

Dr. Worthington's Message

Twitter: DrLouise Worthington@BAKERprincipal

Community Meetings — Principal Search and Selection

Damascus HS Principal Monday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/84045683681?pwd=NDRFQ0liUGxMSW5qcEFuWDNCQ3d2Zz09>

Baker MS Principal Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/86170096852?pwd=cHdRWIVPYzR2dXdJSENldzVGVWorZz09>

Updates to the MCPS Grading and Reporting Policy

What does the Updated MCPS policy say?

50% Rule Grading and Reporting policy states that assigning a grade lower than 50 percent to a task/assessment is prohibited. However, if a student does no work on the task/assessment, the teacher will assign a zero. If a teacher determines the student did not attempt to meet the basic requirements of the task/assessment or the student engaged in academic dishonesty, the teacher may assign a zero.

What does this mean for teachers?

- Communicate Criteria for Success consistently to students and parents.
- Assign a zero when students do not attempt to meet basic requirements. Zeroes may be assigned for academic dishonesty.
- Notify parents when a student earns a zero and record the parent communication in the communication log, Canvas, Remind, phone call log, email log or other means of MCPS communication.
- Use professional judgement.
- Use Z's and R's.

What does this mean for students?

- Review the Criteria for Success for assignments, tests, etc.
- Attempt to meet basic requirements. Refrain from academic dishonesty.
- Know your parents will be contacted by your teacher when you earn a zero and it will be recorded in the communication log, Canvas, Remind, phone call log, email log or any other means of MCPS communication.

What does this mean for parents?

- Review the Criteria for Success for assignments, tests, etc. with your child.
- Monitor your child's attempt to meet basic requirements. Discuss the hazards of academic dishonesty with your child.
- Know you will be contacted by your child's teacher when your child earns a zero and it will be recorded in the communication log, Canvas, Remind, phone call log, email log or any other means of MCPS communication.

Do you have questions? Please contact Dr. Louise Worthington at Louise_J_Worthington@mcpsmd.org or 240-207-2440.

SEE Something → SAY Something
Maryland Safe School Hotline Number
1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233



Looking Ahead

February 1–April 1, 2024 — COSA Transfer Application Season (see page 11)

February — African American Heritage Month (see p 8)

Monday, February 12

Virtual Community Meeting — DHS Principal Search and Selection, 6:00 p.m.
<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/84045683681?pwd=NDRFQ0liUGxMSW5qcEFuWDNCQ3d2Zz09>

Tuesday, February 13 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Club and Team Photos (see p 3)
 Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
 Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
 Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher
 PTA 8th Gr. Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 PTA General Membership Mtg, 7:00 p.m.
 (see p 2 for presentation topics)

PTA meetings are on Zoom:
<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYlJ1UVRWUDJCQT09>
ID 936 7788 3016 Code Bulldog
Phone 1-301-715-8592

Wednesday, February 14 — Activity Buses

NJHS Meeting, Room 209, Mr. Conner
 Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
 Basketball vs. King, Boys Away/ Girls Home

Thursday, February 15 — Activity Buses

Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
 K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher
 Virtual Community Meeting — Baker MS Principal Search and Selection; 6:30 p.m.
<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/86170096852?pwd=cHdRWIVPYzR2dXdJSENldzVGVWorZz09>

Friday, February 16

Locker Clean-Out at 2:50 p.m.

Monday, February 19 — Holiday

Schools and offices closed

February 20–23 Maryland Survey Testing

Wednesday, February 21 — Activity Buses
 NAEP Testing for 8th Grade (mandatory)

PTA General Membership Virtual Meeting Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

[https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYlJ1UVRWUDJCQT09)

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ID 936 7788 3016 Code Bulldog Phone 1-301-715-8592

Presentations by:

Dr. Worthington — Grading and Reporting Updates

Mr. Moyler — Updates to School Improvement Plan

Mrs. Buffum — Getting Ready for High School Study Skills

Damascus High School Basketball Games

Good Afternoon Families,

Below are some important reminders if you plan on attending DHS basketball games:

- Elementary and middle school students will not be allowed into the game without an adult chaperone who will stay with them throughout the game
- Once students enter the gym area, there is no re-entry
- Only Damascus students are permitted in the student section
- Once the game ends, students need to leave the building. Please arrange for pickup by approximately 8:30 PM.
- Tickets are \$5 for Students 11 & older and Adults. Senior Citizens and students under 11 can enter free of charge.

