

My name is Emily Broach  
and I am your school  
secretary! Call me at  
205-652-3848 :)



Welcome

# BACK TO SCHOOL

Don't forget to bring your backpack, water  
bottle, lunch box, and your biggest smile. We  
can't wait to see you on the first day of school!

First Day of School  
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

## Hours of Operation

UCS Lyon Campus

7:15 am - Students may arrive on campus

7:15-7:45 am - Breakfast served

7:25 am - Students travel to class

7:45-3:00 pm - School Day (M/T/Th/F)

7:45-1:00 pm School Day (Wednesday)

3:00 pm Dismissal/1:00 pm on Wednesdays

\*please refrain from checking your child(ren) out after 2:30 pm (M/T/TH/F) and after 12:30 pm (Wednesdays)

Need anything? Contact your principal, Mrs. Dunn: [mdunn@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:mdunn@universitycharterschool.org)

Meet Your PreK-3rd Grade Principal  
Mrs. Dunn

"My door is ALWAYS open and I welcome your input. Please contact me via email or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!"



Need Support?



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Assistant Principal



Lisa McHugh  
SPED Director & 504 Coordinator



Cherie Meadows  
Counselor



Shannon Bryant  
School Nurse



Nick Dagostino  
CMI Math Coach



Carla Egbert  
ARI Reading Specialist



Whitney Mosley  
EL



Janice Watt  
Cornerstone



Jessie Johnson  
Gifted

# 2026-2027 School Calendar and Vacation Guide

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## 2026-2027 School Calendar

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| August 3-11  | Pre-Planning for Teachers    |
| Aug 12       | First Day for Students       |
| Sept 7       | Labor Day Holiday            |
| Sept 18      | Homecoming (Early Release)   |
| Oct 12-13    | Fall Break                   |
| November 11  | Veterans' Day Holiday        |
| Nov 23-27    | Thanksgiving Break           |
| Dec 16-18    | Exams & Early Release        |
| Dec 21-Jan 3 | Christmas & New Year's Break |
| Jan 5        | Teachers & Staff Workday     |
| Jan 6        | Students Return              |
| Jan 18       | M.L. King Holiday            |
| Feb 15       | President's Day              |
| Mar 29-Apr 2 | Spring Break                 |
| April 23     | Student E-Learning Day       |
| May 14       | UCS Graduation               |
| May 19-21    | Final Exams & Early Release  |
| May 21       | Last Day for Students        |
| May 21       | Last Day for Teachers        |

| Student Instructional Day          | Student Days | Teacher Days |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Student E-Learning Day             | 83           | 90           |
| Teacher/Student Holiday            | 92           | 93           |
| Teacher Pre-Planning (no students) |              |              |
| Teacher Work Day (no students)     |              |              |
| Students Dismiss @1 PM/ Teacher PD |              |              |
| <b>Total:</b>                      | <b>175</b>   | <b>183</b>   |
| Academic Year Holidays: 27         |              |              |

- Mini Fall Break
- Full Thanksgiving & Christmas Break
- Full Spring Break
- Note Early Release Dates that are NOT on Wednesdays, Homecoming 9/18, 12/17, 12/18, 5/20 and 5/21

\*\*UCS Board Approved 1/21/26

## STUDENTS RETURN AUG 12 2026

### 2026-2027 FAMILY VACATION PLANNING GUIDE

**LABOR DAY - SEPT. 5-7**  
Students return Tuesday Sept. 8  
**3 day opportunity**

**FALL BREAK - OCT. 10-13**  
Students return Wednesday, Oct. 14  
**4 day opportunity**

**THANKSGIVING BREAK - NOV. 21-29**  
Students return Monday, Nov. 30  
**9 day opportunity**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK - DEC. 19-JAN. 5**  
Students return Wednesday, Jan. 6  
**18 day opportunity**

**MLK JR. HOLIDAY - JAN. 16-18**  
Students return Wednesday, Jan. 19  
**3 day opportunity**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY - FEB. 13-15**  
Students return Tuesday, Feb. 16  
**3 day opportunity**

**SPRING BREAK - MAR. 27-APR. 4**  
Students return Monday, Apr. 5  
**9 day opportunity**

**SUMMER VACATION BEGINS MAY 22**  
Students' Last Day - Friday, May 21

**2 ADDITIONAL FLEXIBLE DATES:**

Wed. Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Holiday - **1 day only**

Fri. Apr. 23 - E-learning Day - **3 day opportunity**

[www.universitycharterschool.org/calendar5](http://www.universitycharterschool.org/calendar5)

