

WELCOME BACK!

"I will always be one of our students' strongest advocates and want to ensure our students have the resources necessary to have the very best experiences possible. I will do everything in my power to make certain that they will have every opportunity to achieve academic and developmental success and grow up to be caring, responsible, and successful adults."

- Iliana Chevres

President, Elizabeth Board of Education On behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

It is my great honor to serve as board president and to welcome you back to this new school year that I am certain will provide us many opportunities to celebrate the successes of our students and team members.

For as long as I have lived in Elizabeth, I have served this community. In touring our schools and administrative offices during this calendar year, I have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people who also have dedicated themselves to serving the Elizabeth community by preparing the youth of our city for academic and life success. Among those who have joined me on those visits are my incredible Board colleagues who have shown such a strong and tireless commitment to serving Elizabeth Public School families and greater Elizabeth.

The part that I enjoyed most in visiting our schools was being able to interact with our incredible students and witnessing the inspiring work they are doing inside and outside of their classrooms. I take great pride in our students being out in the community and doing service that supports those in Elizabeth and beyond.

In fact, for the first time during the 2022-2023 school year, the Elizabeth Board of Education had a senior from each of our high schools with a senior class serve as a representative of their school community to present student thoughts and concerns to the Board during the public business meeting and to participate as a non-voting member in the process of going through the agenda. Providing our students with these types of opportunities to connect with school and district leaders as well as the residents of Elizabeth develops character, leadership, and a passion for service that is a win for them, for Elizabeth Public Schools, and for our greater community.

As a Board member and as a parent, I believe an open, sustained connection between the Board and the school district with our students and their families is vital to our success. Our learning community of Board members,

district team members, students, and families has shown over the past several years how strong and successful it can be when we are working together. We will continue to promote parent activities, to develop and expand partnerships, and to strengthen our instructional resources to enhance that connection between our schools and our families while empowering our students to succeed.

I thank you all for your support of the Elizabeth Public Schools, especially our students, and for blessing me with this opportunity to serve you and to make a difference in the lives of our youth. I will give it the respect and attention it deserves to provide our community with a school system of which it can be proud. 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 Wednesday.

Once again, on behalf of the Board, please accept our best wishes for an outstanding school year!

YOUR ELIZABETH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Iliana Chevres President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely Vice President Diane Barbosa Maria Z. Carvalho Stephanie Goncalves Pestana Jerry D. Jacobs Rosa Moreno-Ortega Stanley Neron

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"For those who have walked through our doors and our hallways over the years, Elizabeth Public Schools has served as a birthplace of goals, inspirations, and dreams. As a dedicated team of leaders, we will continue to provide an innovative and personalized learning environment that ensures every child achieves excellence and prepares every child for college, career, and life success."

- Olga Hugelmeyer

Superintendent Elizabeth Public Schools

Welcome to the Elizabeth Public Schools 2023-2024 school year!

After a year filled with many great successes, I am excited to start a new year that promises to build upon those accomplishments. Elizabeth Public Schools remains equity driven and achievement focused as we continue on our journey toward becoming one of the highest performing urban school districts in the nation.

We had many things to celebrate during the 2022-2023 school year as we were able to enjoy successes at the district, school, team, and individual levels.

Elizabeth Public Schools was among only 830 districts and 78 schools across 43 states to be honored with the 2023 Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education, a recognition the district has now received for four straight years and for the seventh time in the past eight years. The district was also awarded a \$493K federal grant under the Office of Community

Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program to improve security at schools and on school grounds through evidence-based school safety programs.

Several of our schools were recognized for outstanding achievements, including State School of Character by Character. org, first-place winner of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program's Very Impressive Produce (VIP) Award by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award by College Board, Naval Honor School by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Training and Education Command, Showcase School Program Incubator School by Microsoft, and Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards by Safe Routes to School.

There were many admirable and even unprecedented performances, including the Girls Track and Field team earning its first state sectional championship in 20 years and first Group 4 championship in program history, the Elizabeth High School

Color Guard being crowned the 2022 USBands Group 4 Open National Champions, and both boys and girls basketball teams winning conference championships.

