

James Island Elementary New Student Information

(843) 762-8240



Topic	Details
Academic Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ccsdschools.com/academiccalendar
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School begins at 7:25 and ends at 2:25. Students may not be signed out early after 2:00pm. • Students must be signed in by a parent/guardian if arriving late or leaving early. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you are going to be absent or if your child is sick, send an email to your child's teacher and to Ms. Boyd at the Front Desk (caroline_boyd@charleston.k12.sc.us). Students are allowed up to 10 unexcused absences during the school year.
Bus	<p>www.ccsdschools.com/transportation • First Student Bus Services -- 843-566-8142</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To find your bus stop, visit the transportation site link and select your school's bus chart. Look for the bus stop with the nearest cross-street to you. The AM and PM times when the bus will be at this stop are on the chart. • Make a note of your bus number and the street name stop. Communicate this to your teacher. • If you do not see a bus stop within 0.4 miles from your house, you can request a stop on the Transportation site. • Plan to be at your bus stop 10-15 min early. There are instructions on how to sign up for bus delay notifications on the Transportation site. Expect the first week of school to have delays.
Car Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An official car-rider sign is needed for pick-up. These can be picked up during Fact and Fee or in the front office throughout the year. This sign is what teachers use to call your child into a pick-up spot. • Teachers and staff will open all car doors for both drop-off and pick-up. • Drop off: please have doors unlocked, students unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle. If needed, cars may pull off into the grass to safely unbuckle students prior to entering the circle. • Pick-up: Have your child enter their seat. If they cannot buckle themselves, please slowly pull forward and exit the circle, then pull-off into the grass to safely buckle students. This will keep the line moving while safely transporting students.
Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays and birthdays are often celebrated in class. We ask that no birthday party invitations be sent into class. • Sweets and food should NOT be dropped off for these celebrations unless specifically requested/approved by the teacher or room parent.
Communicating with your Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers have a variety of ways they prefer to communicate with parents. All teachers have an email address to use for specific/out of routine communications. • Your child will get a folder that has school-based information and class-associated information, like a weekly newsletter if your teacher publishes one. • Some teachers also use apps, like Class Dojo or Remind, to communicate with parents. Your teacher will inform you of how they prefer to receive communication from parents during Fact and Fee or the first weeks of school. • You can also reach out to your room parent with questions or to help support your child's classroom.
Fact and Fee Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact and Fee night is your opportunity to meet your teacher, pay student fees (\$25), drop off school supplies, complete important forms, join the PTA and SIC, and learn more about the upcoming year. • Fact and Fee for the 2021-2022 school year will be held (TBA – check back soon!). All parents and students should attend if possible.
How to get involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA – Look for a sign-up form in the first weeks of school. Becoming a member of the PTA is the best way to receive notices about events and volunteer opportunities. jiespta@gmail.com • School Improvement Council (SIC) – jamesisland.sic@gmail.com for more info • Room Parent – Each classroom has a room parent to assist with communication. Check with your teacher for details on how to volunteer for this position. • Social Media: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Facebook/Twitter/Instagram - @jamesislandes ○ PTA – www.facebook.com/PTAJIES

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join the James Island Elementary School Community group on Facebook
Kaleidoscope	<p>www.ccsdschools.com/Page/241</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaleidoscope is a district-led after school and summer camp program. General Kaleidoscope questions should be directed to Christy Bennett, 843-754-7072. Questions about the JIES Kaleidoscope program should be directed to 843-762-8252.
Meals	<p>www.ccsdschoolmeals.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find menu, pricing, and reduced-price applications on the above site (or front office). Payments can be made online. Use your child's PIN to start an account. You can pre-load this account for convenience. Meal payments can also be made to the school via check made out to JIES (add "lunch account" and child's PIN to the note) or cash. Parents may join students for lunch - check with your teacher for your child's lunch time.
School Nurse	<p>Nurse Meredith – meredith_barnette@charleston.k12.sc.us, (843) 762-8249</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school nurse should be notified of all health issues. Daily/Emergency medications must be dropped off with accompanying doctor signed instructions. Parents will be contacted by the nurse regarding all major illnesses and incidents. Throughout the year preventive health may be offered through your school, e.g., flu shots, vision tests, etc. You will receive notification of these events in school communications.
Registration	<p>www.ccsdschools.com/registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration begins (TBA). Students returning to the same school do NOT need to register. Registration questions may be directed to registration@charleston.k12.sc.us.
School Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All school visitors must bring ID with them every visit. Visitors should ring school doorbell and identify themselves and their purpose for visiting before entering the building. Fire, hurricane/tornado, and lock-down drills are conducted regularly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help with our youngest students, K5 and CD students will have a tag placed on their backpacks with student information (name, class, bus stop or afterschool program).
School Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade level school-supply lists will be posted on the school website in the weeks prior to the start of school. Hard copies are also available for pick-up in the front office.
Student PIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are assigned a PIN number upon registration. Check with your child's teacher or the front office for this PIN if you do not have it prior to school start. Student PIN numbers stay with them through graduation and are used to help identify the student for meal payment, student records, online education portals identification, K5 tags etc.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let your teacher know how your child will regularly be dropped off and picked up from school on Fact and Fee night. It is also a good idea to send a note with your child, or an email/app message as a reminder, especially the first week of school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus Rider – note the bus number and the stop your child will be dropped off at (see Bus section for more info) Car Rider (see Car Rider section) After school program bus – James Island Presbyterian and Loving and Learning after school programs have their own buses that pick students up directly from school

Important JIES Phone Numbers

JIES Main Line – (843) 762-8240 **Head Start – (843) 762-8248**
School Nurse – (843) 762-8249 **Guidance – (762) 8256**
Kaleidoscope – (843) 762-8252 **Fax – (843) 762-8250**
Cafeteria – (843) 762-8251

Reminders

School begins at 7:25 and ends at 2:25
Early release bell time – 12:25
Half day bell time – 10:25
All staff emails are
"firstname_lastname@charleston.k12.sc.us"