

THE DISTRICT CORRESPONDENT

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2026 - 2027 Back to School Edition

We are very excited to welcome our students and families to another great school year! The first student day is Thursday, August 6, 2026.

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.

Which one do I need to do?

Is your student returning from last year?

Registration is for current students who will be returning for the 26-27 school year.

Your family may visit your building in person to register, AND now register all students from any building location. You can also hop online to register.

Are you new to MCS and never attended one of our schools?

Enrollment is for **NEW** students who have never attended an MCS school. You will need create an account through enrollment to get started. You can begin online here, or visit your new school for assistance.

Left for a while and are now coming back?

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 22, 2026, and will be available for assistance for in-person registration.

Online registration for returning and/or current students will open on July 7, 2026.



REMINDER: Students will be dismissed early on **WEDNESDAYS** again this school year.

WEDNESDAY dismissal times are:

Elementary schools - 2:00 PM

Madison Junior High School - 2:25 PM

Madison Cons. High School - 2:35 PM

Dismissal times M, T, Th, and F are:

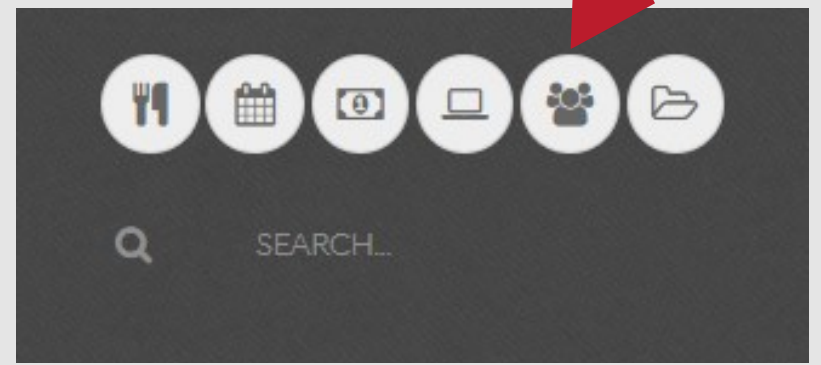
Elementary schools - 2:45 PM

Madison Junior High School - 3:10 PM

Madison Cons. High School - 3:20 PM

Registration Information

RETURNING students: online registration will open on July 7, 2026, for returning students. Students who attended MCS in the previous school year in grades PreK-12 can visit madison.k12.in.us and log in to their Skyward Family Access account using the icon in the top-right corner of the website. Click on the online registration link and follow the prompts to register for the 2026-2027 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 **2026-2027** school year, must file a request with the MCS Board of Trustees prior to **August 6, 2026**.

The application form can be downloaded or picked up at any school building or at the MCS Administration Office, 2421 Wilson Avenue, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM or online at 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.

