

Springfield Public Schools

Parent's Guide

2011-2012

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elcome from the Superintendent

Thank you for entrusting your child's educational future to Springfield Public Schools. Our staff is dedicated to cultivating the knowledge and skills your child will need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

As a parent, you play an influential role in fostering that success. I encourage you to be engaged in your child's learning and to communicate regularly with your child's teachers. This Parent's Guide contains information that will be helpful to you throughout the school year. You can also visit www.springfieldpublicschools.org for district news and information.

We look forward to partnering with you to help make the 2011-2012 school year a successful one for your child. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to call (417) 523-4636.

Have a great school year!

Norm Ridder, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Get connected, stay informed

Busy families need quick and easy access to information so Springfield Public Schools provides numerous ways to stay informed.

For news and information:

- Sign up for the mySPS e-newsletter to get school board meeting updates, messages from the superintendent and news about school activities and events delivered directly to your e-mail inbox.
- Visit the district website at www.springfieldpublicschools.org which is updated daily with news and information.
- Join the SPS network on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springfieldpublicschools where you can get up-to-the-minute updates. You can also connect with other SPS parents and engage in a dialogue about pertinent issues.
- Follow SPS on Twitter at www.twitter.com.

[com/officialSPS](http://www.springfieldpublicschools.org/com/officialSPS).

For school cancellations and emergency announcements:

- Enroll in AlertNow Notification Service to receive important announcements or urgent information. This system allows the district and individual schools to contact parents via phone with important announcements about cancellations, emergencies or important school events. The form is printed in the student handbook and is available at www.springfieldpublicschools.org/ParentsTab/alertnow.htm. If contact numbers change during the school year, please be sure to notify the office at the school where your child attends.
- In the event inclement weather or another emergency requires school to be cancelled, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

AlertNow phone messages and news media announcements will be the primary method of notification but parents should not rely solely on these channels. School closings and activity cancellations will also be posted at www.springfieldpublicschools.org and a message will be recorded on the district's school-closing line, (417) 523-0110. Cancellations will also be posted via Facebook and Twitter. Sign up today at www.facebook.com/springfieldpublicschools or www.twitter.com/officialSPS.

For customer service assistance:

- Visit Open 24/7 at www.springfieldpublicschools.org/Open247.htm. Here you can find guidance on where to direct a complaint or concern, complete a customer satisfaction survey or submit a question or suggestion among other things.

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Step 1: Call (417) 523-0011 to determine which school your child will attend. Provide your exact home address in the district and a records department staff member will confirm the elementary, middle or high school attendance area in which you live.

Step 2: Visit the school your child will attend to complete the necessary enrollment forms, several of which must be notarized by the school secretary. Enrollment takes about 30 minutes per student.

Step 3: When you enroll, you are encouraged to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security number and proof you live in your attendance area (a utility bill, lease, etc.). To assist in requesting your child's school records, please provide the name and address of the school your child previously attended.

State law requires that a child be 5 years old before Aug. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

Bus Transportation

Elementary and middle school students living 1.5 miles or more from school are entitled to free bus transportation to and from school. High school students living 3.5 miles or more from school are entitled to free bus transportation to and from school. Students with a qualifying handicap will be provided free transportation. Students who live less than 1.5 miles from school in areas where they must cross a defined barrier street may be provided free transportation. A pay-to-ride option is available for students who are not eligible for free transportation. For more information, call (417) 523-0500.



Health Requirements

State law requires a student's immunizations be current before being permitted to attend classes. All students must present documentation of month, day and year of each required immunization. Missouri law also requires incoming kindergarteners and first graders who have never attended school to have an eye exam by an optometrist or physician.



Parents are required to present evidence of the examination to the school by Jan. 1, 2012.

Visit www.springfieldpublicschools.org/healthsvcs for more information about immunizations, medications,

screenings and good nutrition. Call (417) 523-1630.

Transferring to Another School

Springfield Public Schools allows students to transfer from their home school to another school within the district under certain circumstances. Approval of transfer requests is based upon building capacity, maintaining appropriate class sizes/student-teacher ratio and compliance with transfer guidelines.

If a transfer is approved, parents accept responsibility for providing transportation for the student to and from school.

Transfers may be revoked at any time if a student violates district or school rules, exhibits poor attendance or if class size or building capacity status changes.

Transfer request forms may be obtained from the school office.

For more information, call (417) 523-0230.

Student Handbooks

Handbooks provide signature forms on Internet use and student privacy and information on district rules, policies and programs. Handbooks are created for elementary, middle and high school levels and are distributed in each school.

View student handbooks at www.springfieldpublicschools.org/ParentsTab/handbooks.htm.



