

**Laing Middle School of Science & Technology
 2021-2022 Back to School Bulletin**

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Laing Middle School of Science & Technology is reinventing how to engage the middle school child. Our core beliefs about facilitating student innovation and problem solving skills, developing technologically literate students, learning to collaborate effectively, and displaying Laing PRIDE has lead us to continued success. This includes being selected as the Number #1 STEM Middle School in the nation. The Laing community of students, teachers, and parents is second to none, and I am so grateful to be the principal of this fantastic school.

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FACT & FEE

Class schedules and back-to-school information packets have been prepared and may be picked up during our Fact & Fee day on August 9th. Please report to the assigned location during the time listed below to begin the process. If you cannot come to your assigned time slot, you may come at the end of the day. Families with students in more than one grade level may choose one of the grade levels and bring all students at the same time to avoid repeated trips.

Please report to the cafeteria entrances to begin the process and bring a copy of your online receipt, Chromebook signed agreement, and nurse/emergency card. Tours of the building will not be able to occur on the 9th but we will open the building on August 14th for a family walkthrough.

If you are unable to attend the Fact & Fee day, you may stop by the school after August 9th to complete all of the necessary paperwork.

August 9th	
8:00-11:00	6 th Grade
11:00-2:00	7 th Grade
2:00-4:00	8 th Grade
4:00-6:00	All Grades- Open session if unable to attend during the day
ITEMS TO BRING	Signed Chromebook agreement, receipt of payment, and nurse/emergency card

On-line Option for Fee Payments

For your convenience, our online fee payment system is available on our Laing website and may be used prior to schedule pick-up. Time will be saved by going online, selecting the items that you want, and paying for them before coming to school to pick-up schedules. The online fee payment system may be accessed from the school website <https://laingms.revtrak.net> and you may pay with debit or credit cards. **I highly recommend using the online payment service in order to avoid long lines during Fact & Fee. Please remember to print out a copy of your payment receipt or have a copy of your receipt electronically when you come to school.** If you choose to wait and pay student fees at school, we will be able to accept cash or check. There are two fees (student fees and iPad fees) for the school year. The student fees are \$45 per student. Students on free/reduced lunch status may request a fee waiver. The Chromebook user fee for the coming year will be \$35 and required by all students taking home the device.

6th grade Orientation

I am happy to announce that Laing will be able to offer a 6th grade orientation for students that will include bus transportation. The orientation will be held from 8:30-11:30 on August 17th. Our incoming 6th grade students will have the morning of the 17th to acclimate themselves to the building and their classes prior to school officially starting. First Student bus service will be providing transportation for our students. They will operate in the morning as scheduled during a normal school day. Students may be picked up at their bus stop at the normal scheduled time in the morning, also buses will be picking students up from school at 11:30 and returning home accordingly. This is also an opportunity for students and parents to test the buses prior to 7th & 8th grade students attending school. Students will report to the cafeteria to meet their teachers. Students will spend the morning getting to know their teachers and each other, tour the school, and learn about Laing expectations and procedures. Parents may bring their child to school and visit their Homeroom class but ask that it be only students from 8:30-11:30. ATTENDANCE IS NOT MANDATORY!

Walkthrough for families

We will be opening up the building on Saturday, August 14th from 9:00-12:00 for students and parents to walk around on their own. This day will provide our families the opportunity to walk the building and find out where their child's classes are located. Teachers will not be in the building that day and as a result families will not have access to the classroom. Please do not bring school supplies. The walkthrough will be an informal process and parents/students can come at any time between 9:00-12:00.

Open House/Meet the teachers

The annual open house where parents will have time to interact with the teachers will be held August 31st for 6th grade and September 2nd for 7th & 8th grades. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and provide parents the opportunity to spend 10-15

minutes with each teacher during the evening. Space is limited in the classrooms so we ask this event be attended only by parents.

First Day Information

The official start of school for all grades will be Wednesday, August 18, at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. On August 18, all students will report directly to their 1st period teacher. During that time, students will be given another copy of their schedule to utilize throughout the first day. Faculty and Staff will be spread throughout the building to assist students with finding their 1st period class.

