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**ALEXANDRIA**  
Public Schools

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**2023-24 School Calendar & Parent Information**



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## CALLING ALL FAMILIES

We welcome and invite all families to actively participate in our learning community! Family engagement leads to a positive impact on students socially, emotionally, and academically.

Our school Parent Advisory / Connection teams help build relationships between families, schools, and community by:

- Creating a welcoming climate and culture
- Building trust through meaningful relationships
- Engaging in frequent, two-way communication
- Connecting families with resources
- Facilitating shared decision-making
- Supporting student learning and engagement

Contact your school principal to learn more about specific opportunities at your child's school.

## CALENDAR INFORMATION

The 2023-24 School Calendar and Parent Information publication was printed with the most recent information available at the time of printing. Times and dates for events occasionally need to be rescheduled and some events are not scheduled until the school year is already underway. As you receive newsletters, daily bulletins, or sports schedules from individual schools, remember to verify and update the school calendar information as necessary.

You may also check the district's website at [www.alexschools.org](http://www.alexschools.org) for information throughout the school year.

Due to limited space, only varsity sports schedules are reflected within the calendar. Separate sports schedules are available at the Alexandria Area High School Activities Office and can be downloaded from the Central Lakes Conference website, [www.centrallakesconference.org](http://www.centrallakesconference.org).

## ANNUAL NOTICES

School districts must provide certain annual notices as required by law. The annual notices content area on the district website will help you better understand your rights. We encourage parents and guardians of our students to review the information. Please contact your child's principal with any questions or concerns about the information contained in these notices.



# TRANSPORTATION

## Riding the bus is a privilege

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Safety is the first priority for the Transportation Department. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions, or events.

The School District School Bus Safety Rules are posted on every bus. Enforcement of the rules is necessary for the safety of all passengers. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the Transportation Office and School Office. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or at the bus stop. Any student who violates the student conduct and/or school bus safety rules is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the District Discipline Policy and may result in the denial of transportation privileges upon notification of the parent or guardian.

Please review the **School Bus Safety Rules** posted on the district website with your child.

## Important Back to School Information

Busing information, including bus numbers, bus stop location, pickup times and drop-off times, will be available via ParentVUE about the 3rd week of August. If you don't have bus information in ParentVUE, or something does not look correct, please call the Transportation Department at (320) 762-3317. Reminder, the stop may not be at your house but should be nearby as we group students to neighborhood stops.



# CLOSINGS & DELAYS

School closings due to severe weather or other emergencies will be announced to families through the District's phone/email messaging system, on the district website at alexschools.org and Facebook page, KXRA (1490 AM), and KIKV (100.7 FM) radio, and WCCO 4, KSTP 5, KMSP 9 and KARE 11 television stations. Weather closings and delay notices are usually made no later than 10 pm and no earlier than 5:30 am. The success of this system depends on accurate contact information obtained from school records. If your information has changed, or you are not receiving notifications, please contact the school office to update your phone numbers in Synergy.



The closing or delay of the start of school due to inclement weather is an in-depth process that involves many factors to reach a decision that ensures school operation and keeps students safe. Transportation personnel check road conditions considerably, but the school district is vast, with different types of terrain. As the weather is often unpredictable, the process is never completely foolproof. Typically, after-school and evening activities are also canceled when school is canceled. Even if school is in session, parents are asked to assess their particular situation and determine whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to attend school on a specific day.

# NUTRITION

The Alexandria Public Schools Meals program serves breakfast and lunch at all schools each school day. Meal accounts are debit accounts and a positive balance must be maintained.

## STARTING SEPTEMBER 2023, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS

The state of Minnesota passed into law that breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the upcoming school year. This does not include second meals or à la carte. You will still need to pay for any negative meal balance carried over from last school year. This new provision is not retroactive.

## MEAL, ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS - AVOID THE APP GAP

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students for the 2023-24 school year, however the meal benefit application needs to be completed to receive additional family benefits and additional funding for your school.

Please complete an online meal application found on our district website. Click on Departments and then Food and Nutrition Services. Applications are valid for 1 year only and must be completed prior to the new school year to receive benefits for the start of school. Applications can be completed after the start of school, however families are responsible for any meal fees before the application approval date.

You may also qualify for additional benefits such as activity scholarships and more. Your school district receives funding based on meal benefit applications.

## MEAL PAYMENTS

Parents can easily access their student's accounts online, make a meal payment and set limits anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Simply click on "Students and Families" on our district website and from there go to "My AlexSchools Portal". Payments can be made with VISA, Mastercard or Discover. Your payment may take up to 1 business day to be processed. You can also make a cash or check payment at your student's school or at our Food & Nutrition office at 1410 South McKay Ave.

## À LA CARTE

À la carte foods are meant to supplement a student's meal based on their individual needs. These foods are not covered under a student's meal benefits and do cost extra. You can put limits on your student's purchases by logging into "Parent Vue". From there, go to "Food Service", select "Students" and "Customize Student Settings."

## MENUS

Daily menus along with nutritional information are at your fingertips! Download the district mobile app to easily access menus, nutritionals, allergen info and more.

# SERVICES



## OUR FOOD PHILOSOPHY

Alexandria Food and Nutrition Services' goal is to foster positive eating habits that last a lifetime for students. The foods we provide go above and beyond the minimum standards set by USDA. As much as possible, we source foods with real ingredients that minimize additives, preservatives and anything artificial. Food that tastes fresh with lots of flavor!

We also believe that to truly teach lifelong habits, students must understand how foods fuel their bodies as well as open up new flavors and foods to them to experience. Every Tuesday, in our cafeteria during lunch, we offer a new food for students to taste and learn why it's good for them.

Please visit our website to learn more about food philosophy and our continued work toward optimizing our students' health so they can reach their full potential!

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR STUDENT OR FAMILY ID NUMBER OR ACCOUNT BALANCE?

Call the Food & Nutrition Services office between the hours of 7:30AM-4:00PM at (320) 762-3315 ext. 4980.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.





