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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! On behalf of our Team Members at ***Victor Mravlag School No. 21***, we are excited to welcome you back to school on **Thursday, September 10, 2026.**

We look forward to a year filled with learning and meaningful opportunities for every student and partnering with our families to create a positive and successful school year. Our promise is to provide an innovative and personalized learning environment that ensures that every child achieves excellence.

Please review the following arrival and dismissal procedures to help ensure a safe and efficient start to the first day of school and throughout the 2026-2027 school year:

First Day of School – Arrival and Dismissal Procedures.

First Day of School: Thursday, September 10, 2026
Instructional Hours: 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The procedure for morning arrival will be drop-and-go to maintain a continuous flow of traffic in the neighborhood. ***The drop-and-go area on Shelley Avenue will be marked off with cones. We kindly ask that you pull up to the last cone when dropping off your child. There is no parking in the drop-and-go area.***

Parents who wish to stay and watch their child enter the building should park their car on one of the surrounding streets and walk their child to their designated entrance. Shelley Avenue will be closed to motor vehicle traffic at dismissal.

The doors for arrival and dismissal for each grade level will be marked with signs and are listed in the table below:

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Grade	Arrival Door	Dismissal Door
Pre-K	Edgewood Rd #1	Edgewood Rd #1
K	Edgewood Rd #2	Edgewood Rd #2
1	Shelley Ave (Main)	Harding Rd #3 (Gym)
2	Shelley Ave (Main)	Edgewood Rd #1
3	Shelley Ave (Main)	Shelley Ave (Main)
4	Shelley Ave (Main)	Shelley Ave (Main)
5	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
6	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
7	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
8	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
Buses	Harding Rd #1 & #2	Harding Rd #1 and #2

Students arriving to school ***after 8:25 a.m. are considered late*** and must enter the building through the main entrance and obtain a late pass from security. ***Students who are consistently late to school are subject to disciplinary action as per the district's code of student conduct.***

Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Students lose valuable instructional time when they are signed out of school before 3:00 p.m. To prevent the loss of instructional time and maintain an orderly dismissal, students cannot be signed out between 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please take the time to visit our district website and the ***Back-to-School*** link at <https://www.epsnj.org/students-and-families/back-to-school-parent-resources> for more information on returning to school. Additionally, many important topics are addressed on the following pages for your immediate review. These topics include ***the updated district cell phone policy in accordance with state bell to bell cell phone law, back to school night date, transportation, immunization requirements, student schedules, school calendar, etc.***

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will make the 2026-2027 school year a successful and rewarding experience for all students. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on ***Thursday, September 10, 2026!***

Sincerely,
Michael Wansaw, Ph.D.
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 Principal

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Back to School Resources Guide

List of School Supplies



A list of supplies for your child's grade level is included in this mailing. Please refer to it for specific details.

Back to School Night Information



We invite parents and guardians to attend our Back-to-School night on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**, starting at **5:30 p.m.** at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 – 132 Shelley Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.

Transportation



Transportation is available for elementary students who live more than 2.0 miles from the school.

PowerSchool Information



PowerSchool gives families access to student schedules, attendance, grades, and important school information.

- **2026-2027 student schedules will be available on Monday, August 24, 2026.**
- New families should create a Parent Portal account. Returning families should log in and update any contact information or emergency contact information before school begins.
- To obtain instructions on how to navigate the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please visit the EPS website at [Student and Parent Sign In \(powerschool.com\)](https://www.powerschool.com).