## Attendance Matters!

| Absence Threshold                                      | UCS Intervention                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 total (excused and unexcused) per year               | Written Communication                                           |
| 10 total (excused and unexcused) per semester* or year | Attendance Court and Subject to Loss of Credit                  |
| 15 total (excused and unexcused) per year              | Attendance Meeting & Subject to Retention and/or Loss of Credit |
| 18 unexcused                                           | Unenrollment/Withdrawal from School                             |

# IMPORTANT

## Morning Drop Off Information

DROP OFF STARTS AT 7:15 AM WHEN UCS TEACHERS ARE PRESENT AT THEIR MORNING DUTY LOCATIONS

DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR UCS STUDENT PRIOR TO 7:15 AM

ONLY UCS EMPLOYEES AND UWA CAMPUS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HAVE APPROVAL TO DROP OFF BETWEEN 7:00-7:15 AM. APPROVED EARLY ARRIVERS WILL ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. APPROVED EARLY ARRIVERS WILL RING THE DOORBELL. MRS. BROACH WILL LET THEM IN, AND THEY WILL MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE CAFETERIA FOR BREAKFAST

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR UCS STUDENT PRIOR TO 7:15 AM. STUDENTS DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO 7:15 AM WILL NOT HAVE THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION AND THIS IS A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN

THANK YOU!



