



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCES

Welcome Back

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

[Welcome Back to School SY21-22 from Superintendent Nikolai Vitti](#)

- Be prepared by reading about the District's safety protocols and guidelines.
 - Reopening Plan 2021 for the fall which is [linked for review](#).
- **COVID-19 Testing:**
 - All employees will be required to participate in weekly school based COVID-19 saliva testing. With parental consent, students will also be tested weekly. Public testing locations will be at [Renaissance High School](#) 6565 W. Outer Drive in Detroit; [East English Village Preparatory Academy](#) 5020 Cadieux, also in Detroit.

More information can be found at www.detroitk12.org/health

Parent Hotline (313) 240-4377, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Parent Hotline manages both customer service and level one technology support requests.

DPSCD Virtual School

GENERAL INFORMATION

This year DPSCD is opening a new [Virtual School](#). Led by Principal, Philip Van Hooks. The new school is a virtual option for families who are not yet prepared to attend school in person. Families are encouraged to consider the Virtual School option if their child was not chronically absent last year and passed all second semester courses.

Students and families must commit to Virtual School for at least a full semester. Upon enrolling to the Virtual School, you will have your seat saved at your original school for one school year. Two telephone hotlines have been established for families to connect with the Virtual School. For general questions, the main school phone number is (313) 644-0200. For ESE (formerly special education), please direct your calls to (313) 748-6353. Please click on the link for [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also contact the Virtual School by emailing virtual.school@detroitk12.org.

Virtual School students can take advantage of the District's free meal program. There are four virtual Grab and Go meal locations to service your child during the week. Grab and Go days and hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

[Fisher Upper](#)- 15491 Maddelein St.

[Earhart](#)-1000 Scotten St.

[Mumford High School](#) 17525 Wyoming St.

[Central High School](#) 2425 Tuxedo St

Click the link to learn more about [Grab and Go food services](#).

Transportation

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District provides transportation services to families daily. Students are offered transportation under the following guidelines:

- Regular education students in grades K-8 who reside more than 3/4 of a mile from their neighborhood school;
- Regular education students in grades 9-12 can ride DDOT for free by showing their DPSCD issued student ID and DDOT bus pass available at each high school;
- Exceptional education students according to their IEP; and
- Career and Technical Center Students between their high school and respective Career and Technical Center.
- DPSCD will expand neighborhood transportation options for our students and provide additional pickup opportunities through vans. Check with your school for further details.

To learn more, please call the DPSCD Transportation Help Line at (313) 945-8600. Parents of exceptional education students may visit the Frederick Douglass Academy South Wing at 2001 W. Warren Suite 166, Detroit, MI 48208-2216, or call (313) 748-6499.

Support Services

GENERAL INFORMATION

Translation Assistance:

DPSCD offers district wide language access services to support staff, students, and families. Translation | Interpreter | Sign Language Interpreter. To request language access services, please speak with the clerical staff at your school or contact us translation.request@detroitk12.org or (313) 212-4312.

Mental Health Support Line and Homework Hotline and Parent Hotline:

The Detroit Public Schools Community District Homework, and Mental Health Support Hotline will continue. These free resources are available for all DPSCD students and families. Translation services may be requested.

Homework Hotline: Encourages outstanding achievement by giving students an additional platform to ask for help and emphasize problem solving skills. Students and families can call in for help with Literacy and/or Math homework. Starting September 13, the Homework Hotline will be offered during the academic year on Monday – Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The number is 1-833-466-3978 (follow the prompts).

The Mental Health Support Line: Will be offered during the academic year on Monday – Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please dial 1-833-466-3978 and hit prompt #4.

***Please note that District hotlines will not operate on days that schools are closed for holidays.**

Athletics

GENERAL INFORMATION

Similar to what was done to combat the pandemic at athletic events during the 20-21 school year, spectators can anticipate temperature checks and other safety pre-cautions, such as mask wearing indoors, to ensure a safe environment as you watch your student's game.

Parent Academy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent Academy: The Family and Community Engagement Team is working hard to ensure families and students have free resources and opportunities in their communities. The Summer catalog has classes through September 30, 2021. Join the team for a free class, classes range from learning how to navigate the parent portal, health, fundraising and alumni participation. [Learn more about an upcoming class.](#)