# 2019-2020 School Calendar

# ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Clear Vision of Every Child, Achieving Excellence

## Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year





"Diversity is at the heart of the Elizabeth community in so many ways and is vital to the well-being of our children. I believe that our diverse supporters including parents, teachers, administrators, Board members, and community members bring a wealth of knowledge and educational opportunities to our children."

- Stephanie G. Pestana President, Elizabeth Board of Education On behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education, welcome to the 2019-2020 school vear. We are looking forward to another year of teaching and learning as well as celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students, team members, and community members.

I have had the pleasure of visiting several of our schools during 2019 and look forward to visiting the rest of our schools this fall to meet our tremendous students and team members. The wonderful activities that I have already witnessed during my visits gives me great hope and confidence that we will again achieve excellence in 2019-2020.

We continue to make great strides both as a Board and as a school system. We were able to pass a budget for the 2019-2020 school year that will allocate nearly 80% of revenue to instruction to prepare our students for college and technical education as well as rewarding

careers. The fact that we could place such a high emphasis on classroom needs while ensuring a 0% tax increase to local taxpayers is a win for our students, their families, and Elizabeth residents.

Additionally, we were able to negotiate a new three-year contract with the Elizabeth Education Association that is a victory for EEA members. Elizabeth Public Schools. and the Elizabeth community it serves. I again would like to thank the members of the EEA negotiation team for their steadfast commitment to working with the Board to arrive at an agreement and to all of our team members for your dedicated service each day to our students and the Elizabeth community.

I am so proud to be an Elizabethan who was raised, attended schools, and volunteers here in the City of Elizabeth. I am also so fortunate to work alongside such great colleagues on the Board who are

so devoted to the prosperity of our schools and our community. Instilling that sense of pride in our community is very important to me. To our families and community members. we are grateful for your support and encourage you to continue working alongside us to help our students reach their full potential.

I welcome Elizabeth families who would like to discuss any issues or concerns pertaining to the Elizabeth Public Schools to make an appointment to meet with me during the designated office hours of 5:30-7:00 pm every Monday.

Thank you again for your valued support of Elizabeth Public Schools and the Elizabeth Board of Education and best wishes for a great school vear.

Stephanie d. Pestana



Stephanie G. Pestana President



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"Elizabeth Public Schools has a clear and intense focus on becoming one of the highest performing urban school districts in the nation through its commitment to high expectations, high quality instruction, a rigorous curriculum, and the standard of excellence, carried out daily by an achievement focused workforce."

> - Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent Elizabeth Public Schools

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Elizabeth Public Schools!

I am excited to start this new school year with a clear vision of becoming one of the highest performing urban school districts in the nation. In 2018-2019, our commitment to excellence was validated by the New Jersey Department of Education, Through its Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC), a system that evaluates school districts in the five key components of Instruction & Program, Fiscal, Governance, Operations, and Personnel, the department designated Elizabeth Public Schools as a high performing school district.

The high performance of our district comes from our students and team members who were able to achieve academic excellence during the past school year. Those achievements were made possible through the commitment to provide high quality instruction and a rigorous curriculum, as well as promote high expectations.

As a result, we had two of our schools designated as AVID National Demonstration Sites, one of our schools became the first HP Spotlight School in the country, two of our high schools ranked among the top 600 of U.S. News and World Report's 2019 Best High Schools in America, three of our schools ranked among the top 100 in New Jersey, and one of our schools received the first place Very Important Produce (VIP) Award in the New Jersey Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In the athletics and arts, we had our boys varsity track and field team win the Group 4 State Championship, our boys varsity soccer team win the Group 4, North 2 State Sectional Championship, the boys varsity basketball team win its conference and complete the first undefeated regular season in team history, several of our Special Olympics participants won awards in area and sectional bowling championships, the jazz band ensemble earn first place superior ratings, and many students had artwork selected for the Union County Teen Arts Festival, along with numerous other outstanding individual accomplishments and accolades.

Our focus will remain as strong as ever to provide an innovative and personalized learning environment that ensures every child achieves excellence again in 2019-2020. I look forward to working alongside our committed Board members, our dedicated team members, and our active family members to help our students perform at high levels inside and outside of the classroom so they achieve success in college, in their careers, and in their lives.

Thank you for your continued support of Elizabeth Public Schools. Let's achieve excellence together again in 2019-2020!

