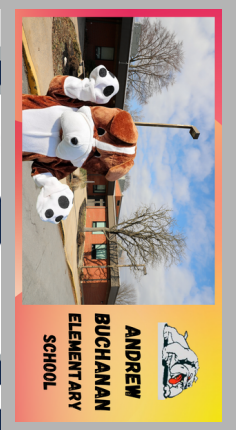
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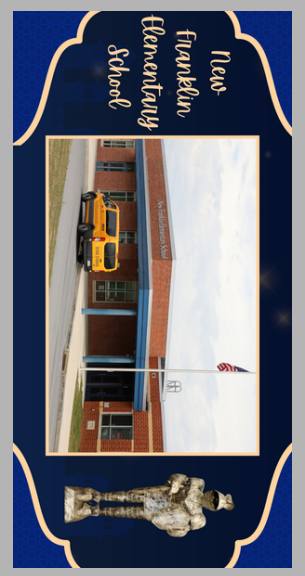






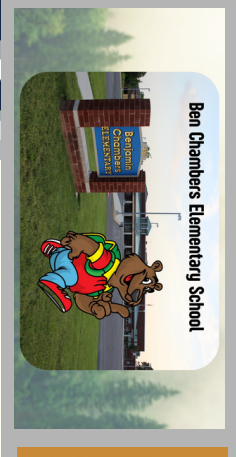




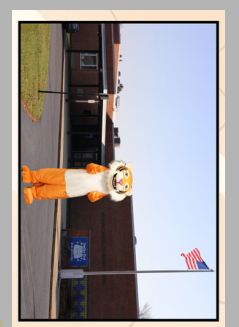


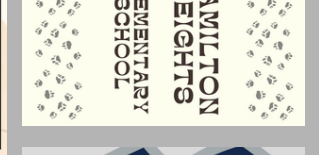


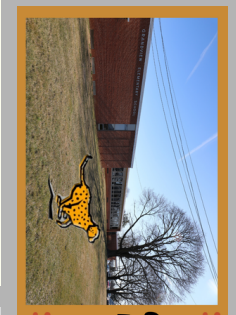




















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CASD Navy JROTC cadets showcased their hard work at the annual Pass-in-Review at CASHS, featuring a formal review, drill demonstrations, and awards. We're proud of their dedication and leadership.



The United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary, also known as the Semiquincentennial, on July 4, 2026. This milestone marks two and a half centuries since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

REGISTRATION

How do I register my child??

Scan the QR Code to the Registration page on our website.

Complete the online registration, then email the District Registrar at registration@casdonline.org.

Documents that will need uploaded when registering online:

- **Proof of Age**: May be any of the following: birth certificate; notarized copy of birth certificate; baptismal certificate; notarized copy of baptismal certificate; notarized statement from the parents or relative indicating the date of birth; a valid passport; a prior school record indicating the date of birth.
- **Proof of Residency in the Chambersburg Area School District**: May be any of the following: a deed, a lease, current utility bill, current credit card bill, property tax bill, vehicle registration, driver's license, or DOT identification card indicating an address within CASD.
- **Record of Immunizations**: State law requires that a complete record of immunizations be provided. You can get a copy of your child's health records from the school you are leaving. Shot records are also available from your doctor's office. Please note that exceptions will be made for students displaced by natural disasters.

Need help registering your student? Please call the Student Registrar at Phone: (717) 709-4084 or email registration@casdonline.org

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

and Free & Reduced Lunches

All students in CASD are eligible to receive a free complete breakfast at school each day.

Students in grades K-8 are eligible to receive a free complete lunch at school each day.

Please scan the QR Code to the right to view the Food & Nutrition page of the District Website for monthly menus, updated meal pricing, and links to other important information regarding the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. You can also view the requirements for a complete breakfast and lunch.

Ways to add and view funds in student accounts:

- Scan the QR Code to the right and use a credit card at Schoolcafe.com.
- In person at the Food Service Office with cash or check only.
- Mail a check to the Food Service Office, 721 South Sixth Street, Chambersburg PA 17201. Please make sure to have students' name, ID number, and a phone number to contact with payment.

TRANSPORTATION

Moved? Need new Bussing?

Call the school your child attends and provide them with your updated address. The school will send a transportation request to the Transportation Office. It may take 48 hours to receive bussing if routes or stops have to be modified. **Make sure your contact information, specifically your email address, is correct in Sapphire.**

Scan the QR Code to the right for a school directory of phone numbers and contacts.

The Chambersburg Area School District transports more than 9,500 students each day over 250 square miles. Over 145 school buses/vans travel approximately 8,700 miles each day to get our children to and from school. Transportation services 38 sites that include both public and non-public schools. We maintain over 550 routes each day. **Please do not wait until the last minute to make route changes.**

Call or email the staff below if you have any questions regarding transportation:

Craig Kirkpatrick - Phone (717) 261-3415
Email: craig.kirkpatrick@casdonline.org
Lisa Deaven - Phone (717) 261-3462
Email: lisa.deaven@casdonline.org



Language Support Services: Interpreters are available at the new Chambersburg Engagement Center to assist families who speak a language other than English. The Engagement Center is located at 20 South Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 ~ Phone Number: 717-267-4466

July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 National Ice-Cream Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

First Day for Students
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Graduation (CMS & CASHS)
Friday, May 28, 2027
(Half Day for all students)

Tentative Last Day for K-11th Grade Students
Monday, June 1, 2027
(Half day for all students)

School Day extended by adding 15 minutes to the end of each day.

