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New families can begin the registration process at www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration.

If you have any questions, or would like to find out which school your child will attend, please call (734) 744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE

- Visit <u>www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration</u> to begin the registration process as early as possible.
- Complete the registration forms online, and upload all the required documents. If you are unable to load your documents, you will be required to present them in person.
- After you submit your form, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment to visit and present identification to confirm your registration.
- If you do not have access to a computer, paper packets will be available for you to complete in our office.
 Appointments are required.
- You must provide identification in person to complete the registration process.

HEALTH RECORDS FOR NEW STUDENTS

All new students must have up-to-date immunization records, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department. Vision records are required for incoming kindergartners.

Contact Pupil Accounting at 734-744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org with any questions.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE INFORMATION

734-744-2813 x 22130 livoniapublicschools.org/sacc

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration will be offered for K-6 students during the summer months in the front lobby of Central Office (15125 Farmington Rd.). The office is available for scheduled appointments only.

Summer Registration Information

July 11-September 1 Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday/Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

September 6-16: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CLOSED LABOR DAY

Beginning September 19, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 will be facilitated through the assigned school, beginning July 11. **Appointments are required.**

JULY 11-SEPTEMBER 1 MONDAY-THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. CLOSED FRIDAYS

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Emerson Middle School 734-744-2665

Frost Middle School 734-744-2670

Holmes Middle School 734-744-2675

SEPTEMBER 6-16 MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. CLOSED LABOR DAY

Churchill High School 734-744-2650, ext. 46913

Franklin High School 734-744-2655, ext. 47913

Stevenson High School 734-744-2660, ext. 48913



FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST

Greetings LPS Community,



Whether your summer was filled with playgrounds, picnics and popsicles, or family time away on the blue waters of our Great Lakes state or locales beyond, we hope that you and your family were able to relax, spend time together and enjoy many of those "summertime" pleasures.

Starting a new school year is a wonderful

time of the year, and truly one of my favorites! New years are marked by new beginnings, familiar routines, and rekindled friendships with classmates, families, and staff. Our team has been engaged this summer doing our "big picture" planning, which allows us to thoughtfully prepare for an outstanding year ahead.

Kicking off the school year, I am happy to share a few highlights with you relating to our district. Our staff is continuing on its journey to enhance student learning and achievement through our Professional Learning Communities - designated time for our staff to work collaboratively for the benefit of those we serve. Meeting the individual needs of our learners - academically, social-emotionally, and behaviorally - is the focus. Their success is our "why" for engaging in this essential work. We have some dynamic professional development opportunities on the horizon in this and other areas of focus, and we could not be more excited to dig in!

The bond work from the voter-approved 2021 bond issue continues throughout the district and much progress has been made during the summer months on areas such as the renovation of our school media centers and school kitchens. Design work is well under way for the expansion of our Livonia Career Technical Center, including the addition of a state-of-the-art robotics center. Our newly designed, comprehensive early childhood center will arise from the footprint of the former Dickinson Center on Newburgh in the coming year, with a projected opening date of August, 2024. It has been specifically designed to joyfully engage our youngest learners, and create an early childhood environment that will nurture their growth as they set sail on their educational journey in LPS.

On a final bond note, we have unfortunately experienced a significant delay in one of the most anticipated projects of the bond – the complete installation of air conditioning at the phase 1 schools. This is due to ongoing supply chain issues within the industry, but we continue the installation process as necessary materials arrive.

A few other areas have set us up for a remarkable upcoming school year, including the successful completion of 3-year contracts for our six employee group units. We are proud of the diligent and collaborative work that was put in by all parties. We have also completed the vast majority of our hiring for the school



year, including the appointment of administrators who are new to the district. We welcome these leaders and all of our newest colleagues to LPS and to their new roles!

Our desire for each of our learners, from the youngest to the most senior, is to feel a sense of belonging and connection within our LPS school community. To have those trusted adults to turn to on any given day. To find a club, activity, or interest to engage with that brings them joy. To believe in their capacity to do hard things, to persevere and problem- solve, to always be curious and inquisitive. And, most of all, to be and to have the kind of friend, classmate, and teammate that makes us better each and every day. We can do this...TOGETHER!

