



Key Dates and Hours

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[Updated 2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

September

24: KIPP Columbus Closed: Professional Development, No School

October

15: KIPP Columbus Closed: Professional Development, No School

18: KIPP Columbus Campus Closed: Fall Break

Hours

The school day is from 8:50a -3:30p. Doors open and arrival will begin at 8:30a with students being tardy after 8:50a. **Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:30a on Agler Road or in the car rider line (as there is no one present to safely supervise them).** Dismissal begins at 3:30p.

Arrival: 8:30a - 8:50a
Dismissal: 3:30p
School Day: 8:50a - 3:30p

General Updates and Reminders

Linden Fresh Food Market Opens

This week, a [fresh food market opened](#) its doors in South Linden at the corner of Chittenden and Cleveland Avenue offering free, fresh, and healthy food to members of the community. The market is currently open Tuesday - Saturday with a grand opening planned for Saturday, September 27th.

KIPP Columbus Athletics

The Jaguar football team celebrated their first win at Legacy Field this last week against Utica High School, and is currently posting a winning season. Not only are our athletes seeing success on the field, but are also growing as scholars with a team average GPA of 3.31 and college visits to Bowling Green, University of Dayton, and Otterbein taking place. Our next game is tonight against Portsmouth West and we look forward to seeing our Jaguars continue their success on the field and in the classroom - Go, Jaguars!



Fall Sports Schedules and Streaming

The [21-22 Athletics calendar](#) has our up to date game schedules so you can follow our Jaguars and tune in [HERE](#) to see our Jaguars compete!

TikTok Challenge

We have recently learned that there is a viral Tiktok challenge that is encouraging students across the country to record themselves taking or damaging school items such as soap dispensers and bathroom mirrors.

Please take time this weekend to connect with your child and remind them to leave spaces - at school or anywhere - better than they found it. We are proud and thankful for our beautiful campus and schools, and it takes our collective efforts to ensure we only make it better as we use and experience it.

As with any act of vandalism, we will investigate the situation and issue consequences for any students involved (up to and including suspensions from school). There has been an uptick with this throughout Columbus, and unfortunately in some spaces at KIPP, too, and we wanted to proactively communicate with you as we have learned more. Thank you for your support and partnership.

Late Bus Information

If you have questions or concerns about your child's route on a specific day, please call the Columbus City Schools (CCS) transportation hotline for support: 614-365-5074.

Return, Recover, Reimagine

As we continue to return, recover, and reimagine, please visit the KIPP Columbus website at www.kippcolumbus.org/return/esser to submit feedback regarding our planning.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

While not required, all members of our learning community (ages 12+) who are eligible to receive the vaccine are encouraged to do so. To learn more about where and how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment please click [HERE](#). To learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines please click [HERE](#).

Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:

Please see additional information in the [2021-2022 Family Key COVID Information](#) overview.

- Automatic hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms and common areas
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Nurses on site
- Masking requirements
- Social distancing of 3 feet where practical (or more)
- School supplies provided for all students
- Amplified HVAC systems
- Air filters in all classrooms
- Safety shield (plexiglass) available for classrooms and common spaces
- Health kits in all classrooms
- Discontinued use of water fountains

- Limited campus access
- Additional cleaning and disinfection protocols

If your child(ren) has tested positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly.

Home Symptom Screening

Thank you for continuing to monitor your child's health prior to them coming to school -- this supports the health and safety of our entire team & family! As a reminder, if your child exhibits any one (or more) of the following symptoms, they should stay home from school -- and we hope they are feeling better soon! We encourage you to follow up on any symptoms with your healthcare provider -- you can also contact your school nurse with any questions by using the following numbers: KCP: 614-966-3419, KCEM: 614-966-3416, KCH: 614-966-3417

- Fever (above 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills

Masks

Everyone in our learning community (staff, students, partners) will be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors and on school buses. Masks are also required outdoors only when in crowded settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact.

Visitors | Guests

KIPP virtual (remote) meetings/gatherings will be considered where practical and whenever possible.

At this time, there will be limited campus/school access (indoors and outdoors) with access for only staff, students, student programmatic/service providers, families and partners. ALL visitors and guests must have a pre-scheduled appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher/school leader. Indoor large group gatherings outside of essential school functions (ex: lunch, arrival/dismissal) will not be occurring until further notice.

Outdoor gatherings are also discouraged, and if these occur, the use of masks, minimum of 3ft social distancing, limited capacity must be observed, and sanitizing practices must be in place. All procedures related to visitors/guests must also be observed. (more details/processes around this will be forthcoming.)

Visitors/guests are required to follow all health and safety protocols and processes (including masking requirements, social distancing etc.). Anyone visiting indoors must complete a health screening prior to entering any KIPP Columbus building, followed by signing in at the (school's) main office thereafter. Indoor meetings with visitors/guests will take place in designated meeting areas within schools. All plans/processes are subject to change.

Our Mission

Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose - college, career, and beyond - so they can lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world.