

Welcome to JH!

Information for new families

Registration

We are your neighborhood school and your community, we are so glad you're here!

Kindergarten registration begins April 17, 2024– please register early so the school can predict enrollment and the correct number of classrooms!

- 1) Complete the enrollment forms online ([link here](#))
- 2) **You must also visit your school in person** with your [verification documents](#). This usually takes <15 minutes. **Schedule this visit** with the registrar. Call the school to schedule 703-706-4400.

JH Registrar: Ms. Pearce nishicka.pearce@acps.k12.va.us

The Basics

- What time does school start? 7:50am
Doors open at 7:35am for breakfast.
Students counted tardy after 8:00.
- Bus loop is for buses only
- Kiss and Ride (cars)- enter the parking lot and there is a drop off lane. Please don't park and get out if you're in the drop-off lane.
- Park on Cameron St./Princess St./in the parking lot if you want to walk your kid up to the main doors. Keep an eye out for bikes in the bike lane and please do not block Cameron St!
- What time is dismissal? 2:35pm (Kindergarten dismisses at 2:30pm)
 - Grade levels will group by walkers/kiss and ride/bus and teachers will escort the group. Your teacher will let you know what door to pick up walkers at – generally on the playground side
- Uniform – There is no required uniform.
- Visitors (e.g. picking up a student early) must use the main doors, which are on the playground side. Press the intercom button to be let in, and proceed to the front office with your ID.



Bus Information

- If you are within the walk zone, you are ineligible for bus transportation
 - K-8 students who live 1 mile or less from their campus are within the walk zone. Exceptions are based on specific safety issues along the expected walk path.

Decisions made by the Transportation Office 703-461-4169
- You will automatically be assigned a bus, if eligible, based on your home address in your registration paperwork
- You will receive an email in the days before school starts (maybe even the day before!) with your bus number, time, and stop location. *Plan for buses to be off-schedule the first week as adjustments are made*
- If you need transportation to another location (e.g. an after school program) you must use [this form to request the change](#) **BY AUGUST 5!** [ACPS Bus Change Info](#)
- [GPS Parent Portal](#)- the app will show you the GPS location of the bus and send you a push notification when it is nearing your bus stop.
- If you need help meeting other bus riders in your neighborhood, the PTA can help you connect with other families- email us or post in the [Jefferson-Houston School Parents and Caregivers facebook group](#)

