

A top-down view of school supplies on a light-colored wooden surface. A black rectangular card is pinned to the surface with several silver paper clips. On the card, the text '2017-18 Back to School Edition' is written in white. The supplies include a pair of teal scissors at the top, a yellow pencil on the right, a pink highlighter at the bottom right, and several other colored pencils (purple, pink, orange, teal, green) on the left. Two small white jars of glue are at the bottom center.

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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

2017-18 Open Houses and Orientation

Elementary Open House -Thursday, August 3 - 2:00-4:00 pm.

Clyattville Elementary School
Dewar Elementary School
Hahira Elementary School
Lake Park Elementary School
Moulton Branch Elementary School
Westside Elementary School
Pine Grove Elementary School

Hahira Middle School Orientation Schedule

Yearbook photos will be taken Friday, August 4
8:00 – 9:30 AM – 6th Grade Orientation – Last Name A-L
10:00 – 11:30 AM - 6th Grade Orientation – Last Name M-Z
12:00 – 1:30 PM - 7th Grade Orientation
2:00 – 3:30 PM – 8th Grade Orientation

Lowndes Middle School Orientation Schedule

Wednesday, August 2
4:00 - 6:00 PM – 6th Grade Orientation
Thursday, August 3
4:00pm - 6:00 PM - 7th and 8th Grades Orientation

Pine Grove Middle School Open House Thursday, August 3

12:00-2:00 PM - 6th Grade Orientation
4:00 – 6:00 PM - 7th and 8th Grades Orientation

Lowndes High School Fee Days and Freshman Orientation

Students can purchase parking decals, lockers, and yearbooks. Prepayment is available online through the school website – printed receipts must be presented at fee days.

Monday July 31: Fee Day

(For 10-12 graders to purchase yearbooks, football passes, parking decals and take yearbook pictures, get club information, etc)

9:00 am - 11:30 am Seniors & Juniors

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Sophomores

Thursday August 3: IGNITE 2021! 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Freshman Orientation - Meets in the new gym at 5:00 - Students and Parents will visit their VIP teacher, learn how to use parent portal to view schedules, get information on clubs and extracurricular activities, purchase football passes, etc.

2017-18 Daily School Schedule

Elementary Schools 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Clyattville Elementary School
Dewar Elementary School
Hahira Elementary School
Lake Park Elementary School
Moulton Branch Elementary School
Westside Elementary School
Pine Grove Elementary School

Middle Schools 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hahira Middle School
Lowndes Middle School
Pine Grove Middle School

High School 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lowndes High School



Lowndes County Schools

Test Security Policy

Test Security

Any action that compromises test security or leads to the invalidation of an individual student's or a group of students' test scores will be viewed by Lowndes County Schools (LCS) as inappropriate. Under no circumstances may any tests be reproduced or duplicated for individual or group use unless authorized by GaDOE. Failure to comply with the U.S. Copyright Laws protecting these materials could result in legal action. Any instance of violation of copyright laws must be reported immediately to the GaDOE. Guidelines are in place to assist system personnel in determining which activities might compromise test security or score validity. Any concern regarding test security must be reported to LCS immediately.

Consequences for Violating Test Security

Failure to safeguard test materials or to comply with test administration procedures could adversely affect an individual's certification status. If this was to occur, LCS will submit the incident to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). Additionally, the GaDOE may instruct LCS to refer the incident to the Educators Ethics Division of the Professional Standards Commission as failure to adhere to established policies and procedures.

Contact Information

For additional information pertaining to Lowndes County Schools' Assessment and Accountability obligations, please contact Rodney Green, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, at 229-245-2250.

The above information is in accordance with the Georgia Department of Education's Student Assessment Handbook

Lowndes County Schools

CHILD FIND PROJECT

Lowndes County Schools Department of Special Education is seeking information from parents or others concerning anyone living in the Lowndes County Schools district, ages 3 to 21, who may have a disability that is not being addressed. If you know of such persons who may have an intellectual, physical, emotional or other disability, please contact Mindell Downing, Director of Special Education.

Mindell Downing
1592 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601
(229) 245-2250

All information received will be kept confidential.

Lowndes County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, disability, religion, or national origin in its education programs, activities or employment

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

2017-18 New Student Registration

The first day of school for students is August 7

Registration is a centralized process for all Lowndes County schools. All students new to the system will register at the Lowndes Board of Education Annex and will be given their school assignment. The Board of Education Annex is located at 1592 Norman Drive at the west end of the building.

Parents should bring the following items at time of registration:

1. A new student MUST be registered by his/her primary custodial parent OR legal guardian and the primary custodial parent/legal guardian must be a Lowndes County resident. You will be asked to provide appropriate legal court documentation. A power of attorney is not acceptable.

2. Original birth certificate (can be obtained through the Lowndes County Health Department) for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students. A copy of the birth certificate is acceptable for 2nd –12th grade students.

3. Immunization – A current Georgia Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 MUST be presented at the time of registration. PHS-731 (International Certification of Vaccination by World Health Organization WHO) or other physician/state documentation must be transferred by doctor or designee to the Georgia Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 PRIOR to registration. All students born on or after January 1, 2002, and entering or transferring into seventh grade must receive a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) and an adolescent meningococcal vaccination (MCV4). The same applies for any students new to Georgia who are entering grades eight through twelve.

4. Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition Screening (Form 3300).

This form is available from your child's physician of the Health Department.

