

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

JULY 29, 2026



It's almost time!

Back-to-School Time!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome our new families to the CCSD 46 community! In this newsletter, you will find important information to help get the school year off to a great start, including:

- Teacher Assignment/Schedule
- School Supply Drop-Off
- First Day of School
- School Day Times
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Transportation
- Child Care Form
- Arrival/Dismissal Procedures for Car Riders/Walkers
- Medications
- Health Form Requirements
- Allergies
- Communications

Additional Links and Information

[Parent/Guardian Resources](#) | [School Supply Lists](#) | [School Calendar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST

- 11-13 - New Teacher Orientation
- 12 - Infinite Campus Parent Portal Opens
- 12 - Frederick Kickoff Camp
- 12 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School, 6:00 pm
- 13 - GMS Locker Orientation 3:30-5:30 pm *see info below
- 17-18 - Institute Day - No student attendance
- 18 - School Supply Drop-Off for K-4 schools: 1:00-2:30 pm, for FS, GMS, PC: 1:30-3:00 pm
- 19 - First day of school for K-8 students **Half day/early dismissal schedule
- 21 - Meet the Staff at Early Childhood Center, 9:00 am & 10:30 am
- 24 - First day of school for Early Childhood Center students
- 31 - Back to School Night - Grayslake Middle School 7th Grade 6:15-7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Back to School Night - Grayslake Middle School 8th Grade 6:15-7:30 pm
- 1 - Back to School Night - Park Campus Grades 5-8 - 6:30-7:00 pm or 7:15-7:45 pm
- 2 - Board of Education General Meeting - Falcon Room, Frederick School 6:00 pm
- 2 - Back to School Night - Frederick School 5th Grade 6:00- 7:15 pm
- 3 - Back to School Night - Frederick School 6th Grade 6:00-7:15 pm
- 3 - Back to School Night - Park Campus Grades K-4 - 6:30-7:00 pm or 7:15-7:45 pm
- 7 - Labor Day - No School
- 9 - Half Day Early Release (AM ECC attends)
- 10 - Back to School Night - Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, Woodview
- 11 - Early Childhood Center Family Engagement: Meet & Greet 1:00 pm



TEACHER ASSIGNMENT/SCHEDULE



Schedules and/or teacher assignments can be viewed in the Infinite Campus Portal for those who have completed the registration process by **4:00 pm on August 12**. Please review the instructions for viewing your child's schedule [here](#). If you are unable to access your Portal account, please contact your school office for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP OFF

We are excited to announce several school supply drop-off dates to allow families to bring supplies to school prior to the first day of classes.

- GMS students in grades 7-8 are welcome to attend Locker Orientation on August 13th. Students with last names A-L: 3:30-4:50 pm, last names M-Z: 4:30-5:30 pm.
- Students in grades K-8 are welcome to drop off supplies to their lockers or classrooms on Tuesday, August 18th. Supplies can be dropped off at K-4 schools from 1:00-2:30 pm, and from 1:30-3:00 pm for Frederick, GMS, and Park Campus.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten Early Childhood Center families are welcome to drop off supplies during ECC Meet the Staff day on Friday, August 21st, at 9:00 am for students in the AM session or 10:30 am for students in the PM session.

We look forward to seeing everyone!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 19, 2026, is the first day of school for K-8 students. The first day is a half-day early dismissal.

Pre-Kindergarten students in the Early Childhood Center start school on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Dismissal times are shown to the right.



SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Normal school day and half-day early dismissal day schedules are listed below. CCSD 46 utilizes periodic half-day early dismissal days for staff planning and professional development.

Early Childhood Center at Prairieview School

ECC AM Normal Day: 8:15am-10:45am

ECC PM Normal Day: 12:00pm-2:30pm

Half-Day/Early Dismissal: AM/PM sessions alternate attendance days

K-4 Schools: Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, Woodview

Normal Day: 8:00am-2:15pm

Half-Day/Early Dismissal: 8:00am-10:50am

5-8 Schools: Frederick, Grayslake Middle School

Normal Day: 8:45am-3:15pm

Half-Day/Early Dismissal: 8:45am-11:45am

K-8 School: Park Campus

Normal Day: 8:45am-3:15pm

Half-Day/Early Dismissal: 8:45am-11:45am



FOOD SERVICE: BREAKFAST & LUNCH



Community Consolidated School District 46 has partnered with OrganicLife Smart Foodservice of Chicago as our food service vendor for the 2026-2027 school year. Breakfast and lunch will be offered to all K-8 students on a paid, free, or reduced-price basis. Teachers will take meal counts before the start of each day. Breakfast will be consumed at school.