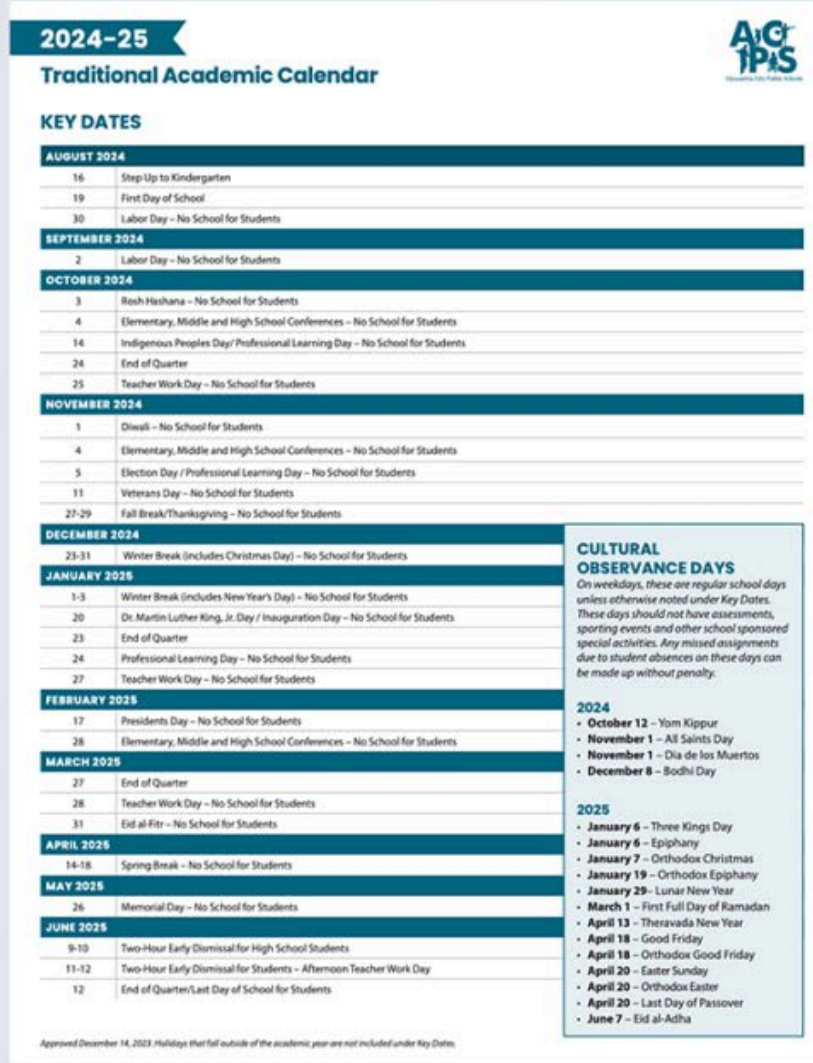
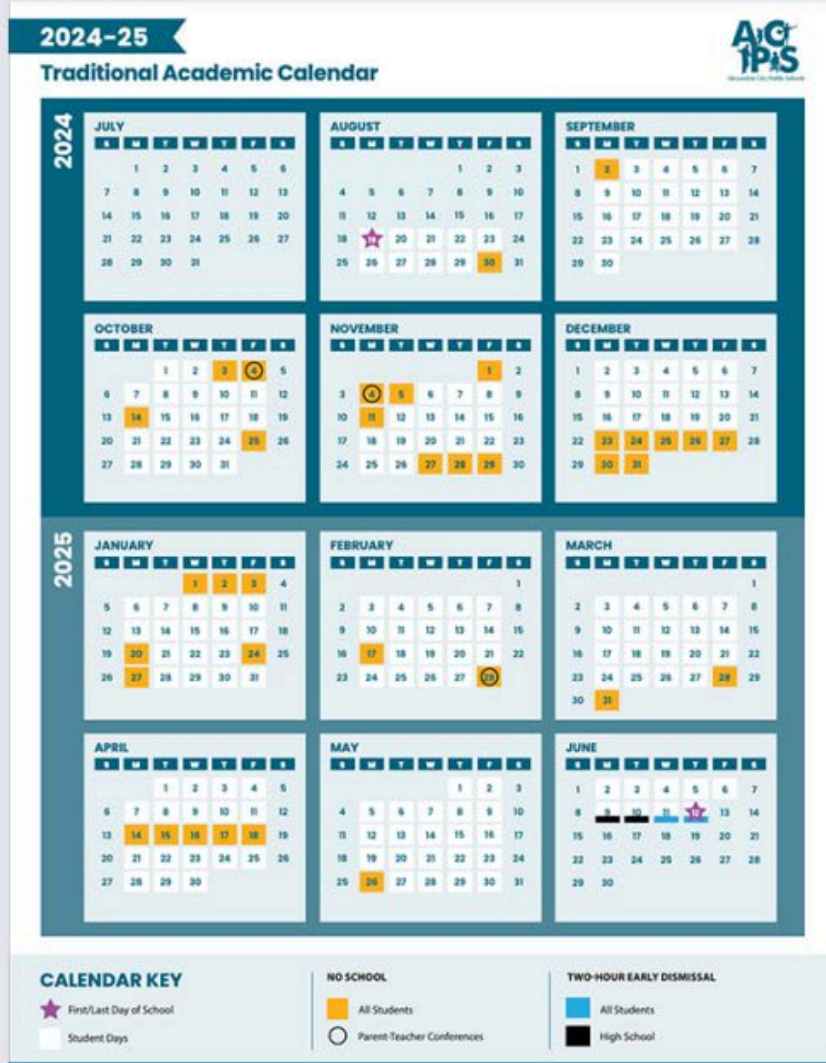
Step Up to Kindergarten/Orientation

- Step Up to Kindergarten is:
 - the Friday before school starts (Aug 16, 2024)
 - half day 9-12 with their classroom teachers
 - drop-off (parents don't stay)
 - practice bus routes
 - practice going through lunch line
- Orientation/Open House (all grades):
 - the Friday before school starts (Aug 16, 2024), in the afternoon usually 1-3pm
 - Find out your child's classroom assignment (assignments are mailed the week before school starts)
 - Visit the classroom and meet your child's teacher, bring in school supplies
- First days of school
 - Kindergarten meets in the first floor cafeteria which is just inside the main doors, and walk to the classroom together with their teachers
 - Make sure you clearly communicate your child's afternoon transportation (parent pick-up as walker, kiss and ride, or bus #) to the teacher by the end of the first day of school!
 - Make sure your student knows where they are going in the afternoon

After School Programs (also plan care for days off, winter and spring breaks!)