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**Equity** • **Expectations** • **Excellence** 

## **Every Child Achieving Excellence**



## **Our Vision**

Elizabeth Public Schools will be one of the highest performing urban school districts in the nation

### **Our Promise**

To provide an innovative and personalized learning environment that ensures that every child achieves excellence

## **Our Goals**

★ College Preparedness

★ Career Readiness

## 🔆 "On-Time" Graduation

## **Our Core Beliefs & Commitments**

#### -★ Student

We believe ALL students can learn and achieve at high levels regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, neighborhood, household income or home language.

ALL Means ALL. We will narrow the achievement gaps of students by providing a high quality education to ensure that ALL of our students are college and career ready.

### 🔆 Teacher

We believe teachers make a positive difference in student achievement. Teachers will prepare ALL students for success in college, career, and our technological global society.

We believe that teachers are central in a child's life. Having an effective teacher is the single most important factor in student success.

### - Leader

We believe that effective leaders demonstrate unwavering commitment to high levels of achievement for ALL students.

Leaders will exemplify and support practices that promote high levels of achievement for ALL students.

### 🔆 Family

We believe that parents and caregivers are both valued partners and active participants in their children's learning. A shared sense of mutual responsibility for learning is the foundation for family involvement to ensure student success.

We are committed to engaging parents and caregivers in their children's education. We will develop a coordinated strategy that enables parents and caregivers to play an active role in building and sustaining family support for their children's learning and academic success.

### -🔆 Team

We believe that every member of the Elizabeth Public Schools team has a responsibility in producing and supporting high levels of achievement for ALL students.

Every member of the Elizabeth Public Schools team will make a measureable contribution to the success and achievement for ALL students by ensuring equitable distribution of resources throughout the organization.

## Equity • Expectations • Excellence

### - Equity

As a nation, America's Promise is that every child, regardless of race, ethnicity or social class, should receive a high quality, academically rich and rigorous public education.

### ★ Expectations

The concept of high expectations is premised on the philosophical and pedagogical belief that a failure to hold all students to high expectations effectively denies them access to a high quality education, since the educational achievement of students tends to rise or fall in direct relation to the expectations placed upon them.

### ★ Excellence

Educational Excellence is defined as students performing at high levels or where students are making significant gains in academic achievement helping to prepare every child for global competitiveness.

## **Elizabeth Public Schools Directory**



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#### SCHOOL

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

- 50 Frances C. Smith 51 **Donald Stewart**
- 52 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

- George Washington Academy 1 2 Winfield Scott 3 Nicholas S. La Corte - Peterstown 4 Joseph Battin 5 Mabel G. Holmes 5A Mabel G. Holmes Annex Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marquis de Lafavette 6 9 Jerome Dunn Academy 9A Jerome Dunn Academy Annex 12 Elmora 13 Beniamin Franklin Abraham Lincoln 14 14A Abraham Lincoln Annex 15 Christopher Columbus Madison-Monroe 16 16A Madison-Monroe Annex 18 Robert Morris 19 Woodrow Wilson 20 John Marshall 21 Victor Mravlag 23 Nicholas Murray Butler\* 23A Nicholas Murray Butler Annex 25 School No. 25 27 Dr. Antonia Pantoia 28 Juan Pablo Duarte - José Julián Martí MAGNET SCHOOLS 7 Terence C. Reilly 8 iPrep Academy
- 22 William F. Halloran
- 22A William F. Halloran Annex
- Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy\*\* 26
- 29 Dr. Albert Einstein Academy
- 30 Ronald Reagan Academy

\* Currently at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

\*\* Currently at Monsignor João S. Antão School No. 31

#### LOCATION

1000 South Elmora Ave., 07202 544 Pennsylvania Ave., 07207 130 Trumbull St., 07206 250 Broadway, 07206

125 Madison Ave., 07201 700 Second Ave., 07202 300 South Broad St., 07202 650 Bayway Ave., 07202 720 Clarkson Ave., 07202 1071 Julia St., 07201 125 Third St., 07206 259 Fulton Ave., 07206 638 Magie Ave., 07208 248 Ripley Pl., 07206 50 Grove St., 07202 416 Linden Ave., 07202 511 Third Ave., 07202 1091 North Ave., 07201 1086 North Ave., 07201 860 Cross Ave. 07208 529 Edgar Rd., 07202 521 Magnolia Ave., 07206 132 Shelley Ave., 07208 631-657 Westminster Ave., 07208 500 North Broad St., 07208 525 First Ave., 07206 505-517 Morris Ave., 07208 25 First St., 07206

