



frequently
asked
QUESTIONS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT JFK 2017-2018

When is the first day of school?

Thursday, September 7th

What time does school start and end?

1st - 5th grade - 8:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

A.M. Kindergarten - 8:55 a.m to 11:35 p.m.

P.M. Kindergarten - 12:40 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Where should my child line up on the first day of school?

A Location Map will be placed on the JFK website showing where each grade will line up.

Please look for the name of your child's teacher on a sign at that location and form a straight line behind the sign.

Are parents allowed to walk their child(ren) into the building?

No, parents and relatives will not be allowed into the building at this time. At 8:55 a.m., you will need to say your "goodbyes" outside as the classroom teachers will walk their classes into the building.

What if it rains on the first day?

The students will be able to enter the building at 8:35 a.m. and will be greeted by teachers. Grades 3-5 will be escorted to the 2nd floor, and Grades K-2 will be escorted to the gym.

Can I walk them into the building during inclement weather?

No, parents and relatives are not permitted to accompany their child(ren) into the building during inclement weather **even on the first day of school.**

My child takes the bus. How will I know when and where he/she will be picked up?

You should be receiving a bus pass in the mail with instructions on a pick-up time and location.

My child takes the bus. What will arrival look like for him/her on the first day of school?

Students arriving by bus or van will be greeted by our staff and escorted to their assigned locations outside or inside the building depending on the weather.

When do normal arrival procedures begin?

The 2nd day of school

What are the normal arrival procedures?

School will open at 8:35 a.m., and we provide hallway monitoring to ensure the safety of our students. School officially begins at 8:55 a.m. so please make sure you drop your child off between 8:35 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.

Is Before Care offered at the school?

Yes

What should I do if I need to drop my child off before 8:35 a.m.?

Your child must be pre-registered for the school-based Early Start Program. This information can be found on the district and/or school website or by calling 973-968-7427. This program is available between 7:15 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. both on a regular basis and an "Emergency Use Only" basis to meet your needs.

Is After Care available at the school as well?

Yes, a Wrap Up program is offered until 6:00 p.m. Information can be found on the district and/or school website or by calling 973-968-7427.

My child is new to JFK. Does the school have a Code of Conduct?

Yes. Our Code of Conduct is recited every morning and is placed throughout the school as a reminder of our expectations. The Code of Conduct Pledge is as follows:

*Be kind in every way
Be responsible for ourselves each day
Respect ourselves and others too
Do the best that we can do
Be helpful, friendly, and fair
Take turns and be willing to share.*

We also promote character education through our Six Paws of Character program that encourages students to be respectful, fair, responsible, trustworthy, caring, and a good citizen.

What if my child arrives to school late?

When a child arrives to school late, he/she is to report to the nurse's office for a late pass and then proceed to his/her classroom.

Can a student be excused from school early?

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE ALL DOCTOR AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD RECEIVES A FULL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE OTHER STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM.

For those times when it is necessary to pick up your child early, a note to the classroom teacher must be provided and should include the reason and time you will be picking up your child. In the event of an emergency, please try to call the office prior to your arrival. Please note that your child must be in school for 4 instructional hours to receive credit for a full day.

We strongly discourage signing out students after 2:45 pm. This is too close to the end of the school day and causes significant disruptions to the end of the academic day and end of the day procedures. ADDITIONALLY, STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE DISMISSED BETWEEN 3:00-3:20 P.M.