



# Duxberry Arts I.M.P.A.C.T. Elementary School

Dear Duxberry Families and Community,

Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. It has been a busy summer for some Duxberry Dragons who attended the district wide summer experience learning programs. Hoping that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful school year!

Our incredible staff have been busy over the summer attending district wide professional learning opportunities and taking classes to improve teaching and learning, while finding time to enjoy time with friends and family. The custodians have been diligently working to prepare the school to ensure we have a clean, safe, and welcoming environment ready for students, staff, parents, and community. We are excited to welcome a few new staff members to our school family!

Duxberry is such a special place to learn and grow! We are proud of our school and its programs and we have high expectations for each and every student. Duxberry students are unique, kind, compassionate, creative, imaginative, and resilient! Together with our dedicated staff we strive to make connections and help students feel seen, heard, valued, and safe. One of our priorities this year is fostering relationships to build a sense of belonging and community. Our school motto of "Imagine, Create, Achieve" will continue to guide our mission which is to provide exemplary education through the Arts IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Model Program in the Arts for Children and Teachers) process. Arts IMPACT enriches and reinforces learning in academics and the arts, fosters creativity and problem solving, and exposes students to our diverse global community. We will continue to prepare students to become responsible citizens and independent thinkers who will lead the way for tomorrow's opportunities.

Please review this newsletter for important information and calendar reminders about the beginning of our 2022-2023 School Year. As always, call the office if you have any questions. We look forward to a rewarding, safe, and productive year!

Respectfully,

Margie Berrios Brown, Principal

## Note Your Calendars

**8/24/22** First Day of School, Grades 1-5

**8/24/22** Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

**8/25/22** Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

**8/26/22** Kindergarten Assessments (by appointment only)

**8/29/2022** First full day of Kindergarten

**9/5/22** Labor Day, No School

**9/6/22** PreSchool Orientation (by appointment)

**9/7/22** Preschool Orientation

**9/8/22** First full day of PreSchool

**Week of 8/22/22**  
Ice Cream Social,  
(day/time TBA)

**10/21/22** School  
Fall Picture Day

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## ATTENDANCE

### **Teachers take attendance every day promptly at 9am.**

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please send an email to our Attendance Inbox, or call the school, to explain the absence within 2 school days. Doctors may also use any of the following ways to report an absence or appointment:

**Email: [attendance.dux@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.dux@columbus.k12.oh.us)**

**Phone: 614-365-6023**

**FAX: 614-365-6022**

Please see the Page 4 of the newsletter which outlines the provisions of House Bill 410 and its definitions of excessive absences and habitual truant. The state law does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences, but rather how much time the student has missed in general. Review this information so you are not caught off guard. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Family To-Do Checklist**

- ◇ **Complete your Parent Portal Annual Update** to update your address, telephone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. Go to <https://www.ccssoh.us/domain/188> to complete your update.
- ◇ **Check out the District's [Back to School page](https://www.ccssoh.us/domain/4142)** (<https://www.ccssoh.us/domain/4142>) to access this year's Student Success Guide. **Complete the forms** in the Student Success Guide through the Parent Portal. This page also has important information about Student Success Cards and the upcoming Resource Fair that you won't want to miss.
- ◇ **Schedule vaccinations and back to school health check ups.** [The Health Hub](#) has important information about required vaccinations, School-Based Health Clinics, and current COVID protocols. Masks are recommended and welcome in our schools but not required. We have child-sized masks in stock whenever your student would like to wear one.
- ◇ **Check your Parent Portal for Transportation Information.** Bussing is routed according to your home address so make sure it is accurate! Make sure to check the Parent Portal frequently to be aware of bus route changes.
- ◇ **Charge your chromebook and find your Student Success Card.** You will need both of these things daily to have a successful school day!

# ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

## Arrival

- \* General Education students in Grades PreK-5 may be dropped off at the front doors after 8:30am.
- \* There is no parking in the bus lane. If parents need to come into the building, they must park in an open visitor space and walk in the front office.
- \* Between 8:30 – 9:00am, Special Education Students are dropped off at the Second (East) Doors.
- \* After 9am, ALL students must be walked into the Office to be signed-in by a parent.