436 First Ave., 07206 221-227 Court St., 07206 612 Pulaski St., 07202 447 Richmond St., 07202 1014 South Elmora Ave., 07202 919 North Broad St., 07208 730 Pennsylvania Ave., 07208

PRINCIPAL	PHONE
Kathy Di Profio	436-6380
Jocelyn Rodriguez	436-6410
Gladys Castellanos	436-6450
Shawn Black	436-5555
Samuel Etienne	436-6150
Jennifer A. Campel	436-6230
Hollis Mendes	436-6300
Yvonne McGovern	436-6270
James Mondesir	436-5600
Yalitza Torres	436-5580
Melissa Kulick	436-5650
Alina Stewart	436-5700

Gina Donahue Antonio DiFonzo

John J. Byrne

Oscar Crespo	436-6000
Caroline Cespedes	436-6200
Nichol Comas	436-5800
Dr. Michael Wansaw	436-5850
Berthenia Harmon-Carolina	436-5900
Christina Silveira Francisco	436-5930
Veronica Alvero	436-3900
Evelyn Rodriguez-Salcedo	436-3950
Theodore Panagopoulos	436-6030
Lawrence Roodenburg	275-6900
Chihui Seo-Alfaro	436-4860

Howard Teitelbaum 436-5970 Maria Labrador 436-6900 Arlene F. Campbell 436-6950

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

80 Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy	310 Cherry St., 07208	George E. Mikros	436-6100
80A Hamilton 9th Grade Academy	1003 North Broad St., 07208		
82 John E. Dwyer Technology Academy	123 Pearl St., 07202	Sulisnet Jimenez	436-6565
82A Dwyer 9th Grade Academy***	501 Union Ave., 07208		
83 Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy	641 South St., 07202	Christopher R. Van Vliet	436-6600
83A Halsey 9th Grade Academy	699 South St., 07202		
84 Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	27 Martin Luther King., Jr. Plaza, 07201	Michael Ojeda	436-6767
Jefferson 9th Grade Academy****	40 Morrell St., 07202		
87 Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy	625 Summer St., 07202	Fatimah Bey	436-6800
87A Edison 9th Grade Academy *****	425 Grier Avenue., 07202		
89 Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy	40 Morrell St., 07202	Michael Cummings	436-5870
90 J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy	447 Richmond St., 07202	Dr. Megan Marx	436-6500
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\*\*\* Currently at the Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler Academy \*\*\*\* Currently at the Frank J. Cicarell Academy \*\*\*\*\* Currently at the Charles Harris Academy

#### **DISTRICT BUILDINGS & DEPARTMENTS**

Elizabeth Board of Education - James P. Mitchell Building	500 North Broad St., 07208	436-5000
Athletic Department	151 Pearl St., 07202	436-6689
Bilingual/ESL Department	40 Morrell St., 07202	436-5307
Dunn Sports Center	151 Pearl St., 07202	436-6700
Early Childhood Department (Preschool)	1000 S. Elmora Ave., 07202	436-5353
Food & Nutrition Department	544 Pennsylvania Ave., 07207	436-5400
Robert J. Delaney Warehouse	417 South Broad St., 07202	436-5500
Special Services Department	507 Westminster Ave., 07208	436-5200
Transportation Department	625 Summer St., 07202	436-6840
Welcome Center (K-8)	507 Westminster Ave., 07208	552-7500
Welcome Center (9-12)	600 Pearl St., 07202	436-5278

### **ELIZABETH PUBLIC SAFE SCHOOLS TIP LINE**

#### - Keeping Our Schools Safe

To safely and anonymously report unusual activities, concerns or tips to the district, please use one of the three communication options:

- Call 908-436-5777 to leave your tip on our message system. It will be retrieved and investigated promptly.
- Sending an email to: tipline@epsnj.org
- Submitting a tip via the form provided on our district website: www.epsnj.org
- If it is an emergency CALL 911

#### SCHOOL SESSIONS

Early Childhood Centers 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

School #26 @ 31

Wrap Around Calendar 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

K-8 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**High Schools** 9 - 12 7:45 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

## **Central Administration**

## 908.436.5000

#### INSTRUCTION

Superintendent	Olga Hugelmeyer
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning	Dr. Jennifer Cedeño
Assistant Superintendent for Schools	Rafael A. Cortes, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent for Schools	Judy Finch-Johnson
Chief of Operations	Francisco Cuesta
Director, Athletics	Bartolomeo Candelino
Director, Bilingual & ESL Education	Sandra S. Nunes