12 Early Dismissal Days Eliminated!

Days off for Students

In-Service Holiday

August 28
September 07 & 18
October 12 & 23
November 06, 11, 25, 26, 27, & 30
December 11, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31
January 1, 15, & 18
February 05, 15, & 26
March 12, 26, & 29
April 16
May 14, 28 (half day), & 31
June 1 (half day)

Snow make-up days will be added to the end of the school calendar, if needed, for K-11th grade students. Graduation date will not change.

Exam Schedule

January 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 - Keystone Algebra I, Biology, Literature
April 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30 - PSSA English-Language-Arts (ELA) Grades 3-8
May 03, 04, 05, 06, & 07 - PSSA Math, Science, & Make-Ups, Grades 3-8
May 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, & 28 - Keystone Algebra I, Biology, Literature
April 28, 29, 30 and May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 - IB Exams
May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 - AP Exams
May 18, 19, 20, 21, & 22 - AP Exams Late Testing

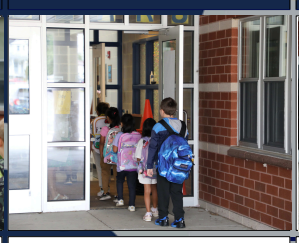


Want to see more detailed changes to the calendar? Scan the QR Code above.

HELLO AUGUST

ONE TROJAN COMMUNITY

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Staff In-Service Day	15
16	17 Staff In-Service/ Room Prep	18 Staff In-Service Day	19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL *Kindergarten Staggered Start	20 **Kindergarten Staggered Start	21 *Kindergarten Staggered Start	22
23	24 **Kindergarten Staggered Start	25 All Kindergarten students attend school today	26	27	28 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	29
30	31					

*Kindergarten Students with last name beginning with A - L attend school on August 19 & 21
**Kindergarten Students with last name beginning with M - Z attend school on August 20 & 24

Kindergarten Staggered Start is not applicable to kindergarten students assigned to specialized special education classrooms. Kindergarten students in special education classrooms will attend school every day beginning on August 19th.



ATHLETICS



"WHY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS?

"It's less about becoming a star athlete and more about becoming a more confident, disciplined, and connected person!"

Benefits of being part of High School and Middle School Athletics

- Skills for Life…Accountability, Goal Setting, Leadership, Dealing with Pressure, Focus, and Discipline.
- Academic and Future…Athletes typically have a higher GPA and attendance, sports look good on college applications and job resumes.
- Social Skills and Belonging… Learn to work as a team, build new friendships, gain a Sense of belonging and being connected to your school.
- Mental and Emotional…Build confidence and resilience, learn how to navigate adversity, and to win and lose with grace and humility.

Scan the QR Code to view the Sports Registration Information:
Fall Sports online Registration – 5/1/26 – 8/3/26
Winter Sports Registration – 9/28/26 – 11/16/26
Spring Sports Registration – 1/25/27 – 3/1/27

High School Fall Sports

Boys and Girls Golf
Girls Tennis
Boys and Girls Cross Country
Girls Volleyball
Girls Field Hockey
Boys and Girls Soccer
Football

2026 Football Season:
Hall of Fame Night–9/18/26
Homecoming Football Game–10/9/26
Veterans' Night–10/23/26

Middle School Fall Sports

JH Boys and Girls Cross Country
JH Girls Field Hockey
JH Cheerleading

High School Winter Sports

Girls and Boys Wrestling
Girls and Boys Swimming/Diving
Girls and Boys Basketball
Bocci Ball
Cheerleading

High School Spring Sports

Boys Tennis
Boys and Girls Track & Field
Boys Volleyball
Boys and Girls Lacrosse
Baseball
Softball

Middle School Spring Sports

JH Boys and Girls Soccer
JH Boys and Girls Track
JH Girls Volleyball

Middle School Winter Sports

JH Boys and Girls Basketball
JH Boys Wrestling
(Girls are welcome but not a separate team)
JH Cheerleading

Contact Athletic Director, Shawn Kimple if you have questions at shawn.kimple@casdonline.org or 717-267-4460

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Holiday Schools Closed 	8	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS/PRINCIPALS

