

REMINDER

Virtual Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting | Monday, October 26 | 11 a.m.

Academic Committee Recap

During the September Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting, Superintendent Vitti presented an updated Strategic Plan for 2021. The plan outlined how DPSCD has and will adhere to the core values and priorities to continue the reform work. The plan was

approved by the committee and will go before the Board of Education at the Oct. 13 board meeting. To view the strategic plan and meeting notes from the Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting, visit detroitk12.org/board.

Fall Assessment Preparation for Students



Assessments play an important role in education. Data used from the assessments help to inform what students may need, have mastered or what they are ready to learn next. This year, assessments will look different. Virtual learners will test at home in most cases. The only case when virtual learners may be asked to come to the school to test would be when a test must be administered in person, such as College Board.

To prepare families for this important time, DPSCD has training resources to support families and students. This includes Parent Academy sessions, helpful tips for test preparation, as well as videos to understand the assessments.

Parents can support their students this fall and prepare them for the District's assessments by following these preparation tips at home:

- Get organized. Find a quiet space for your student to take the test and confirming your technology is working properly.
- Motivate your child by explaining how doing their best will help their teachers know how to teach them better.
- Support, but DO NOT help by encouraging your child to stay focused and try their best and NOT helping them with the answers.
- Celebrate your child's effort once you have confirmed they have completed the assessment.

To access the training resources please visit detroitk12.org.

Attendance Tips to Make Every School Day Count

Regular attendance is directly associated with better learning, test taking, grades, and self-esteem. Follow these tips with your child(ren) to ensure they are in class (online or in person), every day, on time!

Establish a school routine:

- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before. Have a plan to get to bed the same time each night, allowing for 8 hours of sleep.
- Prepare lunch or breakfast the night before.
- Set an alarm clock to get out of bed on time.
- If transportation is an issue, try setting up a carpool group with a neighbor or fellow school parent.



- Students should do homework before watching TV, playing video games, or chatting on the Internet/phone with friends.
- Ask for help with schoolwork when needed. Call the Homework Hotline at 833-466-3978.

- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Have your student ask for missed work and makeup assignments.

For more ways to stay engaged in your child(ren)'s attendance, connect with your school's Attendance Agent to set up an attendance plan to keep your student on track for the school year!

