

# Welcome Back to School 2023 - 2024

We are very excited to welcome our students and families to another great school year! The first student day is Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

We have created this resource guide to help organize all of the back-to-school information you need for the upcoming school year. Registration and enrollment links for existing, transfer, and new students, open house dates, website links, and food service information are here in one place for your convenience.

## What should I do?

**Registration** is for current students who will be returning for the 23-24 school year.

*This year, we will:*

- *have in-person registration at all buildings*
- *you can register all students from any building location*

**NEW**

**Enrollment** is for **NEW** students who have never attended an MCS school.

**Reactivation** - *If you ever attended any MCS school at any time, left for any reason, and are now returning, you will need to visit your school so a building clerk can assist you in reactivating your registration.*

**Building administrators and clerks return on July 24, 2023, and will be available for assistance for in-person registration.**

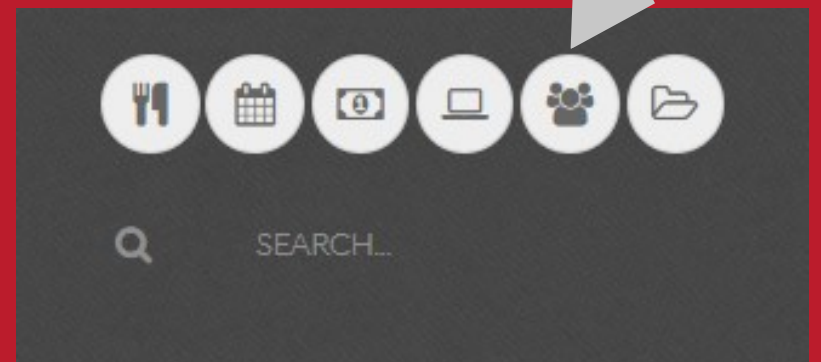
**Online registration for returning and/or current students opens on July 10, 2023.**



# Back to School Information

## Registration Information

**RETURNING students:** online registration will open on July 10, 2023. Students who have already attended MCS in the previous school year in grades PreK-12 can visit [madison.k12.in.us](http://madison.k12.in.us) and log in to your [Skyward Family Access](#) account using the icon in the top right-hand corner of the website. Click on the online registration link from the Skylert page and follow the prompts to register for the 2023-2024 school year.



**Transfer students:** students who have legal settlement (their home address) outside of the MCS district and desire to attend one of the schools within the corporation during the **2023-2024** school year, must file a request with the MCS Board of Trustees prior to **August 9, 2023**.

[Application form](#) can be downloaded or picked up at the school buildings or at the MCS Administration Office, 2421 Wilson Avenue, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at [www.madison.k12.in.us](http://www.madison.k12.in.us). All completed forms must be returned to the Administration Office.

It is important that your student be enrolled before the first day of school to help ensure all transportation, student technology, and administrative items can be completed prior to student arrival.

**NEW students** (students never enrolled at MCS): online enrollment for new students is currently available. Once your account is created and activated, you will be able to access online registration.

Online Enrollment is for students who are BRAND NEW to the district and have NEVER attended Madison Consolidated Schools. *\*\*If you were a student at MCS at any time, left, and returned, you will need to visit the building and have the clerk assist you to reactivate your registration.*

If you prefer to enroll in person, you may visit the main office of the school you will attend and there will be staff available to assist with new student registration. If you are unable to enroll online or attend the designated dates and times, please call the school office to set an appointment.

