

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

I hope your students had a great first week of school!

We invite you to our Back-to-School Night event on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Our community fair portion of the evening will take place from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Staff and community partners will be on site for introductions and to distribute information/resources. Food trucks will also be on site for the community fair. From 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, we invite you join us for our open house portion of the evening where you can walk around the building to visit your children's classrooms and to meet their teachers. Please let me know if you have any questions about this event.

We look forward to week two of school next week!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

Best,
Sam Levine

2024–2025 Grading & Reporting Procedures

According to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Regulation [IKA-RA, Grading and Reporting](#), the purpose of grading and reporting is "To align grading and reporting practices with the curriculum and assessment practices of MCPS and the Maryland State Department of Education, in order to accurately document and report student achievement."

The following expectations will be implemented for FY25:

- The "50 Percent Rule" will be applied to *all grading categories* in all secondary schools. The "50 Percent Rule" states that a teacher is prohibited from "Assigning a grade lower than 50 percent to a task/assessment. However, if a student does no work on the task/assessment [*after support and intervention*], the teacher will assign a zero." (IKA-RA, p. 10)
- Teachers at the secondary level will change "Z" grades to zeros if the student does not turn in an assignment after intervention and support. (IKA-RA, p. 10)
- The 10% category for district assessments in ELA/ELD and mathematics at the secondary level will be returned to secondary gradebooks. This category will be automatically added centrally to affected teacher gradebooks.
 - New district assessments will be added for Biology and NSL Government and will count as 10% of the grade during marking periods 2 & 3.
 - Secondary math will now have a progress check during all four marking periods.

Please note that these expectations are not new and are in alignment with the current Regulation IKA-RA.

SGA Needs New Officers

Baker's Student Government Association (SGA) needs new officers to lead the school in SSL hour opportunities and to represent the interests and ideas of our Baker MS students. In order to run for office, **interested students must attend either the Thursday, September 12, OR Thursday, September 19, meeting from 3:00–4:25p.m.** in Room 233. For any additional information, email angela.e.blankenship2@mcpsmd.net.



Looking Ahead

Monday, September 2

Holiday – schools and offices closed

Friday, September 6

Baker Safety Day
Back-to-School Dance Ticket Sales
window opens (*see page 3*)

September 9–13 — Scholastic Book Fair
Evening hours on September 10

Tuesday, September 10 — Activity Buses

eSports, Mr. Conner/Mr. Maddox, Rm 134
Softball Tryouts
Baker Back-to-School Night, 5:30–8:00 p.m.
Community Fair 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Open House 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wed., September 13 — Activity Buses

Softball Tryouts

Thursday, September 12 — Activity Buses

SGA, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship
Softball Tryouts

Friday, September 13

Flag-Raising Ceremony
Back-to-School Dance, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
(*see pages 3–4*)

September 15–October 15

Hispanic–Latino Heritage Month

September 16–20

Fall MAP-M and MAP-R Week

Tuesday, September 17 — Activity Buses

Wed., September 18 — Activity Buses
Family Life Night, 6:00–8:00p.m. (*see p 5*)

Thursday, September 19 — Activity Buses

SGA, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship
Everything Baker MS, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24 — Activity Buses

eSports, Mr. Conner/Mr. Maddox, Rm 134
Cross Country vs. Clemente, at Clemente
Softball vs. Clemente, Boys Home/
Girls Away

Wed., September 25 — Activity Buses

Outdoor Ed Parent Info Meeting
6:30–8:00 p.m., Media Center

Thursday, September 26 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Fall Picture Day
8th Grade Band Night at DHS Home Game

Friday, September 27

Early Release Day for students,
Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.
6th Grade Mini Outdoor Ed
7th Grade Team Building Day



Baker MS Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
5:30-6:30 Community Fair
6:30-8:00 Open House

Middle School Fall Interscholastic Athletics
Registration for fall sports is open. The middle school interscholastic athletics program is available for students in seventh and eighth grade only.

If your son or daughter is interested in Boys' Softball, Girls' Softball, or Co-Ed Cross Country, please take a look at the Baker website under Afterschool sports for directions on how to sign them up for the upcoming season. The season starts on September 10.

