



# EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

*"At Eisenhower, We Reach for the Stars!"*

## The General - A Weekly Family Newsletter

August 7, 2022

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### School and Community Events

Schedule pick up	Monday, August 8th (Please visit <a href="#">EMS Website</a> for specific dates and times.)
WEB DAY (6th grade Orientation)	Tuesday, August 9th, 8am - 1pm <a href="#">Link for Info</a>
New to Eisenhower Student Tours 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesday, August 9th, 1:30pm – 2:30pm <a href="#">Link for Info</a>
1st Day of School	Wednesday, August 10th
Popsicles with the Principals	Thursday, August 11th, 6pm - 7:30pm <a href="#">Link for Info</a>
PTA meeting	Thursday, August 18th, 9am, Room 12 <a href="#">Link for Info</a>
EMS Washington DC 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Trip Info Night	Thursday, August 25, 2022, 6:30 pm in the library
Schedule Change Requests deadline	Wednesday, August 31st, 3pm
Curriculum Night	Thursday, September 8th, 6pm - 7:30pm
Progress Reports	Friday, September 9th

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### 2023 8Th Grade Washington DC Trip May 31-June 4 2023

Meeting Date: August 25, 2022, 6:30 pm in the library.

Experience history in Washington DC with Mrs. Wente and Ms. Schwab and your friends! Come to our meeting to learn more and sign up! You will get discounts for signing up early. Contact [christie.wente@aps.edu](mailto:christie.wente@aps.edu) or [laura.schwab@aps.edu](mailto:laura.schwab@aps.edu) for more information.

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## Health Office News

Friendly Reminder: Please note that **all 7th grade students are required to have two immunizations in order to register for school: the Tdap and Meningococcal**. If you have any questions, please contact the Eisenhower Health Office.

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## Online Registration

Please register your child for the 2022-2023 school year if you haven't already.

- [Register through ParentVUE](#).
  - The student information system can be accessed by computer, mobile phone, or tablet.
  - If your device has a camera, you can upload photos of required documents, such as proof of residency.
  - Register all of your children at the same time.
  - If you have problems registering your child, please get in touch with their school. [School Directory](#)
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## Stay Connected

Albuquerque Public Schools connects with its community in a variety of ways:

- APS.edu and School Websites: Link to your school's website from the [School Directory](#).
  - [EMS Website](#)
  - EMS Social Media: [Twitter](#)
  - E-Newsletter: [APS The Core](#)
  - Social Media: [Twitter External link opens a new window.](#), [Facebook, External link opens a new window.](#) [Instagram External link opens a new window.](#), [YouTube External link opens a new window.](#)
  - Robocalls, Email & Texts: [We use a system called SchoolMessenger](#).
  - Digital Flyers: [We use a distribution system called Peachjar](#).
  - Student Information Systems App: [Learn more about ParentVUE & StudentVUE](#)
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## School Safety

Our schools are filled with people who love our kids and are doing their best to watch out for them. And we have protocols in place to keep them safe, from site safety plans, police officers and security guards on campus, safety training, and open lines of communication. [Learn more about School Safety](#)

We can't do this alone. We all have a role to play in ensuring our schools remain safe places for learning. Please talk to your children about gun safety, social media threats, and other safety issues that may arise at their school. Remind them that they should tell an adult if they hear about the possibility of a gun at school or if they know about a student who has a weapon. We repeat it all the time, but saying something when you see something truly makes a difference. It has helped prevent potential problems in the past and will help in the future.

Remember: If you see something, say something!

Safety is important to our school and community, and we need your assistance. We will now implement a system where guests and families will be required to show identification at the front door camera before access is granted into the office. Please plan 15 minutes when picking up your student prior to the end of the school day. In addition, please make sure your information and emergency contacts are updated in ParentVUE, as we will not allow unauthorized access. For dismissal, we will not release students 15 minutes before the last bell (2:50 pm) as the end of the day is a very busy time for teachers and students.

Please use the east parking lot when dropping off or picking up your student before and after school. The west parking lot near the pool is ONLY for staff parking; **please do not** use this parking lot as it creates an unsafe situation for everyone.