5. Original Social Security card (to be copied). A copy will be accepted if it is legible for photocopying.

6. Withdrawal form and transcript (preferred), report card, all special education records, and the name, mailing address, phone number and fax number (if available) of the previous school attended.

7. Proof of residence (utility bill, rental agreement, cable bill, mortgage agreement, or land line phone bill only). Utility bills should be no older than 30 days and must have the service address listed.

If there is no documentation from the student's previous school, a call will be made to the student's previous school at the parent's expense to obtain the necessary information.

Pre-kindergarten students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017, kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, and first grade students must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2017.



Lowndes County Schools 2017-18 Calendar

August 1-4 – Pre-planning

August 7 – First day of school

September 4 - Labor Day Holiday

October 6 and 9 - Fall Break

November 20 – 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20 - Early Release Day

December 21- January 4 - Christmas Holiday

January 5 and 8 - Teacher Inservice Days

January 9 – Students Return to School - First Day of Second Semester

January 15 - Martin Luther King Holiday

February 16 and 19 - Winter Break

February 20 - Student Holiday/Teacher Inservice

April 2-6 - Spring Break

May 25 - Last Day of School; Early Release

May 26 – LHS Graduation

May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday

May 29 – 31 - Post-planning

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The Lowndes County Board of Education continues its policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); sex (Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006); or disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990) in education programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Employees, students, and the general public are hereby notified that the Lowndes County School System does not discriminate in any educational program or activity or in employment policies. The following individuals have been designated as the employees responsible for coordinating the system's effort to implement the nondiscrimination policy:

Title VI–Rodney Green

Title IX–Owen Prince

Section 504–Dr. Veronica Brown and Julie Klein

ADA–Randy Cooper

Questions may be directed to these individuals at Lowndes County Schools, 1592 Norman Drive, Valdosta, Georgia 31601, telephone 229-245-2250. If special accommodations are needed, please contact one of the individuals listed above at least one week in advance.

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Lowndes High School

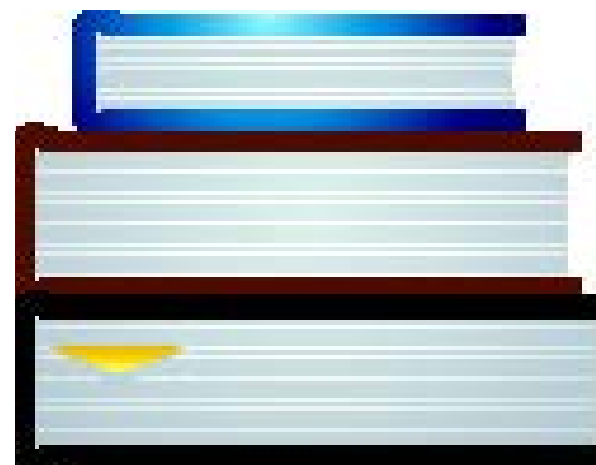
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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

2017-18 Meal Prices

Non-Educator - \$3.75
 (All Adults not employed by Lowndes County Board of Education)
 Educator Adults - \$3.25
 (Including all Lowndes County Board of Education Employees)
 High School Students - \$2.25
 Middle School Students - \$2.25
 Elementary School Students - \$2.05
 Second Student Lunch (USDA requires Adult Price) - \$3.25
 Reduced Price Lunch - .40
 Breakfast Meal Prices:
 Adult and Guest - \$2.00
 High School Student - \$2.00
 Middle School Student - \$2.00
 Elementary School Student - \$2.00
 Reduced Price Breakfast - .30

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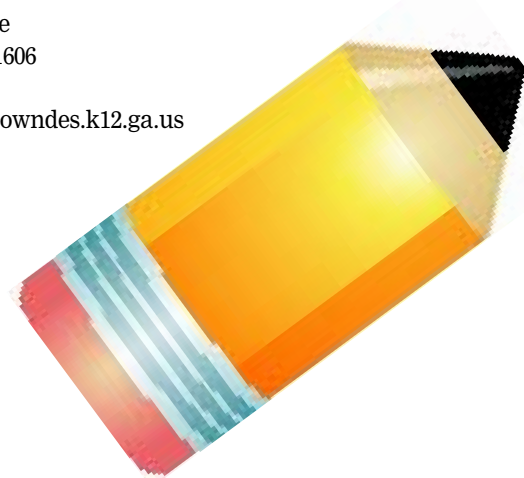
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VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS

Test Security Policy

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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule

Regular Meetings

July 17	Board Office
August 14	Board Office
September 18	Board Office
October 16	Board Office
November 13	Board Office
December 11	Board Office
January 8	Board Office
February 5	Board Office
March 12	Board Office
April 16	Board Office
May 14	Board Office
June 4	Board Office

Work Sessions

August 7	Board Office
September 11	Board Office
October 2	Board Office
November 6	Board Office
December 4	Board Office
March 5	Board Office
April 9	Board Office
May 7	Board Office

ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS AND WORK SESSION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 PM. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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Lowndes County Schools 2017-18 Dress Code

In order to maintain an appropriate climate for learning, the following dress code has been

established for Lowndes County Schools. On a case-by-case basis, administrators or designee may

ban items that disrupt the learning environment. Teachers may refer any student whose appearance

causes distractions to the learning environment to an administrator for corrective or disciplinary action.