Among the honors and achievements of individual students were Questbridge full academic college scholarship recipients, a Governor's STEM Scholar, athletic college scholarships, National Recognition Awards from College Board, and being chosen to represent Union County at the State Youth Art Month exhibit,

As we go through the upcoming months and continue to make new successes, enjoy reliving some poignant moments from our past as you flip the pages of this calendar. I look forward to making and celebrating more of these moments with you!

Thank you again to our Board Members, team members, students, and families for your continued support and for making Elizabeth Public Schools a truly special place. I hope the 2023-2024 school year will be prosperous and memorable one for you!



Equity • Expectations • Excellence

2023-2024

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



Our Core Beliefs

★ Student

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

→ 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.

★ Leader

We believe that effective leaders demonstrate unwavering commitment to 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.

-≭ 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.



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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SC	HOOL	LOCATION	PRINCIPAL	PHONE
	RLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS	2007111011		
50	Frances C. Smith	1000 South Elmora Ave., 07202	Linda Trebino (Acting)	436-6380
51	Donald Stewart	544 Pennsylvania Ave., 07207	Jocelyn Rodriguez	436-6410
52	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	130 Trumbull St., 07206	Gladys Castellanos	436-6450
	IGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS	100 Harrisan Ct., 07200	Clady's Castellarios	100 0 100
1	George Washington Academy	250 Broadway, 07206	Shawn Black	436-5555
2	Winfield Scott	125 Madison Ave., 07201	Shante Gilmore-Rorie	436-6150
3	Nicholas S. La Corte - Peterstown	700 Second Ave., 07201	Jennifer A. Campel	436-6230
3A	Nicholas S. La Corte - Peterstown Annex	943 Bond St., 07201	Serimer A. Camper	430-0230
4	Joseph Battin*	501 Union Ave., 07208	Hollis Mendes	436-6300
4A	Joseph Battin Joseph Battin Annex	840 North Broad St., 07208	riollis Merides	436-6300
5	Mabel G. Holmes	650 Bayway Ave., 07202	Colomb Thomas-Petit	436-6270
5A	Mabel G. Holmes Annex	720 Clarkson Ave., 07202	Colomb Monas i cut	430 0270
6	Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marquis de Lafayette	1071 Julia St., 07201	James Mondesir	436-5600
9	Jerome Dunn Academy	125 Third St., 07206	Cristina Viegas	436-5580
9A	Jerome Dunn Academy Annex	259 Fulton Ave., 07206	Cristila Viegas	430 3300
12	Elmora	638 Magie Ave., 07208	Melissa Kulick	436-5650
13	Benjamin Franklin	248 Ripley Pl., 07206	Alina Stewart	436-5700
14	Abraham Lincoln	50 Grove St., 07202	Diane Matos Reis	436-5828
14A		416 Linden Ave., 07202		
15	Christopher Columbus	511 Third Ave., 07202	Dr. Gina Donahue	436-5730
15A	•	889 East Jersey St., 07201		XXX-XXXX
16	Madison-Monroe	1091 North Ave., 07201	Antonio DiFonzo	436-5770
16A	Madison-Monroe Annex	1086 North Ave., 07201		
18	Robert Morris	860 Cross Ave. 07208	Oscar Crespo	436-6000
19	Woodrow Wilson	529 Edgar Rd., 07202	Doris Farrell	436-6200
20	John Marshall	521 Magnolia Ave., 07206	Nichol Comas	436-5800
21	Victor Mravlag	132 Shelley Ave., 07208	Dr. Michael Wansaw	436-5850
23	Nicholas Murray Butler**	631-657 Westminster Ave., 07208	Berthenia Harmon-Carolina	436-5900
23 <i>A</i>	Nicholas Murray Butler Annex	500 North Broad St., 07208		
25	Sonia Sotomayor	525 First Ave., 07206	Christina Silveira Francisco	436-5930
27	Dr. Antonia Pantoja	505-517 Morris Ave., 07208	Veronica Alvero	436-3900
28	Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí	25 First St., 07206	Evelyn Rodriguez-Salcedo	436-3950
MA	GNET SCHOOLS			
7	Terence C. Reilly	436 First Ave., 07206	Jenny Reguinho	436-6030
8	iPrep Academy	221-227 Court St., 07206	Lawrence Roodenburg	275-6900
22	William F. Halloran	612 Pulaski St., 07202	Lauerin Gareis	436-4860
22 <i>A</i>	William F. Halloran Annex	447 Richmond St., 07202		
26	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy***	1014 South Elmora Ave., 07202	Howard Teitelbaum	436-5970
29	Dr. Albert Einstein Academy	919 North Broad St., 07208	Maria Labrador	436-6900
30	Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy	730 Pennsylvania Ave., 07208	Arlene F. Campbell	436-6950