- Campagna Kids (at school) [The Campagna Center](#) runs programs at ACPS schools
 - Sliding fee scale based on income (ranges from \$40-\$450 monthly); closed on teacher workdays; runs after school until 6pm; Registration usually opens in June
- Charles Houston Rec Center (bus) [Power On Out of School Time Program](#)
 - Open on most teacher work days; runs after school until 6pm
 - Registration opens end of June; cost for 2024-2025 is \$792 (different rates for families who qualify for federal assistance programs) for the entire school year
- Boys and Girls Club (walk) [Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Club \(401 N Payne St\)](#)
- YMCA ([420 E Monroe Ave](#)) runs after school until 6:30pm
- Creative Play (100 E Windsor Ave) runs after school until 6pm
- Yang's Taekwondo (1611 Commonwealth Ave)
- For bus transportation to an after school program, you must use [this](#) form to request the change BY AUGUST 5! Approval is not guaranteed, decisions are made by the Transportation Office
[ACPS Bus Change Info](#)

JH 2024-25 Calendar



Example Daily Schedule (2nd grader)

7:50-8:10 Morning Meeting/SEL (social emotional learning)

8:10-9:25 Math

9:25-10:05 Intervention/Enrichment

10:10-11:10 Encore*

*Encore Schedule:

Monday- Art

Tuesday- Library

Wednesday- Spanish

Thursday- PE

Friday- Music (band/orchestra 4th & 5th)

11:10-11:40 Recess

11:40-12:10 Lunch

12:15-12:45 Core Reading

12:45-1:05 Writing

1:05-2:00 HD Word (Reading)

2:00-2:30 Science/Social Studies

2:30 Pack-Up & Dismissal

*Kindergarten also has a snack time in the afternoon.

Lunch (30 min)

- There are small cafeterias on each floor, each grade level eats together (e.g. Kindergarteners are eating lunch only with other kindergarteners)
- Community Eligibility Provision – (free breakfast and lunch for all 23-24 school year)
- Menu- available on the School Café app ([info on ACPS website](#))
 - Don't make selections or add money, only use to view menu
- After lunch is served, students can buy ice cream or chips, \$1.50
- If you send money for their account to buy extra items, your child will get a PIN number
- No fridges or microwaves available for student use
- Middle school- Please don't order delivery (e.g. doordash, ubereats)

Example Lunch Menu (*PB&J is actually sunbutter)

Elementary Lunch					
Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-8	Cheeseburger on a Bun or Black Bean Burger	Beef or Mexican Crumble Nachos w/ Taco Fixins' (LR100140)	Brunch for Lunch: French Toast Breakfast Panini (LR101908) w/ Hash Browns	Homemade Bean & Cheese Empanada (LR101779) w/ Rice	Cheese (LR101001), Pepperoni [^] (LR101006), or Manager's Choice Pizza
	Spaghetti & Homemade Meatsauce or Meatless Crumble Sauce	Three Bean Chili Topped Tots (LR101224) w/ Cinnamon Roll (LR101051)		Warm Turkey & Cheese on Croissant (LR100509) w/ Baked Chips	Tuna Melt on Croissant (LR101921) w/ Chips
Bento Box	PB & J Uncrustable (LR100932, 840), String Cheese (LR100224, 975), & Pretzels (LR100553)				
	Yogurt & String Cheese w/ Muffin, Grahams	Pizza Lunch Kit (LR100745): WG Mini Flatbreads (2) w/ Shredded Mozzarella (2 oz), & Marinara	Yogurt & String Cheese w/ Assorted Cereal	Homemade Hummus Cheese Wrap (LR101027) <i>updated recipe</i>	Yogurt & String Cheese w/ Muffin, Grahams
6-8 ONLY	Chicken or Kickin' Nuggets Biscuit Mash Bowl	Titan Nacho Grande w/ Beef, Three Bean Chili, or Mexican Crumble (LR100894/016)	Peruvian Chicken (LR101791) w/ Black Beans & Rice/Quinoa Blend & Aji Verde (LR101284)	Falafel Pita w/ Tzatziki Sauce (LR101910, LR101577)	Buffalo Chicken Pizza
Greens More Bar (GMB)	Savory Loops	Taco Fixins'	Hash Browns	Roasted Plantains [^] (LR100081)	Fresh Grape Tomatoes
	Salad/Lettuce Mix (LR100648, 636)				
	Fresh Carrots (LR100821)	Chili Spiced Sweet Potatoes	Fresh Seasonal Vegetable [*]	Cucumber Tomato Salad (LR100748)	Marinated Mushrooms (LR101915)
	Green Bean Salad [^] (LR100901)	Cauliflower Florettes	Marinated Chickpeas [^] (LR100900)	Seasoned Pinto Beans [^] (LR101359)	Fresh Cucumber Coins (LR100235)
	Chilled Corn (LR100902)	Tasty Tree Tops (LR100446)	Fresh Tomatoes (LR100738, 647, 818)	Fresh Seasonal Vegetable [*]	Fresh Carrots (LR100821)
	Fresh Cucumber Coins (LR100235)	Vegetarian Refried Beans	Fresh Cucumber Coins (LR100235)	Chilled Power Peas (LR100907)	Tasty Tree Tops (LR100446) / Fresh Cauliflower (LR100253)
	Fresh Orange Wedges (LR100086)	Fresh Seasonal Vegetable [*]	Chilled Sliced Peaches (LR100050)	Fresh Sliced Pear (LR100084)	Fresh Seasonal Fruit [*]
	Chilled Pineapple Chunks (LR100051)	Frozen Fruit Cup (LR100490, 575, 713, 869)	Fresh Apple Slices (LR100820)	Fresh Seasonal Fruit [*]	Clementines
Assorted Milk Offered Daily					