And, finally, to get us all in the "back to school" frame of mind, we hope you will join us for the annual Bounce Back to School celebration, set for Wednesday, August 24 from 5-8 p.m. at Riley Upper Elementary! It is always a fun filled event and a great way to reconnect with LPS friends and families. (See the cover of this Dialog for details!)

As we make the transition from summer to "school days," we hope that you find this Back to School issue of the Dialog especially useful in planning your family's school year routines. This issue is filled with important information relating to the start of the school year; registration information for new families; and much more. Keeping you informed and connected throughout the year is a priority for us, and we hope that you'll find this issue - as well as our district website, social media and district email communications - to be helpful as we begin another excellent school year in Livonia Public Schools.

Always grateful for your partnership, Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

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LPS PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Preschool Early Childhood Classes and Childcare

Jackson Center: 734-744-2813

Specialized Early Childhood Programs

734-744-2813, ext. 22990

Adult and Continuing Education

The Adult and Continuing Education Program provides adults and youth with opportunities for obtaining a GED or high school diploma, enhancing basic skills, and training for the workforce. LPS high school students, 16 years and older, can attend night school classes for credit recovery.

For more information, call 734-744-2603, or visit us online at www.livoniapublicschools.org/adult ed.



The breakfast program begins in all schools (except Niji-Iro) September 6. The lunch program begins in middle and high schools on September 6, and in elementary schools September 7. Niji-Iro's lunch program begins August 19.

If you would like to apply for free or reduced meals, please visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/foodservice. Call 734-744-2820 with questions.

Beginning
August 1, 2022,
all parents are
required to login to
ParentConnect to
complete the electronic
back-to-school
information packet for
each child prior to the
first day of school.



If your child is in need of bus transportation for the 2022-2023 school year, and your home address is within eligible boundaries for bussing, please see the important information below.

The process to request bus service has changed.

Parents/guardians must now request transportation via their ParentConnect account.

See instructions below. For username and password recovery, follow the prompt on the home screen of ParentConnect. For further assistance, email parentconnect@livoniapublicschools.org. If you do not have a computer, or you are unsure if your student qualifies for bussing, please call (734) 744-2618 for assistance. If your student is new to the district, email communication will be forthcoming with ParentConnect log-in information.

Bus route information will be posted in ParentConnect, under the Transportation tab, after September 1.

Transportation in Parent Connect

Parents of **current** LPS students can find the Transportation section under **My Information** in their Parent Connect

Once logged in, click on My Information in the upper right corner.



For current students, you will see information that can be updated at any time. Demographics, Emergency Contacts and Transportation.



If your student requires transportation in the 2022/23 school year, click on **Update Information** to the far right of the



Enter Yes in the dropdown box provided at the end of the statement. Click on Submit at the top of the screen.



Click on Return to ParentConnection Main Screen to exit the update Options



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the school websites for most current information throughout the year.

August 18	Niji-Iro: First day of school: half day, a.m. only
September 6	First day of school: See school website for times

October 3 NO SCHOOL: Staff PD Day

October 13 NO SCHOOL: Elementary, P/T Conferences

October 19-20 HALF DAY: Middle and high school, a.m. only

P/T Conferences

November 8 NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day

November 23-25 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Recess

December 9 HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only

December 12 NO SCHOOL: Elementary

Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess

January 16 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 25-26 HALF DAY: Middle and high school, a.m. only

January 27 NO SCHOOL: Middle and high school

February 1 NO SCHOOL: Middle and high school, Staff PD day

February 20 NO SCHOOL: Midwinter Recess

March 10 HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only

March 15 NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day Elementary only

March 27-31 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess

March 27- April 7 Niji-Iro: NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess

April 6 NO SCHOOL: Middle and high school, Staff PD day

April 7 NO SCHOOL: Good Friday

May 26 HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only

May 29 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

June 9 NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Staff PD day

June 13 HALF DAY: Middle and high school, a.m. only

June 14 HALF DAY: Last day of student attendance,

a.m. only

June 20 Niji-Iro: HALF DAY: Last day of student attendance,

a.m. only

We look forward to welcoming our students and their families at the Open Houses. Parents will receive information about Curriculum Night and other important events after the school year begins.

