

# CENTERVILLE~ABINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# NEWS



Back-to-School Edition

July 2024

## Student registration

Parents or guardians may register students online from now through August 7 by logging in to their PowerSchool parent account.

### How to register

Click on one of these links:

<https://cacs.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

<https://centerville.k12.in.us/>

(Then click on "Parent Resources.")

Once you have logged into PowerSchool, click on the icon on the left menu called "Forms " and fill out all 2024-25 Registration forms. Your student will not be registered until all forms are completed.

To add money to student lunch balance, click the online payment link to eFunds that will be at the bottom of Registration Form 1.

Computers are available at the town library for registration at the following times: Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

If you have questions about online registration, contact Jordan Bentlage by calling 855-3475 ext. 2193 or by sending an email to [jbentlage@centerville.k12.in.us](mailto:jbentlage@centerville.k12.in.us).

## eFunds online payment account

If you have not created your eFunds account, do the following on the eFunds page:

- click on **Create an Account**
- Fill in your information and click **create account**
- On the next screen you will select **Pay Student Fees** or **Fund Lunch**
- Type in your student's last name and his or her 9-digit PowerSchool number. You will find this number at the top of the registration form next to the student's name and grade.
- Next, you will enter your debit or credit card information.

The eFunds link can also be located on our school website under Parent Resource tab.

## Registration for new students

Registration for new students is by appointment only and varies by building. Please call the building for appointment dates. Parents or guardians need to bring with them the following items for new-student enrollment:

**Proof of immunization:** An Indiana code requires that every student furnish proof of being fully immunized, a medical exemption from the doctor, or a religious objection written by the parent and filed by the building principal. Please refer to the article concerning immunization requirements for specific details.

**Birth certificate:** A state law requires students who enroll in a school corporation to provide the name and address of the school last attended and a certified copy of the student's birth certificate.

**Court orders or placement papers (if applicable):** If custody has been established by the courts, a copy of the court order must be submitted.

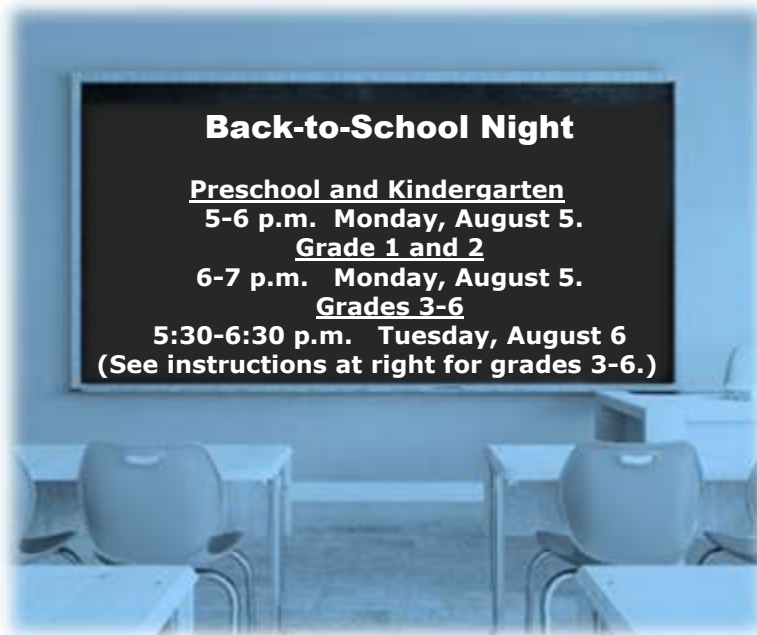
**Residency or custody:** The parent or legal guardian must have proof of residency within the school district. Residency requirements can be obtained from the school corporation website or the superintendent's office.

**Past school records:** Students transferring from another school must submit an official transcript from the sending school in order to receive credit for coursework. Report cards will not be considered sufficient evidence for granting credit. The sending school will be contacted immediately and requested to send appropriate records.

Students who enroll must be able to graduate before age 21. Other education options will be provided if this is not possible.