Pre-Kindergarten - 12th Grade

* Clothing, hair style and color, jewelry, tattoos, including temporary tattoos, body carvings, face

paintings, or hand-carried items may not distract from the normal learning environment of any Lowndes County School.

* Clothing articles, jewelry, bags, and other items brought onto school property must be clean and not create a safety or health hazard.

* Jewelry, clothing, or any article that can be used as a weapon may not be brought onto Lowndes

County School property.

* All students must maintain appropriate hygiene standards (i.e., free of excessive body dirt, grease, oils, odor, etc.).

* Hair must be clean, neatly kept and pose no safety or health hazard.

* All clothing items and accessories will be worn as intended by the manufacturer.

* Underwear will be worn with all clothing combinations and must not be visible to others.

* Clothing articles designed to cover the body may not be constructed of see-through materials such

as mesh, net, sheer, clear plastic, or 'cut-out' materials unless worn over an acceptable garment.

* Belts, buttons, zippers, suspenders, snaps or other similar items will be fastened appropriately.

Holes or rips in clothing are not allowed above the knee. Discretion will be used by administration or

designee when holes are formed by accident.

* Jewelry piercing the nose, lips, tongue, and other facial areas will not be worn.

* Clothing, shoes and jewelry worn during P.E. or other extra-curricular activities must be appropriate and will be at the discretion of the teacher.

* Hair curlers, picks, and combs will not be worn in the hair.

* Head coverings (e.g. hats, caps, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, or hoods affixed to other articles of clothing), gloves, and sunglasses will not be worn inside of buildings.

* All items worn or carried will not include any written or pictorial messages that promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or any other illegal product/activity and must not contain any derogatory racial, religious, sexual, ethnic implications or any obscene language.

* It is suggested that the student's name be affixed to removable clothing articles (i.e., coats, gloves, caps).

Pants, Skirts, Dresses, Jumpers & Shorts

* Must not be overly tight, extremely loose, or extend past the sole of the shoe.

* Must be an appropriate size at the waistband of the garment.

* Must be a modest length, with the guideline being no shorter than 3 inches above the knee cap

when the student is standing straight

up. Any open pleats, vents, or slits must also be no more than

three inches above the knee.

* Must cover the buttocks entirely (go up to the natural waist).

* Leggings are permitted if worn with skirts and dresses of appropriate length.

* Clothing must not have excessive rips or holes that expose the body.

Shirts, Sweaters, Dresses, & Vests

* Will not excessively expose breast/chest areas or undergarments.

* Necklines should be appropriately modest, no lower than two inches below the top of the sternum

(breastbone), with no part of the bosom visible.

* Must cover all the abdominal and back area during the course of normal daily activities (walking, standing, sitting and raising arms).

* Shirts and blouses extending below the buttocks must be tucked in. Shirts and blouses must be

buttoned, unless worn as a jacket over an acceptable shirt.

* The entire shoulder must be cov-

ered. (Tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, and halter tops, etc.

are not allowed). Discretion may be used with elementary students.

Shoes

* Must be worn at all times.

* Must be in good repair.

* Cleats, taps, spurs, or other unnecessary objects will not be affixed to shoes.

* All shoes with laces must be laced and tied or tucked.

* All buckles or Velcro must be fastened.

* No footwear with wheels affixed to the sole of the shoe. Ex: Heelies

Not Permitted (All Grades)

* Spandex.

* Cut-offs.

* Undershirts, worn as an outer shirt.

Lowndes Alternative Program

The Lowndes Alternative Program has a separate dress code, which is given to students upon transfer into the program and is posted on the Lowndes High School website.



Is your child prepared?

- Does your child need a certified birth certificate to enter a Georgia school for the first time?
- Does your child need vaccines for entry into a Georgia school for the first time, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 7th grade or college?
- Does your child need an Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition screening (Form 3300) completed for entry into Pre-K or Kindergarten?
- Is your child riding in the correct car seat, even a booster, to school each day? Are their siblings in the correct seats also?

If you need any of the above services, come by Lowndes County Health Department, Lake Park Health Clinic or Hahira Health Clinic before school begins to be prepared to start school on time!

For more information call 333-5257 or visit us online at

www.southhealthdistrict.com/lowndes.

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Public Health

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VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS

Valdosta City School System 2017 - 18 Open Houses

Sallas-Mahone Elementary School — 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 Valdosta High School — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 Valdosta Early College Academy — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 Valdosta Middle School — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 J.L. Newbern Middle School — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 Horne Learning Center — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 Pinevale Elementary School — 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3
 W.G. Nunn Elementary School — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday, August 4
 J.L. Lomax Elementary School — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday, August 4
 S.L. Mason Elementary School — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday, August 4

2017-18 Daily School Schedules

Each school day begins and ends as follows:

Valdosta High School — 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
 J.L. Newbern Middle School — 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Valdosta Middle School — 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 J.L. Lomax Elementary School — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..
 Pinevale Elementary School — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Sallas-Mahone Elementary School — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 S.L. Mason Elementary School — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 W.G. Nunn Elementary School — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Valdosta Early College Academy — 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Horne Learning Center — 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Horne Learning Center Night School (Monday – Thursday) 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Valdosta City School System 2017-2018 Report Card Release Dates

- Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (K-12)
- Friday, January 12, 2017 (K-12)
- Friday, March 23, 2018 (K-12)
- Friday, May 25, 2018 (K-12)



VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Valdosta City Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of gender (including pregnancy and wages), age, race, color, disability, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, military status, or retaliation in the educational programs, activities or admissions to facilities operated by the Valdosta City Board of Education or in the employment practices and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Board shall comply with all aspects of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Amended, 1973), Title II of the Vocational Education Amendments of 1976, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Amended, 1974), Title XXIX of the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Amended, 2008), Equal Pay Act of 1963, and Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

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Valdosta City School System 2017-18 Student Dress Code

In order to maintain an appropriate and focused educational environment for learning, the following dress code has been established for Valdosta City Schools. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is supportive of a positive learning environment and causes no distractions or disruptions. Students and parents share primary responsibility for student compliance with the dress code.

