



McAuliffe International School Back to School Information/FAQs

Registration (Annual Family Update), Contracts and School Fees

- Registration (Annual Family Update) is now open for the 2019-20 school year. This is the time when families can review, verify and update their student's information. The Annual Family Update can be accessed through Parent Portal or through the DPS website.
- All students and their parent/guardians must review and complete (with an e-signature) McAuliffe contracts. The contracts can be found on the main page of our website.
- School fees for the 2019-20 school year are \$195.00 and will be uploaded to your student's account. Fees can be paid online through Parent Portal. (Go to My School Bucks / School Store). We will notify families when the fees have been applied.

**** Completion of registration and signed contracts must be complete by Friday, August 2nd. **
Payment of school fees is due August 31st.**

- If you would like to request a scholarship for school fees, uniforms or school supplies, please complete the scholarship request form on our website. If you already requested a scholarship, we will update your account before the end of August.

First Days of School

- **6th Grade Orientation**
 - Our new 6th graders should meet on the front lawn (Holly Street) before 8:00am on Thursday, August 8th. They will say good-bye to parents outside and will be welcomed into their new school by our SHINE crew and staff at 8:00am. They will meet in the auditorium, where they will meet their administrators and receive information on what their next couple of days will look like.
 - In addition to reviewing rules and expectations for middle school, 6th graders will set-up their binders during orientation.
- **New 7th & 8th Grade Orientation**
 - Students who are new to McAuliffe in 7th or 8th grade will have an orientation on Friday, August 9th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Students do not need to bring anything with them and will meet in the front of the school.
- **7th/8th Grade First Day**
 - McAuliffe 7th and 8th graders begin at 8:00am on Monday, August 12th. They are expected to go to their first period class on their schedule. If they did not get their schedule on locker set-up day, we will have a location in the front of the building where they can pick up their schedule. They will have time during their first day to put their belonging in their lockers.

Transportation

- DPS transportation for eligible students will start Thursday, August 8th (first day for 6th graders). DPS Transportation routes will be posted in your Parent Portal account the last week of July.

- All bus riders will be required to carry a +pass any time they are riding the bus. If your student already has a +pass from last year they will continue to use this +pass. If your student does not have a +pass, please have them request one in the Business Office.
- Transportation exception forms are all online this year. DPS will notify you directly if your student has been approved for DPS transportation.
- If you need to contact DPS Transportation, please call (720) 423-4699 or visit their website.
- DPS transportation is not provided after athletics or other after-school activities.
- If you would like to arrange a carpool of your own, McAuliffe has partnered with DRCOGs Schoolpool program. For more information and to register visit the main page of our website.

Lockers

- All students share their locker with another student. They will receive their locker assignment and their school schedule at locker set-up day or on their first day of school. We do not take requests for locker partners nor are students allowed to switch locker partners without approval. Students are allowed to decorate the inside of their lockers with items that can be completely removed at the end of the year. Unfortunately we cannot provide dimensions for lockers – being in a very old building we have multiple sizes of lockers throughout the building.
- Please remember that with our beautiful old building comes old lockers and they can sometimes be a bit tricky. We will have staff on hand at locker set-up day as well as the first days of school to help with lockers. Students who continue to have problems with their lockers should visit the Business Office to log their problem into our ‘Locker Issues’ book and we will have our facilities team address the problem.

School Supplies

- All students keep their own school supplies to use throughout the year. It is a good idea to label items in case they get misplaced. Students should bring their school supplies either on locker set-up day (if they are able to come that day) or on the first day of school.

Uniforms / Dress Code

- Uniforms are purchased through one of our 2 vendors (links on the main page of our website). The school does not sell, handle returns, or trade wrong/sizes, etc. We can provide gently used uniforms to students who need support with uniforms. If you need a uniform scholarship for your student complete the scholarship request form which can be found on the main page of our website.
- Uniforms consist of black or khaki bottoms with a McAuliffe top. Students are not allowed to wear non-McAuliffe gear at any time inside the building. If a student wears a coat or other sweatshirt to school, they must keep that item in their lockers until the end of the day (or lunch if needed at lunch). Students who are not in uniform will be required to call home for the appropriate item to be brought to them.
- All students need to change into their McAuliffe PE uniform every day they have PE.

Breakfast

- All DPS students are eligible for free breakfast through DPS. Students can pick up a breakfast at any entrance upon their entrance into school in the morning. If a student wishes, they can bring their own breakfast or snack that they can eat during their Advisory period. Students will be required to give their DPS student ID if they pick up a breakfast from our cafeteria staff.

Lunch

- Students eat lunch with their House and can either purchase lunch in our cafeteria or bring their own lunch. On most days, students eat outside in our courtyard. In addition to the regular

DPS menu items and salad bar, students can purchase snacks (chips, cookies, smoothies) in our cafeteria.

- **My School Bucks**

- Families use My School Buck to load money to their student's account and students use their DPS student ID to purchase hot food, beverages, or snacks from the cafeteria. Families can access My School Bucks through their Parent Portal account.

- **Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL)**

- Families whose students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) through DPS need to apply each year. Apply online through your Parent Portal Account.

Activities / Sports

- As sports and after school activities get underway, please make sure to read the newsletter and check our website for updates regarding signing-up for sports or after school activities (clubs, enrichments).
- All student athletes will need an active physical on file at school to participate in any sport.

Schedule / House Changes

- We do not accommodate House changes at any grade.
- Please know that while initial schedules are currently available on student and parent portal, please be aware that these are not final schedules and may change. They will be finalized on August 2nd at 4:00pm and available for pickup on locker set up day (August 3rd) or on your child's first day of school.
- Any schedule changes must be handled through the grade-level counselor (email is preferred). Please remember that not all schedule change requests can be accommodated.

Cell Phone Policy

- Cell phones must be stored in lockers at all times. Carry and use of cell phones or handheld devices are prohibited during the school day, **except to check messages immediately prior to or following lunch, and only at their locker**. If a student is found using their cell phone outside of the lunch transition period it will be confiscated and held in the business office until picked up by a parent or guardian. McAuliffe International School is not responsible for the loss or theft of any confiscated items.