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES

Lower Elementary

Buchanan Thurs. Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Cleveland Grades 3-4: Wed. Sept. 7, 6:15 p.m.

Grades K-2: Tues. Sept. 13, 6:15 p.m.

Coolidge Thurs., Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Grant Thurs. Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Hayes Wed. Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.

Hoover Tues. Sept. 13, 6:00 p.m.

Kennedy Mon. Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Randolph Tues. Sept. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Thurs. Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Rosedale Wed. Sept. 7, 6:45 p.m.

Webster To be announced

Niji-Iro Thurs. Aug. 25, 6:00 p.m.

Upper Elementary

Cooper Wed. Aug. 31:

5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m.; 6th: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Johnson Wed. Aug. 31:

5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m.; 6th: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Riley Wed. Aug. 31:

5th: 5:00-6:00 p.m.; 6th: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

SECONDARY OPEN HOUSES

Middle School

Emerson, Frost, and Holmes Thurs., Sept. 22: 7:00 p.m.

High School

Churchill Wed. Sept. 14: 7:00 p.m.

Franklin Wed. Sept. 14: 7:00 p.m.

Stevenson Wed. Sept. 14: 7:00 p.m.

LCTC Wed. Sept. 21: 7:00 p.m.

WWSC Wed. Sept. 14: 6:00 p.m.

High School Welcome Walks

Churchill Charger Stroll - Thurs. Sept. 1, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Franklin Patriot Walk - Thurs. Sept. 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Stevenson Spartan Walk - Mon. Aug. 29, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES K-6)

Class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on August 31 by 5 p.m. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Tuesday, September 6 - Half Day

Students attend in morning only.

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Transportation and breakfast program begin on September 6.

Wednesday, September 7 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lunch program begins on September 7 for grades K-6.

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1-6)

Elementary class assignments for ACAT students will be available on August 31 on ParentConnect.

Tuesday, September 6 - Half Day

All Webster students attend in morning only, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Transportation and breakfast program begin on September 6.

Wednesday, September 7 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins, from 8:00 a.m.-3:05 p.m. Lunch program begins on September 7.

CENTER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Bus assignments for students being transported to the center programs within or outside of the district will be listed in ParentConnect on Wednesday, August 31 by 5 p.m.

NIJI-IRO JAPANESE IMMERSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-6)

Thursday, August 18 - Half Day: 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Friday, August 19 - Regular full day schedule begins:

8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Lunch program begins on August 19. Breakfast is not available at Niji-Iro.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect on August 31 by 5 p.m. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Tuesday, September 6 - Full Day, Staggered Start:

Times will be communicated to families by the school

Wednesday, September 7 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m. Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Sept. 6.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect on August 31 by 5 p.m. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Tuesday, September 6

Grade 9: Full day: 7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
Grades 10-12: Delayed start
Times will be communicated to families by the school

Wednesday, September 7 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins 7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m. Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Sept. 6.

SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

MACAT (HOUSED AT FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL)

The Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) Program is the District's middle school program designed for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas. The MACAT curriculum consists of classes in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The current process for entering MACAT begins with the grade level testing that every LPS 6th grade student participates in. Based on the results of these tests, letters are sent to parents and guardians to inform them of the opportunity to have their student considered for the MACAT Program for 7th grade. A selection committee comprised of teachers and administrators then selects the MACAT students from the students who have returned the nomination materials.

Please email <u>macat@livoniapublicschools.org</u> with questions.

MSC (HOUSED AT CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL)

The Livonia Public Schools Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program provides a concentration in math/science/computer science to students in grades 9-12 who have a high level of achievement and interest in the areas of math and science. MSC students split their day between regular study and MSC classes.

