

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - AUGUST 5, 2022

KIPP Columbus Families

We look forward to seeing you all next week at our Team & Family days and sharing important information with you about the year ahead!

This year, all families will need to have a campus pass in order to access campus. Passes may be picked up during Team & Family days. If you are unable to attend Team & Family days, passes may also be picked up between August 10th - 12th from 8:00a - 4:30p at the KIPP Columbus Elementary & Middle front office. Other details around Team & Family days can be found below.

We are also requesting every family take a few minutes to complete [THIS SURVEY](#) regarding your child's transportation -- thank you to those of you who have already completed this!

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to share them at askciji@kippcolumbus.org. I am grateful for the opportunity to be on this journey with you and look forward to all that is to come.

In partnership,



Ciji Pittman
Superintendent, KIPP Columbus

TEAM & FAMILY DAYS: AUGUST 8 & 9, 2022

KIPP Columbus Primary (Grades K-1)

- Monday, August 8th (12:00p-6:00p); Tuesday, August 9th (8:00a - 11:00a)
- If you have any questions, please reach out to KIPP Columbus Primary by calling 614-706-3300 x1.

KIPP Columbus Elementary (Grades 2-5)

- Monday, August 8th (10:30a - 5:00p); Tuesday, August 9th (8:00a - 5:00p)
- You can sign up for a meeting time [using this link](#)
- If you have any questions please reach out to your child(ren)'s Assistant School Leader using the information below
 - 2nd Grade - Mrs. Al-Lateef: 614-967-1647
 - 3rd Grade - Mr. Jones: 614-967-1648
 - 4th Grade - Ms. Goudy - 614-966-6379
 - 5th Grade - Ms. Bogan - 614-967-3409

KIPP Columbus Middle (Grades 6-8)

- Monday, August 8th - 8:00a - 8:00p (last appointment 7:30p); Tuesday, August 9th - 8:00a - 4:00p (last appointment 3:30p)
- If you do not have a time already scheduled please call or text Dr. Battiste (for 6th graders) at 614-962-1573 or Mr. Stegner (for 7th and 8th graders) at 614-369-9660.

KIPP Columbus High (Grades 9-12)

- Monday, August 8th (2:00p-6:00p); Tuesday, August 9th(8:30a-11:30a)
- We will have a Presentation by the School Leadership Team at 4:00p, Diverse Learners Presentation: 5:00p and KIPP Forward presentation: 5:30p. If you miss the Team and Family Day on Monday, August 8th, we will have a modified KCH Team and Family Day on Tuesday, August 9th from 8:30a-11:30a where families can purchase uniforms and receive vital KCH Information.
- If you have any questions please reach out to Anthony King (School Leader) at anking@kippcolumbus.org

KEY DATES | HOURS | RESOURCES

[KIPP Columbus 2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)

[KIPP Columbus 2022-2023 Family Handbook](#)

August

5-7: Ohio Tax Free Weekend ([click here](#) for more information)

8-9: Team & Family Days

15: New Student Orientation (K,2,6,9th grades)

16: First Day - ALL students

Hours

The school day is from 8:30a -3:30p (Monday - Thursday) and 8:30a - 1:00p (Fridays ONLY). Doors open and arrival will begin at 8:00a with students being tardy after 8:30a. **Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:00a as there is no one present to safely supervise them.** Dismissal begins at 3:30p (Monday - Thursday) and 1:00p on Fridays.

Arrival: 8:00a - 8:30a

Dismissal: 3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 1:00p (Friday)

School Day: 8:30a - 3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 8:30a - 1:00p (Friday)

ORIENTATION - MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

KIPP Columbus Primary, Elementary, and Middle (grades K, 2, 6): 9:00a - 12:30p

- Bussing will be provided for this time. More information will be sent directly to families for morning bus routes and the afternoon time will be 3 hours prior to your typical drop off time (which will be shared in the coming days).
- Both breakfast and lunch will be provided during orientation.
- If you have specific questions regarding orientation please reach out to your child(ren)'s school directly:
 - KIPP Columbus Primary (Grades K-1) 614-263-6137, press 2
 - KIPP Columbus Elementary (Grades 2-5) 614-263-6137, press 3
 - KIPP Columbus Middle (Grades 6-8) 614-263-6137, press 4

KIPP Columbus High (all 9th grade and all new 10-12 grade): 4:00p - 5:30p

- This is a meeting for all new students and families. If you have questions please reach out to KIPP Columbus High at 614-263-6137, press 5

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

<ACTION REQUIRED - COMPLETE THIS SURVEY> Transportation Update

KIPP Columbus is eager to welcome your child(ren) back to campus in just a few short weeks! In order to most efficiently move our learning community on and off campus, there are several updates related to transportation below.

Franklin County is currently working to replace the Agler Road Bridge. This project has closed Agler Road at Sunbury through mid to late fall. Access to KIPP Columbus will continue to be available during this time -- please [click here](#) to view a detour route and directions. If your child previously walked across the Agler Road bridge to access campus, they will be provided with bussing during the course of this closure -- you will need to apply for bussing using the information below.