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### **Information for 22-23 School Year Student Drop Off/Pick Up**

It is not safe to drop off children more than fifteen (15) minutes before school or to leave them for more than fifteen (15) minutes after the school day ends.

- Gates/Doors at EMS will open at 8:00 AM.
- Students are not allowed on the EMS campus until 8:00 AM (unless approved by EMS Staff or Administration for limited special events)
- Parents must not leave their children on a school campus longer than fifteen (15) minutes either before or after the school day
- School grounds are not supervised outside the school day. Safety is our main focus.
- Parents/guardians are expected to follow the school's policy or procedure for drop off/pick up

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### **What Bus Do I Ride?**

- [Find Your Bus Stop External link](#)
- Please note: Some school bus stops are unavailable due to a school bus driver shortage. If your student is eligible for transportation, but you can't find a bus stop for them, please call 505-880-3989.
- [Get Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#), including who is eligible to ride the bus and what to do if your bus is late.

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### **School Meals**

#### **No-Cost Meals**

- Breakfast and lunch are free for all students who attend the 94 APS schools that qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision. [List of Schools that Provide No-Cost Meals](#)

- Students who don't attend these schools may still qualify for free or reduced-price meals, but their families must fill out an application. [Apply for Free and Reduced Meal Assistance through Titan External link](#).

**[External link](#) What's for Lunch?**

- APS families use a system called [Titan External link](#) on their computer, tablet, or phone to make online payments to their children's cafeteria meal accounts.
- You can also use the [Titan website External link](#) or app to find out what's for breakfast or lunch.

**School Meal Costs**

**Elementary School Prices**

<b>Meal</b>	<b>Regular Prices</b>	<b>Reduced Prices</b>	<b>Adult Prices</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.35
<b>Lunch</b>	\$2.00	\$0.40	\$3.70
<b>Milk</b>	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40

**Middle and High School Prices**

<b>Meal</b>	<b>Regular Prices</b>	<b>Reduced Prices</b>	<b>Adult Prices</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$1.25	\$0.30	\$2.35
<b>Lunch</b>	\$2.25	\$0.40	\$3.70
<b>Milk</b>	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40

**School Supplies and Clothing Assistance**

The [APS Community Clothing Bank and School Supply Barn](#) works with schools to provide students in need with clothes, shoes, undergarments, coats, and school supplies.

## [COVID-19 Updates](#)

The COVID-19 virus spreads easily, and symptoms can range from mild to severe, which is why Albuquerque Public Schools, under the guidance of the New Mexico health and education departments, has outlined COVID safe practices for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Students who are sick should stay home. Please let their school know they will be absent.
- If students are sick or have a fever, it is recommended that they take a COVID test, even if they are vaccinated.
- APS schools will provide free at-home rapid test kits for students who exhibit symptoms or have been identified as close contacts.
- Other testing options, including at-home and in-person tests, are available. For more information, visit [Find a COVID-19 Test Near You External link](#).

[Get more information on COVID safe practices.](#)

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## **EMS Student Dress Policy**

Recently the APS Board of Education created a procedural directive on student dress policy. At this time, all APS schools must review and gather feedback on their current policies. We are in the process of reviewing the EMS Student Dress Policy and will be gathering feedback from all of our constituents in the next few months. As we work on the policy, the [current EMS Student Dress Policy](#) shall be in effect. Please visit our website for our current expectations.

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## **Volunteer with APS**

While encouraging family and community participation, we must consider the safety of every child in the district. State law requires a background check from volunteers before participating in any volunteer activity at any APS school.

- APS background checks are valid for two years.
- After completing and submitting the Volunteer Clearance Request, the background check may take **7 to 10 business days** to process. Clearance decisions may take longer if any instances appear in the background check.
- You must complete the Payment section in the Volunteer Clearance Request before you can submit your application and begin the background clearance process.

Contact [sfcs.clearance@aps.edu](mailto:sfcs.clearance@aps.edu) or call (505) 830-6240 for more information

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## **PTA Information/Updates**

Did you know that the PTA has a one-stop online shop for everything from EMS Spirit Gear to PTA Memberships? You can make your annual Direct Donation here too. Check it out today!

<https://eisenhower.memberhub.com/store>