

# BACK TO SCHOOL

FAMILY GUIDE 2024

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# Welcome to Cabell County Schools!



Hello Cabell County Families,

I'm Tim Hardesty, your new superintendent. While I'm new to this role, I am not new to Cabell County Schools. During my 27-year career in education, I have proudly served as a classroom teacher, principal and district administrator. Having previously served over 20 years in Cabell County, I am happy to be back with the students, staff, and families of Cabell County as we begin the 2024-2025 school year.

I look forward to reconnecting with our school communities, visiting classrooms, and participating in as many school activities as possible this year. Our students are achieving amazing things, thanks to the work of their fantastic teachers, school staff, and families. I look forward to celebrating their successes and working to expand opportunities for all our kids to learn and grow to their highest potential.

I look forward to seeing you at school soon!

Sincerely,  
Tim Hardesty

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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 13, 4:00-6:00 PM**

**\*Middle School: Monday, Aug 12, 4:00-6:00 PM**

**\*High School: Thursday, Aug 8, 4:00-6:00 PM**

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

## Climb Institute

We offer a two-day transition program for **incoming sixth and ninth graders on July 31-August 1 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

During this time, students will get comfortable in their new school, meet their teachers, learn about expectations and receive tips for success as newly-minted middle or high schoolers. 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.



**6th Grade - <https://forms.office.com/r/ehdX1HzVsU>**

**9th Grade - <https://forms.office.com/r/TrNpgFMxjL>**

## Start & End Times

### Elementary

<b>Altizer</b>	8:00a-2:30p
<b>Central City</b>	7:50a-2:30p
<b>Cox Landing</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Culloden</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Davis Creek</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Explorer Academy</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Guyandotte</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Highlawn</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Hite-Saunders</b>	7:50a-2:35p
<b>Martha</b>	7:45a-2:30p

<b>Meadows</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Milton</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Milton PreK</b>	8:00a-2:15p
<b>Nichols</b>	7:45a-2:30p
<b>Ona</b>	7:55a-2:40p
<b>Salt Rock</b>	7:50a-2:35p
<b>Southside</b>	7:55a-2:35p
<b>Spring Hill</b>	7:55a-2:40p
<b>VOBE</b>	7:45a-2:25p

### Middle

<b>BMS</b>	7:10a-3:10p
<b>HEMS</b>	7:15a-3:00p
<b>HMS</b>	7:27a-2:55p
<b>MMS</b>	7:25a-3:05p

### High

<b>CMHS</b>	7:30a-3:00p
<b>HHS</b>	7:45a-3:12p
<b>CCCTC</b>	7:50a-2:30p

### Multi-Level Programs

<b>Crossroads</b>	8:00a-2:30p	<b>CVLA</b>	8:00a-2:30p
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## 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**
- \***Family excuse notes**
- \***Educational excuses**

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

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.

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.

*Submit  
Absences  
Here*

**CCS Digital Parent Note  
For Absence**



**Chronic absenteeism means missing 10% or more of the school year, which typically equals 18 or more days. This includes absences for any reason, such as excused or unexcused absences, suspensions, or time missed due to changing schools. Frequent absences can harm a student's academic progress and school experience. Make every day count!**



