



School Information and Updates

August 13, 2025



School Registration Open for Returning Students and Families for the 25-26 School Year

Back to school registration is now open for returning students.

- All Prairie families **MUST** complete this electronic form prior to students starting classes this fall.
- Get started by logging into the Infinite Campus Portal. This link is located on the district homepage. If you have lost your portal username or password, please use the “Forgot Password” or “Forgot Username” link on the login page. You can also call (319) 848-5200 between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm M-F.
- Once you are logged into the Portal, click on “more”, then the Online Registration link is located at the bottom of the page.
- For those who need assistance or computer access, please contact your child’s building.

**The first day of school is Monday, August 25, 2025.
The first day of preschool is Friday, August 29, 2025.**

2025-2026 Instructional Supply fees are now available to pay online through the CCSD online payment portal-Touch Base

Once you have completed online registration, you may access the system with this link to the online payment system at <https://ia-collegecommunity.intouchrecepting.com/>

For those families that are new to the district, your login will be the same as your Infinite Campus PARENT PORTAL username and then you will set up a password for this system.

If you have any issues using the online payment system or questions regarding your student’s fees, please contact your student’s building office for assistance. Direct numbers for the buildings are listed below.

Prairie Crest Elementary	(319) 848-5280	Prairie Hill Elementary	(319) 848-5330
Prairie Heights Elementary	(319) 848-5230	Prairie View Elementary	(319) 848-5260
Prairie Ridge Elementary	(319) 848-5100	Prairie Creek Intermediate	(319) 848-5310
Prairie High School	(319)848-5340		

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

Please take a moment to read [this letter](#) regarding attendance changes for the year ahead, including an important note about health-related absences.

Research shows that attendance in the **first 30 days** of school sets the stage for the rest of the year. If you need assistance with starting the school year on time, we want to help. Please reach out to your school's principal(s), dean, building facilitator, or counselor. Their contact information is [linked here](#).

At College Community, we are striving to increase the number of students who are present at school for over 90% of school days. Consistent attendance sets predictable, healthy routines that students can carry with them throughout school and after graduation!

Great Start Conferences for K-6 Families to Launch in August 2025

Prairie Elementary Schools are excited to share a new way for you and your learner to kick-off the school year! This fall, we will be replacing our traditional K-6 Open House with Great Start Conferences. These conferences are designed to give each family a more personalized and meaningful start to the school year. Here's what you can expect:

- A 15-minute one-on-one meeting with your child's homeroom teacher
- An opportunity for families to ask questions, share important information, and build positive relationships with school staff
- A chance to drop off school supplies and become familiar with the classroom.

We believe this change at the beginning of the year will help create even stronger partnerships between home and school. **Great Start Conferences will take place on August 20 and August 21.** *Sign-up has already begun.* Thank you to those families who have already signed up. We are aiming for 100% attendance. Please contact your child's teacher or school office if you have not yet scheduled or if you have questions.

Measles Information

In July, the 8th case of measles was identified in Eastern Iowa. This is a good reminder to make sure that your family's vaccines are up to date. The measles vaccine is highly effective, and health officials recommend that all school-aged children receive two MMR doses by the time they start kindergarten.

If a case of measles is identified in our schools, public health officials may require all unvaccinated students and staff to remain at home until 21 days after their last possible exposure to measles. This would include those with Certificates of Immunization Exemption unless they received the MMR vaccination. This is a state health decision, and not one controlled by your school or our district.

More information is available from the Iowa Department of Public Health and Human Services [here](#). If you are unsure of your vaccination status, please reach out to your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact [your school nurse](#) or Linn County Public Health for assistance at: 319-892-6093.

College Community School District and Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance Announce 2025 "Our Cedar Rapids Days" Event

College Community Schools is excited to announce the second "Our Cedar Rapids Days" event on August 19 and 20. This professional learning and community connection opportunity is designed to engage our educators in understanding the local economy and the vital role of education in building a strong community and economy. [Click Here](#) to read more.

Apply to Volunteer at Prairie for the 25-26 School Year

At College Community School District, our dedicated volunteers are essential to bringing our motto, "Success For All," to life and enhancing our students' educational experiences. We invite you to apply to volunteer for the 2025-2026 school year by completing our [online application](#). Your support in classrooms, libraries, at events, and on field trips is highly valued and appreciated by our entire district. Please note that applications must be submitted annually at least two business days before you plan to volunteer, and all volunteers will undergo a background check.

Transportation Bus Ride Along August 20

The CCSD Transportation Department would like to invite all **incoming elementary students** and their families to attend the "Back to School Busing Ride-A-Long" on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Your attendance at this event is not required, but **"strongly recommended"**; so your child can be better acclimated to the busing procedures and meet their bus driver prior to the first day of school.

What will happen at this event?

1. Your child will meet their bus driver.
2. You and your child will ride the exact route and be dropped off at your child's bus stop (or you and your child can ride back to campus). We recommend one parent ride the bus with your child and one meet the bus at the bus stop.
3. Your child will become familiar with the bus route and know which stop to get off at on the first day of school.
4. Your child will have the opportunity to see our new scan on/off system.
5. Your child will know where their bus will be parked in the loading zone (there are many buses parked in this area so it can be confusing for young students).
6. The bus rules and expectations will be explained to you and your child.

When is this event?

- Wednesday, August 20, 2025
- 5:50 PM (Heights and Hill parents and students will be directed to the shuttle buses by staff members, then shuttled to the loading zone)
- 6:00 PM (View, Crest and Ridge parents and students will walk to the loading zone, staff members will help direct you to this location)
- 6:20 PM all buses will depart to drive their routes with students and parents aboard and drop students and parents off at their assigned bus stop

Again, this event is optional but “strongly recommended”, especially for kindergarten students who this is their first experience riding a school bus. Riding the bus for the first time can often be an “anxious” event for students and parents alike. We truly hope you take advantage of this opportunity to better acclimate your child to the busing procedures and routes they will be riding in the upcoming year. **The Bus Ride-Along is separate from the Great Start Conferences which are scheduled on August 20th and August 21st.**

Busing information can be found in your Transact account in mid August. Please look for this information prior to this evening so that you know what bus to look for. If you have any questions about this event or other transportation related inquiries please contact the transportation office at 319-848-5205.