



## Welcome Back to School!

# 2022-2023 Schedule

First Day of School:  
Monday, August 15

Daily Schedule:

K-5—8:50-3:30

**\*Doors open at 8:30**

6-12—7:40-2:30

**\*Doors open at 7:20**

### Kindergarten Training/Start Schedule:

The first 2 days of school will focus on learning routines with only half of each Kindergarten class attending each day.

Last Name A-L: Attends Monday, Aug. 15 (not Tuesday, Aug. 16)

Last Name M-Z: Attends Tuesday, Aug. 16 (not Monday, Aug. 15)

All Kindergarteners will attend together starting Wednesday, August 17 through the remainder of the year. Kindergarteners will be assigned to the teaching team for the first two weeks before classroom/teacher placement is made.

[Click here](#) for the link to our school calendar.

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## Back to School Open House & Picnic

Thursday, August 11, 10:00-2:00

Come meet your teachers and reconnect with classmates at the picnic. There will be food trucks to purchase lunch from. Plus you can get your school spiritwear by supporting our "Spiritwear Fundraiser!"

10:00-11:30—Open House, walk around the building and meet your teachers.

11:30-12:30—Grab some grub from one of the food trucks and enjoy a picnic with your family and friends.

12:30-2:00—Attend a few workshops to help you become more familiar with Compass practices.

K-5: Bring Individual Supplies to the Open House as well as Community Supplies to your homeroom class.

6-12: Bring ONLY Community Supplies to the Open House to give to your Advisory Teacher. Keep individual supplies in your backpack to use throughout the year.

[Click here](#) for school supply lists.

## Spiritwear Fundraiser

The First Annual Spiritwear Fundraiser is intended to address the needs that arise at the school. This summer for example, we repainted the middle school classrooms, added a sink in the kitchen, added wainscot to hallway walls, and installed a patio for the high school students. These types of improvements are necessary to keep our building looking beautiful and require funds that we do not receive from the State. Therefore, we are asking parents, one time annually, to contribute to our sustainability fund through the Spiritwear Fundraiser.

By donating a minimum of \$25, you will receive a spiritwear shirt (while supplies last). Staff and students enjoy comradery by wearing Compass gear on Fridays and to support our school athletic teams. Additionally, we have a fun new logo this year, so don't miss out on getting your school spiritwear by donating at the Open House and Picnic.

\$25 Donation = one shirt, each shirt after the initial donation is just \$10 each (while supplies last)

For \$0 down get spiritwear shirts for everyone in the family (up to 5 total) by setting up a monthly recurring donation of just \$10 per month (6 months minimum). This will provide even more support for the school!

## Friendly Reminder

Students should arrive no earlier than the school doors open for the start of the day (6-12 7:20 AM and K-5 8:30 AM)

Students need to be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the school day (6-12 2:45 PM and K-5 3:45 PM)

- ◆ Please do not leave secondary students to wait for elementary students to be finished. There is no supervision for students once school is over. This creates a burden for office staff.
- ◆ Please do not pick up elementary students early, at the same time the secondary day ends. This means your elementary student is missing one hour of school per day or 168 hours in a year. That is a lot of learning loss!!!

If driving to and from the school on two schedules is a burden, please consider having your student ride the bus to and/or from school or work out a carpool with one of your child's friends. Thank you!

## Arrival and Departure

All students K-12 will be dropped off and picked up along the sidewalk at the front of the building. In order to unload/load as many cars as possible at a time, parents should pull as far forward as possible leaving no gaps between their vehicle and the vehicle in front of them. This will allow many more vehicles to unload/load at a time.

For ARRIVAL, have your student get ready for departure as you begin approaching the unloading zone (backpack loaded, coat on, water bottle in hand, etc.)

For DEPARTURE, encourage your student to be watching for you so they are ready to load. This is not a time for socializing or looking at their cell phone.

## Kindergarten

For the first two weeks of school, the Kindergarten Teaching Team will share all kindergarten students and work together to help each student transition into the Compass Model. Kindergarten students will spend time in each of the kindergarten classrooms getting to know Compass expectations, school culture, and how to be a good friend and responsible student. Students will get to know each teacher as well as all the other kindergarteners. Students will receive their specific teacher assignment Aug. 26-29th. The intent is not to level kindergarten students according to ability or academic mastery, but rather to balance out classes and set each student up for success for their first year as a Compass Aviator.