^{*} Currently at the Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler Academy

^{**} Currently at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

^{***} Currently at Monsignor João S. Antão School No. 31

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	227 Center St., 07202		
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	Dr. Mona Wanis	436-6767
	Jefferson 9th Grade Academy****	40 Morrell St., 07202	Fatimah Bey	
87	Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy	625 Summer St., 07202	John Markowitz	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
89A	Cicarell 9th Grade Academy	209 Princeton Rd., 07208		
90	J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy	447 Richmond St., 07202	John J. Byrne	436-6500
92	Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson STEM Academy	237 South Broad St., 07202	Theodore Panagopoulos	409-6330

^{****} Currently at the Frank J. Cicarell 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
Student Services Department	507 Westminster Ave., 07208	
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.

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

K-8 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. School #26 @ 31 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

High Schools 9 - 12 7:45 a.m. - 2:29 p.m.

^{*****} Currently at the Charles Harris Academy

Central Administration

Language Arts Literacy - 5-8TBD

908.436.5000

INSTRUCTION			
Superintendent	Olga Hugelmeyer	Director, Early Childhood Education	Tracy Crosby
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning	Dr. Jennifer Cedeño	Director, Elementary & Secondary Education	Dr. Daphne C. Marchetti
Assistant Superintendent for Schools	Rafael A. Cortes, Jr.	Director, Equity and Inclusion/EEOC/Affirmative Action Officer	Samuel Etienne
Assistant Superintendent for Schools	Judy Finch-Johnson	Director, Research, Evaluation, and Assessment	Amy Gil
Chief of Operations	Francisco Cuesta	Director, Special Projects	Dr. Dorothy McMullen
Director, Athletics	Bartolomeo Candelino	Director, Special Services	Dr. Michael Ojeda
Director, Bilingual & ESL Education	Dr. Sandra S. Nunes	Director, Staff Development and Innovative Programs	Dr. Kathleen Badalis
Director, Student Services	Anthony DiDonat		
BUSINESS DEPARTMENT			
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.	Coordinator, Community Attendance Liaison	Jamil Jackson
Comptroller	Rajeev Malhotra	Supervisor, Construction	Antonino Arcieri
Assistant Comptroller		Supervisor, Security	
Co-General Counsel	Edward Kologi, Robert Varady	Supervisor, Software Applications & Databases	
Director, Food and Nutrition Services	Jamie J. Leavitt	Coordinator, Athletics/Special Activities	=
Director, Plant, Property, and Equipment		Coordinator, Mechanics	
Director, Security		Coordinator, Transportation	
Director, Transportation			
Chief Information Officer (Technology)		Coordinator, Warehouse	
Purchasing Agent	_	Deputy Counsel	
Senior Accountant/Payroll Manager		Lead Investigator	
Supervisor, Accounts Payable	Guilherme Matheus	Associate Counsel/Homeless Education Liaison	Vito Mazza
SUPERVISORS OF INSTRUCTION			
Anti-Bullying	Peter Vosseler	Language Arts Literacy - 9-12	Edward H. Long
Art	Tracy Monteiro	Mathematics - PK-4	Mariestelle Magliano
Athletics	Marthelly Luc, Jr.	Mathematics - 5-8	TBD
Bilingual and ESL - PK-4	Maria C. Triana-Gonzalez	Mathematics - 9-12	Dr. Aalivah J. McClinton
Bilingual and ESL - 5-8		Physical Education and Health	•
Bilingual and ESL - 9-12		Science - PK-12	
Career and Technical Education	-		
Early Childhood Education	Gissela Barnas	Social Studies - PK-12	
Guidance	•	Special Services Thelusma Cadet, Scott Cohen, Cheryl Fel	-
Language Arts Literacy - PK-4	Vivian Castano	Malik, Justine McConkey, Nancy Morale	s-Frigoletto, Maria Yurecko

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For information pertaining to the return to school for the 2023-2024 school year, including new student registration and uniforms, visit www.epsnj.org/backtoschool.



