K.T. Murphy School

Parent Handbook

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Doors open for students: 8:45 a.m. Students may get breakfast!

SCHOOL DAY HOURS:	Start Time:	9:00 a.m.	Dismissal:	3:25 p.m.
EARLY DISMISSAL:	Start Time:	9:00 a.m.	Dismissal:	1:25 p.m.
DELAYED OPENING:	Start Time:	11:00 a.m.	Dismissal:	3:25 p.m.

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Welcome to K.T. Murphy!

Stamford Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.

K.T. Murphy Mission Statement

The K. T. Murphy Community strives to create a learning environment that encourages and enables each individual to reach his/her academic, social and emotional potential.

K.T. Murphy Guiding Principles

- Collaboration between all members of the school community is essential.
- All individuals deserve a secure and safe learning environment.
- We embrace the diverse languages, cultures and abilities of all members of our community.
- All individuals should be treated with respect.
- Learning is an on-going process for all members of the school community.

Staying Connected!

K.T. Murphy P.T.O. (Parent-Teacher Organization) works hard to keep you informed about events, news and announcements. Stay connected and follow the K.T. Murphy P.T.O. on **Instagram** *@ktmurphypto,* **Facebook** – *K.T. Murphy Elementary School.* K.T. Murphy information can also be found on our website at www.ktmurphy.org

For additional information about Stamford Public Schools please visit: www.stamfordpublicschools.org

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For Parents and Guardians….

In this section, you will find information that supports the success of your child at K.T. Murphy School. Please review the information in the entire handbook to ensure a year of learning, fun and success!

Arrival / Dismissal Procedures

- School doors open at 8:45 a.m. Please do not drop off your child before 8:45 a.m.
- All students in grades 1-5 must be dropped off in the morning at the main entrance of the building on Horton Street. Staff will be there to greet students.
- Kindergarten students (and their siblings) must be dropped off on George St. outside the lower parking lot. Staff will be there to greet students.
- Students in grades 1-5 who are being picked up by parents or walking home will be dismissed from the main entrance in the front of the school. Dismissal will be by grade and floor level.
- Kindergarten students (and their siblings) who are being picked up by parents or walking home will be dismissed from the George St. exit.
- The lane to the right on Horton St. (school side) is for drop off and pick up only. The lane to the left is for through traffic. If the pickup lane is full at the beginning of dismissal, parents are asked to wait in line and pull your car forward as the line moves.
- No car entrance to the back parking lot between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from George Street.
- Bus riders will be dropped off and picked up on the black top outside of the cafeteria. Students will be called by bus number as soon as each bus arrives.
- Changes in any dismissal routine **must be given in writing.** Any child without a note will be on his/her regular routine for dismissal.
- REMINDER – Cars are **not** allowed to park between posted signs in front of the school building on Horton St. or on George St. between the hours of 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. Please do not park your car in the fire lanes, driveways, or assigned handicapped areas. Infractions will result in ticketing by the Stamford Police Department.

Late Arrival and Early Pick-Up

Late Arrival

It is very important that students arrive on time for the start of class between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. If you are dropping your child off late, please do the following:

- Accompany them to the main entrance. Remind your child to go to the main office to check in.
    - Kindergarten students who are late to school (arriving after 9:00 a.m.) **MUST** be dropped off at the main entrance on Horton St. They will be escorted to class by a K.T. Murphy staff member
    - Grades 1-5 will walk independently to class.
- Students that arrive after 9:00 a.m. will officially be marked as late, "**Tardy**".
- If a student rides the bus and it arrives late, students are marked with a "B", and will not count as a tardy.

Early Pick Up

We ask that you avoid early pick-ups from school as much as possible. Please **DO NOT** pick-up students from the office simply to avoid dismissal traffic. **We will not be able to call students for pick-up after 3:00 p.m.** as they are busy with important end of day activities such as, Closing Circle and packing up their materials. We will ask you to wait until regular dismissal time which starts at 3:25 p.m.

