



Liberty High School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Liberty Families,

August 2026

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- Positive
- Respectful
- Independent
- Dependable
- Engaged

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I hope you are enjoying the summer. We are excited to be welcoming our students back to the building on August 31st. Our global goal is to best prepare students for college and career, and there have never been more opportunities in the form of rigorous classes and special programs available to students to assist us in reaching this goal. You should have received emails concerning our New Student Orientation and Meet the Teacher events. That information is repeated in this newsletter. We only publish one newsletter each year since we have multiple ways to share information electronically including our school website at the following site: [Home - Liberty High](http://Home-LibertyHigh.com) Once the school year begins, daily announcements are shared via email to all parents using the email addresses provided on your child's emergency card. The School Counseling Department publishes an electronic newsletter each week with information from their department. To facilitate communication by our PTO and booster groups, we send out emails every Wednesday on their behalf. Finally, every week we send an email entitled "Week at A Glance" that contains a calendar type document covering school events occurring during the ensuing two-weeks. Headlines announcing home athletic events and major school events, as well as messages of congratulations, are listed on our electronic sign adjacent to Route 32.

The 2025-2026 school year was marked by wonderful achievements for Liberty students, individually and collectively due to the cooperative efforts of students, staff, and parents. Academically, our school once again was among the top-achieving high schools in the state. One hundred and forty-two students successfully completed one or more dual enrollment courses at Liberty or at Carroll Community College. One hundred and ninety-four students were named AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honors or AP Scholars with Distinction. One hundred and twenty-seven students completed state-approved completer programs in a designated field of study at Liberty, through the Career and Technology Center, or the JROTC program and forty-four students completed career internships. In athletics, Liberty won three county championships and ten regional championships. We also won state championships in boy's soccer, girl's cross-country, field hockey and baseball. Our Lion's Pride Marching Band won the prestigious Atlantic Coast Championships last fall.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and recognize the significant role that parents have played and continue to play in their success. This year we plan to continue our focus on providing the highest quality instruction and preparing our students for success in post-secondary education and the workplace. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Goncz



CCPS Home Access Center

Parents can keep up with their student's attendance, grades and class schedules with the Home Access Center.

Go to <http://www.carrollk12.org>.
Choose Academics
Choose Student and Family Resources
Locate the Home Access Center Link

You will enter your email address that is on the emergency card for your student and your password. If you've forgotten your password or you're signing in for the first time, click on the appropriate link.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A. H. E. R. A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office is open daily from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm.
You can reach the office by calling 410-751-3560.

Have you moved over the summer? Please remember to provide updated proof of residency to Mrs. Shimoda, Registrar, in the main office. If you have any questions concerning acceptable documents, please refer to the following list:

- SIGNED Lease/Rental Agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent or legal guardian is currently residing (*expired lease is not acceptable*)
- Current Rent Receipt*
- Recent Bill for a service delivered to the residence (e.g., BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil, and water) *
- Mortgage Statement/Bill*
- SIGNED Settlement Document
- Property Tax Bill from the current fiscal year indicating "Primary Residence"
- Deed (must show house number, street name, and name of parent/legal guardian)
- Residence Verification Statement accompanied by an acceptable proof of residency for the owner/lease of the property.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES TO REMEMBER

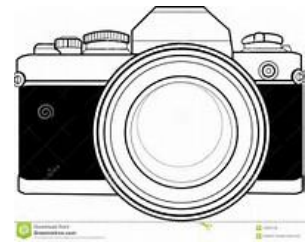
https://lhs.carrollk12.org	Liberty HS
www.libertyathletics.com	Athletics
www.lhsimp.com	Instrumental Music
www.libertylionsprideplayers.com	Drama
www.yearbookordercenter.com	Yearbook Orders (5052)
www.arbiterlive.com/Teams	SPORTS calendar

PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION

Applications for a parking permit are available in the main office. Applications will need to be completed, signed, and submitted with a fee of \$20 (*check or cash*) with a copy of your driver's license to receive a permit.

Parking permits **must be visible** in the **upper right-hand corner of your windshield**. Any car without a permit will receive a ticket and fine.

School Pictures



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Senior Pictures:

August 19th, 20th, and 21st
October 21st
*December 9th

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
2:30 – 8:00 PM
8:00 – 1:00 PM

Senior Panoramic:

October 9th

7:30 AM

**Any senior who has not had a sitting will receive a postcard in the mail assigning a new date and time. If you miss the last sitting on December 9th, you will have to contact Legacy to have portraits taken at their studio.*

Underclass Pictures:

September 15th and 16th
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Underclass Make-up Pictures:

November 11th
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

MEET THE COACH NIGHT

Thursday, August 20
6:30 PM – LHS Auditorium

All parents of Fall athletes are encouraged to attend. Important information will be shared as well as an opportunity for you to meet our fall coaches.