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OCTOBER

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Labor Day	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR TEAM MEMBERS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEAM MEMBERS	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEAM MEMBERS	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Grandparents' Day	Patriot Day Honors Victims and Heroes of 9/11/01				National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Rosh Hashanah
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						First Day of Autumn
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Yom Kippur					



SEPTEMBER

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NOVEMBER

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CRIME PREVENTION MONTH, CZECH HERITAGE MONTH, GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, UNICEF MONTH, NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Week of Respect begins					
Fire Prevention Week begins	9 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Columbus Day Observance Fire Prevention Day National School Lunch Week begins	10	11	12	13	14
15	School Violence Awareness Week begins National School Bus Safety Week begins	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
		Halloween				



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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

DECEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am Set time back 1 hour	6	7 SCHOOLS CLOSED for General Election Day	8	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED NJEA Convention	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED NJEA Convention	11 Veteran's Day
12 Diwali	American Education Week begins	14	15	National Parental Involvement Day End of First Marking Period	Second Marking Period begins	18
National Family Week Begins	20	21	SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM Thanksgiving Recess	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Thanksgiving	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Thanksgiving Recess	25
26	27	Report Cards Available on PowerSchool Parent Portal	29	30		



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM Professional Development Day for Team Members	5	6	Hanukkah begins at Sundown	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Eve New Year's Eve 31	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess Kwanzaa Begins	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Christmas Recess	30



DECEMBER

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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED New Year's Day	2 SCHOOLS REOPEN	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM Professional Development Day for Team Members	30	End of Second Marking Period			



JANUARY

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH, NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Third Marking Period begins	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	National School Counseling Week begins	6	Report Cards Available on PowerSchool Parent Portal	SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Digital Learning Day	16	17
18	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	Leap Day		



FEBRUARY

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AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH, NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH, NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH, WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH, YOUTH ART MONTH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Read Across America Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
National School Social Work Week begins	National School Breakfast Week begins					
Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am Set time ahead one hour Ramadan begins at sundown	SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM Professional Development Day for Team Members	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day		St. Joseph's Day	First Day of Spring			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Sunday 31				SCHOOLS CLOSE AT REGULAR TIME for Easter Recess	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Good Friday	



MARCH

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NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH, NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** 3 2 4 5 6 National Vice Principals Week begins **SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS CLOSED SCHOOLS CLOSED SCHOOLS CLOSED SCHOOLS CLOSED DISTRICT CLOSED** Easter Recess Easter Recess Easter Recess Easter Recess Easter Recess 7 8 10 11 12 13 9 **SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED** Eid al-Fitr **SCHOOLS REOPEN** begins at sundown 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 National Volunteer Week Fourth Marking End of Third Marking Period Period begins begins 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 Passover begins at sundown Earth Day Report Cards Available on Administrative PowerSchool Parent Portal Passover (first day) Professionals' Day Arbor Day 28 29 30 Last Day of Passover



APRIL

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ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH, HAITIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH,
NATIONAL SIGHT-SAVING MONTH, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, KINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH,
NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
				2	3	4		
5	Teacher Appreciation Week begins National Nurses Week begins	National Teacher Day	National School Nurse Day	9	10	11		
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Haitian Flag Day		
19	20 Cuban Flag Day	21	22	23	24	25		
26	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Memorial Day	28	29	30	31			



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PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH, GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTHS (JUNE AND JULY)

JULY
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	SCHOOLS CLOSED Primary Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	Portugal Day	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	*SCHOOLS CLOSE AT 12:15 PM FOR STUDENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS End of Fourth Marking Period	*SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR 10-MONTH ADMINISTRATORS Report Cards Available on PowerSchool Parent Portal First Day of Summer	SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT CLOSED Juneteenth	22
30	24	25	26	27	28	29

^{*}Subject to change due to school closings for inclement weather





AUGUST

FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTHS (JUNE AND JULY)

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Registration — Early Childhood

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)						
Four of the following (All must have your name and address)							
Government Issued Identification Credit card bill Current Gas bill Current Electrical Bill Current Cable Bill Benefit Statement	Current Water/Sewer Bill Current Cell Phone Bill Homeowner Insurance Auto Insurance Paystub from Employer 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 well-being 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 preadolescent 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 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 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.epsni.org.

Our Vision

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