



COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CONNECT

AUGUST 2026



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Aimee Kirsch, *Superintendent*

As a new school year begins, there is a renewed sense of excitement and possibility throughout Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. Every school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve, and I am grateful to begin this journey alongside our students, families, staff, and community.

Our success is built on strong partnerships. Whether you are sending a child to school each morning, teaching in our classrooms, supporting our schools from home, or cheering on our students at events, your investment helps make Copley-Fairlawn an exceptional place to learn and lead. Together, we remain committed to our vision of *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow* by ensuring every student is known, valued, supported, and prepared to succeed.

As we look ahead to another outstanding year, I am excited to welcome several exceptional leaders to our district. Their experience, passion for education, and commitment to students and families will strengthen our schools and continue the tradition of excellence that defines Copley-Fairlawn. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lindsay Slater as Assistant Superintendent, Danielle Terlonge as Principal of Fort Island Primary School, and Trisha Snowden as Principal of Herberich Primary School.

We are also proud to celebrate the growth of our own leadership team with Dylan Ruff as Principal of Copley High School, Lisa McFedries as Assistant Principal at Copley High School, and William Kerrigan, who returns from retirement, as Dean of Students at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. Together with our outstanding teachers and staff, these leaders will continue building on our strong tradition while bringing fresh ideas that benefit our students, families, and community.

Learning extends far beyond the classroom. From athletic fields and performing arts stages to community events and

service opportunities, this school year will provide countless ways for students to learn, connect, and grow. I encourage you to stay involved by attending school activities, volunteering, celebrating student accomplishments, and partnering with us throughout the year.

As we begin this school year, I encourage each of us to take time to reflect on the difference we can make in the life of a child. A kind word, an encouraging conversation, a lesson taught, or a moment of support can leave a lasting impact. When each of us commits to making that difference, we create schools where every student is known, valued, and inspired to learn today and lead tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. It is truly an honor to serve as your Superintendent. I look forward to partnering with you as we make the 2026-2027 school year one filled with learning, growth, and opportunities for every student to thrive.

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Aimee Kirsch, Superintendent
Copley-Fairlawn City Schools



DISTRICT PRIORITIES

1. Engage in exceptional teaching through data-driven, research-based practices that lead to remarkable learning.

2. Understand and enforce expectations for behavior to ensure safety and security for the school community.

3. Foster relationships with an awareness that all people have different backgrounds, experiences, and needs.

4. Engage in transparent, frequent, and consistent communication with all stakeholders.

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CONNECT WITH US!

Facilities Update

Summer is always a busy season in Copley-Fairlawn City Schools, as our maintenance and operations teams work behind the scenes to prepare our buildings and grounds for another successful school year. Their efforts help ensure our students and staff return to clean, safe, and welcoming learning environments each August.

This summer, projects across the district included:

- Routine maintenance, deep cleaning, and fresh painting throughout our buildings
- Parking lot expansion and resurfacing projects
- New and refreshed landscaping at several campuses
- Construction of a new restroom and storage facility near the tennis courts and athletic fields at Copley High School

Our commitment to improving district facilities continues beyond the summer months. This fall, work will begin on a renovation of the Copley High School Natatorium/Main Gym entrance. The updated entrance will complement the design of the high school's main entrance while providing a more visible, welcoming, and functional entry for spectators attending athletic events and community activities.

We are also excited to share that the design for the new Copley-Fairlawn Middle School band room has been finalized. This project will create a dedicated, safe, and modern learning space for our middle school instrumental music students and their directors. We anticipate breaking ground before the end of the calendar year and look forward to sharing updates as construction progresses.

Thank you to our maintenance, custodial, and grounds crews for the tremendous work they do each summer to care for our facilities and create spaces where students can learn, perform, compete, and thrive.



KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN

Do you have a child ready to start kindergarten for the 2026–2027 school year, or is your family new to our district? We are excited to welcome you and cannot wait to meet our newest learners!

To enroll in kindergarten in the Copley-Fairlawn City School District, children must be five years old on or before August 19, 2026.

To get started, visit: www.copley-fairlawn.org/registration

We look forward to welcoming your family and beginning this exciting journey together!

TRANSPORTATION

Have You Opted In?

Beginning this school year, Copley-Fairlawn City Schools has implemented a new annual Transportation Opt-In process.

While all eligible students continue to have access to district transportation, families must complete the Transportation Opt-In Form each year for every student who plans to ride the bus. This includes both returning and new student riders.

Scan the QR code or visit copley-fairlawn.org/optin to opt-in for transportation services.



Show Your Blue & Gold Pride!

Help us celebrate our Copley-Fairlawn community by participating in our District Spirit Days throughout the school year!

Wear your favorite blue and gold and join students, staff, and families in showing your district pride on these special Fridays:

- **October 16**
- **December 11**
- **March 12**
- **May 21**

Whether you're in our schools, at work, or around town, we hope you'll join us in celebrating what it means to be part of the Copley-Fairlawn family!



Have a great moment to showcase on our district's social media?

Send it our way!

Submit your story here to be featured on the CFCS social media pages:

www.copley-fairlawn.org/photosubmission

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 19

First Day of School, Grades 1-12

AUGUST 24

First Day of Kindergarten (A-L)

AUGUST 25

First Day of Kindergarten (M-Z)

AUGUST 26

All Kindergarten Students

SEPTEMBER 7

No School, Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 15

Board of Education Meeting
5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18

Homecoming Football Game
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 9

No School, NEOEA Day

OCTOBER 12

No School, Professional
Development Day

OCTOBER 16

District Spirit Day
End of First Grading Period

OCTOBER 20

Board of Education Meeting
5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3

No School, Professional
Development Day

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 17

Board of Education Meeting
5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26-30

No School, Thanksgiving Break



NEW! ParentSquare Coming This August

We're excited to introduce ParentSquare, Copley-Fairlawn City Schools' new districtwide communication platform. Beginning in early August, parents and guardians will receive an invitation to activate their ParentSquare account.

