

CPSD offers info for returning student registration

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Parents and guardians of students returning to the Clinton Public School District must register their student online in order to enroll for classes starting in August.

Parents of all returning students can access registration information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. There, they can click on the registration link to complete the online registration process.

Items such as parent/guardian contact information, as well as key information such as residency and important medical information, will also be collected or updated during this portion of the online registration process.

Parents of students whose residency has not changed since the previous year will be able to indicate so through the online process.

Parents of students whose residency has changed since the previous year must submit a physical copy of all required residency documents to the school their child will attend in August. Acceptable residency documents include a lease, deed or mortgage statement in the parent's or guardian's name, plus a current utility bill in the parent's or guardian's name.

Both new and returning students proving residency through affidavit must submit proper documentation from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, at Clinton's Central Office.

Registration and enrollment for returning students will be held on school campuses this year beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 9.

Northside Elementary and Eastside Elementary will hold their registration and enrollment process by appointment on Monday, August 9, through Tuesday, August 10.

All students entering seventh grade must present updated TDAP vaccination documentation.

During registration and enrollment, elementary students will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and drop off any school supplies. Secondary students will receive their schedule and have a chance to locate their classes inside their respective campuses.

Registration and enrollment for students at Clinton High School will be divided by class.

Sophomore registration will be held from 1 until 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3.

Junior registration will be held from 8:30 until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, with senior registration being held from 1 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, at CHS.

For any questions concerning the online registration process, contact registration@clintonpublicschools.com.

Parents are encouraged to direct all other questions concerning registration at a student's school to their student's principal.



CPSD offers multiple communication options for parents

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Clinton's public schools offer multiple ways for parents to stay informed about school events and information.

"Communication is a priority for us, and we try to be proactive in sharing information with parents and the Clinton community throughout the school year," said CPSD Public Information Officer Robert Chapman.

CPSD regularly sends information about upcoming events, awards and recognitions, emergency notifications, athletic news and more.

Communication platforms include:

- **Website** – The Clinton Public School District's website is the online home for all news and notifications. Updated regularly, parents, students, employees and community members can find myriad resources. Visit www.clintonpublicschools.com for more information.

- **The Arrow Insider** – CPSD's weekly newsletter is emailed every Wednesday to those subscribed. The Arrow Insider contains district news,

educational features, major announcements and more. Anyone can subscribe by clicking on the "Subscribe to our weekly newsletter" button on the CPSD homepage.

- **SchoolStatus** – CPSD utilizes SchoolStatus to contact parents of students in the district. Through SchoolStatus, teachers and administrators are able to email, text and call parents to discuss school matters. CPSD also uses SchoolStatus for emergency and weather-related updates.

- **Social media** – The Clinton Public School District's only social media outlet is its official twitter page, @ClintonSchools. The Clinton Arrows Athletics department also has a twitter page, @GoArrows.

- **Traditional media** – CPSD frequently sends information to local news media outlets to announce positive news as well as crisis information.

For more information or to subscribe to any communication channel, contact Robert Chapman at rchapman@clintonpublicschools.com.

Free breakfasts and lunches to continue for CPSD students

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The Clinton Public School District (CPSD) has some great reasons why families should encourage their children to eat school meals – it's nutritious, delicious, saves time on meal prep, and even better than that – it's FREE to every student, every day during school year (SY) 2021-2022.

CPSD will operate the Seamless Summer Option in conjunction with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program this year. These school meal programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Mississippi Department of Education – Office of Child Nutrition.

As a result of many child nutrition nation-wide waivers being recently passed, all schools (regardless of location) may continue to serve free meals to all students throughout SY 2021-2022. Christell Hicks, CPSD Child Nutrition Director says, "The passing of this legislation helps streamline access for kids to receive quality school meals as well as enhance program flexibility and balance operational needs."

Weekday mornings and evenings can be hectic for families to find time to prepare a healthy breakfast before going to school or work, and/or pack a healthy lunch from home, making school meals the best solution.

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day is one way to ensure students are fueled to learn," said Keba Laird, CPSD Child Nutrition Supervisor. She adds, "Our child nutrition staff

prepare breakfast and lunches every day that are power-packed with vitamins and minerals, meet federal nutrition standards (limiting fat, calories and sodium), and encourage students to choose from the fruits, vegetables and whole grains offered with school meals."

Breakfast Service

The school breakfast program starts on Monday, August 16. Breakfast is served to students enrolled in K-6th grade schools and Clinton Success Center during the following times:

- Clinton Park* 7:10 – 7:45 a.m.
- Clinton Success Center 7:45 – 8:20 a.m.
- Northside/ Eastside* 7:10 – 7:40 a.m.
- Lovett 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

(*Car riders must be in the cafeteria no later than 7:30 a.m.)

Lunch Service

The school lunch program starts on Wednesday, August 11. Lunch is served to students enrolled in K-12th grade schools and Clinton Success Center.

The CPSD Department of Child Nutrition is committed to providing safe and nutritious meals to all children, with a goal of raising awareness of school meal programs and promoting the links between eating nutritiously, academic achievement, and healthy lifestyles. Parents are asked to encourage their children to eat school meals daily to ensure they are well nourished and ready to learn.

PowerSchool available to CPSD parents

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Similar to years past, parents in the Clinton Public School District will be able to access their child's grades online through PowerSchool.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal can be accessed by clicking on the PowerSchool Parent Portal icon found on the district's webpage.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal is also available as a free mobile app, which can be directly downloaded from the app store on mobile devices.

Parents who do not have a PowerSchool account can contact their child's school or email CPSD's Student Database Manager Sharon Thompkins at sthompkins@clintonpublicschools.com.