School Uniforms



- Students are expected to wear the approved school uniform every day. Uniform requirements for our school are:

SCHOOL	GRADES PRE K - 3 BOYS	GRADES PRE K - 3 GIRLS	GRADES 4-8 BOYS	GRADES 4-8 GIRLS
Victor Mravlag School No. 21	Navy Blue Polo* Khaki Pants or Khaki Shorts Navy Blue Socks Black Flat Appropriate Shoes Navy Blue Cardigan Sweater*	Navy Blue Polo* Khaki Jumper* or Khaki Skort Navy Blue Tights or Navy Blue Socks Black Flat Appropriate Shoes Navy Blue Cardigan Sweater*	Navy Blue Polo* Khaki Pants or Khaki Shorts Navy Blue Socks Black Flat Appropriate Shoes Navy Blue Cardigan Sweater*	Navy Blue Polo* Khaki Pants or Khaki Skort Navy Blue Tights or Navy Blue Socks Black Flat Appropriate Shoes Navy Blue Cardigan Sweater*

*All items marked with an asterisk must have the embroidered LEAP logo (neighborhood school emblem).

Technology



K – 8 – Our school operates as a 1:1 technology school. Students are expected to:

- Bring their laptop charged every day.
- Bring their charger/power cord.

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- Take proper care of their device throughout the year.
- New students will receive their laptops during the first week of school.

[Stay Connected!](#)



Please make sure your phone numbers, address, and emergency contacts remain current in PowerSchool throughout the school year. The district uses phone calls, text messages, and emails to share important announcements, emergency notifications, and school updates. To obtain information on how to keep your contact information up to date, please visit the EPS website at <https://www.epsnj.org/students-and-families/back-to-school-parent-resources>.

In addition, please consider volunteering your services and supporting the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at our school. The PTA provides many opportunities for families within the school community to get involved and *stay connected*.

[Required Forms](#)



Please review and complete the required forms by the first day of school, including:

- Emergency Contact Information
- Notice Regarding Physicals
- Media Release Form
- Student Internet & Network Permission Form with Elizabeth Internet Use Policy
- Acceptable Use for Technology – Electronic Mobile Device Form
- Title I Compact
- Lunch Application

In order to obtain access to the required documents that are indicated above, please visit the EPS website at <https://www.epsnj.org/students-and-families/back-to-school-parent-resources>

[Immunization Requirements](#)



Pre – Kindergarten - Please be advised that the State of New Jersey, Department of Health Services, has changed several immunization requirements. All children attending licensed childcare centers and preschools are required to receive an annual flu vaccination. Please submit proof of your child's required immunization as soon as possible, but ***no later than November 30, 2026***. Students who do not have the required immunization documentation on file by November 30, 2026, ***will be excluded from school beginning December 1, 2026***, in accordance with New Jersey immunization regulations.

Grade 7 - The state of New Jersey Department of Health ***requires*** all students entering the seventh grade to have ***one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccine) and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine.*** To meet the New Jersey requirements, both vaccines must have been given ***on or after your child's tenth birthday.*** Documentation that your child has received the required seventh grade immunizations must be turned into the school nurse no later than ***Thursday, September 10, 2026.***

Students entering 7th grade with birthdays on or after ***Thursday, September 10, 2026***, must provide written confirmation from your child's healthcare provider of the vaccination appointment. This appointment should

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be within two weeks of your child turning 10 years of age. The immunization record must be submitted immediately following the appointment. The Elizabeth Public School District is compelled by law to ensure that all students receive their required immunizations.

Please be advised that students who do not meet the State's immunization requirements may be excluded from school until the required documentation is submitted. Documentation must be signed by your child's healthcare provider.

Updated Cell Phone Policy

Elizabeth Public Schools has adopted an updated cell phone policy in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education Guidelines and state law that, at minimum, requires schools to prohibit the use of personal internet-enabled devices during the entirety of the school day for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The policy will be implemented as follows:

K-5: Students are not permitted to bring cell phones or devices to school. If brought to School: Cell phones and devices must be checked in the classroom upon arrival and stored securely for the duration of the school day. They will be returned to students at the end of the day. Parents will receive a notification via Class Dojo or School Messenger (PowerSchool) from the school requesting that personal devices be left at home.