All students who want to participate in sports, as part of the MCPS interscholastic athletics program, must have their Parent/Guardian complete the online registration process by going to [ParentVue Portal](#) in order to participate. All forms must be up to date in order to be able to participate. **There are no exceptions.**

Parents/Guardians who have difficulty with registration (forgot Login or Password), please contact: Bonnie Nichols at [Bonnie J Nichols@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Bonnie_J_Nichols@mcpsmd.org)

Any other difficulties please contact Scott.Frye@mcpsmd.net

Some helpful tips when you are trying to register your student/athlete

When you are in [ParentVue Portal](#) you will need to click on "Online registration" in the upper right hand corner. Then from the 4 drop downs choose "Middle school registration". From there, please follow along and fill out all of the information. During your registration it will ask you to upload a copy of their physical. After you are finished please **HIT SUBMIT.**

Here is the biggest item for online registration.

You must also have a physical in order to participate. Your physical proof must be filled out on the MCPS [SR-8 Physical Form](#) only. **No other forms will be accepted.** Proof of your physical **MUST** be submitted through your [ParentVue Portal](#).

You cannot tryout for a team until the registration and your physical are up to date and the physical is filled out on the SR-8 physical form only.

There are tryouts for all interscholastic sports teams (which means there will be cuts).

2024-2025 Fall Softball Season

Season runs from: **September 10–October 31**

Boys' Coach: Brett Tobiassen Brett_E_Tobiassen@mcpsmd.org

Girls' Coach: Rachel Benden Rachel_C_Benden@mcpsmd.org

2024-2025 Fall Cross Country Season

Season runs from: **September 10–October 31**

Coach: Jason Bozicevich Jason_Bozicevich@mcpsmd.org

Family Life Meeting

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend the Family Life Meeting at Baker on **Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to preview materials that are used in the 7th and 8th grade family life units in health classes. Students were given a letter with objectives and information about the meeting on the first day of school through their PE/Health classes. If you did not receive this letter, please click on the following links:

[7th grade letter in English](#)

[7th grade letter in Spanish](#)

[8th grade letter in English](#)

[8th grade letter in Spanish](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia T Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_T_Paredes@mcpsmd.org) or

Ms. Chandler at [Ashley E Chandler@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ashley_E_Chandler@mcpsmd.org).

Outdoor Ed Informational Meeting

There will be an Outdoor Education parent informational meeting in the Media Center **from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25.** During this meeting, we will describe the Outdoor Ed experience, explain how parents/guardians can become chaperones, and answer any questions regarding the experience. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact [Mr. Haren](#) or [Mrs. Woodward](#). We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

John T. Baker Middle School Chromebook Policy & Procedures 2024-2025

This year, all students will be issued an MCPS chromebook for use at school. Students will pick up their chromebooks in the morning, use them throughout the day, then return them at the end of their 8th period class to be charged. Students should use a chromebook case or string backpack to carry their device. Cases are available upon request.

If your child needs use of a device at home for schoolwork, you are able to request a home-use device using the link provided here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDNdqO31soXKLffjcEzgVQ9C2Z2koPm6ifKm7-K77e44Zhg/viewform>

"Each student is financially responsible for damage caused or loss of any Chromebook and charger that is checked out to the student. The device is loaned to the student to be used for instructional purposes only and in accordance with [MCPS Regulation IGT-RA, User Responsibilities for Computer Systems, Electronic Information, and Network Security](#). No cost is associated for a student to borrow, possess, or use an MCPS Chromebook. A family is only financially responsible when there is avoidable damage to the device. If the device is faulty, there is no charge to the family; however, if the damage is considered avoidable or the device or charger is lost, the family will be charged according to [MCPS current parts and replacement costs](#)" (Memo 240718).

Please remind your child to promptly report any damage or issues with their school-assigned device to their Period 8 teacher or to the school media specialist. Thank you for your support of our instructional technology device policy.



Baker Middle School

Back-to-School Dance

Friday, September 13, 2024

3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Gym • \$7.00 per ticket

Tickets may be purchased only online at <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/> Friday, September 6, 2024, through 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

There will be no cash sales!

Tickets will not be sold at the door! All sales are final — refunds will not be given.

Students must have their own transportation home after the dance at 5:00 p.m.

Pizza, soda, juice, water, and candy will be sold at the dance for \$1 each. **CASH ONLY!**

Any proceeds from this event will go towards student and school needs.

All school rules apply, including dress code.

As with all Baker dances, this dance is open to Baker students only.

Parents – if you wish to chaperone, please call the Main Office at 240-207-2440.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE PERMISSION SLIP

Students: You must turn in this completed and signed form

AND a payment receipt from SchoolCash Online (<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>) to your Advisory teacher by 3:00 p.m on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in order to attend the dance.