ANDREW BUCHANAN - Brent Pistner, 717-261-3430
BENJAMIN CHAMBERS - Richard Snyder, 717-261-3442
FALLING SPRING - Brent Pistner, 717-261-3439
FAYETTEVILLE - Trina Snoke, 717-352-2774
GRANDVIEW - Paul Swope, 717-261-3445
GUILFORD HILLS - Paul Swope, 717-352-2124
HAMILTON HEIGHTS - Michelle Holtry, 717-261-3448
LURGAN - Andrew Nelson, 717-532-6125
MARION - Rebecca Petersheim, 717-375-2360
NEW FRANKLIN - Paul Swope, 717-261-3454
SCOTLAND - Thomas VanArsdale, 717-261-3460
SOUTH HAMILTON - Rebecca Petersheim, 717-261-3466
STEVENS - Angela Pollock, 717-261-3469









ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS
Doors Open at 8:45 AM
Instruction 9:00 AM - 3:45PM

Any absence requires a valid excuse note turned into the office within three (3) school days of the student's absence. Tardy/leave early requires a valid excuse note on the date the student is signed in/out.

Morning: Until 11:00 AM, the student is considered late. 11:01 AM and after is a half day morning absence.
Tardiness: Students must have a valid excuse note to arrive 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

Afternoon: Students must remain until 2:45 PM. If a student leaves prior to 2:45 PM, this is a half day afternoon absence. Leave Early: Students must have a valid excuse note to leave 2:46 - 3:45 PM.





Helpful Hints for Families

- Update all Sapphire information.
- Set a morning/afternoon routine.
- Adjust bedtimes before the first day of school.
- Update all immunizations and share any important health information with the school.
- Create a study area at home.

Family Learning Toolkit

- We are excited to share the brand-new Family Learning Toolkit for children ages 3-6.
- The Toolkit itself will contain a variety of activities, including:
  - A section called “Out in our world” with suggestions for parents to do with their child while performing everyday activities at home, at the store, on the go, at the park…
  - Academic links for students and families to use with aligned manipulatives.
  - Kindergarten Expectations: What our incoming students should be able to do prior to entering kindergarten.
  - Community resource contact information.
  - CASD contact information.

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Concerns or Complaints? **Process for Student Issues:** 1) Call or email the student’s teacher, still not resolved? 2) Call or email the Dean of Students (Elementary) or Assistant Principal (Middle/High) in your child’s building, still not resolved? 3) Call or email the Principal in your child’s building, still not resolved? 4) Call or email the Director of Elementary K-3/Middle 4-8/High 9-12, still not resolved? 5) Call or email the Assistant Superintendent. • Scan the QR Code for phone numbers and names of contacts in each building:				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Homecoming Football Game	10
11	12 Columbus Day Holiday Schools Closed	13	14	15	16 	17
18	19	20	21	22 End of 1st Marking Period	23 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

SIX KEY COMPONENTS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS

Organization: Mastering the "how" of school - using an agenda (planner), organizing a backpack, and breaking big projects into chunks to manage time.

Growth Mindset: Understanding that mistakes are a part of growth. Mistakes are not failures. They are opportunities for improvement.

Social Literacy: Navigating complex friendships and managing the "emotional roller coaster" with resilience, awareness, and understanding.

Self-Advocacy: Learning to ask teachers for help or clarification rather than waiting for an adult to intervene.

Consistent Routine: Having a predictable structure for sleep, home-work, and "unplugged" downtime.

Active Engagement: Finding "their people" through clubs, sports, or electives to build a sense of belonging.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Doors Open at 7:30AM

Instruction 8:00 AM - 3:00PM

Your **CAMS North** and **CAMS South** Middle School Daily **Schedule includes:**

- **4 CORE classes**
  1. Math
  2. ELA
  3. Science
  4. Social Studies
- 2 Related Art classes
- Activity Period
- Lunch
- Clubs and Activities

Both middle schools function on a **6-day** cycle, indicating which related art classes occur each day. The middle schools utilize a unified schedule, grounded in meeting both the academic and growth needs of ALL students. Teaming helps create a smaller atmosphere for students within larger buildings. Students are scheduled onto a team based on their academic needs and courses.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

One of the most powerful ways you can support your middle school student is by recognizing the importance of BEING at school. Regular school attendance, in addition to being mandated by state law, has a critical impact on a student's educational growth. Learning takes place on a daily basis. When absent, your child will miss many learning experiences that cannot be duplicated. Make school attendance a priority and ease your student's path to success.

HOME-TO-SCHOOL COLLABORATION:

Hints & Reminders

Effective communication with the school changes in these years. Students are moving from a single classroom teacher to a team of teachers.

The Goal	The Strategy
Proactivity	Don't wait for progress reports or report cards. Check the **Sapphire Portal** EACH WEEK to review grades, missing assignments, or test scores, and student performance.
Context	If something is happening at home (ex: loss, stress, major change), a brief email or phone call to the counselor can help teachers provide grace and understanding.
Teamwork	Stay connected to school. Communicate with your child's teachers. Our faculty and staff encourage a strong home-school connection to support our students. 

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3	4	5	6 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day Holiday Schools Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed	26 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed	27 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed	28
29	30 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools Closed					

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER:

- The School Messenger system will deliver a message to parents or guardians by way of an automated telephone message, text, email, and mobile app. Please be sure that your contact information is accurate by contacting your student's office building.
- The District Website - www.casdonline.org will provide current information on closings, delays or early dismissals.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @CASDNews.
- Local and regional radio and television stations will also be notified.