We will accept cash purchases for tickets as well as digital tickets. Digital tickets can be purchased at gofan.co.

Thank you,

Kevin Yates, Principal, Damascus High School

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Thank you for your support.

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Sustainability POSTER CONTEST

All MCPS students and staff are invited to participate in the Division of Sustainability and Compliance's 2024 poster contest.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2024

THE FOCUS OF THIS ANNUAL CONTEST IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS RELATED TO ENERGY CONSERVATION, WASTE REDUCTION, AND RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING.

Scan the QR codes to download the entry form and to get more details about the contest.

THREE OF THE FIVE WINNING POSTERS FROM 2023

ENTRY FORM
bit.ly/46EKG0B

GUIDELINES
bit.ly/45QVHRu

240-740-7715
sustainability@mcpsmd.org

Division of Sustainability and Compliance
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000
Rockville, Maryland 20850

SEE SOMETHING? HEAR SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

John T. Baker Group Portraits
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Group	Teacher/Sponsor	Time	Period
Yearbook	Bliven	8:30 AM	1
Beginning Band	Fell	8:45 AM	
jazz band	Fell	9:00 AM	
Concert band	Fell	9:15 AM	2
NJHS	Conner	9:30 AM	
esports	Maddox/Conner	9:45 AM	
symphonic band	Fell	10:00 AM	3
concert chorus	Liuzzi	10:15 AM	
TV Studio 8	Fisher	10:30 AM	
chess club	Ciccarello	10:45 AM	4
TV Studio 7	Fisher	11:00 AM	
SGA	Blankenship	11:15 AM	
boys softball	Tobiassen	11:30 AM	5
girls softball	Benden	11:45 AM	
girls basketball	Smith	12:00 PM	
workout club	Fisher	12:15 PM	
table games (D&D)		12:30 PM	6
drama club	Fisher/Friedman	12:45 PM	
rubik's cube club	Fisher	1:00 PM	
k club/ art and doodles	Alvarado	1:15 PM	7
beginning orchestra	Fell	1:30 PM	
chamber singers	Liuzzi	1:45 PM	
cross country	Bozicevich	2:00 PM	8
symphonic orchestra	Fell	2:15 PM	
6th grade chorus	Liuzzi	2:30 PM	
Boys basketball	Tobiassen	2:45 PM	

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

February 5, 2024

Dear John T. Baker Middle School Staff and Community,

Dr. Louise Worthington is retiring from Montgomery County Public Schools July 1, 2024. Dr. Worthington has been the principal of John T. Baker Middle School for the past 19 years. She is finishing her 38th year in education and has spent exactly one half of her career leading Baker Middle School. We would like to thank her for her dedication, leadership and support to the Baker Middle School community and Damascus cluster.

It is my pleasure to begin working with you on the search and selection process for the next principal of John T. Baker School. One component of this process is providing staff and families with an opportunity to give input and share feedback, via a survey, on the characteristics you seek in a new principal. The feedback gathered from the survey will help assist with creation of questions that will be used during the structured interview process. Furthermore, I will also be working with school staff and the PTSA to select a group of individuals to join me as members of the interview panel.