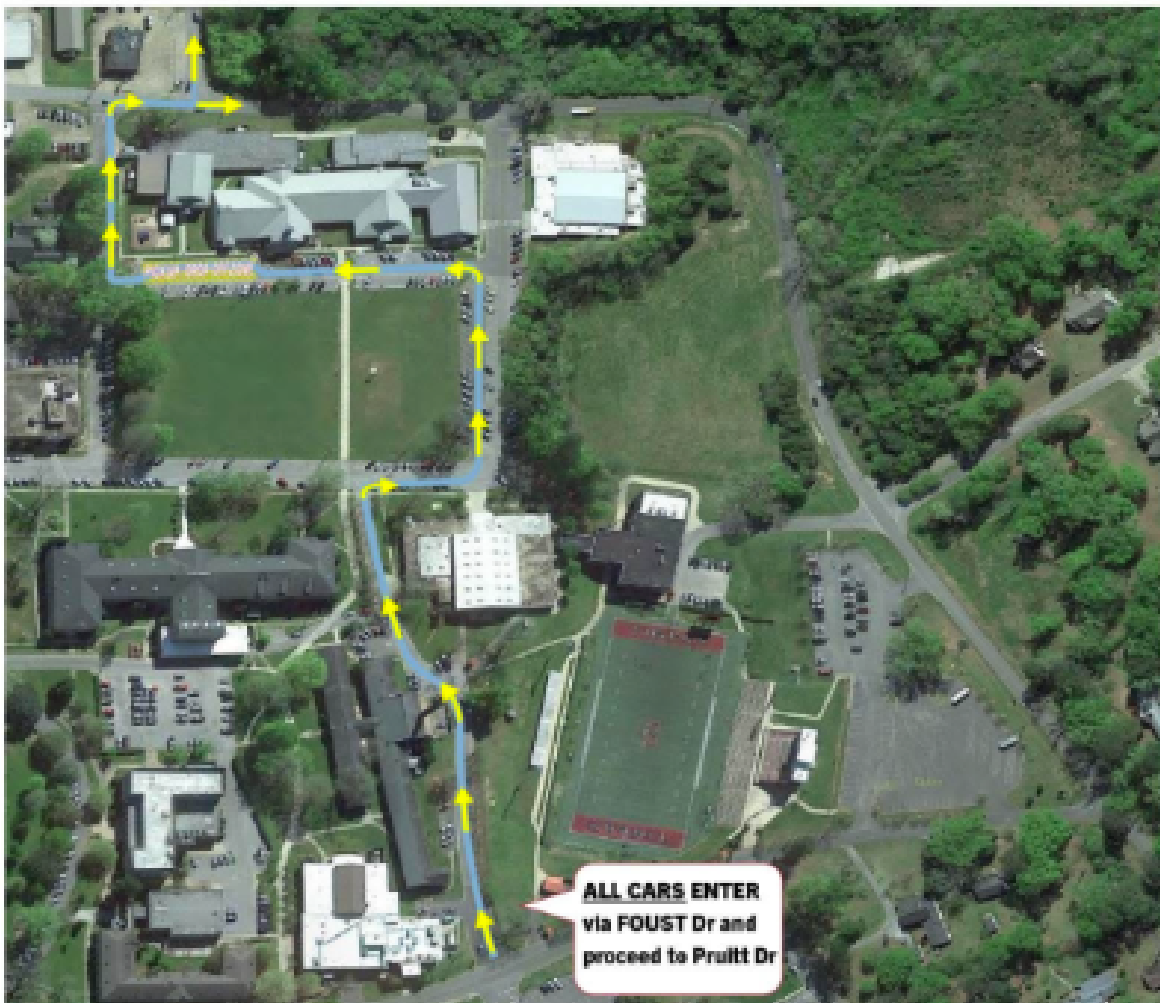
## Morning Carline @ UCS Lyon



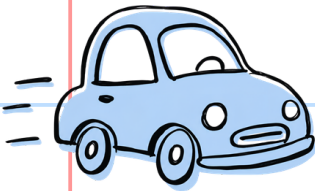
### Important Notes:

- Please TURN ONTO FOUST DRIVE FROM STADIUM DRIVE
- Please CONTINUE ONTO PRUITT DRIVE, THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO MCCONNELL DRIVE
- Please FOLLOW MCCONNELL UP TO LYON HALL, TURN LEFT, AND FOLLOW TO PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE

### Drop Off / Pick Up - Lyon Hall Campus



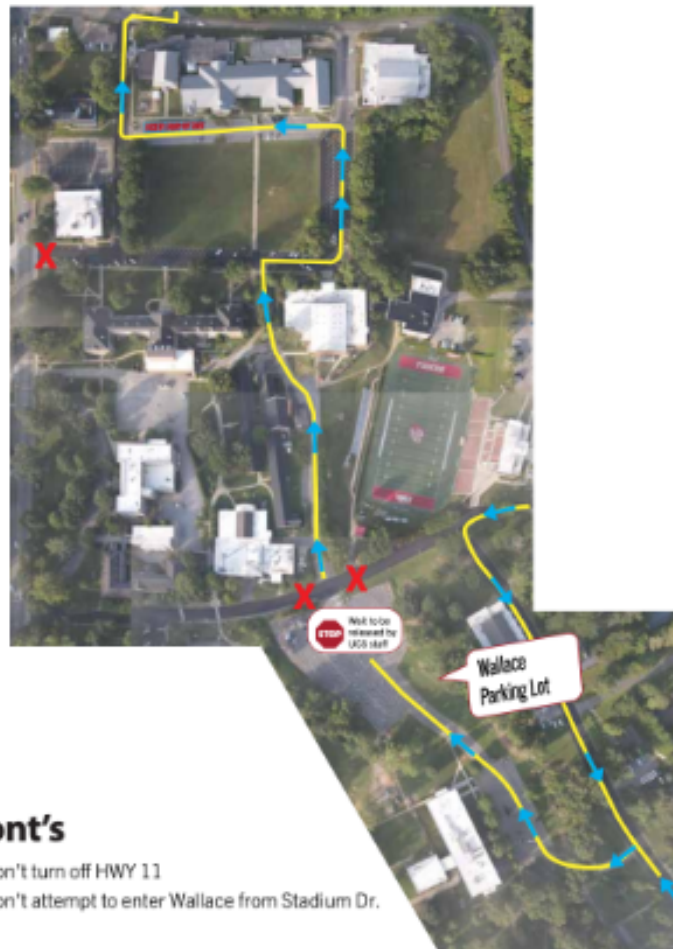
- ☐ Turn onto Foust Drive from Stadium Drive, CAR TAGS DISPLAYED
- ☐ Continue onto Pruitt Drive, then turn RIGHT onto McConnell Drive
- ☐ Follow McConnell up to Lyon Hall, turn LEFT, and follow to "PICK UP / DROP OFF ZONE"
- ☐ Please wait until a UCS Team member releases your vehicle to leave the zone



## Afternoon Carline @ UCS Lyon

### Important Notes:

- Please do NOT LINE UP BEFORE 2:30 PM
- Please do NOT TURN ON HWY 11
- Please do NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER WALLACE FROM STADIUM DR.
- Please ENTER WALLACE LOT VIA FACULTY DRIVE
- Please CONTINUE INTO AND LINE UP IN WALLACE LOT. WAIT TO BE RELEASED BY UCS STAFF.
- Please HEAD STRAIGHT ACROSS ONTO FOUST/PRUITT DRIVE, THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO MCCONNELL DRIVE.
- Please FOLLOW MCCONNELL UP TO LYON HALL, TURN LEFT, AND FOLLOW TO PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE.
- Please WAIT UNTIL A UCS TEAM MEMBER RELEASES YOUR VEHICLE TO LEAVE THE ZONE.