***If a child is picked up by someone other than the normal parent/guardian/caregiver, the parent MUST inform the teacher and the main office the morning of.**

General Absences/Attendance Policy

Parents are asked to report absences by telephone before 9:00 a.m. You may leave a message on the voicemail with the child's name, teacher name and the reason for the absence.
Parents are urged to schedule doctor, dentist and other appointments after school hours or during vacations when possible.

- An absence due to illness of **three or more days** requires that the nurse readmit the child to school. Certain contagious medical conditions require a note from the doctor.
- According to Stamford Public Schools Policy 5113-R, a child is considered to be **truant** if he/she has four unexcused absences in one month or ten unexcused absences in one year.
- We urge that you adhere to the district vacation schedule.
- Please see the SPS Strive for 5 Campaign to find strategies for improved attendance.

Extended Travel

We request that a family's travel plans respect the school calendar. If a child's absence is prolonged, the school should be informed in writing. Parents are asked to write an email or note to the teacher and Principal indicating the reason for the extended leave. **We will not provide work for your extended travel.** Please note, we will note the student's absence as per state guidelines (see below).

*Guidelines for Implementation of the Definitions of Excused and Unexcused Absences and Best Practices for Absence Prevention and Intervention click here for more information.

Bus Policy

The Stamford Board of Education provides bus transportation for any student living more than one mile from K.T. Murphy School is in the attendance zone. Students assigned to a bus are encouraged to ride it. Students who misbehave may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the students involved become responsible for their children's transportation. Students should be in the company of an adult while waiting for the morning pick up and afternoon drop off. Bus assignments will be in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

- All students must stay in their seats and face forward while the bus is moving.
- Food and drink are prohibited on the bus.
- Students are expected to follow bus rules and regulations.

Change of Address, Withdrawals and Transfer

Change of Address

If your family moves during the school year, you are **required** to tell the main office (203-977-4516) of your change of address. This is extremely important to assist in sending out correspondence. Please stop by the main office with the correct documentation to verify and change your information. Additionally, families **MUST** provide current, working phone numbers and emails in case the school needs to contact you during the day.

Withdrawals and Transfers

If your family is moving out of the K.T. Murphy district, it will be necessary to complete withdrawal or transfer documents so that your child may continue being successful in his/her new school. Please call the main office at 203-977-4516 to begin this process.

Custody

Please inform the homeroom teacher and the office in writing, if a child will be temporarily under the care of another adult due to an emergency, vacation or business trip. Be certain to include the name, address and phone number (home, work and cell) for the responsible adult.
Should divorced parents have legal arrangements/restrictions regarding visitation and custody, please provide legal documentation of such to the office. The school cannot prevent a parent from seeing or taking a child without proper verification.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Parent engagement is a key factor in student success. The Stamford Public Schools has provided families with a useful tool – PowerSchool Parent Portal. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will give you access to your child's grades, attendance and bus information (if applicable). If you have not created a PowerSchool Parent Portal please communicate with our Multimedia Support Specialist at 203-977-5334 for assistance.

There are important forms that need to be signed electronically each year via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. They are:

A) Acceptable Use Policy
B) SPS Educational Technology Device Agreement
C) Media Consent
D) Student Parents/Guardian Contact Information (changes can be updated in this section)

Student Accident Insurance

The Stamford Board of Education does not carry medical coverage for injuries that happen at school. In order to protect our families and children from the costly expense of an accident or injury, we offer the opportunity for families to purchase student accident insurance. Student Accident Insurance Program is paid for by the parents/guardians on a yearly basis and covers a child going to and from school on a twenty-four hour basis.

School Health Services

School health services are provided through personnel assigned by Stamford's Department of Health. The nurse is available for first aid, screenings (vision, hearing and scoliosis), monitoring of immunizations and checking for infections and contagious conditions.

School Nurse

The nurse can be reached at 203-977-4518. The school nurse will contact you when there is a need to make a decision about your child's care**.**

Should an emergency arise, the nurse will need to contact a parent/guardian. It is very important that ALL contact information is up to date in the student database. Parents would need to make corrections by logging into their Parent Portal and updating the "Student Parents/Guardian Contact Information" portion or by calling the main office. This is important in case we cannot get in touch with a parent.

