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# Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology

Dr. Liana Summey, Principal



**August 5, 2021**

Greetings Newark School of Data Science and Information Technology Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! My name is Dr. Liana Summey and it is a privilege to introduce myself as the new Principal of the Newark School of Data Science and Information Technology. I am honored to have been selected to join the Circuit Family and excited about the opportunity to lead our school as your founding principal. I am very excited about the opportunity to build and lead our new educational community with each of you at my side.

I join the Newark School of Data Science and Information Technology with over ten years of experience as an educator, most recently serving as a central office administrator here in Newark. As an educator, I pride myself in recognizing the unique brilliance that lives in each and every student. Through a productive partnership between students, parents, teachers, and staff, I look forward to collectively working with you to ensure that learning and tapping into every student's individual talent is our main priority.

Below you will find important information and procedures regarding the reopening of school this September, including information on school curriculum, programs, and activities, as well as health and safety protocols in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for choosing the Newark School of Data Science and Information Technology. I look forward to seeing you at the following events and serving you throughout the school year.

- **Freshman Summer Bridge Program:** Monday, August 16th - Friday, August 20th 8:30am-1:00PM.
- **Freshman Orientation:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 6:00PM. Virtual orientation via Webex: <https://nboe.webex.com/meet/lsummey>
- **First Day of School: Tuesday, September 7, 2021.**
- **School will be conducted in-person. The school day begins at 8:20AM and ends at 2:40PM. Students are expected to be in class and ready for instruction daily at 8:20AM.**
- **Lunch application** - The online lunch application system is available. Please complete the lunch application here: <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/operations/food-services/lunch-application/> **Note: All parents/guardians must complete a lunch application for their child.**
- **Entering the school building** - Everyone is required to wear face-covering and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, 6 ft. apart, at all times to protect the safety of everyone.
- **Newark Board of Education Safe Return Plan:** Please find the District's Safe Return Plan for the 2021-2022 school year here: <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/safe-return-plan-2021-2022/>
- **Face coverings and school uniforms:** All students must wear a face-covering at all times, and students must be in uniform every day. The uniform code is as follows: Wearing a face mask is **REQUIRED** for everyone on school or district grounds.
- **Arrival doors for students:** Location - Entrance Door on Chapman Street.



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- **Back to School Night** - Will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. It will be your opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn their academic curriculum and goals for the school year.
- **Communication** - Please continue to check our school website <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/data-science/> for more information. I will also be communicating through SchoolMint. If you would like to update your phone number, please visit our website and update your contact information (email, telephone number, and address) on SchoolMint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>).

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 908-899-2845 or email school clerk Wilma Lewis at [wlewis@nps.k12.nj.us](mailto:wlewis@nps.k12.nj.us) for assistance.

Best Regards,

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