ParentSquare will become our primary communication tool, making it easier than ever to receive school announcements, classroom updates, reminders, and important district information - all in one place.

Not currently a parent or guardian but interested in staying connected with district news? Community member access is coming soon! We'll share additional information later this fall about how residents, alumni, and other supporters can sign up to receive district updates.



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the District
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LEARNING *Today,*
LEADING *Tomorrow*

C BACK TO SCHOOL 2026-2027

First day of school Aug. 19
(GRADES 1-12)

Orientation Dates



CFMS 5th Grade Orientation

Aug. 14 | 8:00 a.m

CHS Freshmen & New Student Orientation

Aug. 18 | 3:00 p.m

Open House Dates

CFMS 5th Grade

Aug. 17 | 3:30 p.m

Kindergarten

Aug. 17 | 4:00 p.m



CHS

Aug. 18 | 3:00 p.m

CFMS 6th-8th Grade

Aug. 18 | 3:30 p.m

1st-4th Grade

Aug. 18 | 4:00 p.m

Start Dates

Students' First Day (Grades 1-12)

Aug. 19

Kindergarten First Day (Last Names M-Z)

Aug. 25

Kindergarten First Day (Last Names A-L)

Aug. 24

All Kindergarten Students

Aug. 26

Kindergarten families - be on the lookout for communication regarding appointments for the KRA assessment August 19-21!

Schedules & Classroom Assignments

Copley-Fairlawn Middle School

Schedules posted in ProgressBook the week of August 10th

Copley High School

Schedules posted in ProgressBook the week of August 10th

Classroom Assignment

Primary classroom assignments emailed the week of August 10th



Transportation



Details on individualized student stop times and locations will be emailed to parents/guardians on August 1, 2026. If you do not receive an email by August 3, 2026, please check your spam folder before calling the Transportation Department at 330-664-4878.

Scan the QR code or visit

copley-fairlawn.org/optin to opt-in for transportation services.



Supply Lists



Visit copley-fairlawn.org/supplylists to find school supply lists for the middle school and primary buildings. Any items required for the high school will be communicated by the teacher of each individual course.

Required Forms

Annual Student Information Update

Parents will receive an email during the first week of August with a link to complete the required Annual Student Information Update, including updating their student's Emergency Medical Information.



PaySchools Central

Set up lunch accounts and apply for free or reduced meal programs at

NEW! Parent Square

During the first week of August, parents will receive an invitation to join ParentSquare, the district's new communication platform replacing Remind.

Athletics

Student-Athletes

Complete registration paperwork at

copleyathletics.org/final-forms.

Let's go, COPLEY!

Fans

Purchase season passes to support your Indians at

copleyathletics.org/events/passes.

School Phone Numbers



Copley High School

330-664-4822

Copley-Fairlawn Middle School

330-664-4875

Arrowhead Primary School

330-664-4885

Fort Island Primary School

330-664-4890

Herberich Primary School

330-664-4991

Transportation Department

330-664-4878

Registration

330-664-4800

For more district events and important dates, visit the online calendar at:
www.copley-fairlawn.org/calendar

Copley-Fairlawn City Schools | 2026-2027 Calendar

- 17** Teacher First Day (Convocation)
- 18** Teacher Work Day
- 19** Students' First Day (Grades 1-12)
- 24** Kindergarten (A-L)
- 25** Kindergarten (M-Z)
- 26** All Kindergarten

AUGUST 2026

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17*	18*	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER 2026

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7*	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

- 7** No School - Labor Day

OCTOBER 2026

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9*
12*	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

- 9** No School - NEOEA Day
- 12** No School - Prof. Dev. Day
- 16** End of First Grading Period

NOVEMBER 2026

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3*	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26*	27*
30*				

- 3** No School - Prof. Dev. Day
- 26-27** No School - Fall Break
- 30** No School - Conference Comp. Day

DECEMBER 2026

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21*	22*	23*	24*	25*
28*	29*	30*	31*	

- 18** End of Second Grading Period
- 21-31** No School - Winter Break

JANUARY 2027

M	T	W	TH	F
				1*
4*	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18*	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

- 1** No School - Winter Break
- 4** No School - Teacher Work Day
- 18** No School - MLK Day

FEBRUARY 2027

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15*	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

- 15** No School - Presidents' Day

MARCH 2027

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8*	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26*
29*	30*	31*		

- 8** No School - Prof. Dev. Day
- 12** End of Third Grading Period
- 26** No School - Conf. Comp Day
- 29-31** No School - Spring Break

APRIL 2027

M	T	W	TH	F
			1*	2*
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

- 2** No School - Spring Break

MAY 2027

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27*	

- TBD** Commencement
- 26** End of Fourth Grading Period (Students' Last Day)
- 27** Teachers' Last Day

1st Quarter 2nd Quarter

3rd Quarter 4th Quarter

Parent Conferences

10/1/2026 Elementary/Middle School/High School
 10/15/2026 Elementary/Middle School
 11/5/2026 Elementary/Middle School/High School
 2/4/2027 Elementary/Middle School/High School
 2/11/2027 High School

School Start Times

High School 7:25 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.
 Middle School 8:05 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
 Primary 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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 CF Middle School 330-664-4875
 Arrowhead Primary 330-664-4885
 Fort Island Primary 330-664-4890
 Herberich Primary 330-664-4991
 Transportation 330-664-4820



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