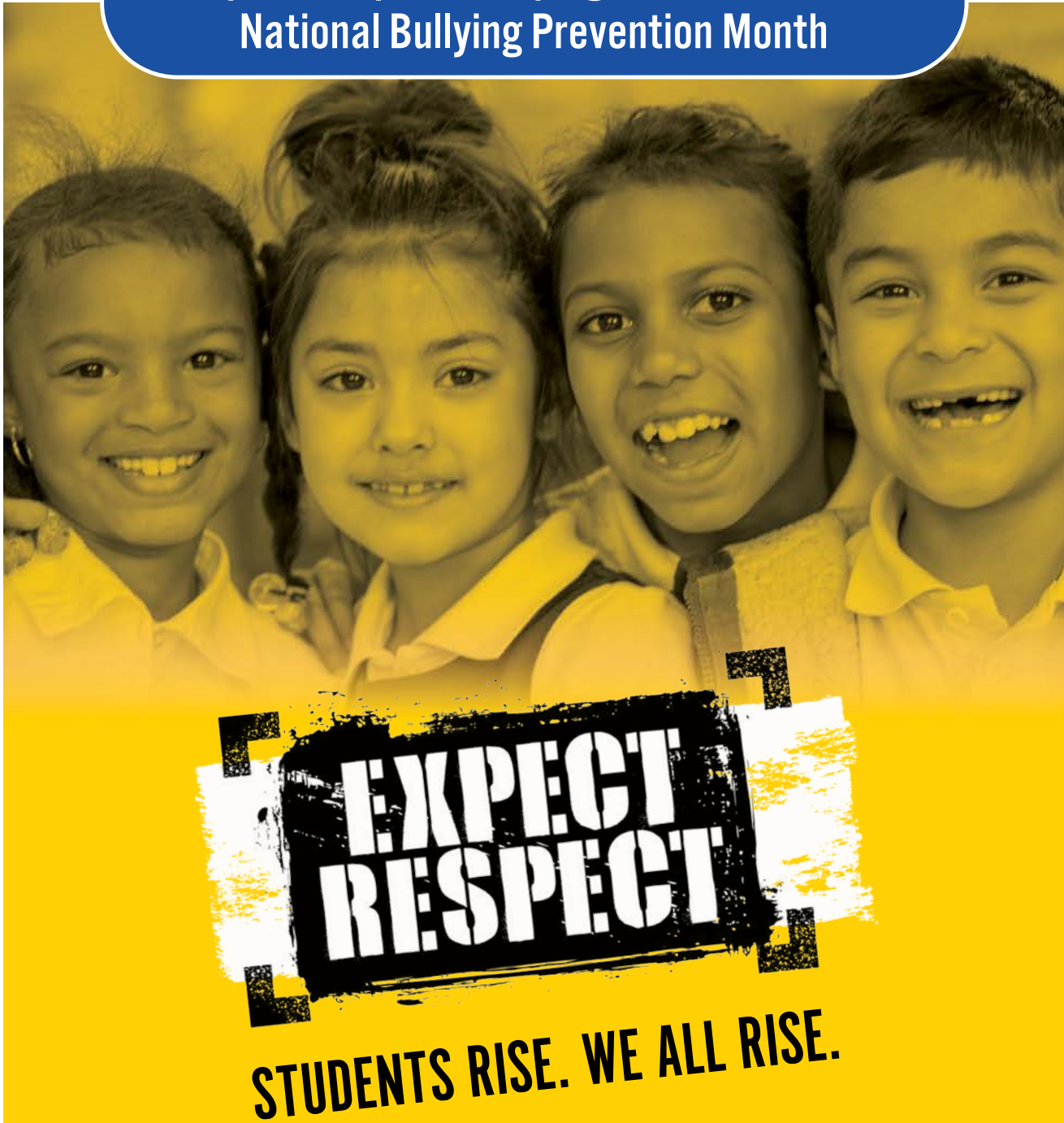


Academic Calendar

To view the complete 2020-2021 Academic Calendar, visit detroitk12.org.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
OCTOBER 2020					NOVEMBER 2020					DECEMBER 2020				
			1	2	PD	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4
5	6	CD	8	9	9	10	Q1	Q2	13	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	PTC-h	15	16	16	17	RC	19	20	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	PTC	22	23	23	24	25	H	27	21	22	23	24	H
26	27		29	30	30					28	29	30	31	
CD Membership Count Days					PD All Schools - Professional Development Day					RC Report Card Day				
PTC-h Parent/Teacher Conferences - High School					Schools Closed-No Students					H Public Holiday				
PTC Parent/Teacher Conferences					S Semester/Quarter Boundary									

Expect Respect Campaign Launches with National Bullying Prevention Month



The character trait students will be learning about for the month of October is “Respect” focusing on anti-bullying. As we launch for the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to focus on 10 character traits for students to deeply study each month utilizing the Overcoming Obstacles and Pacers National Bullying Prevention Center curriculum, taught by DPSCD’s guidance counselors and school social workers. Students will be involved in formal lessons about communication, decision-making, and goal setting.

The “Expect Respect” campaign will reduce day to day negative interactions students have with each other and staff while improving the perception of safety within schools. Students, parents, teachers and community partners are encouraged to take the pledge to give respect, “expect respect,” and to report instances of students being treated unkindly. For more information and to download the pledge card or view Home Connection activities, parents may visit www.detroitk12.org/expectrespect.