More information, including links to the school breakfast and lunch menus, can be found on the [Food Service](#) webpage.

School meals are charged at the following rates:

Breakfast with milk.....\$2.15

Lunch with milk.....\$4.00

Milk only.....\$0.60

Students with money in their food service account at Grayslake Middle School or Park School West can also purchase à la carte items (assorted chips, bottled water, juice, cookies, ice cream, and other items). View the [À la Carte Price Sheet](#) for more information. Cash and checks will not be accepted.

To deposit money into your child's food service account or view purchased items, log in to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and click Food Service in the left menu.

To purchase items, students will need a 4-digit PIN. This 4-digit PIN is viewable in both the Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portals. Simply click on Today in the left menu. The student's lunch PIN will appear under the displayed barcode.



TRANSPORTATION

Bus numbers and pick-up and drop-off times/locations can be viewed in the Infinite Campus Portal at the end of the day on August 12. Please review the instructions on how to view your child's transportation information [here](#). If your child is in the early childhood program or receives special transportation through special education, Durham School Services will be calling you with your child's transportation information. Based on late changes to the schedule, parents should check the portal the night before the start of school in case their pick-up time has been adjusted. If you have any questions or concerns regarding transportation, please contact Christine Delahunty (registration@d46.org) or Durham School Services (847-543-9244).

Please Note: In order to qualify for transportation services, students must reside 1.5 miles from their assigned school and/or reside within an approved vehicular safety hazard.

Parents and guardians of students enrolled in the Early Childhood Center will be receiving a phone call from Durham School Services with your child's transportation information up to the day before your child's first day of attendance. Please contact Christine Delahunty (registration@d46.org) or Durham School Services (847-543-9244) with any questions.



CHILD CARE NOTIFICATION

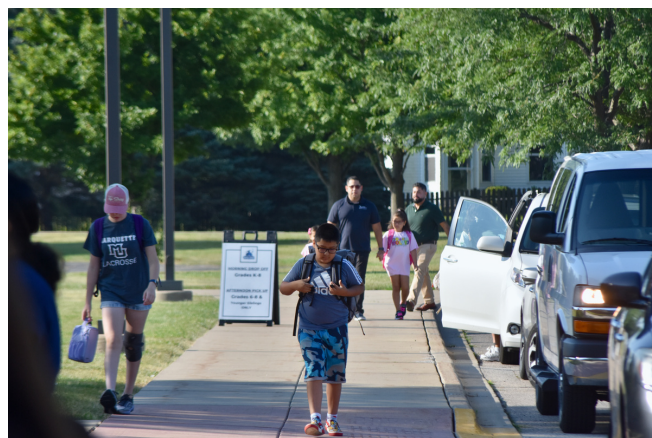
If you arranged child care before and/or after school, please complete the form [here](#) before the first day of school. Please be sure to complete a separate form for each of your children.

Please Note: District policy allows you to change your child's home bus stop to a sitter's bus stop if the sitter resides in your child's home school busing area, the bus stop change is effective for all days your child is in school, and the student's home address qualifies for busing. Child care transportation change requests received prior to Wednesday, August 12, will be completed for the first day of school.



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR CAR RIDERS/WALKERS (AV, MV, PV, WV, PC)

To facilitate the dismissal process, the district schools with younger children (Avon, Meadowview, Park Campus, Prairieview, and Woodview) will use the Raptor Dismissal Safe platform. All students in those schools, including students who will generally ride the bus home, will receive and bring home a placard with their last name and family ID on the first day of school.



If you will be picking your child up as a car rider or walker, this placard should be displayed in the passenger-side window of your vehicle or shown to the staff member who is dismissing walkers. Because the placards will be distributed on your child's first day of school, we ask that you simply write the ID number on a piece of paper and display it in the passenger-side window of your vehicle or show it to staff dismissing the walkers when you pick up your child from school for the first time.

You will be able to view your Family ID in the Infinite Campus Portal on Wednesday, August 12. After logging in to the Infinite Campus Portal, please click on More in the left menu, then Dismissal ID to view your Family ID prior to the first day of school.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR CAR RIDERS (Early Childhood Center)

Arrival: When using the “Turnaround Lane,” ECC staff will meet you at the car. Please DO NOT leave or walk away from your car while in this lane. ECC staff will pick up your child when you are in the designated area. Parents/Guardians are responsible for unbuckling their child and removing them from their car seat. Please hold your child’s hand until a staff member is available to escort them into the building.