CASHS AND CMS

CASHS
Doors open at 7:30 AM
Instruction 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CMS
Doors open at 7:45 AM
Instruction 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM

CASD is thrilled to announce a transformative shift in our approach to college and career readiness. Starting in the 2028-2029 school year, Chambersburg Area Senior High School (CASHS) and Chambersburg Magnet School (CMS) will officially implement our new Academy Model.

What is the Academy Model?

The Academy Model allows students to choose a specialized "career home" during their high school years. By focusing on a specific field, students gain a competitive edge and a strong foundation for both the workforce and post-secondary education.

How it Works

Beginning in 10th grade, students will enroll in:

- Two Career-Specific Courses per year within their chosen academy.
- Four Core Academic Classes (Math, English, Social Studies, and Science).
- Elective Flexibility: Students will still have the opportunity to participate in beloved programs like Glee Club, JROTC, and other extracurriculars.
- Internships: Students will be completing an internship with one of our community partners

Choose Your Pathway

Our academies for grades 9-12 are strategically located across our campuses to provide the best resources for each field:

- Education
- Business & Finance
- Science & Aviation
- Computer Science
- Biomedical
- Drafting & Architecture
- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Robotics & Manufacturing



Real-World Career Experiences: Speakers, Trips, Expos, Internships









We believe this model will empower our students to turn their passions into professions.
Stay tuned for upcoming informational sessions where we will discuss enrollment details and answer your questions.



December 2026

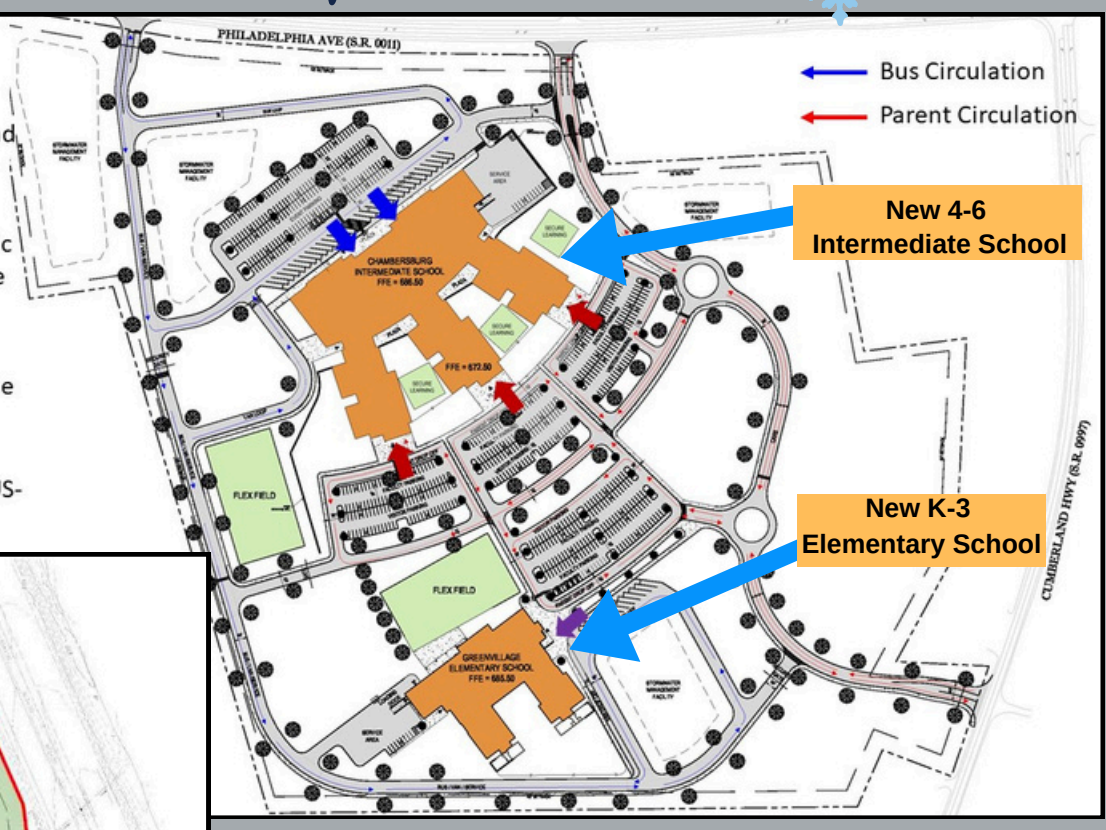
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27	28 Christmas Holiday Schools Closed	29 Christmas Holiday Schools Closed	30 Christmas Holiday Schools Closed	31 Christmas Holiday Schools Closed		

BUILDING PROJECTS

Planning for the future... Financially we have been planning for future capital expenditures through the annual budgeting process. By having a master facilities plan we are able to "right" size the district by consolidating into larger schools. We are receiving significant state funding through "adequacy" funds to minimize the impact to the local tax dollars. We have received over $10 million in reoccuring funds to date and anticipate an additional $45 million from the state. The funds are truly life changing for our students and community.

