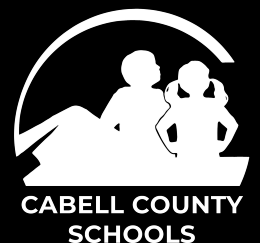




BACK TO SCHOOL

2023-2024

Family Guide





Dear Cabell County Families,

Welcome back! As we approach the beginning of another exciting school year, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome back to our wonderful students and their families! Whether you're returning to our school community or joining us for the first time, we are excited to have you as part of our educational family.

At Cabell County Schools, we believe in the power of partnership between home and school. Your involvement and support are invaluable as we strive to provide the best learning experiences for our students. We deeply appreciate your commitment to working together with us on this journey towards growth and success for every child in our care.

Just like our Summer Learning Toolkit emphasized, we understand that every student's journey is unique. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to nurturing your child's individual talents and helping them overcome challenges they may face. Together, we will create a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity, exploration, and a passion for learning.

One of the cornerstones of a successful education is regular attendance. Every day of learning counts, and your child's active presence in the classroom makes a significant difference in their academic progress. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually. If any challenges arise that may affect attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school staff for assistance and support.

As we embark on this new academic year, we want to reassure you that we are deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our students. Our schools have put in place comprehensive measures to provide a secure and nurturing environment where your child can thrive both academically and socially.

To foster a sense of belonging and connect with each family and student, we have planned various events and engaging activities throughout the school year. From PTO meetings to school festivals and volunteer opportunities, we encourage you to actively participate in the life of our school community.

As the Cabell County Schools Superintendent, I am honored to serve alongside our incredible team of educators and staff members. Together, we are dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you to create a bright and promising future for each and every student.

Wishing you a fantastic school year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan S. Saxe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan S. Saxe
Superintendent, Cabell County Schools

Welcome to Cabell County Schools!

The start of the school year is one of our FAVORITE times here in Cabell County Schools! We can't wait to have all of our students, teachers, staff, and families back with us for another great school year!

To help make the transition easier, we've put together a guide to the most commonly asked Back to School questions. We hope it's helpful as you and your family gear up for a fantastic school year with us! See you soon!

Open House

Join us for Open House to visit your school, meet your teachers, and get important information to help your child start the year on the right foot. Dates are below:

- *Elementary: Tuesday, Aug 15**
- *Middle School: Monday, Aug 14**
- *High School: Thursday, Aug 10**

See your school website/social media or call the office for times and details.

Climb Institute

We offer a three-day transition program for incoming sixth and ninth graders on Aug 2-4. During this time, students will get comfortable in their new school, meet their teachers, learn about expectations and receive tips for success as a newly-minted middle or high schooler. This opportunity is one of the **best** ways to set your child up for success in the new school year!

Bus transportation and meals are provided. To register, call the school office.

Elementary	Start & End Times		Middle
Altizer	8:00a-2:30p	Meadows	7:55a-2:30p
Central City	7:50a-2:30p	Milton	7:45a-2:30p
Cox Landing	7:45a-2:30p	Milton PreK	8:00a-2:15p
Culloden	7:50a-2:30p	Nichols	7:45a-2:30p
Davis Creek	7:45a-2:30p	Ona	8:00a-2:30p
Explorer Academy	7:45a-2:30p	Salt Rock	7:50a-2:45p
Guyandotte	7:45a-2:30p	Southside	7:55a-2:35p
Highlawn	7:45a-2:30p	Spring Hill	7:55a-2:35p
Hite-Saunders	7:50a-2:35p	VOBE	7:45a-2:25p
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			7:25a-3:05p
			CMHS
			7:30a-3:00p
			HHS
			7:40a-3:14p
			CCCTC
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Multi-Level Programs			
Crossroads	8:00a-2:30p	CVLA K-5	8:00a-2:35p
		CVLA 6-9	7:50a-3:05p