*Carlos Elementary School is a little school with a lot of heart! The staff is committed to providing a quality education for each student and is heavily supported by a very generous community.*

**Girls Soccer**  
 8/24 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:00pm  
 8/26 @ Detroit Lakes..... 1:00pm  
 8/29 @ Willmar ..... 7:00pm  
 8/31 Cloquet..... 3:00pm

**Girls Swimming & Diving**  
 8/24 Little Falls..... 6:00pm  
 8/29 Willmar ..... 6:00pm

**Girls Tennis**  
 8/23 Triangular @ Bemidji ..... 12:00pm  
 8/25 Quad..... 10:00am  
 8/29 @Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 4:30pm  
 8/31 @ Fergus Falls..... 4:30pm

**Volleyball**  
 8/26 Cannon Falls ..... 12:00pm  
 8/29 @ Brainerd ..... 7:00pm  
 8/31 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm

**Boys Soccer**  
 8/26 Detroit Lakes ..... 3:00pm  
 8/29 Willmar ..... 7:00pm  
 8/31 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 5:00pm

■ Home games denoted in Red



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**ABBREVIATIONS**

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 DMS ..... Discovery Middle School  
 CES ..... Carlos Elementary School  
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 MES ..... Miltona Science Magnet  
 Elementary School  
 VES ..... Voyager Elementary School  
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 TBD ..... To Be Determined

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**First Day  
of School is  
September  
5th**

Application for Meal  
Benefits Due August 15  
for start of Fall Sports.  
Apply online at  
[www.alexschools.org/fns](http://www.alexschools.org/fns)

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GES Kindergarten Jumpstart

Fall Sports Player/Parent Meeting for all HS level fall sport participants, 5:15 p.m.

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Application for Meal Benefits Due August 30 for start of school on Sept 5. Apply online at [www.alexschools.org/fns](http://www.alexschools.org/fns)

GES Kindergarten Jumpstart

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WES Kindergarten Pre-Conferences 2:00-7:00 p.m.

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LES Kindergarten Orientation, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

DMS Discovery Day for incoming 6th Grade, 9:00 a.m.

VES Kindergarten Orientation, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.

GES Kindergarten Preconferences

LES Kindergarten Orientation, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

GES Kindergarten Preconferences

VES Kindergarten Orientation, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CES Kindergarten Orientation

Opening Day Girls Tennis

WES Kindergarten Pre-Conferences, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

DMS Fall Activities Player/Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Opening Day Girls Soccer

Opening Day Girls Swimming & Diving

Opening Day Volleyball

Opening Day Boys Soccer

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Elementary K-5 Open House/Orientation 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

PreK Open House/Orientation

CES Picture Day

LES Picture Day

GES Picture Day

MES Picture Day

Teacher Professional Development work week, August 28-31

AAHS Open House 3:30-5:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Only 5:00-7:00 p.m. - 10th-12th

DMS Open House, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

All Staff Welcome Back and Kickoff Event, 7:00 a.m. AAHS PAC

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Garfield Elementary staff members nurture students in an open, friendly atmosphere. The family atmosphere permeates the school and is supported by involved parents.

### Girls Soccer

9/7	@ Brainerd	7:00 pm
9/11	East Grand Forks	7:00pm
9/12	Rocori	7:00pm
9/14	@ St. Cloud Apollo	7:00pm
9/16	@ Monticello	11:00am
9/19	@ St. Cloud Tech	7:00pm
9/21	Sartell	7:00pm
9/25	Willmar	7:00pm
9/26	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice	5:00pm
9/28	@ Moorhead	7:00pm

### Girls Swimming & Diving

9/7	@ Fergus Falls	6:00pm
9/12	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice	6:00pm
9/14	St. Cloud Tech	6:00pm
9/16	@ West Fargo	10:30am
9/21	Sartell	6:00pm
9/28	@ Brainerd	6:00pm

### Girls Tennis

9/5	@ Sartell	4:30pm
9/7	Willmar	4:30pm
9/9	Quad	10:00am
9/12	Rocori	4:30pm
9/14	@ St. Cloud Crush	4:30pm
9/18	Triangular	2:00pm
9/19	Brainerd	4:30pm
9/21	Sauk Rapids-Rice	4:30pm
9/26	@ Fergus Falls	4:30pm
9/28	Sartell	4:30pm

■ Home games denoted in Red

### Volleyball

9/5	Rocori	7:00pm
9/7	@ St. Cloud Apollo	7:00pm
9/12	St. Cloud Tech	7:00pm
9/14	Sartell	7:00pm
9/19	@ Sauk Rapids-Rice	7:00pm
9/21	Willmar	7:00pm
9/28	Brainerd	7:00pm

### Cross Country

9/1	@ Brainerd	10:00am
9/7	@ Detroit Lakes	4:00pm
9/14	@ Little Falls	4:00pm
9/21	@ Rocori	4:00pm
9/28	@ Fergus Falls	4:00pm

### Football

9/1	Chaska	7:00pm
9/8	@ Monticello	7:00pm
9/15	St. Cloud Tech (Homecoming)	7:00pm
9/22	@ Sartell	7:00pm
9/29	@ Brainerd	7:00pm

### Boys Soccer

9/7	Brainerd	7:00pm
9/11	East Grand Forks	5:00pm
9/12	@ Rocori	7:00pm
9/14	St. Cloud Apollo	7:00pm
9/19	St. Cloud Tech	7:00pm
9/21	@ Sartell	5:00pm
9/25	@ Willmar	7:00pm
9/26	Sauk Rapids-Rice	7:00pm



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WES Picture Day

Opening Day Football

Opening Day Cross Country



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Labor Day

School Begins  
PreK-12

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Powder Puff Football, 12:00-1:15 p.m.  
AAHS Stadium

Powder Puff Volleyball, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
AAHS Gym

Grandparents Day

CES Fundraiser Kick-Off

Patriot Day

VES Picture Day

AAHS Picture Day

Hall of Fame Luncheon, 12:00-1:15 p.m.,  
Broadway Ballroom

Homecoming Football Game vs. St.  
Cloud Tech, 7:00 p.m., AAHS Stadium

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Constitution Day and  
Citizenship Day

DMS Picture Day

VES Moms, Dads & Muffins,  
7:15-7:45 a.m.

LES Fundraiser Kick-off

VES Moms, Dads & Muffins,  
7:15-7:45 a.m.

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School Board Meeting  
DO - 7:00 p.m.

LES Vision and Hearing Screenings

Elementary Run, DMS, 3:30 p.m.

2-hour late start  
PreK-12

Elementary Run, DMS, 3:30 p.m.

