# **ISD** Insider

Your Source for Independence School District News

#### August 2021

#### 2021-2022 Student Calendar

You can find the 2021-2022 student calendar on the ISD website <u>here.</u> We appreciate the teachers and other staff members, administrators and parents who spent hours working on the calendar. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, August 23rd!



# ISD Job Fair Tuesday, August 17th

Explore employment opportunities in the Independence School District on Tuesday, August 17th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meet with wonderful members of our team from several departments, including Transportation, Nutrition Services, Facilities, Kids' Safari, Special Education and Substitute Services. The ISD Job Fair will take place at Central Office located at 201 N. Forest Avenue, Independence, MO 64050. View our current open positions <a href="heep-times-beta-based-empty-left-base



#### **School Supply Lists**

You can find school supply lists for Pre-K, elementary and middle school here. We recommend high school students bring basic supplies until they receive specific information from their teachers, as each teacher will have different needs for each class.



# Elementary Meet the Teacher Night

Elementary Meet the Teacher Night is Thursday, August 19th between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at every ISD elementary! Please arrive at your assigned time determined by the first letter of your student's last name and shared by your building principal. Students will have the opportunity to find their classroom, meet their teacher and drop off school supplies in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. Families that opted for Virtual Learning will meet with their teachers via Zoom. Families must complete



online registration, residency verification and settle any outstanding obligations prior to attending Meet the Teacher Night. Friendly reminder that masks are required indoors for all students two years of age and older and all adults in all district buildings.

#### Free Breakfast and Lunch in the 2021-2022 School Year

ISD students will be able to receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year thanks to ISD Nutrition Services and a federally funded program. Breakfast and lunch menus are available to view online <a href="here">here</a> and via the MealViewer mobile app.



MealViewer provides a nutrition calculator for breakfast, lunch and snacks served at their student's school and allows families to record food allergens in order to view which items on the menus contain those allergens.

Please submit a <u>Free and Reduced Meals application</u> to ensure continued funding to support all students in our district. The completion of this application is one way funding is determined for the school district through the state. You can fill out an application online <u>here</u> or call 816-521-5371 with any questions. Although free breakfast and lunch is available for all ISD students for the 2021-2022 school year, submitting an application can increase funding to support all ISD students for things like district-provided dental, vision and mental health services, discounts on fees for ACT, SAT and AP courses and discounts on college application fees.

#### ISD Safety Protocols

Our priority is the safety and well-being of students and staff, so we have implemented many policies to try to protect those in our schools and on our buses. You can find our current safety protocols along with resources from the Independence Health Department and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) linked here. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure the safety and well being of our ISD community!



# ISD Transportation Introduces ZPass for K-8 Bus Riders

The ISD is now using a program called ZPass for K-8 bus riders. ZPass is a student identification system designed specifically for school bus transportation. The ZPass System allows the District to see where and what time students get on and off district buses, helping to ensure student safety. All K-8 bus riders will swipe their ZPass each time they board the bus and each time they disembark. Face coverings must be worn on ISD buses in accordance with the current federal order requiring masks on all public transportation.

Click here for additional transportation information.



#### Looking Ahead in the ISD

**August 23 - First Day of School** 

**September 6 - No School (Labor Day)** 

September 24 - No School (Staff Professional Development)

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