transfer of their school record to the new school system.

Should you wish to examine your child's school record at any time, you may arrange to do so by making an appointment with the principal's office.

TRANSPORTATION

Our school district provides transportation for resident students to district schools and various other regional schools. All district bus routes are posted in HAC and are available for viewing in August, once the information becomes available. We conduct annual requests for students' transportation needs in June of the previous school year. Review our transportation information [here](#) on our district website.

We utilize the BusZone App, which enables parents and families to track their students in real-time. Information on how to sign up for this is available [here](#).



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers play a key role in supporting our school community. Pennsylvania law requires all individuals with students to obtain clearances, as outlined on our Human Resources page, which can be found

[here](#).

WEATHER EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The focus of our district is student safety. If a weather-related event causes school to be delayed or an early dismissal, we will communicate through the following ways:

- Website: www.crsd.org
- Facebook: @CouncilRockSchoolDistrict
- Instagram: @councilrocksd
- HAC contacts: email, phone, and/or text notifications

Learn more about our Emergency & Weather Notifications [here](#) on our website.



EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Council Rock School District Emergency Resources

Keep this list posted in an easy to find location in the event of an emergency. A call to 9-1-1 should be for emergency help or for emergency medical assistance when it's obvious that you or another person is in need of immediate medical care.



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Call 9-1-1 in the case of emergency

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS Newtown Borough Police 215-860-7835 Newtown/Wrightstown Twp Police 215-968-2800 Northampton Township Police 215-357-8700 Upper Makefield Police 215-968-3020	St. Mary Medical Center 1.844.7.STMARY (1.844.778.6279)
National Alliance on Mental Illness (215) 343-3299 https://www.nami.org/Home	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255
If you see something, say something ChildLine (reporting child abuse) 1-800-932-0313	Safe2Say Something 1-844-723-2729 https://www.safe2saypa.org/
PA Drug & Alcohol Helpline 1-800-622-4357	Grief Support Resources www.crsd.org/support-services/grief-support
Bucks County Mobile Crisis 1-877-435-7709	NOVA (Network of Victims Assistance) Bucks County Offices 215-343-6543
Crisis Text Line Text BCHOPE to 741741	Lenape Valley Foundation Warmline (non-crisis mental health talk line) Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 215-896-9717
	Poison Control Bureau 1-800-222-1222
	Bucks County Hotline and Crisis Services Dial 9-8-8 or 1-800-499-7455



CONTACT FLOWCHART

How do I contact Council Rock?

Parents and guardians often wonder where to turn if they have a question or concern regarding their child or other school issues. Use this guide to help you navigate through our District to find the quickest way to resolve your issue. This chain of communication will help us be most responsive to your needs, and ensures the appropriate personnel are helping with a resolution.



WHERE TO START? Use this guide when you have an issue or question to resolve:

1 Classroom Problem?

Start with your child's teacher. They are in the best position to address classroom-related issues and know your child and family best. If the problem is beyond the teacher's area of expertise or control, the teacher will refer you the school counselor or correct staff member.

2 Not able to resolve your problem with the teacher?

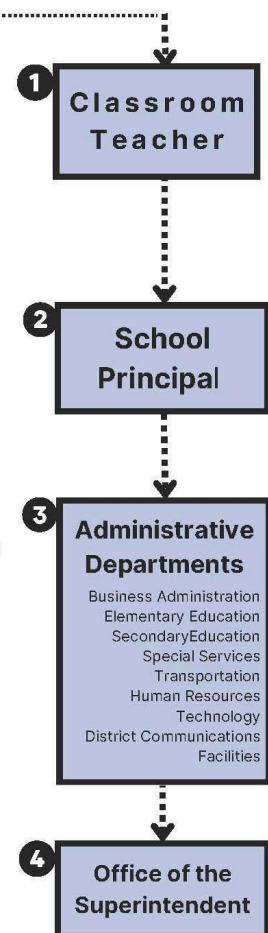
Next, try the school principal, who will usually be able to resolve your problem. You can call or email your school principal directly. A listing of all CR schools can be found on the Council Rock website.

