



**Clarke County  
School District**

Better Together

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# FROM THE DESK OF...

**Dr. Xernona Thomas**

**Superintendent**



We're back together for Fall 2021!

The start of the school year is an exciting time. We are thrilled to welcome students back to their classrooms! The last year has taught us how to embrace change, adapt to challenges, and be resilient. The spirit of our school district and our community through the tests of the pandemic was reassuring. As we look ahead to the 2021-2022 school year, we know we are better together!

This guide contains information about our 2021-2022 Back to School plans. The guide highlights our school system COVID-19 safety protocols, tips for preparing your family for back to school, and some helpful checklists. If you need additional information or have specific questions, please reach out to your school. Thank you for your support of our students, teachers, schools, and school system!











We look forward to an amazing year! The first day of school is Wednesday, August 4! We can't wait to see our students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Xernona Thomas".

Dr. Xernona Thomas

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# SEE YOU IN CLASS

The Clarke County School District will offer full-day in-person instructional programming to all students 5 days a week on all its campuses.

- Pre-K and Elementary students will be on campus five days a week for a full day of in-person instruction.
- Middle and High School students will be on campus five days a week for a full day of in-person instruction. Students will change from one classroom to another to see all of their teachers.
- Check with your student's school to explore after-school programming options.
- All students will receive free school supplies to be distributed at each school.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Classic City High
7:40 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.	8:35 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.	8:15 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

### TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

- All students riding the bus are required to wear a mask.
- Students will be assigned seating.
- Safe and effective cleaning of high-touch surfaces will be conducted after each route.
- Buses will be disinfected after morning and afternoon routes.
- Sanitizing stations are installed on every bus.

### EDULOG PARENT PORTAL

The Edulog Parent Portal mobile app provides the latest information on the planned time and location of the student's ASSIGNED school bus stop. Click [here](#) for more details.

### TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department:

- 706-548-6971 (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) / [Transportation Website](#)



# OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

<b>Early Learning Center</b> 706-357-5239 • <a href="#">Website</a>	440-2 Dearing Ext. Athens, GA 30606	Virtual Town Hall July 30 • 3:30 p.m. Open House By Appointment August 2
<b>Alps Road Elementary</b> 706-548-2261 • <a href="#">Website</a>	205 Alps Road Athens, GA 30606	August 2 (Virtual) August 3 / 3:00 p.m.
<b>Barnett Shoals Elementary</b> 706-357-5334 • <a href="#">Website</a>	3220 Barnett Shoals Rd Athens, GA 30605	August 2 2:30 p.m. New Families Orientation/Meet Your Teacher 4:00 p.m. (A–K) 5:00 p.m. (L–Z)
<b>Barrow Elementary</b> 706-543-2676 • <a href="#">Website</a>	100 Pinecrest Drive Athens, GA 30605	August 3 2:00 p.m. (A–L) 3:00 p.m. (M–Z)
<b>Chase Street Elementary</b> 706-543-1081 • <a href="#">Website</a>	757 N. Chase Street Athens, GA 30601	August 2 3:00 p.m. (New Families) 4:00 p.m. (A–K) / 5:00 p.m. (L–Z)
<b>Cleveland Road Elementary</b> 706-357-5333 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1700 Cleveland Road Bogart, GA 30622	August 2 / 5:00 p.m.
<b>Fowler Drive Elementary</b> 706-357-5330 • <a href="#">Website</a>	400 Fowler Drive Athens, GA 30601	August 2 4:30 p.m. (A–K) 5:45 p.m. (L–Z)
<b>Gaines Elementary</b> 706-357-5338 • <a href="#">Website</a>	900 Gaines School Road Athens, GA 30605	August 2 / Families can choose a time. 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
<b>J.J. Harris Elementary</b> 706-357-5203 • <a href="#">Website</a>	2300 Danielsville Road Athens, GA 30601	August 2 / 3:00 p.m.
<b>Oglethorpe Ave. Elementary</b> 706-549-0762 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1150 Oglethorpe Avenue Athens, GA 30606	August 3 2:00 p.m. Pre-K 3:00 p.m. (A–F) 3:30 p.m. (G–L) 4:00 p.m. (M–S) 4:30 p.m. (T–Z)
<b>H.B. Stroud Elementary</b> 706-369-1893 • <a href="#">Website</a>	715 Fourth Street Athens, GA 30601	August 2 / 2:00 p.m.