Arrival and Dismissal

In order to provide safety, security, and adequate supervision, students are not permitted to be on campus prior to 8:00 a.m. Students must exit the campus immediately after school unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member. Car riders will need to be dropped off and picked up in front of the school. A diagram of the car rider line can be found in the student packet and on our website. Please follow the directional signs and procedures for arrival and dismissal. This is extremely important in order to maintain a safe, orderly, and productive flow of traffic. If a parent plans on parking in the parking lot when dropping off and/or picking up their child, they need to walk across the car rider line to pick up their child.

In the mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., all students will report to their 1st period class. Any student that arrives after 8:30 must be signed in by an adult in the front reception area. Also, we are requesting parents not to pick up their children after school in the reception area between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. If a student is to be picked up after 3:00 it will need to happen in the car line after the 3:30 dismissal.

Before School Program

Laing offers a before school program for up to 40 students that register prior to school. The program cost \$3/day and is held daily from 7:30-8:00 in the media center. If you are interested in signing your child up for the program, information and a registration sheet can be found on the website or at the front office.

Chromebooks

All students will have the privilege of taking the Chromebook devices home each day. Students will have the ability to complete their work, check out reading materials and research on the Chromebook. A user agreement about the iPads can be found with this letter and on our website. All students and parents must sign the technology agreement prior to using the devices. A \$35 user fee applies to all students and can be paid on-line or during the fact & fee event.

Lunch Options and Costs

School breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Student lunches will cost between \$2.25-\$3.50 and breakfast will cost \$1.40. Students who might qualify for free or reduced lunch prices are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be distributed in the back to school packets. The reduced price for lunch is \$.40 and for breakfast is \$.30. Other food choices may include chicken wings, chicken sandwiches, pizza, soup, subs, and a salad bar. The cost of these food choices range from \$2.25-\$3.50. Parents may access meal account information and make payments at www.LunchPrePay.com. Directions can be found on our website.

Student Dress Expectations

Parents are asked to help ensure that their children follow the Laing Student Dress Code. Detailed information regarding the dress code may be found in the student agenda and on the Laing website. Students are expected to show Laing PRIDE by having their dress and appearance reflect the high expectations of our school.

State Regulations- Immunizations

In accordance to South Carolina State Law, **all 7th grade students must have written proof of receiving the TDAP booster vaccine.** Please speak to your child's pediatrician or other health care providers about this vaccination. All vaccination paperwork must be turned into the school nurse prior to the start of school.

Communication

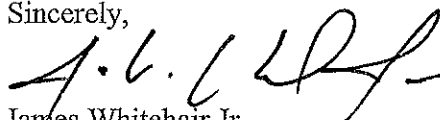
During the year, a majority of my correspondence with parents will be through email, the Laing website, Laing Facebook, and our call-out system. I urge everyone to update their contact information, especially email addresses. If you have not received emails over the summer then we do not have your email in our student database. Please contact Kim Holmes at Kim_Holmes@charleston.k12.sc.us.

Volunteers

We Need You!!! Before you can volunteer in any CCSD school, you must submit a Volunteer Application which you can find under the Community Tab at www.ccsdschools.com. Once you receive your approval to volunteer, simply bring a printed copy to Laing. Parent involvement and support are key components to our success at Laing. If you are able, please consider volunteering and getting involved in our school.

We are eagerly awaiting the beginning of a great school year! I cannot wait to meet our new students and see our returning students. Enjoy the final days of summer and don't forget the required reading.

Sincerely,



James Whitehair Jr.
Principal

School Nurse Health Information (Emergency Card)

Student: _____ Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Date of Birth) (Grade/Section)

Medication/Medical Procedures: (CCSD policy JLCD-Assisting Students with Medications) Any prescription medication or medical procedure (blood sugar check, tube feeding) to be administered at school or school related activities must be accompanied by written orders from a health care practitioner. Limited over-the-counter medications may be administered by the school RN or LPN with parent consent. Complete consent below. All information below is confidential for the school nurse and may be shared on need to know basis for student safety.

