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 eStem Downtown Junior High Weekly Newsletter

WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!



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We were excited to welcome students back in the building for the 23-24 school year!!
The students and teachers were ALL smiles.

TOWN HALLS

Our Deans of students led town halls for each grade on Thursday. They discussed the discipline policy, dress code, and different ways to be successful at DTJH.



**Help us welcome
our new staff
members to DTJH!**

WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN JR HIGH



STEVEN COURTNEY
-8th Grade Social Studies

STEVEN SHULL
-9th Grade PE/Health
-8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach



WELCOME BACK TO DOWNTOWN JR HIGH

Help us welcome our
returning staff members
with new roles to DTJH!

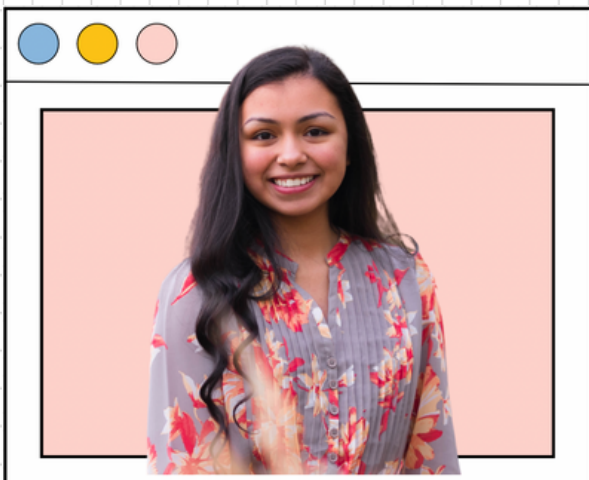


EMILY HESTER

-Assistant Director of Academics

BRANDON LOVE

-Dean of Students



ELIZABETH MARQUEZ

-Executive Assistant

IMPORTANT FORMS

If you have not filled out either of the forms below, please do so.

For more links and/or documents, go to www.estemschools.org

23-24 DTJH Dismissal Form

2023-2024 Downtown Jr. High Dismissal Form

Please read all information carefully before completing this form.

Student Dismissal Options:

Student Name Student Grade * ☐ 7th Grade ☐ 8th Grade ☐ 9th Grade

My child/children will get home by: *

- ☐ Rock Region Metro (City Bus) *These students dismiss with walkers
- ☐ Car - (Dismissal Lane Pick-Up Only) make sure all siblings, cousins, etc are listed that will be riding home together (this includes any K6 siblings)
- ☐ Walking (Alternate Pick-Up location, Parent workplace, Home, etc) - Complete "Walker Information" below- This includes any K6 siblings, cousins, etc. that will walk with your child.

Walker Information

Please fill out this information if your child will leave campus at dismissal and walk to a location determined by you. The following locations are NOT permissible: 3rd & Louisiana, 4th & Louisiana, and any business establishment as a hangout area. Appropriate walker location: Parent's home, Grandparent's home, etc.

23-24 Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

2023-2024 DTJH Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

This form must be filled out for each child.

Please review the specific rules and policies found in the 2023-2024 Student Handbook

After reading the handbook & manual, please acknowledge your agreement and understanding by completing the form below.

Please note: This form is for parents of students attending eStem Downtown Junior High

Click to read the [23-24 eDTJH Student Handbook](#)

Parent Information

Parent/Guardian *

First Last

Email *

Phone *

Student Information *

First Last

Grade *

Student Handbook Parent Acknowledgement

Dismissal Guidelines



Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone Guidelines

- Drivers are to stay in the car. Staff & volunteers will assist students out of the cars.
- Be ready to load and unload quickly.
- Be mindful of which side the students should exit the car from:
 - Third Street: Right Side
- Do not use the streets immediately around eStem to get to the drop-off/pick-up points; you will need to start several blocks away to help ease traffic congestion.
- Do not block intersections or crosswalks.
- Be mindful of all pedestrians.
- Pull forward as far as possible.
- Do not park in the alley or the northbound lane of Louisiana.
- If you have multiple students attending eStem, Your car rider location is based on the youngest student's grade. ****If the youngest sibling is in K-3 grade and listed as a car rider, any Jr. High siblings will be escorted to and dismissed from the Elementary building. If the youngest sibling is in 4-6 grade with a Jr. High sibling and is listed as a car rider, those students (4-6) will be escorted to and dismissed from the Jr. High building.**
- Any K6 students listed as walkers with Jr. High siblings will be escorted to the Jr. High building to wait for their Jr. High sibling before leaving together as walkers.**