## 2023 - 2024 Registration Dates & Times

### Anderson Elementary School

2325 Cherry Drive, Madison - 812-273-8528  
July 24 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Kindergarten  
August 1 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. - all students  
August 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - all students  
August 8 - 3:00-6:00 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE

### Lydia Middleton Elementary School

714 W. Main Street, Madison - 812-274-8005  
August 1 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
August 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
August 7 - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - PreK OPEN HOUSE  
August 8 - 4:30-6:00 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE

### Madison Junior High School

701 Eighth Street, Madison - 812-274-8003  
July 31 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
August 1 - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
August 3 - 5- 5:45 p.m. - 6th Gr OPEN HOUSE/Parent Mtg.  
August 3 - 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - 7th & 8th Gr OPEN HOUSE  
August 4 - Schedules available online  
August 8 - 5-6:00 p.m. - 5th Gr OPEN HOUSE/Parent Mtg

### Deputy Elementary School

14350 Mulberry Street, Deputy - 812-274-8007  
July 31 - 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
August 1 - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
August 7 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
August 8 - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
August 8 - 5:00 p.m - Kindergarten Orientation  
August 8 - 6 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE

### Rykers' Ridge Elementary School

2485 N. Rykers' Ridge Rd., Madison - 812-274-8006  
July 31 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
August 1 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
August 8 - 5:00-6:30 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE

### Madison Consolidated High School

743 Clifty Drive, Madison - 812-274-8002  
August 1 - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
August 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
August 3 - 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 4 - 6:00 p.m.  
9th Grade OPEN HOUSE & Schedule Pickup  
Counselors will be available after July 31.  
*Schedule DROP/ADD requests must be submitted via Google Form will be sent to student's email address*



# 2023 -2024 School Calendar

The approved calendar for the upcoming school year can also be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

As future calendars are approved, they are loaded to our website. You can find those [linked here](#).

The Madison Athletics website contains information for both MJHS and MCHS sports. All schedules can be found by [clicking this link](#).

## Media Release Information

Throughout each school year, students from Madison Consolidated Schools may have an opportunity to be highlighted in various marketing or public relations-related materials or projects to promote activities and achievements within our school district. These may include district-wide, building-level, or classroom-level promotion or recognition.

As an example, students may be photographed, interviewed, or video recorded during classroom instruction while attending school assemblies, or participating in extracurricular activities. Students may be featured in materials to increase public awareness of our schools through newspapers, radio, websites, DVDs, displays, brochures, or other media outlets.

In the event, you DO NOT want your student to participate, please complete the [Media Opt-Out Form](#) during online registration or pick up and complete a hard copy from the main office of your school.

MCS 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR						
Adopted January 12, 2022 Revised April 12, 2023						
July 2023						
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August 7 - Teacher In-Service						
August 8 - Teacher Work Day						
August 9 - First Student Day						
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September 4 - No School - Labor Day						
September 21 - Secondary eLearning Day Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:45 am-7:15 pm						
October 5 - Elementary eLearning Day Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:45 am-7:15pm						
October 9-13 - Fall Break						
October 2023						
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November 7 - Virtual Learning Day						
November 22-24 - No School Thanksgiving						
December 20 - January 3 - No School Winter Break						
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January 3 - Records and Reports Day						
January 4 - School Resumes						
January 15 - No School - MLK Day						
February 8 - eLearning Day Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:45 am- 7:15 pm						
February 19 - No School/Snow Make up Day						
March 2024						
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March 18-22 - No School - Spring Break						
March 29 - No School - Holiday						
April 8 - Virtual Learning Day						
April 2024						
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May 24 - Last Student Day						
May 27 - Memorial Day						
May 28 - Records and Reports Day						
June 2024						
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# Food Service Information

## Meal Charges for 2023-2024 School Year

The cost for student meals for the 2023 - 2024 school year will be \$2.50 for elementary students and \$2.70 for junior and senior high school students. Still in place, is the FREE breakfast program where each student can receive one breakfast each day at no charge at any of our schools.

We realize this can be a considerable expense for some families. If you believe your family qualifies for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program, please complete the application included in online registration as soon as possible. If you are not sure of your eligibility, please [click here to check the guidelines](#) and for [Espanol click here](#).



**To keep lines moving, students will use the same 4-digit code to access their computer device and enter on the cafeteria key pad.**

The school lunch program continues to be dedicated to feeding our students nutritious meals in the fastest and most pleasant manner possible. Menus will be available on our website, be sent home monthly with elementary students via student device, and posted at various locations in the junior and senior high schools to let students know what is being served. The menus will also be posted to our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter @MCS\_Indiana, on the radio, and available for download on our [interactive food service website](#).

