



School Information and Updates

Friday, May 19, 2023

High School Busing

We require students in 10th through 12th grades to register for busing each and every year. Please complete the form only if your high school student(s) will need regular busing for the selected school year. Form must be completed no later than August 1, for the new school year and can be found on the district website.

This information is very important to our process of designing routes. If we do not receive notification of your student(s) intent to ride the bus, we will assume you have no need for busing. We will remove them from routing consideration. If you think that your student will ride infrequently but will ride at times, please complete this form anyway and select "will call when riding." Busing information will be available by August 15, for the new school year and can be found on your Parent Portal.

Prairie High School Graduation

Prairie High School graduation is Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 pm at the Alliant Energy Power House located at 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

6th Street Road Construction Update

Beginning the week of May 29 there will be a road closure to through traffic along 6th Street SW between 76th Avenue and Wright Brothers Blvd through the end of fall. The project location is just south of BAE on 6th Street SW and just north of Wright Brothers BLVD. This project is a full intersection reconstruction.

Kirkwood Blvd Road Construction

Beginning June 8th, Kirkwood Blvd will be closed to thru traffic from Hoosier Creek to Wright Brothers Blvd. to add turn lanes into the new 5/6 building. Only local residents will be allowed beyond the barricades. This project is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of our 23/24 school year.

Last Day of School - June 7

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 7 pending any additional weather-related issues. The last day of school will include a 4-hour early release. Breakfast will be served. Lunch will not be served.

Meal Account Balance Refunds

(This does not apply to graduating Seniors as there is already a separate process in place.)

Remaining meal account balances will carry over year to year for all students and staff. For those who are not returning to CCSD, meal account balance refunds may be submitted in writing to the clerk of your student's building. In the request, please include the name of your student(s), their grade and school building, your name, phone number, and address to mail the refund to. Once the request is received, processed, and approved by the Board, a check will be mailed to the address listed on the refund request.

Free and reduced price meal applications for 2023-2024

Forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available beginning in July. For households that feel they may qualify for benefits, a new application and fee waiver form need to be completed every school year.

Applications for free and reduced price meals and a waiver for school fees can be completed online or by completing a paper version. If you would prefer a paper version of the form or have any questions, please contact Ginny Scott by phone, 319-848-5337 or email vscott@crprairie.org. Return completed paper forms to Food & Nutrition, Prairie Hill Elementary, 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Once the application has been processed we will send a letter and/or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus, with the determination. Some students are directly certified through the state. Usually we are notified two times per month of students who qualify via direct certification. If we are notified that your child has been qualified for free or reduced price meals, we will send a letter or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus.

If your household is approved for free or reduced price meals, you may also be eligible for a waiver of some fees. To be considered for the fee waiver, please complete the fee waiver form, this form requires a signature and is not automatic. A new form is needed each school year.

[USDA and Iowa Nondiscrimination Statements](#)

Summer Meals Available!

**FREE MEALS ALL children 18 years old & under Monday - Friday
Prairie Heights Elementary Cafeteria
190 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids**

June 8th-August 22

Breakfast Served: 8AM-9AM

Lunch Served: 11AM-12:30PM

Adults: \$2.30 for Breakfast and \$4.15 for Lunch

Closed July 4th and August 14-18th