I will meet with the families and staff of John T. Baker Middle School on Thursday, February 15, 2024 to discuss the process of filling this important role. **If you are unable to make this meeting, please click the link below to complete the survey.**

Survey Type	Survey Link
Community Survey- English	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2QQWC8
Community Survey- Spanish	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7RBBSW5
Staff Survey- English	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TKTSFV

Meeting Information:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location/Link
Community Meeting: Virtual	Thursday, February 15, 2024	6:30 p.m.	https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/86170096852?pwd=cHdRWlVPYzR2dXdJSENIczVGVWQ0rZz09
Staff Meeting: In-Person	Thursday, February 15, 2024	3:00 p.m.	Media Center

At the meeting, I will explain the selection process in greater detail and will communicate the timeline of activities leading up to the Board of Education appointment of the new principal. It is expected that a new principal will be appointed some time in the Spring of 2024. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Sean McGee
Director
Office of School Support and Well-Being

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

5 de febrero de 2024

Estimado personal y comunidad de la Escuela Intermedia John T. Baker,

La Dra. Louise Worthington se jubila de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery el día 1 de julio de 2024. La Dra. Worthington ha sido la directora de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker durante los últimos 19 años. Está terminando con 38 años en educación y ha pasado exactamente la mitad de su carrera dirigiendo la Escuela Secundaria Baker. Nos gustaría agradecerle por su dedicación, liderazgo y apoyo a la comunidad de Baker.

Es un placer para mí comenzar a trabajar con usted en el proceso de búsqueda y selección del próximo director de la escuela John T. Baker. Un componente de este proceso es brindar al personal y a las familias la oportunidad de dar su opinión y compartir comentarios, a través de una encuesta, sobre las características que busca en un nuevo director. Los comentarios recopilados de la encuesta ayudarán con la creación de preguntas que se utilizarán durante el proceso de entrevista estructurada. Además, también trabajaré con el personal de la escuela y la PTSA para seleccionar un grupo de personas que se unan a mí como miembros del panel de entrevistas.

Me reuniré con las familias y el personal de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker el jueves 15 de febrero de 2024 para discutir el proceso para desempeñar este importante puesto. Si no puede asistir a esta reunión, haga clic en el enlace a continuación para completar la encuesta.

Tipo de encuesta	Enlace de encuesta
Encuesta para la Comunidad -Inglés	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2QOWC8
Encuesta para la Comunidad - Español	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7RBBSW5
Encuesta para el Personal- Inglés	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TKTSFV

Información de las Reuniones:

Reunion	Fecha	Hora	Ubicación/ Enlace
Reunion para la comunidad: Virtual	jueves, 15 de febrero de 2024	6:30 p.m.	https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/86170096852?pwd=cHdRWlVpYzR2dXdJSENIczVGWorZz09
Reunión para personal En persona	jueves, 15 de febrero de 2024	3:00 p.m.	Biblioteca

En la reunión, explicaré el proceso de selección con mayor detalle y comunicaré el cronograma de actividades previas al nombramiento del nuevo director por parte de la Junta de Educación. Se espera que se nombre un nuevo director en algún momento de la primavera de 2024. Espero trabajar con usted.

Atentamente,



Sean McGee
Director
Oficina de Apoyo y Bienestar Escolar

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

February 5, 2024

Dear Damascus High School Staff and Community,

Mr. Kevin Yates is retiring from Montgomery County Public Schools July 1, 2024. Mr. Yates has done an amazing job of leading the Damascus High School community since 2019. Mr. Yates helped Damascus High School recover after the pandemic and has continued his exemplary leadership for the past five years. He is to be congratulated on completing his 30th year in education.

It is my pleasure to begin working with you on the search and selection process for the next principal of Damascus High School. One component of this process is providing staff and families with an opportunity to give input and share feedback, via a survey, on the characteristics you seek in a new principal. The feedback gathered from the survey will help assist with creation of questions that will be used during the structured interview process. Furthermore, I will also be working with school staff and the PTSA to select a group of individuals to join me as members of the interview panel.

I will meet with the staff and families of Damascus High School on Monday, February 12, 2024 to discuss the process of filling this important role. **If you are unable to make this meeting, please click the link below to complete the survey.**

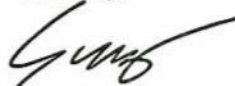
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Staff Survey- English	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7M3B7XG
Student Survey- English	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJWG82L
Student Survey- Spanish	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJX8BWF

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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5 de febrero de 2024

Estimado personal y comunidad de la Escuela Secundaria Damascus,

El Sr. Kevin Yates se jubila de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery el día 1 de julio de 2024. El Sr. Yates ha hecho un trabajo increíble al liderar la comunidad de la Escuela Secundaria Damascus desde el 2019. El Sr. Yates ayudó a los estudiantes de Damascus a recuperarse después de la pandemia y ha continuado su ejemplar liderazgo durante los últimos cinco años. Lo felicitamos por haber cumplido 30 años en educación.