<b>Timothy Road Elementary</b> 706-549-0107 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1900 Timothy Road Athens, GA 30606	August 2 2:00 p.m. (New Family Orientation) 3:00 p.m. (A–L) 4:00 p.m. (M–Z)
<b>Whit Davis Elementary</b> 706-369-1036 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1450 Whit Davis Road Athens, GA 30605	August 3 1:00 p.m. (A–H) 2:00 p.m. (I–Q) 3:00 p.m. (R–Z)
<b>Whitehead Road Elementary</b> 706-548-7296 • <a href="#">Website</a>	555 Quailwood Drive Athens, GA 30606	August 3 12:00 p.m. (A–C) 1:00 p.m. (D–I) 2:00 p.m. (J–N) 3:00 p.m. (O–S) 4:00 p.m. (T–Z)
<b>Winterville Elementary</b> 706-357-5222 • <a href="#">Website</a>	305 Cherokee Rd. Winterville, GA 30683	August 3 3:00 p.m. (A–M) • 4:00 p.m. (N–Z)
<b>Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle</b> 706-548-7208 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1600 Tallassee Road Athens, GA 30606	August 2 / 6th Grade 9:30 a.m. (A–M) 10:30 a.m. (N–Z) August 3 / 7th & 8th Grade 9:00 a.m. (A–M) 10:15 a.m. (N–Z)
<b>Clarke Middle</b> 706-543-6547 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1235 Baxter Street Athens, GA 30606	August 3 9:00 a.m. (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 10:30 a.m. (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Coile Middle</b> 706-357-5318 • <a href="#">Website</a>	110 Old Elberton Road Athens, GA 30601	August 3 9:00 a.m. (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:30 a.m. (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Hilsman Middle</b> 706-548-7281 • <a href="#">Website</a>	870 Gaines School Road Athens, GA 30605	August 2 3:30 p.m. (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 5:30 p.m. (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Cedar Shoals High</b> 706-546-5375 • <a href="#">Website</a>	1300 Cedar Shoals Drive Athens, GA 30605	August 2 / 4:00 p.m.
<b>Classic City High</b> 706-353-2323 • <a href="#">Website</a>	440-3 Dearing Extension Athens, GA 30606	August 3 / 1:00 p.m. (All families)
<b>Clarke Central High</b> 706-357-5200 • <a href="#">Website</a>	350 South Milledge Ave. Athens, GA 30605	August 2 9:00 a.m. (Freshman A–L) 11:00 a.m. (Freshmen M–Z) 2:00 p.m. (Students New to CCHS: Grades 10-12)

# UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- If you have questions related to your student's uniform requirements, contact the school directly.
- Uniforms can be purchased at J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar General, Old Navy, Academy Sports, and The Children's Place (in the Georgia Square Mall).
- Refer to the [Code of Student Conduct](#) for the expectations of CCSD students.

## Elementary Schools

[Alps Road Elementary](#)

[Barnett Shoals Elementary](#) - no uniform requirement

[Barrow Elementary](#) - no uniform requirement

[Chase Street Elementary](#) - no uniform requirement

[Cleveland Road Elementary](#) - no uniform requirement

[Fowler Drive Elementary](#)

[Gaines Elementary](#)

[I.J. Harris Elementary](#)

[Oglethorpe Ave. Elementary](#)

[Stroud Elementary](#)

[Timothy Road Elementary](#)

[Whit Davis Elementary](#) - no uniform requirement

[Whitehead Elementary](#)

[Winterville Elementary](#)

## Middle Schools

[BHL Middle](#)

[Clarke Middle](#)

[Coile Middle](#)

[Hilsman Middle](#)



# A DAY IN SCHOOL

Spending a day in school will look and feel very similar to what school was like when we returned to school last year, including the extra precautions to make sure students can learn and play safely and comfortably.

## **MASK REQUIREMENTS\***

1. Masks will be required indoors for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status.
2. Masks will be required for all students and staff on CCSD buses.
3. All visitors to CCSD buildings will be required to wear masks.

\*Revised 7/26/21

## **TRANSPORTATION**

School bus transportation to and from campuses will be available and will follow all public health and safety guidelines. Due to U.S. Department of Transportation mandates, drivers and passengers are required to wear masks on all CCSD school buses.

## **RECESS/GYM CLASSES**

Students will be able to use playground equipment during recess and enjoy sports during gym classes following the latest public health and safety guidelines.

## **LUNCH/MEALS**

Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Students will be able to eat meals with friends following the latest public health and safety guidelines.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Schools will offer high-quality, safe, and supervised academic, enrichment, and recreation programs. Programs will offer in-person enrichment activities in four areas of engagement with opportunities for students to learn and thrive physically and mentally, focusing on academic, physical, creative, and social and emotional learning. For more information on how to participate, please call your school.

