



P.S. DUPONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear P.S. duPont Middle School Families,

August 6, 2026

As we prepare for the start of another school year, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students and families. We hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Whether you are returning to P.S. duPont or joining us for the first time, we are confident you will find a safe, supportive, and positive learning environment where students are challenged to grow, and families are valued as essential partners in education.

Our staff has been hard at work throughout the summer preparing for a successful start to the school year. This year, we will continue to emphasize research-based instruction and critical thinking across all classrooms. Students and families will use **Infinite Campus and Schoology** as our primary learning management platforms, while **Google Workspace** for Education and **innovative technology** will be integrated into daily instruction across a variety of subject areas.

We are also committed to supporting the **whole child**. Through our **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**, students will receive high-quality academic instruction, targeted interventions as needed, and opportunities to develop the social and emotional skills essential for success in school and beyond.

At P.S. duPont, learning extends far beyond the classroom. We offer a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, including athletics, student council, clubs, visual and performing arts, and many other activities. We encourage every student to explore their interests, discover new passions, and become an active member of our school community.

We look forward to an amazing year of learning, growth, and partnership with our students and families. Together, we will make this school year a rewarding and successful experience for every child.

Welcome back, and let's make it a great year!

Welcome to PS Student Kick-off Event

You are invited to meet with our staff on **Thursday, August 20, 2026**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Students can meet staff, pick up their school schedule, and learn about after-school sports and clubs.

P.S. duPont Open House Program

Each year, to ensure that everyone has a great start to the school year, we welcome our families to our Open House Program. **Our Open House Program is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

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The purpose of our open house program is to provide families with an opportunity to meet teachers and to receive course expectations and class guidelines (more details to follow).

The following pages were compiled to remind you of important information and policies we will address throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email or phone. You'll find our telephone numbers and email addresses within these pages. We are here to help your child have a great experience at P.S. duPont. Our staff is committed to **Motivating, Educating, and inspiring all students to achieve their personal best** in a rigorous atmosphere filled with first-rate learning opportunities.

Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Sincerely,

Llewellyn A. Small

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Principal
P.S. DuPont Middle School

Motivate, Educate, and Inspire

The first day of school for Sixth Grade Students is WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

The first day of school for all students is THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

School Calendar

Please see the attached **School District Calendar** for the 2026-2027 school year. Our **P.S. duPont Middle School Calendar is located on the P.S. duPont Middle School Website and is updated** throughout the year. This is an excellent resource to stay up to date on meetings, building events, holidays, etc.



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Arrival & Dismissal

P.S. duPont Middle School Operating Hours:

Standard School Hours - 7:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Standard Dismissal - 2:50 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

One-Hour Delay

One-hour Delay Hours - 8:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**Dismissal Same as Above*

Two-Hour Delay

Two-hour Delay Hours - 9:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**Dismissal Same as Above*

Arrival

The front of the Building drop-off in the “horseshoe” will be reserved for car riders who will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Walkers who will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria will also enter through the front entrance adjacent to the “horseshoe.” Car riders who wish to eat breakfast are to be dropped off at the rear of the building in the drop-off zone. **Designated staff will admit students 5 minutes early for those car riders who want breakfast.**

*We are asking that your student ***remain in your vehicle*** until directed to exit by designated staff in the breakfast drop-off zone only. Please refer to the diagram below:



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Parents are asked to follow the directions of the administrator or staff designee during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. To ensure the safety of every student, we ask that parents/guardians refrain from dropping students off along 34th Street and on the Monroe Street side of the building in the mornings.

Walkers

Many students at P.S. duPont walk to school. We ask that all walkers use the sidewalk coming to school or going home at the end of the day. Also, we ask that students use the crosswalk at the corner of 34th and Monroe or the crosswalk on the Monroe side of the building. **Crossing guards are stationed in both areas to safely guide the students to the building. Please note that all external doors will be locked promptly at 8:05 am. After this point, students will need to check in through the main office to receive a late pass to class.**

The Brandywine School District Code of Conduct applies to students when walking to and from school. We ask that students always be mindful of their language and behavior when walking through our neighborhoods. Please remember that students want to positively represent themselves, their families, and the school at all times.

Bus-Riders

The P.S. duPont buses arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. Bus riders will be dropped off in the parking lot at the rear of the building. Students exit the bus at 7:55 a.m. to enter the building. The Brandywine School District Code of Conduct applies on school buses and at all bus stops. It is important to remember that the bus drivers are in complete charge of the students on their buses, and their instructions must be followed at all times.