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School Supplies

- [Link to supply list](#)
- Bring them at orientation or send them with your child the first day
- The school social worker has many donated backpacks and school supplies Jeremy.Patterson@acps.k12.va.us
- Send a change of clothes if your child might need it. Send layers-the air conditioning can be cold, the heat can be hot
- Medications- speak with Nurse Pastore lisa.pastore@acps.k12.va.us
- Back to School Night – a few weeks after school starts; visit the classroom, meet the teacher, find out the daily schedule, meet other parents

Power School and Parent Square

- You will receive a letter in the mail in September from ACPS with an 'Access ID' and 'Access Password'
- [Power school](#) – fill out Back to School forms each year, view absences and tardies
 - Make sure your contact info (e.g. email) is correct and matches your registration information!!
- [Power school](#) info is used to configure your [Parent Square](#)
- Please check the box in your Back to School forms about “school-wide directories” so you will receive PTA messages!

- [Parent Square](#) is how the school sends communication to you (school newsletter from Dr. McCain, PTA updates and events, messages to and from your teacher).
- There is an app, or you can view on a browser, and you will receive emails.
- Use this app!
- For major announcements like early dismissal for weather or school closure-you will receive a text from ACPS.

Power School – available after school starts

Link to Canvas

Grades and Attendance

Student Information

View Contact Information

Attendance History

Teacher Comments

Forms

School Bulletin

Class Registration

Balance

MySchoolBucks

My Schedule

School Information

Account Preferences

Back to School Forms

District Code
LZLW

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Grades and Attendance

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Attendance By Class							Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	X1	Y1			
	01(A-B)												Homeroom, GR 2 Email Murray, Curtis - Rm: 227	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]		
02(A-B)											LA Reading, GR 2 Email Murray, Curtis - Rm: 227	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
03(A-B)											LA Writing, GR 2 Email Murray, Curtis - Rm: 227	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
04(A-B)											Math, GR 2 Email Murray, Curtis - Rm: 227	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
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07(A-B)											Art, GR 2 Email Haney, Caitlin M - Rm: 213	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
08(A-B)											Physical Education, GR 2 Email Rotruck, Alex - Rm: 153	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
09(A-B)											General Music, GR 2 Email Hancock-Siggers, Bianca - Rm: 126	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0	
Attendance Totals																		0	0	

Show dropped classes also

Attendance By Day										Absences		Tardies	
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD
										0	1	0	1
Attendance Totals										0	1	0	1

Legend

Attendance Codes: Blank=Present | K=Present - Virtual | E=Appealed | X=Default Enter/Left Code | D=Document | L=Excused Tardy | F=Family | H=Homebound | I=Illness | P=In-School Susp | N=No Show | R=Religion | V=School Activity | S=Suspended | T=Tardy | C=Truant | G=Shelter Care | U=Unexcused | A=Unverified | W=Weather |

Technology

- Kindergarteners use Chrome tablets, other grades use Chromebooks
- Clever– portal to access learning apps
- Canvas – course assignments and resources (older grades)
- Securly- caregivers can review your student's internet searches and activities
- Class Dojo –used to reward points as part of the school's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program. Teachers may also use for messaging or sending classroom photos to families.
- Educational apps used at school:
 - Reading Eggs, Epic, Dreambox, Lexia, IXL (examples)

Attendance Matters!

Absenteeism affects our school accreditation.

Please plan family vacations on school breaks!