Physical and Immunizations

Before entering school, and upon entering (6th and 9th grade), every student must have a complete and current physical and immunizations'. Any updates and changes should be communicated with the nurse throughout the year.

Medication

Frequently children arrive in the nurse's office with notes, requesting that they be given medications like Tylenol, cough medicine, antibiotics, etc**. CONNECTICUT STATE LAW PROHIBITS SCHOOL NURSES TO GIVE MEDICATION TO CHILDREN UNLESS ORDERED BY A PHYSICIAN**. Children may not self-administer any medication at school. This includes over-the-counter medication. A special form may be picked up from the nurse's office any time if you wish your child to receive medication in school or carry it on their person. All medication must be kept in the nurse's office. This form needs to be signed by you and the doctor, click here for the form. The medication must be given to the nurse by an adult only and in the original container and packaging. However, please note parents may come to school and give their children the medication themselves. The medication must be given in the nurse's office. Parents must pick up their child's medication at the end of the school year. All medications left will be discarded over the summer.

Rules for Absences and Exclusion from school

Parents and guardians are asked to:

- Notify the school when a child is absent due to illness.
- Notify the school for a child who has a cold or any communicable disease.
- Notify the school nurse or main office when the child has been out of the country.

We realize that it is sometimes difficult to tell whether a child is sick and should not come to school. In order to help prevent the spread of contagious illnesses and promote full recovery, we ask you to please read the following recommended guidelines before making your decision.

1. Sore throat with fever within the past 24 hours, difficulty swallowing and/or refuses to eat or drink.
2. Cough – tight or barky, worse with exertion, complaints of their chest hurting.
3. Diarrhea or sudden increase in the frequency and looseness of bowel movements.

4. Vomiting and /or complaints of stomach ache and headache.
5. Runny and stuffy nose with discharge especially yellow or green discharge.
6. Stomach ache with complaints of headache and nausea.
7. Fever-temperature over 100.4.
8. Eyes red with discharge or crusting, soreness or pain, watering or swelling of the lids, itching and pink eye(s).
9. Has a rash/skin problem that may be infectious; examples are scabies, ringworm, impetigo.

If a child is complaining of not feeling well and is showing symptoms, then it might be best to keep the child at home. When an ill child remains at home this helps to decrease the spread and exposure of their illness to others.

An absence due to illness of **three or more days requires** the student to return with a doctor's note.

Your child may return to school if:

1. Fever free for 24 hours and without the use of fever reducing medication (ex. tylenol, motrin)
2. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea is absent for 24 hours.
3. 24 hours have passed after the start of treatment for strep or infectious conjunctivitis and cleared by the doctor.
4. The child is under doctor's care and has received permission to return.
5. The child feels well enough to participate in all activities.

Dental Health Program

K.T. Murphy School has a Public Health Dental service on site. You can call 203-977-6691 to get more information or schedule an appointment.

The Dental Health Program is a prevention-oriented program, provided in school by the Department of Health, Public Health Dental Hygienists who are licensed professionals. The licensed dental hygienist will perform a basic assessment of your student's mouth, teeth and gums. If dental concerns are found, parents/guardians will be provided with a written referral to a dentist of their choice.

If you do not wish to have your child screened, please send in written notification to your school's dental hygienist.

A dental sealant program is offered at no cost to second grade students. Dental sealants are thin, protective coatings applied to the fully erupted, healthy permanent molars. Sealants fill in the grooves on the chewing surfaces of molars to prevent cavities.

The Stamford Department of Health has six licensed school dental offices where students can receive dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, x-rays, sealants and fillings. **ALL SERVICES ARE FREE to Stamford Public School Students**. Appointments can be made by calling 203-977-6691. Parents/guardians must complete and sign a permission form for a child to participate in the sealant and clinic programs.