EEC Picture Day

LES Wake up Welcome

GES Vision and Hearing Screenings

EEC Picture Day

LES Wake up Welcome

SEPTEMBER 2023

# OCTOBER 2023

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Lincoln Elementary is home to approximately 470 students in grades K-5. The staff works as a team to ensure students learn and grow. Staff members strive to achieve academic excellence by collaborating with families and are accountable as a team by monitoring the progress of all students.

### Girls Soccer

10/3 Brainerd..... 7:00pm  
10/5 Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm

### Girls Swimming & Diving

10/5 @ Sauk Centre..... 6:00pm  
10/12 St. Cloud Apollo ..... 6:00pm  
10/14 @ True Team..... TBD  
10/17 @ Rocori..... 6:00pm  
10/21 @ True Team..... TBD  
10/28 Conference Championship... 10:00am

### Volleyball

10/3 Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm  
10/5 @ Rocori ..... 7:00pm  
10/17 @ St. Cloud Tech..... 7:00pm

### Cross Country

10/7 Invite @ Arrowwood..... 10:00am  
10/17 CLC @ Brainerd..... 4:00pm  
10/26 Sections @ Little Falls ..... 4:15pm

### Football

10/6 Bemidji ..... 7:00pm  
10/13 @ Moorhead ..... 7:00pm  
10/18 Elk River..... 7:00pm

### Boys Soccer

10/3 @ Brainerd ..... 7:00pm  
10/5 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:00pm  
10/7 @ Bemidji..... 3:00pm

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National Bullying Prevention Month

LES Picture Retake Day

DMS Vision and Hearing Screenings for 7th Grade

Elementary Run Make-Up Day, (if necessary)

CES Vision and Hearing Screenings



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National Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

VES Fundraiser Kick-Off

6-8 Parent Conferences, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

CES Picture Retake Day

VES Picture Retake Day

MES Picture Retake Day

LES Fundraiser Ends

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PreK-12 Parent Conferences

School Board Meeting  
DO - 7:00 p.m.

WES Vision and Hearing Screenings

PreK-5 Parent Conferences

**No School  
PreK-8**

PreK-8 Parent Conferences  
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
6-8 Parent Conferences  
7:30-11:30 a.m.

**School in Session  
9-12**

**Fall Break  
No School PreK-12**

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DMS Picture Retake Day

VES Vision and Hearing Screenings

AAHS Picture Retake Day

VES Fundraiser Ends

GES Picture Retake Day

AAHS Fall Choir Concert,  
7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

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AAHS Fall Orchestra Concert,  
7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

CLC Jazz Honor Band @ DMS,  
all-day (AAHS Jazz)

Halloween

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**OCTOBER 2023**

# NOVEMBER 2023

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Situated on a 48-acre site, Woodland Elementary is designed to provide a sustainable, efficient and flexible learning environment. Its beautiful setting provides unique outdoor experiences such as the school garden, walking/snowshoeing the trails, using the outdoor classroom, and large open playground areas.

- Boys Basketball**  
11/25 Jamboree @ Rocori .....9:00am
  - Boys Hockey**  
11/30 @ Brainerd .....7:15pm
  - Girls Hockey**  
11/21 @ Fergus Falls .....7:15pm  
11/28 @ Brainerd-Little Falls .....7:15pm
  - Girls Basketball**  
11/25 Jamboree @ Brainerd .....9:00am  
11/30 Brainerd .....7:15pm
- Home games denoted in Red



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<p><b>1</b></p> <p>WES Picture Retake Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>EEC Picture Retake Day</p> <p>AAHS Fall Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>End of 1st Quarter</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
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**No School  
PreK-12**  
PreK-12 Prof.  
Development Day

Daylight Savings  
Time Ends

General Election Day  
No activities from  
6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Veterans Day

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American Education  
Week  
November 13-17

LES Fundraiser Delivery

DMS 7th & 8th Grade Bands Concert  
@ 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

AAHS Fall Musical, 7:30 p.m.,  
AAHS PAC

AAHS Fall Musical, 7:30 p.m.,  
AAHS PAC

AAHS Fall Musical, 2:00 p.m.  
& 7:30 p.m., AAHS PAC

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**No School PreK-12**  
Compass Closed

AAHS Fall Musical, 2:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

School Board Meeting  
DO - 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day

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Elementary Orchestra/Stormy Strings  
Concert, 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

# NOVEMBER 2023

# DECEMBER 2023

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Miltona Science Magnet Elementary has an emphasis on the environment and science. Located on 12 acres of wooded hills and trails, a meadow and wetlands area, its motto is: "Branching out to create an appreciation of our environment."

- Boys Basketball**  
 12/7 @ Brainerd ..... 7:15pm  
 12/12 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm  
 12/15 @ Willmar ..... 7:15pm  
 12/19 St. Cloud Tech ..... 7:15pm
- Boys Hockey**  
 12/5 @ Sartell ..... 7:15pm  
 12/14 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm
- Girls Hockey**  
 12/5 Sartell/Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm  
 12/7 @ Rocori – River Lakes ..... 7:15pm  
 12/12 @ Willmar ..... 7:15pm  
 12/21 Rocori – River Lakes ..... 7:15pm  
 12/28 Brainerd-Little Falls ..... 1:30pm
- Girls Basketball**  
 12/5 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm  
 12/8 Willmar ..... 7:15pm  
 12/19 @ St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm

- Boys Swimming & Diving**  
 12/14 St. Cloud Apollo ..... 6:00pm  
 12/19 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 6:00pm
- Gymnastics**  
 12/7 Willmar ..... 6:00pm  
 12/14 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 6:00pm  
 12/21 Sartell ..... 6:00pm
- Wrestling**  
 12/7 Triangular @ Sartell ..... 5:00pm  
 12/21 Quad @ Brainerd ..... 5:00pm
- Dance Team**  
 12/1 Conference Tourney @ Brainerd 7:00pm  
 12/18 CLC @ St. Cloud Apollo ..... 7:00pm

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AAHS Jazz Band Concert,  
 7:00 p.m., AAHS Commons



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DMS Choir Concerts, 7th Grade  
@ 7:00 p.m.; 8th Grade  
@ 8:00 p.m., DMS Gym

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orchestras Concert,  
7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance Day

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DMS 6th Grade Bands Concert  
@ 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

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AAHS Christmas Concert,  
3:00 & 5:30 p.m., AAHS PAC

School Board Meeting  
DO - 7:00 p.m.