#### **BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

School Business Administrator/Board Secret	taryHarold E. Kennedy, Jr.
Comptroller	Rajeev Malhotra
Assistant Comptroller	Jeannie M. Ball
Co-General Counsel	. Jonathan Williams, Robert Varady
Director, Food and Nutrition Services	Jamie J. Leavitt
Director, Plant, Property, and Equipment	Luis R. Couto
Director, Security	Matthew Glackin
Director, Transportation	Michael Rijo
Chief Information Officer (Technology)	Alberto A. Marsal
Purchasing Agent	Mario Rodrigues

#### SUPERVISORS OF INSTRUCTION

Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action Office	erPeter Vosseler
Art	Tracy Monteiro
Athletics	Marthelly Luc, Jr.
Bilingual and ESLMaria Carolina Triana	a (PK-5), Rebecca Orellana (6-12)
Career and Technical Education	Crystal Ahearn
Curriculum and Instruction	José Rodriguez
Early Childhood Education	Gissela Barnas
Guidance	Anthony DiDonato (504 Officer)
Language Arts Literacy - PK-5	Vivian Martinez

Director, Curriculum and Instruction	Aaron Goldblatt
Director, Early Childhood Education	Tracy Crosby
Director, Elementary & Secondary Education	Dr. Daphne C. Marchetti
Director, Research, Evaluation, and Assessment	Amy Gil
Director, Special Projects	Dr. Dorothy McMullen
Director, Special Services	Diana Pinto-Gomez
Director, Staff Development and Innovative Programs.	Kathleen Badalis

Supervisor, Accounts Payable	Guilherme Matheus
Supervisor, Construction	Antonino Arcieri
Supervisor, Payroll	Isolina Oyola
Supervisor, Software Applications & Databases	Venkatesh Sagaram
Coordinator, Mechanics	Luis E. Milanes, Jr.
Coordinator, Transportation Haro	ld Cardenas, Jose Laranjeira
Coordinator, Warehouse	Eduardo M. Dias
Deputy Counsel	Heather Savage-Ford
Lead Investigator	Tomas Escribano
Associate Counsel	Vito Mazza

Language Arts Literacy - 6-12	Maria Fabiano
Mathematics - PK-5	Mariestelle Magliano
Mathematics - 6-12	Juan Metrio Sanchez
Physical Education and Health	Joseph Przytula
Science – PK-12	
Social Studies - PK-12	Bruce Elflein
Special Services	Scott Cohen, Valerie Dunn, Ali Abdul Malik,
Justine McConl	key, Nancy Morales-Frigoletto, Andrew Morris

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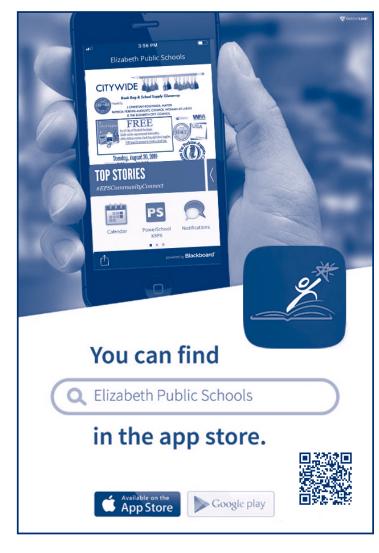
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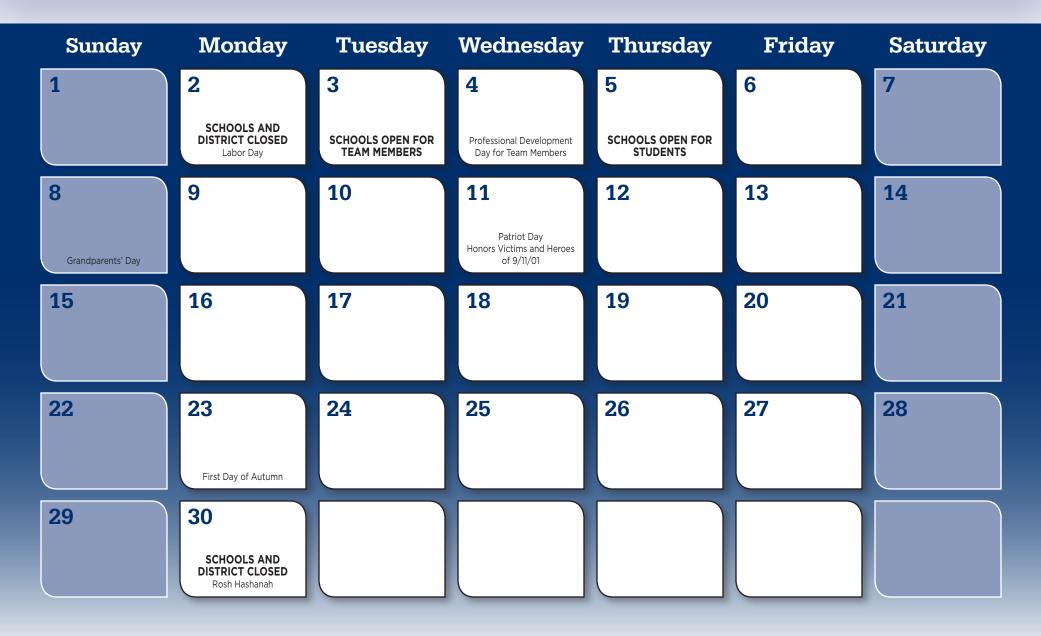
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Hispanic Heritage Month, Library Card Sign-Up Month