Cafeteria Services

Miriam Roldan is our cafeteria manager. Questions related to the menu and payments can be directed to her at 203-977-5215 (**CURRENTLY 2025-2026 ALL MEALS ARE FREE).**

Breakfast Program

- Breakfast is available daily from 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Students may eat in the classroom.

Lunch Program

Lunch is available in the cafeteria each day, including on early dismissal days for FREE.
Students are assigned a personal four or five digit number which they enter as they leave the lunch line. Check the Stamford Public School website to view the lunch menu or click here.

Snacks

Students are continually encouraged to think about what they eat and make healthy choices. Parents can help by sending children to school with healthy snacks - fruit, raisins and other nutritional snacks. In addition, we ask that each student have a refillable water bottle. We have water filling stations throughout the building so students can drink water throughout the day.

Birthday Celebrations

K. T. Murphy School loves to share in the excitement of each child's birthday. Unfortunately, our busy schedule does not allow much time for elaborate celebrations. Therefore, when your child celebrates a birthday in school, please send in individual snacks that are easy to share, such as cupcakes or cookies. **NO CAKES!** Please make sure to communicate with the teacher ahead of time as there are only very short and specific times that work to do this. **We ask that only 1-2 parents come if any to help distribute the treat.** We cannot have more than that. You may also drop off to have the class celebrate without you. **If you have not scheduled with the teacher or come with more than 1-2 people, you will be turned away.** **Invitations for private parties may not be distributed in school.**

Communications

Communication between home and school is very important. The following information will help guide you with whom you should speak to.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences between a parent and teacher are extremely important. They are a time to communicate and to share information. The Stamford Public Schools sets aside two "official" conference times – the first in October to discuss beginning of the year assessments and student transition to the new school year. The second conference will be held in February to discuss progress and their first report card. Teachers will set aside time to meet with parents during these conference times. Conferences may be held in person or via Google Meet online. In the event that you cannot attend a conference in person or virtually, teachers can plan phone conferences.
Please know, you may request a conference with your child's teacher or other staff members at any time outside of the report card conference windows.

Email

K.T. Murphy staff is available via email. Parents and teachers can establish an agreed upon form of communication that is convenient for both parties.

Ex. Teacher first initial and last name @stamfordps.org (ex. jjohn@stamfordps.org)

Telephone

Parents may call the school at 203-977-4516 and ask that a teacher call them at home or at work to discuss matters of concern or interest. Teachers and students **WILL NOT** be called to the phone unless there is an emergency.

Remind

A two- way messaging tool that helps teachers and schools engage with students and connect with parents. Teachers can send out announcements to the entire class and a parent and teacher can communicate directly and privately with each other. Your teacher will send information out at the start of the school year to get you set up in his/her class.

School Messenger

School Messenger is an automated parent notification system that is utilized by the district and school to communicate school events and important reminders via telephone and/or email. It is very important that if there's a change in phone number or email address please let the main office know.

Website

Stamford Public School has reimaged the website, please visit the K.T. Murphy School website at www.*KTMurphy.org* for general information about the school.

Social Media

K.T. Murphy School utilizes Facebook (K.T. Murphy Elementary School) and Instagram (@ktmurphypto) – please like us!



Visitors

If you are visiting K. T. Murphy School, we require that you sign in at the main office before you go to a classroom or other location. Please have your license ready to be scanned to have your information in our raptor system. Once you sign in, you will be given a visitor's badge. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please schedule an appointment.

Emergency Closing / Delayed Opening / Early Dismissal

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools to determine whether there is a delayed opening, an early dismissal, a school closure, or a regular school day schedule during inclement weather. Any decision made by the Superintendent is a complex one that involves the consideration of many factors. Delayed

openings are always two-hours. Early releases will follow the early release schedule for the school the student attends. If there is an early release, all after-school activities will be canceled. The district recommends that families consider several sources of communication. Typically the earliest notifications will be in the form of an automated phone message sent out to all families. In addition, notifications are also posted on the District Website, the Superintendent's Twitter account @SPSSuper, and local media. Following are a list of communication methods used:

- www.stamfordpublicschools.org
    - For the earliest notification, parents and staff should subscribe to District Alerts on the district homepage.
- Follow the Superintendent on Twitter
- Local media outlets
- Automated call from the district
    - Between 5:45 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., you will receive an automated call to your school-designated home number, to inform you of a change in schedule.
    - If an emergency or change in schedule occurs during the school day, the automated calling system will call ALL emergency numbers you provided to your school. Be sure your emergency numbers are up to date at all times. Please contact the school with any changes.