GES Skiing @ Andes

First Day of Winter

No School  
PreK-12  
Compass Closed

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Christmas Eve

No School PreK-12  
Compass Closed

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New Year's Eve

Christmas Day

# DECEMBER 2023

# JANUARY 2024

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



### Boys Basketball

- 1/9 @ Rocori ..... 7:15pm
- 1/11 @ St. Cloud Apollo ..... 7:15pm
- 1/16 Fergus Falls ..... 7:15pm
- 1/19 Sartell ..... 7:15pm
- 1/30 Brainerd ..... 7:15pm

### Boys Hockey

- 1/4 @ St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm
- 1/9 Fergus Falls ..... 7:15pm
- 1/16 Brainerd ..... 7:15pm
- 1/18 Sartell ..... 7:15pm
- 1/25 @ Willmar ..... 7:15pm

### Girls Hockey

- 1/4 St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm
- 1/9 Fergus Falls ..... 7:15pm
- 1/18 @ Sartell/Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm
- 1/25 Willmar ..... 7:15pm
- 1/30 @ St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm

### Girls Basketball

- 1/4 @ Sartell ..... 7:15pm
- 1/9 Rocori ..... 7:15pm
- 1/18 @ Fergus Falls ..... 7:15pm
- 1/23 @ Brainerd ..... 7:15pm
- 1/26 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm

### Boys Swimming & Diving

- 1/4 @ Fergus Falls ..... 6:00pm
- 1/11 Sartell ..... 6:00pm
- 1/18 @ Willmar ..... 6:00pm
- 1/25 @ Tech/Rocori ..... 6:00pm

### Gymnastics

- 1/11 @ Brainerd ..... 6:00pm
- 1/16 @ Fergus Falls ..... 6:00pm
- 1/30 St. Cloud Crush ..... 6:00pm

### Nordic Ski

- 1/25 CLC @ St. Cloud ..... 1:00pm

### Wrestling

- 1/4 Home Triangular ..... 5:00pm
- 1/25 Triangular @ Sauk-Rapids-Rice 5:00pm

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*Voyager Elementary is on 17 acres and includes the William F. Banke Memorial Marsh, a wildlife area that offers students, parents, and staff the opportunity to learn about nature.*



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**No School PreK-12**

PreK-12 Teacher Workday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

End of 2nd Quarter/  
1st Semester

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School Board Meeting  
00 - 7:00 p.m.

AAHS Winter Concert,  
7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

One Act Play Subsection Competition

One Act Play Public Performance,  
7:30 p.m., AAHS PAC

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APS offers an outstanding all-day, every day kindergarten program. Our primary goal is to inspire in children a love of learning. Providing children with experiences that help them become confident, successful learners and achieve personal growth is at the heart of the district's mission.



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### Boys Basketball

- 2/2 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm
- 2/8 Willmar ..... 7:15pm
- 2/13 @ St. Cloud Tech..... 7:15pm
- 2/15 Rocori..... 7:15pm
- 2/20 St. Cloud Apollo ..... 7:15pm
- 2/22 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:15pm
- 2/26 @ Sartell ..... 7:15pm

### Boys Hockey

- 2/1 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 7:15pm
- 2/6 Rocori – River Lakes..... 7:15pm
- 2/8 St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm
- 2/15 @ Fergus Falls..... 7:15pm

### Girls Basketball

- 2/1 @ Willmar..... 7:15pm
- 2/6 @ Rocori ..... 7:15pm
- 2/9 Sartell ..... 7:15pm
- 2/13 St. Cloud Crush ..... 7:15pm
- 2/23 Fergus Falls..... 7:15pm

### Boys Swimming & Diving

- 2/1 Brainerd..... 6:00pm
- 2/10 CLC @ Brainerd ..... 10:00am

### Gymnastics

- 2/10 CLC @ Sartell..... 1:00pm

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Black History & "I Love to Read Month"

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February 5-9  
Every Kid  
Healthy Week

2-hour late start  
PreK-12

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orchestras Concert,  
7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

Vocal Solo/Ensemble @ Alexandria

One Act Play State @ St. Kate's

One Act Play State @ St. Kate's

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2024-2025 Preschool  
Registration Opens

Ash Wednesday  
Valentine's Day

No School PreK-12

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No School PreK-12

PreK-12 Prof. Development Day

President's Day

GES Deep Portage

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School Board Meeting  
DO - 7:00 p.m.

DMS 7th & 8th Grade Bands Concert  
@ 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

MN School Bus Driver Appreciation Day 9-12 Registration

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# MARCH 2024

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



Discovery Middle School (DMS) unites students transitioning from elementary level grades into our grade 6-8 Alexandria Cardinal middle school community.

**Boys Basketball**  
3/13-16 @ State Tourney.....TBD

**Girls Basketball**  
3/13-16 @ State Tourney.....TBD

**Boys Hockey**  
3/6-9 @ State Tourney.....TBD

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To view varsity athletic schedules, visit:  
<https://centrallakesconference.org> website  
 and select Alexandria Area High School,  
 or view the Cardinal Connection at  
[www.alexschools.org/aahs](http://www.alexschools.org/aahs)



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National Read Across  
 America Day  
 (Dr. Seuss Birthday)



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Daylight Savings Time Begins		9-12 Registration  PreK-5 Parent Conferences 6-8 Parent Contact/Registration	Township Elections No Activities from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Cool School Plunge @ DMS	PreK-5 Parent Conferences 6-8 Parent Contact/Registration	10	11	12	13	14	15 <b>No School PreK-5</b>  School in Session 6-12	16
St. Patrick's Day	School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.  6th Grade Bands, DMS & AAHS Jazz Bands Concert, 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym	First Day of Spring		STEAM Expo, AAHS, 4:30-7:30 p.m.	70th Kiwanis Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC  End of 3rd Quarter	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday  Easter	31		8AA North Choral Festival @ Detroit Lakes	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>No School PreK-12</b>  Compass Closed  Good Friday	

# MARCH 2024



### Girls Softball

- 4/9 Willmar ..... 5:00pm
- 4/16 @ Sartell ..... 5:00pm
- 4/18 @ Fergus Falls ..... 4:00pm
- 4/23 Brainerd..... 5:00pm
- 4/25 St. Cloud Crush ..... 4:00pm
- 4/30 @ Willmar ..... 5:00pm

