



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2026



Celebrate

**NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**



SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15





ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Child, Achieving Excellence

Important Upcoming Events





Senior Seminar College Application Boot Camp

October 24

Location/Time to
be determined



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Graduation is on the horizon! Are you thinking about college? Learn about the next steps at the **Senior Seminar College Application Boot Camp**. There will also be a mini college fair featuring local colleges and universities.

This event is for seniors only. Parents are welcome to attend. Bring **fully charged** laptop.

Sessions include:

- COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS
- ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP
- NAVIGATING THE COMMON APP
- BUILDING COLLEGE LIST
- SCOIR
- SCHOLARSHIPS

Sessions will be available
in English and Spanish.



2026-2027 Financial Aid Nights

Various Dates

John E. Dwyer
Technology Academy
5-7 PM



2026-2027 FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS



HOW TO CREATE YOUR
STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT



STUDENTS & PARENTS
MUST BRING LAPTOPS

SEPTEMBER 23
(INFORMATION SESSION ONLY)

FAFSA WORKSHOPS:

OCTOBER 7
OCTOBER 21
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 2
DECEMBER 16



5:00PM – 7:00PM
JOHN E. DWYER
TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
123 PEARL STREET

FAFSA:

- »»» CREATE STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT PRIOR TO ATTENDING AT [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSa-ID](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id)
- »»» MUST BRING LAPTOP & 2025 TAX DOCUMENTS FOR FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOPS

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- »»» INFORMATION, APPLICATIONS & ASSISTANCE COMPLETING WILL BE PROVIDED



PRESENTATIONS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH





Residency Verification Appointments

Starting September 29th



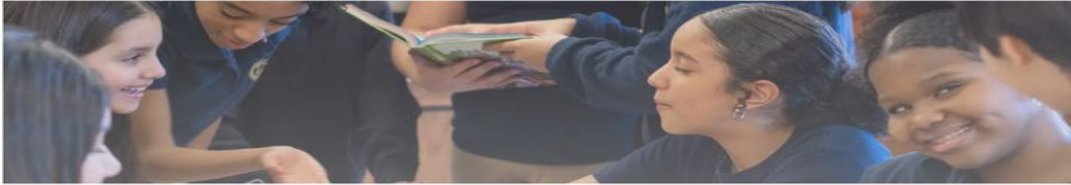
Olga Hugelmeyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

September 22, 2026

At Elizabeth Public Schools, our commitment begins with ensuring that every child who calls Elizabeth home has access to the educational opportunities, resources, and support they deserve. We take great pride in caring for and serving the students and families of our community, and we remain dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environment for every Elizabeth student.

As part of our residency verification process, for current and new students, Elizabeth Public Schools is required to ensure that all students who attend Elizabeth Public Schools reside in Elizabeth. As of September 29, 2026, we are conducting mandatory residency verification for the following schools: *Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, iPrep Academy School No. 8, William F. Halloran School No. 22, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, and Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30.* The verification ensures that our enrollment records are accurate and up to date.

New Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Policy



EBOE Policy 6142.11

Letter from the Superintendent

Content	ELIZABETH BOARD OF EDUCATION Elizabeth, New Jersey	FILE CODE: 6142.11 X Monitored X Standard X Other Reasons
	CELL PHONE AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY	
Students		
The Elizabeth Public Schools is committed to fostering a school environment that prioritizes engaged learning, supports the development of social skills and promotes the overall well-being of our students. To achieve this, during the school day, bell-to-bell, students are restricted from unauthorized access to and use of their personal devices. The instructional day includes, but is not limited to, lunch break, class changes, and any other structured or non-structured instructional activity that occurs during the normal school day.		
Definition of Personal Electronic Devices: Personal electronic devices ("devices") as used herein are defined as any electronic device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture or play images or video. These include, but are not limited to, smartphones, mobile phones, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, wearables, tablets, laptops, and gaming devices.		
The District reserves the right to classify additional devices as personal electronic devices.		
Because of the threat to privacy and the integrity of individual students and staff members and the educational program, the use of a camera function or other recording function of a cell phone and other electronic devices is strictly prohibited on school premises or at school activities. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is prohibited in restrooms, locker rooms and shower facilities.		
Permitted Use		
While students may bring a personal device to school, the device must be silenced, turned off, and stored in the storage option determined by the school administration. Implementation of this policy varies by grade level, as further described below.		
Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used before the instructional school day and after the official dismissal at the end of the instructional school day provided such use does not create a distraction or disruption.		
Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used by students participating in before-school or after-school activities unless approved by the staff member in charge.		