Es un placer para mí comenzar a trabajar con usted en el proceso de búsqueda y selección del próximo director de la Escuela Secundaria Damascus. Un componente de este proceso es brindar al personal y a las familias la oportunidad de dar su opinión y compartir comentarios, a través de una encuesta, sobre las características que buscan en un nuevo director. Los comentarios recopilados de la encuesta ayudarán con la creación de preguntas que se utilizarán durante el proceso de entrevista estructurada. Además, también trabajaré con el personal de la escuela y el PTSA para seleccionar un grupo de personas que se unan a mí como miembros del panel de entrevistas.

Me reuniré con las familias y el personal de Damascus el día 12 de febrero para explicar el proceso de selección para este importante papel. **Si no puedes asistir a esta reunión, haga clic en el enlace a continuación para completar la encuesta.**

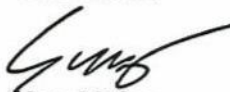
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Encuesta para el Personal- Inglés	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7M3B7XG
Encuesta Estudiantil- Inglés	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJWG82L
Encuesta Estudiantil- Español	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJX8BWF

Información de las Reuniones:

Reunion	Fecha	Hora	Ubicación/ Enlace
Reunión para la comunidad: Virtual	lunes, 12 de febrero de 2024	6:00 p.m.	https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/84045683681?pwd=NDRFO0liUGxMSW5qcEFuWDNlCQ3dZz09
Reunión para personal En persona	lunes, 12 de febrero de 2024	7:15 a.m.	Biblioteca

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Atentamente,



Sean McGee

Director

Oficina de Apoyo y Bienestar Escolar

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN FLOW?

Black History Month
Poetry, Rap, Song Contest

Due Date
February 23, 2024

Submitted Entries
**Place in Mrs. Jones
mailbox-counseling**

Contest Rules

- **Write a 2-3 minute poem, rap, or song answering the following question, "Like the black historians who stood up to injustice, how will you make your mark in the world?"**
- **Winners will win a prize and be featured on BMS broadcast.**
- **Entries containing inappropriate or disrespectful words, will not be accepted!**





John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Hello 8th grade families. This is your child's last year at Baker Middle School and there will be a lot to celebrate in June of 2024! We are planning now and need your help to make 8th grade events a success for our children.

End of year events and activities include a DHS Class of 2028 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade celebration/dance, a class gift to the school, and the 8th grade promotion ceremony on the last day of school.

We ask that families contribute \$25 or more for each child. The money will be applied toward the items mentioned above and to make sure that *all students* are included, so if you would like to contribute more than \$25 it will be well utilized. We also ask that families consider signing up to help with various events and activities. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children.

Please complete the form and send it in, along with your \$25 contribution, to the main office. Please make checks payable to **"Baker PTA,"** and **note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8th Grade Promotion."** Return to **Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.**

If you prefer digital payment options, you can pay through PayPal by using [@BakerMSPTA](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



8th grade committee meetings are from 6-7 PM before PTA meetings. Please stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the PTA at BakerPTA@yahoo.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8th grader's full name: _____

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more.

Dance/Celebration

Promotion ceremony

T-shirt distribution

Fundraising

Class gift

Committee Chair

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Enclose your \$25 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion."



PTA de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker

Promoción de 8vo grado y actividades de fin de año

Hola familias de octavo grado. ¡Este es el último año de su hijo/a en Baker Middle School y habrá mucho que celebrar en junio 2024! Estamos planeado ahora y necesitamos su ayuda para que los eventos de octavo grado sean un éxito para nuestros niños.