### Baseball

- 4/9 Rocori ..... 5:00pm
- 4/11 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 5:00pm
- 4/16 Fergus Falls..... 5:00pm
- 4/18 @ Willmar ..... 5:00pm
- 4/23 @ Brainerd ..... 4:00pm
- 4/25 @ Sartell ..... 5:00pm
- 4/30 @ Fergus Falls..... 5:00pm

### Track

- 4/6 Conference @ St. John's.....9:00am

### Boys Tennis

- 4/4 @ Willmar ..... 4:30pm
- 4/9 @ Brainerd ..... 4:30pm
- 4/16 Sartell ..... 4:30pm
- 4/18 @ Fergus Falls ..... 4:30pm
- 4/23 @ St. Cloud Crush ..... 4:30pm
- 4/25 Sauk Rapids-Rice..... 4:30pm
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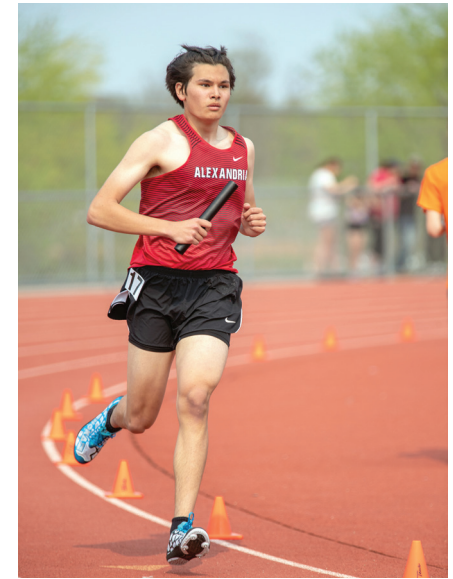


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Early Education is Birth - 5-year-old programming and is part of APS Community Education. The team is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.



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**No School  
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8AA North Band/Orchestra Festival  
@ Bemidji

CLC Music Festival @ SSRHS

CLC Music Festival @ SSRHS



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2-hour late start  
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National Volunteer  
Recognition Week  
April 14-20

DMS & AAHS Jazz Bands Concert,  
7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC

School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.

Strings Solo/Ensemble @ Moorhead

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Band Solo/Ensemble @ Brainerd

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### Girls Softball

- 5/2 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 4:30pm
- 5/7 Sartell ..... 5:00pm
- 5/9 Rocori ..... 4:30pm

### Baseball

- 5/2 Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 5:00pm
- 5/7 Willmar ..... 5:00pm
- 5/9 @ Rocori ..... 5:00pm
- 5/14 St. Cloud Crush ..... 4:00pm
- 5/16 Sartell ..... 5:00pm

### Track

- 5/21 @ Fergus Falls ..... 3:00pm

### Boys Tennis

- 5/3 @ Sartell ..... 4:30pm
- 5/7 Fergus Falls ..... 4:30pm
- 5/9 St. Cloud Crush ..... 4:30pm
- 5/10 @ Sauk Rapids-Rice ..... 4:30pm

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5th & 6th Grade/Stormy Strings  
Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym

MMEA Band Festival (8th Grade Bands),  
DMS Auditorium, all-day



<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>AP Chemistry Exam</p> <p>All-District Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., AAHS PAC</p> <p><b>National Teacher Appreciation Week</b> May 6-10</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>VES Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek, 4:00 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>LES Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek, 4:00 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>AP Human Geography Exam</p> <p>AP Statistics Exam</p> <p><b>National Teacher Appreciation Day</b> May 7</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>AP English Literature &amp; Composition Exam</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>AP US History Exam</p> <p>AP Studio Art Portfolio Deadline</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>3rd Annual 3k Color Run</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>AP Calculus Exam</p> <p>AP Precalculus Exam</p> <p>DMS Choir Concerts, 7th Grade @ 7:00 p.m.; 8th Grade @ 8:00 p.m., DMS Gym</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>AP World History: Modern Exam</p> <p>5th grade Elementary Track &amp; Field, AAHS</p> <p>All-District Band Concert (Grades 7-12), 7:00 p.m., AAHS Gym</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>AP Biology Exam</p> <p>4th grade Elementary Track &amp; Field, AAHS</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>School Board Meeting DO - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>AAHS Honors Night, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Spring Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC</p> <p>Elementary Track &amp; Field 1st Make-Up Day (if necessary), AAHS</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>DMS 6th Grade Spring Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., DMS Gym</p> <p>Elementary Track &amp; Field 2nd Make-Up Day (if necessary), AAHS</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>No School PreK-12</b></p> <p>Compass Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m., AAHS PAC</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Last Day of School for PreK-12 Students</b></p> <p>Last day of Compass</p> <p>End of 4th Quarter/ 2nd Semester</p> <p>Graduation, 5:30 p.m., AAHS Gym. Ticket required.</p>	<p><b>ABBREVIATIONS</b></p> <p>AAHS..... Alexandria Area High School</p> <p>DMS..... Discovery Middle School</p> <p>CES..... Carlos Elementary School</p> <p>GES..... Garfield Elementary School</p> <p>LES..... Lincoln Elementary School</p> <p>MES..... Miltona Science Magnet Elementary School</p> <p>VES..... Voyager Elementary School</p> <p>WES..... Woodland Elementary School</p> <p>EEC..... Early Education Center</p> <p>DO..... District Office</p> <p>PAC..... Performing Arts Center</p> <p>RAS..... Runestone Alternative School</p> <p>TBD..... To Be Determined</p>

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# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE



*Transition Center serves students ages 18-22 to help them develop skills to become more independent in their community in the areas of: Healthy Independent Living • Community Participation • Employment.*

**Boys Tennis**  
6/4-7 @ State Tourney..... TBD

**Track & Field**  
6/6-8 @ State Tourney..... TBD

**Girls Softball**  
6/6-7 @ State Tourney..... TBD

**Boys & Girls Golf**  
6/11-12 @ State Tourney..... TBD

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ALEXANDRIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL



**FREE Summer Food Service Program**  
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PreK-12 Prof. Development Day  
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PreK-12 Prof. Development Day  
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Summer Compass Begins

PreK-12 Teacher Workday (½)

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School Board Meeting  
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First Day of Summer

