



T.I.S. Digital Backpack



June 20, 2016



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

The front office will be staffed Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. during the summer. Feel free to leave a message at any time and your call will be returned.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The calendar for the 2016-2017 school year is available by clicking on the link on the right hand side of the TIS Website: <http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

PARENT PORTAL

Please see the page below concerning the Parent Portal and refer to our website for more information

Power School Parent Portal

Create Your Single Sign-On Account

1. Go to the Power School Portal Website: <https://tollandschools.powerschool.com/public>
2. Click the tab that says "Create Account."
3. Click the button that says "Create Account."
4. Fill out the information under the heading "Create Parent Account." All fields are required.
NOTE: You will be prompted to choose your desired username and password. Please retain this information for your login to the portal.
5. Fill out the information under the heading "Link Students to Account" for at least one of your children in the school district. You will need the Access ID and Access Password on the front of this letter to set up the student referenced.
6. Click "Enter."

NOTE: You are permitted to link up to seven students on this screen. Should you need to link with more students, you will need to follow the steps below and add additional students once logged in.

If you receive an error message...

An error message may appear if:

1. You have not completed all of the fields in the form;
2. You entered an invalid Parent Access ID for your student;
3. You have entered your student's login information instead of the Parent Access ID;
4. You have used an email address that is associated with another parent account;
5. You have a weak Password;

Adding Additional Students after Creating Your Single Sign-On Account

1. Log-in to your parent account.
2. Click "Account Preferences" on the top navigation menu. This page allows parents to manage their account information including their name, username, password, and email address.
3. Go to the "Students" tab and click "Add" to add a new student to the account. Fill in the pop-up with the following information:
 - * Student Name
 - * Access ID
 - * Access Password
 - * Relationship
4. Click "Submit."

For more detailed instructions, please visit the Tolland Public Schools website. Under District Offices, select "Technology" and follow the Power School Parent Portal links.



GRADE 6 SPORTS

Any 5th grade students interested in participating in 6th grade sports at the middle school need to submit paperwork through the FAMILY ID program. This can be accessed from the Tolland Middle School webpage under Athletics.

http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us/clubs_sports/athletics/

All paperwork must be submitted by August 1, 2016



TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORM

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN LEGAL RESIDENCE

The Tolland Board of Education Administrative Regulation, 5040 used to establish transportation for students to/from daycare/babysitting locations for the school year are:

1. Babysitting or daycare transportation will only be provided to an other-than-legal residence in Tolland if it is for the entire school year.

This alternate transportation will be provided in the a.m. or the p.m. or both a.m. and p.m.

2. For special transportation to a babysitter/daycare the student will be picked up or dropped off if:
 - a. it is at the same location weekly for the entire school year;
 - b. the stop is located on an established destination route; or
 - c. if the required rerouting does not increase the cost of transportation to the District.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to have your child transported to an address other than his or her home address, a Special Transportation Request Form (see reversed side) must be filled out every year. These forms are not carried over from year to year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5040 -TRANSPORTATION TO OTHER-THAN-LEGAL RESIDENCE

1. Transportation to and/or from other-than-legal residence of a student is permitted when such transportation is for the purpose of daycare or babysitting services, provided that the special transportation procedure is adhered to.
2. Each student must designate a single address as his/her primary residence for the purposes of establishing the bus routes.
3. Transportation must be to the same location every day of the week and for the entire school year although the morning location need not be the same as the afternoon location. However, the superintendent of schools or his/her designee, in his/her sole discretion, may waive the "same location every day of the week" requirement where the parents present to the superintendent of schools or his/her designee the following: (1) the parents/guardians of the student share joint physical custody; 2) the student spends relatively equal time during the school year in each parent/guardian's home; and (3) homes of both parents/guardians are within the Tolland Public School district.
4. Transportation will be provided in the a.m. or p.m., or both a.m. and p.m. Students may ride different buses in the morning and afternoon because of the route schedules.
5. All students will be picked up or dropped off at established bus stops (in accordance with these Board of Education Regulations) or the stop closest to the babysitter/daycare location.
6. Parents of elementary and middle school students must inform the school by July 1st of each year if a student is to be transported to and/or from other-than-legal residence for the upcoming year