Grades 6-8: Students are not permitted access to their cell phones or other devices at school during school hours. Students are encouraged to leave devices at home. If brought to school: Cell phones and devices must be checked in the classroom upon arrival and stored securely for the duration of the school day. Students will re-gain access to their device at the end of each school day.



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2026-2027 School Calendars



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

7/3/26	Fri	Independence Day Observance – Schools and District Closed
9/1/26	Tue	New Team Member Orientation
9/3/26	Thu	Opening Day for 10-Month Administrators
9/4 & 7/26	Fri, Mon	Labor Day Weekend - Schools and District Closed
9/8/26	Tues	Schools Open for Administrators, Team Members & Faculty Meetings
9/9/26	Wed	Professional Development Day for Team Members
9/10/26	Thu	Schools Open for Students
9/21/26	Mon	Yom Kippur – Schools and District Closed
9/28/26	Mon	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development
10/12/26	Mon	Columbus Day Observance – Schools and District Closed
10/22/26	Thu	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development
11/3/26	Tue	School Close at 12:15 p.m. for General Election
11/5-6/26	Thu, Fri	NJEA Convention – Schools and District Closed
11/11/26	Wed	Veterans' Day – Schools and District Closed
11/25/26	Wed	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Thanksgiving Recess
11/26-27/26	Thu, Fri	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools and District Closed
12/7/26	Mon	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development
12/23/26	Wed	Schools Close regular time for Christmas Recess
12/24-31/26	Thu - Thu	Christmas Recess - Schools and District Closed
1/1/27	Fri	New Year's Day Observance - Schools and District Closed
1/4/27	Mon	Schools Reopen
1/12/27	Tues	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Parent-Teacher Conference
1/18/27	Mon	Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday – Schools and District Closed
2/8/27	Mon	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development
2/15/27	Mon	Presidents' Day – Schools and District Closed
3/2/27	Tues	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Professional Development
3/10/27	Wed	Schools and District Closed for Eid-al-Fitr–
3/19/27	Fri	Schools Close Regular Time for Easter Recess
3/22-25/27	Mon-Thu	Schools Closed for Easter Recess
3/26/27	Fri	Easter Recess - Schools and District Closed
3/29/27	Mon	Schools Reopen
5/31/27	Mon	Memorial Day – Schools and District Closed
6/1/27	Tues	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m. for Primary Election
6/18/27	Fri	Schools and District Closed for Juneteenth
6/22/27	Tue	Schools Close at 12:15 for Students and Team Members
6/23/27	Wed	Schools Close for 10-Month Administrators

Key

	Schools Closed		Schools and District Closed
	Schools Close at 12:15 p.m.	(xx/xx)	Teachers/Students Total Days Per Month

This calendar provides 181 team member days, 180 student days, and 1 Professional Development Day.

In the event that schools must close for inclement weather, etc., days will be made up commencing with June 22, 2027 with an additional day added to the calendar for each day missed through June 30, 2027 to fulfill the legal requirement of 180 days of school attendance for the regular school year. If additional days are needed beyond June 30, 2027 days will come from Easter Recess commencing with March 25, 2027 and working backward from the end of that week.

Administrative offices will remain open until 4:30 p.m. daily except Fridays during summer hours. On Wed., November 25, 2026 all schools will close at 12:15 p.m. for Thanksgiving Recess; administrative offices will be open regular hours and all 12 month employees and all secretaries, security personnel, and custodians will follow their regular schedules.

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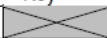
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Wrap-Around Calendar

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Hours of operation for the Wrap Around Program for Preschool Students are: 7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – certified teachers will teach all classes during the regular school day. Licensed Childcare providers will care for students during the wrap-around hours. Monday, September 14, 2026 Wrap Around Program will be available for students attending Schools No. 1, 2, 5, 5b, 7, 16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 50, 51, 52. Teachers will not be present on the following dates: July 1-31, 2026, and August 3-21, 2026.

No wrap-around program will be in session on the following dates: August 24-31, 2026, September 1-11, 2026 and June 22-30, 2027.

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