KIPP Columbus highly encourages all members of our learning community who qualify for bussing to utilize this manner of transportation as it is the most efficient means of accessing campus. If you have not previously utilized school bussing through Columbus City Schools, you will need to apply for bussing as soon as possible using [this link](#). Please note, you will need to follow [these directions](#) in filling out this request form

Arrival (8:00a - 8:30a) -- [Please click here for more information](#)

Dismissal (Monday - Thursday begins at 3:30p, Friday begins at 1:00p)

- There are three options for your child to be dismissed from school this year and families must indicate the option chosen for your child(ren) in [THIS SURVEY](#)-- this is how your child(ren) will be dismissed from school each day. Again, KIPP Columbus *highly encourages* all members of our learning community who qualify for bussing to utilize this manner of transportation as it is the most efficient means of accessing campus. Should you choose to pick your child up, we anticipate wait times in excess of 1 hour (from the 3:30p dismissal time) for the first several weeks of school
 - **Bus Rider:** KIPP Columbus encourages all eligible families to utilize this mode of transportation. While we do not currently have routes, we hope to be able to share these with families by Team & Family days and will communicate route information as soon as available. If your child(ren) will be a new bus rider, please complete [this form](#) as soon as possible to secure a bus route.
 - **Car Rider:** [Please click here for more information](#)
 - **Walker:** [Please click here for more information](#)
- In the unlikely/emergency event of requiring an early dismissal for your child(ren) or a change to their mode of transportation we ask that you call 614-263-6137 no later than 1:00p and pick up no later than 3:00p.

Community Resource Fair- August 8th & 9th

KIPP Columbus will be hosting a Community Resource Fair on August 8th and 9th from 8:30am-4:00pm in the KCM Gym! Please come by and learn about amazing resources and programming from some community partners including; Nationwide Children's Hospital, St. Vincent Family Center, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, OSU Speech & Hearing Clinic, The Hardy Center, Boys & Girls Club, and many more!

Immunization Clinic - Nationwide Children's Hospital

Nationwide Children's Hospital will have a vaccine clinic available during the Team & Family Day on Monday, August 8th from 8:30am-3:30pm at KIPP Columbus Elementary and Middle -- this clinic is available for ALL KIPP Columbus students. Make sure to stop by and ensure your child has their required vaccines before they head back to school! Schedule your appointment using [this link](#).

COVID-19 Protocols and Key Information

Our goal remains to provide in person instruction for all students in the safest way possible for the entirety of our learning community. To this end, KIPP Columbus continues to follow all guidance from Columbus Public health including recently an advisory to wear masks in the City of Columbus and throughout Franklin County. While masks remain optional, they are *highly recommended* when inside KIPP Columbus schools. Free masks are available at the entrance to every building for team members, students, families and other visitors.

Vaccinations remain a key way to prevent serious COVID-19 infection. While it is not required to be vaccinated and boosted, it is highly encouraged for every member of our learning community who is able to receive the vaccine to do so. Vaccinations are available at no cost through local pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, Kroger etc.), your doctors office, and here at KIPP Columbus through the Nationwide Children's Hospital clinic beginning at the end of August and during our immunization clinic on August 8th (more information on this clinic can be found below).

Any student (ages 12 - 17), who has been fully vaccinated 6+ months ago is eligible to receive a booster. Vaccines and boosters are widely available throughout Central Ohio and you can find a location by clicking [HERE](#). To learn more about the vaccine please [click here](#) for resources from the Centers for Disease Control. Additionally click [here](#) for an FAQ, [here](#) for a fact sheet, and [here](#) for information regarding potential side effects.

If your child(ren) begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, loss of sense of smell/taste, sore throat etc.) please keep them home and contact your school nurse. Should your child(ren) test positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly as soon as possible.

School Supply Lists | Technology

As you prepare for the return to school, please find below the school supply list for each school on campus. If you have questions regarding school supplies, or require support in accessing them, please reach out to your child(ren)'s school leadership team directly.

If your child(ren) have a Chromebook that was issued to them last school year, please plan to return them to KIPP Columbus during Team & Family days, or at any time to the KIPP Columbus Elementary and Middle front office Monday - Friday from 8:00a - 4:30p.

[KIPP Columbus Primary \(Grades K-1\)](#)

[KIPP Columbus Elementary \(Grades 2-5\)](#)

[KIPP Columbus Middle \(Grades 6-8\)](#)

[KIPP Columbus High \(Grands 9-12\)](#)

KIPP Columbus Uniform

Uniform sales will continue through [School Days](#) (in store and [online](#)). A very limited number of uniform polo shirts will be available for purchase during Team & Family Days (August 8th & 9th) at a cost of \$15 for youth sizes and \$16 for adult sizes.

KIPP K-12 Uniforms Include:

- Tops: Light blue or navy KIPP Columbus polo shirt, KIPP white Oxford button down shirt, KIPP crew neck sweatshirt, or a KIPP Columbus shirt (such as a athletic team shirt, KIPPster of the month shirt, or other KIPP provided shirt).
- Pants: Navy slacks or khaki pants (jeans are NOT permitted).
- Shorts/Shirts: Navy or khaki shorts or skirts may also be worn but must be at least knee length and skirts must have shorts or tights worn under them.
- Shoes: Close-toed shoes.

Should you need additional support to secure uniforms for your child(ren), please reach out to our team at kipppoffice@kippcolumbus.org and we will work together to ensure each child has what they need. Information regarding uniform vouchers (which provide a free uniform shirt) through Charity Newsies can be found [HERE](#).

New Visitor Process



In our effort to ensure that campus is a safe environment for all students, staff and visitors, a new Visitor Check In/Out system has been implemented. Any visitor to campus who needs to enter a building past reception, must check in at our Visitor station and check out upon leaving the building. To do so, they must have a State issued driver's license. After completing check-in, you will be issued a sticker visitor badge that must be visible during your entire stay on campus. The office team will be present and available to assist visitors check in and check out. As a reminder, office hours are Monday - Friday, 8am-4:30pm. If a visit is planned outside of these hours, the team member leading the meeting will support the visitor check in station.

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.