## **ATHLETICS**

We are excited to continue our normal sports and team schedule! Our athletes will learn the skills they need for their journey in a post-secondary school/career.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

We want all our students to learn in a safe and healthy environment, which is why the Clarke County School District is committed to maintaining public health and safety guidelines.

The Clarke County School District believes it is in our students' best interest to return in person to provide the highest level of academic and social support.

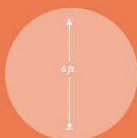
Using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, Department of Public Health, Department of Early Care and Learning, and the Georgia Department of Education, the district has implemented safety measures including:



evaluation and increased maintenance of HVAC systems



enhanced cleaning procedures



social distancing expectations



visual safety reminders



limited student transitions



PPE for staff/students



mandatory mask requirements



staffing full-time nurses in each school to monitor COVID-19 protocols

## GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS

The CCSD will continue to adhere to the most recent COVID guidelines issued by the Georgia Department of Public Health (GADPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

## MASK REQUIREMENTS

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3. All visitors to CCSD buildings will be required to wear masks.

## ROBUST SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Robust safety protocols are in place at school campuses, including needed personal protective equipment, frequent disinfecting, and hand washing.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Increased staffing to effectively clean and disinfect schools.



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## HYGIENE

Restrooms and handwashing sinks in classrooms are stocked with soap and paper towels. Hand sanitizer stations are available in locations throughout all school campuses.

## VACCINATIONS

The CCSD immunization deadline has been extended until October 1, 2021 for ALL students to be up to date on Georgia's state-mandated immunizations (GA Form 3231). Please note students who are 16 and older must have a booster dose of the MVC4 vaccine.







Parents do not need to turn any updated records into the schools. To see if your child is up to date or not, please contact your child's medical provider. Once your child's immunizations are up to date, the school nurse can view the records in GRITS, the state's electronic immunization registry.

Students whose immunizations remain expired on October 1, 2021, will be withdrawn from school.

Vaccine appointments can also be made through your student's medical provider or at **The Hilsman Health Center** by calling (706) 546-7463.

## STAYING SAFE

### Best Practices for Decreasing Risk

- ✓ Do not come to school if you feel sick. 
- ✓ Wash your hands before and after contact with another individual, solid surface, you cough or sneeze. 
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes. 
- ✓ Wear a mask at all times when in a public space or in close contact with others. 
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. 
- ✓ Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. 

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

*You can make sure everyone is prepared and ready for the start of school by following the steps below.*



## **Enroll in and update your contact information in Parent Portal**

This is a great tool for parents and guardians to get in touch with their principal, see their child's grades, and access many other resources!

You can reach out to your local school for support on signing up.



## **Practice New Routines**

Routines like getting up and getting dressed on time, wearing their mask correctly, eating on a regular schedule, and getting comfortable around other adults and children are all important parts of the transition back.



## **Bring a Water Bottle**

Water fountains will still be turned off at all schools, so make sure your student brings a water bottle with them.



## **Make sure your student has a clean face mask to bring to school.**

Drivers and passengers are required to wear masks on all CCSD school buses. If a student needs a mask, one will be provided. Alternative protections may be followed for students with disabilities or those needing accommodations.



## **Vaccinations for all eligible family members.**

Vaccinations have been proven safe and effective for anyone age 12 and older. Vaccines are an important part of protecting yourself and others. While vaccines are not required for staff or students, we strongly encourage all eligible community members to get the COVID-19 vaccine.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How will this school year be the same as pre-pandemic school?

Spending a day in school will look and feel very similar to what school was like when we returned to school last year, including the extra precautions to make sure students can learn and play safely and comfortably. All students will have access to a full day of school and enrichment activities. Middle and high school students will be able to change classes taught by in-person teachers.

## Why has the Clarke County School District decided to open up school for full days of instruction?

The 2020-2021 school year has shown us that our high standards of health and safety practices and partnership with DPH slow the spread of the virus in schools. More people are being vaccinated, and health authorities tell us conditions will improve with diligence. Schools across the country are opening for full, in-person instruction in the Fall. We continue to monitor the status of variants of the virus and vaccine eligibility for young children.

Children and adults may feel scared, confused, or anxious because of the impact of the pandemic. Practicing routines early and often is very important. If a child is experiencing other mental health challenges, families may contact their local principal or school site administrator or request services from school site providers and local community agencies.

## My child is nervous or hesitant about returning to a full day of in-person programming. How can I help them prepare for this change in routine?

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## STAY CONNECTED



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[CCSD Parent Portal](#)



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