



NASSAU SOUNDS

Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS



"Serving All of Nassau County"

2018-2019

Nassau County Public Schools

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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends and Families of the Nassau County School District,

Welcome to another exciting school year! It is a privilege to lead a district keenly dedicated to providing an enriching learning environment for student success. As we begin a new year, we must also celebrate the success of the 2017-18 school year. The Nassau County School District maintains an "A Rating" by the Florida Department of Education, with a graduation rate of 91%.

The 2018-19 school year brings with it a sense of excitement and optimism. As we prepare for the first day of school, we are mindful of the importance of student safety and the critical role we all play to ensure our schools are safe places for students and staff. Students will arrive on campus on August 10th to see a safety officer on every campus, up-to-date locks, surveillance systems, as well as mental health support teams. Over the past few months we have worked closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure SAFE SCHOOLS.

Together with teachers, parents, students and staff, we will keep our students safe, and continue our tradition of excellence this school year. It is my pleasure to serve as Superintendent of the Nassau County School District where the quality of education is unmatched and where we work towards continuous improvement. We will support students in their challenges and give them access to the knowledge and information that will prepare them for an ever-changing world. I look forward to working together for student success.

In Education,

Dr. Kathy K. Burns
Superintendent of Schools

"Our mission is to develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem-solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society."

Collection of Social Security Numbers

School Board Rules and procedures for maintaining student records shall be consistent with Florida Statutes, State Board of Education rules, and federal laws relating to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Privacy Rights of Parents and Students. The Nassau County School Board collects Social Security numbers from students for the following reasons:

1. To be used as student

identification numbers as required by Florida Statute;

2. To facilitate the processing of student scholarships, college admission and other applications;

3. For other purposes when consent of the parent or adult student is granted.

(Authority: Section 1008.386, Florida Statutes; 6A-1.0955, State Board of Education Rules)

Exceptional Student Education Update

The Exceptional Student Education (E.S.E.) Department will continue its mission to provide high quality services and support to students with disabilities and their families. Many of our services have been enhanced for the 2018-2019 school year.

Several grants have been developed to provide assistance to E.S.E. students during the school year. If you would like to have more information or to provide input into the development of these grants, please contact the E.S.E. office at 904-491-9881. The school district is required by statute to inform parents of eligible students of their option to use a McKay Scholarship for their child to attend a private school or a public school of choice within their district. To learn more about your child's educational options, please contact the E.S.E. office at 904-491-9881. You may also contact the Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Information Hotline at 1-800-447-1636 or you may visit the Nassau School District website (www.nassau.k12.fl.us) for a link to the Florida Department of Education website, <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice>. On either website, you may select the McKay Scholarship option.

The Nassau County School District will make reasonable efforts to undertake the identification and location of students with disabilities in this district who are not receiving services. Education and other services

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AUGUST IMPORTANT 10 DATES School Year 2018 - 2019

First Day of School
Friday, August 10, 2018

Last Day of School (Early dismissal day*)
Friday, May 24, 2019

STUDENT HOLIDAYS

(Includes full-day teacher planning days)

September 3, 2018	January 21, 2019
October 15, 2018	February 18, 2019
November 12, 2018	March 14, 2019
January 7, 2019	

Thanksgiving Break
November 21st - 23rd

**Last Day of School before
December Break (Early dismissal day*)**
Friday, December 21, 2018

December Break
December 24th - January 4th
(school resumes Tuesday, January 8th)

Spring Break
March 15th - March 22nd

Weather Make-Up Days (if needed)
September 3, 14 January 2, 3, 4
October 15 February 18
November 12, 20, 21

Early Dismissal Days*
September 14th February 15th
November 20th April 19th
December 21st May 24th

(1 hour early dismissal every Wednesday for teacher planning)
* See individual schools for half day and early dismissal times.

