

Countdown to High School

A Timeline for Parents of Grade-Eight Students

AUGUST 2011

- ◆ August 15 is the first day of school.
- ◆ August 30 is Parent University at Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Gheens Academy. This program helps parents learn to understand their 10- to 15-year-olds.

Tips

- ◆ Make sure your child is in school and on time. Every day counts!
- ◆ Encourage your child to write homework assignments in his or her Agenda.
- ◆ Provide a quiet place, and set a time for homework.
- ◆ Provide necessary school supplies.
- ◆ Tell your child that he or she is special every day.
- ◆ Remember to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).
- ◆ Please notify your child's school if he or she is absent.

SEPTEMBER 2011

- ◆ Middle schools host open houses. Come and meet your child's teachers.
- ◆ Are your child's immunizations up to date?

Tips

- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conference Day is October 11 after school. Plan to attend, and schedule an appointment now.
- ◆ Encourage your child to get involved in school activities.
- ◆ Remember to join the PTA!

OCTOBER 2011

- ◆ October is National Middle School Month.
- ◆ Report cards are sent home October 4.
- ◆ October 11 is Parent-Teacher Conference Day. Do you have your appointment?
- ◆ October 21 and 22 are the dates for the Showcase of Schools at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Check out JCPS high schools.
- ◆ Each grading period is important. The first two can affect your child's high school application.
- ◆ Look for your eighth grader's Career Assessment Report.
- ◆ Check your child's medical records for immunization expiration dates.

- ◆ You will soon have a high schooler!
- ◆ October is the Advance Program testing period. Call your school counselor.

Tips

- ◆ The Choices optional/magnet program and magnet school information booklet is available.
- ◆ Talk to your child about his or her academic interests.
- ◆ Remember to join the PTA!

NOVEMBER 2011

- ◆ Report cards are sent home November 16.
- ◆ November 1-January 6 is the application period for high school optional/magnet programs and magnet schools.

Tips

- ◆ Take a look at high schools; check for open visitations and special application requirements.
- ◆ Remember to join the PTA!

DECEMBER 2011

- ◆ December 19-Jan. 2 is Winter Break! This is a great time for physical examinations and immunizations.

Tips

- ◆ Have your son or daughter share his or her favorite book with you.
- ◆ Don't forget to check your local bookstore for gift ideas!
- ◆ Mail your Application Form to the Optional, Magnet, and Advance Programs Office.

JANUARY 2012

- ◆ January 6 is the application deadline for high school optional/magnet programs and magnet schools.
- ◆ Report cards are sent home January 18.
- ◆ Don't forget to update your address and telephone number.

Tips

- ◆ Are you reviewing your child's Agenda?
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conference Day is February 13. Plan to attend, and schedule an appointment.
- ◆ Encourage your child to set goals through daily discussions about school.

FEBRUARY 2012

- ◆ February 13 is Parent-Teacher Conference Day.
- ◆ February 14 is Valentine's Day. Have you hugged your child today?
- ◆ Have you seen your child's high school class schedule?

Tips

- ◆ Hug your child every day.

MARCH 2012

- ◆ Countdown to high school continues!
- ◆ Report cards are sent home March 6.

Tips

- ◆ Make sure that your child is in school every day.
- ◆ Check to see if your child's immunizations are up to date.

APRIL 2012

- ◆ April 9-13 is Spring Break!
- ◆ Report cards are sent home April 24.
- ◆ Don't forget to update your address and telephone number.
- ◆ Provide the school with your child's Social Security number for the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) Program.

Tips

- ◆ Ask your child's school counselor about transition activities for students in grade eight.
- ◆ Ask your child's high school staff about beginning dates of extracurricular activities, such as band, cheerleading, dance, field hockey, football, and soccer.

MAY 2012

- ◆ May 1: Notification for optional/magnet programs and magnet schools should be received.
- ◆ Attend your child's eighth-grade school recognition program.
- ◆ Do you know where your child is going to high school?
- ◆ Call your child's high school about summer study-skills programs.
- ◆ Check with your child's high school about its dress code.
- ◆ Don't forget to update your address and telephone number.