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Crime Prevention Month, Czech Heritage Month, German-American Heritage Month, Italian-American Heritage Month, Polish-American Heritage Month, UNICEF Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Rosh Hashanah	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Fire Prevention Week Begins	<b>7</b> Week of Respect Begins	8	9 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Yom Kippur Fire Prevention Day	10	11	12
13	14 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Columbus Day Observance National School Lunch Week begins	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 School Violence Awareness Week begins National School Bus Safety Week begins	22	23	24	25	26
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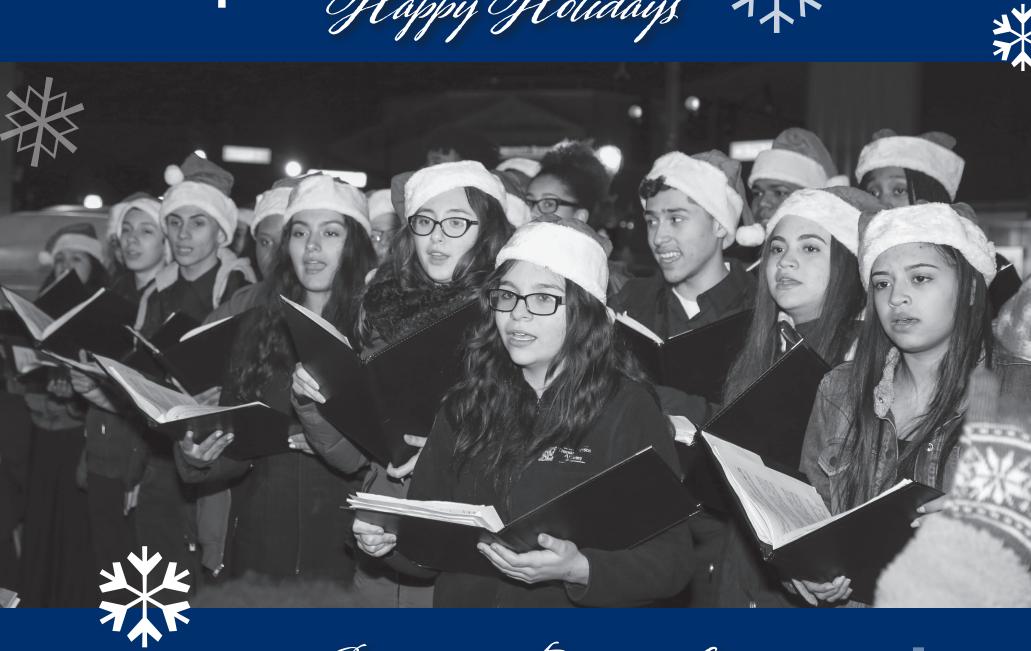
Native American Heritage Month

#### DECEMBER

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<b>3</b> Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am Set time back 1 hour	4	5 SCHOOLS CLOSED General Election Day Professional Development Day for Team Members	6	<b>7</b> SCHOOLS CLOSED NJEA Convention	8 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED NJEA Convention	9
10	<b>11</b> SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Veteran's Day Observed American Education Week Begins	12	<b>13</b> End of First Marking Period	<b>14</b> Second Marking Period Begins	15	16
17	18	19	20 Report Cards	21 National Parental Involvement Day	22	23
<b>24</b> National Family Week Begins	25	26	27 SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 Thanksgiving Recess	28 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Thanksgiving	29 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Thanksgiving Recess	30