## Dismissal

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**WE WILL ALWAYS PLACE STUDENTS ON THEIR ASSIGNED BUS UNLESS WE HAVE A WRITTEN NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN.**

To notify staff about a change in transportation, you must send a written message to the office, or call the office, **before 2:45pm** on the day of the change.

## EARLY PICK UP BEFORE 3:00pm

- \* If you want to pick up your student from school early, you must come to the office before 3:00pm to sign them out.
- \* Parents arriving after 3:00pm will have to wait in the car pick-up line.

## CAR-RIDER PICK-UP

- \* Starts at approximately 3:20pm
- \* **All students must be picked up by 3:40pm**

## Pre-School Students

- \* Released from the **Gym Doors**
- \* Follow the directions provided to you during Orientation

## Special Education Car Pick Up Students

- \* Released from the **East Doors** (Second Doors on Bus Lane). Pull up and an Aide will bring your child to you.

## Kindergarten-Grade 5 Students

- \* Released from **Cafeteria Doors**
- \* **Cars for K-5 students must line up in the alley between Duxberry and the Church, driving north (pointing toward Maynard) from 26th Ave. Parents must stay in their cars. A Duxberry Staff member will come out to your car and call for your child by walkie-talkie, one at a time, in order of the car line-up.**



## Transportation

It's very important to complete your annual update as soon as possible.

Your child's bus route is created based on your home address.

Your child's most up-to-date transportation information can be found on the Parent Portal.

Check the Parent Portal daily to be aware of any last-minute transportation changes.

Call the Transportation Call Center with all your concerns:

**614-365-5074**

## IMPORTANT DISTRICT CONTACTS

Customer Relations  
614-365-8888

Transportation  
614-365-5074

Technology Help Desk  
614-365-8425

CCS Website: [www.ccssoh.us](http://www.ccssoh.us)

Translation Services  
614-365-8802, main number

Espanol 614-365-5118

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# KEEP THEM



## COMING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY? OHIO LAW NOW SAYS THAT'S THE SAME AS SKIPPING SCHOOL.

Ohio Law (HB 410) recently changed how **Columbus City Schools** must track missed class time. No longer are absences tracked only by number of days your child has missed. Lost time is now counted by how many hours your child is out of class, both excused and unexcused.

### EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Students are expected to be in class the entire school day. Miss too much time - even if it's for doctor's appointments or family vacations - and the new law will now require the District to send families an official written notice that your child has "excessive absences."

You'll receive an excessive absences warning letter in the mail when your child is:

- Absent 38 hours or more in one school month with or without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 65 hours or more in one school year with or without legitimate excuse.

We need your help to make sure that your student arrives on time and is regularly attending school through the end of the school day. Try to avoid appointments, trips, or delays that might keep your child out of class, even if it's only for a brief period of time. Lost time adds up.

### HABITUAL TRUANT

If your child is excessively absent without a legitimate excuse, the new law labels him/her as "habitually truant." This happens after your child is:

- Absent 30 hours or more consecutive hours without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 42 or more hours in one school month without legitimate excuse.
- Absent 72 hours or more in one school year without legitimate excuse.

### IN TEAM ▶ Intervention Teams

When a student reaches this high level of unexcused missed class time, Ohio Law requires the District to set up an Intervention Team to determine why the child is habitually truant and what supports are needed to keep them in school.

You as the parent or guardian - or someone representing your family - must be part of this Intervention Team and contribute to developing and following the plan established.

Other supportive options may include counseling, parent education, mediation, and/or juvenile justice intervention programs. A complaint for truancy may be filed, if applicable.

**Columbus City Schools** looks forward to partnering together with students, families, and our community partners to identify and work through any attendance barriers.

If you have questions, please talk with your child's principal or call our Office of **Customer Relations** at 614.365.8888.

Regular attendance  
in school is  
critical to  
student  
learning  
and success.



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## Duxberry is a Title 1 School

*Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state*

This is important information to know because due to the Title 1 Federal dollars that are received, students at Duxberry are able to experience a greater level of support for academic intervention, a greater level of off-site extended learning opportunities, district and community resources supporting social and emotional needs, and the benefit of teachers who are exposed to rich professional development.

See [here](#) for more information about Title I.