2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July

4 - Independence Day

August

8 - Prep Day for Staff
 9, 10 - Curriculum Development for Staff
 11 - Curriculum Development & Faculty Senate for Staff
 14, 15 - Professional Learning for Staff
16 - First Day for Students

September

4 - Holiday - No School

October

9 - Outside Environment Day
 24 - Parent/Teacher Meeting Day and Faculty Senate - No School for Students

November

10 - Veterans Day - No School
 20, 21, 22, 24 - Out of Calendar Day - No School
 23 - Holiday - No School

December

21 - Faculty Senate - Two Hour Early Release for Students
 22 - Outside Environment Day
 25 - Holiday - No School
 26, 27, 28, 29 - Out of Calendar Day - No School

January

1 - Holiday - No School
 2 - Curriculum Development for Staff - No School for Students
 3 - Professional Learning for Staff - No School for Students
4 - Students Return
 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

February

12 - Outside Environment Day
 13 - Professional Learning and Faculty Senate for Staff - No School for Students

March

25-29 - Spring Break - No School

April

1 - Outside Environment Day
 12 - Faculty Senate - Two Hour Early Release for Students

May

14 - Election Day - No School
 24 - Faculty Senate - Two Hour Early Release for Students
 27 - Holiday - No School
 28, 29 - Outside Environment Days
 30 - Prep Day for Staff

June

20 - WV Day

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2023-2024

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Pending use of OSE days



HOLIDAYS & BREAKS

FALL BREAK

Nov 20-24



WINTER BREAK

Dec 22-Jan 3



SPRING BREAK

Mar 25-29



FIRST SEMESTER

SECOND SEMESTER

FIRST GRADING PERIOD

Aug 16 to Oct 12

SECOND GRADING PERIOD

Oct 13 to Dec 21

THIRD GRADING PERIOD

Jan 4 to Mar 11

FOURTH GRADING PERIOD

Mar 12 to May 24

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Sept 4*

LABOR DAY

Jan 2 & 3

Teacher Work Days

May 14*

Election Day

Oct 24

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Jan 15*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

May 27*

MEMORIAL DAY

Nov 10*

VETERANS DAY

Feb 13

Teacher Work Day

* Schools/Offices Closed

OSE DAYS

(NO SCHOOL UNLESS NEEDED TO MAKE UP FOR MISSED TIME)

Oct 9

Apr 1

Dec 22

May 28

Feb 12

May 29

2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE

Dec 21

Apr 12

May 24

GRADUATIONS



May 23



May 24

What does my student need?

Don't let back-to-school shopping stress you out. Cabell County School provides your students with the school supplies, technology, and meals they'll need to succeed.

School Supplies



Schools provide all learning supplies students will need for class.

If you are interested in donating items to a class or a specific teacher, check with your child's teacher for an Amazon wishlists or basic supply lists.

If not, the following are always appreciated but never required:

- dry erase markers
- cleaning wipes
- tissues
- pencils

Meals



Healthy school breakfasts and lunches are provided each day at no cost to all Cabell County Schools students. In our secondary schools, students have a choice of various menu options.

Check out the menus here:

<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/270>



Transportation

Getting your child to school on time every day is one of the most important things you can do to help them succeed. We know families play a huge role in getting students where they need to be, so thank you for partnering with us on this goal!



Bus Routes & Times

<https://tinyurl.com/4nhwk7f4>



Mental & Emotional Health Hotline

Cabell Co Schools partners with Pretera Mental Health Services to provide a free hotline for all students, staff, and their families. Call to speak with a licensed therapist about concerns or questions you have for yourself or your child.



Cabell Schools

CARE LINE

1.800.642.3434

6:00p-10:00p
7 days/week

Technology

We are a leader in technology integration in the classroom.

In Cabell County, all students K-12 are issued an Apple learning device: iPads for K-8 and MacBooks for 9-12. This device, along with the Office365 suite of programs, ensures that your child has the hardware and software they need for research and assignments.

