

2009-2010 School Year

Aug. 12 & 13: Professional Development Days
Aug. 14 & 17: Teacher Workdays
Aug. 18: First Day for Students

Sept. 7: Holiday – Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
Sept. 16: Early Release (2 hours)
Sept. 17: Progress Reports

Oct. 20-22: HSAP Fall Testing
Oct. 23– 30: HSAP Make-Up Testing
Oct. 21: Early Release (2 hours)
Oct. 23: Teacher Workday (No Students)
Oct. 26: Professional Development Day (No Students)
Oct. 27: Tuesday Report Cards

Nov. 4: Early Release (2 hours)
Nov. 23: Progress Reports
Nov. 25-27: Holiday – Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
Nov. 26-27: Holiday – Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Holiday – Winter Break (Schools Closed)
Dec. 24-28: Holiday – Winter Break (Offices Closed)

Jan. 1: Holiday – New Year's Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
Jan. 4: Students return from Winter Break
Jan. 14: Teacher Workday (No Students)
Jan. 15: Professional Development Day (No Students)
Jan. 18: Holiday – Martin L. King, Jr. Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
Jan. 19: Report Cards
Jan. 27: Early Release (2 hours)

Feb. 15: Holiday – Presidents' Day (Schools Closed; Offices Open)
Feb. 17: Progress Reports
Feb. 24: Early Release (2 hours)

March 10: Early Release (2 hours)
March 16: PASS – Writing, Day 1
March 17: PASS – Writing, Day 2
March 18-23: PASS – Make-Up Tests & Field Tests
March 26: Teacher Workday (No Students)
March 30: Report Cards

April 2-9: Holiday – Spring Break (Schools Closed)
April 2 & 5: Holiday – Spring Break (Offices Closed)
April 20-22: HSAP Spring Testing (Make-Ups to April 30)

May 3: Progress Reports
May 11: PASS – ELA
May 12: PASS – Mathematics
May 13: PASS – Science
May 14: PASS – Social Studies
May 17-21: PASS – Make-Up Tests & Field Tests
May 31: Holiday – Memorial Day (Schools & Offices Closed)

June 2: Half Day for Students
June 3: Last Student Day (Half Day) – 180th School Day
June 4: Teacher Workday (No Students)

Please note that calendar is of August 4, 2009 and is subject to change.



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Please note that all telephone numbers fall under area code 843.

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A Parent's Guide



to *Charleston Achieving
Excellence* in the
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“Parents are a child’s first teachers.

Our vision is to ensure that every child has the skills necessary to go to college and succeed in today’s work force.

Our goal is to work together—schools, parents and the district—to unlock the potential of every child.”

Helping Your Child at School

- **Encourage your child to succeed.** Use positive words when talking about school. Make sure your child is on time for school and understands the school’s discipline plan. Review report cards and other reports with your child.
- **Keep in touch with your child’s school.** Use parent-teacher conferences, phone calls, emails, and notes home with teachers. Meet with the teacher regularly, along with counselors, nurses, and administrators. Talk to your child’s teacher about what you can do at home to strengthen learning.
- **Attend school functions and stay involved with school organizations.** Your children will know that you support them, and you will meet other parents who can help support you.

Practicing the Three Rs Every Day

- **READ!** Students who read at home do better in school. Start reading with your children when they are young. Read together as a family. Show that reading is fun by taking time to read yourself.
- **REINFORCE** your child’s knowledge! Ask your children about what they have learned in school, and ask their teachers about recent lessons. Have your children practice these skills at home.
- **REACH** for the stars! Expect your children to succeed and sincerely praise them. Set high goals and encourage your children during times of success and challenge. Teach them to take pride in their achievements.

Keeping Kids Healthy

- **Ensure that your child has routine health screenings and required immunizations.** Healthy bodies allow for healthy minds.
- **Make sure your child gets enough sleep.**
- **Let your child snack on healthy foods.** Talk with your children about the importance of healthy eating. Replace high-fat foods with fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain breads and pastas.
- **Encourage and model physical activity.** Your child needs at least 60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. Show interest in your child’s sports or other exercise, and take a bike ride or walk together.

Helping Your Child Succeed in Elementary School

- **Help your child develop early reading and writing skills.** Help your child read books at home during the school year. Read with your child and ask friends and family to assist with reading. Take family trips to local libraries and bookstores.
- **Use district tools to provide extra support at home.**

“MAP” tests are given at least twice a year, and “Write Trait assessments” are sent home four times a year. Ask your child’s teacher about when these tests are scheduled, what the results mean, and what you can do to help your child improve.



Helping Your Child Succeed in Middle School

- **Keep your child on track with reading and writing goals.** Every CCSD middle school student has reading, writing, and math requirements. Ask your child about books recently read, and bring a book along whenever your child has free time. Regularly ask your child’s teacher about how well your child is doing in reading and writing and how you can help.



- **Help your child now to prepare for college and success in life.** The classes your child takes now will affect your child’s success in high school and beyond. Ask your child’s teacher about when “PASS,” “MAP,” and other tests are scheduled, what the test results mean, and what you can do at home to help your child improve. Ask your child about life goals and how to achieve them.

- **Encourage school activities outside the classroom.** Your child’s school provides time within the school day and after school for clubs, athletics, and activities. Ask your child’s teacher about these opportunities.

Helping Your Child Succeed in High School

- **Keep track of your child’s progress in all classes.** At the beginning of the year, most teachers explain in writing the expectations, assignments, and goals for the class. Review these materials regularly to ensure that your child is meeting expectations.
- **Take an active role in preparing your child for college and the workforce.** Every high school student has “Individual Graduation Plan” meetings. Attend these meetings and talk with your child about their importance. Ask what your child needs to be on track for college.
- **Encourage “extracurricular” activities.** Your child’s school offers clubs, sports, student government, the arts, and academic competitions. Ask about these activities, and attend school performances or games.



-CCSD Superintendent
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