## Compass Culture

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, and put the pandemic behind us, we are committed to re-establishing the Compass Culture. Out of necessity, expectations were relaxed (attendance, behavior, dress code, due dates, completion of assignments, etc.) due to the pandemic.

The Compass Culture is what sets us apart and the reason parents seek enrollment in our school. Re-establishing the culture will require school staff, parents, and students to play a role in supporting the areas for improvement. Compass refers to this partnership as the [3-legged Stool philosophy](#). Areas for improvement include:

**Attendance**— Follow the [school policy](#) regarding attendance. This means maintaining a 96% attendance rate. For high school students, more than 4 absences in a single class may result in a loss of credit for the course. Excessive tardies will result in disciplinary action.

**School Work**— Complete assignments and submit them on time. These are basic expectations not only of students in school but also of employees in most careers. Students will be held accountable to work completion and due dates.

**Kindness**— Treat others with dignity, follow the Golden Rule (treat others how you want to be treated).

**Dress Code**— Follow the [school policy](#) regarding appropriate dress. Masks are no longer necessary and, in fact, we need to see student's faces in order to communicate and connect as human beings. Building relationships is a huge part of the Compass Culture!

## Student Parking

Student parking spaces are limited. Parking passes will be sold through [My School Bucks](#) on a first-come, first-serve basis August 1-9. Seniors and Juniors will have first priority. If any spaces remain after parking pass sales have closed for juniors and seniors, they will be made available to Sophomores. At registration, you may have indicated a desire for a parking pass and even provided pertinent documentation, this information has helped us determine the need but did not guarantee a parking space/pass.

Student parking is in the parking lot behind the school at the end of Aviator Street. All cars parked in this lot must have a parking pass displayed or the car may be towed. Parking along Aviator Street is illegal as there is a bike lane on both sides of the road. Students need to follow the same traffic flow as the parents by entering the school property from Black Cat as a right in and right out only. [Click here](#) to see a map of the parking lot and traffic flow.

## Bus Transportation

We are happy to provide bus services to our families and it will continue to be financially feasible as long as we continue to offer large group stops rather than picking students up at individual stops. No form is needed for continuing bus riders without an address change. If you would like to have your student begin riding the bus or if you have had any changes to your address, please submit a [Bus Form](#) to our Office Manager, Celeste Grover, [cgrover@compasscharter.org](mailto:cgrover@compasscharter.org).

**Forms must be submitted by July 29th to ensure that students can ride on the first day of school.**

New riders must be contacted by Brown Bus before riding.

Brown Bus Company (208) 466-4181

Brown Bus will have 2022-2023 routes posted on their website the first of August. [Click here to view routes](#).

As an extra safeguard in getting every student transported home safely, please attach a [Dismissal Tag](#) to your student's backpack if they are 5th grade or younger.

This is to help the students in remembering their PM transportation routine. It is critical that all students confidently know how they are getting home each day.

## Traffic Flow

The entrance off of Black Cat Road is the primary entrance for parents and student drivers. **Our entrance from Black Cat on to Aviator is a right in and right out only.** Therefore, please identify a route to the school that allows you to travel north on Black Cat from Franklin so you can make a right hand turn onto Aviator Street. Likewise, you will turn right when exiting Aviator onto Black Cat. [Click here](#) to see a map of the traffic flow for parent drop-off and pick-up. Parking along Aviator Street is illegal as there is a bike lane on both sides of the road.

## Food Service

**School breakfast and lunch are NO LONGER free to students.**

If you believe you qualify for Free and Reduced meals, please complete the online Application which is available on the [school website](#).

Our school cafeteria provides a la carte items for our secondary students in 6-12 grade. Items such as Gatorade and granola bars can be purchased separately from lunch. In order to make these purchases, the student must have money in their school lunch account. You can add money to your student's account through [My Schoolbucks](#) and set up an e-mail alert regarding your student's nutrition balance. This account does not cost any money. This is how you will have access to your student's account balance, what they have purchased and the day they purchased it.

## Supporting Your Student to Solve Problems

Compass follows the Love & Logic Philosophy which encourages students to learn responsibility and solve their own problems.