2026 - 2027 Registration Open House Dates & Times

Anderson Elementary School

2325 Cherry Drive, Madison - 812-273-8528

July 21 - 9 AM to 2 PM

July 22 - 2 PM to 7 PM

July 23 - 9 AM to 2 PM

July 27 - 9 AM to 2 PM

August 4 - 4 PM to 6 PM - OPEN HOUSE

Rykers' Ridge Elementary School

2485 N. Rykers' Ridge Rd., Madison - 812-274-8006

July 22 - 2 PM to 7 PM

July 23 - 9 AM to 2 PM

July 27 - 9 AM to 2 PM

August 4 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - OPEN HOUSE

Madison Junior High School

701 Eighth Street, Madison - 812-274-8003

July 22 - 8 AM to 1 PM

July 23 - 1 PM to 6 PM

August 3 - 4 PM to 6 PM OPEN HOUSE

Deputy Elementary School

14350 Mulberry Street, Deputy - 812-274-8007

July 22 - 2 PM to 7 PM

July 23 - 9 AM to 2 PM

July 27 - 9 AM to 2 PM

August 4 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM - OPEN HOUSE

Lydia Middleton Elementary School

714 W. Main Street, Madison - 812-274-8005

July 22 - 2 PM to 7 PM

July 23 - 9 AM to 2 PM

July 27 - 9 AM - 2 PM

August 4 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM - OPEN HOUSE

Madison Consolidated High School

743 Clifty Drive, Madison - 812-274-8002

July 28 - 8 AM to 12 PM - Registration & Schedule Pickup

July 30 - 12:00 - 7 PM - Registration & Schedule Pickup

July 29 - 12 PM - 7 PM

FRESHMAN & New Student TOURS

Freshman Parent Meeting - 6 PM Sherman Auditorium

Counselors will be available after July 23.

2026 -2027 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](#).

[Learn more](#) about the WHY behind our early dismissal plans here.

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



WANT TO GET REMINDERS, ALERTS, AND SCHEDULE ACCESS FOR SPORTS AND OTHER EVENTS? CREATE AN EVENTLINK ACCOUNT! [JOIN HERE.](#)

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.

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.

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NEW in 26-27 are Teacher Professional Development Days built into the school year. Students **WILL NOT** be in school on **September 18, 2026, and February 5, 2027**

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR											
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Take a look at some of our work linked below!



our district paper highlighting all things students!

[Cub Fest Video](#) - our short highlight reel of a few things that make MADISON unique and the best great place for students!



Follow us!

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Food Service Information

Meal Charges for 2026-2027 School Year

The cost for student meals for the 2026 - 2027 school year is listed below. 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. Lunch costs this year are \$2.90/meal at both elementary and secondary schools.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH AVAILABLE

We realize this can be a considerable expense for some families. If you think your family is eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program, please fill out the application provided in the links below or during online registration as soon as possible.

[26-27 Free/Reduced Application Instructions](#) [26-27 Free/Reduced Application](#)
[26-27 Instrucciones de Aplicación Gratuitas / Reducidas \(Español\)](#) [26-27 Aplicación Gratuita / Reducida \(Español\)](#)



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](#).

How can I pay for my student's lunches?

You may take/send cash or check to your school, or

We also offer a super convenient **online payment option** called eFunds. To learn more and set up your account, [click here!](#)

Breakfast Charges:

Student breakfast - The first meal is **FREE**, additional meal price is \$3.00/meal
Adult breakfast - \$3.00/meal

Lunch Charges:

Elementary student paid lunch - \$2.90/meal
Secondary student paid lunch - \$2.90/meal
Elementary & Secondary student reduced lunch - \$.40/meal
Adult paid lunch - \$4.75/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 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Judy Brooks, Food Service Coordinator, via email at jbrooks@madison.k12.in.us.

An application for [free/reduced meals \(Spanish\)](#) 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 provide 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.

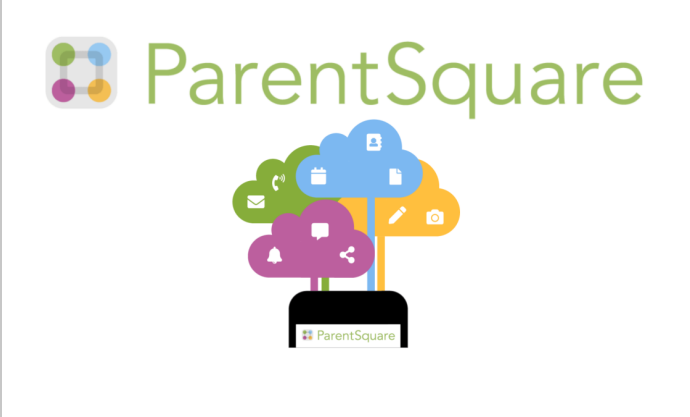
Children who receive free or reduced-price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for their meals. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, age, national origin, sex, or handicap. If the household believes that they have 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.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

School-to-Home Communication

Centralized & Simplified - we heard you!



Since we implemented this a few years ago, we have found it to be a great tool! One place for all school communication, customizable to your preferences, and direct teacher communication at your fingertips.