Nassau County School District, Florida Immunization Requirements School Year 2018 - 2019

By the time your child starts school he/she should already have had a number of required immunizations. However, new and transferring students, Kindergarten students, and those entering seventh (7th) grade will need to provide proof of immunization prior to enrollment in Nassau County Schools.

PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS TO REGISTER

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (*DtaP*)

4 or 5 doses - 5th dose not required if 4th given after 4th birthday. (REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-12)

* Polio Series (*IPV*)

3 - 5 doses. (REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-12)

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (*MMR*)

2 doses (REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-12)
(1st dose must be given on or after student's 1st birthday)

Hepatitis B (*Hep B*)

3 doses or 2 doses if using 2 dose vaccine series. (REQUIRED FOR GRADES PRE-K-12)

Tetanus/Pertussis Booster (*Tdap*) 1 dose
Tdap for Grades 7 through 12

Varicella (*chickenpox*)

2 doses for Kindergarten through Grade 10, 1 dose for Grades 11-12
(1st dose must be given on or after student's 1st birthday)

(Varicella Vaccine is not required if varicella disease is documented by a health care provider.)

* If four or more doses are administered before age 4, an additional dose should be administered at age 4-6 years and at least six months after the previous dose. A 4th dose is not necessary if the third dose was

administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL, NO JOKE!

Parents are encouraged to get their child's shots with their child's doctor if they have private insurance or Medicaid. For those without insurance shots are provided through the Florida Department of Health, Nassau County, at no charge for children birth through 18 years of age through a Federal Vaccine For Children Program. Parents must bring their child's up-to-date shot record to help identify needed shots and prevent unnecessary shots for their child. We will also provide parents with a required Proof of Immunization Form 680 if needed. We must have an up-to-date shot record to provide a 680.

For more information about our clinics, call our Yulee Clinic at 904-875-6110.

For more information on vaccines, call 1-877-888-7468 or visit www.immunizeflorida.org.

Virtual Instruction Program Notification

In accordance with F.S. 1002.45 (1) (b), school districts must provide timely written notification concerning at least one open enrollment period for full-time virtual students. Virtual curriculum options include MDVS (My District Virtual School, Nassau's FLVS franchise), K12 LLC, and the statewide Florida Virtual School. All Virtual Instruction Programs offered by Nassau County are provided at no cost to the parent or student. Enrollment in part-time virtual courses may be requested by contacting your student's school guidance counselor.

Virtual instruction provides an alternative to the traditional school and classroom. Successful participation in virtual instruction necessitates that learners be self-motivated and possess good organizational and time management skills. If you are interested in participating in a full-time Virtual Instruction Program, please contact Nassau Virtual School at (904) 491-9913. **The last day to enroll in a full-time VIP for the 2018-19 school year is September 25, 2018. Please visit www.nassau-virtual.com to learn more about virtual school options.**

Welcome Back Students!

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents certain rights regarding the taking of surveys by students. Any survey that contains one or more of the protected areas and is funded, in whole or in part, by the DOE, requires prior written consent from the parents. The Nassau County School Board now requires that any student participating in a survey that contains one or more of the protected areas, regardless of the funding, requires prior written consent from the parents.

Surveys associated with Puberty/Abstinence classes in 5th through 12th grades are given throughout the year at the completion of the respective programs. Substance abuse and lifestyle surveys are conducted by various groups or organizations and the state of Florida. Similar surveys are given periodically in some classes.

The eight protected areas identified

by PPRA are:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Questions regarding this policy may be directed to Andreu Powell, Director of Intervention, Prevention & Safety Services, at (904) 491-9883.

NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Start and End Times - 2018 - 2019

School	Time School Begins	Time School Dismisses	Wednesday Dismissal Time	1/2 Day Dismissal Time
Bryceville Elementary	7:45	2:00	1:00	11:10
Callahan Elementary	8:05	2:20	1:15	11:00
Callahan Intermediate	7:45	2:00	1:00	10:40
Callahan Middle	9:20	3:45	2:45	12:20
Emma Love Hardee Elementary	7:50	2:10	1:10	11:10
Fernandina Beach High	9:00	3:30	2:30	12:35
Fernandina Beach Middle	8:55	3:20	2:20	12:30
Hilliard Elementary	7:45	2:00	1:00	11:00
Hilliard Middle-Senior High	9:00	3:25	2:25	12:30
Southside Elementary	7:45	1:50	12:50	10:50
West Nassau High	9:00	3:25	2:25	12:15
Wildlight Elementary	8:05	2:10	1:10	11:15
Yulee Elementary	7:50	2:05	1:05	11:00
Yulee High	9:00	3:25	2:25	12:30
Yulee Middle	9:00	3:30	2:30	12:35
Yulee Primary	7:45	1:45	12:45	10:45

Statement of Non-Discrimination

The Nassau County School Board does not discriminate in admission, access, treatment or employment in its programs and educational or extra-curricular school activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other reason prohibited by law (NCSB policy 2.31). None of the above, as well as proficiency of English language skills, will be a barrier to admission to district vocational and career technical education programs.

Food and Nutrition Services Department "Schoolcafe" - One Stop Shopping for School Meals

Be sure to visit www.schoolcafe.com or download the free SchoolCafe mobile app to set up your student's account for school meals. You can quickly and easily apply for free and reduced-price meals online or add money to your student's account at this website. You may view your child's cafeteria transactions, sign up for email/text low balance alerts, and access student eligibility information, all at this website. However, paper applications for free and reduced-price meals are also still available at your school, if needed. You will receive a letter or an email notifying you of your eligibility if you apply for free and reduced-price meals. Please review the notification and let us know if you have any school-age children who are not listed.



Menus and Nutrition: Menus may still be viewed online at nassau.nutrislice.com or from our main homepage at www.nassau.k12.fl.us under **School Meals**. Using a smart phone, tablet, or computer, you can download the Nutrislice app

to access both menus and nutrition content, including information about ingredients and allergens. Just search School Lunch by Nutrislice.

Breakfast: Better at School: Breakfast is more effective if eaten at school, closer to instructional time. Research shows that eating a morning meal boosts a child's attention span, concentration, and memory. Now it's easier than ever to make time for breakfast, thanks to the tasty, affordable choices in our cafeterias. A balanced breakfast costs just \$1.50 - \$1.75.

Lunch: A Great Value: Students have a variety of hot entrees to choose from daily, fresh fruit, 100% juice, milk, and unlimited vegetables, including fresh salads, all for just \$2.25 - \$2.75. Specialty made-to-order meals are available for \$3.00 (high school only).

Find Out More: To learn more about what is happening in your cafeteria make sure to follow us on Facebook @nassaunutrition or Nassau County School Nutrition Association, Inc. Questions? Call 904-491-9924 or toll free 877-813-2298.

Professional Learning for Educators: Federal Title II-A Funds

"Those who teach must never cease to learn."

Throughout the school year and the summer, teachers and school leaders are involved in many activities outside of the classroom that help them provide a high quality of education for students. One essential activity is participation in professional learning. During 2017-2018, teachers and administrators participated in various professional learning activities funded by the school district's Title II-A budget to strengthen teaching and leadership knowledge and skills. Examples include:

- Online courses for teaching English Language Learners and instructional coaching for teachers of

English Language Learners;

- Online courses for teaching students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented;

- Science and STEM / Robotics instructional coaching and professional learning;

- Behavior Management and instructional coaching for the Great Beginnings New Teacher Program;

- Leadership and evaluation system training for principals and district staff.

Additionally, two private schools also elected to participate in Title II and received services for teachers and school leaders.