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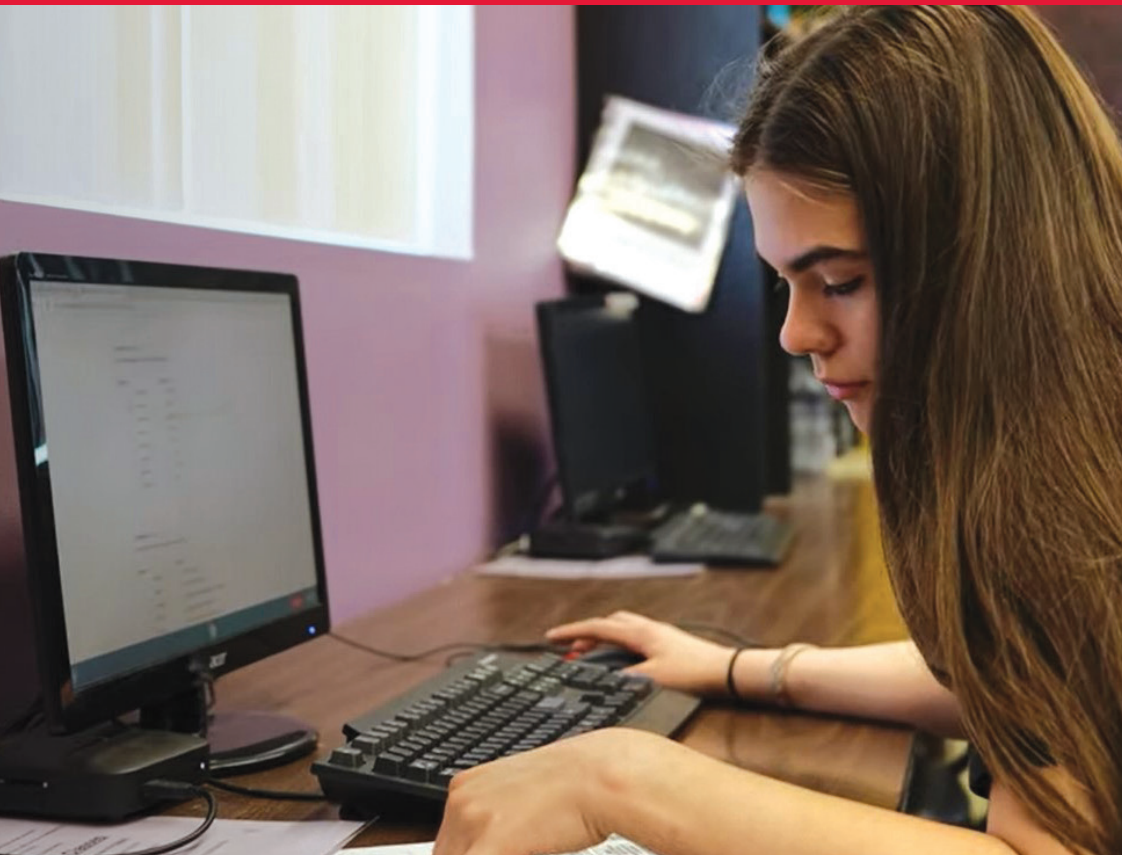
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**JUNE 2024**

# JULY 2024



# WE ARE HIRING

**MULTIPLE POSITIONS**



- ★ Support student learning
- ★ Work in your community
- ★ Get school breaks & holidays off
- ★ Full and part-time positions available
- ★ Be a difference maker!



*Plus We Have FUN!*



**JOIN THE A-TEAM TODAY**

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*At the Runestone Alternative School, we aim to teach all of our students how to leverage their strengths in areas that may be difficult, and how to advocate for the tools that they need in order to succeed. Our teachers meet each student where they are and build from there through positive personal relationships and student-centered programming.*

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Independence Day



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School Board Meeting  
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**SAVE THE DATES**

August 23:  
Last Day of Summer Compass

August 30:  
AAHS 10th Anniversary  
Open House, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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# HEALTH SERVICES

Alexandria Public Schools employs one Licensed School Nurse (LSN) district wide. A School Health Paraprofessional (SHP) or the building secretary will be responsible for your child's health needs with oversight by the LSN.

**To promote good health for students and staff, Alexandria Public Schools has established the following procedures:**

## Reporting Illness

When your child stays home with an illness, call your child's school health services office to report the absence. If your child has a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, or pink eye, please let the school health office paraprofessional know.

## Returning to School after Illness or Injury

Students may return to school when symptoms have resolved and they feel well enough to make it through the school day. They should also stay home until it has been 24 hours since the last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhea and 24 hours fever free without the use of medications.

If your child has had an injury that may affect their school day, please contact the school health office to set up a return plan.

## Send Home Policy

If a student has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or is determined to be too ill to be in school for the day (diarrhea, vomiting, suspicious rash, chronic coughing, etc.) the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child.

## Student Immunization Law

According to the State Immunization Law, "All students must have a complete record of immunizations or a legal exemption form on file prior to attending school. This applies to all students enrolled in any of the district's schools as well as Early Education Center preschool classes or Early Childhood Special Education.

Students entering kindergarten must show evidence of having the following immunizations or an exemption form:

- Five (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Four (4) Polio
- Three (3) Hepatitis B
- Two (2) MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Two (2) Varicella (Chicken Pox-either date of illness or date of immunization)

Proof of vaccination or exemption forms for the following boosters:

- 7th Grade: Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis) & Meningococcal
- 12th Grade: Meningococcal

New exemption forms are required any time boosters or new vaccines are due.

Your child's immunization records remain in the school system once enrolled. Be sure to update your child's health file by sending written verification each time he or she has received another immunization.

Parents may get a legal exemption from the school law for medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs. A notarized statement indicating which immunizations are objected to is necessary before the start of the school year. Students who do not meet the requirements will be excluded from school according to the Minnesota State Immunization Law. For further information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website, [www.health.state.mn.us/immunize](http://www.health.state.mn.us/immunize).

## Medication Policy and Procedure

Parents may request that the school district administer medication to their child when it is necessary during the school day.

The following procedure must be followed:

- No medication is administered by health services personnel without specific written instructions from a healthcare provider. This includes all over the counter (OTC) medications, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and cough drops, except as noted below.
- Parent/guardian and prescribing health care provider must sign the authorization sheet for prescription medications given during the school day by staff. This form is found on the district website.
- Medications must be delivered in pharmacy-labeled containers by an adult. Students are not allowed to bring medications to school.
- OTC medications must be in original containers.

