

McGraw Minutes

Special Back to School Edition: August 17, 2026

Please read this *Back to School* edition of the McGraw Minutes for all of your back to school information. Teachers have been working tirelessly to prepare your child's classroom and plan exciting activities for your arrival in just a short couple of weeks. We can't wait to see you all at Open House!

Open House Information



McGraw School Office

School Hours

8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

If you need to contact the office...

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

call: 207.862.3830

email: mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us (all dismissal/absence communication)

fax: 207.862.5649

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A Note from Mrs. Shaw...

Dear McGraw Community,

In alignment with Maine's new "bell-to-bell" law, RSU 22 will implement a new personal electronic device policy at the start of the 2026–2027 school year, restricting device use in all district schools. This supports student learning, minimizes distractions, and promotes positive social interaction.

The policy covers all personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smart watches, tablets, personal laptops, and other devices with internet or cellular capability.

At McGraw:

We strongly encourage students to leave smart devices at home to avoid damage or loss. If brought to school:

- Cell phones and Smart watches must be off and stored in backpacks from arrival through dismissal.
- Smart glasses may not be used at all, due to state and federal privacy laws.
- Personal laptops, tablets, and gaming devices may not be used during the school day.

Non-compliance with this policy will be addressed as follows:

1. 1st instance: Parents notified; device held until dismissal, then returned to student.
2. 2nd instance: Parents notified; device held for parent/guardian pickup only.
3. Repeated/ongoing violations: Family meeting to problem-solve, with an individualized support plan as needed.

Our goal is to help students build healthy device habits, stay engaged in learning, and ensure consistent expectations at school and at home.

Thank you for your partnership as we implement this law and support student focus and well-being.

Please review our Family Handbook

2026-2027 McGraw Family Handbook



What do I need for school?



School supplies

RSU22 provides all needed school supplies for students.

Items to Bring to School

- Backpack, daily
- Refillable water bottle, daily
- Safe shoes for active play (sneakers are recommended), daily
- change of clothes, labeled with student's name
- A healthy snack, daily
- Home lunch, if not eating school-provided lunch

Arrival and Dismissal

*Please email the school office at mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us with any changes to after school destination and travel plans **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.** to ensure we receive the information and can communicate to your child's teacher.*

*****There will be a tutorial coming soon regarding the driving and parking at McGraw and Weatherbee. Please follow all procedures to ensure the safety of all students and families during these very busy times.*****

Arrival

The doors are open to students beginning at 8:30 a.m. All students will enter the school's front entrance and report to their classrooms on the first day.

All students will enter through the front entrance where they will be greeted by McGraw staff daily. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will report to their classrooms and have an option to get breakfast. First grade students will have the option to go to breakfast or report to the playground for morning recess. First grade students will report to their classrooms on the first day of school to review the morning routine.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from their classroom's exterior or designated door. Your child's teacher will help you locate the appropriate door during your Open House visit. Dismissal will begin at 3:00.

Bus Information

If your child will be riding the bus, please ensure you have completed the appropriate bus paperwork. Cyr bus company can provide families with a more specific time frame that you can expect your student to be picked up and/or dropped off at home. It's always best to be outside a few minutes early. Please also keep in mind that our youngest learners are just beginning their journey on the bus, therefore buses may be slightly delayed the first few days until we all become more familiar and efficient with the procedures at dismissal.

Bus Routes/Numbers

Here is the information from Cyr Bus regarding this school year's bussing routes. Please refer to the list below to locate your student's bus number.

Hampden Pre-K-5 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon.

Hampden Bus Routes

Run #7

Starts at 6:40 from the corner of Meadow Road and Route 69 headed towards Kennebec Road, end of Piper Woods Road, right on Rae Way, to the Hampden/Winterport town line on Route 69, end of Hampden Woods Road, left on Kennebec Road to Newburgh town line, including end of Merchant Road from Box 1420 Kennebec Road to Box 208, turn right on Emerald Drive, right on Wessnette Drive, right on Monroe Road to town line, right on Norway Drive, right on Pine Grove Drive, end of Libby Lane, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #3



Starts at 7:45 at the corner of Route 202 and Coldbrook Road to Hermon town line, including Old Coldbrook Road, left on Coldbrook Road from Route 202, right on Emerson Drive, right on Ruth Avenue, right on Jay Way, end of Cool Brook Lane, left on Lindsey Way, right on Papermill Road, left on Emerson Mill Road, left on Ledgewood Drive, right on Manning Mill Road, end of Old Emerson Mill Road South. Left onto Western Avenue, from Box 358 to Box 1 right on Hughes Boulevard, right on Town Farm Road, right on Country Meadow Drive, left on Griffin Avenue, end of Jewel Drive, left on Sidney Boulevard, right on Wilbur Drive, left on Evergreen Drive, left on Surrey Lane, right on Constitution Avenue, left on Independence Avenue, right on Liberty Avenue, left on Freedom Avenue, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #2