### New law eliminates curriculum fees

The Indiana General Assembly passed a law to reimburse schools for curricular materials. As a result, Centerville-Abington Community Schools will not charge curricular fees this school year. This will not affect the applications for curricular materials assistance. Parents can still use efunds to pay for lunches but will not need to pay for curricular materials. Please refer to the information at the left regarding eFunds online payment.



## School hours

### Rose Hamilton Elementary School Preschool - Grade 2

8:00 a.m. – School opens  
8:20 a.m. – Tardy bell  
2:40 p.m. – School dismissed

### Centerville-Abington Elementary School Grades 3-6

7:50 a.m. – School opens  
8:00 a.m. – Tardy bell  
3:00 p.m. – School dismissed

### Centerville-Abington Junior High School

7:30 a.m. – School opens  
8:00 a.m. – Tardy bell  
3:00 p.m. – School dismissed

### Centerville Senior High School

7:30 a.m. – School opens  
8:00 a.m. – Tardy bell  
3:00 p.m. – School dismissed

## Grade 3-6 school supplies

School supply lists appear in the registration forms in Powerschool and online at the school website at the Principal's Corner. Choose **School Info** in the upper right. We recommend that you review the supply list and dress code guidelines before you purchase supplies or school clothing. All supplies and personal items, including clothing, should be labeled with the student's first and last name.

## When you come to Centerville-Abington Elementary Back-to-School Night...

Parents and students can enter through the east entrance (by the office) or south entrance (across from the football field). Students can bring school supplies so they don't have to bring so much with them on the first day of school. Parents will have the opportunity to sign students up for the before and after school CARES program at Back to School Night.

### *Reminder for sixth graders*

*Incoming sixth graders are required by the State of Indiana to have the following immunizations **before** the start of school:*

- 1 Tdap (tetanus & pertussis)*
- 1 MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate)*
- 2 Varicella (chickenpox) or date of disease*
- 2 Hepatitis A*

*Please see the complete list of immunization requirements in this newsletter.*

## Childcare

C.A.R.E.S. is a childcare program that is available during the school year to parents and guardians of students in grades K-2 at Rose Hamilton Elementary and grades 3-6 at Centerville-Abington Elementary. Parents may use the program from 6 to 8 a.m. and/or 3 to 6 p.m. each day school is in session. C.A.R.E.S fees may be paid with cash or checks only. Parents may make daily or weekly transactions. Any balance more than a week old must be paid or eligibility for the program will be forfeited. Eligibility may be restored after outstanding dues are paid.

### Reminder

All balanced from the previous school year must be paid in full prior to registration for the new school year.



## Junior High back-to-school information

### Back-to-School Week

Students and parents are invited to the junior high cafeteria **July 31 and August 1** from 3 to 6 p.m. Students will pick up their schedules, locks, and back-to-school information. Students will NOT receive their computers until after school has begun. Students may also tour the building and place their lock on their assigned locker during these two nights.

### New students

Any seventh or eighth grade students who are new to the corporation must set up an appointment with the office to register before school begins. Please call 765-855-5113 to set up your appointment time.

### Student handbook

Parents are encouraged to review the student handbook with their child before school begins. Please pay close attention to the sections on dress code and cell phones.

The handbook can be accessed at <https://cjhs.centerville.k12.in.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2024/06/CJHS-Student-Handbook-2024-25.pdf>

### Supplies

All students should have a three-ring, one-inch binder along with a folder for each class, paper, pencils, colored pencils, glue stick, pens, and athletic clothing for P.E. Students are also encouraged to use an assignment book. Any further instructions about supplies will be given by teachers on the first day of school.

### Social media

Follow our Facebook page for announcements and other important updates. You can find our Facebook page by searching for

**@centervillejuniorhighschool.**

## Senior High back-to-school information

**Driving Permit:** All students who wish to drive to school must complete a parking permit form, which is included in the online registration forms or is available at the high school office. There is a \$10 fee for the parking tag.