The administration of the school is charged with the enforcement of the student dress code. The principal is given autonomy in the determination of proper or improper dress. On a case-by-case basis, the principal may ban items that disrupt the learning environment.

KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE

The following items are unacceptable:

Sagging pants. Pants should be worn at the natural waistline. Although belts are not required, bottoms should be securely fastened.

Skirts, shorts, or dresses shorter than fingertip length. Families should be mindful of clothing appropriate for P.E. and recess

Leggings with tops/spandex worn without skirts or dresses that meet the fingertip rule

Pajamas, bedroom shoes and/or rubber shower shoes

Hats, head bands, bandanas, or any other head gear

Combs/picks/curlers worn in the hair

See-through garments

Visible undergarments

Halter tops/tube tops/crop tops/muscle shirts/spaghetti straps (the entire shoulder must be covered) or wrap blouses

Tank tops are permissible in grades K-2 only, if the strap has a width of at least two fingers

Low-cut/revealing clothes

Clothing displaying vulgar or inappropriate designs and/or language

Gang-related attire (This will include anything brought to an administrator's attention.)

Clothing advertising the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs

Any clothing fad or jewelry, article

of clothing, or non-traditional manner of wearing clothing/hair color that attracts undue attention and/or is distracting of the instructional process and/or the routine operation of the school

Coats and jackets should be worn during appropriate weather

Jewelry, clothing, or any article that can be used as a weapon

6TH – 12TH GRADE

The following items are unacceptable:

Sagging pants below the waistline allowing for shorts and/or undergarments to be visible

Skirts, shorts, or dresses shorter than 3" above the knee

Leggings, jeggings, tights, or yoga pants not worn with a covering garment that falls to mid-thigh (front, back, and side of legs)

Pajamas, bedroom shoes, blankets, and/or rubber shower shoes (flip flops)

Hats, bandanas, hoods or any other head gear deemed inappropriate

Combs/picks/curlers worn in the hair

See-through garments worn with clothing that does not meet dress code requirements

Halter tops/tube tops/crop tops/tank tops/muscle shirts/spaghetti straps (top of shoulder must be covered)

Low-cut revealing clothes

Visible undergarments

Ripped/torn/frayed/cut clothes that expose the skin above the knees (Also, any unfinished hem above the knee)

Clothing displaying vulgar or inappropriate designs and/or language

Gang-related attire (This will include anything brought to an administrator's attention)

Clothing advertising the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs

Any clothing fad or jewelry, article of clothing, or non-traditional manner of wearing clothing/hair color that attracts undue attention and/or is distracting of the instructional process and/or the routine operation of the school

Coats and jackets should not be overly baggy and should be worn during appropriate weather

Jewelry, clothing, or any article that can be used as a weapon

Valdosta City School System 2017-18 Calendar

August 1 - Pre-Planning

August 2 - Pre-Planning

August 3 - Pre-Planning

August 4 - Pre-Planning

August 7 - First Day of School

September 4 - Labor Day Holiday

October 9 - End of Grading Period

October 13 - Fall Break

October 16 - Fall Break

October 17 - Teacher In-Service, Student Holiday

November 20 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 21 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 22 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 23 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20 - End of Grading Period, Early Dismissal

December 21 - Winter Holiday

December 22 - Winter Holiday

December 25 - Winter Holiday

December 26 - Winter Holiday

December 27 - Winter Holiday

December 28 - Winter Holiday

December 29 - Winter Holiday

January 1 - Winter Holiday

January 2 - Winter Holiday

January 3 - Winter Holiday

January 4 - Teacher In-Service, Student Holiday

January 5 - Teacher In-Service, Student Holiday

January 8 - Classes Resume

January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February 16 - Winter Break

February 19 - Winter Break

February 20 - Teacher In-Service, Student Holiday

March 16 - End of Grading Period

April 2 - Spring Break

April 3 - Spring Break

April 4 - Spring Break

April 5 - Spring Break

April 6 - Spring Break

May 25 - Last Day of School, End of Grading Period, Early Dismissal

May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday

May 29 - Post-Planning

May 30 - Post-Planning

Lunch Prices

Valdosta City Schools will be continuing with the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2017-2018 school year. All enrolled students of Valdosta City Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at NO COST to your household each day of the 2017 - 2018 school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee. Student Breakfast and Lunch are free - Extra Student Breakfast \$1.50 - Extra Student Lunch \$3.00 - Extra Milk \$0.50 - Adult Breakfast \$1.50 - Adult Lunch \$3.00

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Board of Education 2017-18 Meeting Schedule

REGULAR MEETINGS

- 7 p.m., July 11, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., August 15, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., September 12, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., October 10, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., November 14, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., December 12, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., January 9, 2018, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., February 13, 2018, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., March 13, 2018, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., April 10, 2018, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., May 8, 2018, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., June 12, 2018, at Central Office

