



# NASSAU SOUNDS

Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL

### NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Serving All of Nassau County" 2019-2020

Nassau County Public Schools

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Friends and Families of the Nassau County School District,

Welcome to a brand new year! We are looking forward to the 2019-20 academic school year with enthusiasm and optimism. As we begin a new school year, we must take the time to celebrate our "A Rating" by the Florida Department of Education for the 2018-19 school year. It takes everyone working together to ensure student success. We recognize a strong partnership with you will make a difference in the lives and education of our children. Together with teachers, parents, students and staff, we will keep our students safe and continue our tradition of excellence this school year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your student and our community. Let's make this school year our very best!

In Education,



Dr. Kathy K. Burns -- Superintendent of Schools



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- 1) Following us on Facebook – Nassau County School District
- 2) Following us on Twitter @NassauSchoolsFl
- 3) Following us on Instagram @nassauschoolsfl
- 4) Downloading the Nassau County School District app
- 5) Downloading the "Here Comes the Bus" app
- 6) Visiting our district website at [www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us)

## 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. Per F.S. 1008-386, the district shall request that the student provide his

or her social security number. However, a student is not required to provide his or her social security number as a condition for enrollment or graduation.

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.

Administrative Rule 5.79

## Nassau County School Board Equity and Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination

The School Board of Nassau County, Florida, 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. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other patriotic youth groups.

Steps and forms for filing a complaint are available on the district's website under the Equity and Non-Discrimination tab. The following district contacts have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination and harassment policies, reports of alleged violations, concerns about compliance and/or the complaint procedures:

### Equity / Non-Discrimination Contact:

Ray Poole  
1201 Atlantic Ave.  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
(904) 491-9900  
[poolera@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:poolera@nassau.k12.fl.us)

### Title IX / Bullying and Harassment / Section 504:

Mark Durham  
Executive Director,  
Curriculum, Instruction and School Improvement  
1201 Atlantic Ave.  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
(904) 491-9905  
[durham@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:durham@nassau.k12.fl.us)

### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

TBA  
Director of Facilities  
86334 Goodbread Rd.  
Yulee, FL 32097  
(904) 225-5343

## AUGUST IMPORTANT 12 DATES

School Year 2019 - 2020

**First Day of School**

Monday, August 12, 2019

**Last Day of School (Half Day\*)**

Friday, May 22, 2020

### STUDENT HOLIDAYS

(Includes full-day teacher planning days)

September 2, 2019	January 20, 2020
October 14, 2019	February 17, 2020
November 11, 2019	March 13, 2020
January 6, 2020	

**Thanksgiving Break**

November 27th - 29th

**Last Day of School before**

**December Break (Half Day\*)**

Friday, December 20, 2019

**December Break**

December 23rd - January 6th

(school resumes Tuesday, January 7, 2020)

**Spring Break**

March 16th - March 20th

**Weather Make-Up Days (if needed)**

September 2, 2019	January 3, 2020
October 14, 2019	January 6, 2020
	February 17, 2020

**Half Days for Students:**

September 20th	February 10th
November 1st	April 10th
December 20th	May 22nd

**Early Dismissal Days\***

(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 2019 - 2020

By the time your child starts school he/she should have the required immunizations. New and transferring students, Kindergarten students, and those entering seventh 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 NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL, NO JOKE!**

**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 use 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 11, 1 dose for Grade 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.

Parents should get their child's immunizations with their child's doctor if they have private insurance or Medicaid. For those without insurance, immunizations are provided through the Nassau County Health Department at no charge for children birth through 18 years of age. Parents must bring their child's up-to-date immunization record to help identify needed immunizations 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 immunization record to provide a 680 form and there will be at least a 24-48 hour turnover.

**For more information about our clinics, call our Yulee Clinic at 904-875-6110 #1.**

**For more information on vaccines and school**

**requirements visit [www.immunizeflorida.org](http://www.immunizeflorida.org).**

NOTE: The Nassau County School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meets throughout the year to advise and support our schools' health and wellness needs. If you would like to be involved, visit our website at <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/intervention>. Click on SHAC for meeting dates and more information. We welcome parent and public involvement.

## 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 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.

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

### NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION AND VALUES

#### OUR MISSION:

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.

#### OUR CORE VALUES:

We believe that:

- all people have intrinsic worth.
- all people are responsible for their actions.
- effective relationships are developed and maintained through mutual respect, trust, and communication.
- the higher the expectations, the higher the performance.
- everyone can learn and that life-long learning is essential for individuals and communities to thrive.
- the role of family is critical in the moral development of an individual.

