Wichita Public Schools
2014-2015

Parent-Teacher
Calendar

July 25-31 . . . . Enrollment
August 1 & 4 . . . . Orientation for new teachers
5-11 . . . . . District inservice (all teachers)
11 . . . . . Orientation-6th & 9th grade students
12 . . . . . First day of school

September 1 . . . . Labor Day holiday
2 . . . . . . District inservice day
22 . . . . . Official enrollment count

October 9 . . . . District inservice day
10 . . . . . . End of first grading period
10 . . . . . . Nonteaching duty day

November 10 . . . District inservice day
11 . . . . . . Veterans Day holiday
26 . . . . . . Conference release day
27-28 . . . . Fall recess

December 22 . . . Non-teaching duty day
22 . . . . . . End of semester
22-Jan. 2 . . . Student winter recess
23-Jan. 1 . . Teachers winter recess
24-Jan. 1 . . Winter recess

January 2 . . . . District inservice day
5 . . . . . . Students return
19 . . . . . Martin Luther King, Jr.
birthday observance

February 16 . . . Presidents Day holiday
17 . . . . . . District inservice day

March 13 . . . Nonteaching duty day
13 . . . . . . End of third grading period
16-20 . . . Spring recess

April 17 . . . . Conference release day
20 . . . . . . District inservice day

May 21 . . . . . Last day of school
21 . . . . . Elementary progress reports issued
22 . . . . . Non-teaching duty day
25 . . . . . Memorial Day holiday

June . . . . . . *see Summer Hours

July 2 . . . . Independence Day holiday

*Summer Hours
June 6, 2014 - July 18, 2014
Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Due to ongoing budget conversations this calendar may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or the administration.
STUDENT GRIEVANCE

Students’ educational rights are also protected by the district’s Pupil Grievance Policy. To obtain a copy of this policy, please contact your school. P1468.

PARENTS WITH HANDICAPS

If you need assistance to gain access to participate in school conferences, etc., please contact the school in advance.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

On occasion, severe weather requires suspension of school. The district alerts parents and staff through automated phone calls and email messages, Web site updates, and through local news media. In times of tornado threat, each school will carry out planned procedures for the protection of students and staff. To reach the weather hot-line number, call 973-4259.

SCHOOL CONTACT WITH NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS (POLICY 5503)

Noncustodial parents will be afforded the same opportunity to be informed and to participate in the education of their children as custodial parents, unless the school has been provided with evidence that there is a court order, state statute, or legally binding document relating to such matters as divorce, separation, or custody that specifically revokes these rights. The requesting parent must initiate the written request for duplicate placement forms and other student records to the principal of the school where the student currently attends. The request must include the full legal name and address of the student, the full name and address of both parents, and it must be signed by the requesting parent. The request must be renewed annually or whenever the student changes schools, whichever occurs first.

The requesting parent may also ask that all other materials distributed by the school (newsletters, notices of special functions, disciplinary notices, etc.) be provided as well. To activate this request, the requesting parent may be required to provide a supply of self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the school. Such arrangements are to be worked out by the parent and the building principal.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION PUBLIC NOTICE. FERPA requires that Wichita Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, the District may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. These include, but are not limited to, school newsletters, school phone directories, district publications, Internet sites, district TV programs, event programs/rosters, school activity brochures, and releases to the news media that pertain to school and community activities, awards, competitions, etc. The district has designated the following information as directory information for 2014-15:

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Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws (20 U.S.C. § 7908, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act, and 10 U.S.C. § 503) require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If parents, guardians, or eligible students (those students who are ages 18 years and older) do not want directory information published, they must submit a written Request to Withhold Directory Information to the school at which the student is currently enrolled at the beginning of each school year or at the time the student enrolls. Schools are responsible for entering each Request into the Student Information System and maintaining all Requests in a central file. Requests will be processed in the order in which they are received. Parents, guardians, or eligible students may have this information withheld from release by signing a Publication Consent Form. For more information call Student Record & Enrollment Services at (316)973-4498.

ABSENCES

If your student is to be absent due to illness, appointment, etc., please notify the school office.

The Wichita Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission, access, treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The USD 259 ADA/Section 504 coordinator is responsible for assuring the district is in compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations and the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are available from the ADA/504 coordinator at 973-4420 or 973-4650. The Wichita Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, veteran status or any other legally protected classification. Persons having inquiries may contact the School District’s Title IX Director/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, for adults at 316-973-4420, or Section 504 Coordinator for students at 316-973-4702, 201 N. Water, Wichita, KS 67202.