Volunteer Training

Parents and community members who are interested in volunteering opportunities for the 2025-2026 school year will need to complete their volunteer training and have received an approval email, **7 days prior to their scheduled volunteer service.**

Questions regarding the Volunteer Program can be directed to the Human Resources Department or Tricia Mower at 410-751-3560.

Please visit [Volunteer Application Form](#) to complete the required training.

Yearbooks ordered for the School Year 2025-2026

If you purchased a yearbook last year for the school ending year of 2026, they will be distributed in your child's advisory early September. If they do not pick it up during advisory, they can see Mrs. Azat, before or after school to obtain their copy.

Any graduated seniors who purchased a book will be notified and will be able to come to the school to pick their book up in the main office between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. They may have someone else pick up their yearbook, but that person will be required to sign for it. If there are extra books to sell, it will be relayed through SchoolMessenger.

School Supplies

LHS does not provide a specific school supply list. Teachers will request specific items on the syllabus when school begins. However, you are encouraged to get the "basics." Pens, pencils, binders, notebook paper, dividers, spiral notebook, highlighter, notecards, erasers, markers/colored pencils, scissors, glue stick, white out, ruler, post it notes. Don't forget a flash drive and make sure your student has their CCPS laptop. Your student should have a backpack and a lunch box if needed.

Please visit the Liberty High School website! It has everything you need!

<https://lhs.carrollk12.org/>

AUGUST BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

OPEN HOUSES – All Students Invited!

Liberty HS is holding 2 Open Houses - **Wednesday, AUGUST 12th & 19th** from **8:00-12:00 pm**
These Self-Guided Tours and Open House opportunities are to acquaint students with the physical layout of LHS.
Teachers will not be available. All students are welcome!

LHS will NOT provide a copy of your schedule for the Open House – *schedules can be printed from the Home Access Center:*
[Login](#)

9th GRADERS & NEW STUDENTS - - See Below for New Student Orientation-

A Day in the Life of a Lion – A Parent Presentation

A presentation designed for FIRST TIME PARENTS hosted by LHS Administrators.
Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00 am, in the LHS Auditorium.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – 9th Graders & NEW Students Only

Thursday, August 27th - 9:30 – 9:45 check-in – Program begins 9:45 AM – Pick Up Time 11:30/12:00

This event is for 9th grade students and **ANY** newly enrolled student at LHS.
Come to LHS to receive a new student folder filled with information about clubs,
the daily bell schedule, bus lineup, and your schedule of classes –

- Meet your Advisor * Walk Through your Schedule
- Meet your Teachers * Parents can meet/join LHS Booster groups
- Receive your LHS Laptop (laptops will also be distributed on the 1st day of school)
- LHS T-Shirts for sale (\$10 cash/check) for our 1st LHS Spirit Day Friday 9/4

NEW This Year – Sensory Friendly Orientation – RSVP Required

Thursday, August 27th – 8:00 am – 9:00 am

RSVP is required from attending families so we can plan accordingly. Please call the Main Office at 410-751-3560 if you are interested in your student attending this orientation.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT - for Parents Only

Thursday, August 27th –

5:00 pm (Media Center) – SENIOR Parents Only – What to Expect Senior Year

5:30 pm (Auditorium) – Opening Remarks & School Security Presentation

6:00 pm (School) - Begin to follow your student's schedule!

Parents are invited to attend **Meet the Teacher Night**. *(Please bring a copy of the schedule or look it up on Home Access Center).* Parents will follow their students' schedule and have an opportunity to meet and learn about their students' classes. Teachers will discuss units and curriculum of study, expectations for the classroom, materials needed, major assessments, etc. If students would like to follow their schedules and see classrooms they are asked to attend one of our open houses, August 12th & 19th (see above). Students will also receive an overview of their classes during the first week of school.

LHS SPORTS

Information & Registration

Registration for ALL SPORTS for the 2026-2027 school year is open. Athletes can register for ALL sports – Fall, Winter, and Spring now. Your student **CANNOT** participate in sports related activities, including summer leagues, weight training, or try outs if they are not registered and approved. Arbiter Sports is a secure registration platform that provides an easy, user-friendly way to register for our athletic programs.

Information needed to register:

You will need student ID information, health insurance information, and doctor information. Two pages of the Physical Examination forms **MUST** be uploaded: the **actual physical exam page** and **the medical eligibility form**. Forms are available here: [Athletics - Carroll County Public School District](#) or in the front office. Please note, these will be the specific forms that must be used. **Physicals are good for 13 months**. If you are unable to upload the Physical Exam Pages, simply contact the school's main office or athletic director.