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR 2016-17

Must be completed and returned no later than July 1, 2016:

**Birch Grove Primary School
School
247 Rhodes Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 870-6750
Fax: (860) 870-6754**

**Tolland Intermediate School
96 Old Post Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 870-6885
Fax: (860) 872-7126**

**Tolland Middle
One Falcon Way
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 870-6860
Fax: (860) 870-5737**

**SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS
GOING TO/FROM A BABYSITTER OR DAYCARE ADDRESS.**

DO NOT SUBMIT IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO/FROM HOME.

Name of Student: _____ Grade in 2016-17: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Special Transportation Request:

Name of Daycare Provider: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Special Transportation is requested for (Please mark all that apply: Note grade level breakdown and circle day of week for daycare/babysitter):

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 2

GRADES 3-8

_____ a.m. M T W Th F

_____ a.m. M T W Th F

_____ p.m. M T W Th F

_____ p.m. M T W Th F

COMMENTS:

Start Date: _____ (MUST ALLOW 3 DAYS FOR PROCESSING)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

office use only: date received: _____

You will not be contacted if your request is approved. If your request does not meet these guidelines, you will be notified by the transportation secretary of your child's school. Please do not contact First Student



MATHEMATICS : Helping your child during the summer.

It is important for students to review math concepts and processes during the summer.

WHY should I have my child do Summer Math?

- Most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. (Cooper, 1996).
- Intentional practice of math skills will help students reach mastery of required material and increase their ability to use facts and operations easily and accurately (fluency).
- It will help to reinforce and build upon prior knowledge.
- Time spent working on mastery, reinforcement, and enrichment will benefit all students.
- It is important is for students to have fun with mathematical concepts and explore how they use math daily.

HOW do I help my child?

- Set up experiences that will enable your child to use mathematical thinking and problem solving
- Use everyday experiences such as going to the grocery store, counting money, and comparing prices

Websites to Explore

Funbrain – Visit the math arcade and test your skills at a variety of math tasks.

(www.funbrain.com)

Set Game Daily Puzzle – A new puzzle each day based on the game, SET.

(www.setgame.com)

A Plus Math – games, printables and more (www.aplusmath.com)

Multiplication Games (www.multiplication.com)

<http://www.mathplayground.com>

Bedtime Math – A daily math problem with 3 different difficulty levels (www.bedtimemath.com)

Calculation Nation - Fun Games from the National Council of Teacher's of Mathematics

(www.calculationnation.nctm.org)

Math Mysteries – Solve a variety of math related mysteries
(<http://teacher.scholastic.com/maven/>)

Place Value

A concrete-pictorial-abstract approach is used throughout Math in Focus. Students use place value blocks, chips, charts, and strips to create an association between the physical representation of numbers, the number symbol, and the number name.

To find out more visit: [Place Value](#)

Model Drawing -- Bar Models

Model drawing, or bar modeling, is a systematic method of representing word problems and number relationships. It is used in the program beginning in Second Grade. Children are taught to use rectangular bars to show the relationship between known and unknown quantities.

To find out more, please visit: [Model Drawing](#)

To try some sample problems, please visit: [Thinking Blocks](#)

Dear Parents,

As you know, Tolland School adopted Math in Focus as our core mathematics curriculum this year. As part of this program, we are pleased to be able to offer several ways to help promote mathematics during the summer months. We encourage Tolland students to continue to use the digital components of Math in Focus as a way to practice and maintain their skills over the summer vacation.

Parents and students have 2 ways to access mathematics materials over the summer.