WORK SESSIONS

- 7 p.m., July 25, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., August 29, 2017, at Central Office
- 7 p.m., September 26, 2017, at Pinevale Elementary School
- 7 p.m., October 24, 2017, at Valdosta High School
- 7 p.m., November 28, 2017, at Valdosta Early College Academy
- 7 p.m., January 23, 2018, at J.L. Newbern Middle School
- 7 p.m., February 27, 2018, at Sallas Mahone Elementary School
- 7 p.m., March 27, 2018, at J.L. Lomax Elementary School
- 7 p.m., April 24, 2018, at W.G. Nunn Elementary School
- 7 p.m., May 22, 2018, at Horne Learning Center
- 7 p.m., June 26, 2018, at Central Office

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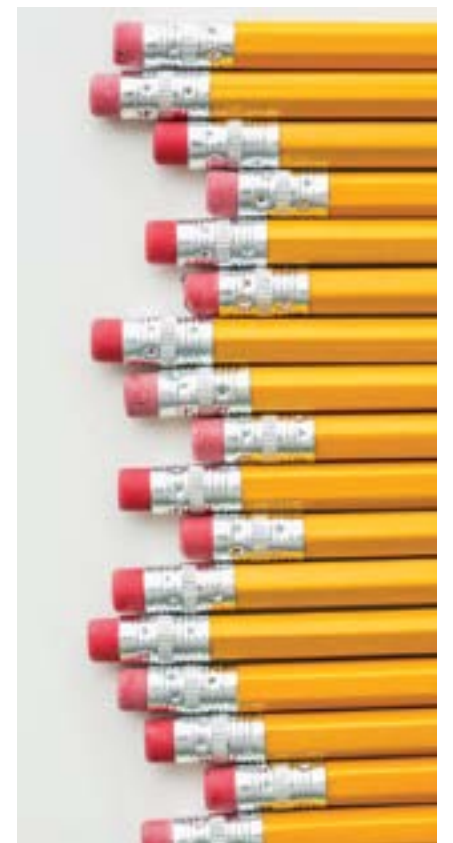
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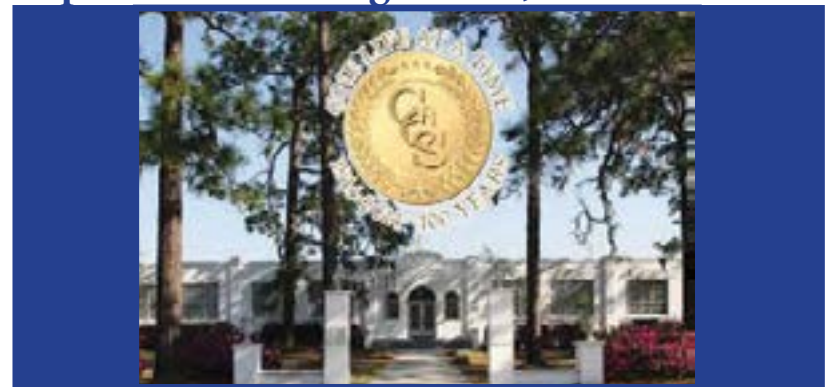


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SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



1. Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop.
2. Teach your kids — whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school— to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers.
3. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.
4. Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
5. Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.
6. Make sure to pick out a family meeting spot that can be used in case of an emergency.
7. Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not the child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
8. When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible.

Little Actors' Theatre will hold auditions for 'Monster in the Closet' by Angela D. Stewart on Saturday August 5th 10:00 am at our studio 1108 S. Patterson St. show dates are September 30th and October 1st. More information call 229-292-4742



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School Calendar 2017-18

August 7-8: No School
August 9: First Day of School; Half Day
September 4: Labor Day
October 9: No School
October 25: No School
November 10: No School
November 20-24: No School
December 18-January 2: No School
January 15: No School
January 16: No School
April 2-6: No School
May 25: Graduation20



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Dress Code

Philosophy

This code is meant to provide a general description of the parameters of school dress. However, discretion lies with the faculty and administration concerning the appropriateness of a particular student's attire

General Expectations for All Valwood Students

Clothing should be neat and attractive in appearance.

Torn and ripped clothing is not acceptable.

Jeans and/or other pants should not be frayed or cut at the bottom and should not drag the floor.

Fatigues or any type of paramilitary clothing are not acceptable.

Clothing should fit and not be overly tight or baggy.

Pants should be worn at the natural waist and pants legs should not drag the floor.

Shoes must be worn at all times, and hats may not be worn in buildings.

Specific Expectations for All Lower School Students

Tennis shoes should be worn every day all day long by all Lower School students.

Students in the Lower School have recess and/or physical education every day and need to dress with this in mind.

Athletic pants and shorts are not allowed.

Specific Expectations for Students in Grades PK-3

Younger students do not have a defined dress code but should begin to work toward the school dress code.

Collared shirts are preferred, yet not required until fourth grade for boys.

All students must keep shirts tucked in unless the shirt is specifically designed to be worn on the outside.

Valwood collared shirts need to be worn for all field trips and other special occasions.

Every Friday is Valwood Spirit Day. Students will wear either a Valwood collared shirt or an official Valwood tee-shirt.

Specific Expectations for Students in Grades 4-12

For boys:

Acceptable clothing includes collared shirt, pants or jeans in good repair, or walking shorts.