Check out this short video that hits on all the important things you need to know to get up and running (or see what you're missing!) with ParentSquare.

As always, it is very important that your contact information is up to date and accurate in Skyward. If you need to make changes, please log in to your Family Access account.

The district uses ParentSquare to communicate everything from weather closures to classroom fun. Delivered via text, email, or phone, depending upon urgency, be sure you have the FREE app downloaded so you can get the most of the experience.

New features coming this year include attendance alerts, Student Square platform availability for students in grades 5 through 12, and wider classroom implementation.

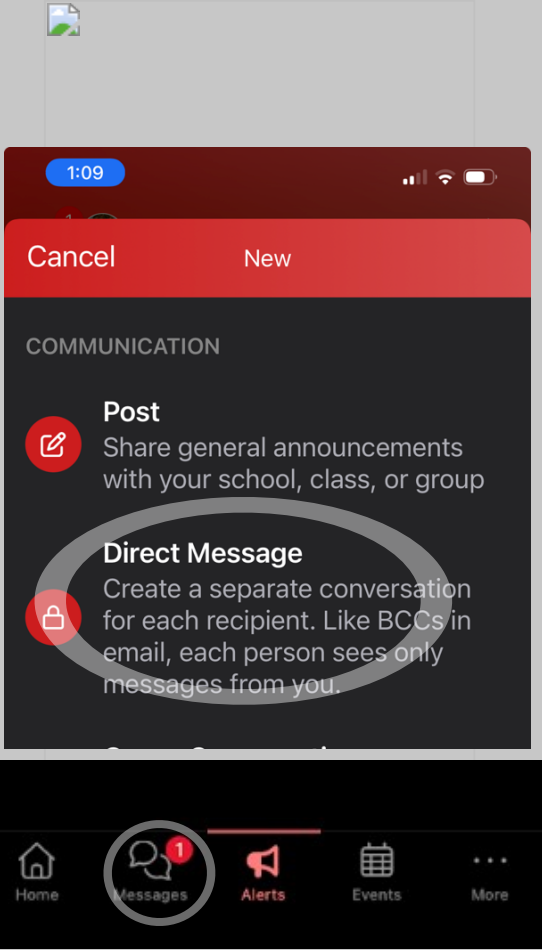


Access more through the app

- Download the FREE app
- Register from the app
- Manage your account settings
- Get connected!

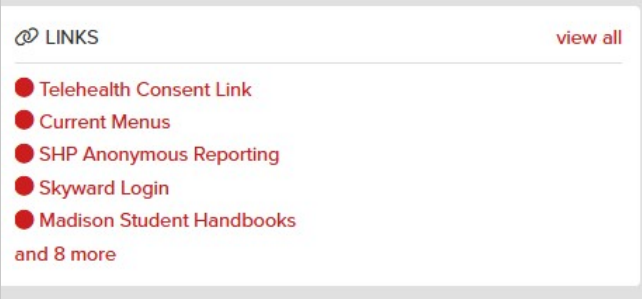
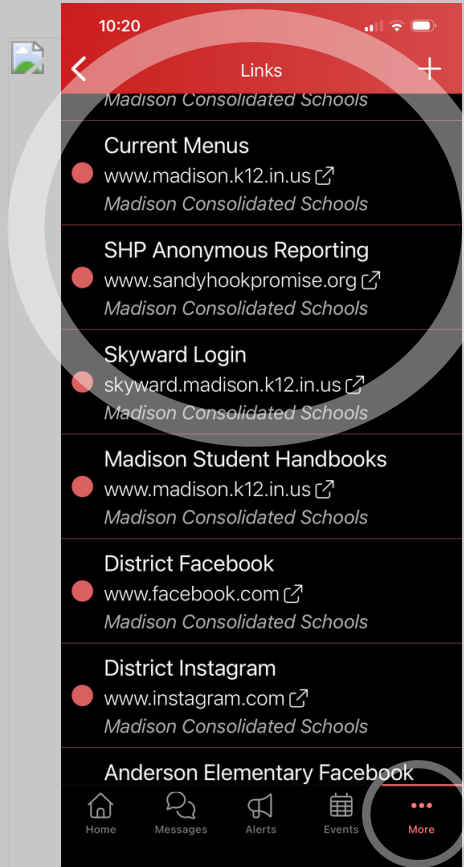
An easy to use, intuitive platform similar to social media with the information important to you.