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15	16	17	18	19	20 SCHOOLS CLOSE AT REGULAR TIME Christmas Recess	<b>21</b> First Day of Winter
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Hanukkah begins at sundown	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Eve	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess Kwanzaa Begins	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess	
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#### DECEMBER



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19	20 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 Professional Development Day for Team Members	28	29	30	31	



JANUARY



Black History Month, National Children's Dental Health Month

#### MARCH

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<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	<b>3</b> National School Counseling Week begins	<b>4</b> End of Second Marking Period	<b>5</b> Third Marking Period Begins	6	7	8
9	10	<b>11</b> Report Cards	12	13	14	15
16	17 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
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American Red Cross Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Music In Our Schools19Month, National Middle Level Education Month, National Nutrition Month,26Women's History Month, Social Worker's Month, Youth Art Month26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Read Across America Day National School Social Work Week Begins National School Breakfast Week Begins	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am Set time ahead one hour	9 SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 Professional Development Day for Team Members	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	18	19 St. Joseph's Day First Day of Spring	20	21
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#### MARCH



National Autism Awareness Month, National Poetry Month

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5	6	7	<b>8</b> Passover Begins at Sundown	9 SCHOOLS CLOSE AT REGULAR TIME Easter Recess	10 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Good Friday	11
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<b>19</b> National Volunteer Week Begins	20 SCHOOLS REOPEN	<b>21</b> End of Third Marking Period	222 Earth Day Administrative Professionals' Day Fourth Marking Period begins	<b>23</b> Ramadan begins	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28 Report Cards	29	30		



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Asian-Pacific Heritage Month , Better Hearing and Speech Month, National Sight-Saving Month

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3	<b>4</b> Teacher Appreciation Week begins	<b>5</b> National Teacher Day	<b>6</b> National School Nurse Day	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24 31	25 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30



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Portuguese Heritage Month, Gun Violence Awareness Month, Fireworks Safety Months (June and July)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 SCHOOLS CLOSED Primary Election Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Fourth Marking Period Ends	20 First Day of Summer Report Cards
<b>21</b> Father's Day	22 *SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 FOR STUDENTS	23 *SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR 10-MONTH ADMINISTRATORS	24	25	26	27
28 *Subject to change due to school	29 closings for inclement weather	30				







Fireworks Safety Months (June and July)





#### **Registration – Early Childhood Classes**

The Elizabeth Board of Education offers free, high quality, full day, age and developmentally appropriate preschool and kindergarten classes to all eligible Elizabeth children. To enroll in preschool, a child must live in Elizabeth with his or her parent/guardian and reach the age of either three or four on or before October 1st. To enroll in kindergarten, a child must also live in Elizabeth with his or her parent or guardian and must celebrate his or her fifth birthday on or before October 1st.

In addition to regular full day preschool classes, the Elizabeth Board of Education also provides extended day and extended year programs for three and four-year-olds at specific sites throughout the city. For more information on these programs, please call the Office of Early Childhood Education at 908-436-5353.

Registration dates for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are published in all of the area's newspapers each year and are featured on the local cable network's Community Bulletin Board. You may also call the Office of Early Childhood Education for registration dates, times, and locations. You will need the documents listed below to register your child.

## Registration — Required Documents for all Grades (Pre-K through 12)

The child's birth certificate, his/her immunization records, and proof of residency as listed below. Please provide one of the following to meet your five-point requirement:

- \_\_\_ Deed
- \_\_\_\_ Current Property Tax Bill
- \_\_\_\_ Current Lease or 5-C form

\_\_\_\_ Mortgage \_\_\_\_ Landlord Affidavit (form 6-C)

\_\_\_\_ Current Water/Sewer Bill

\_\_\_\_ Paystub from Employer

\_\_\_\_ Auto Insurance

Four of the following (All must have your name and address)

- \_\_\_\_ Government Issued Identification
- \_\_\_\_ Credit card bill
- \_\_\_\_ Current Cell Phone Bill \_\_\_\_ Homeowner Insurance
- \_\_\_\_ Current Gas bill \_\_\_\_ Current Electrical Bill
- Current Cable Bill
- \_\_\_\_ Benefit Statement
  - Statement \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Statement

#### **Registration – Where to Register Your Child**

Elizabeth Public Schools K-8 Welcome Center — 507 Westminster Ave., 552-7500 Elizabeth Public Schools 9-12 Welcome Center — 600 Pearl St., 436-5278

#### **School Security**

For the welfare of all students and staff members, all visitors, who wish to enter

school buildings during the arrival/dismissal periods, must wait until all students have entered/departed the building before entering and proceeding to the main office to sign in. All visitors must have an appointment. School staff members will issue visitor passes and arrange for teachers to meet with parents/guardians. Please be aware that metal detectors are in use in all of our schools to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and visitors.

