



# FIRST DAY FACTS



## First Day of School: Monday, August 3, 2026

CLICK A BUTTON, ICON OR LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION



Open House/Walk Through events are July 30 and 31. Click the hand for a link to the schedules.



Schedules for Middle and High School students will be released July 28; Elementary school homeroom assignments will be available July 29.



Teachers and schools use **Parent Square** for communication. You will receive emails automatically.



Higher expectations for student behavior are in place for 2026-27, whether on the bus or in the classroom. [Learn more here.](#)



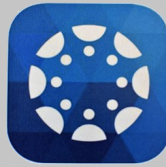
**Need to enroll a new student? Click [HERE!](#)**



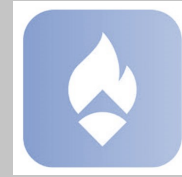
**Update Your Info:** Complete the annual "first day forms" in ParentVue to update important information on file with the school (new emergency contact person, medical forms, etc.).



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



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



School meal accounts, menus and nutritional information are housed under one app: Linq Connect, which will show new menus and accept payments starting **July 20.**



New expectations are in place for grading, promotion and retention this year. [Learn more here.](#)



**Free/reduced price meals** are available for eligible families. One online form can be completed for all children in a family, **beginning July 20.** <https://linqconnect.com/>



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



Click the calendar page to access the CCSD school calendar for 2026-27



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



2026 high school football season kicks off **Aug. 14.** Buy tickets online at <https://gofan.co/search>; click the football above for schedules

## NEW LEADERS

Meet our principals who are in new roles for 2026-27!



Arnold Mill Elementary  
Abbey Philpot



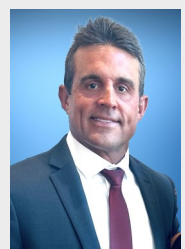
Ball Ground Elementary  
Amanda Blackwell



Clark Creek Elementary  
Melinda Roulier



Creekland Middle  
Josh Martin



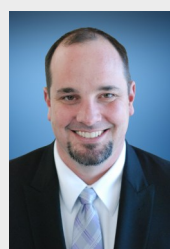
Etowah High  
Ken Nix



Holly Springs Elementary  
Kerri Schmitt



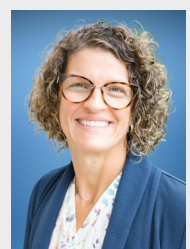
Mill Creek Middle  
Jason Meade



River Ridge High  
Justin Sanderson



Woodstock Elementary  
Clatrina Lane



Woodstock Middle  
Elizabeth Spell



**CHEROKEE ZONE**

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



**CREEKVIEW ZONE**

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



**ETOWAH ZONE**

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



**RIVER RIDGE ZONE**

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



**SEQUOYAH ZONE**

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



**WOODSTOCK ZONE**

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

**CENTERS & PROGRAMS**

- Ralph Bunche Preschool Center
- Tippens Education Center

**ACTIVE CAMPUS**

- ◇ ACE Academy
- ◇ Transition Academy
- ◇ i-Grad Virtual Academy

**VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

i-Grad Virtual Academy  
(Grades 9-12)



**GIVING BACK**

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



Buying a **laptop** for your child to use at home? Click [HERE](#) for the basic tech specs. Starting this year, middle school students will be issued a Chromebook for use at school; they cannot bring their own devices to school.



**2026-27 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES**

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



	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	GRILL LINE
ELEMENTARY	\$1.75	\$3.25	N/A
MIDDLE	\$1.75	\$3.50	N/A
HIGH	\$1.75	\$3.50	\$4.55
CCSD STAFF	\$3.00	\$5.50	
VISITOR/NON STUDENT	\$3.00	\$5.50	
VISITOR- SPECIAL EVENT	\$5.00	\$8.00	

*Students may purchase a second meal at the staff/visitor price*



Know the rules, including dress code and cell phone use. **New rules restricting cell phone and other device use in middle school are now in effect, in compliance with State law.**

Review the [Student Code of Conduct](#) together with your child.

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

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



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