If you would like to walk your child to the door, please park in the designated parking area.

AM: ECC staff will be available to bring your child into the building from 8:05 to 8:15 am. If you arrive after 8:15, you will need to bring your child into the office and sign them in.

PM: ECC staff will be available to bring your child into the building from 11:50 am to 12:00 pm. If you arrive after 12:00, you will need to bring your child into the ECC office and sign them in.



Dismissal: ECC staff will walk your child to your car as you wait in the “Turnaround Lane.” Please DO NOT leave or walk away from your car while in this lane. ECC staff will bring your child to you when you are in the designated area. Families need to stay in their cars while waiting. If you need to meet your child at the door, please park your car in the parking area, not in the turnaround lane.

AM: Dismissal is from 10:40 to 10:50 am

PM: Dismissal is from 2:25 to 2:35 pm

Half Day/Early Dismissal: 10:30 am



MEDICATIONS

If your child requires medication at school, whether prescription (e.g., EpiPen, insulin, inhaler) or over-the-counter (e.g., ibuprofen, eye drops), whether carried by the student or kept in the office, please have your physician complete the Medication Authorization Form. A separate form is required for each medication. All medication and Medication Authorization Forms must be dropped off by a parent/guardian PRIOR to the first day of school if medication is needed on that day. Parents/Students will not be able to drop off the medication in the office on the first day of school. Please call your school's health office at your earliest convenience to arrange a time to drop off medications and forms.

Once you arrive to drop off the medication(s), you will be required to participate with the health office personnel in verifying the amount of medication being dropped off and that the medication form matches both the bottle description and the dosage detailed on the Medication Authorization Form. If you are dropping off a prescribed medication that your child is also going to be taking from home, most pharmacies will provide you with two or multiple medication containers. All medications must be dropped off in the original container.

HEALTH FORM REQUIREMENTS

The State of Illinois School Code, Section 27-8, requires that all students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade, along with all students who are new to CCSD 46, provide specific health forms documenting that physical and immunization records are compliant and current to begin the new school year. Please see the state-mandated requirements below.

- New pre-kindergarten students: Physical and Record of immunizations
- New students: Physical, Dental, Vision exams, Record of immunizations
- Kindergarten students: Physical, Dental, Vision exams, Record of immunizations
- 2nd grade students: Dental exam
- 6th grade students: Physical, Dental exams, proof of Tdap and MCV4 (meningococcal vaccine)
- K-8 students: Proof of three doses of Hepatitis B

Students who do not provide the required physical examination records, recorded on the appropriate form, and immunization records by their first day of school (**August 19, 2026**, for K-8 students, **August 24, 2026**, for pre-K students) will not be permitted to attend until all required forms are submitted. Forms can be found on the Health Services webpage.

Notice of Required Health Documents

ALLERGIES



Today, 1 in 13 children under the age of 18 has a life-threatening food allergy. This is one of the many reasons CCSD 46 takes food allergies very seriously. For the first two days of attendance, all K-4 students must bring a peanut- and tree nut-free snack. (Student lunches do not need to be peanut/tree nut-free.) This is to ensure the safety of individuals with allergies. Please watch for more detailed communication during the first few days of school. You may receive a parent letter indicating whether there are any allergies, including multiple allergies, in your child's classroom. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our students safe at school. We encourage you to visit the [Food Allergy Research & Education website](#) for detailed information.

COMMUNICATIONS

CCSD 46 utilizes [ParentSquare](#) as our primary means of school-to-home communication. This unified communication platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with our teachers, schools, and the district.

While all families will receive our messages in their email, families who sign up for a ParentSquare account on either their mobile device or desktop computer will have additional options for receiving messages, including language selection and frequency. If you have not signed up for a ParentSquare account, the District will send an invitation email or text to activate your account. ParentSquare is available for desktop computers as well as the free ParentSquare app, available for both iOS and Android devices.

More information on activating ParentSquare and the CCSD 46 [Communications](#) program is available on the District website.