#### **District Crisis Plan**

The Elizabeth School District maintains a comprehensive Crisis Management Plan designed to provide administrators, teachers, parents and students with specific guidelines to follow in the event of any type of emergency situation. Each school also has its own plan that includes information specific to the school such as designated evacuation sites and emergency phone chains. Please contact your child's school with questions relevant to the district or the school's Crisis Plan.

#### **Emergency School Closings**

Announcements regarding school closings or delayed openings due to inclement weather or any other emergency situation will be made using the BlackBoard Connect electronic messaging system and will be available on the following Emergency School Closing stations:

## Radio Stations: WCBS- AM, WNBC-AM, WOR-710 AM, NJ 101.5 FM, WCTC- 1450 AM, WMGQ-MAGIC 98.3 FM. Television Stations: News 12 New Jersey, Verizon Fios1, WCBS-TV, WABC-TV and FOX 5/WNYW.

This information will also be posted on the district's website: **www.epsnj.org**, the district's Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/epsnj**, and the district's Twitter page: **@epsBOARD** 

In the event of an emergency that may require school closing, parents may also call the main phone numbers of their child's school. If schools are to be closed or if a delayed opening is planned, each principal will record a message to this effect that can be retrieved by anyone calling the school's main phone number. We request that parents and students not call police headquarters, City Hall, the radio or television stations listed above, or Board of Education offices for emergency closing information.

#### **Emergency Student Information**

In the event of a medical emergency or any other event that necessitates immediate contact with parents or guardians, schools must have on file a current address and current phone numbers (home, business, cell, etc.) for every one of their students, as well as the phone number of a friend or family member who will know how to contact the student's parent/guardian if an emergency does arise. If you move or change jobs,



please remember to update your child's school records and emergency information as soon as possible. A form can be found on the district website.

No treatment beyond first aid can be given at any hospital or doctor's office without a parent or legal guardian's consent. Any delay in reaching you could prove hazardous to your child's health.

#### **Medications**

Students may not carry medication with them during the school day. Any student who must receive medication during school hours must have the medication handcarried to the school nurse by his/her parent or guardian. The medication must be in the original pharmacy container and must be accompanied by a note from the child's physician indicating why, how, and when the medication should be given.

In keeping with the district's Crisis Management Plan, if a child has a condition, such as diabetes or epilepsy, that can be life-threatening without the timely administration of the proper medication, his/her parents/guardians are asked to discuss this situation with the school nurse so that the proper precautions can be taken in the event of an emergency situation.

#### **Health Policies**

It is the responsibility of school authorities to protect the school population from the spread of communicable diseases while at the same time making every effort to minimize the loss of school time by the involved students. Do not send your child to school with an unexplained rash, or if your child complains of a headache, fever, upset stomach, runny nose, or other cold-related symptoms, or if he/she doesn't appear to be in good health. Consult your physician for a diagnosis. Also, please notify the school if your child is absent because of a communicable disease so that we may safeguard the health of other students.

#### **Physical Examinations and Health Screenings**

According to New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:16-2, students should have a physical examination at least one time during each developmental stage. These stages are described as the early childhood stage (preschool through the third grade), the pre-adolescent stage (the fourth through the sixth grade), and the adolescent stage (the seventh through the twelfth grade). Each of these examinations is to be done by the student's own doctor, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist. Reports concerning these examinations must be recorded on the Elizabeth Public Schools' Health Record Form and must be submitted to the school nurse. These forms are available through each school's medical office.

If a student doesn't have a family doctor or healthcare provider, a school physician will perform the student's medical examination in a district school health office after the student's parent/guardian signs a form indicating that this is the case. Parents

are invited to be present at these examinations and may contact the school nurse for the date and time of their child's exam. Students must receive a physical examination from a physician or healthcare provider within one year prior to their initial entry into the Elizabeth Public Schools. Students who have not submitted documentation verifying they have received their initial physical examination prior to their first day upon entering the school district will not be permitted to attend school.