Connect with us today!

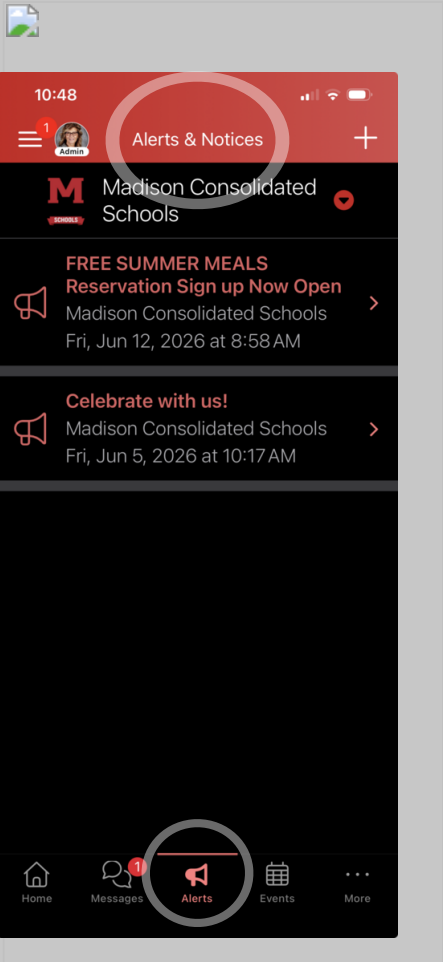
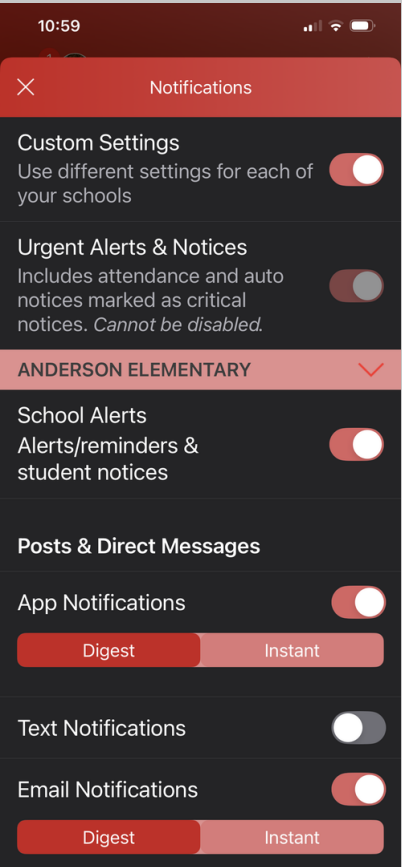


From the bottom right menu, you can access:

- * Quick links - menus, Skyward, etc.
- * Directory - you can Direct Message staff
- * Media - for documents or photos posted



Alerts delivered to your fingertips!
* Weather
* Safety Related
* Reminders
Delivered according to your personal notification preferences.



Health & Safety Resource Reminders

IT'S OKAY
to get
Help

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO
SEEK HELP:

- LOOK FOR THE TRUSTED ADULTS SIGNS IN THE BUILDING.
- TALK TO YOUR COUNSELOR
- SEEK OUT A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FRIEND.

LIFESPRING HEALTH SYSTEMS
PROVIDES SOMEONE TO TALK TO, SOMEONE TO
RESPOND, AND SOMEONE TO CONNECT YOU WITH
THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE OR
RESOURCES.

CALL 833-SAFE988

MCS is committed to a safe learning and working environment.

Are you or someone you know struggling with mental health or substance use?

