

Welcome Back to School, 2017-2018

# Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

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Web: [www.dcrsd.org](http://www.dcrsd.org)

Building	Start Time	End Time
Shepherd Hill	7:40 am	2:10 pm
Dudley Middle School	7:50 am	2:20 pm
Dudley Elementary School	8:45 am	3:00 pm
Mason Road School	8:45 am	3:00 pm
Charlton Middle School	7:40 am	2:10 pm
Heritage School	8:50 am	3:05 pm
Charlton Elementary School	8:50 am	3:05 pm



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**School Calendar:** The school calendar is on our website at [www.dcrsd.org](http://www.dcrsd.org) by clicking on the calendar link.

**The first day of school for students in Tuesday, August 29, 2017.**

**Family Comes First Night is Wednesday, December 6, 2017.**

**Class of 2018 Commencement is Sunday, June 3, 2018.**

## 2017-2018 Strategic Planning/Budget Goals

*As we strive to continuously improve, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee, along with our administration, faculty and staff, puts the needs of our students first. The district mission statement and Strategic Plan are our guides in all decision making as we work together to achieve our goals:*

- Enhance the safety and security of our students
- Increase social-emotional / mental health support
- Reduce class sizes (emphasis on grades 1-4)
- Progress toward Strategic Planning Objectives such as:
  - Global Awareness
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
  - Maintain extracurricular opportunities for students

## Important News

### **Transportation**

All regular bus routes and late bus routes are posted on the district website at <http://www.dcrsd.org/students/student-transportation>.

### **School Lunch**

The cost of a school lunch is \$2.90. Parents may set up a school lunch expense account through My School Bucks at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>.

### **Free/Reduced Lunch**

Children in families with a household income within the price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart can receive free meals. All children in households receiving SNAP benefits or TANF can receive free meals.

### **Visitors**

For the safety of our students, DCRSD schools are locked during school hours. Visitors must be “buzzed” in and report to the main office upon entry. Students are released through the office after they have been signed out.

### **School Cancellations, Delays, Early Release, etc.**

Please see the district website (<http://www.dcrsd.org/about-dcrsd/school-cancellations-and-delays>) for detailed information about notifications for cancellations, delays and early releases. Please review with your child the plan your family will follow in the event of an unexpected early release.

### **One Call Now Emergency Notification System**

Your child’s emergency form will include an area where you can opt out of receiving calls from the district office. Before deciding whether or not to opt out, please know that this system will be used in most school emergencies including not just snow days, but any situation which results in evacuation or dramatic changes in the school routine. Therefore, while the choice is still yours, DCRSD advises all families to remain on the call list.

### **Communication**

Time and again, it has been proven that there is a very strong connection between student success and positive relationships between school and home. When we work together to solve problems, our children are the winners. Please reach out to your child’s teacher/school in a positive manner as soon as you have a concern. We want every student to succeed and are committed to working with you toward that end. We are all on the same team.

## **Schools**

### **Shepherd Hill Regional High School**

William F. Chaplin, Principal  
68 Dudley-Oxford Road  
Dudley, MA 01571  
508-943-6700

### **Charlton Middle School**

Dean W. Packard, Principal  
2 Oxford Road  
Charlton, MA 01507  
508-248-1423

### **Dudley Middle School**

Christopher E. Starczewski, Principal  
70 Dudley-Oxford Road  
Dudley, MA 01571  
508-943-2224

### **Heritage School**

Kathleen E. Pastore, Principal  
34 Oxford Road  
Charlton, MA 01507

### **Dudley Elementary School**

Diane D. Seibold, Principal  
16 School Street  
Dudley, MA 01571  
508-943-3351

### **Charlton Elementary School**

Lori A. Pacheco, Principal  
9 Burlingame Road  
Charlton, MA 01507  
508-248-7774

### **Mason Road School**

Robin L. Parmley, Principal  
20 Mason Road  
Dudley, MA 01571  
508-943-4312

*“...to advance the knowledge and well-being of our children and our community.”*