Site Plan

1. Separation of parent and bus traffic
2. Intermediate School
   1. Parents – Academic Wings (3) entrance
   2. Bus – Assembly Space entrance
3. Elementary School – one main entrance
4. PennDOT - Highway Occupancy Permit for US-11 and SR-997



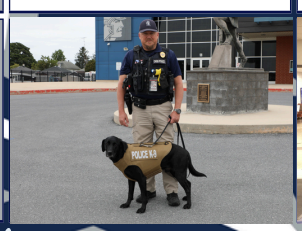


New Building Projects Timeline

May 2026 - Design Update to the Board
Fall 2026 - ACT 34 Hearing
Dec 2026/January 2027 - Approval to Release Projects for Bid
January 2027 - Review of Bids
Early 2027 - Approval of Intent to Award

Want to see more about the project updates? Scan the QR Code to the right

January 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Holiday, Schools Closed	2
3	4 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	5 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	6 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	7 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	8 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	9
10	11 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	12 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	13 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	14 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	15 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed **Keystone Exams**	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day Holiday, Schools Closed	19 End of 2nd Marking Period	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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READING BY 3RD GRADE

Staff Professional Development

PA public school code mandates evidence based Structured Literacy instruction, aimed to improve reading achievement.

All K-3 teachers will receive explicit instruction on the Science of Reading.



What I Need Now (WINN)

All students in grades 2-5 will receive WINN for 25 minutes twice daily.



WINN is similar to walk to read with targeted reading and math instruction based on thorough data analysis of all students with regular progress monitoring.



Early reading success is a strong predictor of future academic success, employment, and overall life outcomes.

Intervention Resources

There are currently 22 intervention programs available across CASD elementary schools that are vetted and updated regularly.

These resources target the five pillars of reading and are used with all students, based on their individual need, in grades K-5.

Reading proficiently by third grade is crucial, it marks a transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn".

Science of Reading

The Science of Reading, grounded in decades of research, shows direct, systematic instruction is significantly more effective than implicit approaches.



Reading must be explicitly taught focusing on five essential pillars:

1. Phonemic awareness
2. Phonics
3. Fluency
4. Vocabulary
5. Comprehension



Walk to Read (WTR)

All Kindergarten and First Grade students receive WTR daily for 40 minutes

Walk to read is targeted reading instruction based on thorough data analysis of all students with regular progress monitoring.

Students are placed in flexible groups across same grade-level classrooms during WTR time, working with teachers, specialists, and paraeducators.



ONE TROJAN COMMUNITY

February 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day Holiday Schools Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	27
28						

CASD is proud to announce that six of its schools have been recognized in the U.S. News & World Report's 2025 Best schools rankings:

2021 - 2025 CASD State Ranking Change over 5 Years out of 499 Schools

- Math Gr 3-5: +45
- Math Gr 6-8: +58
- Literature Gr 9-12: +63
- Algebra: +69
- ELA Gr 3-5: +72
- ELA Gr 6-8: +180

Chambersburg Area Middle School - South



Chambersburg Area Middle School - North



South Hamilton Elementary School



Guilford Hills Elementary School







Marion Elementary School



Hamilton Heights Elementary School

March 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9		11	12 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	13
14 	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25 End of 3rd Marking Period	26 Easter Holiday Schools Closed 	27
28 Easter Sunday 	29 Easter Holiday Schools Closed 	30	31			

PHONE: 1-844-SAF2SAY

WEBSITE: SAFE2SAYPA.ORG

SAFETY

Safe 2 Say Something is a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide anonymous reporting opportunities for students, staff, parents, and community members on issues that are related to school safety concerns. Anyone who sees or hears something suspicious, can submit an anonymous tip by calling this phone number: **1-844-723-2729**

Navigating the Mobile Age: Is your child ready?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) suggests asking if your child is "Phone Ready" by checking these behaviors:

- **Responsibility:** Do they take care of their belongings and keep track of their homework?
- **Impulse Control**: Can they follow rules about screen time and put the device away when asked?
- **Safety Awareness:** Do they understand not to talk to strangers or share personal information?

Social Media: The 13 vs. 16 Debate

While the federal COPPA law sets 13 as the minimum age for creating accounts, this is a legal threshold for data privacy, not a "safety" recommendation.