All students must keep shirts tucked in and may have a Valwood logo, college/university logo, or

manufacturer's logo in the pocket area and/or sleeve

Boys may not wear earrings or any other pierced jewelry

Visible tattoos are not allowed.

Hair for boys must be clean and neat at all times, it must be kept out of the eyes and be no longer than collar length, no pony tails or buns permitted. Judgments as to cleanliness, neatness and appropriateness of length, when required, are at the sole discretion of the Division Dean.

Senior boys may wear facial hair if kept clean and neat at the sole discretion of the Upper School Dean. All other Upper School boys should be clean shaven.

For girls:

Acceptable clothing includes jewel

neck (with no writing across front or back), turtleneck, mock turtleneck, or collared shirts or blouses, sweaters, dresses, skirts, slacks or jeans in good repair. Tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, backless or off-the-shoulder blouses are not acceptable.

Straps must be at least one inch wide and skirts/shorts to be below the fingertips of a girls' arms straight by her side.

Shirts may have a Valwood logo, college or university logo, or manufacturer's logo in the pocket area and/or sleeve.

Clothing should cover the midriff at all times and may not reveal undergarments.

Attire that is too tight, too short or too revealing is inappropriate.

Length of skirts and dresses should be modest as deemed appropriate by the administration, and the presence of leggings does not alter the school's rule concerning appropriate skirt length.

Girls may wear pierced earrings, but may not wear any other pierced jewelry.

Visible tattoos are not allowed.

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code at all times. Students in violation will be sent to their Dean for disciplinary action. Students may be required to call home for appropriate attire at the discretion of the Dean.

All 5th-12th grade students must wear appropriate attire during athletic and fitness classes.

Special Dress Days.

Certain days are designated as special dress days such that the details of the usual Dress Code may not apply.

These include:

Monday Dress

Students in grades 6-12 will be required to "dress up" for school every Monday.

Dress clothes must be clean, pressed, and in good condition.

Shorts are not permitted, nor is denim.

For boys, this includes a collared dress shirt, tie, dress pants and closed toe shoes.

For girls, this includes a skirt and blouse, dress or dress slacks with appropriate dress shoes.

Polo Dress

A Valwood School collared shirt, Valwood t-shirt or alternate Monday dress will be required of all students on FRIDAY and certain other special days.

A variety of Valwood shirts are also available in the Valwood Spirit Store.

Spirit Dress

The Headmaster may call a school-wide "spirit day" to celebrate an achievement or build school spirit prior to an athletic competition. On these days, students may wear a Valwood tee-shirt or a Valwood collared shirt.

Athletic & Co-Curricular Event Days

Athletic and co-curricular organizations may, with the permission of the Athletic Director or Dean, wear team jerseys, uniforms, or other clothing representing their organization on Fridays.

Middle School athletes may wear team jerseys, uniforms, or other clothing representing their organization on Thursdays during Football season.



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Daily School Schedule

Drop off begins at 7:30 am
Tardy bell rings at 8:05 am
Dismissal begins at 3:15 pm

Central Office Personnel

Mandy Avera, Dean of Students & School Support
Amanda Miller, Director of Academic Enhancement
Jennifer Denham, Director of Communications
Stephanie Mullis, Director of Student Information Systems
Angela Chastain, Director of Finance



Open House Orientation

August 7th
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Calendar

August 2-8: Teacher In-Service Day
 August 9: Classes Resume
 September 1: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 September 4: Labor Day Holiday
 October 6: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 October 13: Fall Break Holiday
 October 16: Teacher In-Service Day
 November 1: Last Day of Trimester
 November 3: Teacher In-Service/Parent Conference Day
 November 13: Report Cards Issued
 November 20-24: Thanksgiving Holiday Day
 December 1: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 December 15: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 December 18-31: Christmas Holiday
 January 1-3: Christmas Holiday
 January 4&5: Teacher In-Service Day
 January 15: MLK Holiday
 February 2: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 February 19: Winter Holiday
 February 20: Teacher In-Service Day
 February 22: Last Day of Trimester
 March 2: Teacher In-Service/Parent Conference Day
 March 5: Report Cards Issued
 April 2-6: Spring Break Holiday
 May 4: Mandatory Early Dismissal
 May 23: Last Day of School/Mandatory Early Dismissal/
 Report Cards Issued
 May 24&25: Teacher In-Service Days

Board Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings are held in the SCA Media Center at 6:45 pm
 August 29, 2017
 September 26, 2017
 October 24, 2017
 November 28, 2017
 December 12, 2017
 January 30, 2018
 February 27, 2018
 March 27, 2018
 April 24, 2018
 May 29, 2018
 June 26, 2018

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Dress Code

SCA scholars will adhere to the following dress code requirements:

Tops:
 Monday - Red collared shirt with SCA Logo
 Tuesday - Gray collared shirt with SCA Logo
 Wednesday - Navy Blue collared shirt with SCA Logo
 Thursday - Lime green collared shirt with SCA Logo
 Friday - Free Dress Day

Bottoms:
 Khaki pants, shorts, scooters, jumpers, or skirts. Girls may wear polo style dresses.

Shoes:

Presentable shoes of any kind are acceptable. Because scholars spend 30-45 minutes each day at recess and learning opportunities outside are encouraged, we recommend scholars wear athletic or a similar type of shoe that will not hinder their participation.