By encouraging students to own and solve their problems, parents (and teachers) act as consultants and help create opportunities for students to think harder about behavior than the adults do.

At the secondary level (6-12) we use the term "self-advocacy" and teach the students to advocate for themselves with teachers regarding academics as well as social/behavior issues. Encouraging a child to self-advocate does not mean the parent is uninvolved. Parent involvement is encouraged.

For more details on supporting your child in solving problems please [click here](#).



## Communication

There are a number of ways to communicate and stay connected with the school:

- \* Monthly Newsletter from the school
- \* K-5 Weekly Grade Level Newsletters sent via email.
- \* [Compass website](#) with teacher, board, and administration contact information.
- \* Google Classroom for students in K-5th. An account code will be emailed to parents by the classroom teacher.
- \* PowerSchool and Schoology for students in 6th-12th. Parent logins and passwords for access to these platforms that provide information regarding grades and assignments will be emailed at the beginning of the school year.
- \* Email/Phone Calls. Teachers will contact parents directly when necessary. Parents are encouraged to email teachers when concerns arise.
- \* Homework Folders, Students in K-5th have a homework folder that contains both work to be completed as well as corrected work with teacher comments.
- \* Periodic email, phone and/or text alerts through School Messenger (**it is important that at least one parent is subscribed to all alert formats**).
- \* [Annual Events](#)
- \* [Facebook](#) and Instagram  
@compasspubliccharterschool, High School SOS @aviatorsos, Middle School SOS @compasssourcesofstrength

## Visitors/Volunteers

Compass loves volunteers and the partnership of having parents play a role in the classroom. The best volunteers are those with a scheduled volunteer time. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer positions during the open house. All regularly scheduled volunteers will be required to register and complete a background check before being allowed to volunteer. If you completed a background check during the 2021-2022 school year, you do NOT have to do it again for this coming school year.

## Cell Phone Practice

For grades K-8, cell phones are to be turned off or silenced and placed in the student's backpack for the school day. Cell phones are not allowed during class, breaks, or lunch. Watches with phone and/or text capability are also not allowed during the school day.

High School students (9-12) will place cell phones, earbuds, and phone/text capable watches in their backpack or in the cell phone pocket holder in each classroom. Students are not to have their phone out or on their person during class, in the restroom, locker room, etc. There may be times when, at the teacher's discretion, it is appropriate for cell phone use during class, including listening to music during independent work time.

High school students may use their phones during break and lunch only.

**Please do not text your child during the school day expecting a response. If you need to get a message to your child, contact the school office.**

## Why no cell phones:

### Research

[Just having your phone in your possession can impair your learning](#)

[Cellphones in classrooms contribute to failing grades: study](#)

[Guiding students to develop a clear understanding of their cell phone use](#)

[Mobile phones in the classroom: A helpful or harmful hindrance?](#)

[Reading on a smartphone promotes overactivity in the prefrontal cortex and lowers reading comprehension, study finds](#)

[Feeling lonely? Too much time on social media may be why](#)

[Smartphone overuse and visual impairment in children and young adults](#)

[More cellphone use by children could mean more bullying—online and offline](#)

### Additionally

Young people forgot how to connect with others during the lockdown and became addicted to their cell phones for entertainment. We owe it to our children to help them learn to interact with people face to face, not virtually.

Research shows having cell phones on your person or near you pulls student attention away from focus, decreasing cognitive function and can increase anxiety.

It distracts others when someone is looking at their phone.

Texting is like note passing on steroids.

Phones can be used to cheat.

## Love & Logic

We encourage parents to save themselves the stress and to teach their student responsibility by NOT coming to the school just to drop off forgotten items, i.e. lunch, binder, backpack, coat, etc. We promise not to let your child starve, freeze, or lose a day of learning just for not having one of these items. One way to help children learn responsibility, is to allow for natural "consequences", it is a [Love & Logic](#) learning opportunity.

## Important Contact Info

Elementary Principal: Susan Luke  
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Middle School Principal: Scott Strickler  
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K-8 Vice Principal: Jessica Hill  
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High School Principal: Greg Cordero  
gcordero@compasscharter.org

Charter Administrator (Superintendent): Kelly Trudeau  
ktrudeau@compasscharter.org

School Office: secretary@compasscharter.org or 208-888-5847