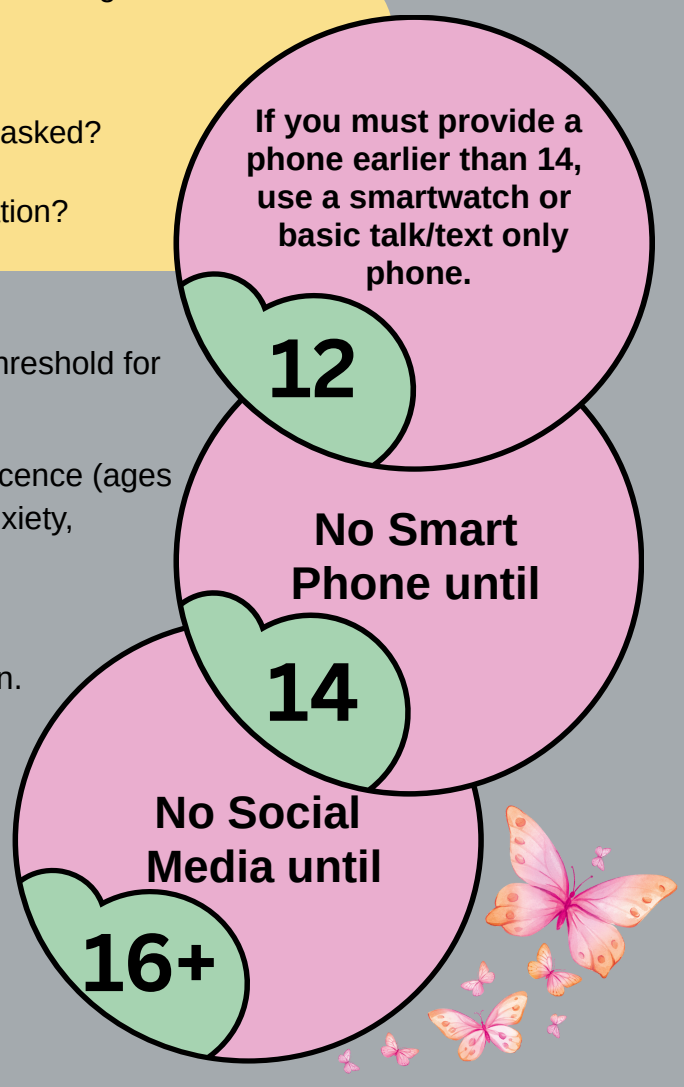
Mental Health Risks: The U.S. Surgeon General has issued advisories noting that early adolescence (ages 10–19) is a highly sensitive period for brain development. Frequent use is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and poor body image.

Public Posting: A 2025 study found that children who post publicly are twice as likely to report symptoms of depression compared to those who use devices primarily for private communication.

Best Practices for Parents

- Use a Contract: Create a written agreement that outlines when the phone must be turned off (e.g., "no phones in bedrooms after 9:00 PM").
- Gradual Access: Start with one app at a time rather than giving them full access to the entire App Store.

Model Behavior: Children are more likely to follow tech rules if they see their parents putting their own phones away during meals and family time.



APRIL 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed	17
18	19	20	21 	22 Earth Day 	23	24
25	26 **PSSA Exams** English, Language, Arts for Grades 3-8	27 **PSSA Exams** English, Language, Arts for Grades 3-8	28 **PSSA Exams** English, Language, Arts for Grades 3-8 IB Exams (PM)	29 **PSSA Exams** English, Language, Arts for Grades 3-8 IB Exams	30 **PSSA Exams** English, Language, Arts for Grades 3-8 IB Exams (AM)	

GRADUATION

As we prepare our students for success beyond the classroom, it is important to understand the standards required for graduation. To earn a diploma from the Chambersburg Area School District, students must meet two primary criteria: Credit Completion and Act 158 Pathway requirements as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

Credit Requirements (23.00 Total Credits)
Students must successfully earn 23 credits across the following disciplines:

Subject Area	Credit Units
English	4.00
Mathematics	4.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.50
Wellness & Fitness	1.00
Health	0.50
Electives	6.50
*Seminar/Finance Requirements	0.50
Total Credit	**23.00**

*Seminar/Finance Requirements:

- Class of 2027: Must complete Communications Seminar Applications (0.50 credits).
- Class of 2028 and beyond: Must complete Personal Finance Management (0.50 credits).



The spirit of "One Trojan Community" is the heartbeat of the Chambersburg Area School District. As we continue to look for ways to unite our community and celebrate the achievements of our students, we are excited to announce a significant update to our commencement traditions.

Historically, our two high school graduation ceremonies have taken place on separate nights. To better reflect our unity as a district, starting with the Class of 2027, all CASD students will graduate on the same night.

2027 Graduation Night Schedule - Friday, May 28, 2027
This unified celebration will allow families to experience the full journey of Trojan success in one evening:

- All Grades K-12 will have a half day dismissal.
- Early Evening: Chambersburg Magnet School (CMS) Commencement
- Following the CMS Ceremony: Chambersburg Area Senior High School (CASHS) Commencement

We believe that bringing these two milestone events together honors the hard work of our students and allows our entire community to come together as one.

We look forward to celebrating this new tradition with you and the Class of 2027!