According to law, every student between the ages of ten and eighteen is screened for scoliosis every two years. Tuberculin testing is also performed on all students as directed by the New Jersey State Department of Health. If you prefer to have your private physician or healthcare provider perform the scoliosis exam and the tuberculin testing, you must notify your child's school nurse at the beginning of each school year. Health professionals are authorized by the State of New Jersey Department of Health to do dental, vision, hearing and blood pressure screenings for the safety and well being of our students.

### Parent Teacher Associations

#### **Parent Teacher Organizations**

Each school in the Elizabeth School District has either a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that all parents are encouraged to join. For more information about parent organizations, please contact your child's school.

#### **Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

The Elizabeth Public Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Department offers breakfast to all students in our district. The free breakfast program has been made available to all our students. We have lunch programs at all schools for students who wish to participate. At each meal, a variety of foods from the four food groups are offered. Free and reduced cost meals are available to all eligible students.

#### **Report Cards**

Report cards are issued quarterly. The dates on which these reports can be expected are specified in the calendar pages of this publication.

#### Wrap Around and After School Programs

The following pre-school classes housed within Neighborhood and Lottery Schools will offer a 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Wrap Around Schedule: Schools No. 1, 2, 5, 5A, 7, 16, 21, 22, 26@31, 27, 28, 29, 30, 50, 51, and 52. Pre-school students not participating in the Wrap Around program will follow the regular day schedule which runs from 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Both the District and individual schools sponsor many after-school programs. Information about these programs is available through your child's school office.



#### **Affirmative Action**

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Elizabeth Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the district's policy for Equal Educational Opportunity:

No student attending the Elizabeth Public Schools shall be denied access to or benefit from any educational or vocational program or activity solely on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, nationality, place of residence within the district, socioeconomic status, disability, or pregnancy.

Peter Vosseler, Affirmative Action Officer 908-436-5317

#### **Special Programs**

The Elizabeth Public Schools offer a number of programs geared to meet the special needs of our students. Programs are available in Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language Education, Special Education, Vocational Education, and in Gifted and Talented Education to name just a few. More information on any of these programs is available through your child's school.

In compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Parents-Right-to-Know, the Elizabeth Board of Education hereby gives public notice that parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. This request must be made in writing to the school principal.

#### The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and all students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

Parents and eligible students have:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. The parent or eligible student should submit to the school principal or appropriate school official a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- 2. The right to request the amendment of the student's record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. The parent or eligible student should write the school

principal or appropriate official, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed. They should specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of his/her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- 3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member, including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel, Board of Education members, a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist, or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The school district will forward a copy of the records on request and will forward a copy of the requested records to the parent or eligible student.
- **4.** The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by a school or school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-8520

#### Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

**Notice of Directory Information:** Public law also gives access to information about students to educational, occupational, and military recruiters. Parents or students who are eighteen years of age or older may request to have their children's names or their names deleted from the student directory.



#### Notification of Rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or emancipated minors ("eligible students"), certain rights regarding a school district's administration of surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Give consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the United States Department of Education:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent(s);
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

- Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and

 Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
Inspect upon request and before administration or use of:

- Protected information surveys of students;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The Elizabeth School District has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The Elizabeth School District will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. The Elizabeth School District will also directly notify parents and eligible

students of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution;
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the Department of Education; or
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-8520

Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

#### Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

The Elizabeth Board of Education shall maintain a working and learning environment that is free from all forms of harassment, intimidation, or bullying/cyber bullying (EBOE Policy Code 5131.1) on school property, at any school sponsored events, on a school bus or other form of transportation, and via electronic means.

All district employees who have witnessed, or have reliable information, that a staff member or student has been subject to harassment, intimidation or bullying must report the incident to the appropriate school/district office designated by the administration. All other members of the school community, including students, parents, volunteers, and visitors, are encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this policy. The Board shall not tolerate an act of reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. This policy and accompanying regulations and exhibits may be viewed in their entirety at the Board Administrative offices or on our website: www.epsnj.org.

Peter Vosseler, Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action Officer 908-436-5317

#### **Integrated Pest Management Policy**

To comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act, this notice alerts all parents, guardians and staff members that the Elizabeth Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan at the district level and at each school to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventative approach to managing pests that is explained further in EBOE Policy Code 3510. You can see EBOE Policy Code 3510 for further information regarding IPM on the district's website: **www.epsnj.org.** 



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