Name of Student: _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent: _____

Phone number where parent can be reached during the dance: _____

My child has permission to attend the Baker Middle School Dance on Friday, September 13, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

My child and I agree to the following expectations:

1. **Tickets to the dance will only be available through SchoolCash Online. All ticket sales are final — no refunds!**
2. Each student will use only his/her own ticket to enter the dance.
3. Each student will abide by all school rules, including dress code.
4. Each student will have a ride home at 5:00 p.m.
5. A student who needs to be picked up before 5:00 p.m., must be picked up by a parent at the doors to the gym.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Baker Middle School Dance Chaperone Guidelines

BEFORE THE DANCE

Call the Main Office at 240-207-2440 if you are the parent or guardian of a Baker student and wish to chaperone at the dance. Please leave a phone number where you may be reached.

Please remember that Baker dances are for Baker students only. It is not appropriate to bring along siblings that do not attend Baker Middle School.

Prior to arriving at the dance, please review the school student discipline policy and behavior expectations as posted in the Student & Family Handbook.

ARRIVAL AT THE DANCE

Arrive 15 minutes before the dance is scheduled to begin.

If the dance is held right after school, enter the school through the main front doors and report to the Main Office to receive your name badge. Proceed to the gym where you will be given directions by an administrator.

If the dance is held at night, enter the building through the lower level doors and report to the administrator in the lobby to receive your name badge and directions for the dance.

DURING THE DANCE

Monitor students in your assigned area.

Once tickets are collected, students may exit the gym only to use the restrooms or buy snacks.

Students may not go outside during the dance.

A student may leave only if a parent arrives and escorts his/her child out of the dance.

All school rules apply to students at the dances (*see the Student & Family Handbook*). If you observe behavior that is contrary to school policies, report it to an administrator or teacher.

If you observe behavior that is rude, threatening, offensive, harmful, or otherwise inappropriate, report it to an administrator or teacher. This applies to adults as well as students.

AFTER THE DANCE

Stay 15 minutes after the dance.

Usher students out of the dance once the gym lights have been turned on.

Usher students out of the building and assist students in finding their rides home.

If any student has not been picked up within 15 minutes after the end of the dance, escort the student to an administrator in front of the building.

**Thank you for chaperoning the dance
and supporting our students!**





EVERYTHING BAKER MS NIGHT

Inviting All Hispanic and Latino Families

Learn more about...

- **Baker MS**
- **MCPS Services**
- **Montgomery County Resources**

WHEN: Thursday, September 19, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Baker Middle School Cafe

Light refreshments are being served. This event is in English and Spanish.



NOCHE de TODO BAKER MS

Invitando a todas las familias hispanas y latinas

Aprender más acerca de...

- **Baker MS**
- **Servicios MCPS**
- **Recursos del condado de Montgomery**

CUÁNDO: Miércoles 19 de Septiembre de 2024

HORA: 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p. m.

DÓNDE: Café de la escuela secundaria Baker

Se sirven refrescos ligeros. Este evento es en inglés y en español.





MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024–2025 CAFETERIA NEWS & MEALS INFORMATION

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 18 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals.

Parents/guardians are responsible for school cafeteria account balances incurred by their student(s). Payment is expected, in cash or through prepayment to the student's school cafeteria account, at the point of sale at the time of purchase, or through an online prepayment system at any time. The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. **All Students now use their MCPS Student Identification Number to access their account** (Schools may also utilize barcodes on student ID cards or elementary meal cards which may be scanned at the register). Any money left on a student's account from the prior school year is available for spending. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use MySchoolBucks.com, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to MySchoolBucks.com to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check or money order payable to the cafeteria. See check acceptance policy below.

To request a refund or a balance transfer for a student no longer enrolled in MCPS, email DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org

Check Acceptance Policy: Checks used to pay for meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student ID number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

MCPS Meals Policy

Policy JPH: Food and Nutrition Services Program outlines programs and efforts to address childhood hunger in Montgomery County, meal payment procedures, and the repayment of negative balances incurred by students in the cafeteria. For more information please visit our website.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEAL PRICES

- **Breakfast Meal \$1.30**
- **Elementary School Lunch Meal \$2.55**
- **Middle and High School Lunch Meal \$2.80**

Children in Maryland that are approved for reduced-price meals will not be charged the cost of meals.