### Dont's

- ☐ Don't turn off HWY 11
- ☐ Don't attempt to enter Wallace from Stadium Dr.

### Do's

- ☐ Cars must enter the Wallace lot via Faculty Drive
- ☐ Continue into and line up in Wallace Lot. Wait to be released by UCS staff.
- ☐ Head straight across onto Foust/Pruitt Drive, then turn RIGHT onto McConnell Drive
- ☐ Follow McConnell up to Lyon Hall, turn LEFT, and follow to "PICK UP / DROP OFF ZONE"
- ☐ Please wait until a UCS Team member releases your vehicle to leave the zone

## Car Dash Tags

- A Dash Tag will be required for each student that you plan to pick up from UCS Lyon.
- You will receive your Dash Tags during UCS Back to School Night (tonight).
- Please place them in your front dash on the passenger side, face up or on your car visor, so that car line attendants can easily read them.
- Each student will be issued (2) car tags at the beginning of the year. Any additional tags can be purchased by the parent or guardian ONLY for \$2 each.

# *LYON Campus*



# 2026-2027



NO WALKERS FROM LYON HALL DURING AFTERNOON DISMISSAL.

**\*\*If you live or work within walking distance of UCS Lyon, you can walk up to the front porch of UCS Lyon to retrieve your UCS student(s). Please DO NOT park at the bakery, etc. and walk over.**

## Breakfast and Lunch

- We are pleased to announce that we are able to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at NO COST again this year.
- Students will use their MySchoolBucks pin code to receive their meals (teachers will have these for students - returning students have the same pin #)
- No Cost meals are limited to (1) breakfast and (1) lunch per day. additional food may be purchased by funding your student's MySchoolBucks account.
- <https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/UniversityCharterSchool>

### Important Note:

- Because of the "No Cost" meal program, and in an effort to provide healthy and delicious meals to our students please note that:  
No outside food (food brought to school that is not in a student's lunchbox) will be allowed. The federal funding guidelines that provide this program is very stringent on this policy, and we must adhere.

**MY  
SCHOOL  
BUCKS**

# Uniform Reminders

<https://www.universitycharterschool.org/parents-students/uniforms>

Everyday attire: Performance shorts and pants for boys

Everyday attire: Skorts for girls

Alternative, non-natural hair colors, and distracting lengths of hair are prohibited for all students.

Everyday attire: Students may wear any UCS jacket/coat **WITHOUT** a hood or any UCS outerwear purchased from the uniform vendor as outerwear both inside and outside of the building.

Dress attire (After Fall Break): Students **MUST** wear navy UCS outerwear purchased from the uniform vendor with their dress attire. No other outerwear will be allowed with the dress attire inside the building.

Tennis shoes = **ANY COLOR WITH EVERYDAY ATTIRE!**

## New Additions!!!

**UPGRADED**  
Performance pants  
and shorts for boys.



**New**  
Knit Navy Skort  
for girls



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Students may wear tennis shoes of any color with **EVERYDAY ATTIRE** and at PE (7-12 Grade)

**ALL Shoes must have a closed back that covers the heel.**

No light-up shoes, shoes with wheels, or shoes that make sounds are permitted.  
Solid color "Hey Dude" shoes are acceptable for Wednesday dress shoes for boys.



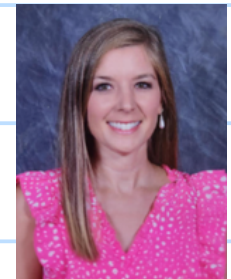
**Boys will be required to wear a belt every day. Belts may be navy, brown, or black.**

UCS Plaid ties will not be required every Wednesdays, but will be required on certain days, announced by UCS administration.



## Any more Questions?

If you have further questions, please ask your UCS teacher! We look forward to a great school year!!



# UCS Lyon Teachers and Staff Directory

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## First Day of School Reminders



For the first day of school, parents/guardians are asked NOT to escort their students to their classrooms. We ask that you please drop them off in carline.

Uniforms must be worn Day 1 (dress uniforms NOT required until after Fall Break).

Meet with Nurse Bryant tonight or Day 1 to bring required medication for your child to have at UCS.