All medications brought to school must be kept in the health services office. An exception would be a medication kept with the student once approved by the school nurse with proper physician's orders, i.e. inhalers, epi-pens or diabetes equipment and medication. OTC pain-relieving medication (acetaminophen and ibuprofen) can be carried by students in middle/high school, with the proper paperwork filed in the Health Office.

## Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings will be given to all children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 each year per MDH recommendations. These screenings are typically conducted in September or early October. Parents/guardians will receive a referral letter advising them to consult a physician should a screening indicate a vision or hearing concern. In the event that your child should need glasses and that poses a financial hardship for your family, please contact the health services office at your child's school to inquire about the "Have A Heart Fund" to assist with offsetting some of those costs.



## Physical Exam Recommendations and Requirements

Early childhood screenings are required before entering Kindergarten (refer to page 29). It is recommended that children have a physical exam before entering kindergarten, grades 4, 7, 10 and have a yearly dental exam. Students who plan to participate in High School League activities must have a physical examination on file within the previous three years before the start of the activity's season.

**For more information, please contact Melissa Bright, Licensed School Nurse, at (320) 762-2141 ext. 4135.**

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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## ALEXANDRIA Public Schools

### Community Education

#### Main Office: 320-762-3310 Programs & Services

- **Director of Community Education**  
Lynn Jenc .....ext. 4271
- **Early Education Center Coordinator**  
April Larson .....ext. 4241
- **Shenanigans Coordinator**  
Julie Jendro .....ext. 4242
- **Youth Enrichment Coordinator**  
Bobbi Kavanaugh.....ext. 4276
- **Compass Coordinator**  
Kaitlyn Sander .....ext. 4273
- **Gymnastics Coordinator**  
Nichole Boyden .....ext. 4238
- **Recreation Coordinator**  
Todd Johnson.....ext. 4236
- **Aquatics Coordinator**  
Ginny Green .....ext. 4279
- **Adult Enrichment Coordinator**  
Pam Henrickson .....ext. 4229
- **Coordinator**  
Fritz Bukowski .....ext. 4235
- **Adult Basic Education/GED/ELL**  
Julie Fietek.....320-762-3312
- **School Facility Scheduling**  
Melanie Belsheim.....ext. 4272
- **Compass Secretary**  
Melissa VanSickle .....ext. 4200

Alexandria Public Schools Community Education was a Minnesota community pioneer, beginning one of the first Community Education programs in Minnesota in 1971. Whether it's academic, enrichment, social, emotional or recreational opportunities, APS Community Education programs have something for everyone.

- Early Childhood Family Education, Birth-5 years
- Parent Education
- Preschool, 3-5 years
- Shenanigans Indoor Playground/Climbing Wall/Laser Tag
- Alexandria Area Gymnastics
- Youth Enrichment/Recreation
- Compass, School Age Childcare
- Adult Enrichment/Recreation
- Adults & Students with Disabilities
- Adult Basic Education/GED/ESL
- Volunteer Services
- Community Engagement through the Performing Arts
- Outdoor Recreational Gear Library



The APS Community Education catalog is mailed to all district residents 3 times a year, Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer.

#### Is Your Child on the Census?

Please register your baby, toddler or preschooler on the Alexandria Public Schools Census (regardless of whether your child will attend public, private or home school). If you have moved within school district boundaries, changed your phone number or have a new baby, please call Alexandria Public Schools Early Childhood, 320-762-3305.

#### Early Childhood Screening

This screening examination is a mandatory requirement for a student to attend Kindergarten or first grade in a public school. Screening is a simple and careful check of your 3 year old child in the following areas of development: speech and language, concepts, gross and fine motor, and social/emotional. Vision, hearing and physical growth are



also screened. It is designed to evaluate the current development of your child and if needed, suggest resources to assist your child.

Community Education's Early Education program offers developmental screening in the Early Education Center. Provided your child is in our District's census, you will receive an invitation to attend when your child is approximately 3 ½ years. There is no cost for early childhood screening. If you have concerns or questions, please call the Early Education Center at 320-762-3305.

#### Shenanigans Indoor Playground

Shenanigans Indoor Playground is the ideal place for all kids ages 1-12. It offers a series of parent/child activities devoted to the physical, emotional and social development of youth, while giving parents the satisfaction of a safe place for their kids to engage with other kids, slides, ladders, nets, mazes and imagination-inspiring play zones.

#### Outdoor Gear Library

We offer high quality, clean rental gear and yard games for outdoor adventures. Why buy, when you can rent! Outdoor Gear Library rental has: Water, Camping/Hiking, Bikes, Yard Games, Hunting, and Snow Gear.

#### Adult Basic Education

Alexandria Area Basic Education offers the following FREE programs and services: GED, Adult Diploma, ESL, Accuplacer & TEAS Prep, basic reading, writing and math, functional literacy skills, workforce preparation, digital literacy skills, and citizenship. Anyone 17 years or older who is not presently enrolled in a secondary school and whose educational skills are below the 12th grade may take advantage of the FREE services. Enroll anytime. Flexible schedules. One on one assistance. Call Julie Fietek, 320-762-3312.

#### School Facility Use

School facilities are available to community groups and organizations at times when the regular K-12 and Community Education programs are not scheduled. To reserve a school facility or for outdoor field reservations, contact Melanie Belsheim, Facility Scheduling, at 320-762-3310 or mbelsheim@alexschools.org.