**Attendance:** We ask that parents or guardians notify the school between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. when a student is absent (855-3481, ext. 2008). If this is not possible the day of the absence, the parent/guardian should send a note to the office upon their child's return to school. An automated phone

call and email will be sent reminding you to make contact with the school regarding absences. Absences must be cleared within two days of the absence or it will be classified unexcused. Students may only be absent five periods a semester in one class before losing credit. Please read the attendance procedures carefully.

**Student Handbook:** Parents are encouraged to review the student handbook with their child. It is updated annually and contains school rules, policies and state laws regulating the school.

**WCC Bus:** Morning bus to Whitewater Career Center leaves at 7:40 a.m. Afternoon bus returns around 3:25 p.m.

**New Students:** Please call the school to schedule an enrollment appointment. Appointments will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

**Social Media:** Follow our Facebook and Twitter pages for announcements and other important updates. You can find our Facebook page by searching for @centervillehighschool. You can find our X pages for announcements/updates and other important information @cshsbullogs or our athletic page @c\_bulldog.

### *Reminder for seniors*

*Seniors are required to have two Hepatitis A vaccines and a second meningococcal booster prior to the start of school. See the complete list of vaccination requirements in this newsletter.*

## High school laptops to be distributed on July 31 and August 1

The high school will distribute laptops to senior high students at the high school library on **July 31 and August 1** from 3 until 6 p.m. Students with a last name beginning with A-L should collect their laptops on Tuesday, July 31, while students with a last name beginning with M-Z should pick up theirs on Wednesday, August 1. Students must have their computer bags to receive their laptops on the day of distribution.

No laptops will be distributed until the signed forms are verified and past computer fees are paid. Please see the corporation website for more information on the 1:1 initiative for grades 7-12.



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## Bus transportation

Centerville-Abington Community Schools transports eligible students to and from school each day during the school year. Transfer buses are also used to transport K-2 students to and from Rose Hamilton Elementary to Centerville-Abington Elementary for parent pick-up or to be transported home.

If you need bus transportation for the 2024-25 school year, please fill out the transportation page during online registration to request transportation. Bus drivers will receive student information on August 1, **so any students needing bus transportation should complete online registration by Wednesday, July 31, to ensure their information is given to their bus driver.** Bus drivers will contact parents with pickup times prior to the first day of school. Any bus requests made after August 1 are not guaranteed to be ready by the first day of school.

If you have questions regarding transportation, please contact your building principal or administration office at 765-855-3475.

## Applications available for meal assistance

Children from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Applications are available online and should be printed off during registration. Families who feel they qualify need to complete the application as soon as possible, sign and return to the school.

The information will be treated confidentially and will be used only for the eligibility determination and verification of data. The information may be verified by the school or other officials at any time during the school year. Families may apply for this benefit at any time during the school year. If a family is not eligible now but has a decrease in household income or an increase in household size, or if a household member becomes unemployed, the family should fill out an application at that time. In certain cases foster children are eligible for benefits regardless of the household income.

In operations of child food programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap. All families who feel they meet the federal application will be carefully considered.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program provides thousands of dollars for students to attend Indiana colleges and universities. Eligibility is based on income and the promise to maintain grades and citizenship in high school. If your child fulfills the requirements as described and an application is completed online, it may enable your child to pursue the college of his or her choice. The online portion should be completed by your child's seventh- or eighth-grade year to be eligible.

Please register today at  
[www.scholars.IN.gov](http://www.scholars.IN.gov)  
or by calling 1-888-528-4719.

## Centerville-Fayette Special Services

Child Find is a federal, state, and local initiative under Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to locate children with special needs. Children who qualify under IDEA as having special needs that interfere with their learning are assured a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. Children experiencing difficulties in any of the following areas may be candidates for referral: **speech and language development, motor skills, social/emotional development, and general academic skills.**

CFSS provides special education and related services in Centerville-Abington Community School Corporation for children with disabilities ages 3 through 21. The following exceptionalities are considered by case conference committees when determining eligibility for special education: autism spectrum disorder, blind or low vision, intellectual disability, deaf or hard of hearing, deaf-blind, developmental delay, emotional disability, language or speech impairment, multiple disabilities, other health impairment, orthopedic impairment, specific learning disability, and traumatic brain injury.

Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's principal if they have concerns about their child's development. Parents may also find additional information by visiting <https://www.doe.in.gov/specialed>



# School lunch prices

School breakfasts and lunches are nutritious, well-balanced meals with items from all the major food groups as recommended by the National School Lunch Program.

**Breakfast** is available in all buildings at the following rates: \$1.45 (regular rate) and free or at a reduced price (.30) for qualifying students. **Lunch** prices for the 2024-2025 school year at the elementary level are \$2.45 (regular rate) and free or at a reduced price (.40) for qualifying students. Lunch prices at the junior and senior high school will be \$2.70 (regular rate) and free or at a reduced price (.40). Funds for breakfast and lunch can be added to your student’s account through eFunds. The price of adult meals is unchanged at \$4.60.

Students or staff members may charge meals if their account has an insufficient balance to cover the charge. A student whose account has a negative balance may not charge or purchase a la carte items, including milk and extra main course entrées. Students who have a negative lunch account balance of -\$10 or more will be provided an alternate meal at a reduced price. Students will never be denied a meal due to a lack of funds in their account.

The alternate meal will be a low-cost alternative to the regular reimbursable meal and shall meet USDA nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools Regulations so that it qualifies for reimbursement under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. The breakfast alternative meal consists of a whole grain biscuit, fruit, and milk for 50 cents. The lunch alternative meal consists of a whole grain grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable, and milk for 75 cents. These charges will be added to the student’s negative account balance.

Parents will be initially notified by letter, home, or phone call of a negative balance in the student’s account every week. Negative balances are expected to be corrected upon the notification by school authorities. The cafeteria cashier will be responsible for making this initial notification to parents. If an account balance remains negative more than 30 days after the initial notification, the deputy treasurer will initiate appropriate collection procedures.

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## Understanding the lunch line: A parent’s guide

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Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following: <b>meat or meat alternate, grain, fruit, vegetable and, of course, milk.</b>	While the most nutritious lunch contains all of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our student customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.
Out of the five food groups your student is offered, he/she must choose <u>at least</u> three food groups for a meal. One of the food groups <u>must</u> be a fruit or vegetable. Some of the menu choices may count as two food groups such as pizza, nachos, cheeseburger, or chef salad!	
Here’s an example menu:  cheeseburger on a bun ½ cup carrots ½ cup French fries ½ cup peaches 8 oz. milk	So your child could choose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cheeseburger on a bun and fries</li><li>• carrots, peaches and milk</li><li>• cheeseburger on bun, peaches and milk</li></ul> Of course, they can take other combinations or all five food groups! The choice is up to them!
If your child comes home and says he/she didn’t get enough to eat at lunch, ask if he/she is taking all of his/her fruit and vegetable choices!	
Don’t forget about breakfast! Join us each morning; breakfast is a great way to kick off your child’s day!	Breakfast choices are a little different. Students must take at least three of the offered items at breakfast. One must be a fruit or vegetable.

# Vaccination requirements for 2024-2025

Below are the number of doses and each vaccine required for school entry. Any questions can be directed to your physician, the Wayne County Health Department, or the school nurse after school is back in session.

## 3 to 5 years old

- 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- 3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- 1 Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 2 Hep A

## Kindergarten – Grade 5

- 3 Hep B
- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio
- 2 MMR
- 2 Varicella
- 2 Hep A

## Grade 6

- 3 Hep B
- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio
- 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal Conjugate)
- 2 Hep A
- 2 MMR
- 2 Varicella
- 1 Tdap (Tetanus and Pertussis)

## Grade 7-12

- 2 Hep A now required

## Grade 12

- 3 Hep B
- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio
- 2 MCV4
- 2 MMR
- 2 Varicella
- 1 Tdap
- 2 Hep A

**Hep B** The minimum age for the third dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

**DTaP** Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if fourth dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday.

**Polio** Three doses of polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose with only one type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV). For students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade, the final dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday, and be administered **at least six months** after the first dose.

**Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella and LAIV)** Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than 28 days.

**Varicella** Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through sixth grade. Parental report of disease history is acceptable for grades 7-12.

**Tdap** There is no minimum interval for the last Td dose.

**MCV4** Individuals who receive dose 1 on or after their sixteenth birthday only need one dose of MCV4.

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2015 Catch-Up Immunization Schedule to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2015 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>

- ✓ All grades are now required to have two Hepatitis A vaccines.
- ✓ Two/three HPV vaccines are recommended for students in grades 6-12.
- ✓ Two MenB (Meningococcal SeroGroup B) are recommended for grade 12.

A request for a **medical exemption** should include a letter from a physician that includes the vaccine, why contraindicated, a signature and a date. A form for such a request can be found here:

<https://www.in.gov/doi/files/medical-exemption-form-providers.pdf>

A **religious objection** to vaccinations must be made in writing and state that this objection is based on religious grounds. It should be signed by the parent. This religious objection must be completed for each school year.

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## Note from school nurse

A “Parental Authorization to Administer Medicine” must be filled out online by a parent in order for your child to use medication or receive physician-ordered medical treatment at school. The forms are in SchoolCare. You can contact us at [activation@schoolcare.com](mailto:activation@schoolcare.com) to remove access to anyone at any time. If your child leaves the school district, you can request to deactivate your SchoolCare account at any time. Following are frequently asked questions and answers from SchoolCare about this digital health platform form.

### SchoolCare

#### **Is SchoolCare HIPAA compliant?**

Yes, our systems are both HIPAA and FERPA compliant. You can read full details of our privacy policies online at [schoolcare.com/login](http://schoolcare.com/login). At a glance, HIPAA gives individuals the right to access their health information, make sure that is correct, and know who has seen it. You can read more about HIPAA and electronic medical records on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services site.

FERPA grants parents the right to access their child’s education records (including all information on SchoolCare), to request amendments to the records, and to have limited control relative to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the educational records. SchoolCare does not share any personally identifiable information without consent.

#### **Do you share health record data?**

No, we never share identifiable information about any districts, schools, nurses, faculty, students, parents, or administrators on the SchoolCare platform without their explicit permission.

#### **Is SchoolCare mandatory?**

SchoolCare is “mandatory” in the sense that K-12 schools require parents to fill out health forms before their children can attend classes. You can opt out, but it would create problems for the school and make it more difficult for school nurses to do their job. Nurses would struggle to find your information for daily, monthly, and annual reports and have a harder time of providing care in case of a medical emergency if your contact or allergy information is lost.

#### **Why do you need my child’s pediatrician information?**

Having primary provider information on file helps nurses continue the care a doctor recommends and gives them access to the correct expert on your child’s particular health needs. This coordination allows children to stay healthy and get better faster.

#### **Does this affect my insurance?**

When the term “health care” is thrown around, people sometimes think we are talking about insurance. SchoolCare is not a health insurance provider. It is just a way for your school district to digitize the health information that they always ask for (emergency health forms, allergy information, etc.) Once you login, you will see that the forms on SchoolCare are the same forms that parents fill out every year. Some school districts do ask for health insurance information in their registration forms, but it depends on the state in which the district operates.

#### **Is digital information safe?**

Our mission at SchoolCare is to provide safe, secure and lifesaving health technology to U.S. public schools across the country. We use the same cloud-hosted security system used by all major government agencies and corporations.

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**You are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of School Trustees.  
Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of  
each month at 7 p.m. at the Spencer Administration Building.**

**You are encouraged to contact our schools if you have questions or comments.  
Office hours for corporation buildings are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.**



**Superintendent: Mike McCoy / Assistant Superintendent: Sean Stevenson 855-3475**

**High School Principal: Brian Bellew 855-3481**

**Junior High School Principal to be determined 855-5113**

**Centerville-Abington Elementary Principal: Kelly VanWinkle 855-5132  
Assistant Principal to be determined**

**Rose Hamilton Elementary Principal: Diana Hill 966-3911**