### Breakfast Charges:

Student breakfast - First meal is FREE, additional meal price is \$1.35/meal  
Adult breakfast - \$2.50/meal

### Lunch Charges:

Elementary student paid lunch - \$2.50/meal  
Secondary student paid lunch - \$2.70/meal  
Elementary & Secondary student reduced lunch - \$ .40/meal  
Adult paid lunch - \$4.60/meal

*\*\*no fast food may be brought into the dining room during meal service hours by students or adults.*

MCS participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Children from households that meet Federal income guidelines are eligible for free meals or reduced-price meals at \$.40 for lunch and breakfast is free.

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Families are encouraged to apply for free or reduced lunches as soon as registration opens for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Judy Brooks, Food Service Coordinator at [jbrooks@madison.k12.in.us](mailto:jbrooks@madison.k12.in.us).

An application for [free/reduced meals \(Espanol\)](#) may be completed if you feel you qualify for assistance. Households are encouraged to apply **before** the start of school to avoid unpaid meal charges. Students who are not approved for free or reduced-price meal benefits before the start of the school year will be charged for meals starting the first day of school. Meal charges accrued before the approval of a meal benefit application will be the responsibility of the household. Our goal is to notify parents within 48 hours of approval or denial of the application and further information on what, if any, additional rental costs are due.

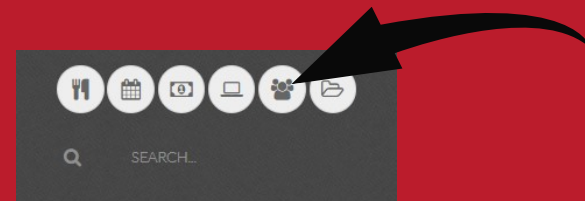
Households currently receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) need only to list the child's name and food stamp or AFDC case number and sign the application. If you are directly certified for free meals, you will receive a letter. You do not need to complete a meal application if you are directly certified.

Children who receive free or reduced-price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for their meals. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, age, national origin, sex, or handicap. If the household believes that they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Likewise, if they believe that they have been discriminated against regarding the Textbook Assistance Program, they should contact the Indiana Department of Education, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798.

If a household does not agree with the school's decision on the application or the result of verification, they may wish to discuss it with a school official. They also have the right to a fair hearing. This may be done by contacting the following official: Mrs. Judy Brooks, Food Service Coordinator, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, IN 47250, phone (812) 274-8108.

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# Efficiency and Accuracy Remain a Focus for Family Communication



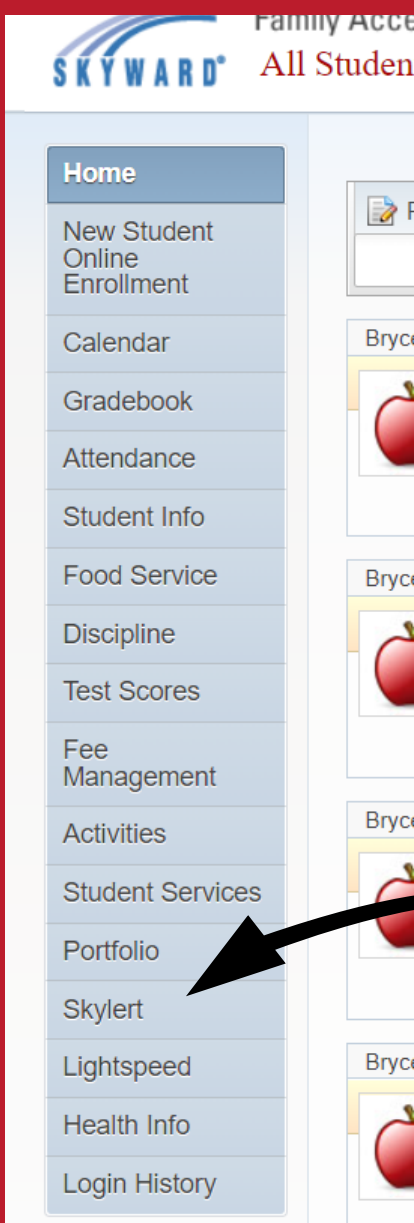
It is vitally important that your school has accurate contact information on file. With the rate and pace that information is changing, we have to be able to communicate with our families quickly. Our goal is to be as timely and accurate with the information sent home and to do so efficiently we must have accurate information in our Skyward Family Access portal.