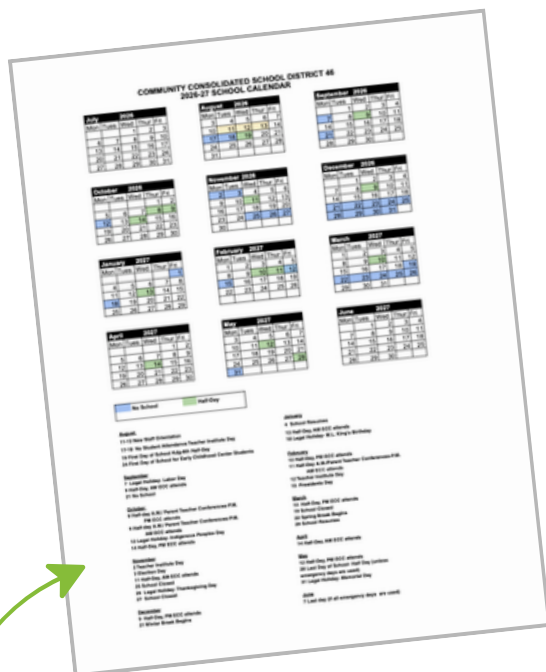
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2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

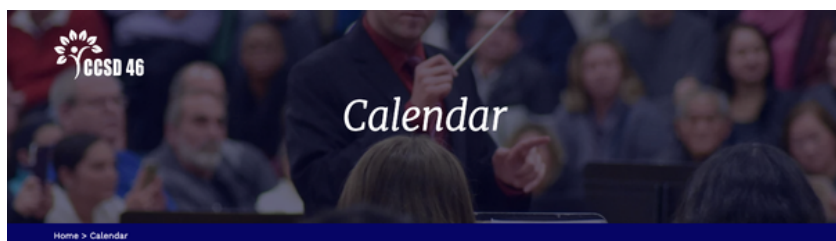


The 2026-2027 CCSD 46 district and school calendars are available on the CCSD 46 website (d46.org). Be sure to visit the calendars and make note of these important dates:

- August 19, 2026 - First day of School for K-8 students (half-day attendance)
- August 24, 2026 - First day of School for pre-K Early Childhood Center students
- November 25-27, 2026 - Fall Break
- December 21, 2026-January 3, 2027 - Winter Break
- March 22-26, 2027 - Spring Break
- May 28, 2027 - Last Day of School (if no emergency days are used)

Visit the CCSD 46 website for more information and to download the full 2026-2027 school year calendar.

<https://d46.org/calendar>



Building

- District
- Early Childhood Center
- Avon Center School
- Meadowview School
- Prairieview School
- Woodview School
- Frederick School
- Grayslake Middle School
- Park Campus

CALENDAR VIEW ☒ LIST VIEW

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TODAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
2	3	4 10:45am GMS Golf Team	5 10:45am GMS Golf Team	6 10:45am GMS Golf	7	8 8:30pm Back To School Pool Party (PTO Event)
9	10 10:45am GMS Golf Team	11 10:45am GMS Golf Team	12 8am Kick Off Camp (AM Session) 2pm Kick Off Camp (PM Session) 4pm Board of Education Mtg.	13 3:30pm GMS Locker Orientation	14	15
16	17	18 PC- First Day of School for K-8 Half Day 8:45am First Day of School	19	20	21 3:30pm PC: First Cross Country Practice 3:30pm GMS- Girls Softball Tryouts 3:30pm GMS- Boys Soccer Tryouts 3:30pm GMS- Girls Soccer Tryouts 8:30pm Preview PTO Pool Party @ Grayslake Pool	22



CCSD 46 CALENDAR

2026-2027 HIGHLIGHTS



First Day of School

Grades K-8, Half-Day Attendance



First Day of School

Early Childhood Center



Last Day of School

If no emergency days are used

SCHOOL BREAKS



FALL BREAK

November 25-27



WINTER BREAK

December 21-January 3



SPRING BREAK

March 22-26

OTHER CLOSINGS & HALF-DAYS

SEPTEMBER

07 - Labor Day
09 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends
21 - No School

OCTOBER

08 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends
09 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends
12 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
14 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends

NOVEMBER

02 - Staff Institute Day
03 - Election Day
11 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends

DECEMBER

09 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends

JANUARY

13 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends
18 - ML King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

10 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends
11 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends
12 - Staff Institute Day
15 - Presidents' Day

MARCH

10 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends
19 - No School

APRIL

14 - Half-Day AM ECC Attends

MAY

12 - Half-Day PM ECC Attends
31 - Memorial Day

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