

Superintendent's Message – Back to School – 2023-2024 School Year

On behalf of the Acadia Parish School Board and Administration, we hope your summer has been restful and productive. We're excited to welcome all of our students and staff back for the upcoming school year. Our first day for all students will be **Monday, August 14, 2023**.

As we approach the upcoming new school year we want to be sure that we emphasize and communicate effectively the changes in the calendar that will be in place. The most important change will be the transition to a four day work week starting in September 2023 with Mondays being the off day. The school day at each school will be adjusted by extending each day so that we can meet all instructional requirements for students. The bell schedule adjustments have been minimal and should not be overly burdensome for anyone. Please check with each school for their final bell schedule adjustments. The bell schedules, calendars and other important information are posted to the district's website at <https://www.acadia.k12.la.us/>.

Please note the following important information:

- Teachers will report back to school on Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11, 2023.
- All **STUDENTS** report back to school for a full day starting on **MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**.
- The first three weeks of school in August will be full, five day weeks Monday through Friday.
- The four day work week will start with the first full week of September beginning with Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- We're happy to be able to provide for student school supplies for students in grades Pre-K to 8 across the district. Please check with each school to note if any additional school supplies are being requested.
- The district is able to provide all meals at no cost to parents again this school year. Additionally, we are planning to provide an afternoon meal to all students as we move to the four day work week schedule.

We are also requesting everyone's continued patience and cooperation as we adjust to ongoing construction at several schools across the parish. We've tried to minimize disruptions as much as possible as we work to improve our facilities. We will continue to focus on school safety as a priority as we have implemented several procedures that will help us maintain safe learning environments in Acadia parish schools. We continue to ask for your help in reporting unsafe behavior by anyone - if you see something, say something.

Our efforts to work as a **TEAM** will be most beneficial for our students, our schools and our communities. We especially need your help to ensure that students are attending school each day. Thank you in advance for helping us reach every child every day by making a special effort to get students to school regularly. Please help us by visiting our website to register for bus transportation if needed. We also ask that you stay in touch with our schools and our school system by signing in to our district website and the Remind messaging system at each school.

Best wishes on a safe and productive 2023-2024 school year!

Scott Richard, Superintendent



Bell Schedules by Ward 2023-2024

Ward/School Name	Earliest Student Drop Off Time	Classroom Instruction Begin Time	Student Dismissal Time	Latest Student Pick-up Time
Ward 1				
Crowley Kindergarten	7:10	7:50	3:35	3:50
North Crowley Elementary	7:05	7:40	3:45	4:15
South Cowley Elementary	7:00	7:30	3:30	3:40
Ross Elementary	7:00	7:40	3:45	3:50
Crowley Middle School	6:40	7:15	3:18	3:40
Crowley High School	6:30	7:04	3:15	3:30
Ward 2				
Central Rayne Kindergarten	7:00	7:30	3:15	3:30
Martin Petitjean Elementary	7:00	7:30	3:30	4:00
South Rayne Elementary	7:00	7:30	3:30	3:40
Branch Elementary	7:10	7:40	3:40	4:05
Mire Elementary	7:00	7:45	3:40	4:10
Armstrong Middle School	7:00	7:30	3:24	3:45
Rayne High School	6:50	7:30	3:36	4:00
Ward 3				
Church Point Elementary	7:00	7:25	3:30	3:50
Richard Elementary	7:10	7:45	3:40	4:10
Church Point Middle	7:15	7:30	3:35	4:05
Church Point High	6:50	7:30	3:33	4:10
Ward 4				
Iota Elementary	7:10	7:40	3:40	4:15
Egan Elementary	7:20	7:40	3:40	3:55
Evangeline Elementary	7:15	7:30	3:30	3:40
Iota Middle School	7:10	7:40	3:45	4:00
Iota High School	7:10	7:40	3:51	4:00
Ward 5				
Estherwood Elementary	7:15	7:45	3:45	4:00
Mermentau Elementary	7:15	7:40	3:45	4:20
Morse Elementary	7:20	7:40	3:40	4:00
Midland High School	7:30	7:48	3:53	3:57