

CABELL COUNTY SCHOOLS



Welcome from Superintendent Dr. Ryan Saxe

Hello, Cabell County Schools families and welcome back! I think I speak for all of us when I say, I hope it is a more normal school year! Since early 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic threw us some huge curve balls. Our schools worked with our families and staff through each challenge, supporting students' learning in every way we could. It was an incredibly joyful day when highly effective vaccines were announced. These vaccines allowed us to return to most activities we previously enjoyed including holiday gatherings, travel, worship, recreational activities, and school.

Keeping what is best for children as our primary focus has not only allowed us to overcome immense obstacles, but also has unleashed innovation at a pace not witnessed before. Cabell's expert staff has become even more focused on delivering individualized instruction while offering the physical, social, and emotional supports each child needs to be successful. We've leveraged technology tools, such as Schoology, the district's Learning Management System, to provide instructional continuity and to embed parents more deeply in the learning process.

Our district has also sharpened its operational effectiveness. Because of pandemic funding, every school now has a school nurse and counselor. Together, they work with additional social workers to meet the needs of students. Additional custodians and service employees continue to ensure facilities are sparkling clean and operating efficiently. Sanitizing devices were purchased to disinfect classroom surfaces and school buses. A network of WIFI hotspots has been installed at our facilities and on school buses to give families more options for Internet access. In addition, 100% of our school bus fleet now has student WIFI access in addition to routing software that allows you to track when your child will get on or off the school bus.

In the last year, our staff has continued to work tirelessly to address students' needs social, emotional and academic needs. The results have been nothing short of amazing! Teachers, staff, and administrators engaged in conversations about student performance and appropriate supports for each child. Schools utilized the extra staff, materials, and interventions provided through Federal CARES Act dollars and other financial resources, provided high quality professional development, and developed methods to not only communicate with families in meaningful ways, but also to celebrate the successes of their students and staff. They continued to build and foster school communities of high expectations. Nearly every Cabell County school saw significant academic improvements in English Language Arts and mathematics on the West Virginia General Summative Assessment. At the high school level, 17 Advanced Placement (AP) teachers' classrooms surpassed the state and national average for AP scores. The district graduation rate has also continued to increase to historic levels.

Families, we need you to help our schools keep our positive momentum! Being involved in the learning of your child will help us as we continue to focus on the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students. I am certain the coming year will present more challenges for us all, but I also believe the renewed partnership between our families and their schools is a positive outcome of the pandemic that will help as we face any obstacles together. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

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Ryan S. Saxe, Ed.D, Superintendent

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!

Getting to School

After several years of interruptions due to Covid, now, more than ever, we look forward to having ALL students in class on time every day. Faithful attendance has a major impact on how well students learn and how comfortable they are with their lessons.



Getting your student 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!

Elementary

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Start & End Times

8:00a-2:30p Meadows 7:50a-2:30p Milton Milton PreK 8:10a-2:25p 7:45a-2:30p Nichols 8:00a-2:30p Ona 8:00a-2:45p Salt Rock Southside 8:00a-2:35p 7:55a-2:40p Spring Hill VOBE 7:45a-2:25p

Middle

BMS	7:10a-3:10p
HEMS	7:20a-3:00p
HMS	7:27a-2:55p
MMS	7:25a-3:05p

High

CMHS7:30a-3:00pHHS7:15a-3:07pCCCTC7:15a-3:15p

Multi-Level Programs

Crossroads 8:00a-2:30p CVLA K-5 8:00a-2:35p; 6-9 7:50a-3:05p

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2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

July 4 – Independence Day

August

10 - Teacher Prep 11, 12, 15 – Continuing Ed – No Students 16 - – Faculty Senate & Professional Learning – No Students 17 – First Day for Students

> September 5- Labor Day - No School

October 14 – Faculty Senate & Professional Learning – No Students

November

8 - Election Day – No School 11 - Veterans' Day-No School

24 – Holiday – No School

21, 22, 23, 25 - Out of Calendar Day - No School

December 23 – Faculty Senate & Professional Learning – No Students 26 – Holiday – No School 27-30 - Winter Break- No School

January

2 – Holiday – No School 3 - Continuing Ed – No Students 4 – Professional Learning – No Students 5 – Students Return 16 - MLK Day - No School

February 6 – OSE Day 7 – Faculty Senate & Professional Learning – No Students

> March 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 – Spring Break – No School

April 7 – Faculty Senate – 2-hour Early Release

May

16 - Seniors' Last Day 25 - HHS Graduation 26 - CMHS Graduation 24 - Students' Last Day – Faculty Senate – 2-hour Early Releas 25, 26, 30, 31 – OSE Days 29 - Memorial Day—Holiday – No School

> June 1 – OSE Day 2 – Teacher Prep Day

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🛚 What does my student need?

Don't let back-to-school shopping stress you out. In terms of school supplies, technology, and meals, our schools provide your student with what they'll need to succeed.

School Supplies

The schools provide all learning supplies students will need for class.

If you are interested in donating items to class or a specific teacher, oftentimes teachers have 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 students.

In our secondary schools, students have a choice of various menu options.

Check out the menu here:

https://www.cabellschools.com/Page/27



Technology

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We are a leader in technology integration in the classroom. 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 is where student 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://tinyurl.com/bdd4mju8 If you have signed up previously, your account is the same.

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Students are expected to use countyissued devices and internet services for school-appropriate activities.





Students learn best when they're in class on time every day. Not only do they lose learning 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.

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
К	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.

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

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



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