Morning Routines

P.S. duPont Middle School has a **Universal Breakfast Program** that provides all students with a free breakfast. Students who would like breakfast should report to the cafeteria before 8:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:05 a.m. must first report to the main office to obtain a late-to-school pass before receiving breakfast from one of our breakfast carts, if they would like to eat breakfast.

Dismissal

P.S. duPont students are dismissed at 2:50 p.m. each day. At that time, any students participating in an after-school program, club, or sport are expected to report to the designated area/staff member. If a student has after-school detention, they should report directly to the designated area. Students will be monitored in the designated area by an administrator or staff member. Any related schedule adjustments or cancellations will be communicated during the morning and afternoon announcements.

Only students who are working with a staff member or are participating in an activity/sport are permitted to stay after school. All other students are expected to leave the school property promptly at dismissal (2:50 p.m.) and be off the property by 3:00 p.m.

Attending Sporting Events: To watch a sporting event, students must leave the school grounds and return with a parent or guardian. The parent/guardian must remain at the event with the student.



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Activity Bus: Students are not allowed to leave school grounds and return to take the after-school bus at 4:30 p.m. A student must present a bus pass before boarding the 4:30 p.m. activity bus. Bus passes can only be obtained from a staff member or the main office.

Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

To ensure a safe, distraction-free learning environment, all students will secure their cell phones in a [Yondr](#) pouch upon entering the building each morning. The Yondr Program uses a simple, secure pouch to store phones.

Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 27 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment. We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and student mental health improve drastically when students are fully present with their teachers and classmates.

In an annual survey of over 1,200 schools that implemented the Yondr Program:

- **86% saw a positive impact on student safety and wellness**
- **84% saw a positive change in student engagement**
- **72% saw a positive change in student behavior**
- **68% saw a positive change in academic performance**

Dress to Impress!

PS DuPont Middle School follows the Student Dress Code located in the Brandywine School District Code of Student Conduct. In addition to the Secondary Dress Code, PS requires specific, school-based restrictions to support student safety.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE (STUDENT DRESS CODE)

Philosophical Basis

The goal of the Brandywine School District is to create a positive learning environment in which all students are afforded the opportunity to learn in a distraction- and disruption-free setting. To support this environment, the following student dress conditions are in effect in all schools across the District. Please note that items of clothing not specifically covered in the list below may be prohibited at the discretion of the building and/or District administration. The building and District administration commit to the equitable application of the student dress code for all students. Students who violate the dress code will be required to change into clothing that meets the school's expectations. Students must adhere to the following guidelines in school and at school-sponsored events.

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Middle & High School

Brandywine School District has established common expectations of student dress. We believe in promoting an appropriate, safe, and academic learning environment. Student clothing must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Students must adhere to the following guidelines in school and at school-sponsored events.

- All shirts must cover shoulders, chest, and midriff.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist (pajamas are prohibited).
- The length of skirts, skorts, and shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length.
- Heavy, bulky jackets or overcoats should be placed in lockers.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Clothing with inappropriate, suggestive, or derogatory pictures or phrases may not be worn.
- Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments may not be visible.
- No headwear is to be worn in the building during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, hats, bandanas, scarves, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head coverings, including hoods.
- Clothing with holes or ripped in areas above mid-thigh is not permitted unless there is a layer of clothing under the frayed item.
- Students wearing jewelry or accessories that may be considered unsafe or inappropriate to the learning environment may be subject to review by the administration.
- Any other garments or accessories that would be a distraction to an orderly educational process are prohibited.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the dress codes above will be made on a case-by-case basis in order to accommodate bona fide religious beliefs and special health conditions:

- Building Administrators at each school shall have the discretion to designate "School Spirit Days" and other special dress days. Examples of such days include, but are not limited to, favorite jersey days, hat days, and other special theme days, etc.
- Specific dress requirements may be assigned to students participating in technical labs or other classes or activities that necessitate the wearing of specific clothing to maintain the health and safety of students and others. These class- or activity-specific dress requirements will be established by Building Administrators in conjunction with classroom teachers and delineated in the class, lab, or activity syllabus. Failure of a student to abide by these health and safety dress requirements may result in the student's inability to participate in that class, lab, or activity.



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From the Nurse's Office

Albuterol and epinephrine are the only two medications that a student may carry on their person.

If your child carries albuterol or epinephrine, they require an action plan and medication permission form to be on file.

You can obtain the action plan from your doctor and the medication permission form from the school nurse.

All other medications must be brought to school by an adult in the original pharmacy container.

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