Welcome Back to School, 2016-2017

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

Phone: 508-943-6888 Web: 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

School Calendar: The school calendar is on our website at www.dcrsd.org by clicking on the calendar link.

The first day of school for students in Tuesday, August 30.
Family Comes First Night is Wednesday, December 7, 2016.
Class of 2017 Commencement is Sunday, June 4, 2017.

2016-2017 Strategic Planning/Budget Goals

As we strive to continuously improve, and as we work to establish a budget for the 2016-2017 school year and beyond, 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 guide 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 1-3)
- Progress toward Strategic Planning Objectives:
- Global Awareness
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Maintain extracurricular opportunities for students
- Provide necessary funding to comply with State and National Standards

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More Important News

Transportation

All bus routes will be posted on the district website. The district also provides late bus runs to Dudley and Charlton for students participating in after-school activities

School Lunch

The cost of a school lunch is now $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 reduced 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 biographical 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

Studies, but more importantly real life experience, have shown that there is an overwhelmingly 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.

Schools

Shepherd Hill Regional High School
William F. Chaplin, Principal
68 Dudley-Oxford Road
Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-6888
Athletics: 508-943-6700, ext. 176
Guidance: 508-943-6700, ext. 175

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

Dudley Middle School
John D. Paire, 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
Terri A. Caffelle, 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

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