School Locations and High School Boundaries

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES K-4 or K-5)

1. Bingham
2126 E. Cherry 523-3400
2. Bissett
3014 W. Calhoun... 523-2800
3. Bowerman
2148 N. Douglas.... 523-1400
4. Boyd
1409 N. Washington ... 523-1500
5. Campbell
506 S. Grant 523-3200
6. Cowden
2927 S. Kimbrough 523-3500
7. Delaware
1505 S. Delaware .. 523-3700
8. Disney
4100 S. Fremont.... 523-3600
9. Field
2120 E. Barataria... 523-4800
10. Fremont
2814 N. Fremont.... 523-1700
11. Gray (K-4)
2102 W. Farm Rd. 182.. 523-4000
12. Harrison (K-4)
3055 W. Kildee 523-5800
13. Holland
2403 S. Holland 523-4100
14. Jeffries
4051 S. Scenic 523-3900
15. Mann
3745 S. Broadway .523-4400
16. McBride (K-4)
5005 S. F R 135 523-4500

17. McGregor
1221 W. Madison... 523-5700
18. Pittman
2934 E. Bennett..... 523-4700
19. Portland
906 W. Portland..... 523-4600
20. Robberson
1100 E. Kearney 523-1800
21. Rountree
1333 E. Grand 523-4900
22. Sequiota
3414 S. Mentor 523-5400
23. Sherwood
1813 S. Scenic 523-3800
24. Sunshine
421 E. Sunshine ... 523-5200
25. Truman
3850 N. Farm Rd. 159 .. 523-5100
26. Twain
2352 S. Weaver..... 523-4300
27. Watkins
732 W. Talmage 523-5000
28. Weaver
1461 N. Douglas.... 523-1200
29. Weller
1630 N. Weller..... 523-1900
30. Westport
415 S. Golden..... 523-3100
31. Wilder
2526 S. Hillsboro ... 523-5300
32. Williams
2205 W. Kearney... 523-2000
33. York
2100 W. Nichols 523-3000

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS (GRADES 5-6)

34. Wilson's Creek 5-6 School
4035 W. Weaver Rd,
Battlefield 523-7800

COMBINATION SCHOOLS (GRADES K-8)

35. Hickory Hills
4650 E. State Hwy YY... 523-2100
36. Pershing
2120 S. Ventura..... 523-2400
37. Pleasant View
2210 E. State Hwy AA... 523-2100

MIDDLE SCHOOLS (GRADES 6-8)

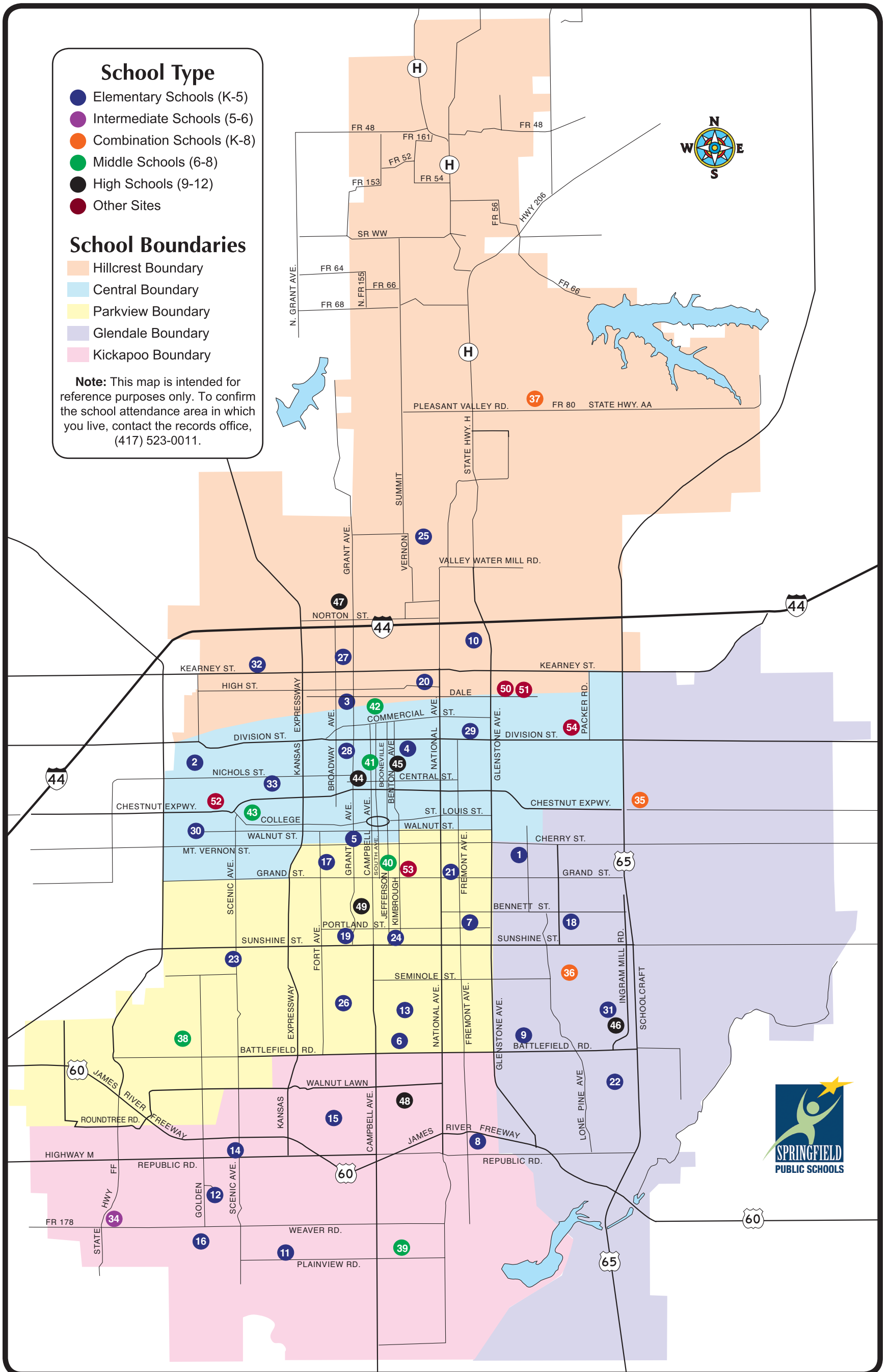
38. Carver
3325 W. Battlefield 523-6800
39. Cherokee
420 E. Farm Rd. 182 523-7200
40. Jarrett
840 S. Jefferson 523-6600
41. Pipkin
1215 N. Boonville .. 523-6000
42. Reed
2000 N. Lyon 523-6300
43. Study
2343 W. Olive 523-6400

HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 9-12)

44. Bailey Alternative School
501 W. Central..... 523-2700
45. Central
423 E. Central..... 523-9600
46. Glendale
2727 S. Ingram Mill 523-8900
47. Hillcrest
3319 N. Grant 523-8000
48. Kickapoo
3710 S. Jefferson .. 523-8500
49. Parkview
516 W. Meadowmere.. 523-9200

OTHER SITES

50. A.I.M.S. / ACE / Solutions
1518 E. Dale..... 523-4200
51. ESP / PALS
1518 E. Dale..... 523-4200
52. Early Childhood Center
2525 W. College 523-7701
53. Phelps Center for the Gifted
934 S. Kimbrough .. 523-3300
54. Shady Dell Early
Childhood Center
2757 E. Division..... 523-1300



P Programs & Services

A+ Program

The A+ program allows students in all five high schools to earn state-paid financial assistance for tuition after graduation. The program has allowed hundreds of district high school students to afford a higher education at a participating public community college or career technical school in Missouri. Call your high school.

A+

Athletics



Springfield high schools and middle schools offer a wide variety of opportunities for students to participate in sports. Rules of eligibility, limitations on participation and other requirements are determined by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and Board of Education policy. To participate in sports, a student must complete a physical examination, provide proof of insurance, a signed citizenship card and pay a \$50 participation fee. When the fee is paid, an icon will be imprinted on the student's school ID, allowing the student free admission to any

contest conducted by the school district (excluding tournaments and MSHSAA sponsored events) during the school year. Call your high school.

Child care

Several community organizations provide child care before and after school. There is a fee for the programs. Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield offer after-school care for children ages 6-17 at 28 district schools. Transportation is also provided from school to one of three Springfield Boys and Girls Clubs. Call (417) 862-9249. Prime Time is provided before and after school by the Ozarks Regional YMCA. For more information, contact your school or Ozarks Regional YMCA at (417) 862-7456 or (417) 881-1599. Schools, Parks Are Reaching Communities is a partnership with Springfield-Greene County Park Board that offers after-school programs for youth at 19 elementary and middle schools. Call (417) 837-5737.

Cultural Diversity Office

The Office of Cultural Diversity works with the district, parents, students and community members to foster positive relationships. The office also provides support and intervention services to enhance the academic achievement and personal development of underrepresented populations

of students. For more information, call (417) 523-0251.

Early Childhood Special Education

The Early Childhood Special Education program (ECSE) serves children ages 3-5 years who have been identified with a developmental delay or disability per IDEA. The program provides integrated learning activities and environments for young children with disabilities in a variety of settings across the community depending on the child's needs, including Shining Stars Early Childhood Center, daycare centers, Head Start, preschools, Title I classrooms, special education classrooms and in the home. The program offers both morning and afternoon sessions and provides a wide range of services. Children without disabilities also participate in the ECSE classroom for integration. For more information, call (417) 523-7500.