Olga Hugelmeier, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
August 10, 2026

Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Community,

On January 8, 2026, the Governor signed legislation (P.L. 2025, c.193), which required the Commissioner of Education to develop guidelines concerning student use of internet-enabled devices (i.e., cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, smart wearables, etc.) and also required each board of education to adopt a bell-to-bell policy prohibiting student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day.

In accordance with the law and the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines, and to uphold this commitment, the EPS cell phone policy (EBOE Policy 6142.11) restricts students from unauthorized access to and use of personal electronic devices during the entire school day ("bell-to-bell"). Except for circumstances outlined in the law and guidance, personal devices may not be used at any time during the school day, including during lunch or in between classes.

This law was enacted as a public health measure in response to growing concerns regarding the impact of excessive device and social media use on adolescents. Reducing access to personal internet-enabled devices during the school day is intended to support student learning, improve focus, and increase opportunities for meaningful, in-person interactions with peers and school staff.

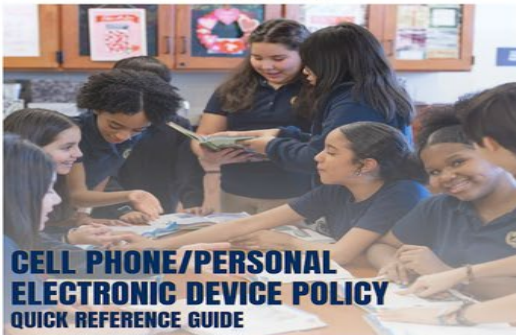
Staying connected with your child:
We recognize that many families may have grown accustomed to communicating directly with their children during the school day. To support this transition, we encourage the following:

- In case of an emergency, please contact the school's main office, and staff will ensure messages are delivered promptly.
- Students may access the main office if they need to contact a parent or caregiver.
- Students may continue to use their district-issued email accounts to communicate with their parents as appropriate.

We understand that this policy may represent a change from the regular routines of students and families. However, it reflects a shared commitment to supporting students' academic success, social development, and overall well-being.

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Cell Phone/Personal Device Policy Quick Reference Guide

CELL PHONE/PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Engaged Learning, Stronger Connections

Translate this letter:
(Spanish) [Español](#) | (Portuguese) [Português](#) | (Haitian Créole) [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | (Arabic) [العربية](#)


Virtual Parent Workshops for New Cell Phone Policy

[August 18th Teams Meeting](#)

[August 20th Teams Meeting](#)

- EBOE Policy 6142.11
- Letter from the Superintendent
- A quick reference guide to the new Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Policy



Childcare Services Before & After School

We are offering both before and after school care services in your child's homeschool. This is an optional program for families that need childcare.



Monday- Friday
on all regular school days



7:30am-8:15am
& **3:05pm-5:30 pm**



Serving PK3 - 5th Grade
All children must be potty trained!

To qualify for financial assistance for childcare services, families must register at <http://www.mynjhelps.gov/>. If you are approved for subsidy, you will receive reduced cost childcare.

To participate in our program for September 2026 families must also come to our office to complete a registration packet. Registration begins on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Address: School 52, 130 Trumbull Street
Hours: Monday – Thursday from 8am – 3pm.
Phone: 908-436-6164.

