



Key Dates and Hours

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

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

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month:

From September 15 - October 15, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central & South America with additional significance connected to this 30 day period as it includes the anniversaries of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile. We are proud to celebrate this month and throughout the year.

Additional Resources and Information can be found below:

[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
[Latino Center, Smithsonian](#)
[Events in Columbus 2021](#)

KIPP Columbus Athletics

We had another great week of athletics highlights from our Jaguars! Here are just a few:

- Volleyball: Volleyball celebrated senior night this week honoring 5 seniors, Mackenzie White, Paula Quarthey, Treasure Maloney, Bernice Brobbey, and Keisha Kellam. Congratulations to our seniors for an outstanding year, and a great win over the Mifflin Punchers!
- Football: Our Jaguar Football team takes on Grandview Heights tonight at 7:00 PM. The Jaguars are looking to bounce back after a tough home loss to Portsmouth West last week.
- Cross Country: KIPP Columbus Middle Cross Country finished their second 5K of the season. Our Jaguars did an amazing job in the race while also raising awareness for Colon Cancer. 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!

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 share thoughts regarding the plan.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

This week, Governor DeWine announced the "[Ohio Vax-to-School](#)" program. Students 12-25 who are vaccinated will have the opportunity to win one of 5 \$100,000 college scholarships or 1 of 50 \$10,000 college scholarships. We will share entry information to this program as it becomes available.

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.