Los eventos y actividades de fin de año incluyen una camiseta de DHS Clase 2028 para cada estudiante, la celebración/baile del 8.º grado, un obsequio de la clase para la escuela y la ceremonia de promoción de 8.º

Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$25 o mas por cada niño. El dinero se aplicará a los artículos mencionados anteriormente y para garantizar que todos los estudiantes están incluidos, por lo que si desea contribuir con más de \$25, será bien utilizado. También pedimos que las familias consideren inscribirse para ayudar con diversos eventos y actividades. Apreciamos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzos para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños.

Complete el formulario y envíelo, junto con su contribución de \$25, a la oficina principal. Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de “**Baker PTA**” y **nota en el memorando Y en el sobre: “Promoción de 8.º grado”**. Volver a **PTA de la escuela secundaria Baker**, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

Si prefiere las opciones de pago digital, puede pagar a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente código QR:



Las reuniones del comité de octavo grado son de 6 a 7 p. m. antes de las reuniones de la PTA. Manténgase conectado para saber cuál es el plan y ver cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico a la PTA a BakerPTA@yahoo.com. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo!

El nombre completo de su hijo/a de octavo grado _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Encierra en un círculo uno o más.

Promoción de baile/celebración

Ceremonia

Distribución de camisetas

Recaudación de fondos

Obsequio de clase

Presidente del comité

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Número de teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$25 a nombre de Baker PTA y marque en el memorando “Promoción de 8º grado”.

Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) 2024-2025 Change of School Assignment (COSA) transfer season opens on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024. The COSA process allows families to submit a request for their children to transfer out of their assigned home school. All COSA request applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

New for the 2024-2025 COSA transfer process:

- COSA request applications now can be submitted online instead of the traditional paper form. When an application is submitted online, a “receipt” email notification will be sent to the parent/guardian submitting the request shortly after the administrative team of the student’s assigned home school receives the application. If the request is successfully completed online, a paper form submission is not necessary. The link to the online COSA request form can be found on the [Student Transfers website](#).

MCPS students are expected to attend the school within the established attendance area in which they reside (home school) or according to their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students may apply for a COSA from the home school or the school of assignment through the IEP process based on the following criteria:

- **Unique Hardship:** When an extenuating circumstance(s) related to a student’s specific physical, mental or emotional well-being or their family’s individual or personal situation could be mitigated by a change of school assignment.
- **Family Move:** When a family moves within Montgomery County and wishes to continue attending their current school, they may request a COSA without demonstrating a unique hardship. Such requests may be considered for the remainder of the current school year only, with the exception that students in Grade 11 or 12 may be granted a COSA to stay through high school graduation.
- **Siblings:** When a student seeks to attend the school where a sibling will be enrolled in the regular/general school program, or a special education program, during the year the student wants to enroll.
- When a sibling attends a magnet, language immersion or other application program at the elementary level, a COSA may be approved to the regular school program for other siblings on a case-by-case basis. Such approval requires consideration of available classroom space, grade-level enrollment, staffing allocations or other factors that impact the schools involved.

The sibling exemption does not apply if the sibling is in Pre-K or if a boundary change has occurred.

The transfer process begins in the assigned home school. Applications can be found online or in the [Change of School Assignment \(COSA\) Information Booklet](#), which also provides useful information on the COSA process. Exempt countywide programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the booklet. Booklets can be obtained from the student’s home school.

For information about assignments for students residing in the Northeast, Downcounty or Middle School Magnet Consortium areas, please contact the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS) at 240-740-2540 or visit the [Student Transfers website](#).

For more information about the transfer process, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the principal at their home school. Non-English speaking students and parents/guardians who require assistance can call ASK MCPS at 240-740-3000.

2023-2024 MCPS Inclement Weather and Operating Status

This is the full list of systemwide weather-related and operating status options for Montgomery County Public Schools and provides guidelines related to school status and activities during certain emergency conditions, and identifies the various levels of personnel.

