



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

22: KIPP Columbus Homecoming Football Game

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

Indigenous People's Day: Monday, October 11th

Indigenous People's Day is a holiday that honors the histories, cultures, contribution, and power of contemporary Native Peoples in the face of historical and contemporary oppression. To learn more please check out the links and resources below:

[5 Ways to Honor the Day](#)

[Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgment](#)

Nationwide Children's Hospital Partnership Updates

[SPARK Ohio, Kindergarten Preparation Program](#)

SPARK Ohio is a free, family-focused program designed to assist parents in becoming their child's first teacher and to prepare children for kindergarten. SPARK Parent Partners meet with the child and their Learning Advocate (parent or other family member) in their home or a place of their choosing such as a library or church. At each visit, the child receives a new book, lesson activity and educational supplies. SPARK through Nationwide Children's Hospital serves families in the 43205, 43206, 43207, 43211, and 43224 zip codes.

For more information please click [HERE](#), or call SPARK at (614) 355-0714 or email [HERE](#).

[School Wellness Challenge](#)

Nationwide Children's Hospital is holding a wellness challenge from October 4th - 18th for KIPPsters at KIPP Columbus Elementary, Middle, and High. See how many challenges you can complete together with your KIPPster before October 18th to be eligible to win one of several prizes including airpods, tablets, Beats headphones and a bike! Click [HERE](#) for the KIPP Columbus Elementary bingo card and [HERE](#) for the KIPP Columbus Middle and High bingo card. If you have any questions please reach out to your school nurse [HERE](#).

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

Did you know that there is a Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic on KIPP's campus? This is in addition to the services provided by our school nursing team. This school-based health center is very similar to a traditional doctor's office, but is conveniently located on our campus and is accessible to not only KIPPsters but also to any children in the community. To learn more about the services provided, please click [HERE](#). To request an appointment please call 614-355-2590. The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 7a-2p.

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Healthy Community Day - October 16th

The OSU Wexner Medical Center Healthy Community Day will take place on October 16th from 9a - 12p at the OSU Outpatient Care East location (543 Taylor Avenue). During this time, you can drive up to receive free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations as well as receive health information and take part in giveaways, including fresh produce. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

KIPP Columbus Athletics

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

- Football: Our Jaguar football team takes on Grove City Christian tonight at 7:00 PM. The Jaguars are looking to bring home a win after suffering a tough loss to Canton Central Catholic.
- Volleyball: Our Jaguar Volleyball Team supported Breast Cancer Awareness month by participating in Volley for the Cure at Patriot Prep this week. The Jaguars fought hard, losing in a close 3-2 set.
- Soccer: Our Jaguar soccer team will be celebrating senior night on October 12, 2021 facing Horizon Science at 6:00 PM. Our Jaguars are looking to finish the season strong on their way to the playoffs.

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.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

COVID-19 Vaccinations <ACTION REQUESTED>

We are working to identify the vaccine status in our community to determine the best health & safety practices for our team & family this school year and beyond. KIPP Columbus currently does not require the COVID-19 vaccine, but we are asking families to share the vaccine status of their child(ren) who are 12+ in [this optional survey](#) no later than Monday, October 11th, 2021.

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. Sign-ups begin Monday, Oct. 4. Participants must sign up for the drawing, either at [ohiovax2school.com](#) or by calling 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For children under 18, parents or guardians will need to sign them up.

To learn more about where and how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment for your child(ren) who are 12+ please click [HERE](#), and to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines please click [HERE](#).

As a reminder, students who are close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case outside of the classroom or school bus, but are vaccinated and asymptomatic do NOT have to quarantine. Unvaccinated students in this same scenario are required to quarantine.

Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:

KIPP Columbus continues to follow the guidance of Columbus Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control when determining needed quarantines following a positive COVID-19 case. To learn more about the quarantine process and the process if your child becomes sick during the school day please visit this [KIPP Columbus Family Quarantine FAQ](#). Have any questions or ideas? [Click here](#) to share!

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.

COVID Dashboard

As a reminder, KIPP Columbus continues to update the COVID-19 dashboard every Friday. To see the dashboard please visit www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus.

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.