Ideas for Summer Fun/Learning

- ◆ Youth Services Centers (YSCs)
- ◆ Metro Parks programs
- ◆ Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL)
- ◆ Salvation Army Boys' and Girls' Clubs
- ◆ YMCA

JUNE 2012

- ◆ Report cards are mailed home June 6.
- ◆ Visit the LFPL for summer reading and fun.

JULY 2012

- ◆ Have you filled out a Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application, if eligible?
- ◆ Bus schedules are available online at www.jcpsky.net and at your local school.
- ◆ Grade-nine orientations are hosted at all high schools. Check your mailbox for information.

Parent Checklist

- I know where my child is going to high school.
- The school has our current address and telephone number. (If you move, please inform your school.)
- I have turned in my child's immunization information.
- I know the dress code for my child's high school.
- My child has read during the summer.
- We are ready for high school!

AUGUST 2012

- ◆ Be sure that your child knows his or her bus schedule before the first day of school.
- ◆ Bus schedules are available online at www.jcpsky.net and at your local school.

Tips

- ◆ Remember to join the PTA!
- ◆ Help your child succeed! Be loving! Be involved! Be there!

Welcome to high school!



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- Place this timeline on your refrigerator or in a visible area in your home.
- Check the timeline often for tips and reminders.
- Call your child's school counselor for additional information.
- Call and visit Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) high schools.

	Ahrens Educational Resource Center 546 South First Street Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 485-8201		DuPont Manual High 120 West Lee Street Louisville, KY 40208 (502) 485-8241		Seneca High School 3510 Goldsmith Lane Louisville, KY 40220 (502) 485-8323
	Atherton High 3000 Dundee Road Louisville, KY 40205 (502) 485-8202		Eastern High 12400 Old Shelbyville Road Louisville, KY 40243 (502) 485-8243		Shawnee High School 4018 West Market Street Louisville, KY 40212 (502) 485-8326
	Ballard High 6000 Brownsboro Road Louisville, KY 40222 (502) 485-8206		Fairdale High School 1001 Fairdale Road Fairdale, KY 40118 (502) 485-8248		Southern High School 1001 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219 (502) 485-8330
	Binet School 3410 Bon Air Avenue Louisville, KY 40220 (502) 485-8209		Fern Creek Traditional High 9115 Fern Creek Road Louisville, KY 40291 (502) 485-8251		South Park TAPP 1010 Neighborhood Place Fairdale, KY 40118 (502) 485-8748
	Breckinridge Metropolitan High 1128 East Broadway Louisville, KY 40204 (502) 485-6678		Iroquois High School 4615 Taylor Boulevard Louisville, KY 40215 (502) 485-8269		State Agency Children's Programs 8300 1/2 Westport Road Louisville, KY 40242 (502) 485-9322
	Brown School 546 South First Street Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 485-8216		Jefferson County High 900 South Floyd Street Louisville, KY 40203 (502) 485-3173		Valley Traditional High 10200 Dixie Highway Louisville, KY 40272 (502) 485-8339
	Buechel Metropolitan High 1960 Bashford Manor Lane Louisville, KY 40218 (502) 485-8316		Jeffersontown High School 9600 Old Six Mile Lane Louisville, KY 40299 (502) 485-8275		Waggener Traditional High 330 South Hubbards Lane Louisville, KY 40207 (502) 485-8340
	Butler Traditional High 2222 Crums Lane Louisville, KY 40216 (502) 485-8220		Liberty High 3307 East Indian Trail Louisville, KY 40213 (502) 485-7100		Western Math Science Technology Magnet High 2501 Rockford Lane Louisville, KY 40216 (502) 485-8344
	Central High School Magnet Career Academy 1130 West Chestnut Street Louisville, KY 40203 (502) 485-8226		Louisville Male High 4409 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40213 (502) 485-8292		Westport TAPP 8800 Westport Road Louisville, KY 40242 (502) 485-8347
	Churchill Park School 435 Boxley Avenue Louisville, KY 40209 (502) 485-8229		Moore Traditional School 6415 Outer Loop Louisville, KY 40228 (502) 485-8304		Youth Performing Arts School (YPAS) 1517 South Second Street Louisville, KY 40208 (502) 485-8355
	Doss High School 7601 St. Andrews Church Road Louisville, KY 40214 (502) 485-8239		Pleasure Ridge Park High School 5901 Greenwood Road Louisville, KY 40258 (502) 485-8311		

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