2018-2019 Transportation Department News

Please confirm your child's bus stop and time prior to the beginning of school. Schedules and route information will be available at each school and on the Nassau School District website (www.nassau.k12.fl.us). **Please be aware that no route changes or notes to ride a different bus will be allowed until Friday, September 14, 2018.**

Students are eligible for transportation if they live over two miles from school for middle and high school students, and over one mile for elementary school students. Students are not eligible for transportation if they attend a school outside of their attendance zone.

Parents must ensure the safe travel of their students when the students are not under the custody and control of the school district. This includes each trip to and from home and the assigned bus stop when the district provides transportation.

Please fill out and return your child's



Bus Registration Form within five school days of their initial ride. Please direct your transportation questions to the Transportation Department at (904) 225-0127 or (904) 879-5031.

Student Education

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will be designed to meet the individual needs of disabled students through Exceptional Student and Section 504 programs. The Nassau County School District will ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in academic, nonacademic, and extracurricular activities with students who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the students with disabilities.

Title I Corner Notice to Parents of Elementary Students:

Please be advised of several important documents coming your way. Be on the lookout for information regarding the following:

- **Title One Handbook:** This document will contain much helpful information, including "Parent's Right To Know" details.

- **Parent and Family Engagement Policy:** This document will outline your opportunities to become involved in all activities at the school.

- **School Improvement Plan:** This document will give you information regarding strategies planned for improving student achievement, school budget information, and opportunities for your input at the school.

We look forward to working with your children this year!

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Congratulations 2017-2018 Teachers and School-Related Employees of the Year

School / Department	Teacher of the Year	School-Related Employee of the Year
Bryceville Elementary	Terri Keim	Melinda Morris
Callahan Elementary	Rebecca Ray *	B. Elaine Libby *
Callahan Intermediate	Heather Rowan *	Melissa Coxwell *
Callahan Middle	Chad Shamrock	Patty Walker
Emma Love Hardee Elementary	Patricia Brewis	Deborah Fidler
Fernandina Beach High	Haley Vonnoh *	Christina Frahm ****
Fernandina Beach Middle	W. Asa Jernigan ****	Midalyis Rodriguez-Reyes *
Hilliard Elementary	Rhonda Tilley	W. Earnie Wine *
Hilliard Middle-Senior High	Amanda Sheldon	Janice Libby
Southside Elementary	Jennifer Cochran	Pamela Battles
West Nassau High	Angela Barnes	Patricia Simmons
Wildlight Elementary	Donna Sides	Heather Smith
Yulee Elementary	Chandra Solis	Jason Kirchner
Yulee High	Bradley Kight	Raymond Howard
Yulee Middle	Kelly Fletcher	Rosalind Henry
Yulee Primary	Lilley Green *	Lori Smith
District Office	Amanda Fields and Matthew Webb	
Facilities	David Knight	
Transportation	Dena Bennett	

*Denotes a District Finalist. **** District winner

School Begins Friday, August 10th



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SCHOOL	MEET & GREET / ORIENTATIONS
Bryceville Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Callahan Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Callahan Intermediate	August 9th 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Callahan Middle	August 9th 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 6 th Grade Orientation
Emma Love Hardee Elementary	August 9th 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Fernandina Beach High	July 30th Orientation for returning students in grades 10-12: Seniors: 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Juniors: 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Sophomores: 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. July 31st 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. <i>Pirate Invasion:</i> Incoming 9th graders/students new to our school
Fernandina Beach Middle	August 7th 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. New Student Orientation
Hilliard Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Hilliard Middle-Senior High	August 9th 6 th Grade Orientation: 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Gr. 7-12 schedule pick-up: 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Southside Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
West Nassau High	August 7th 6:30 P.M. Freshman and New Students
Wildlight Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Yulee Elementary	August 9th 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Meet & Greet
Yulee High	August 6th: Freshman Swarm & New Student Orientation -Last Names A-L 9:30 A.M. -Last Names M-Z 1:00 P.M.
Yulee Middle	August 9th 6 th Grade: 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. 7 th & 8 th Grade: 10:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.
Yulee Primary	August 9th 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Meet & Greet