



2017-2018 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	{ 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

3-4 - New Teacher Orientation
 7-11, 16-17 - Staff Dev.; 14-15, 18 - Teacher Prep.
 21 - First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

4 - Labor Day Holiday

OCTOBER 2017

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29	30	31				

2 - State Fair Day, All Closed
 26 - Early Release/Parent Conference Day
 27 - Holiday; 30 - Staff Development

NOVEMBER 2017

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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20-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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4-8 - STAAR Testing
 22 - Early Release, Last Day Fall Semester
 25-29 - Winter Break

JANUARY 2018

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1-5 - Winter Break
 8 - School Resumes, 1st Day Spring Semester
 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

FEBRUARY 2018

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15 - Early Release / Parent Conferences
 16 - Staff Development
 19 - Holiday (Students and Staff)

MARCH 2018

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12-16 - Spring Break
 30 - Good Friday Holiday

APRIL 2018

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10-13 - STAAR Testing
 16 - Holiday (Students and Staff)

MAY 2018

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7-18 - STAAR Testing; 28 - Memorial Day Holiday
 31 - Last Day of School, Early Release

JUNE 2018

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1 - Staff Dev. / Teacher Prep Day
 25-29 - STAAR Testing

JULY 2018

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4 - Independence Day Holiday

CALENDAR KEY : () Grading Period { } Semester ▲ New Teacher Orientation *2018 Graduation

- Holiday/School Closed □ Staff Development Day (No school)
- Early Release ◊ Teacher Preparation Day (No school)
- Parent Conf. Day ★ STAAR Test (Details at desotoisd.org)

GRADING PERIODS

Fall Semester: Aug. 21 - Oct. 20; Oct. 23 - Dec. 22 - 81 days
Spring Semester: Jan. 8 - March 9; March 19 - May 31 - 92 days

174 days



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2017-2018 CONTACTS & INFO.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

DeSoto High School

600 Eagle Dr., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-230-0726

Principal: *Arista Owens-McGowan*

East Middle School

601 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-223-0690

Principal: *Brandon Ward*

West Middle School

800 N. Westmoreland Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-230-1820

Principal: *James McBride*

Curtistene S. McCowan Middle School

1500 Majestic Meadows Dr., GH, TX 75154
972-274-8090

Principal: *Emory Price*

DeSoto Alternative Education Center (DAEC)

204 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-223-2242

Principal: *Homer Webb*

WINGS (Dropout Prevention & Recovery)

210 E. Belt Line Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-274-8219

Principal: *Reggie Lewis*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Cockrell Hill Elementary

425 S. Cockrell Hill, DeSoto, TX 75115
972-230-1692

Principal: *Leetha Harper*

The Meadows Elementary

1016 The Meadows Pkwy., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-224-0960

Principal: *Shana Hawthorne*

Frank D. Moates Elementary

1500 Heritage Blvd., GH, TX 75154
972-230-2881

Principal: *Wesley Pittman*

Northside Elementary

525 Ray Ave., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-224-6709

Principal: *Dr. Lori Mathis*

Woodridge Elementary

1001 Woodridge, DeSoto, TX 75115
972-223-3800

Principal: *Deidre Hannible*

Ruby Young Elementary

707 Young Blvd., DeSoto, TX 75115
972-223-6505

Principal: *Shanta Duren*

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Amber Terrace Discovery & Design Early Childhood Academy

224 Amber Lane, DeSoto, TX 75115
972-223-8757

Principal: *Keishla Coleman*

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Starts August 21, 2017

School Hours of Operation

Early Childhood Academy 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Elementaries (Gr. K-5) 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Middle School (Gr. 6-8) 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
High School (Gr. 9-12) 7:30 a.m. - 2:54 p.m.

School Zone Times (on school days only)

Mornings 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Afternoons 2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Registration Information

New student registration at each campus.
August 8-18 8-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.

Enrollment takes place at the individual campus.
A child must be age 5 on or before Sept. 1 to enter kindergarten and age 6 to enter first grade.

Please bring the following for each child:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunizations Records
- Proof of Residency - Parent must show a current Texas driver's license, Texas ID card or government issued ID **and** current gas, electric or utility bill/receipt **and** a signed affidavit of residency (forms available at each school)
- Report Cards (if applicable)

Prekindergarten Program

A child is eligible for Pre-K if the child is age 4 on or before Sept. 1 and:

- the family qualifies for free- or reduced-meal program, or
- is unable to speak or comprehend English, or
- is a homeless child, or
- is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces or child of an injured or deceased member of the armed forces, or
- has been or is in conservatorship of the state

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FREE Breakfast; Lunch Information

DeSoto ISD is launching a FREE universal breakfast this fall so all students can eat breakfast for free. The free- and reduced-lunch program is available for eligible students.

School lunch prices:

Elementary \$2.55 Secondary \$2.75

Code of Conduct and Student Handbooks

DeSoto ISD students and their parents are responsible for reading and understanding all policies outlined in the DeSoto ISD Code of Conduct as well as each campus student handbook. Any violations will be disciplined in accordance with the policies and the law. The Code of Conduct is online at www.desotoisd.org.

Inclement Weather Alerts

In the event of inclement weather, DeSoto ISD officials make every effort to notify the media prior to 6 a.m. of the day in question. In addition, the district utilizes an alert system to contact all DeSoto ISD families and employees.

Student Dress Guidelines (Uniforms)

Students in grades PreK-8 have a dress code. Students must wear white, forest green, gold, gray or black tops; spirit or college shirts. Bottoms must be khaki or black. High school students have dress guidelines that includes appropriate and inappropriate clothing. Campus administration will have final judgment on all matters concerning the student dress code compliance.

Student UIL Athletics

Seventh- through twelfth-graders are eligible to participate in UIL competitive athletics. All participants must have physicals, parental acknowledgment forms, and emergency information on file before the first practice.

Transportation Services

Transportation is available for students living two or more miles from their home schools. For more information and routes, contact your school or Dallas County Schools at 972-224-7329.

DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

DeSoto ISD Main Number - 972-223-6666

Superintendent

Associate Superintendent

Assessment & Accountability

Athletics

Business, Finance, Purchasing

Child Nutrition

Communications

Curriculum, Instruction

Human Resources

Innovative Programs

Plant Services/Maintenance

Special Education

Student Services, Secondary Schools

Dr. David Harris Ext. 8218

Dr. Gabrielle Lemonier Ext. 8407

Kathy Ferrell Ext. 8248

Larry Davis 972-274-8118

Bobby LaBorde Ext. 8212

Sonya Jackson 972-230-4780

Tiffanie Blackmon-Jones Ext. 8414

Dr. Cheryl Ensley Ext. 8207

Dr. Kevin Phillips Ext. 8279

Debbie Garner Ext. 8209

Don Lester 972-223-8425

Akweta Hickman Ext. 8251

Levatta Levels Ext. 8214