Registration Process:

Below is the link for Liberty High School. A parent/guardian is required to register their student athlete:

[Student Registration \(arbitersports.com\)](#)

If your child has previously registered, you may use the information already submitted to save time. Please take the following steps:

1. Click on the Current Season registration form on your school's Arbiter Sports Landing page.
2. Login using the e-mail address and password you created last season.
3. Choose the Sport.
4. Click on "Add Participant Below or Click to Select" and pick your child's name.
5. Update the health and demographic information, if necessary.
6. Sign off on seasonal agreements.
7. Save and submit.

If your child has never registered, please follow these steps:

1. To find your program, click on the link provided by the Organization above and select the registration form under the word **Programs**.
2. Next click on the green **Register Now** button and scroll, if necessary, to the **Create Account/Log In** green buttons. If this is your first time using Arbiter Sports, click **Create Account**. Click **Log In**, if you already have an Arbiter Sports account.
3. **Create** your secure Arbiter Sports account by entering the account owner First and Last names (parent/guardian), E-mail address and password. Select **I Agree** to the Arbiter Sports Terms of Service. Click **Create Account**.
4. You will receive an email with a link to activate your new account. (If you don't see the email, check your E-mail filters (spam, junk, etc.).)
5. Click on the link in your activation E-mail, which will log you in to [Arbiter Registration \(arbitersports.com\)](#).
6. Once in the registration form, complete the information - All fields with a red* are required.
7. Click the **Save & Continue** button when your form is complete - Review your registration summary.
8. Click the green **Submit** button. After selecting 'Submit', the registration will be complete. You will receive a completion email from Arbiter Sports/Family ID confirming your registration.
9. Once you have successfully registered and uploaded your child's physical, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the athletic department through Arbiter Sports.

No payment is required through the Arbiter Sports registration process. Athletic fees must be paid by either the parent or child through the high school's main office to compete – Fees won't be accepted until tryouts have ended. Fees can be paid by check or cash only and a receipt will be given at the time of payment. If they are not received by the first competition, the student athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or games.

At any time, you may log in at [Student Registration \(arbitersports.com\)](#) to update your information and/or check your registration(s). To view a completed registration, simply select the 'Registration' tab on the blue bar.

GAME TICKETS

Athletic Event Tickets (when applicable) are purchased on the GO FAN app.
Ticket Costs for the 2026-2027 School Year = \$6 *(may vary for playoff or other events)*
Please Click below to set up your GoFan Account.



BUY TICKETS
AT **GOFAN.CO**

NEW THIS YEAR - - CARROLL COUNTY GAME SCHEDULES

ALL CARROLL COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULES *(formerly Carroll County Athletic League)* HAVE MOVED TO:

arbiterlive.com

The same site you use for registration now contains links to all Carroll County Sports Schedules AND a Buy Tickets Option that will take you directly to GoFan.



Winter Sports Start November 16th - Registration is Open Now



PE Uniforms

You may wear your own t-shirt/shorts - there is no official PE uniform.

Please note - Separate clothing/shoes must be brought for PE use.

Please make sure clothing is school/sport appropriate and not the clothes you wore to school.

Carroll County Public Schools 2026 – 2027 School Calendar

LOCATED HERE: carrollk12.org/about/calendar

Carroll County Public Schools ~~~ 2026-2027 School Calendar

August	
13-14 (Th-F)	New Teacher Orientation
17-20 (M-Th)	New Teacher Orientation
24-25 (M-T)	Pre-service Professional Days for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
26 (W)	Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers
27-28 (Th-F)	Pre-service Professional Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
31 (M)	Schools Open – First Day for Students
September	
7 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Labor Day
18 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
October	
15 (Th)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
16 (F)	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Learning/Meeting Day for Teachers; Non-Work day for Instructional Assistants
November	
3 (T)	Schools/Offices Closed – Election Day
4 (W)	* Marking Period Ends. Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items
20 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
25 (W)	* Schools/Offices Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal – Last day before Thanksgiving Holiday
26-27 (Th-F)	Schools/Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December	
14 (M)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
23 (W)	* Schools/Offices Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal – Last day before Winter Break
24-31 (Th-Th)	Schools/Offices Closed – Winter Break
January	
1 (F)	Schools/Offices Closed – New Year's Day
4 (M)	Schools/Offices Reopen
18 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
22 (F)	Schools Closed for Students – Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Professional Learning/Meeting Day for Identified CASE Employees
February	
12 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
15 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
March	
1 (M)	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Development Day for Teachers; Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants
12 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
25-30 (Th-T)	Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break
April	
7 (W)	* Marking Period Ends. Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items
30 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
May	
28 (F)	* Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Professional Learning/Activities for Teachers and Identified CASE Employees
31 (M)	Schools/Offices Closed – Memorial Day
June	
11 (F)	* Last Day for Students, Two hours and Forty-five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Last Duty Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants
18 (F)	Schools/Offices Closed - Juneteenth

* Should a delay in opening be necessary, this day may be converted to a normal dismissal time in lieu of closing.