Field Trips

Field trips are taken at the discretion of the classroom teacher as enrichment, introduction of a unit of work or culmination of a unit of work. Permission slips for all field trips are sent to the families of students. Children who do not return a signed permission slip will be assigned to another class for the duration of the trip. **If a parent is interested in chaperoning a field trip, the parent must submit a volunteer form, which can be found on the Stamford Public School website or by clicking here.**

Parent Involvement

Parents and guardians are asked to please check student backpacks and folders for flyers and other relevant information daily.

Parent Volunteers

K.T. Murphy encourages and welcomes parents to participate as volunteers in their children's classrooms, at P.T.O. sponsored events, and on special occasions throughout the year. All persons who wish to volunteer in any capacity at K.T. Murphy School must complete both sides of the Stamford Public Schools Volunteer Application. You will find the Volunteer Application on the website or by clicking here. Once you have completed the application, please give it to your child's teacher and he/she will send it to the main office.

Homework Policy

Homework is given as an extension of school learning. The length of homework assignments will not exceed the child's ability to undertake the task without being overwhelmed. Teachers may assign homework every

evening, Monday through Thursday. There may also be long term assignments. **Students are encouraged to read each evening for at least fifteen minutes in the lower grades and 30 minutes in the upper grades.**
A critical step in helping students complete homework is to give them practice in school. This will enable them to understand the expectations for homework and to be able to successfully meet these expectations. Teachers will **teach** homework and students will **practice** the routines under their teachers' guidance. Therefore, during the first six weeks of school, students will complete all written homework in class. Homework assignments are meant to be done independently and require only that parents demonstrate interest and support. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about homework or if your child demonstrates difficulty in completing assignments.

Lost and Found

All personal belongings should be labeled with the student's first and last name. Lost and found articles will be kept in the hallway near the main office. Items not retrieved will be donated to a local charity.

Testing

K.T. Murphy Elementary School will participate in state mandated assessments (SBAC) for all students in third, fourth and fifth grades. Students' knowledge will be assessed in the basic skill areas – Reading, Writing, and Math. As soon as the school receives information regarding test dates, that information will be communicated to parents.
In addition to state assessments, we administer other assessments throughout the year to help understand each student's unique learning profile and to help teachers differentiate instruction.

- The iReady Universal Reading Assessments will be administered to K-5 students in the fall, winter, and spring.
- In addition, iiReady Literacy Tasks will be administered in grades K-2
- iReady Math will be administered in grades 1-5 in the fall, winter, and spring to measure growth. Kindergarten will take this assessment beginning in January.

Cell Phones and Other Valuables

Valuables have no place in school. Students who bring cell phones to school must store them away in their backpack. They may not be used during the school day for any reason. Please see the cell phone policy linked below. If students must bring something else of value to school, they should make arrangements with a teacher to store it in a safe place. **Children are not to bring toys or video games to school. If such items are brought to school, the parent assumes the responsibility for loss or damage.**

Please see the Cell Phone Use Policy Here:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1661861911/stamfordpublicschoolsorg/bejwqcjjx0yms1vpf1fe/SPSCellPhonePolicyFinalAugust92022.pdf

Emergency Drill

All Emergency Drills are practiced throughout the school year.

Fire Drill

In the event of smoke or fire, the fire alarm will be sounded. All students and staff will evacuate from the nearest outside door. Teachers will take attendance and account for all students.

