



Dear Liberty Families:

I want to take the time to give you several reminders as we are currently nearing the half-way point of the school year.

- Liberty follows Columbus City Schools dress code adopted by the Board of Education. Students clothing should completely cover all body parts (no skin showing). Flip flop sandals and/or slides should not be worn to school. Students need to come to school with closed toed shoes on.
- Talk with your child about personal hygiene. Please make sure that he/she is taking care of their hygiene needs before leaving the house every morning. Poor personal hygiene can have a negative impact on your child's school day and learning environment.
- Disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated. Students are to adhere to adult directives at all times. Failure to do so could result in a removal from the educational environment.
- Physical violence will be dealt with swiftly and severely. We are working to maintain a respectful, responsible and safe school environment for all students.
- Your child should be engaged in educational activities during the school day. Blatant refusal to complete assigned work is not an option.
- If you are unsure of homework policies, please make certain that you contact your child's teacher for clarification.
- You must schedule an appointment to meet with school personnel. Please do not come in demanding to see anyone without an appointment. (This is an expectation in any professional environment). We are willing to meet with you, but things must be done with proper procedure. Our number one goal is the education of students.
- Please limit the number of times your child is tardy to school or leaves school early. Every minute counts for attendance—this will help you avoid an attendance intervention meeting and or a referral to Franklin County Children Services (FCCS).
- Please check your child's backpack/book bag nightly. You are missing important information when you fail to do so.
- Prek & Kindergarten students should have a change of clothing (including socks and underwear) in his/her backpack each day, in the case of an accident.
- As often as you change your personal contact information (address, phone number, etc) you will need to log on to the Parent Portal to update the changes. This will ensure that you are receiving important communication from the school.

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Eric Butler, Assistant Principal

- You must be on time to pick up your child at the end of the school day. We do not have staff to supervise students after 3:45 p.m. If no one is here to get your child, we begin the process of trying to locate a contact to assist. If we are unable to locate anyone we will call to have the child picked up by the Columbus Police Department and transported to Franklin County Children Services. You must always have a backup plan to ensure your child's safety at dismissal. School staff cannot be the backup plan, as many staff are trying to get home to their own children. To avoid this series of events, please make sure someone is available to pick up your child.

i-Ready Diagnostic Testing (Reading and Math)

All students will be required to take the i-Ready Reading and Math diagnostic between 12/6/23-12/19/23. Please make sure that your child is in attendance, and brings his/her district assigned Chrome book fully charged.

Mark your Calendar

- **December 18** Winter Wonderland Concert & Parent Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner, 5-6:30pm
- **December 19** 30 Minute Early Release, 3pm Dismissal
- **December 20-January 2** Winter Recess (No School for Students)
- **January 3, 2024** School Resumes for All Students

Inclement Weather

This is a friendly reminder that if the temperature (with wind chill) is 27 degrees or higher, students will have outdoor recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Your child should wear a coat, hat and gloves to school each day. **We cannot make special provisions for individual students—if there is outdoor recess, all students go outside (unless we receive a note from a physician stating otherwise).**

In the event that weather prevents us from coming to school, you will be advised as such through district notification and information given on local news and radio stations. Please make sure that you stay tuned for the latest updates.

Changing Students Route Home

If you need to change how your student is getting home, you should call the office as soon as possible, preferably before noon. We understand emergencies happen, however, the office closes at 2:45pm to prepare for dismissal. Last minute changes cause confusion with the office staff, as they are preparing for a safe dismissal.

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