Think Central:

Think Central is an online learning resource that provides an interactive and dynamic learning interface for students. The program offers an all-inclusive web resource for both teachers and students. This is where you will find your child's textbook library. It is important to note that the online resources on Think Central are presented in the form of online or digital textbooks. The digital textbook is a great way for students to review what was taught in class and offers a variety of problems students can do for extra practice with the concepts and skills presented. When you sign in you will see a choice box like the one pictured. Click on [My Library](#) and you will have access to the student text and some MIF videos.

To sign into Think Central type the url addresses below or click the link on the Tolland Public Schools web page or enter through the BGP/TIS homepage. Then enter the information below to access your child's individual account.



<https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>

Sign in: Students PowerSchool #

Password(BGP): tolland1

Password(TIS): students individual computer id



Math in Focus[®] Digi+[™]:

The second online component is *Math in Focus[®] Digi+[™]*. *Math in Focus[®] Digi+[™]* contains thousands of multimedia resources for students at all ability levels. Each *Math in Focus[®] Digi+[™]* lesson contains several components, which are aligned to the *Math in Focus* lessons. We encourage students to use *Digi+* as an instructional tool for independent practice.

To sign into *Digi+* you can use the url address below or click the link on the Tolland Public Schools web page or enter through the BGP/TIS homepage. Then enter the information below to access your child's individual account.

<http://www.mifdigiplus.com/login/>

Sign in: Students PowerSchool # (numerals only)

School id: 1CT0039

Password(BGP): tolland1

Password(TIS): students individual computer id

We are excited to be able to offer these opportunities to you as we hope they will help students stay immersed in math over the long summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Kelly L Doubleday

District Math Coordinator

FROM THE TOLLAND LIBRARY:

Tolland Public Library Children's Summer Programs 2016



Summer Reading Program: On Your Mark, Get Set,...Read!, this year's summer reading program, starts on **June 17th**, the first full day of summer vacation. Summer reading is open to all Tolland students entering grades K and up; sign up online and track all your titles with the Evanced Summer Reader through Tolland Public Library. Runs through **Sept. 3rd**. You'll earn prizes, tickets, and more! Counts for the **Governor's Summer Reading Challenge** too. Sign up on the library Kids/Teen page (www.tolland.org/library); the sign-up link will be active 6/17.

Library Truck Day on Friday, June 24th –, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Parking Lot C next to the library. All ages! Come and touch a truck and get in the driver's seat of a variety of fire, police, rescue, and community vehicles. No sign up required; don't forget to come in and stock up for your summer reading too!

Manga Smanga on Saturday, June 25th- a cartooning workshop for ages 8 to 13, from 10:30 – 12 p.m. Learn how to draw fun manga and anime characters from Debi Hamuka-Falkenham, professional cartoonist, and make your own Manga cartoon poster to take home. Free but sign up is required for this program sponsored by the Tolland Public Library Foundation.

Reading Therapy Dogs: youngsters who would like to practice their reading skills by reading to a live dog are welcome to sign up for time with Vinny on Thursday, June 23rd from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and with Dolly on Saturday, June 25th, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Reading to a dog is a wonderful reading motivator!

Yard Goats Mascot Visit – on Thursday, June 30th –1:30 p.m. Meet the mascot for Hartford's new team; get an autograph & take your picture with him! For ages 5 and up. Sign up in advance.

Mr. Magic – on Thursday, June 30th –, 6 to 7 p.m. Amazing, astounding, and purely entertaining magic show for ages 5 and up. Sign up required.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Have Fun: Bugs & Mosquitoes with naturalist Jane Seymour on **Thursday, July 6 at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Week one of a series of Thursday afternoon programs for elementary age students (runs through August 4th). Sign up in advance. July 14: **Snakes** July 21: **Meet the therapy dogs.**

All Library programs are free and open to the public. To sign up, or for more information, call 860-871-3620 or check the library events calendar at: www.tolland.org/library

Have a good
Summer!