Be sure to check out Lifespring and see how they may be able to assist you.



ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM
TO DOWNLOAD THE **FREE APP**,
VISIT YOUR APP STORE.

TO REPORT AN ANONYMOUS
TIP, **CLICK HERE TO GO TO
THEIR WEBSITE AND CLICK
SUBMIT TIP.**

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

We appreciate the trust you place in us and your patience each day as we work together to meet your transportation needs. Many factors make transportation a moving target each morning and afternoon and our goal is a positive customer experience placing safety first. Our drivers work very hard to get to know each family and child along their route so that we can efficiently and safely transport them to and from their homes to school each day. We wanted to provide a few reminders as we start school.

Our route information originates in Skyward and is only as accurate and efficient as the information you have on file.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that your address, phone number, and alternate contact information are up-to-date working numbers that are answered so that we can get in touch with you in the event there is a route change, delay, or emergency.

Transportation Changes

We realize things come up. However, we ask that you:

- * **limit last minute changes** to emergency situations only,
- * if you need to change daily arrangements, call your school clerk by NOON,
- * give us 48 hours to accommodate new students onto transportation routes

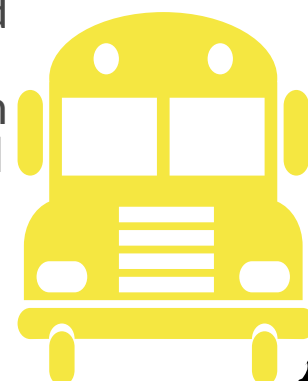
What does your bus driver
need from you when
transporting your student?

- (✓) Student Name
- (✓) Exact, ACCURATE Address
- (✓) Name of Parent/Guardian
- (✓) WORKING Phone Number

**The Transportation
Form must be
completed through the
registration process
(online or in person) by
NOON on August 5 in
order to guarantee day
one transportation.**

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.



To Do List:



- ★ [Register / Enroll](#)
- ★ Update Contact Info in [Skyward](#) - address, phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, etc.
- ★ [Download ParentSquare and set up account.](#)
- ★ 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!](#)



For MJHS & MCHS
Students

StudentSquare
Activate your account today!





Dear Madison Consolidated Schools Families,

On behalf of our award-winning staff at Madison Consolidated Schools, I am thrilled to welcome you back for the 2026-2027 school year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful, restful summer. We are incredibly excited to see our students' smiling faces back in our hallways and classrooms soon. Our vision remains *student-centered, achievement-focused, and everyone valued*. This year, our team is more dedicated than ever to moving our district forward, with a laser focus on academic excellence while always prioritizing the safety and well-being of every student.

We have so much to celebrate as we head into this new year. Thanks to the hard work of our students and teachers, our graduation rate has climbed to an incredible 95%, and our data continues to show excellent growth in reading and math. We are also thrilled to be building a new, innovative Early Learning Center for children from birth to age 5 to support our youngest learners right from the start.

Madison Consolidated Schools is proud to offer unparalleled opportunities that allow every child to thrive, including a robust array of fine arts offerings across the district. Every school in our district now features hands-on STEM programming and school gardens. We have unique, real-world experiences like our district-run store, The Growing Minds Farm Stop, a state-of-the-art production studio at the Junior High, and thriving Esports teams at both the Junior High and High School levels. Furthermore, we have rejoined the Southeastern Career Center to offer 14 additional career pathways, and we maintain a strong partnership with Ivy Tech, allowing our students to earn certifications, a college core, or even an associate degree to jumpstart their futures.

As we kick off the new year, please remember that we will continue to have early release times on **Wednesdays** throughout the school year. These early release times are essential for our teachers and teams to work together in professional learning communities to improve instruction and learning opportunities for our students. We appreciate your support and understanding as we dedicate this time to professional growth for our staff.

We are so glad you are part of our school family. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to bring excellence in education to all students and make this a fantastic year.

Go Cubs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa Brown Superintendent, Madison Consolidated Schools



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