Act 158 Graduation Pathways
In addition to earning 23 credits, Pennsylvania law requires students to demonstrate college and career readiness through one of five "Pathways." Our guidance team works closely with every student to determine which pathway best fits their strengths and future goals:

- Keystone Proficiency Pathway: Scoring "Proficient" or "Advanced" on all three Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Literature, and Biology).
- Keystone Composite Pathway: Achieving a combined composite score across all three exams that meets the state-defined threshold.
- CTE Pathway: Successful completion of a Career and Technical Education program and industry-based competency certification.
- Alternative Assessment Pathway: Achieving specific scores on alternative tests such as the SAT, ACT, or ASVAB, or successful completion of concurrent enrollment courses.
- Evidence-Based Pathway: Providing three pieces of evidence (such as a 4-year college acceptance letter, industry-recognized credentials, or service-learning projects) that demonstrate readiness.
- We are committed to supporting every student as they navigate these requirements.

If you have questions regarding your student's specific progress, please contact their school counselor.

MAY 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7	3 **PSSA Exams** Math, Science, & Make-Ups for Grades 3-8 IB Exams (PM)	4 **PSSA Exams** Math, Science, & Make-Ups for Grades 3-8 IB & AP Exams	5 **PSSA Exams** Math, Science, & Make-Ups for Grades 3-8 IB & AP Exams	6 **PSSA Exams** Math, Science, & Make-Ups for Grades 3-8 IB & AP Exams	7 **PSSA Exams** Math, Science, & Make-Ups for Grades 3-8 IB (AM) & AP Exams	8 AP Exams
9 Mother's Day	10 IB Exams (PM)	11 IB (AM) & AP Exams	12 IB (PM) & AP Exams	13 IB & AP Exams	14 Staff In-Service/ Parent Communication/ Schools Closed IB & AP Exams	15 AP Exams
16	17 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	18 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature AP Exams Late Testing	19 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature AP Exams Late Testing	20 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature AP Exams Late Testing	21 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature AP Exams Late Testing	22 AP Exams Late Testing
23	24 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	25 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	26 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	27 **Keystone Exams** Algebra I, Biology, Literature	28 Graduation - CMS and CASHS, Half Day PM Dismissal	29
30	31 Memorial Day, Schools Closed					

TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM

Chambersburg AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher Preparation Program

What is a Community-Based Teacher Preparation Program?	Grow Your Own or Community-Based Teacher Preparation Programs are designed to address teacher shortages by developing educators from within the community. These programs actively recruit individuals who are already invested in the local schools and community, providing them with the necessary support and training to become certified teachers.
Why is a Community-Based Teacher Preparation Program needed?	Grow Your Own teacher programs are increasingly vital for school districts today due to several converging factors. First, we face a persistent and widening teacher shortage, particularly in critical core content areas such as Math, Science and Technology as well as programs such as special education and ESL. Second, these programs often attract individuals who are deeply rooted in the local community, leading to stronger student-teacher connections and a teaching workforce that mirrors the backgrounds of the students they serve. Third, Grow Your Own programs can be more cost-effective than traditional teacher recruitment methods.
Who is eligible for the Community-Based Teacher Preparation Program?	• Prospective staff members with a bachelor's degree • Paraprofessionals • Teaching assistants • CASD high school students

High School Coursework

1. **Dual Credit**
   15-21 Credits Est. $325 Per Course (5+ Courses)
   Teacher Prep Coursework grades 10-12
   College In H.S./Dual Enrollment
2. **Under Grad Coursework**
   100+ Credits Est. $500 Per Credit

OR

2. **CASD TA position concurrent w/college coursework ****
   100+ Credits Est. $500 Per Credit
3. **Certification Exams**
   Praxis Core Approx. $90
   Praxis Subject Specific Approx. $150
   Clearances
   PA Child Abuse - $13.00
   PA Criminal History - $22.00
   FBI -$25.25

Para/TA

1. **Under Grad Coursework ****
   Various University Options
2. **Certification Exams**
   Praxis Core Approx. $90
   Praxis Subject Specific Approx. $150
   Clearances
   PA Child Abuse - $13.00
   PA Criminal History - $22.00
   FBI -$25.25

Bachelors

1. **Emergency Certification**
2. **Graduate Coursework ***
   Teacher Certification Program Wilson College
3. **Certification Exams**
   Praxis Core Approx. $90
   Praxis Subject Specific Approx. $150
   Clearances
   PA Child Abuse - $13.00
   PA Criminal History - $22.00
   FBI -$25.25

Teacher Certification

*CAEA Reimbursement
**CAESPA Reimbursement
Please check university websites and ETS websites for most up to date pricing information.

ONE TROJAN COMMUNITY

JUNE 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Tentative last day of school, Half day PM dismissal, End of 4th marking period	2 Snow Make-Up Day 1	3 Snow Make-Up Day 2	4 Snow Make-Up Day 3	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH
20 Father's Day	21 Hello Summer	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Chambersburg Area School District — 3-Year Dashboard

Legend: Exceeds State Avg. | Meets State Avg. | Below State Avg.

