**USD 259 WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**School Year Calendar 2023-2024**

**District-Wide Parent Teacher Conferences**

NEW THIS YEAR

Note that the district has implemented standardized conference dates across the district.

October 10-12 (No school October 12)
February 7-9 (No school February 9)

**CALENDAR LEGEND**

- School not in session
- District Inservice Day - No School
- Conference Release Day - No School
- New Teacher Orientation - No School
- Nonteaching Duty Day - No School
- District Parent Teacher Conference Day - No School

**SUMMER HOURS**

7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
(June 5, 2023 - July 14, 2023)

7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
(June 3, 2024 - July 19, 2024)

This calendar may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or the Administration.

**GRADING PERIODS**

- August 15 - October 12 (40 contact days)
- October 16 - December 14 (40 contact days)
- January 3 - March 7 (43 contact days)
- March 18 - May 23 (47 contact days)

**MONTH**

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**Note**

- Orientation for new teachers: 1-2
- District Inservice (all teachers): 3-14
- Orientation for 6th & 9th grade students: 14
- First day of school: 15
- Labor Day Holiday: 4
- Memorial Day Holiday: 22
- Independence Day Holiday: 4

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Revised February 14, 2023
Student Records and Your Rights

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC NOTICE
FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students 18 years of age and older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are outlined below:

1. THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND REVIEW THE STUDENT'S EDUCATION RECORDS WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DAY THE DISTRICT RECEIVES A REQUEST FOR ACCESS

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The principal will arrange 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 EDUCATION RECORDS THAT THE PARENT OR ELIGIBLE STUDENT BELIEVES ARE INACCURATE OR MISLEADING.

Parents or eligible students may ask Wichita Public Schools to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the records as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their 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 the disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interest. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the district 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 responsibilities. Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is not for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. THE RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING ALLEGED FAILURES BY WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FERPA.

Parents or eligible students may request the Wichita Public Schools to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want to amend, and specify why it is incorrect or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the records as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their 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.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

On occasion, severe weather requires suspension of school. The district alerts parents and staff through automated phone calls and email messages, website updates, social media, and through local news media. In times of a tornado threat, each school will carry out planned procedures for the protection of students and staff. For weather procedure information, visit www.usd259.org/weather

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER

Changes of address or telephone number should be reported to your child's school.

ABSENCES

If your student is to be absent due to illness, appointment, etc., please notify the school office.

The Wichita Public Schools is committed to ensuring an environment that is free of discrimination and to fostering a climate in which all employees and students may participate, contribute, and grow to their fullest potential.

Harassment and disparate treatment will not be permitted or condoned in Wichita Public Schools.

The Wichita Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, genetic information, or other legally protected classifications in its programs and activities.

All Wichita Public Schools employees have the responsibility to support this statement.

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STUDENT GRIEVANCE

Students' educational rights are also protected by the district's Pupil Grievance Policy. To obtain a copy of this policy, please contact your school. P1468.

PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need assistance to gain access to participate in school conferences, etc., please contact the school in advance.

Si usted necesita ayuda o necesita arreglos especiales para participar en las conferencias escolares, etc., favor llame a la escuela con anticipación.

Bật cô phu huynh cần nắm rõ các số tiếp đàm và có thể được sắp xếp.