# 2024-2025

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**FIRST DAY  
OF SCHOOL**

\*PreK Only Aug 22

August  
**14**

**OPEN  
HOUSE**



High School 8/8  
Middle School 8/12  
Elementary 8/13  
4:00-6:00pm

**LAST DAY  
OF SCHOOL**

Pending use  
of OSE days

May  
**23**

May  
**30**

## HOLIDAYS & BREAKS

**FALL BREAK**

**Nov 25-29**



**WINTER BREAK**

**Dec 21-Jan 5**



**SPRING BREAK**

**Mar 24-28**



## FIRST SEMESTER

FIRST GRADING  
PERIOD

**Aug 14 to  
Oct 8**

SECOND GRADING  
PERIOD

**Oct 9 to  
Dec 20**

## SECOND SEMESTER

THIRD GRADING  
PERIOD

**Jan 6 to  
Mar 12**

FOURTH GRADING  
PERIOD

**Mar 13 to  
May 23**

## NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

**Sept 2 \***

**LABOR DAY**

**Oct 22**

Parent/Teacher Meetings

**Nov 5 \***

Election Day

**Nov 11 \***

**VETERANS DAY**

**Jan 2 & 3**

Teacher Work Days

**Jan 20 \***

**MLK JR DAY**

**Feb 11**

Teacher Work Day

**May 26 \***

**MEMORIAL DAY**

\* Schools/Offices Closed

## OSE DAYS

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

**Oct 14**

**Feb 10**

**May 28**

**May 29**

**May 30**

**June 2**

## 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE

**Dec 20**

**Apr 18**

## GRADUATIONS

**CMHS** May 22 **HHS** May 23



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# 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

## July

4 - Independence Day

## August

6 - Prep Day for Staff

7, 8 - Curriculum Development for Staff

9 - Curriculum Development & Faculty Senate for Staff

12, 13 - Professional Learning for Staff

14 - First Day for Students

## September

2 - Labor Day- No School

## October

14 - Outside Environment Day

22 - Parent/Teacher Meeting Day & Faculty Senate - No School for Students

## November

5 - Election Day - No School

11 - Veterans Day - No School

25, 26, 27, 29 - Out of Calendar Days - No School

28 - Thanksgiving - No School

## December

20- Faculty Senate - Two Hour Early Release for Students

23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31- Out of Calendar Days - No School

25- Christmas Day - No School

## January

1 - New Years Day - No School

2 - Curriculum Development for Staff - No School for Students

3 - Professional Learning for Staff - No School for Students

6 - Students Return

20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

## February

10 - Outside Environment Day

11 - Professional Learning & Faculty Senate - No School for Students

## March

7 - PreK/Kindergarten Registration; No School for Kindergarteners

24-28 - Spring Break- No School

## April

18 - Faculty Senate - Two Hour Early Release for Students

## May

26 - Memorial Day - No School

27 - Prep Day & Faculty Senate - No School for Students

28, 29, 30 - Outside Environment Days

## June

2 - Outside Environment Day

20 - WV Day

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# 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 wishlist or basic supply list.

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

- dry erase markers
- cleaning wipes
- tissues
- pencils



## 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>



## 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>



## 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).

Valley Health Clinics are offering immunizations and other services at both high schools all summer. This is available to all students.



<b>Pre-K</b>	Immunizations, Health Check & Dental Form
<b>K</b>	Immunizations, Health Check & Dental Form
<b>2nd</b>	Health Check & Dental Form

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

For more information, contact the Student Support Office.

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



# 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>



## 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.

# How can I help my student?

## Schoology

Schoology is where instructional content and grades are kept. You can access your students' information at any time with a Schoology Parent Account.

This gives you a real-time view of your child's grades, missing work, and assignments so you can help them stay on track. No need to wait until report cards are released. You can follow along throughout the school year to best help them achieve their academic goals.

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.



## 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.)



## Family Support Resources

Thanks to a collaboration with the WV Department of Education, all families and staff now have FREE access to 24/7, confidential support through ParentGuidance.org including:

- 1:1 Coaching
- Ask a Therapist
- Helpful On-Demand Courses

We all want what's best for our kids. Having an expert share their insight and experience can be a wonderful help along the way. You can find all of these resources on our website at: <https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/1515> or by scanning here:



## Coaching for Families...

NEED CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT WITH PARENTING?

COACHES WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH YOUR PARENTING QUESTIONS AND BE THE SUPPORT YOU NEED!



FREE Parent Coaching throughout the summer includes:

- CONFIDENTIAL support
- Weekly facetime calls
- 24/7 Messaging with your coach
- Guided, step-by-step resources
- Tools & tips to help enhance your family life



SUMMER SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE



Scan to REGISTER for Coaching



<https://cookcenter.info/coaching>



Parent Guidance.org



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 the seven tips on the previous page 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.

### 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>