Extended Learning Program

Elementary and middle school students who perform significantly below grade level in reading or math can receive additional support through small-group, after-school tutoring as well as summer school extended learning classes. Extended learning participants are referred by their teachers. For additional information, contact

your child's school or call (417) 523-0251.

Nutrition Services

Meal prices for 2011-2012 are as follows: \$2.25 for elementary lunch, \$2.50 for secondary lunch and \$1.10 for elementary or secondary breakfast. Milk is 40 cents. Reduced prices for qualifying students are as follows: 40 cents for elementary and secondary lunch and 30 cents for elementary and secondary breakfast. Adults may purchase lunch for \$3 and breakfast for \$1.50. Free and reduced price meal eligibility guidelines and application forms are available online at www.springfield-publicschools.org. Applications will also be mailed to all households. Call (417) 523-1106.

Parents as Teachers



This program helps parents promote children's learning at an early age so children can begin kindergarten ready to succeed.

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Parent educators meet with families in their home from the time of pregnancy until a child enters kindergarten. Free developmental screenings are also available to children ages 1-5 who live in the SPS attendance area. For more information, call (417) 523-1160.

Partners in Education

Partners in Education fosters community partnerships that support student learning, strengthen school environments and help ensure a prosperous future for Springfield. Businesses, non-profit groups and faith-based organizations may partner with individual schools or the entire district to provide volunteer and material resources. For information, call (417) 523-0021.

Shady Dell Early Childhood Center

This center combines early childhood special education classrooms with Wonder Years preschool classrooms to create a less restrictive environment for learning. Wonder Years is a free academic preschool program for

4-year-olds who live in the SPS attendance area and meet certain eligibility requirements. Call (417) 523-1160 for a developmental screening or call (417) 523-1300 for more information.

Student Health and Wellness

Sleep, fluids, regular exercise,



proper nutrition, family time, and good personal hygiene, including frequent hand washing, are effective ways to keep everyone in the family healthy. If your child experiences symptoms of illness (fever of 100 degrees or more; diarrhea; nausea or vomiting; unexplained rash; persistent earache or excessive drainage from ear; persistent

coughing; sore throat; or head lice or nits) you should keep the child home from school.

Your child should be free of symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school unless excused by a health care provider. When in doubt, contact your school nurse.

Summer School

The Fifth Quarter Summer Program offers classes for students in elementary, middle and high school. Offerings include basic skills, enrichment and special education classes in the areas of language arts, math, science and social studies. Registration is required and typically begins in April. For more information, call (417) 523-0005.

Transportation

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caps will receive transportation regardless of their distance from school. A pay-to-ride option is available for students not eligible for free transportation. For 2011-2012 the annual cost is \$422 per child. A reduced fee of \$211 is available for students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. For a pay-to-ride application, call (417) 523-0159 or (417) 523-0500 or visit www.springfieldpublicschools.org/transportation.

Volunteers

The district relies upon hundreds of volunteers to spend time each week tutoring students in grades K-3 on literacy skills and supporting students and schools in other ways. Volunteers must complete and submit a Volunteer Registration Form which includes a background check. The form is available at www.springfieldpublicschools.org/community/volunteers.htm.



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Springfield Public Schools 2011-2012 Calendar

- Students Out All Day
- Early Release for Students
- Students & Teachers Out
- School System Closed

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				
JULY								July	4, 2011	Fourth of July Holiday (School System Closed)	
	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				
AUGUST								August	22, 2011	District Curriculum/Site Professional Learning/Work Day	
	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							
SEPTEMBER								September	5, 2011	Labor Day (School System Closed)	5
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
	25	26	27	28	29	30					
								September	26, 2011	Mid First Quarter	20
OCTOBER								October	25, 2011	End of First Quarter (42 Days)	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
	30	31									20
NOVEMBER								November	11, 2011	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Students Out All Day)	
	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							18
DECEMBER								December	1, 2011	Mid Second Quarter	
	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				15
JANUARY								January	2, 2012	Winter Vacation Continues	
	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								
								January	17, 2012	Third Quarter Begins	19
FEBRUARY								February	14, 2012	Mid Third Quarter	
	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							19
MARCH								March	16, 2012	End of Third Quarter (42 Days)	
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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				17
APRIL								April	20, 2012	Professional Learning/Work Half-Day AM (Students Out All Day)	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
	29	30									20
MAY								May	28, 2011	Memorial Day (School System Closed)	
	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						17
JUNE								June	1, 2012	End of Fourth Quarter (42 Days)	
	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				

Student Contact Days 170

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