

Changes of School Policies and Procedures for 2017-18 School Year

Rezoning Structure for 2017-18 School Year Effecting East Chester and Jacks Creek Elementary Schools

The Chester County Board of Education approved the following adjustment to zoning of Chester County as it affects East Chester and Jacks Creek Elementary Schools. This zoning revision will permit students who are currently enrolled at East Chester and siblings scheduled (including incoming kindergarten students) to enroll for 2017-18 school year living in these optional zoning adjustments to continue if requested to attend East Chester Elementary. Those families living in these adjusted zones that choose to continue at East Chester Elementary will be responsible for providing their students transportation to and from East Chester Elementary- no busing will be devoted to specific elementary schools outside of the approved zone lines.

Rezoning structure

-Collapsing the current "optional zone"

between East and Jacks Creek Elementary schools to zone all families in that "optional zone" to Jacks Creek Elementary. The "optional zone" represents the following locations and affects all residences located on both sides of roads, highway, etc.:

- (North of Hwy 100E starting at 911 address #4700) on and east of Glendale Road, St.Route 200 at 911 address #300,
- (South of Hwy 100E starting at 911 address #4700) Baker Road, Jacks Creek Road at 911 address #3000, Cones Road, Short Farrow Road, Enville Road at 911 address #3000, Gateley Road, Knuckles Road at 911 address #1500,

Other School Bus Transportation Adjustments

To support our elementary schools efforts to extend the instructional days for our students, early afternoon bus routes to move students from West Chester and Jacks Creek Elementary Schools to the central location of East Chester Elementary School will end at the close of this school year. The district bus transportation commitments are to provide transportation for our students between home residence address and schools assigned. After school ends, it will be the responsibility of families to transport their students to locations other than the home residence addresses. This adjustment to commit school district transportation to transport students to and from school and home residence addresses are due to limitations of the availability of buses, drivers and to extend the school day to end closer to 3:00pm at West Chester and Jacks Creek Elementary Schools.

Attendance Policy Adjustments for all Chester County School Students

For the effort of diminishing the number of students who are excessively absent from school each year, there are new guidelines for families to follow to ensure that their student's absences are considered "excused." These adjustments will be included also with the student handbooks available to the

students and families prior to the start of the school year.

- Instead of five (5) student absences per semester be counted as “excused” with a parent call that can reach a total of ten (10) absences for the school year, a total of seven (7) student absences for the school year will be considered as “excused” based on parent call only.
- Student absences up to seven (7) as a total for the school year will be counted as “excused” with a doctor’s statement. To excuse further student absences beyond the first seven (7) absences based on medical reasons, the physician treating the student would be required to provide an additional narrative justifying the student’s absence from school for the majority of the school day with each event of absence. As the current policy reads, the judgment of the principal determines if the student absence will be excused or unexcused.
- All other truancy counts and actions will remain consistent to ensure that proper resources are available to support better student attendance of school.

Cost adjustments for Chester County School meals

The following rate adjustments for meal costs will affect all schools at the start of 2017-18 school year.

- Student lunches for grade levels ***pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade*** will be **\$2.00 per meal.**
- Student lunches for grade levels ***sixth grade through twelfth grade*** will be **\$2.25 per meal.**
- Adult lunches at all schools will be **\$3.00 per meal,** and holiday lunches will be **\$4.50 per meal.**

To the families of Chester County School Students:

I personally trust that your student’s school experience this year has been a challenging and rewarding one. Our school district staff appreciate the opportunities you have afforded us to educate your children. We consider this opportunity as a calling to prepare our students for their futures.

May everyone enjoy the summer break and invest in that time to prepare for another challenging and rewarding school year starting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 for a partial day of grades kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth and ninth grades. The first full school day for 2017-18 year is Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Thank you for your support of Chester County Schools.



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