Screenings: CCSD school nurses conduct vision, hearing, blood pressure, BMI and dental screenings, as time permits, based on DHEC recommendations. Contact your school nurse if you do not want your child to participate. Head Start and Early Head Start follow program requirements for vision, blood pressure, BMI, dental, lead and developmental screenings.

(OTC) Over the Counter Medication	Check or Initial Each	I consent for the Charleston County School District RN or LPN to administer the OTC medication as indicated below. Medication will be administered following the policy JLCD. _____ Ibuprofen _____ Acetaminophen _____ Tums _____ Cough Drops _____ Antibiotic Ointment _____ Hydrocortisone Cream _____ Anti-fungal Cream
Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	I consent for the school nurse to exchange information with my child's health care provider in order to meet the health care needs of my child.

Health History

ADD/ADHD	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Takes Medication at Home <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Medication at School: _____ ADD/ADHD Doctor's Name: _____
Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Takes Medication at Home <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Medication at School: _____
Severe Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe (Life threatening) to: * _____ * <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medication (EpiPen/Auvi-Q) <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Have Epinephrine at School Last Date EpiPen Used ____/____/____ Allergy Doctor's Name: _____
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Maintenance Medication <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Inhaler <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Nebulizer <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Use/Have an Inhaler Asthma Doctor's Name: _____
Cardiac (Heart)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Takes Medication at Home <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Medication at School: _____ Heart Doctor's Name: _____
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Glucose Checks <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Medication <input type="checkbox"/> Carb Counting <input type="checkbox"/> Takes Insulin <input type="checkbox"/> Shots <input type="checkbox"/> Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Glucagon Diabetes Doctor's Name: _____
Epilepsy (Seizures)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Medication <input type="checkbox"/> Diastat <input type="checkbox"/> Other Needs/Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Last Seizure ____/____/____ Seizure Doctor's Name: _____
Sickle Cell Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Trait <input type="checkbox"/> Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Takes Medication at Home <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Medication at School _____ Last Hospitalization ____/____/____ Sickle Cell Doctor's Name: _____
Movement Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type/Body Parts Involved _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Device Required Services provided per IEP: _____ Orthopedist: _____ OT/PT: _____
Mental Health Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Takes Medication at Home <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Medication at School Mental Health Provider's Name: _____
Hearing Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aids <input type="checkbox"/> Cochlear Implant <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Vision Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Glasses (reading) <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses (distance) <input type="checkbox"/> Contacts <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Communication Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimally verbal <input type="checkbox"/> Non-verbal <input type="checkbox"/> Mutism selective/elective/total Augmentative and Alternative Communication Type: _____
Intellectual and Developmental Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Autism <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Disorders <input type="checkbox"/> Other I/DD Diagnosis _____
Feeding Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Swallowing <input type="checkbox"/> G-Tube Feeding at School Date of last swallow study _____ Please provide documentation to the school nurse.
Elimination Consideration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Diapering <input type="checkbox"/> Catheterization at School <input type="checkbox"/> Encopresis
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____

*Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

LMSST STUDENT PLEDGE FOR CHROMEBOOK USE

Any acts seen as not meeting this pledge are considered infractions resulting in consequences of limited or no Chromebook use.

- I will take good care of my assigned Chromebook.
- I will *never* leave my Chromebook unattended.
- I will *never* loan out my Chromebook to other individuals.
- I will know where my Chromebook is at all times.
- I will charge my Chromebook's battery daily.
- I will keep food and beverages away from my Chromebook.
- I will not disassemble any part of my Chromebook or attempt any repairs.
- I will use my Chromebook in ways that are appropriate and educational and in ways that conform to LMSST's expectations.
- I will not place non-approved decorations (such as stickers, markers, etc.) on the Chromebook.
- I will not deface or *remove* the serial number Chromebook sticker on any Chromebook.
- I understand that my Chromebook is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of LMSST.
- I will follow the expectations outlined in the LMSST Procedures and Information Guide while at school, as well as outside the school day.
- I will file a police report in case of theft or vandalism.
- I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
- I agree to return my assigned Chromebook and charger and cord to school in good working condition.
- I will not use my Chromebook as a means of distraction from my academic responsibilities.

I understand and agree to the stipulations set forth in this Chromebook Usage Agreement and the CCSD Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Asset #: _____ Serial #: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