DTJH Dismissal Times

3:18	K6CR & Bus Riders
3:21	K6W
3:24	W
3:27	CR
3:28	CR/W

- All K6CR and Bus Riders will have a **BLUE** pass.
- All K6W will have a **YELLOW** pass.
- All W will have a **PINK** pass.
- All CR will have an **ORANGE** pass.
- All CR/W will have a **GREEN** pass.
- ALL STUDENTS must show their dismissal pass to their 8th period teacher upon exiting the classroom for dismissal.

Bus Pass Request



Rock Region
METRO

eStem Students Ride
Fare-Free on Rock
Region METRO Transit!

Welcome to Dropping the Caregiver
Taxi and Teaching Your Student
Global Citizen Skills!

How It Works

- Get Your Student's eStem Schools ID at the School Front Office and Make Sure It Has the Fall 2022 Semester Red Security Sticker Affixed to the Front of the ID Before Aug. 31, 2022
- Have Your Student Present the ID to the METRO Bus Operator or METRO Connect Driver Upon Boarding
- Mark Your Calendar for Getting Your Student's Security Sticker Updated at the School Front Office in January 2023 to the Winter/Spring/Summer Semester Sticker Color (update the sticker by Jan. 31, 2023)

Important Notes For Trip-Planning

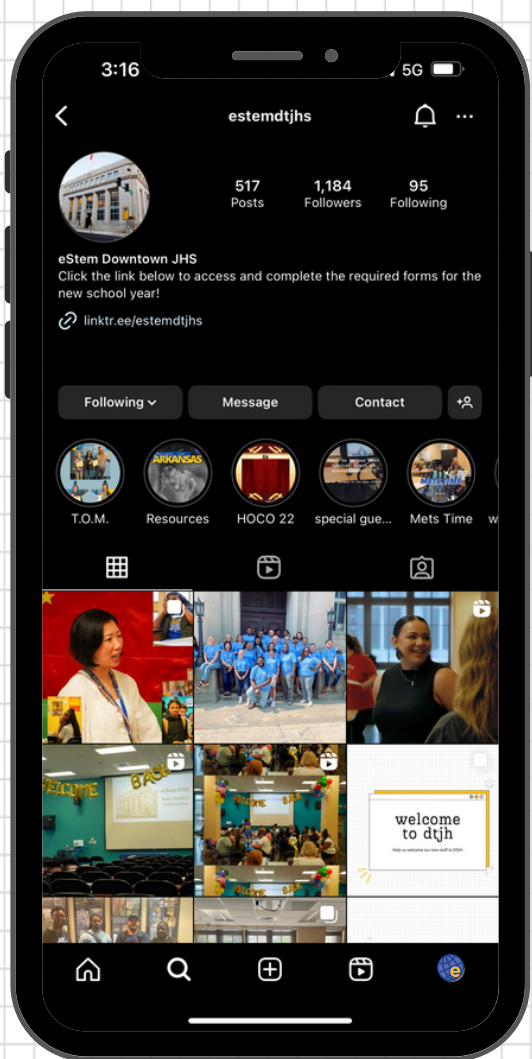
METRO is still operating reduced service as part of its COVID-19 pandemic response. Several routes that existed before the pandemic are no longer in operation, permanently, including routes to Jacksonville, Sherwood and Maumelle. **Service alerts may be found at the top of rrmetro.org or within the Service Alerts submenu of the free METROtrack app. Check for active service alerts before each trip to see the latest transit service information.**

Additional Key Information

- The federal mask mandate for public transportation is no longer in place as of this flyer publication. Students are encouraged to wear face masks to follow the Code of Conduct while riding during periods of increased community COVID-19 caseloads.
- Students are expected to follow METRO's Code of Conduct, which can be found under the Rider Info/Rider Information section of rrmetro.org. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct could result in suspension from the transit system.
- Please visit rrmetro.org/metro-transit-101/ for more information on planning trips and using real-time arrival technology to learn exactly when your student's bus will arrive at a specific stop.
- Did you know? Monday, June 20, 2022 METRO launched expanded and new METRO Connect microtransit zones. Find zone maps, schedules, points of interest and connecting route information under the Services tab at rrmetro.org, then select METRO Connect. Scroll down the landing page for "how to" information.

