

**CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1998-99 CALENDAR**

First Day of School	August 24, 1998
Last Day of School	June 4, 1999
School Staff Development	October 16, 1998
School Staff Development	October 19, 1998
Teacher Workday	January 19, 1999
First Grading Period Ends	October 5, 1998
Second Grading Period Ends	November 18, 1998
Semester Ends	January 15, 1999
Fourth Grading Period Ends	March 3, 1999
Fifth Grading Period Ends	April 21, 1999
Semester Ends	June 4, 1999

Holidays

Labor Day	September 7, 1998
Thanksgiving	Nov. 25, 26, & 27, 1998
Winter Break	Dec.21, 1998 - Jan. 1, 1999
Martin Luther King's Birthday	January 18, 1999
President's Day	February 15, 1999
Spring Break	April 5-9, 1999
Memorial Day	May 31, 1999

Dates to Remember

November 10, 1998 @ 7:00 PTA Meeting

**KENDRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**

10/20	Playoff	Tara Stadium
10/27	Playoff	Tara Stadium
11/03	Championship	Tara Stadium

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

11/12	Morrow	Home
11/19	Lovejoy	Away
11/23	Open	
12/3	Jonesboro	Home
12/10	Forest Park	Away
12/17	Babb	Home
1/7	Adamson	Away
1/9	Riverdale	Home
1/14	Pointe South	Away
1/21	North Clayton	Home
1/25	Mundy's Mill	Away

Track and swimming schedules will be published in the spring.

Kendrick Middle School

**7971 Kendrick Road
Jonesboro, Georgia 30238**



**A MEMBER OF THE
CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent
Ms. Luvenia Jackson, Principal
Mr. Ronald Dunnivant, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Janice R. Walston, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Tom McBeth, PTSA President

CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

1. The percentage of elementary and middle school students scoring at or above the 50th percentile on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will increase.
2. The percentage of elementary and middle school students scoring below their current grade level based on Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will decrease.
3. The number of elementary and middle school students who are retained or socially promoted "placed" will decrease.
4. Student performance on the fifth grade, eighth grade and high school writing assessments will improve. The combined percentages of fifth grade students scoring in the Engaging and Extending stages on the writing assessment will meet or exceed the state average. The average scale score on the eighth grade writing assessment will meet or exceed the state average. The percentage of students passing the high school writing assessment will increase or will need to exceed the state average.
5. By the year 2000, every school will develop partnerships that result in increased parental and community participation in promoting the social, emotional and academic growth of students:
 1. PTA/PTO membership will increase 10 percent over the previous year (or will reach 100 percent).
 2. The number of community members involved in the school as volunteers, mentors and partners in education will increase by 25 percent over the previous year.
 3. The number of hours or in-kind services donated by parents or community members to improve instruction will increase.
6. The number of students who successfully complete Algebra I by the end of the ninth grade will increase to 80 percent no later than the 1998-99 school year.
7. Student enrollment in Advanced Placement and other higher level courses will increase, and any gap in enrollment by race or gender will decrease.
8. The number of students who participate in Advanced Placement exams will increase, and the percentage of students who earn a score of "3" or above will increase.
9. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) verbal and mathematics scores will equal or exceed the Georgia average for the 1997-98 school year. The composite SAT score for Clayton County will increase by at least 10 points over the 1996-97 SAT composite score. Each school will decrease the gap between its composite SAT score and the national average by 10 percent.
10. The percentage of students who pass the Georgia High School Graduation Test will increase.

KENDRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL 1998-1999

GENERAL SCHOOL RULES

SCHOOL is an exciting place! It is with pleasure that we, the administration, faculty and staff welcome you to Carrie D. Kendrick Middle School. Please know, our goal is to maintain a school climate wherein all students can learn, make friends and experience success. To this end, we design and implement positive school rules to encourage a cooperative atmosphere among students; to support an orderly, safe and well-coordinated school environment; and to establish communication between parents and school that support the general well-being of all. Most often, students follow school and classroom rules. However, when students do not follow the rules, administrators and teachers will utilize appropriate consequences in compliance with Clayton County Public Schools' Board policies. Please review the following rules carefully:

1. Students are to walk quietly on the right side of the halls. Teachers should constantly monitor students while in the hallways for appropriate behaviors.
2. Gum chewing and candy are not permitted on school grounds during the school day.
3. The selling of any unauthorized items is not permitted on school property or buses at anytime.
4. Students are to bring only learning materials to school. Any and all other items may be confiscated, labeled with the student's name, and be returned only to a parent.
5. Hats, caps and other headwear are not to be worn in the school building during the school day or at school sponsored activities.
6. Gambling is prohibited by CCPS policy and is not allowed on school grounds. Possession of dice or other gambling related items will be considered inappropriate and confiscated.
7. "Cutting" classes is prohibited. Students are not to leave school property at any time without being checked out by parent or guardian through the main office. Students arriving to school early are to remain in the commons area until dismissed.
8. Bullying, intimidating, or other confrontational behavior will not be tolerated. Stiff consequences will result for students engaging in this behavior.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Compulsory School Attendance

Under Georgia's Compulsory Attendance Law, every parent/guardian, or other person residing in the state of Georgia, is required to enroll and send children in their care and charge to a public, private, or home school unless the child is specifically exempt. Children shall be required to be in attendance for 180 days, in accordance with the law, or the full session of the school which the child is eligible to attend. It is the responsibility of the student, parent, or guardian to see that the student maintains regular attendance. Unlawful absences will be subject to attendance investigation and discipline.

