



Clark-Shawnee Local Schools

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Clark-Shawnee Local Schools is excited to welcome back our students, teachers, and support staff for the 2026-2027 school year. The Clark-Shawnee Local School District remains committed to providing a high-quality education to our students in a safe and welcoming environment. This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be updated with answers to questions we are being asked about the upcoming school year.

When will students be attending school during the 2026-2027 school year?

The 2026-2027 District Calendar can be accessed by clicking this link. There will continue to be in-service days for teachers to complete important professional development and receive training on district and state initiatives. Students will not report on in-service days. Please note the non-school days for students on October 19, 2026 and April 30, 2027.

When are Open Houses for the 2026-2027 school year?

The opportunity for students to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms for the upcoming school year is always an important event. In an effort to accommodate all of our families, our open house and meet-the-teacher opportunities will be scheduled over two evenings.

Preschool--Thursday, August 20th from 5:00-6:30 PM

Kindergarten--Monday, August 24th from 5:00-6:30 PM

- Teachers will notify families if they plan on having a parent meeting.

Grades 1-3--Tuesday, August 18th from 5:00-6:30 PM

Grades 4-6--Tuesday, August 18th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Grade 7-- Monday, August 17th from 5:00-6:30 PM

- There will be an important meeting in the South Gym for students entering the 7th grade at 5:00 PM.

Grade 8--Monday, August 17th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Grades 9-12-- Monday, August 17th from 6:00-7:30 PM

- There will be an important meeting in the South Gym for students entering the 9th grade at 6:00 PM

What school supplies will my child need for the upcoming school year?

Back to school sales have already started at many stores and the State of Ohio's tax free holiday takes place August 7-9, 2026. We want to be sure families can take advantage of these savings opportunities so we have posted supply lists on our website under the Back To School menu in the top right corner. [Click here to access the supply lists.](#)

What is my child's first day of school?

Preschool: Students accepted to attend at Shawnee ES will begin school on Monday, August 24th. Preschool screening will take place by appointment August 17-20, 2026. Parents will be contacted to schedule these appointments.

- Students whose last names begin with A-L will attend school on Monday, August 24.
- Students whose last names begin with M-Z will attend school on Tuesday, August 25.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students will begin school using a staggered schedule in order to accommodate the administration of state-required assessments. Kindergarten screening will take place by appointment August 17-21, 2026. Parents will schedule screening appointments during registration. Homeroom assignments will be provided following Kindergarten screening.

- Students whose last names begin with A-L in the homerooms of Shaffer, Hare, and Elkins will attend school on Tuesday, August 25.
- Students whose last names begin with A-L in the homerooms of Otstot, Carson, and Greenwood will attend school on Wednesday, August 26.
- Students whose last names begin with M-Z in the homerooms of Shaffer, Hare, and Elkins will attend school on Thursday, August 27.
- Students whose last names begin with M-Z in the homerooms of Otstot, Carson, and Greenwood will attend school on Friday, August 28.
- All Kindergarten students will attend school daily beginning on Monday, August 31..

Grades 1-12: The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is Thursday, August 20, 2026.

When will I find out about approximate bus pick-up and drop-off times for my child?

[CLICK HERE for instructions on how to access your child's transportation information including bus number along with pick-up and drop-off times.](#)

***If there has been any change to your child's transportation plan for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact the Transportation Department at 937-717-2404 or Transportation@cslocal.org. For example, if your child did not ride the bus in the morning last year but needs to ride the bus in the morning this year, you must call to notify the Transportation Department of this change. Updating information in FinalForms DOES NOT automatically change the transportation routing information.

My child attends GISA. How does transportation work since they start before Clark-Shawnee?

The district will provide transportation for GISA students beginning on August 20th (the first day of school for Clark-Shawnee). Please contact the Transportation Department at 937-717-2404 with any questions.

When will my elementary school child find out who their teacher is?

Elementary school students whose FinalForms are completed will receive an email on Friday, August 14th for grades 1-6 and on August 24th for Kindergarten with the name of their student's homeroom teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

When will my Middle School/High School student receive their schedule?

Middle and High School schedules will be available for pick up during the open houses on the evening of Monday, August 17th.

What are the school times for the upcoming school year?

Shawnee High School and Middle School: *7:25 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten through 6th Grade: *8:50 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

AM Preschool: 8:50 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

PM Preschool: 12:55 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

* = Students will be permitted to enter the building ten minutes prior to the tardy bell.

How will breakfast and lunches be handled at Clark-Shawnee this school year?

The following meal prices have been established for the 2026-2027 school year.

Elementary--PreK-Grade 6

Lunch--Full Price: \$3.50

Lunch--Reduced: FREE through June 30, 2027 per the state budget.

Middle School/High School--Grades 7-12

Lunch--Full Price: \$3.75

Lunch--Reduced: FREE through June 30, 2027 per the state budget.

Breakfasts will be available to all students at NO COST for the 2026-2027 school year. This means that all Clark-Shawnee students will have access to a free breakfast on days when school is in session, unless otherwise noted.

Lunch Charge Policy: Students will not be allowed to charge more than \$12.00 to their student food service account. Once a student exceeds that threshold, they will not be able to purchase a school lunch.

What are the Pay to Participate Fees for the 2026-2027 school year?

The Pay to Participate Fees are as follows:

Middle School: \$125.00 per sport with a two-sport cap per athlete.

High School: \$250.00 per sport with a two-sport cap per athlete.

Pay to Participate fees for fall sports are due September 1, 2026. Fall athletes with unpaid pay-to-participate fees WILL NOT be permitted to participate in their sport after September 1st until the fees are paid. Fall sports include Football, Football Cheerleading, Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, and Golf.

Household Cap: A single household will not pay more than the equivalent of two high school sports in pay to participate fees for students living in the same household during the 2026-2027 school year.

Student Pass: Student-athletes will receive a Student Athletic pass that will give the named student admission to all home sporting events at Shawnee during the 2026-2027 school year. This pass WILL NOT work for CBC Tournament events or OHSAA Postseason Contests.

Will latchkey be offered during the 2026-2027 school year?

The morning and afternoon latchkey programs will be returning for the 2026-2027 school year!
Morning latchkey will be available beginning at 6:30 AM until school starts and afternoon latchkey will be available after school until 6:00 PM on days when school is in session.

Latchkey pricing remains the same and includes discounted prepayment options for families. Daily rates will be used in August and discounted prepayment rates will be available starting in September.

Daily Rate (per child)

Morning Latchkey \$5.00/day

Afternoon Latchkey \$10.00/day

Discounted Prepayment Rates (per child)

Morning Latchkey \$80.00/month

Afternoon Latchkey \$160.00/month

Access to all Latchkey Services \$200.00/month

What are the telephone numbers for the school district?

As part of the facilities project, the district phone system was updated which required a change in telephone numbers. Please see the updated list below.

- District Phone Number 937-717-2400
- Board Office 937-717-2401
- Shawnee HS/MS 937-717-2402
- Shawnee ES 937-717-2403
- Transportation 937-717-2404