Shelter in Place

In the event of a weather or medical emergency, a shelter in place drill will be announced. Students will remain in their classrooms, with their teachers and will continue their lessons. When the event is over, an announcement will be made over the PA system and hallway passage will resume.

Lock Down

In the event of imminent danger, a lockdown will be determined by staff. 911 will be notified immediately. Students will follow adult directions.

Evacuation

In the event of an emergency where an evacuation is deemed necessary, an evacuation drill will be announced over the PA system. Students and staff will evacuate K.T. Murphy School and proceed to an offsite location. Families will be notified of the event and directions would be forthcoming.

Culture (School Culture, Responsive Classroom, & Discipline Policy)

We are a Responsive Classroom School. *Responsive Classroom* is an evidence-based education approach associated with greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement, and improved school climate. The Responsive Classroom approach consists of a set of practices that build academic and social-emotional skills. **This approach helps educators build competencies in four interrelated domains:**



Responsive Classroom Approach to Discipline

In our continuing efforts to enhance the positive, safe and orderly environment for all our students, K.T. Murphy utilizes the Responsive Classroom Approach. Teachers use behavioral supports and strategies to address student behaviors. We differentiate strategies based on the level of academic and social needs of the child. At the beginning of the school year, teachers work with their students to create classroom rules. This is a proactive approach to discipline. There will be times when students do not follow the classroom rules; we focus on logical consequences to stopping misbehavior in order to help children see the connection between their behavior and the effect on others. Logical consequences are respectful, related and realistic. There are three kinds of logical consequences: Break it, fix it (reparation), Loss of privilege, or Time Out.

Student Behavior **(see District Policy 5131 & 5131R)**

Bullying/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence **(see District Policy 4000.2/5005 and regulation)**

Distribution of Materials Policy **(see District Policy 1140 & 1140R)**

Stamford Public Schools **Policies & Regulations** are updated throughout the school year. The most up-to-date policies and regulations are available online

Pupil Personnel Services

Specialists in the school are available to assist when children, at any age, have difficulty adjusting or experience problems with the work of school. Various interventions are possible from members of the Planning & Placement Team, which may comprise an administrator, classroom teacher, social worker, psychologist, speech and language pathologist and special education teacher. The team members serve as consultants to teachers or parents who are concerned about any type of problem - developmental, behavioral, or academic.
Specialists in the school are available to assist when children demonstrate special needs. Many techniques are utilized to develop the students' skills. Staff members who have chosen these specialties work with classroom teachers to assure the greatest possible progress. Parents are encouraged to work closely with the teachers.

Social Worker

A social worker is assigned to collaborate with school, staff, parents, students and community agencies to maximize the education program for all students. The social worker provides individual and group counseling for students and also counseling for parents.

Psychologist

A school psychologist evaluates a child's intellectual and emotional status. The psychologist assists with determining how the child can best be helped and provides individual or group counseling.

Speech and Language Pathologist

A speech and language pathologist diagnoses and provides remediation in all areas of communication. There are five basic areas: receptive language (how we process language), expressive language (how we use language), articulation (the sound system of language), voice and fluency.

Resource Teacher

The resource teacher provides support to students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The children may leave the general education classroom for part of the school day and are provided with specialized instruction. Support may be provided in or out of the child's classroom.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

a framework that provides tiered levels of academic, behavioral, and social-emotional support to all students. It aims to identify students' needs early and provide targeted interventions, ensuring every student receives appropriate support to succeed. MTSS integrates data and instruction to maximize student achievement and well-being.

ROSCCO ON SITE BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL

ROSCCO at K.T. Murphy offers a licensed school age program designed to meet the needs of working parents by providing a safe and stimulating environment for their children. The Before and After School Activity Programs utilizes the gym, cafeteria, outdoor playgrounds and other facilities in the school. Children are accepted monthly on a pre-registered, prepaid basis. New participants may be added during the payment cycle using a prorated fee scale. **Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Participation is determined by space availability and an issued start date. Programs operate following the Stamford Public School calendar and do not operate when school is not in session.**

The **ROSCCO BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS** begin at 7:30 a.m. and run until the beginning of the school day (8:45 a.m.). Activities include: Indoor and Outdoor play, Table Games, Arts & Crafts and Story Time and Reading Corner. Before School Program registration follows the monthly payment schedule and is based on 5 days per week.