Eighth grade students who will have completed Algebra 1 by June 2023 are eligible to apply for the MSC Program for 9th grade. MSC students become full-time Churchill High School students. Transportation to Churchill is provided for MSC students who live in the Franklin and Stevenson attendance areas. Parents of LPS students who fit the Algebra eligibility guideline will be notified in late October 2022 of the opportunity for the student to apply to the MSC Program for the fall of 2023.

Applications for all students are due by Thursday, November 17, 2022. Testing for fall 2023 admission to the MSC Program is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022.

The MSC Program is open to LPS students only. Students in eighth grade residing within the district but not currently enrolled in LPS should contact msc@livoniapublicschools.org for more information. Due to the recommendation and testing requirements, non-LPS students residing within district boundaries must submit application requests for fall 2023 by Friday, October 21, 2022.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information about the MACAT and MSC programs can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Academically_Talented.

PUBLIC NOTICES A S R

ADA Accessibility

Livonia Public Schools, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is committed to ensuring that communication with individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others and will furnish appropriate aids and services where necessary to meet this commitment. Persons desiring further information are to contact the Director of Student Services at 734-744-2524.

AHERA Update

LPS, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) conducts ongoing surveillance and re-inspection programs for asbestos. LPS has an ongoing operations and maintenance program to address the asbestos in the buildings owned and operated by the district. Visit liveniapublicschools.org/publicnotices for the annual update and information.

Child Find (Student Evaluations)

If your child is between birth and age five and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child lives within LPS boundaries in grades pre-K to 12th grade and you suspect a special need or disability, or you are an adult who may need accommodations or services as an individual with a disability, please contact the administrator at your child's school or the Student Services Department at 734-744-2524.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that affords parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. They include the right to: inspect and review records; request an amendment to records; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in student's records (except in instances where disclosure without consent is allowed); file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students." See full policy at livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) offers anyone the right to request access to public documents or information. Within LPS, requests can be made to the Human Resources Department. For more information, visit livenia.org/publicnotices.

Integrated Pest Management

Occasionally, Livonia Public Schools may apply pesticides to our schools, school grounds, and athletic areas. As parents and guardians, you have the right to be notified prior to such applications. If you wish to be notified via first class mail or e-mail, please contact Harry Lau at hlau@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2511.

A posting of pesticides used inside or outside of any LPS building will be placed in advance at the entrance of the building, and on the Livonia Public Schools website. In an emergency situation,

LPS may make an application without prior notification to parents or guardians; however, parents/guardians will be notified of the application after it occurs. Further information regarding pesticides can be obtained by contacting The National Pesticide Information Center at 800-858-7378.

Immunization Requirements

Immunizations are one of the most effective and scientifically proven measures to protect children from harmful diseases and death. Since 1978, Michigan law has required that each student have an up-to-date certificate of immunization at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school) for entry into kindergarten and 7th grade, and for enrollment into a new school district, grades 1-12. Michigan schools are required to report immunization information regardless of their mode of instruction. Any student who fails to meet the immunization requirements shall not be admitted or participate in school classes.

Lost or Stolen Property

Livonia Public Schools and its staff members are not liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

McKinney Vento Act

Livonia Public Schools follows federal mandates for the McKinney Vento Act by enrolling any homeless children who lack a regular and adequate night-time residence. Homeless children are placed according to their best interests, and have the same rights as resident students. If you are aware of children in this circumstance, please call 734-744-2535.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Education that Livonia Public Schools School District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or transgender status. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, and marital status - Director of Human Resources, (734) 744-2566. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: handicap or disability - Director of Student Services, (734) 744-2524.

Personal Curriculum

A personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

A PC may be requested by the parent or guardian of a student for whom the curriculum is sought, or by a student of majority age or emancipated minor status. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

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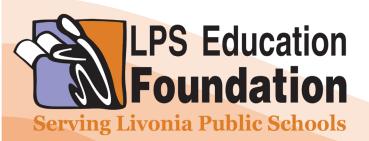
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