Green

Normal Operations

All Schools and Admin Offices are open on time

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All staff report on time
Before/After school childcare programs and
Community Use occur as scheduled

Yellow

Delayed Opening

Schools will open 2 hours later and Admin Offices will open on time

.....
10-month staff report 2 hours later
11 and 12-month staff report on time
Before/After school childcare programs and
Community Use occur as scheduled

Blue

Early Dismissal

Schools will close 2.5 hours earlier and Admin Offices will remain open

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10-month staff depart after all students
11 and 12-month staff remain to complete
scheduled work day
Before/After school childcare programs and
Community Use canceled

Orange

Schools Closed Offices Open

Schools closed and Admin Offices are open

.....
10-month staff do not report
11 and 12-month staff report 2 hours late
Before/After school childcare programs may
decide to operate
Community Use is canceled

Red

School System Closed

Schools and Admin Offices are closed

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Only emergency personnel will report
All other staff does not report
Before/After school childcare programs and
Community Use are canceled

Purple

Virtual Learning Day

Virtual Instruction Occurs

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Emergency personnel and others performing
essential functions report in person
All other staff can report virtually
Before/After school childcare programs and
Community Use are canceled

- ICB Childcare Programs follow the responses for MCPS administrative offices
- CUPF - Community Use Activities are canceled when schools are closed, for the morning if there is a 2 hour delay, and for the afternoon when schools are dismissed early
- Emergency personnel must report to work and perform work for all status options, as in the negotiated contracts

[Emergency Information](#) — How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information, Weather Decisions, School Closings and Other Emergency Procedures, Emergency Preparedness, Resources

Opciones para el tiempo inclemente y el estado de funcionamiento de MCPS 2023-2024

Esta es la lista completa de opciones relacionadas con el clima y el estado operativo en todo el sistema para las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery y proporciona pautas relacionadas con el estado escolar y las actividades durante ciertas condiciones de emergencia, e identifica los diversos niveles de personal.

Verde

Operaciones normales

Todas las escuelas y oficinas administrativas abren en su horario habitual

Todo el personal se reporta a trabajar en su horario habitual. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario ocurren según lo programado

Amarillo

Apertura retrasada

Las escuelas abrirán 2 horas más tarde y las oficinas administrativas abrirán en su horario habitual

El personal de 10 meses se reporta a trabajar 2 horas más tarde. El personal de 11 y 12 meses se reportan a trabajar en su horario habitual. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario ocurren según lo programado.

Azul

Salida temprana

Las escuelas cerrarán 2.5 horas más temprano y las oficinas administrativas permanecerán abiertas

El personal de 10 meses sale después de todos los estudiantes. El personal de 11 y 12 meses permanecen para completar el día de trabajo programado. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario quedan cancelados.

Naranja

Escuelas Cerradas Oficinas Abiertas

Las escuelas están cerradas y las oficinas administrativas están abiertas

El personal de 10 meses no se reporta a trabajar. El personal de 11 y 12 meses se reportan a trabajar 2 horas más tarde. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela pueden decidir operar. Se cancela el uso comunitario

Rojo

Sistema escolar cerrado

Las escuelas y las oficinas administrativas están cerradas

Solo el personal de emergencia se reporta a trabajar. Todo el resto del personal no debe reportarse a trabajar. Los programas de cuidado infantil antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario se cancelan

Morado

Día de aprendizaje virtual

La instrucción es virtual

El personal de emergencia y otras personas que desempeñan funciones esenciales se reportan a trabajar en persona. El resto del personal puede reportarse a trabajar de manera virtual. Los programas de cuidado infantil antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario se cancelan.

- Los Programas de Cuidado Infantil de ICB siguen las pautas para las oficinas administrativas de MCPS.
- CUPF (siglas en inglés) - Las actividades de uso comunitario se cancelan cuando las escuelas están cerradas, por la mañana si hay un retraso de 2 horas, y por la tarde cuando las escuelas salen temprano.
- El personal de emergencia debe presentarse al trabajo y realizar el trabajo durante todas las opciones de estado, según los contratos negociados.

Información de emergencia: cómo recibir información de emergencia de MCPS, decisiones meteorológicas, Cierre de escuelas y otros procedimientos de emergencia, preparación para emergencias, recursos