Chambersburg High School Graduates (CASHS & CMS)

	22-23	23-24	24-25
On Time Graduation	81%	87%	87%
Attendance	66%	73%	73%
Rigorous Courses	49%	43%	49%
Career Certifications	45%	54%	38%
College Credits			

High School Exam Performance

Keystone Exam Proficiency

	22-23	23-24	24-25
Alg	37%	37%	33%
Bio	44%	45%	44%
Lit	53%	66%	52%

AP- Advanced Placement

	22-23	23-24	24-25
# of Seats in Courses	558	748	841
# of Students taking Exams	243	270	233
Pass Rates	56%	72%	76%

IB-International Baccalaureate

	22-23	23-24	24-25
# of Seats in Courses	217	286	273
# of Diploma Program Students	15	17	15
IB Pass Rates	82%	70%	51%

Financial Literacy

Class of 2028

9th Grade Passing Rate	22-23	23-24	24-25
	85%	82%	86%

Work Experience

	22-23	23-24	24-25
	25%	16%	12%

3 Year Key Performance Indicators

Grade		Reading 22-23	Reading 23-24	Reading 24-25	Math 22-23	Math 23-24	Math 24-25	Science 22-23	Science 23-24	Science 24-25
8	Proficient							62%	64%	New Field Test
7	Exceed Growth		32%	51%		37%	48%			
5	Proficient	52%	52%	46%	39%	40%	38%			
4	Proficient							75%	78%	New Field Test
3	Proficient	46%	47%	40%	49%	44%	46%			
K	Ready		22%	20%		54%	52%			

Legend: Exceeds State Avg. | Meets State Avg. | Below State Avg.

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Process for Student Issues/ Concerns:

1. Call or email the student's teacher, still not resolved?
2. Call or email the Dean of Students (Elementary) or Assistant Principal (Middle/High) in your child's building, still not resolved?
3. Call or email the Principal in your child's building, still not resolved?
4. Call or email the Director of Elementary K-3 or Middle 4-8 or High 9-12, still not resolved?
5. Call or email the Assistant Superintendent.

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Lissett Jones, Assistant Principal
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Jennifer Drake, Principal
David Mosher, Assistant Principal
Jaime Vinglas, Assistant Principal

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1151 East McKinley Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201
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Scott Schoenberger, Assistant Principal

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Michael Baum, Dean of Students



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Chambersburg AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

BOARD APPROVED 6-24-25

AUGUST 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

(8 student days)

14 Staff In-Service/Room Prep
17-18 Staff In-Service Days
19 First Day for Students
28 Staff In-Service/PTC

SEPTEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(20 student days)

07 Labor Day Holiday
18 Staff In-Service/PTC

OCTOBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

(20 student days)

12 Columbus Day Holiday
22 End of 1st Marking Period
23 Staff In-Service/PTC

NOVEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

(15 student days)

06 Staff In-Service/PTC
11 Veterans Day Holiday
25-30 Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

(13 student days)

11 Staff In-Service/PTC
21-31 Christmas Holiday

JANUARY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

(18 student days)

01 New Year's Holiday
15 Staff In-Service/PTC
18 MLK Day Holiday
19 End of 2nd Marking Period

FEBRUARY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

(17 student days)

05 Staff In-Service/PTC
15 Presidents Day Holiday
26 Staff In-Service/PTC

MARCH 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

(20 student days)

12 Staff In-Service/PTC
25 End of 3rd Marking Period
26-29 Easter Holiday

APRIL 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

(21 student days)

16 Staff In-Service/PTC

MAY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

(19 student days)

14 Staff In-Service/PTC
28 Graduation-CMS & CASHS, Half Day Dismissal
31 Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(1 student day)

01 Tentative Last Day of School, Half Day Dismissal, end of 4th Marking Period
02 Snow Day 1
03 Snow Day 2
04 Snow Day 3

KEY

- First Day for Students
- Staff in-Service, Parent/ Teacher Conferences (PTC) with opportunities for Student Activities/Interventions
- Holiday, Schools Closed
- End of Marking Periods
- Graduation-CMS & CASHS, Half Day Dismissal
- Last Day for Students, Half Day Dismissal
- Snow Days

ACCESS/PSSA/KEYSTONE EXAM SCHEDULE

ACCESS for English Language Learners - January-February 2027 TBD
PSSA - English Language Arts April 26-30, 2027 Grades 3-8
PSSA - Mathematics, Science & Make ups - May 3-7, 2027, Grades 3-8
Keystone Exams - Algebra I, Biology, Literature - Jan. 4-15, 2027
Keystone Exams - Algebra I, Biology, Literature - May 17-28, 2027



The Walk to Read (WTR) Program recently won the Exemplary Program Award from Shippensburg University School Study Council.

L - R: Christopher Bigger, Superintendent; Lindsay Breslin, Supervisor of Reading; Andrew Nelson, Director of Grades K-3 Education

Education Exchange

Tune into "The Education Exchange," a series on Trojan Radio 92.7 WEMR featuring Superintendent, Chris Bigger! The Chambersburg Area School District is bringing you weekly Q&A segments and in-depth podcast episodes designed to keep you informed.

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