School	Meet and Greet		Open House	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
Bryceville Elementary	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	5-Sep	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Callahan Elementary	9-Aug	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	24-Sep	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Callahan Intermediate	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	27-Aug	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Callahan Middle	9-Aug	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	29-Aug	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Emma Love Hardee Elementary	9-Aug	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	29-Aug	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fernandina Beach High	July 30 - Pirate Invasion (Freshman and all new students) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		3-Sep	6:00 PM
Fernandina Beach Middle	Aug 8 - 6th grade and new student orientation 5:00 PM		26-Aug	6:00 PM
Hilliard Elementary	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	17-Sep	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Hilliard Middle Senior High	Aug 9 - 6th Grade Orientation 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM		19-Aug	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
	Aug 9 - 7th - 12th Grade Schedule & Textbook Pickup 10:30 AM			
Southside Elementary	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	5-Sep	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
West Nassau High	Aug 8 - 9th Grade Orientation & New Students 6:30 PM		27-Aug	6:30 PM
Wildlight Elementary	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	10-Sep	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Yulee Elementary	9-Aug	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	24-Sep	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Yulee High	Aug 9 - Freshman Swarm & New Student Orientation A-M 8:30 AM-11:30 AM N-Z 12:30 PM- 3:30 PM		26-Aug	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Yulee Middle	Aug 8 - 6th Grade Orientation A-M 8:30 AM-10:30 AM N-Z 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM		5-Sep	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Yulee Primary	9-Aug	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	19-Sep	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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

Be sure to visit [www.schoolcafe.com](http://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](http://nassau.nutrislice.com) or from our main homepage at [www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://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 - \$3.25 (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.

## 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 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!

## 2019-2020 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](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us)). Here Comes The Bus parent app is available to parents. See our website for instructions on how to sign up.

**Please be aware that no route changes or notes to ride a different bus will be allowed until Friday, September 13, 2019.**

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. (FAC 6A-3.0121)

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.

## Professional Learning for Educators: Federal Title II-A Funds 2018-2019

*"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 2018-2019, 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:

- Instructional coaching for the Great Beginnings New Teacher Program for first-year teachers;

- 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;

- Online courses for teachers for improving literacy instruction

- Behavior Management professional development

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



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# NASSAU SOUNDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL News!

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2019-2020

## Congratulations to the 2019 Nassau Teachers and School-Related Employees of the Year!

School / Department	Teacher of the Year	School-Related Employee of the Year
<b>Bryceville Elementary</b>	Sue Butler	Meghan Repoff
<b>Callahan Elementary</b>	Katherine Thrift	Danae Higginbotham
<b>Callahan Intermediate</b>	Sarah Palmer	Garah Scaff
<b>Callahan Middle</b>	A. Michelle Ginder	Terri Williams
<b>Emma Love Hardee Elementary</b>	Karina Mikelson	Darren Smith
<b>Fernandina Beach High</b>	Joseph Monaghan	Vivian Cueto
<b>Fernandina Beach Middle</b>	Geraldine Janzen	Nora Bradley
<b>Hilliard Elementary</b>	Jacquelin Sims	Penny Nighbert
<b>Hilliard Middle-Senior High</b>	Angela Jarrett	Becky Cribbs
<b>Southside Elementary</b>	Paige Subjinski	Jila Fernandez
<b>West Nassau High</b>	Jami Whitehead	Jana Sheffield
<b>Wildlight Elementary</b>	D. Michelle Thompson	Shenandoah Speerin
<b>Yulee Elementary</b>	<b>Jessica Watkins*</b>	Isabel Hernandez Peterson
<b>Yulee High</b>	Jonathan Goodwin	Kellie Sweat
<b>Yulee Middle</b>	Rachel Kennedy	Melvin Albertie
<b>Yulee Primary</b>	Sarah Baldwin	Kimberly Overstreet
<b>District Office</b>		Shana Brannon
<b>Facilities Department</b>		<b>Linda Akers*</b>
<b>Transportation Department</b>		Brenda Beasley

\*Denotes a District Finalist.

## Exceptional Student Education Update

The goal of the Nassau County Exceptional Education Department is to provide a gold star level of services to students with disabilities and their families. Each year we strive to enhance our services and supports so that they are even better than the previous 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 Hot line at 1-800-447-1636 or you may visit the Nassau School district website ([www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://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 every effort to undertake the identification and location of students with disabilities in this district who are not receiving services. All educational supports and services will be individually designed to meet the individual needs of 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.

## 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, a service of NEFEC), K12 LLC, APEX, 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.

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) 277-9029. The last day to enroll in a full-time VIP for the 2019-20 school year is September 30, 2019. Please visit [www.nassauvirtual.com](http://www.nassauvirtual.com) to learn more about virtual school options.

Virtual instruction provides an alternative to the traditional school and classroom. Successful participation in virtual instruction necessitates that



## School Begins Monday, August 12th