Online Learning Help Hotline



Families and students can begin calling our Online Learning Help Hotline between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding District holidays). Call the Online Learning Help Hotline at 1-833-466-3978 – our staff is prepared to provide daily assistance.

Need support with your device or connecting to the internet? Please use the following information for assistance:

- Text “INTERNET4CF” to 562-372-6925
– Online form: human-i-t.org/internet4cf
- Technology/Device Support:
– Text “HELP4CF” to 562-372-6925
– Online form: help4cf.org
- **Homework Hotline:**
The Homework Hotline is offered during the academic year (excluding holidays), Monday – Thursday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Call 1-833-466-3978 during operating hours and follow the prompts for assistance.
- **Mental Health Support Line:**
DPSCD is providing students and families with mental health support through our Mental Health Support Line. The Mental Health Support Line will be offered during the academic year Monday – Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Call 1-833-466-3978 during operating hours and follow the prompts for assistance.



DPSCD Reopening Plan

The District is in phase 4 of its reopening plan. To view safety protocols visit www.detroitk12.org/ReturnToSchool. Have questions or concerns? Email info.reopen@detroitk12.org.

ELEMENTARY – MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Montessori Method



A leader in public school education, DPSCD is committed to offering innovative learning opportunities for students, which includes a tuition-free Montessori program for students in PreK – 6 grades. The Montessori Method of Teaching and Learning is celebrated in three schools across the District. This emerging program will have 20 multi-age classrooms, during the 2020-2021 school year, dedicated to the teaching philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. In the 1900s, Dr. Montessori, a physician, carefully observed children meet developmental milestones as they learned through their senses and engaged in hands-on learning with specially crafted materials.

Students are fully immersed in the Montessori Method of teaching and learning through a daily uninterrupted block of work time where students engage, practice, and learn to complete a work cycle.

The Montessori Method of teaching and learning is a valuable tool for shaping children’s learning experiences in the classroom, distance learning, and life. Learn more about the District’s Montessori Program at detroitk12.org/Montessori

LOCATIONS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

- **Edison Elementary School**
17045 Grand River Ave.
Montessori Grades PreK – 3
 - **Palmer Park Prep Academy**
3901 Margareta St.
Montessori Grades PreK – 6
- **Edmonson Elementary**
A Wall to Wall Montessori Community
1300 West Canfield St.
Montessori Grades PreK – 6

EUREKA MATH FOR FAMILIES

DPSCD’s Office of Mathematics and Office of Family and Community Engagement has launched The Eureka Math for Families series. Learn how to support your child’s understanding of grade-level mathematics. Our Master Teacher-led series of math sessions will explore the key strategies in Eureka Math and provide tips for your family to use at home. In addition, the Monday math session presentations will be followed by Thursday office hours where parents can further discuss and practice topics presented during the math session. All sessions are held virtually on Microsoft Teams. **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS!**

MONDAY MATH SESSIONS

- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th
- January 11th
- February 1st
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 3rd

THURSDAY OFFICE HOURS

- October 22nd
- November 19th
- December 17th
- January 21st
- February 11th
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th

DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-313-462-2305

5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

- GRADE K Conference ID: 443 849 839#
- GRADE 3 Conference ID: 573 455 794#
- GRADE 6 Conference ID: 319 109 685#

6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

- GRADE 1 Conference ID: 827 497 847#
- GRADE 4 Conference ID: 260 683 325#
- GRADE 7 Conference ID: 335 867 998#

7:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

- GRADE 2 Conference ID: 882 563 215#
- GRADE 5 Conference ID: 134 615 360#
- GRADE 8 Conference ID: 422 545 889#

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Online Learning Parent Academy Sessions



The Office of Curriculum & Instruction is excited to present the following Parent Academy sessions to families this Fall!