2026-2027 A Day B Day Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2026

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	CITY	STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
	A	B	A	B	A		
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	B	A	B	A			
	B	A	B	A	B		
	B	A	B	A	B		
	A	B	A	B	A		
	A	B	A	B	A		
	A	B	A	B	A		
	B	A	B				
	B	A	B				

The last day of school is subject to change - In the event that the school year is shortened due to unused emergency closing days, the last student day will be a two-hour and forty-five-minute early dismissal.

ADVISORY will be held on **MONDAY** of each week.

PAWS will be held on Tuesday through Friday.

PAWS will not be held on days that are 2 hour delays, early dismissals, test days, events etc.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027



OCTOBER 2026

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1					A	B	
2							
3		A	B	A	B	A	
4							
5		B	A	B	A		
6							
7		B	A	B	A	B	
8							
9		A	B	A	B	A	

NOVEMBER 2026

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	STATUS	REMARKS
	8	10	12	14	16
	B	A	A	B	A
1	9	11	13	15	17
	B	A	B	A	B
2	10	12	14	16	18
	A	B	A	B	A
3	11	13	15	17	19
	B	A	B	A	B
4	12	14	16	18	20
	A	B	A	B	A
5	13	15	17	19	21
	B	A	B	A	B
6	14	16	18	20	22
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7	15	17	19	21	23
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8	16	18	20	22	24
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18	26	28	30	32	34
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19	27	29	31	33	35
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20	28	30	32	34	36
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21	29	31	33	35	37
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22	30	32	34	36	38
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23	31	33	35	37	39
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25	33	35	37	39	41
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26	34	36	38	40	42
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27	35	37	39	41	43
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28	36	38	40	42	44
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32	40	42	44	46	48
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33	41	43	45	47	49
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35	43	45	47	49	51
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39	47	49	51	53	55
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51	59	61	63	65	67
	B	A	B	A	B
52	60	62	64	66	68
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53	61	63	65	67	69
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54	62	64	66	68	70
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83	91	93	95	97	99
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84	92	94	96	98	100
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85	93	95	97	99	101
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86	94	96	98	100	102
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87	95	97	99	101	103
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94	102	104	106	108	110
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97	105	107	109	111	113
	B	A	B	A	B
98	106	108	110	112	114
	A	B	A	B	A
99	107	109	111	113	115
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100	108	110	112	114	116
	A	B	A	B	A

DECEMBER 2026

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JANUARY 2027

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FEBRUARY 2027

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MARCH 2027

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JUNE 2027

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2026-2027 Bell Schedule

Advisory / PAWS Bell Schedule

Period 1 7:30 – 8:50

1st C&T 7:30

2nd C&T 9:05 (after morning announcements)

Advisory/PAWS 8:55 – 9:30

Period 2 9:35 – 10:55

Period 3 11:00 – 12:55

11:00 - 11:25 (Lunch A)

11:30 - 11:55 (Lunch B)

12:00 - 12:25 (Lunch C)

12:30 - 12:55 (Lunch D)

Period 4 1:00 – 2:20



Advisory will be held on MONDAY of each week. PAWS will be held on Tuesday through Friday.

PAWS will NOT be held on days that are *two-hour delays*, *early dismissals*, *pep rally*, *MCAP Testing*, *AP Exams*, etc.

Two-Hour Forty-Five Minute

Early Dismissal

Period 1 7:30 – 8:10

1st C&T Bus 7:30

2nd C&T Bus 8:10

Period 2 8:15 – 8:50

Period 3 8:55 – 9:35

Period 4 9:40 – 11:35

9:40 - 10:05 (Lunch A)

10:10 - 10:35 (Lunch B)

10:40 - 11:05 (Lunch C)

11:10 - 11:35 (Lunch D)



Two-Hour Delay

Period 1 9:30 – 10:25

1st C&T Bus 9:30

2nd C&T Bus 10:15

Period 2 10:30 – 11:25

Period 3 11:30 – 1:25

11:30 - 11:55 (Lunch A)

12:00 - 12:25 (Lunch B)

12:30 - 12:55 (Lunch C)

1:00 - 1:25 (Lunch D)

Period 4 1:30 – 2:20

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people in emotional distress (e.g., suicidal, substance use, mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress).

If you or someone you know is struggling or is in crisis, help is available.

- Call 988
- Text 988
- Chat online at www.988lifeline.org

LHS SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027

SEMESTER 1

MP 1

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 12, 13, 14 - Fall Sports Try Outs

Wednesdays, August 12, 19 - OPEN HOUSE with Self-Guided tour - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19 – “A Day in the Life of a Lion” presentation for 1st Time Parents – 10:00 am Auditorium

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 19, 20, 21 – Senior Portraits – Cafeteria – *by appointment only*

Thursday, August 20 – Meet the Coaches night- Fall Athletes – 6:30 Auditorium, Pay Athletic Fees 5-7:00

Saturday, August 22 – SATs

Thursday, August 27 –

8:00 am – Sensory Friendly New Student Orientation – RSVP only

9:30 am – 12:00 pm New Student Orientation

5:00 – Senior Parent Meeting with School Counseling – Media Center

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm – Meet the Teacher Night – Starting in Auditorium

Monday, August 31 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Friday, September 4 – Spirit Day! Blue and Gold!

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day School Closed

Tuesday, September 8 - Club Signups in Advisory

Monday, September 14 – Homecoming Dance Guest Passes Available Main Office (All non-LHS students attending must have a completely filled out and signed guest pass to have a ticket purchased)

Tuesday, September 15 & Wednesday, September 16 – Underclass Picture Day - Auditorium

Thursday, September 17 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center

Friday, September 18 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development) – 1st Home Football Game v. South Carroll 6:30

Wednesday, September 30 – MP1 ½ mark

Thursday, October 1 – Conference Night #1 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 3 – SATs

Monday, October 5 – Advisory CCCTC Presentation 10th grade - Auditorium

Monday, October 5 - Thursday, October 8 – Homecoming Dance Tickets on Sale \$20 during lunch, or after school if not here during lunch (Must have completed guest pass to purchase ticket for non-LHS student guest – PLEASE SEE GUEST RULES)

Friday, October 9 – Senior Panoramic Photo (Black senior shirts) – Gymnasium 7:30 am, Pep Rally – Stadium 1:15 pm, Candy Distribution – Stadium Parking Lot 4:30 – 5:15 pm, Parade 5:15 – 6:00 pm, HOMECOMING GAME vs. Francis Scott Key 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 10 – HOMECOMING DANCE 7:00 – 9:30 pm – Gymnasium and Cafeteria

Thursday, October 15 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development); PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center

Friday, October 16 - School Closed for Students, Professional Development Day for Staff

Wednesday, October 21 – Senior Portrait Make Up after school – *by appointment only*

Wednesday, October 21 - PSAT day

Friday, October 23 – BLOOD DRIVE!

Friday, October 23- 10th grade video available for parents about course requests for 11th grade

Wednesday, October 28 – Pathways Night

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day Schools Closed

Wednesday, November 4 - End of MP1 - Early Dismissal 2 hours 45 minutes

LHS SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027

MP 2

Monday, November 9 – Jostens Cap & Gown Presentation for Seniors during Advisory - Auditorium

Monday -Friday – November 9 – 13 – Feather the Turkey for Thanksgiving sponsored by Teen Leadership class

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Program 8:00 am – Media Center for Breakfast, Auditorium for Program

Wednesday, November 11 – Underclass Picture Makeup Day – Auditorium

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 12, 13, 14
Fall Play 7:00 pm – “Into the Woods”; Saturday Matinee, 11/14, 2:00pm,

Saturday, November 14, 16, 17 – Winter Sports Try Outs

November 16 - 20 - American Education Week

Tuesday, November 16 – Student of the Month Breakfast MP 1 – Advisory - Cafeteria

Thursday, November 19 - PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center

Saturday, November 21 - Fall Craft Fair Instrumental Music

Friday, November 20 - 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development)

Wednesday, November 25 - Schools & Offices close 2 hours 45 minutes early for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 - Closed

Tuesday, December 1 – 11th grade video available for parents about course requests for 12th grade

Thursday, December 3 – Vocal Music Concert 6:00 pm – Auditorium

Saturday, December 5 – SATs

Wednesday, December 9 - Senior Portrait Makeup starting after school - Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 9 – MP2 ½ mark

Monday, December 14 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development),

Tuesday, December 15 – Band & Wind Ensemble Concert 6:00 pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, December 16 – Jazz and Orchestra Concert 6:00 pm – Auditorium

Thursday, December 17 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center

Wednesday, December 23 – In School Concert – Gymnasium

Wednesday, December 23 – Schools & Offices Close 2 hours 45 minutes early for Winter Break

Thursday, December 24 – Friday January 1 – Schools and Offices closed for Winter Break

Monday, January 4 – School and Offices re-open

Tuesday, January 5 – 9th grade video available for parents about course requests for 10th grade

Tuesday, January 5 – CCCTC Presentation 9th Grade Advisory - Auditorium

Monday, January 11 – Friday, January 15 – Art Show - Lobby

Thursday, January 14 – PTSO 7:00 pm – Media Center

Monday, January 18 – School closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 21 – Semester 2 Exams

Thursday, January 21 – 8th grade parents from ORMS – 6:00 pm - Auditorium

Friday, January 22 – End of MP2 -Schools Closed for Semester 2 Preparations

LHS SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027

SEMESTER 2

MP 3

Monday – Friday February 1-5 – National School Counseling Week

Tuesday, February 2 – Student of the Month Breakfast MP 2 - Advisory – Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 9 – Advisory Senior Class Meeting for Senior Handbook Distribution - Auditorium, Senior Parent Meeting 5:30 pm - Auditorium to review handbook with Parents

Wednesday, February 10 – Vocal Music Concert 6:00 pm - Auditorium

Friday, February 12 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development)

Monday, February 15 – School Closed for President's Day

Thursday, February 18 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media

Friday, February 26 – MP3 ½ mark

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday March 1, 2, 3 – Spring Sports Try Outs

Monday March 8 – MEET THE COACH night

Thursday, March 11 - Parent/Teacher Conference #2 4:00 - 7:00 pm (*Snow date March 16*)

Friday, March 12 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development)

Monday March 15– Friday March 19 – Academic Spirit Week

Thursday, March 18 – PTSO 7:00 pm – Media

Friday, March 19 – Academic Letter Assembly - Auditorium 8:30 am

Saturday, March 20 – IMB Spring Craft Fair

Monday, March 22 – Prom Guest Passes Available in Main Office (All non-LHS students attending must have a completely filled out and signed guest pass to purchase a ticket)

Wednesday, March 24 – MARYLAND SPIRIT DAY

Thursday, March 25 – Tuesday, March 30 – Closed for Spring Break

Wednesday, April 7 – End of MP3 Early Dismissal

LHS SAVE THE DATES 2026-2027

MP 4

Thursday & Friday April 9, 10, 16, 17 – Spring Musical 7:00 pm, Saturday Matinee 4/10 & 4/17 2:00 pm

Monday, April 12 – Junior Class Meeting during Advisory - Auditorium

Tuesday, April 13 – Student of the Month Breakfast MP 3 - Advisory - Cafeteria

Monday – Friday, April 13 – 17 – Prom tickets on sale 11th & 12th grade during lunch, or after school if not here during lunch (Must have completed guest pass to purchase ticket for non-LHS student guest)

Thursday, April 15 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm - Media

Monday, April 19– Friday, April 23 – Earth Day Spirit Week

Thursday, April 22 – AP Practice Day

Saturday, April 24 – PROM 7:00 – 10:30 pm – Martin’s West

Monday, April 26 – Final Senior Class Meeting during Advisory – Auditorium

Friday, April 30 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development)

Saturday, May 1 – Instrumental Pops Concert 6:00 pm - Auditorium

Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 7 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 14 – AP Testing

Tuesday, May 5 – Band & Wind Ensemble Concert 6:00 pm - Auditorium

Wednesday, May 6 – Jazz & Orchestra Concert 6:00 pm – Auditorium

Monday, May 10 – MP4 ½ mark

Monday May 10 – Friday May 21st – Art Show, LHS Lobby

Tuesday, May 11 – 11th grade parent night – What to expect for senior year – Auditorium – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 12 – Vocal Music Pops Concert 6:00 pm – Auditorium

Thursday, May 13 Art Show Reception – Lobby

Monday, May 17 – Thursday, May 20 – Senior Final Exams, Senior Spirit Week

Thursday, May 20 – PTSO Meeting 7:00 – Media Center

Thursday, May 20 – Senior’s Last Day, Senior Celebration MOD 4 – Stadium/Gymnasium

Friday, May 21 – No school for seniors – Makeup exams if needed must be completed

Friday, May 28 – 2-hour 45-minute Early Dismissal (Professional Development)

Monday, May 31 – Schools and Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 24 – Thursday, May 27 – Required Rehearsals for Graduation

Wednesday, May 26 – Required Community Awards 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 27 – Required School Awards 9:00 am (*Subject to Change*)

Tuesday, June 1 – Graduation 9:00 am, McDaniel College

Saturday, June 5 – SATs

Tuesday, June 8 – Student of the Month Breakfast MP 4 – Cafeteria

Friday, June 11 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (*Subject to Change*)

CAFETERIA NEWS

Access ALL meal information, including cost and menus, at:

Carrollk12.org/Operation/Financial-Services/Food-Services



CAFETERIA NEWS AND NOTES

2026-2027

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year. Meal benefits from last school year (2025-2026) will expire on October 13, 2026.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at:

www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Benefit Applications may also be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Elementary: \$1.50

Middle: \$1.75

High: \$1.75

Lunch

Elementary: \$2.50

Middle: \$2.75

High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information are available online! Visit: <https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com> or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

Employment

Interested in joining our food services team? Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3040 for more information.

USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER, EMPLOYER AND LENDER.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICE

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online at: www.myschoolapps.com

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

In the event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge breakfasts and lunches. Parent/Guardians will be notified of these charges. A charity account exists to help reduce unpaid meal debt for households with excessive charges. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged.

For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

WELLNESS POLICY

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child.

DONATE

Donations are always welcome to supplement our charge assistance program for those students in need. Contact Food Services at 410-751-3040 to donate or mail checks to: CCPS Food Services, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

In memo line, please write "Charge Assistance Donation"

Meal Account and PIN Information

What is my child's PIN?

Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique five-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.

Parents can find their **child's** PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.

How do I put money on the account?

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up an account.

- ◆ You will be able to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card or electronic check. *
*There is a service provider fee for credit card/electronic check transactions when using MySchoolBucks.
- ◆ **Free Method Option:** Send in cash or a check to your **child's** school cafeteria.
The cafeteria manager will add it to the account. Checks should be made payable to your **child's** school.

The money added to the account using either method can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.

Can I monitor what my child is purchasing?

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com Account set up is free.

Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria. You are only charged a transaction fee from MySchoolBucks if you use the account to deposit funds.

What happens if I forget to add money on my child's account?

If your child does not have cash or money on account, they will be able to charge meals (breakfast and lunch), but NOT snack items. Parent/Guardians will be emailed when a meal is charged so they can repay.

What happens to my account at the end of the school year?

- ◆ Money that remains on your **child's** account will carry over from year to year.
The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.
- ◆ If your child graduates or no longer attends a CCPS school, use this link to let us know if you would like the account balance transferred to a sibling, donated, or refunded. <https://forms.office.com/r/ieipsp12AQ>
- ◆ **BE SURE TO TURN OFF THE AUTO PAY/REPLENISH FEATURE BEFORE REQUESTING A REFUND**

Is my child's MySchoolBucks account balance automatically transferred from other School Districts/Counties?

Unfortunately, no. You must request a refund from the previous school district/county.
You will also need to change the district to Carroll County in your MySchoolBucks account.

Sending cash or check to school and want to designate fund use?

You can use this form and send it into your **student's** school cafeteria.

Student's Name _____ **Homeroom Teacher** _____ **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

_____ Please place ALL of the money on my **child's** general account for the purchase of either meals, milk, or snacks.

_____ Please place the money on my **child's** account, but I want to specify:

\$ _____ for Breakfast & Lunch \$ _____ for Milk or Snacks



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

MEDICATION DROP-OFF DATES

Nurse Goldstein will be available to collect student medication with completed CCPS medication order forms (SEE BELOW) during the following days:

Monday, August 24th - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25th - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, August 28th - 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Nurse Goldstein will also be available during Meet the Teacher Night:

Thursday, August 27th – 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Any medication your child may need must be brought in by a guardian and have a completed order form with a health care provider signature.

CCPS MEDICATION FORMS

[CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDICATION FORM](#)

[ALLERGIC REACTION EMERGENCY PLAN & MEDICATION ORDERS](#)

Additional Forms & Information available at carrollk12.org – Health Services - Forms

MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, **Advil and Tylenol will no longer be supplied by the school.** If any medication administration is necessary during school hours, the attached CCPS Medication form must be completed before any representative of the school can administer prescription or non-prescription medications to your child. The allergic reaction form for use of EPI Pen and Benadryl is also attached.

1. **Prescription Medications must be in original container marked specifically for student, labeled by pharmacist or prescriber. Over the counter medications must not be expired and must be in the original unopened container with the manufacturer's label intact.**
2. **All homeopathic/herbal prescription AND non-prescription medicines require a parent AND authorized prescriber signature.** In Maryland, an authorized prescriber is a physician, nurse practitioner, certified midwife, podiatrist, and physician assistant or dentist.
3. **Medications are not to be transported by students. This is in violation of our Drug-Alcohol policy. Medication shall be returned to the parent/ responsible adult when the order or the medication has expired. Nurse should notify parent/guardian of medication which expires during the school year. Expired medication not collected by parent/guardian or designated responsible adult will be discarded within 7 calendar days. All medications not claimed at the end of the school year will be destroyed.**

** (Maryland law allows prescription medication to be used only for 1 year beyond date of issue or expiration date indicated on the medication – whichever comes first.)*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

To Report a Student Absence, email:
lhsattendance@carrollk12.org

Parents must provide written verification of their child's school absences upon return. Schools may request a health care provider's note outlining any restrictions/accommodations if a student has been absent for an extended time, been hospitalized, had surgery, or suffered a significant injury. Students with health conditions which may require frequent and/or extended absences should contact the school to see if supplemental educational support would be available.



Vacations must be pre-approved either by email or handwritten note at least 2 weeks prior to absence.



FIND YOUR BUS!

2026-2027 Bus Routes are Available at **CARROLLK12.ORG**



MVA ATTENDANCE FORMS

For our soon-to-be drivers...

Please be aware that the front office ***needs 24 hours' notice*** to complete the MVA Verification of School Attendance Forms required to take the driver's test.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

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Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

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CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.



If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents, and guardians, consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents, and guardians, consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

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Policy

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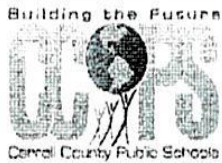
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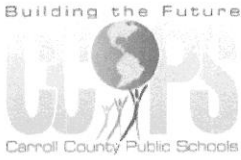
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- A student who fails any of the core subjects for the year shall be considered for retention. A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, extended year programs, etc., to address the subject-area deficiencies, shall be promoted.

4. Grades Nine through Twelve: To be promoted, a student in grades nine through twelve should meet the following requirements:

- 9th to 10th grade - completion of a minimum of 6 credits,
- 10th to 11th grade - completion of a minimum of 12 credits
- 11th to 12th grade - completion of a minimum of 18 credits and a minimum of 55 service learning hours
- For graduation (See Board Policy IKF: Requirements For Graduation From Carroll County High Schools)
The final responsibility for decisions on promotion of a student rests with the principal, except when decisions are made through the IEP process for students with documented special education needs. The principal is responsible for monitoring the decision. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the IEP Team decision, he or she has the right to appeal the decision according to legally mandated mediation/due process procedures.

Due to the potential detrimental effects of multiple retentions, it is not expected that a student would be retained more than once during the k-8 experience. Any recommendation for a second retention must be approved by the school-level director.

C. Intervention

A student who is not performing according to expectations is provided with appropriate assistance that addresses specific academic needs.

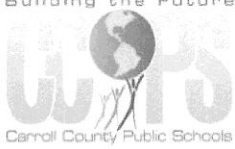
Research-based intervention programs and services that provide extended or remedial learning opportunities will be available to all students who are at risk or who do not meet the established standards for promotion. Such programs may be implemented through computer-assisted instruction, extended day or extended year programs, Saturday or summer school programs, tutoring, small group instruction, or classroom intervention. Interventions will address

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specific academic needs of the individual student as determined by multiple assessments.

1. When a student in grades kindergarten through grade five is not attaining assigned objectives or meeting required grade level promotion standards, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If the student does not respond to strategies, the Instructional Support Team will develop an Individual Learning Plan. Parents/Legal Guardians will be included in the development of the plan, as will students, when appropriate. The principal will monitor the implementation of this plan.
2. When a student in grades six through eight develops a pattern of failure in a core subject area, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If, at the end of a marking period, a child receives a failing grade in one (1) or more core subjects, the student will be assigned academic recovery. The student will be assigned an academic recovery plan that addresses the student's learning needs and provides academic support. If the plan is successfully completed by the mid-point of the next marking period, the grade for the core academic course will be changed to a d. If at the end of the third or fourth marking period a student is still in danger of failing, the administration will initiate a series of progress reports which will inform the parents/legal guardian of the student's continued failure or success. Decisions on retention will be made on a timely basis in order to allow for enrollment in the appropriate program of study.
3. When a student in grades nine through twelve is not attaining the course objectives, the teacher will initiate appropriate intervention strategies that address the academic needs of the student. If the student continues in not attaining course objectives, further school-based individualized intervention shall be developed and implemented through support teams such as the Instructional Support Team (IST), the Student Assistance Team, or Guidance and Student Services. In high school, credits earned determine promotion. For students who do not earn enough credits, a plan will be developed for credit recovery. Parents/legal guardians and students will be included in the development of this plan. The principal will have oversight of this planning process and monitor the implementation of this plan.

D. Acceleration

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1. The principal may, upon the recommendation of school staff or parent/guardian, consider accelerating a student to an advanced grade when the student consistently demonstrates the ability to exceed grade-level content standards.
2. School staff shall first attempt to address student advanced learning needs within the classroom or grade level through such program adjustments as flexible grouping, differentiated instruction, and enrichment.
3. Other options may include partial day or subject-area advancement to the next grade level or program.
4. A student will not be accelerated to advanced grades against the wishes of his/her parent/guardian.

E. Appeals

In matters of disagreement with regard to placement, promotion, acceleration, or retention, the parent/legal guardian may appeal a decision by writing to the appropriate director (elementary, middle, or high school) within ten days of receipt of written notification of the decision from the school principal.