3 Not able to resolve your problem at the building level?

You might be referred to a member of the Council Rock Central Office staff or administration. Consult our list of departments at www.crsd.org to determine the most appropriate person or department to contact, or call the Council Rock main number at 215-944-1000.

4 Problem not resolved through the above channels?

Contact the Office of the Superintendent at 215-944-1000.



Tax Questions?

Call your township office or the CR Tax office at 215-944-1090



FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT ELECTRIC BIKES

-bikes, E-ride bikes, E-ride dirt bikes, or similar electric-powered vehicles have become a more popular. Still, their legal status can be confusing for parents or riders.

Due to this popularity, riders are facing increasing injuries & legal consequences resulting from crashes and/or traffic law violations.

Pennsylvania law is quite strict regarding the use of electric bikes on public roads, including walking/bike paths. The Commonwealth considers them a vehicle, meaning they are not exempt from titling & registration requirements, including safety equipment standards and inspection.

Regardless of the rider's age, most e-ride bikes or e-dirt bikes do not have the necessary equipment (such as lights, turn signals & mirrors) to meet these requirements, effectively making them illegal to ride on the roadway.

The only place that most e-ride bikes can be operated legally is on private property with appropriate permission.

IN SUMMARY: WHAT IS LEGAL?

In PA, an electric bike or e-bike is considered a "pedal cycle with electric assist" and must meet specific criteria:

- Rider is a minimum age of 16
- Must have operable pedals
- Electric motor under 750 watts
- Max speed of 20mph
- Weigh no more than 100 lbs.

WHAT IS NOT LEGAL?

Regardless of what you call it or the type of tires it has, an e-ride bike, e-ride dirt bike, or e-ride moto bike is mostly advertised and stamped by the manufacturer as "off-road use only." This effectively confirms that it is illegal to operate in public areas, including roadways, highways, bike lanes, sidewalks, and trails. This also applies if the vehicle is powered by gasoline.

ESSENTIAL PA E-BIKE LAWS

<https://thecyclistchoice.com/resources/pennsylvania-ebike-laws/>

(Information provided by: Newtown Borough Police, Newtown Township Police, Northampton Township Police, & Upper Makefield Township Police)





COUNCIL ROCK BUILDING LOCATIONS

<p>Elementary 100 New Rd Churchville, PA 18966 215-944-1700 Principal: Emily Otero</p>	<p>Richboro Elementary 98 Upper Holland Rd Richboro, PA 18954 215-944-1900 Principal: Gina Booth</p>	<p>Council Rock High North 62 Swamp Rd Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-1300 Principal: Jason Traczykiewicz</p>
<p>Goodnoe Elementary 298 Frost Ln Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-2100 Principal: Beth Fox</p>	<p>Rolling Hills Elementary 340 Middle Holland Rd Holland, PA 18966 215-944-2000 Principal: Matt Beyerle</p>	<p>Council Rock High South 2002 Rock Way Holland, PA 18966 215-944-1100 Principal: Anthony Veneziale</p>
<p>Hillcrest Elementary 420 E. Holland Rd Richboro, PA 18954 215-944-1600 Principal: Nakia Jones-Tate</p>	<p>Sol Feinstone Elementary 1090 Eagle Rd Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-2400 Principal: John Harlan</p>	<p>Sloan School/ Achieve The STAR Center 30 Upper Holland Rd Richboro, PA 18954 215-944-2360</p>
<p>Holland Elementary Beverly Rd & Crescent Dr Holland, PA 18966 215-944-1500 Principal: Joe MacClay</p>	<p>Holland Middle School 400 E. Holland Rd Holland, PA 18966 215-944-2700 Principal: Jeff Hunter</p>	<p>School District Administration and Business Office The Chancellor Center 30 N. Chancellor St. Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-1000</p>
<p>Maureen M. Welch Elementary 750 New Rd Churchville, PA 18966 215-944-1800 Principal: Jim Vacca</p>	<p>Newtown Middle School 116 Richboro Rd Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-2600 Principal: Tim Long</p>	
<p>Newtown Elementary 1 Wrights Rd Newtown, PA 18940 215-944-2200 Principal: Bob Francis</p>		