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Operating schools

- George Washington School #1
- Winfield Scott School #2
- Joseph Battin School #4
- Joseph Battin School #4A
- Mabel G. Holmes School #5
- Mabel G. Holmes School #5A
- Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette #6
- Terence C. Reilly School #7
- Jerome Dunn Academy School #9
- Abraham Lincoln School #14
- Madison-Monroe School #16
- Victor Mravlag School #21
- William F. Halloran School #22 Annex
- Orlando Edreira School #26
- Antonia Pantoja School #27
- Juan P. Duarte-Jose J. Marti School #28
- Albert Einstein School #29
- Chessie Dentley Robert Academy #30
- Frances C. Smith School #50
- Donald Stewart School #51
- Martin Luther King School #52



Servicios de cuidado infantil Antes y después de la escuela

Ofrecemos servicios de cuidado infantil antes y después de la escuela en el hogar de su hijo. Este programa es opcional para familias que necesitan cuidado infantil.



Lunes a Viernes
todos los días escolares regulares



7:30 a. m. a 8:15 a. m.
y 3:05 p. m. a 5:30 p. m.



Sirviendo desde PK3 hasta 5to grado. *Todos los niños deben estar entrenados para ir al baño.*

Para calificar para recibir asistencia financiera para servicios de cuidado infantil, las familias deben registrarse en <http://www.mynjhelps.gov/>. Si se les aprueba el subsidio, recibirán cuidado infantil a precio reducido.

Para participar en nuestro programa de septiembre de 2026, las familias también deben acercarse a nuestra oficina para completar el formulario de inscripción. La inscripción comienza el lunes 20 de julio de 2026.

Dirección: Escuela 52, Calle Trumbull 130 **Horario:** Lunes a jueves de 8:00 a 3:00pm
Teléfono: 908-436-6164.

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THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Back-to-School Children's Vaccinations & School Physicals

Open to all children from Pre-K through age 18



Monday, September 21, 2026 • 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Union County Family Clinic
40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, NJ



By appointment only



School Referral Needed

Vaccine Appointment

Register Now!



Physical Appointment



RWJBarnabas
HEALTH

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Vacunación y Exámenes Físicos Escolares para Niños Antes del Inicio del Año Escolar

Ofrecemos todas las vacunas recomendadas para la infancia.
Abierto a niños desde preescolar hasta los 18 años.



Lunes, September 21, 2026 • 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Union County Family Clinic
40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, NJ



Por cita solamente



Necesita Referido Escolar
Vacunacion

Regístrate ahora!



Examenes Fisicos



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Vaksinasyon ak Vizit Medikal Eskolè pou Timoun yo pou Rantre Klas la

Ofri tout vaksen ki rekòmande pou timoun yo.
Ouvè pou tout timoun soti nan Pre-K jiska 18 lane.

RWJBarnabas Health, an patenarya ak Depatman Sante New Jersey (New Jersey Department of Health) ansanm ak Konte Union (Union County), la pou ede pitit ou a prepare l pou nouvo ane eskolè a gras ak vaksinasyon ak vizit medikal eskolè ki rekòmande yo.

Lendi 21 Septanm 2026 • 3 p.m. pou rive 7 p.m.

Union County Family Clinic
40 Parker Road, Elizabeth, NJ

Tout sèvis yo disponib sou randevou sèlman



Necesè Referans lekòl lan

VAKSINASYON

Rejistre kounye!



MEDIKAL



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News From Central

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

EPS KICKS OFF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



Elizabeth Public Schools officially kicked off the 2026-2027 school year as it welcomed back students and team members on September 10. Elizabeth Board of Education members and Elizabeth Public Schools central office administrators were among those who greeted students and families as they arrived for their first day at schools throughout the community.

Elizabeth Public Schools and the Elizabeth Board of Education extend all students and families their best wishes for an amazing school year!