Start at 7:50 at Mountainview Drive, left on Main Road North, left on Hillside Drive (including end of Summit Drive), end of Future Way, end of Marina Road, left Schoolhouse Lane, right on Old County Road, left on Triangle Road (including end of Triangle Drive), right on Main Road North, end of Hunting Lane, end of Kelly Lane, right on Schoolhouse Lane, left on Old County Road, right on Hamel, left on Northern Avenue, left on Wheelden Heights, right on Patterson Street, left on Perry Road, left on Coolidge Avenue, right on Ballfield Road, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #6

Starts at 7:50 on Patterson Road, left on Meadow Road, left on Ichabod Lane, right on Graystone Drive, right on Route 69 from Meadow Road to the intersection blinking light in Newburgh, including end of Babcock Lane, left on Butternut Lane, left on Acorn Drive, right on Route 9 Western Avenue Hampden town line to Box 1102, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #8

Starts at 7:50 Back Winterport Road from Baker Road, right on Kennebec Road Box 206 to 1, right on Main Road South 1A Box 1 to Winterport town line and Main road North Box 1 to 16, right on Highland Ridge Drive, right on Foster Avenue, right on Rawley Drive, right on Clark Circle, right on Perkins Road, end of Kincaid Road, right on Hopkins Road, right on Pleasant Street, left on Cross Street, left on Summer Street, end of Ferry Street, end of Swan Avenue, end of Orient Avenue, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #5

Starts at 7:35 Route 9 from Hughes Blvd. to Sawyer Road Box 372 to Box 1088, including left on Bowen Drive, left on John's Way, right on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, left on Aarons Way, end of Goodell Farm Road, left on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #4

Starts at 7:35 Deer Hill Lane, left on Shaw Hill Road, right on Stetson Drive, right on Miller Road, left on Fowler Road, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Bog Road to town line, right on Pond Road, right on North County Road to town line, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Mayo Road, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #1

Starts at 7:50 at Main Trail, left on Coldbrook Road, right on Laskey Lane, left on Main Road North Box 34 to Box 440, left on Stearns Farm Road, right on Briggs Drive, end of Adams Way left on Daisey Lane, left on Horseshoe Lane, left on Charles Street to Edgewood Drive, left on

Stoneybrook Road, left on Linden Street, right on Williams Street, right on George Street, left on Sunset Avenue, right on Westbrook Terrace, left on Chickadee Lane, right on Sunrise Avenue, end of Carver Road, right on Riverview Road, left on Marion Drive, left on Francis Drive, left on Sophie Lane, left on Carriage Lane, end of Dudley Street (including Short Wharf Road), end of Elm Street West, end of Elm Street East, left on Cottage Street, left on VFW Road, end of Rowell Road, left on Cottage Street, drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Newburgh Bus Routes

Run #9

Starts at 7:30 on Chapman Road (Western Avenue end), end of Flynn Road, right on Kennebec Road to Christmas Tree Farm, end of Dahlia Farm Road, right on Littlefield Road to Box 310, right on Severance Road, right on Kennebec Road to town line, end of Babcock Road. Drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #10

Starts at 7:40 on Lindsay Road (Route 9 Western Avenue end), end of Bates Road, left on North Road to Box 1223, end of Kenniston Road, straight on North County Road, left on Route 69 to intersection of the blinking light on Route 69 and Route 9. Drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Run #11

Starts at 7:30 on Mudget Road (Kennebec Road end), end of Frank West Road, end of Croxford Road, left on Route 9, end of Thurlow Road, right on Miles Road, end of Red School House Road, right on Route 9, to Dixmont town line, end of Kennard Road, making a stop at Newburgh School and all of Route 9 to Hampden line. Drop students at Weatherbee, drop students at McGraw.

Attention parents of Newburgh students:

Newburgh students who live on Route 69 from Route 9 to the top of the hill to the Hampden town line will take Bus #6.

Transportation Services

RSU 22 contracts with John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. for transportation services. The transportation of students to and from school is a joint effort between the school district and John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. You may contact John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. at 862-3984 to discuss bussing issues if the need should arise. However, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 862-3255 with any comments or concerns.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

No through traffic will be allowed on the road behind Weatherbee School to McGraw School during the school day. BUSES ONLY.
No through traffic allowed on the road in front of Reeds Brook Middle School from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents can use the back parking lot (gym entrance) to drop off and pick up their students.

Reminders for students:

- If you must cross the road getting off the bus, stand 10 big steps in front of the bus on the side of the road, watch for the driver's signal (THUMBS UP), look both ways, and listen for oncoming traffic.
- ALL TIMES (e.g., pens, pencils, toys, games, papers, skateboards, athletic equipment, musical instruments, etc.) must be in a fully enclosed bag.

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Shannon Shaw

Shannon is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters