



# Willingboro Public Schools

*Where Excellence is the Expectation*

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*Home of the Giraffes*  
**Garfield East ECDC**  
Preschool thru Kindergarten

Dear Parent/Guardians

We hope this letter finds you well and you're enjoying your summer!

For our returning families, we look forward to seeing you all. For families new to Garfield East ECDC, we are excited to meet you and your child. Our staff and school community are all committed to providing the best educational experience possible for your child. Let us know how we can help meet your child's needs!

We are pleased that you and your child will be a part of the Garfield East Early Childhood Family. The Willingboro Public School District takes great pride in establishing and maintaining a safe, nurturing, and academically stimulating environment where children can grow, develop and enhance their learning. We can't wait to hear from our students about their summer adventures!

The Garfield East ECDC Faculty & Staff are eagerly preparing to receive our students on September 7, 2021, the first day of school. Also, we look forward to meeting parents and guardians at our Back to School Night on September 23, 2021.

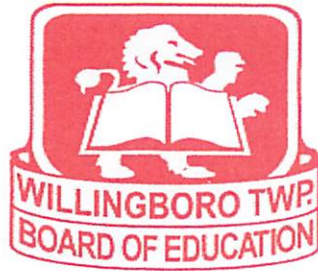
Every day at Garfield East ECDC, we are committed to providing the best education for your child. Research has identified many 21st Century skills that our students need to be successful in life. These skills include critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, action, and accountability. We are excited to build on our work in language and literacy, focusing on strengthening our students' skills in having collaborative conversations and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.

Each year we strive to strengthen our home-school partnership and encourage all of you to set a goal to become more engaged in our Garfield East ECDC community. Attending a Coffee Chat, volunteering in your child's classroom, or joining the PTA are just a few ways to stay engaged in our learning community. We cannot do the work without you!

Thank you so much for being committed to helping make Garfield East a fantastic place for students to grow and learn!

Please let us know anyway that we can serve your family's educational needs in the coming school year, and welcome back!

Teresa-Anne Lucas  
Principal



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## Meet our Team

*"To teach is to touch a life forever."*

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Nurse, TBD

# WILLINGBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2021-2022 Calendar

NOTE: Please do not make irrevocable plans for vacations in the event that emergency days have to be made up during holidays or at the end of the school year.

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**July**

- 5: District Closed - July 4th Day Observed
- 12: First Day - Summer Instructional Programs

**August**

- 13: Last Day - Summer Instructional Programs
- 31: Staff Orientation - New Teachers

AUGUST						
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**September**

- 1-2: Staff Orientation
- 3: Schools Closed
- 6: Labor Day - Schools Closed
- 7: First Day of School- Early Dismissal
- 14: Back to School Night- Hawthorne
- 21: Back to School Night- Twin Hills
- 22: Back to School Night- W.R. James
- 23: Back to School Night- Garfield East- ECDC
- 28: Back to School Night- J.C. Stuart- ECDC
- 29: Back to School Night- Levitt Intermediate
- 30: Back to School Night- Memorial Middle

**October**

- 5: Back to School Night- Willingboro High
- 7: Progress Reports - Marking Period 1  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 11: Schools Closed - Staff Development

**November**

- 1: Schools Closed- Fall Recess
- 2: Schools Closed - Election Day
- 3: Schools Closed- Fall Recess
- 4-5: Schools Closed - NJEA Convention
- 11: Schools Closed - Veterans' Day
- 17: End of First Marking Period (45 Days)
- 17: Early Dismissal -  
Afternoon Conference (High School)  
Evening Conference (Memorial Middle School)
- 18: Early Dismissal -  
Afternoon Conference (Memorial Middle School)  
Evening Conference (High School)
- 24: Early Dismissal
- 25-26: Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Recess
- 30: Report Cards - Marking Period 1  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 30: Early Dismissal - Parent Conferences  
(ECDC / Elementary / Levitt Only)

**December**

- 1-3: Early Dismissal - Parent Conferences  
(ECDC / Elementary / Levitt Only)
- 13: Schools Closed- Staff Development
- 23: Early Dismissal
- 24-31: Schools Closed-Winter Recess

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**January**

- 3: Schools Closed - New Year's Day Observed
- 6: Progress Reports - Marking Period 2  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 10: Schools Closed - Staff Development  
*except Paraprofessionals*
- 17: Schools Closed -  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**February**

- 7: End of Second Marking Period (46 Days)
- 15: Report Cards- Marking Period 2  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 21: Schools Closed - Presidents' Day

**March**

- 10: Progress Reports - Marking Period 3  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 16: Early Dismissal -  
Afternoon Conference (High School)  
Evening Conference (Memorial Middle School)
- 17: Early Dismissal -  
Afternoon Conference (Memorial Middle School)  
Evening Conference - (High School)
- 22-25: Early Dismissal - Parent Conferences  
(ECDC / Elementary / Levitt Only)

**April**

- 13: End of Third Marking Period (46 Days)
- 15: Schools Closed - Good Friday
- 18-22: Schools Closed - Spring Recess
- 29: Report Cards- Marking Period 3  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*

**May**

- 23: Progress Reports - Marking Period 4  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 30: Schools Closed - Memorial Day

**June**

- 7: Schools Closed - Election Day
- 17: Schools Closed - Juneteenth Observed
- 24 and 27: Early Dismissal
- 28: End of Fourth Marking Period (45 Days)
- 28: Report Cards - Marking Period 4  
*available via Genesis by 4:00 p.m.*
- 28: Last Day of School - Early Dismissal  
(High School Graduation)

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Emergency Closing make-up days in order of use:  
1. April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2. April 21<sup>st</sup> 3. April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Last day June 27<sup>th</sup> includes 2 snow days

Total Days	Students = 182 Days Teachers = 187 Days Security/Paraprofessionals = 186
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- = School Closed
- = Early Dismissal (All Schools)
- = Elementary Parent Conferences
- = Staff Development
- = Staff Orientation
- = Parent Conference-Secondary Schools Only
- = Board Meeting
- = Back To School Night



## **Dress Code**

### **Pants/Skirts**

Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue standard slacks

Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue jumpers

Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue shorts may be worn in warm weather

**No denim**

*Shorts/Skirts/Dresses must be finger-tip length, measured with arms, hands, and fingertips extended on the side of the body.*

### **Shirts/Blouses**

Solid color/light blue (Golf)

Regular/button down collar

Turtleneck

Long or short sleeves

### **Sweater/Vest**

Solid color/navy blue (Crew or V-neck)

### **Physical/Education Days: (Kindergarten Only)**

Solid Color Navy blue sweatpants

Solid Color Navy blue sweatshirt or navy blue T-shirts

Sneakers with socks

### **Additional Dress Code Guidelines**

No hats, head coverings, or sweatbands are to be worn. (Religious exceptions)

No tank tops, halters, open-chest shirts or tops that resemble underwear or are transparent

Articles of clothing that may have indecent patches, pictures, slogans, or writing may not be worn.

No tattered clothing or cut-offs will be permitted.

No sandals or open-toed shoes will be permitted.

ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE



## **Attendance**

### **Regular School Hours**

**8:50 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

### **Half- Day School Hours**

**8:50 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.**

### **2 Hours Delay School Hours**

**10:50 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

Willingboro Public Schools  
Willingboro, NJ 08046

**Before/After School Program**  
**2021-2022**

**Register Now**  
**@**  
**Country Club Administration Building**  
**or**  
**You may call the B/ASP office: 609-835-8600 x 1047**

**Limited spaces available- Register early!!**

If there is space available when you come in (or call), we will tentatively reserve a space for your child. The registration forms will be given (or mailed) to you.

**The completed forms with payment of the registration fee must be received no later than June 30 to secure your space in the B/ASP.**

**Non-refundable registration fee: \$50.00/family**

**Tuition is due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month IN ADVANCE. (September tuition must be paid by August 20<sup>th</sup>.)** A late payment fee of \$20.00 is charged if the payment is received after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The tuition fees are the same each month (September thru May) regardless of the number of school days in the month, but only one half month's tuition will be charged in June.

**Current Monthly Tuition 2021-2022\***

<u># Students in family enrolled</u>	<u>Before School</u>	<u>After School</u>	<u>Both Programs</u>
1 child	\$ 86	\$165	\$223
2 children	\$150	\$276	\$380
3 children	\$205	\$375	\$517
4 children	\$260	\$475	\$654
5 children	\$315	\$574	\$790

Please note: The B/ASP is open on school days only. If school is closed for any reason, the B/ASP is also closed. However, on early-dismissal days, the After School Program begins at dismissal time, and remains open until 6:00 p.m., except the day before Thanksgiving when the ASP closes at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the B/ASP office: 609-835-8600 x 1047

*\*Rates are subject to change*



**School Lunch:** The food service provider for the 2021-2022 school year is Whitsons Culinary Group. Please click on the following link to access the website where you may complete the online lunch application.

<https://www.willingboroschools.org/o/Willingboro%20School%20District/page/breakfast-lunch-programs--9>



### Field Trips:

Field trips enrich and expand the curriculum, strengthen observation skills by immersing children in sensory activities, increase children's knowledge in a particular subject area, and expand their awareness of their own community.