EPS WELCOMES BACK ADMINISTRATORS FOR 2026-2027



Our district welcomed back administrators to the 2026-2027 school year on September 3 at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27. The full-day event was highlighted by a presentation from Multi-State Programs AVID Executive Director Patrick Briggs, who spoke with attendees about Strategic Leadership for College and Career Readiness. The Elizabeth Public Schools staff development team helped facilitate the day of professional training that brought administrators from schools and district instructional and business departments to participate in activities that reflected on past successes, focused on guiding principles of the district, and set expectations for goals for the upcoming school year.

EPS WELCOMES ITS NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT

Elizabeth Public Schools also welcomed new team members to the EPS family for the 2026-2027 school year on September 1 at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27. The event provided an opportunity for newly hired staff members to connect with colleagues, learn about district initiatives, and gain valuable information to support a successful start to their careers.

Throughout the welcoming session, EPS team members from human resources, staff development, and technology departments helped provide information, guidance, and support. Representatives from the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), Equitable Advisors, Aflac, and other partner organizations were on hand to share important resources and benefits available to employees. New staff members had the chance to ask questions, gather information about professional support services, financial planning opportunities, insurance options, and other programs designed to enhance their well-being and professional growth.



EPS, SDA HOST BEAM SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NEW BATTIN SCHOOL NO. 4



The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA), along with Elizabeth Public Schools, the Elizabeth Board of Education, and state and city elected officials, hosted a beam signing ceremony to celebrate the construction progress of the new Joseph Battin School No. 4. Since the groundbreaking ceremony held at the site in April, construction has continued to advance, bringing the project one step closer to its anticipated opening in 2028. As part of the ceremony, attendees had the opportunity to sign a structural steel beam that will become a permanent part of the school building. Once it is placed, the beam will serve as a lasting symbol of the many individuals who played a role in this important milestone in the school's construction.

11 EPS SCHOOLS RECEIVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GOLD AWARD



Ten schools within Elizabeth Public Schools received a gold designation from the New Jersey Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in 2026 as part of the organization's recognition program.

SRTS enables and encourages safer and more accessible walking and bicycling environments for children in New Jersey through education, training, and research. Schools are required to meet various criteria to receive a gold, silver, or bronze designations, which may include implementing active transportation best practices, assessing walkability/ bikeability around the school, and participation in pedestrian or bicycle safety education programs among other things.

The 11 EPS schools to be designated the gold award in 2026 were Joseph Battin School No. 4, Jerome Dunn School No. 9, Christopher Columbus School No. 15, Victor Mravlag School No. 21, William F. Halloran School No. 22, Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51, John E Dwyer Technology Academy, Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy, and Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Additionally, Elmora School No. 12, Christopher Columbus School No. 15 Annex, and Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson STEM Academy received this year's bronze award while Winfield Scott School No. 2 received the first steps award.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. HALSEY, JR. HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY AWARDED NAVAL HONOR SCHOOL FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



The Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) program was recently designated a Naval Honor School by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Training and Education Command for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Naval Honor School designation means that a Marine Corps JROTC program is in the top 20 percent of all programs. This marks the seventh time in eight years that the MCJROTC at Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy has received this honor.

There are 250 MCJROTC programs worldwide currently divided among nine regions. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy is among 19 high schools that make up Region 9.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11

On the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, schools throughout the district remembered and honored the heroes who helped save lives and those who passed, including some of those selfless and courageous heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice while saving others.

Elizabeth Public Schools especially remembers the six residents of our community who lost their lives as a result of the attacks:

- Arcelia Castillo
- Carlos S. Da Costa
- Colleen L. Fraser
- Margaret Susan Lewis
- Frankie Serrano
- Anthony Tempesta



Arcelia Castillo, 49



Carlos S. DaCosta, 41



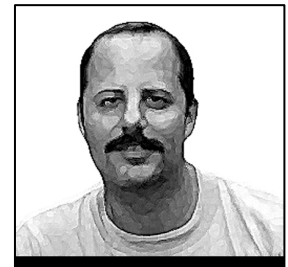
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Margaret Susan Lewis, 49



Frankie Serrano, 23



Anthony Tempesta, 38



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