Absences from School

Absences from school are recorded as either excused or unexcused. Absences due to personal illness, serious family illness, death in the family, court summons, religious holidays, or special permission of the principal (obtained in advance) are considered excused.

Make-up Work

When a student is absent and/or tardy, it is the responsibility of the student to get all assignments missed and complete them in a timely manner. A notification of at least 24 hours is required for work to be given to students when they are absent.

Tardies to School

A student is tardy if he/she is not present when home-room begins (8:30 a.m.). Every effort should be made for students to arrive at school on time. Parents and guardians should check in students who are tardy through the main office. If a student must check out before the end of the day, they should also do this through the office. To expedite the checkout process, parents should notify the school in writing on the morning of the checkout. Excessive tardies may result in disciplinary action.

Withdrawals

If a student is withdrawing from school, it is necessary for the parent/guardian to give 24 hour notice so that all paperwork can be completed. The parents' signature is required before records can be forwarded to a new school. Withdrawal forms must be completed, charges paid, and textbooks returned before a student's record can be cleared.

9. Students are to leave campus upon dismissal unless participating in a school sponsored activity and under the direct supervision of a coach or sponsor. The school will supervise student pick-up until 4:00 p.m.
10. Students should be present in the classroom during class time unless excused by the teacher. Any student in the hallways during class time should have a pass signed by the teacher. Students should never leave class without a pass from the teacher.
11. Restroom breaks will be scheduled on a regular basis. Students should make use of these allotted times so that they will not have to leave class to visit the restroom during learning time.
12. Book bags are to remain in the lockers during the school day. **NO BOOK BAGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL.**
13. Students are responsible for their own possessions. Students should be careful not to leave possessions unguarded. The school will not be responsible for stolen or lost items.
14. Fighting and violence will not be tolerated. Out of School Suspension and referral to a discipline tribunal and to the police may occur.
15. The use of profane and vulgar language in any form is unacceptable. This behavior may lead to suspension and other consequences.
16. Non-prescription medication will not be dispensed from the front office. All prescriptive medication must be checked in at the front office immediately upon arrival.
17. We will adhere to the CCBE dress code policy. Please refer to page 20 of the Middle School Handbook.

Communication with School Personnel

It is important that school officials be able to contact parents at any time. Therefore, it is necessary that school officials have current home and business phone numbers on file. Please be sure that the school office has home, business and emergency phone numbers on file.

Parent Conferences

Parents are important to a child's education. The interest and support of a parent in their child's education will make a parent/child relationship stronger. Parents and teachers must work together to help children get the best education possible. Conferences serve as a good communication tool. Other benefits of Parent / Teacher conferences are :

1. To discuss the growth and development of the student.
2. To improve communications between home and the school.
3. To develop an individualized plan to best meet the needs of the student.

Conferences may be scheduled by calling the front office at 770-472-8400.

Fundraisers

Kendrick Middle School will sponsor several fundraisers during the school year. It is the choice of the student and parent as to whether or not they will participate. If a student chooses to participate, he or she must accept the responsibility for the money, merchandise, and materials associated with the sale.

Student's Most Asked Questions...

How Much Money Do I Need At School?

A student will need no more than \$ 3.00 per day. School lunches are \$1.45, extra milk is \$.40 each, Friutopia Juice drinks are \$1.00, and ice creams Vita-Pups (Slush-Puppies) are \$.50 and \$1.00. The school store is open from 8:00 - 8:30 and sells school supplies.

What Classes Will I Take?

A student will take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reading with their academic team. Each six weeks period, a student also will take two exploratory classes. These include Physical Education, Art, Foreign Language, Industrial Technology, Computer Keyboarding, Chorus, Band, Orchestra, General Music, and Home Arts. Each student will be enrolled in seven classes each six weeks period.

What is the Comet Courier?

The COMET COURIER is an information packet that is sent home each Wednesday. It may contain progress reports, team news, assignments, and permission forms. Students should return the packet on the next school day.

What Music Programs Are Offered at KMS?

General Music is part of our exploratory curriculum. Kendrick also has super band, chorus and orchestra programs. Students interested in a performing group should contact that group's Director.

What about Food ?

Students who do not wish to buy lunch at school may bring a lunch from home. No carbonated beverages (Coke, Pepsi) or commercial foods (McDonald's, Burger King, etc.) are allowed during the school day.

When do Academic Reports go home ?

Progress reports are sent home at the midpoint of the grading period (3 weeks). Report Cards are sent home at the end of each six week grading period.

What Do I Need for my Classes ?

ALL students are expected to come to class prepared to work. Students should bring pencils / pens and paper to each class each day. Radios, walkmans, electronic games, cameras, etc. should not be brought to school.

What Sports are Offered and Can I Participate ?

Middle school athletic participation is restricted to seventh and eighth grade students. Sixth graders are encouraged to attend games and support the Comets. KMS offers football, basketball, track, swimming, and cheerleading. Students must be academically eligible to participate and must have a completed physical from their doctor before trying out for any athletic team.

What about Lockers ?

Lockers are available through the homeroom teacher and are \$3.00 per year. With a little practice, you'll be a pro at opening it soon !