Outerwear:

All outerwear (jackets, coats, etc.) are required to be solid in color and embroidered with the SCA logo or be a solid color without symbols, emblems, pictures, etc. if the outerwear does not allow for the

uniform shirt to be visible.

Free Dress Days:

Scholars will be permitted to wear their choice of clothing on Fridays.

The following guidelines will be followed on free dress days:

Shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.

The following are not permitted: shoes which damage the carpet or floors, bedroom shoes, shoes with wheels, or shoes with heels over 1 ½ inch in height.
 Hats, caps, sweatbands, and

sunglasses worn inside the building are not permitted except on specified days or particular situations as determined by the school's administrators

Halter tops, midribs, muscle shirts, net shirts, cutaways, pajamas, lounging pants, clothing with words across the seat, or any garment that shows the stomach or waistline in the back are not permitted

Sleeveless tops must have a strap of at least two (2) inches in width across the shoulders. Revealing necklines are not permitted

Spandex clothing and sheer garments worn as the primary

garments are not permitted
 Pants must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants

Clothing with suggestive words or pictures are not permitted

Shorts and skirts must not be more than three inches above the top of the kneecap

Shorts must be worn under skirts when the child is participating in rigorous physical activity

Clothing that is torn, ripped, or unhemmed either by accident or style is not permitted



LANIER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lanier County School

247 S Highway 221
Lakeland, GA 31635
229-482-3966
Fax 229-482-3020

Lanier County High School

Principal Reada Hamm
52 W. Patten Ave
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-3868

Lanier County Middle School

Principal Ronda Rodgers
52 W. Patten Ave
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-8247

Lanier County Elementary School

Principal Jennifer Whilden
92 Valdosta Rd
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-3870

Lanier County Primary School

Principal Kevin Moore
28 Valdosta Rd
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-3580

2017-18 School Calendar

August 1: First Day of School
August 31: Progress Reports
September 4: Labor Day
September 5: Teacher Work Day
October 13 and 16: Fall Break
November 11: Veterans Day
November 20-24: Thanksgiving
December 15: Early Release
December 18-January 4: Christmas Holidays
January 2-3: Teacher Workdays
January 15: Martin Luther King
February 6: Progress Reports
February 16: Winter Break
February 19: President's Day
March 12: Teacher Work Day
March 13: End of Nine Weeks
April 2-6: Spring Break
April 20: Progress Reports
May 22: Early Release, Last Day of School
May 23-24: Post Planning
May 26: LCHS Graduation



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Highland Christian Academy

4023 Pine Grove Road
Valdosta, Ga. 31605
(229) 245-8111



2017-18 School Calendar

August 2-4: Teacher Pre-Planning
August 3: Open House 5pm-7pm
August 7: First Day of School
August 10: Mandatory Parent Partnership
6pm-7pm
August 21: PTO Meeting
September 1: 12:30pm Early Dismissal
September 4: Labor Day Holiday
September 13: School Pictures for K4-5th @
HCA (8:45-11:30)
September 14: Teacher Pictures w/your
grade level & Staff School Pictures for 6th-12th
@ HCA (8:45-11:30)
September 18: PTO Meeting, 6pm
October 5: 12:30pm Early Dismissal
October 6-10: Fall Break
October 11: 1st Nine Weeks Ends
October 11: PSAT, 9am-12pm
October 12: Sibling/Retake Pictures
November 6: PTO Meeting, 6pm
November 17: 12:30 pm Early Dismissal
November 20-24: Thanksgiving Holidays
December 20: 12:30 pm Early Dismissal; 2nd
Nine Weeks Ends

Dec 21-Jan 5: Christmas Break
January 5: Teacher Planning
January 8: Classes Resume
January 11: Class Pictures @ HCA in Class-
room (8:45-11:30); Seniors in Cap & Gown @
HCA (8:45-11:30)
January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holi-
day
January 22: PTO Meeting, 6pm
February 15: 12:30 pm Early Dismissal
February 16-20: Winter Break
March 5: PTO Meeting, 6pm
March 15: 3rd Nine Weeks Ends
March 30: 12:30 Early Dismissal / Field Day
April 2-6: Spring Break
April 16-20: Terra Nova Test
April 23: PTO Meeting, 6pm
April 27: 12:30 pm Early Dismissal
May 3: Sports Banquet, 6pm
May 14: Elementary Honors Night, 6pm
May 21: Middle/High School Honors Night,
6pm
May 25: Last Day (12:30 Early Dismiss-
al); 4th Nine Weeks Ends

GEORGIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Georgia Christian School

4359 Dasher Road
Valdosta, Ga. 31606
(229)559-5131
gcsregistration@georgiachristian.org

2017-18 School Calendar

July 31-August 3: Teacher Inservice; No School for Students
August 4: First Day of School
September 4: Holiday
October 9: Holiday
October 10: Teacher Inservice; No School for Students
November 20-24: Holiday
December 18-29: Holiday
January 3-4: Teacher Inservice; No School for Students
January 5: Students Return
January 15: Holiday
February 19: Holiday
February 20: Teacher Inservice
March 30: Holiday
April 2-6: Holiday
May 25: Last Day of School
May 29-30: Teacher Inservice

OPEN BIBLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Open Bible Christian School