Still Need Help?

Contact METRO Customer Service Monday-Friday,
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 501-375-6717 Menu Option No. 2.



Stay informed on all school activities by following us on Instagram!

 @estemdtjhs

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Dress code](#)
- [23-24 School Calendar](#)
- [23-24 DTJH Dismissal Form](#)
- To update your contact information, i.e. home address, phone number, email address, please email allyson.peterson@estemschools.org
- To report your child's absence, please email jhsattendance@estemschools.org
- If you are needing your HAC (Home Access Center) information, please complete the [Parent HAC Password Reset](#)

Hall Sweeps

Students have four minutes to transition to each class, and we want to help our students understand the importance of punctuality. When we conduct hall sweeps, students are made aware well in advance to make sure to be on time to avoid an automatic detention. **Should your student experience an issue during a certain transition, please email Asher.Henry@estemschools.org or Brandon.Love@estemschools.org about that particular transition time.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

22-23: NWEA Testing

25: Back to School Bash

28-31: Interim Week

29: Picture Day

31: Interims Issued

NWEA TESTING

AUGUST 22-23, 2023



PICTURE *Day*

at Downtown Junior High

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

The Week of: August 7-11

Monday

BBQ Bird Dawg
OR
Vegetarian Chef Salad
Potato Wedges
Cucumber Slices
Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

Teriyaki Chicken
w/Brown Rice
OR
Southwest Chicken Salad
Asian Blend Veggies
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday

Rotini w/Meat Sauce
OR
Beef Taco Salad
Seasoned Breadstick
Italian Veggies
Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch
Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Tacos
OR
Chicken Caesar Salad
Pintos w/Pizzazz
Fresh Baby Carrots
Fruit
Milk

Friday

Meatball Sub
OR
Cobb Salad
Seasoned Carrots
Herbed Tomatoes
Fruit
Milk

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

If your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home.

- Our district-wide policy states:
 - Any student who has 2 or more symptoms of illness including headache, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, cough, diarrhea, fatigue, body aches, shortness of breath, chest pain, fever, etc. will be sent home. A fever does not have to be present in order to send a student home.
 - Any student that has these cold/flu symptoms must be picked up from school. Students should remain home until symptom and/or fever free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medication or as directed by their physician. The parent should consider contacting their physician for further instructions and notify the Director of any test results they may receive.
 - We encourage all students and family members, medically able, who are 12 years old or older to get their Covid vaccination.

Please call or email with any concerns or questions.
Natalee.Miller@estemschools.org

COVID REPORTING

ALL positive student COVID-19 cases **MUST** be reported by filling out the form <https://forms.gle/WnxDacfGyFuyejSr9> FIRST, whether your child attends virtually or traditionally. Then, contact your child's school Director. We report all cases to ADH, whether the child is on campus or not.

If you are reporting a positive case for a child that participates on an eStem sports team or in cheer, contact the school Assistant Director as soon as you have that information (not the coach or another teammate). By reporting this information to the Assistant Director, we can ensure that all information is reported correctly and any contact tracing can be started immediately.

We appreciate your help with this!

School Director's Email: melissa.gray@estemschools.org

If your child tests positive for COVID, please make sure that you are answering all phone calls and that your mailbox is not full and can receive messages. Nurse Investigators are only making one attempt to call individuals with positive results, and this call is how you will receive information about isolation dates and protocols.

If your child was first classified as a Probable Close Contact (PCC) but then tests positive for COVID, please contact your child's school Director so that we can ensure you have the most up-to-date information for when your child will be able to return to school.