



DeSoto Independent School District 2016-2017 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2016						
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			

8-9 - New Teacher Orientation
10-19 - All Staff Dev. / Teacher Prep Days
22 - First Day of Instruction

SEPTEMBER 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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5 - Labor Day Holiday, All Closed

OCTOBER 2016						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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3 - State Fair Day, All Closed
21 - Staff. Dev.; Parent Conferences PM

NOVEMBER 2016						
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27	28	29	30			

21-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2016						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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5-9 - STAAR Testing
16 - Early Release; Last Day Fall Semester
19-30 - Winter Break

JANUARY 2017						
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2 - Winter Break
3 - School Resumes; 1st Day Spring Semester
16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

FEBRUARY 2017						
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20 - Staff. Dev.; Parent Conferences PM

MARCH 2017						
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13-17 - Spring Break;
28-30 - STAAR Testing

APRIL 2017						
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14 - Good Friday Holiday, All Closed

MAY 2017						
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1-5; 8-11 - STAAR Testing
29 - Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2017						
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1 - Last Day of School; Early Release
2 - All Staff Dev. / Teacher Prep Day
19-23 - STAAR Testing

JULY 2017						
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4 - Independence Day Holiday

CALENDAR KEY: () Grading Period { } Semester ▲ New Teacher Orientation
 ■ Holiday/School Closed □ Staff Development Day (No school) *SNOW DAYS:
 ● Early Release ○ Teacher Preparation Day (No school) June 2, 5
 ● Parent Conf. Day ★ STAAR Test (Details at desotoisd.org)

GRADING PERIODS

Fall Semester: Aug. 22 - Oct. 14; Oct. 17 - Dec. 16
Spring Semester: Jan. 3 - March 10; March 20 - June 1



2016-2017 CONTACTS & INFO.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

DeSoto High School (9-12)

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

Principal: *Arista Owens-McGowan*

East Middle School (6-8)

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

Principal: *Brandon Ward*

West Middle School (6-8)

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

Principal: *James McBride*

Curtistene S. McCowan Middle School (6-8)

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

Principal: *Nicholas Johnson*

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

Amber Terrace Discovery & Design Early Childhood Academy (EC and PreK)

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

Principal: *Emory Price*

Cockrell Hill Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Leetha Harper*

The Meadows Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Shana Hawthorne*

Frank D. Moates Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Wesley Pittman*

Northside Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Dr. Lori Mathis*

Woodridge Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Deidre Hannible*

Ruby Young Elementary (K-5)

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

Principal: *Kelvin Oliver*

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Starts August 22, 2016

School Hours of Operation

Elementaries (Gr. PK-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 9-19 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:

- qualifies for free- or reduced-meals, 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

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.

FREE Breakfast; Lunch Information

DeSoto ISD offers a FREE universal breakfast to all students. 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 call and/or e-mail all DeSoto ISD families.

Student Dress Guidelines (Uniforms)

DeSoto ISD has a uniform dress policy for students in grades PreK-8 and guidelines for students in grades 9-12. Elementary and middle school students must wear white, forest green, gold, gray or black tops, spirit and college shirts. Bottoms must be khaki, black or DeSoto plaid. High school students must wear clothing that fits with no holes/tears. Pants, shorts, skirts can be any fabric, color and print. Tops can be spirit shirts, college shirts or solid colored, collared shirts. Campus administration will have final judgment on all dress compliance matters. The complete dress guidelines are online.

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.

www.desotoisd.org

DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

DeSoto ISD Main Number - 972-223-6666

Superintendent

Dr. David Harris Ext. 218

Assessment & Accountability, After-School

Kathy Ferrell Ext. 248

Athletics

Larry Davis 972-274-8118

Business, Finance, Purchasing

Bobby LaBorde Ext. 212

Child Nutrition

Sonya Jackson 972-230-4780

Communications

Beth Trimble Ext. 205

Elementaries, Operations, Compliance

Dr. Gabrielle Lemonier Ext. 301

High Schools, Curriculum, Instruction

Dr. Cheyrl Ensley (interim) Ext. 290

Human Resources

Dr. Kevin Phillips Ext. 238

Middle Schools, Student Services

Levatta Levels Ext. 214

Parent Engagement

Dr. Amber Reed Ext. 484

Plant Services/Maintenance

Don Lester 972-223-8425

Special Education

Akweta Hickman Ext. 251