3992 N. Oak St. Ext.
Valdosta, Ga. 31605
(229) 244-6694
openbible@bellsouth.net

2017-18 School Year Calendar

August 7: Classrooms open to teachers
August 8: New Teacher Orientation
August 9-15: Pre-Planning
August 14: Orientation
August 16: Classes Begin
September 4: Labor Day
September 21-22: Fall Break
October 6: Half Day for Elementary; Parent Conferences
October 20: Half Day for Elementary; Parent Conferences
November 21: Half Day for Grades
November 22-24: Thanksgiving Holidays
December 21-January 3: Christmas Holidays
February 19: President's Day; No School
February 26: Half Day
March 30: Early Dismissal for Elementary
April 2-6: Spring Break; No School
May 21-23: 11:15 a.m. Dismissal for JH/SH
May 23: Last Day for Elementary
May 25: Graduation



COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Cook County Schools

1109 N. Parrish Avenue
Adel, Ga. 31620
(229) 896-2294

Cook Elementary School

1512 N. Elm St.
Spark, Ga. 31647
(229) 549-6250

Cook High School

9900 GA-37
Adel, Ga. 31620
(229) 896-2213

Cook Middle School

1601 N. Elm St.
Sparks, Ga. 31647
(229) 549-5999

Cook Primary School

1531 Patterson St.
Adel, Ga. 31620
(229) 549-7715

2017-18 School Calendar

August 7-10: Pre-Planning
August 11: First Day of School
September 4: Labor Day
October 9-13: Fall Break
November 10: Veterans Day
November 20-24: Thanksgiving
December 20: Half Day
December 21-January 4: Christmas Break
January 5: Students Return
January 15: Martin Luther King
February 19-23: Winter Break
March 16-19: Student Holiday
April 2-6: Spring Break
May 18: Half Day/ Last Day of School
May 21-22: Post Planning

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John School

800 Gornito Road
Valdosta, Ga. 31602
(229) 244-2556
web@stjohnschl.org

School Calendar 2017-18

August 1-2: No School
August 3: First Day of School
September 4: No School
October 12-13: No School
November 20-24: No School
December 18-January 1: No School
January 15: No School
February 2: Half Day
February 12: Open House
February 19: No School
March 5-9: Terra Nova Testing
March 30: No School
April 2-6: No School
May 22: Last Day of School



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1015 Exum Rd.
Nashville, Ga. 31639
(229) 686-6576

Berrien Elementary

802 Middle School Cir.
Nashville, Ga. 31639
(229) 686-2939

Berrien High

500 E. Smith Ave.
Nashville, Ga. 31639
(229) 686-7428

Berrien Middle

800 Tifton Rd.
Nashville, Ga. 31639
(229) 686-2021

Berrien Primary

1427 North Davis St.
Nashville, Ga. 31639
(229) 686-7438

2017-18 School Calendar

August 1-7: Pre-Planning
August 8: First Day of School
September 4: Labor Day
October 6 and 9: Fall Break
November 10: Veterans Day
November 20-24: Thanksgiving
December 20: Half Day
December 21-January 3: Christmas
January 4-5: Teacher Workdays
January 15: Martin Luther King
February 19: President's Day
March 30-April 6: Spring Break
May 25: Half Day/ Last Day of School
May 28: Memorial Day
May 29-31: Post Planning



BROOKS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Brooks County Schools

Quitman Elementary School

(229) 263-9302

North Brooks Elementary School

0295 Coffee Rd, Morven, GA 31638
(229) 775-2414

Brooks County Middle School

2171 Moultrie Rd, Quitman, GA 31643
(229) 263-7521

Brooks High School

1801 Moultrie Rd., Quitman, Ga. 31643
(229) 263-7531

School Calendar 2017-18

July 3 - 7: District Closed
July 31 - Aug 4: Teacher Preplanning
Aug 7: First Day of School (1st Semester)
Sept 4: Labor Day Holiday
Oct 12-13: Fall Break
Nov 20-24: Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 20: Early Dismissal (End of 1st Semester - 90 days)
Dec 21 - Jan 3: Christmas Holidays
Jan 4-5: Teacher Planning & Professional Learning / Student Holiday
Jan 8: First Day of School
Jan 15: Martin Luther King Holiday
Feb 19 - 20: Winter Break

Mar 16: Professional Learning Day/Student Holiday
Apr 2-6: Spring Break
May 24: Early Dismissal / Last day of school (End of 2nd Semester - 90 days)
May 25: Teacher Post Planning
May 28: Memorial Day Holiday
May 29: Professional Learning Day
GKIDS: Aug 21-May 11
CoGAT Testing: Sept 19-21
ACCESS Testing: Feb 5 - Mar 2
GMAS EOG: Apr 16 - Apr 26
GMAS EOC: Apr 30 - May 11



ECHOLS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Echols County Schools

Echols County Elementary/ Middle School

229 HWY 129 South
Statenville, GA 31648
Main Office: (229) 559-5413
Fax: (229) 559-0423

Echols County High School

190 GA Hwy 94 East
Statenville, GA 31648
Main Office: (229) 559-5437
Fax: (229) 559-3491

2017-18 School Calendar

July 31-August 3: Pre-Planning
August 4: First Day of School
September 4: Labor Day
October 6-10: Fall Break
October 10: In Service
November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break
December 18-January 3: Christmas Break
January 3: In Service
January 15: MLK Day
February 19: Presidents Day
February 20: In Service
March 30: In Service
April 2-6: Spring Break
May 25: Last Day of School
May 29-30: Post Planning



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