Chronic Absences

Missing 10 days or more

Excessive absences will impact learning even if your child is on grade level

Warning Signs

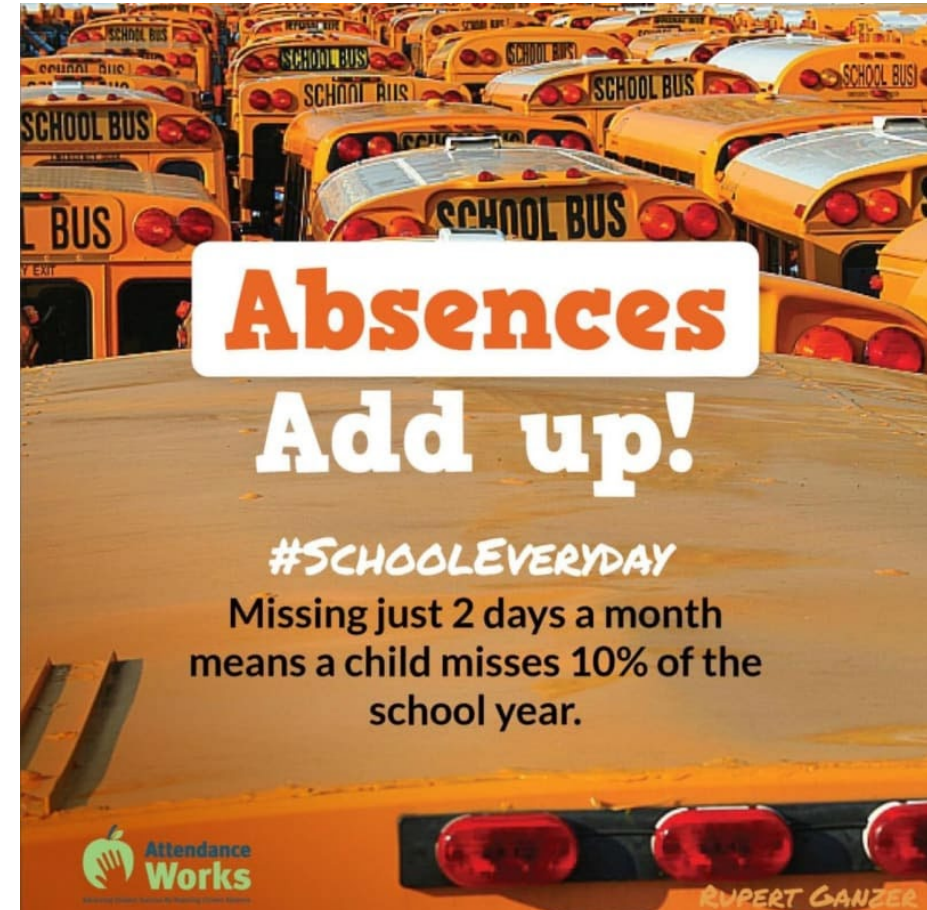
Missing 9-5 days

Absences are a problem even when they are excused

Satisfactory

4 days or less

Students can get behind by just a day or two a month

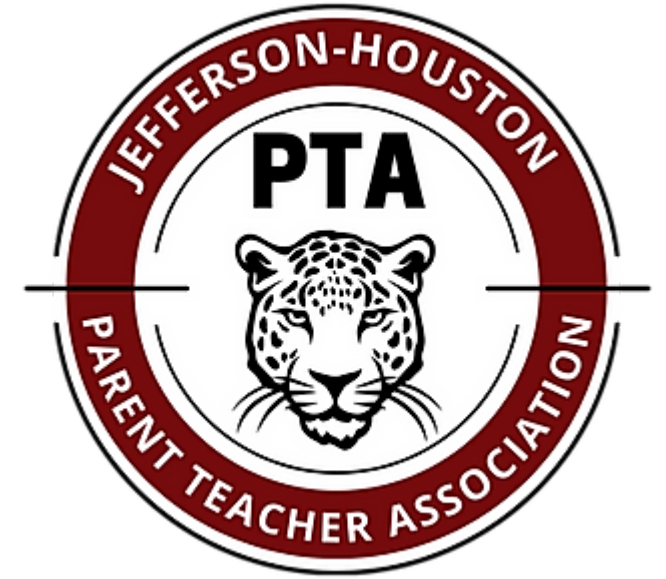


Join the PTA!

<https://www.jeffersonhoustonpta.com/>

Contact: pta.jeffersonhouston@gmail.com

Join [here](#) (\$10)!



What we do:

- Advocate for our families, teachers, and school
- Organize after-school elementary clubs
- Fundraise for field trips, teacher appreciation, classroom grants, and music programs
- Community-building events like restaurant nights, Election Day bake sale, and Pancake Breakfast