### Picture Day:

A school picture Day is you and your child's chance to capture and preserve memories for the school year. School Picture Day order forms and reminders will be sent home with students. Notices may be printed or digital. The dates and times for student pictures will be determined and shared with parents/guardians prior to the start of school.





During this school year, your children will be creating various projects related to the subjects that we are studying in the classroom. Each year, we ask that our families help provide supplies to ensure that we have enough for the children until the end of the school year.

#### Preschool 3 and 4

- Cribsheet (students take naps daily)
- One smock or oversized T-shirt
- Helmet (Please label the inside with your child's name)
- Change of clothing (Please make sure to include socks, underwear, top, and bottoms)

#### Kindergarten

- One smock or oversized T-shirt
- Change of clothing (Please make sure to include socks, underwear, top, and bottoms)



## **Our Preschool Curriculum:**

**Preschool Curriculum: The Creative Curriculum is research-based and supports the development of the whole child. High quality, comprehensive resources empower educators to intentionally teach and care for your youngest learners during the most critical and formative years of development.**

**The Creative Curriculum is..**

**Innovative: delivering cutting-edge resources that are unique, effective, and based on the latest research.**

**Responsive: including solutions that address educators challenges and help create a responsive learning environment.**

**Developmentally Appropriate: promoting learning experiences designed for each age-group and flexibility tailored to each child's needs with high-quality, research based resources.**



## **Kindergarten:**

**Kindergarten Curriculum:** The Kindergarten program strives to create a caring community of learners. Our approved curriculum is aligned with the State of New Jersey's Learning Standards.

**English Language Arts:** Phonics, reading, and writing are all components of the kindergarten language arts curriculum. These areas are crucial in helping students build critical literacy and communication skills. It all begins with gaining a thorough understanding of each letter of the alphabet. From there, students will be able to put letters together to begin reading and writing.

**Mathematics:** Eureka Math, a Common Core-aligned curriculum published by the non-profit Great Minds Inc., equates mathematical concepts to stories to develop conceptual understanding. Like Common Core, it encourages students to use various mental strategies to solve problems and focus on the process instead of the answers.

**Science:** FOSS provides all students with science experiences appropriate to student's cognitive development and prior experiences. It provides a foundation for a more advanced understanding of core science ideas organized in thoughtfully designed learning progressions. It prepares students for life in an increasingly complex scientific and technological world.

**Social Studies:** The students will engage in an in-depth study of how they live, interact, and participate in their communities. They will discover who they are as individuals and what it means to be members of their family, classroom, and the broader community.

**Visual and Performing Arts:** All students learn aspects of the visuals and performing arts as part of their Related Art rotation. Their curiosity in music and art begins their journey toward personal realization and well-being.

**Physical Education:** Students are provided with a learning environment where they develop physical and social skills through inclusive games and activities that emphasize teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, and strategic thinking.



**Parent(s)/Guardian(s),**

As we quickly approach our first day of in person learning at school, I would like to share the following information with you.

- Student arrival time is 8:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Parent/Guardian **MUST** present ID when picking up a student **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Students will be greeted by a staff member and escorted to his/her classroom
- Students **MUST** wear masks
- Students **MUST** wear uniforms
- **Students need a change of clothes (Don't forget to include socks) stored in a ziploc bag with name clearly written on the bag (Change of clothes will be stored in student's cubby)**
- Students should bring in an extra mask stored in a ziploc bag with name clearly written on the bag
- All students will be offered breakfast
- All students will be offered lunch
- Students' temperatures will be taken daily upon entering the school building
- Please make a tag with your child's name, teacher name (Mrs. X), and classroom number (Classroom) to attach to a book bag or jacket, this will help with arrival.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- August 26th at 6pm will be a Virtual Orientation
- September 7th: First day of school
- September 23rd: Back to school night
- October 25-26: Picture Day

**Anticipated Field Trips:** **October:** Duffield's Farm, Willingboro Fire Department  
**November:** Jubilee Children's Entertainment  
**December:** TBD  
**January:** Rockness Music  
**February:** One World, One Sky: Rowan Planetarium  
**April:** Philadelphia Zoo  
**June:** Field Day, Moving-Up Ceremony

We realize that you have many options regarding your child's education, and we would like to thank you for selecting Willingboro Public Schools to educate your child. Our goal is to work collaboratively with you to ensure that your child has a positive, productive, nurturing, and high-quality learning experience.

Please feel free to contact me at 609-835-8990, extension 5501, if you have any questions or concerns.

Teresa- Anne Lucas  
**Principal**