High School English Language Arts & SAT Test Preparation

Tuesday 10/13/2020

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

[HS ELA & SAT Prep](#)

Thursday 10/22/2020

11:00 a.m. – noon

[HS ELA & SAT Prep](#)

Wednesday 10/28/2020

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

[HS ELA & SAT Prep](#)

Monday 11/02/2020

11:00 a.m. – noon

[HS ELA & SAT Prep](#)

NGSS –Next Generation Science Standards for 9th through 12th grade students and parents

Tuesday 10/20/2020

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

[HS Science Online Overview](#)

Social Studies for 9th through 12th Grade students and parents

Tuesday 10/13/2020

11:00 a.m. – noon

[HS Social Studies Online Overview](#)

ELA Distance Learning English Language Arts updates for K-8th students and parents

Thursday 10/22/2020

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

[ELA Distance Learning: Come on Down!](#)

Wednesday 10/28/2020

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

[ELA Distance Learning: Come On Down!](#)

Thursday 11/05/2020

3:40 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

[ELA Distance Learning: Come On Down!](#)

Wednesday 11/11/2020

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

[ELA Distance Learning: Come On Down!](#)

Science Curriculum updates for K-8th grade students and parents

Tuesday 10/13/2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[K-8 Science Online Overview](#)

Social Studies updates for K-5th grade students and parents

Monday 10/19/2020

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

[K-5 Social Studies Online Overview](#)

Social Studies updates for Middle School 6th – 8th grade students and parents

Thursday 10/15/2020

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

[6-8 Social Studies Online Overview](#)

Early learning environments for our Pre-Kindergarten parents and children

Friday

10/16/2020

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[DPSCD Pre-K Learning Environments for Families](#)

Friday

10/23/2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[DPSCD Pre-K Learning Environments for Families](#)

Friday 10/30/2020

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[DPSCD Pre-K Learning Environments for Families](#)

Friday 11/06/2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[DPSCD Pre-K Learning Environments for Families](#)



Upcoming Board Meetings Schedule

DPSCD Board Meetings held in September will be hosted online by Zoom or telephone. For updated meeting info, please visit the Board Meeting calendar at detroitk12.org/board. An Executive Order is in place that doesn't allow for more than 10 people at a planned event. A board meeting is a planned event. We are following all applicable Executive Orders.

Regular Board Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Friday, October 23, 9 a.m.

Policy Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, October 20, 9 a.m.

Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Monday, October 26, 11 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Wayne State Extends Math Corps Program to High School

For the past two years, Wayne State University's Math Corps Program has provided a supplemental, in-school math intervention program, for our most at-risk grade 6-7 students at Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy, Henderson Academy, Hutchinson Elementary-Middle School at Howe, and Bunche Preparatory Academy. Starting this fall, the DPSCD will expand this program to include K-12 students District-wide. Additionally, WSU Math Corps will support a mathematics-specific program.



WSU Math Corps will support our ESP program at King High School by providing 1-2 instructors to teach Algebra I courses, that will be designed to target a subset of incoming grade 9 students to acclimate them to the academic and socio-emotional transition to high school while accelerating their learning and readiness to enter advanced placement coursework in grades 10-12. Speak with your school principal today to learn more about the WSU Math Corps Program and offerings.

Henry Ford High School Becomes Detroit's First Early-Middle College




This fall, Henry Ford High School began offering courses for its technology and computer science career pathways in partnership with Lawrence Tech University. Students who sign up will take classes and have the choice to extended one to two years of school to earn their LTU associate degree in their career field, at no cost to the student. The program will prepare students for careers in information technology and computer science, while also cutting the cost of completing a bachelor's degree at LTU, should they choose to do so.

The Henry Ford-LTU partnership is one of five DPSCD career academies approved by the state. The others are teacher academies at Western High School and Academy of the Americas, a medical assistant program at DCP at Northwestern, a pharmacy technology program at East English Village Prep, and a veterinary science program at DIA for Young Women.


Learn more about DPSCD's career pathways at detroitk12.org/careerpathways.

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HOMEWORK HOTLINE

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