Device Insurance

You may purchase damage and replacement insurance for your students' school-issued devices. It is not required but highly encouraged to help avoid financial strain should anything happen to the device.

Learn more about policies, devices, and insurance here:
<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/795>



Schoology

Schoology is where instructional content and grades are kept. You can access your students' information at any time with a Schoology Parent Account. You'll need a code from your student's school to create your account.

Sign up here: <https://www.cabellschools.com/domain/146>
If you have signed up previously, your account is the same.



Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Students are expected to use county-issued devices and internet services for school-appropriate activities. Be on the lookout for your child's AUP to come home with their back-to-school forms. Please discuss the policy and your family's expectations for internet use and safety with your child.

Financial Help for Home Internet Access

Thanks to the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program and the USDA Community Eligibility Program, ALL Cabell Co Schools families are eligible for:

- Up to \$30/mo off your home internet coverage
- Up to \$100 discount on a tablet, laptop, or desktop for your child



To apply visit getinternet.gov

Student Support

Attendance

Students learn best when they're in class on time every day. Not only do they miss instruction on the day they miss, but they also struggle when they get back because they're behind. One of the best things you can do to ensure your student's success is to get them there on time every day.

That said, we know students sometimes have to miss. There are three ways you can document absences to help your student:

***Doctor's excuses**

If your student is sick enough to visit the doctor, ask the office for an excuse and turn it in when they return.

***Family excuse notes**

If your student has to miss for another legitimate reason, you may write an excuse for up to five days. Send a note with your student when they return to school with their name, date(s) absent, and the reason for the absence.

***Educational excuses**

If your family will be traveling for educational reasons (to visit museums, aquariums, historical sites, etc.), you may submit a request for educational leave to the office. It must be approved two weeks before the trip in order to be excused. Excuses are granted at the principal's discretion.

Immunizations & Health Checks

Students are required to show proof they have had Tdap and MCV4 vaccines on or before the first day of school in 7th and 12th grades. There will be no grace period for these documents.

Additionally, students must show a recent health check and dental form (a standard form from your family doctor/pediatrician's and dentist's office showing that your child has been seen in the last year is all that is required).

See the schedule below:

Pre-K	Health Check & Dental Form
K	Health Check & Dental Form
2nd	Health Check & Dental Form

7th	up-to-date Tdap & MCV4 Health Check & Dental Form
8th	Tdap & MCV4
12th	up-to-date Tdap & MCV4 series Health Check & Dental Form

For more information, contact the Student Support Office.

<https://tinyurl.com/54m4eyy3>



How can I help my student?

Research tells us that students with families that are engaged in their education perform up to a **half a grade level higher** than those without that benefit. While that sounds incredible and, of course, we all want our students to have every benefit possible, you might be asking what being "engaged" really looks like. Check out these seven tips to guide you as you help your student this year.

Additionally, we'd love to hear from you personally. Let us know how you'd like to get involved on our School Involvement Interest Survey, and let us know how we can best help your family on our Family Needs Survey.

Finally, keep up with what's going on at your child's school by visiting their website and connecting with them on social media.

Top 7 Ways to Help Your Student Succeed at School

- 1 Talk about school early, often, and positively.
- 2 Get your student to school on time every day. Attendance matters.
- 3 Communicate regularly with your student's teachers.
- 4 Keep track of your student's assignments and grades.
- 5 Follow the school on social media, classroom apps, and/or on their website.
- 6 Find ways for your student to "plug in" at school through clubs, activities, or groups.
- 7 Keep your student talking.
(About friends, what they're learning, worries, funny stories, etc.)

School Involvement Interest Survey



<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/937>

Family Needs Survey



<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/868>

School Sites & Groups



<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/1256>

We are ALWAYS here to help you find ways to support your student. Find our tutorials, videos, and resources on the Family Academy page of CabellSchools.com.

<https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/1238>

