



AMIDON-BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Frequently Asked Questions

First Week of School

What class is my child in?

Classroom lists will be posted August 14, 2017. Parents may obtain classroom assignments in-person during orientation sessions. Classroom teachers will also notify parents via phone call or email the week of August 14th.

What are the procedures for students in early childhood education(ECE)?

The first day of school for preschool students is Thursday, August 24, 2017.

August 24th and 25th: Students and parents will gather with teachers in room 162 starting at 8:10 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. teachers will escort students to classrooms. Parent and students will have an opportunity to settle-in and say their “good-byes.” Breakfast will be served at 8:40 a.m.

Beginning August 28th: All PK students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. but before 8:40 a.m., gather in the room 162 located down the blue hallway. Students are walked to class by their classroom teachers at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast is served in classrooms at 8:40 a.m.

Is arrival different on the first day of school?

August 21st and August 22nd: On the first and second day of school, students may gather as early as 8:10 a.m. on the blacktop/playground which is accessible from I Street. As students arrive, they will line up in their respective grade level groups. Students will be walked to the cafeteria by classroom teachers and eat breakfast.

On the first day of school, an annual parent breakfast will be served in the parent center from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Beginning August 23rd: From Wednesday, August 23rd on, students may arrive at 8:10 a.m. and gather on the blacktop/playground on the assigned spot. At 8:10 a.m., school staff will escort students into the building for breakfast. After 8:20 a.m., the I Street gate will be closed and students should enter in the cafeteria through the main door.

When will ECE home visits be scheduled?

Classroom teachers will contact parents to schedule home visits beginning August 14, 2017.



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Arrival and Departure

What time does school open?

Students may arrive no earlier than 8:10 a.m. Students are late after 8:45 a.m.

What are the arrival procedures for students K-5?

Students may arrive at 8:10 a.m. and gather on the blacktop/playground on the assigned spot. At 8:10 a.m., school staff will escort students into the building for breakfast. After 8:20 a.m., the I Street gate will be closed and students should enter in the cafeteria through the main door.

What are the arrival procedures for students in ECE?

All PK students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. but before 8:40 a.m., gather in the room 162 located down the blue hallway. Students are walked to class by their classroom teachers at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast is served in classrooms at 8:40 a.m.

May I stay in my child's classroom?

During the first weeks of school, we ask that parents drop-off students in the cafeteria or classroom door and then leave.

Who can pick up my child?

Authorized adults and children 16 years or older are able to pick up students. Please be sure to complete the relevant sections of the registration forms.

What happens when there is inclement weather?

When there is inclement weather, PK-1 students are picked up in the cafeteria. Students in grades 2-5 should be picked up from the gymnasium.

Supplies and Uniforms

What supplies are needed to begin school?

We recommend that students only bring supplies they intend to share with the class. General back to school supplies include:

- Facial tissue
- Pencils
- Hand sanitizer



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- Crayons
- Markers
- Gallon-sized plastic storage bags
- Wipes
- Dry erase markers

Specific supply and teacher wish lists can be found on the school's web site.

Is Amidon-Bowen a uniform school?

Yes, Amidon-Bowen is a uniform school.

What do the uniforms look like? Is there a specific vendor?

Amidon-Bowen uniform bottoms must be navy in color. All tops must be gray or white, plain collared, polo shirt, long or short sleeve, or Amidon Bowen logo. There is not a specific vendor for school uniforms.

Meals

What and where will child(ren) eat?

All students may choose to eat breakfast and lunch at school. Students from kindergarten through fifth grade eat in the cafeteria. All preschool meals are served family-style in the classroom. You may also choose to send a lunch with your child. Please be mindful of other students and food allergies. We strive to be a peanut-free zone. Please refrain from sending food items with peanuts.

The school menus are published on the DCPS web site. If your child has dietary restrictions, see Ms. Cureton for the dietary restriction forms so that accommodations can be made.

Is food provided during afterschool?

All students in afterschool will be served an afterschool meal.

Before and Afterschool

When does before care begin?

The first day of before care is Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Before care is limited to families who have a demonstrated need to drop-off early. Before care hours are from 7:30-8:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Please contact the main office for more information.



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When does afterschool begin?

The first day of afterschool is Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Afterschool hours are 3:30-6:00 p.m. Students must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. Late pick-ups may result in your child(ren) being dismissed from the program.

Miscellaneous

More information about policies and procedures can be found the student-parent handbook.