The district uses Skyward as the student management system for housing all student data. SchoolMessenger is the communication platform that ties to Skyward and enables mass communication via call or email to families from their school. Each morning around 5 a.m. there is a data pull from Skyward into SchoolMessenger when data is updated and refreshed. This ensures the most current information possible in our system (as provided by our families) in the event we need to communicate information from our schools.

The district and buildings use SchoolMessenger to communicate information on everything from weather delays and cancellations to reminders about school events that may require parental interaction, such as school picture orders or permission slip reminders. Notifications range from the district level to building-specific items and can arrive via email, phone call, text message, or a combination of the three - depending on the message and urgency level and the personalizations selected by each family. *See below on how to personalize delivery.*

We ask all of our users to be mindful of overload - whether that is a call and/or email, length of the message, and the time of delivery. This tool makes communication with hundreds of families easier to facilitate to ensure they receive the same information, in a timely manner, sometimes with a quick turnaround.

One quick way to access Skyward is from the [madison.k12.in.us](http://madison.k12.in.us) website. From the same place as online registration, click on the icon in the top right corner that looks like a group of people. Once in Skyward, click on the Family Access link and verify your information is up to date.



## Sign Up for Text Opt-In

If you would like to receive messages by text, please take a moment to opt into this service.

From your mobile device, send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

To view the instructions, [click here for more information.](#)

Data rates apply and not all messages may be sent via text message.

SMS Text Opt-In

**Parents and Guardians**

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™ so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**Opt-In from your mobile now!**

**Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.**

\*Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/im](http://schoolmessenger.com/im) for more info.

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## Personalize your delivery!

The **Skylert button**, located near the bottom of the left-side menu in Family Access, will take you to the notifications personalization page. From here, families can determine how they wish to be notified of messages coming from the school. A family can receive attendance information by either email or phone, they can determine what number is used for food service notifications, and how they wish to receive 'general' or reminder notifications coming from school.

## To Do List: ✓

- ★ [Register / Enroll](#)
- ★ Update Contact Info in [Skyward](#) - address, phone numbers, email addresses - personalize delivery with Skylert
- ★ Make sure your transportation info is complete in Skyward
- ★ Complete the [Free/Reduced meal application](#), if applicable
- ★ Mark your calendar for your Open House event
- ★ Relax, enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for a great school year!

## Transportation TidBit

If you have a younger student riding the bus and they cannot always recite their full name, address, and school name just yet - please put their information on a notecard or sticker and place it in a safe place in their book bag. Be sure to share with them where to find it in case the bus driver needs it.





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Hello and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

We are very excited to open our buildings and begin a new year. Our entire team has worked very hard over the summer getting ready to welcome students back.

We hope you notice a positive shift throughout the district this year as we begin the implementation of our new strategic plan. It is simple, with only three areas of focus that will guide our work in the coming year: *Academic Growth and Achievement, Health, Wellness, and Safety, and Talent Recruiting and Retention.*

We will continue to **focus** our efforts to ensure we are able to hire the best possible employees to fill every position within the district. We are **committed** to creating and investing in safe learning spaces where students and staff feel welcome, safe, and ready to learn. We are **investing** in the further development of leaders throughout our district so that we are in a position to better support our staff and students.

Stay tuned, we will share more with you as the specifics of the plan come together! Have a great rest of your summer and we will see you on August 9!

Dr. Teresa Brown, Superintendent

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