# DISTRICT INFORMATION

## District Office

1410 South McKay Ave, Ste 201,  
Alexandria 56308  
320-762-2141  
Rick Sansted, Superintendent  
Maggie Timm, Supt's Asst.  
Jessie Hjelle, Director of Human Resources  
Darcy Josephson, Asst. Supt of  
Teaching & Learning  
Trevor Peterson,  
Director of Business Services  
Michelle Bethke-Kaliher,  
Director of Student Support Services  
Sara Richards, Student Support  
Services Asst. Director  
Jill Johnson, Communications Director  
Janeen Peterson, Food and  
Nutrition Services Director  
Wendy Fridgen,  
MARSS-Central Enrollment

## Community Education

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 201  
Alexandria 56308  
320-762-3310  
Lynn Jenc, Director

## Early Education Center

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 102  
Alexandria 56308  
320-762-3305  
Attendance: ext. 4203  
April Larson, Coordinator

## Carlos Elementary

20 N Douglas Ave., Carlos 56319  
320-852-7181  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4902  
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

## Garfield Elementary

303 Sanstead St E, Garfield 56332  
320-762-3350  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4952  
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

## Lincoln Elementary

1120 Lark St, Alexandria, MN 56308  
320-762-3320  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4804  
Brendan Bogart, Principal

## Milona Science Magnet Elementary

271 Dale Ave, Milona 56354  
877-736-1419  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4925  
Troy Wunderlich, Principal

## Voyager Elementary

203 Voyager Dr, Alexandria 56308  
320-762-3325  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4701  
Dana Christenson, Principal

## Woodland Elementary

1410 South McKay Ave., Ste 101  
Alexandria 56308  
320-762-3300  
Attendance/Health: ext. 4124  
Stephanie Ruegemer, Principal

## Discovery Middle School

510 McKay Ave N, Alexandria 56308  
320-762-7900 | Attendance: ext. 4300  
Health: ext. 4311 | Guidance: ext. 4308  
Heather Timm, Principal  
Sara Kusters, Asst. Principal

## Alexandria Area High School

4300 Pioneer Rd SE, Alexandria 56308  
320-762-2142 | Attendance: ext. 4500  
Health: ext. 4501  
College & Career Center: ext. 4502  
Chad Duwenhoegger, Principal  
Robert Brakke, Asst. Principal

## Runestone Alternative School

700 Northside Dr NE, Alexandria 56308  
320-762-0627  
Joe Hurlbut, Dean/Coordinator

## Transition Center

1204 34th Ave W, Alexandria 56308  
320-762-2142  
Sara Richards, Asst. Director,  
Student Support Services

# SCHOOL START & DISMISSAL TIMES

Following are the start and dismissal times for Alexandria Public Schools:

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time	School	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Carlos Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Discovery Middle School	8:15 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Garfield Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Alexandria Area High School	8:25 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary	8:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	Runestone Alternative School	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Milona Science Magnet Elementary	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Transition Center (AM session)	8:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Voyager Elementary	7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	Transition Center (PM session)	12:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.
Woodland Elementary	7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.			

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## Special Education

Special education services are available to address the educational needs of students with disabilities attending Alexandria Public Schools. Services are available to students identified with one or more of the following disabling conditions:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Deaf-Blind
- Developmental Cognitive Disability
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional or Behavioral Disorder
- Other Health Disabilities
- Physically Impaired
- Severely Multiply Impaired
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impaired

Licensed special education teachers work with classroom teachers and related service providers to ensure that each child within our District receives a free and appropriate public education. A child's team includes a licensed teacher, administrator, and other support staff to meet the individual needs of the child. Support staff may include Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Social Workers, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher, Vision Teacher, and paraprofessionals. All services are based on a child's individual educational needs.

In compliance with Federal and State law, Alexandria Public Schools identifies and evaluates all students in its jurisdiction, ages birth through 21, suspected of having a disabling condition. The district regularly conducts "child find" activities, accepting referrals from classroom teachers, parents, physicians and numerous outside agencies. If you suspect your child may suffer from any of the disabling conditions listed above please contact your child's building principal for more information. Parents who would like to refer a child ages 0-5 for a special education assessment should contact the Early Education Center Special Education Secretary at 762-3305 ext. 4243 or the Student Support Services Office at 762-2141 ext. 4297. Concerns related to programming issues should be reported to the building principal or to the Student Support Services Director, Michelle Bethke-Kaliher at (320) 762-2141 ext. 4297.



## School District Related Policies

### Equal Educational Opportunity (Policy 102)

It is the school district's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression or age. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled students. This commitment is expressed in the Board-approved equal educational opportunity policy in the following areas:

- The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above.
- This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities or other rights or privileges of enrollment.

- It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.
- Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate school district official as provided by policy.
- A copy of the district's grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination is available at all district buildings main offices, the district offices and our website at the following link:  
<http://www.alexschools.org/Page/49>.

### Student Disability Nondiscrimination (Policy 521)

The purpose of this policy is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need services, accommodations or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Alexandria School District has a policy that states that no discrimination against any student with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who: has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, including learning; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.



**Independent School District 206**

P.O. Box 308

Alexandria, MN 56308



**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Alexandria Public Schools - ISD 206 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression or age, or disability in admission to its programs, services, or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations. School District 206 Career and Technical Education department does not discriminate in enrollment or access to any of the programs available. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the district's activities and programs. The Alexandria Public Schools also does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices.*



**It's more than a meal application!**

Even though all students will receive free school breakfast and lunch this year, we still need income eligible families to complete the Application for Education Benefits to generate funds for our district as well as benefits for your family.

**Benefits for you and your student:**

- ★ Discounts on school sports/activities
- ★ Discounted rates on community educational activities
- ★ Discounts on internet services and devices through the Federal Communication Commission.

**Benefits to your school district:**

The forms also support how much funding your child's school receives for educational programs and technology.

A new form must be completed each school year. Additionally, families who have completed an application and have experienced a change in household income or size are encouraged to complete a new application.



Scan the QR code below to complete the online application.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR	KEY DATES
First Day of School	September 5
2-hour late start K-12	September 27
October Non-School Days	October 19-20
November Non-School Days	November 6, 23 & 24
December Non-School Days	December 22-January 2
January Non-School Day	January 15
End of First Semester	January 19
2-hour late start PreK-12	February 7
February Non-School Days	February 16 & 19
March Non-School Days	March 28 & 29
April Non-School Days	April 1
2-hour late start PreK-12	April 10
Memorial Day	May 27
Last Day of School for Students	May 31



**Save Receipts for School Supplies!**

The Minnesota Department of Revenue offers two valuable tax benefits for parents who purchase school supplies for their K-12 students: the K-12 Education Credit and Subtraction.

These benefits can reduce parents' taxes to increase their refund, but is only available for those who keep their receipts. Purchases for most school supplies, field trips, and musical instruments for school band are eligible.

Most Minnesota parents qualify for the K-12 subtraction, which reduces their taxable income. Parents under certain income limits may also qualify for the K-12 credit, which can refund up to 75% of their costs – even for parents who do not owe any taxes. Visit Revenue's website for details.