The **ROSCCO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS** begin at school dismissal and run until 5:30 p.m. In addition to a Daily Snack, Supervised Homework Time and Reading Corner, Enrichment Activities include: Arts & Crafts, Chess, Cooking Projects, Dance/Music/Skits, culminating in an annual show, Field Trips, Movies, Outdoor Play, Gym Games, Science Projects, Story Time, Table Games, and visiting specialists. The After School Program registration follows the monthly payment schedule and is based on a predetermined schedule of either 3, 4, or 5 days per week. **For more information you may refer to www.roscco.org**

STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-26 CALENDAR

Calendar approved by BOE on April 30, 2024. Calendar includes 181 student days and 186 staff days. Parent-Teacher Conference Dates REVISED July 2025.

Stamford Public Schools
EXCELLENCE IS THE POINT.

No School Students or Staff | School in Session | Early Release Day | Staff Only | Open School Night | **PD** = Professional Development

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

July 4: Independence Day (School Offices Closed)

AUGUST 2025 (3 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Aug. 19-20: New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 21: Convocation + School-Based PD
Aug. 22: Mandated Training + Classroom Prep
Aug. 25: District PD
Aug. 26: Student Orientation for K, 6, 9 △ / PD (STAFF)
Aug. 27: First Day of School—ALL ☆

SEPTEMBER 2025 (19 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Sept. 1: Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
Sept. 16: Open School Night—Middle Schools
Sept. 18: Open School Night—High Schools
Sept. 23-24: Rosh Hashanah—NO SCHOOL
Sept. 25: Open School Night—Elementary Schools

OCTOBER 2025 (21 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Oct. 2: Yom Kippur—NO SCHOOL
Oct. 13: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
Oct. 15-17: Early Release (STUDENTS)
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 22: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)^

NOVEMBER 2025 (16 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Nov. 4: Election Day—NO SCHOOL (STUDENTS)
PD (STAFF)
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26: Early Release (ALL)
Nov. 27-28: Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2025 (17 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Dec. 23: Early Release (ALL)
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve—NO SCHOOL
Dec. 25: Christmas Day—NO SCHOOL
Dec. 26, 29, 30: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
Dec. 31 : New Year's Eve—NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2026 (19 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Jan. 1: New Year's Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 2: Winter Recess—NO SCHOOL
Jan 19: MLK Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 28: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)^

FEBRUARY 2026 (18 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Feb. 13: President's Day Weekend—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 16: President's Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 18-20: Early Release (STUDENTS)
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Feb. 25: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)

MARCH 2026 (21 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March 20: Eid-al-Fitr—NO SCHOOL
March 25: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)

APRIL 2026 (16 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

April 3: Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
April 5: Easter
April 6-10: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
April 22: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)^

MAY 2026 (20 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

May 25: Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
May 27: Early Release (STUDENTS) / PD (STAFF)

JUNE 2026 (11 DAYS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 ☆	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

June 11-12: ***TENTATIVE*** Early Release (STUDENTS)
June 15: ***TENTATIVE*** Last Day of School ☆
Early Release (ALL)
June 19: Juneteenth (School Offices Closed)

Other Religious & Cultural Holidays:

Oct. 20: Diwali
Dec. 14-22: Hanukkah
Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Kwanzaa
Jan. 6 : Three Kings Day
Jan. 7: Orthodox Christmas Day
Feb. 6: Lunar New Year
Feb. 17: Ramadan Begins
Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday
Apr. 1-9: Passover
Apr. 12: Orthodox Easter
May 27 : Eid al-Adha

*****ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS WILL BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR*****

Dates & Times of High School Graduations, 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremonies, and Elementary School Moving Up Ceremonies will be set in Spring 2026

^Teachers: If needed, the Superintendent's extra hour will be added to the early release days in October, January, and April.

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