



Parkway School in a Nutshell

MAIN OFFICE: (609) 538-9800, ext. 5100

NURSE: (609) 538-9800, ext. 5125

Mission and Values: Our mission is to foster an inclusive and supportive learning environment where diversity, equity, and inclusion are prioritized throughout the year. We are committed to ensuring that all students feel respected and celebrated for their unique backgrounds and perspectives.

Be Respectful: Treat others with kindness and consideration

Be Responsible: Take ownership of your actions

Be Resourceful: Think creatively to overcome challenges

Be Ready to Learn: Come to school prepared and eager to engage in the learning process

Attendance: We strive to create a welcoming and engaging environment where students are eager to learn every day. Our goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive. Please help us by ensuring your child attends school daily, on time, and ready to learn.

Absences: Call (609) 538-9800, ext. 5100 to report an absence by 9:15 AM. Please also send a note to school with your child when he/she returns, stating the reason for his/her absence. If you visited a doctor's office, a note from the doctor will "excuse" the absence.

Late to School: 8:45 AM – The bell rings and students are welcomed by Parkway School staff. After 9:05, students are considered tardy and must be escorted into the building, at Door 1, by a parent/guardian.

Morning Arrival: 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Morning Drop-off - Please enter the drop-off circle in front of Parkway School and remain in a single line so that your child can safely exit the vehicle at the curb. For the safety of all students, please wait for the cars ahead of you to move before pulling away and do not pass other vehicles in the drop-off area until it is safe. If you would like to walk your child to the entrance, please park in an available parking space before exiting your vehicle.

6:30 AM - Before School Program (Run by Champions) - Students must be registered. To register, please visit: www.discoverchampions.com, click "Enroll Now" to begin the process or visit the district website.

8:00 AM – Breakfast Program Begins- Students must enter into the building using Door 7 on McCarthy Drive. Any child can participate in the Breakfast Program, but he/she must purchase breakfast. A student who receives free/reduced lunch will qualify for free/reduced breakfast as well.

Afternoon Dismissal

Car Pick-up: Please place the placard provided on your dashboard. This will allow a Parkway staff member to call for your child as you pull into the lot. Enter the driveway and pull into the loop in front of Parkway School. Please remain in your car. For the safety of all students, please wait for the cars ahead of you to move before pulling away and do not pass other vehicles in the drop-off area until it is safe. If you prefer, you may park in an available parking space, exit your vehicle, and pick up your child directly from their teacher.

Walker Pick-up: Please meet students in Kindergarten in the back of the building, Grade 1 on the side of the building at door 18, Grade 2 on the side of the building at door 20. Meet students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 in the front of the building.

Changes to Dismissal Procedures: If there is a change in your child's dismissal plan for the day, you must provide a note, an email or call the main office BEFORE 12:00 PM.

Champions After School Program (ASP): If you are in need of childcare after 3:40PM, please visit: www.discoverchampions.com, click "Enroll Now" to begin the process or visit the district website under "before and after care program" for information.

Delayed Opening/ Emergency Closing: You will receive a School Messenger Instant Alert, so please keep your Instant Alert information updated. The Ewing Public Schools and Parkway School websites are updated as well. Delayed Opening: School will start at 10:30 AM. Buses will come 90 minutes late.

Communication Channels: Parents are responsible for updating Instant Alert contact information and message settings. School information is also posted on our school ClassDojo page.

Lunch Account: We have a new food service provider this school year, Maschio's Food Services. Please visit the district website under Food Services for menus, directions to pre-pay for lunch and to apply for free or reduced meals. If you have questions while filling out the application please contact Rachel Gilbert at rgilbert@ewingboe.org

Birthday Treats: We prioritize healthy eating to support our students' overall well-being. To align with our health and wellness initiatives, we do not allow cupcakes or candy to be shared on students' birthdays. Instead, we suggest non-food items such as pencils, stickers, playdoh, or small toys.

Resources & Support: Our school counselors are available to provide individual and group counseling, support with academic challenges, and assistance with social and emotional development. Students can request to see the counselor, or parents can contact the counselor directly to set up an appointment. Mrs. Donato ext.5110 and Mr. Unger ext.6110

Lost & Found: To help keep track of your child's belongings, we have a Lost and Found area located in the cafeteria. To ensure items can be returned quickly, please label all clothing and other items with your child's name. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each month.

Parent Involvement: Strong parent involvement is key to a thriving school community. We invite you to join our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to make a positive impact on your child's education and school experience. Parkway.PTA@yahoo.com

Safety & Security:

- We conduct regular fire and security drills to prepare students and staff for emergency situations.
- Only parent-authorized contacts may pick up a student from school. This ensures that your child is always in safe hands.
- Please be prepared to show a photo ID when picking up your child. While this may be inconvenient, it is for your child's safety, so we thank you for understanding and cooperation.