A LA CARTE FOODS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale follow *JPG-RA Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*. Specific items vary at each school. For specific information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their student ID number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Households are encouraged to **apply online at MySchoolApps.com as processing times are significantly decreased.** A paper application may also be requested from your child's school. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed annually.

PLEASE VISIT THESE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition (View menus, nutritional info and more)
- www.MySchoolBucks.com (make prepayments to meal accounts, view account balances and transaction history)
- www.MySchoolApps.com (apply for Free or Reduced-price Meals (FARMS))
- Call 1-800-332-6347 or visit <https://dhs.maryland.gov/> (Info on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC), and medical programs)

PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to your child's school cafeteria (example: Arcola Elementary Cafeteria). Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and Student ID number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Phone Number _____



**Vaccine Requirements for Children
Enrolled in Preschool Programs and in Schools — Per DHMH COMAR 10.06.04.03
Maryland School Year 2024 - 2025 (Valid 9/1/24 - 8/31/25)**

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs								
Vaccine	DTaP/DTP/DT ₁	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	PCV ³ (Prennar TM)	
Child's Current Age								
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2	
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2	
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1	
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0	

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 th grade								
Grade Level (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/DTdap/ DT/Td ^{1,6}	Tdap ₆	Polio ²	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	Meningococcal (MCV4)	
Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 5, & 6 (5 - 11 yrs.)	3 or 4	0	3	2	2	3	0	
Grades 7, 8, 9, & 10 (11 - 13 yrs.)	3 or 4	1	3	2	2	3	1	
Grades 11 & 12 (13 - 18yrs.)	3 or 4	1	3	2	1 or 2	3	1	

* See footnotes on back for 2024-25 school immunization requirements.

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FOOTNOTES

Requirements for the 2024-25 school year are:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades.

Instructions: On the chart locate the student's age or grade and read from left to right on the chart to determine the NUMBER of required vaccinations by age or grade. Dosing or spacing intervals should not be considered when determining if the requirement is met, only count the number of doses needed. MMR and Varicella vaccination dates should be evaluated (See footnote #4).

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio, and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Hib and PCV (Pevnar™) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon recordreview for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. Two doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is documented history of disease provided by a health care provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following — DTP, DTaP, Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older. One dose of Tdap vaccine received prior to entering 7th grade is acceptable and should be counted as a dose that fulfills the Tdap requirement.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older.

September/Septiembre 2024 Back-To-School Immunization Clinics/Clinica de Vacunación Regreso a La Escuela

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services IMMUNIZATION CLINICS SCHEDULE FOR STATE MANDATED IMMUNIZATIONS For students entering Kindergarten through Grade 12 August 2024 By Appointment Only		Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery CALENDARIO DE LAS CLINICAS PARA RECIBIR LAS VACUNAS REQUERIDAS POR EL ESTADO Para estudiantes que ingresan a Kindergarten - al Grado 12 Agosto 2024 Es Necesario Hacer Cita			
Monday/Lunes September 2 HOLIDAY	Tuesday/Martes September 3 Dennis Ave. Health Center 9-3 pm	Wednesday/Miercoles September 4	Thursday/Juernes September 5	Friday/Viernes September 6	Saturday/Sabado September 7/8 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
	School Health Services Immunization Center: 4910 Macon Road, Rockville Phone: 240-740-4430 Dennis Avenue Health Center: 2000 Dennis Ave, Silver Spring Phone: 240-777-1050 Germantown Health Center: 12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown Phone: 240-777-3380 Silver Spring Health Center: 8630 Fenton Street, 10 th Floor, Silver Spring Phone: 240-777-3160				
September 9	September 10 Dennis Ave. Health Center 9-3 pm	September 11 Germantown Health Center 8:30AM-2:30PM	September 12	September 13 Dennis Ave. Health Center 9-3 pm	September 14/15 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
September 16 DATE OF EXCLUSION	September 17	September 18 Silver Spring Health Center 830am-2:30 pm	September 19	September 20	September 21/22 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26	September 27 Dennis Ave. Health Center 9-3 pm	September 28/29 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
September 30					

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

This notice informs parents/guardians and eligible students (emancipated minors or those 18 and older) of their rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These rights are spelled out in the *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98). The law and regulations require educational institutions, such as Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to notify parents/guardians and eligible students of their right to—

1. *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (USDE):
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent/guardian
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family
 - Sexual behavior or attitudes
 - Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
 - Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships
 - Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers
 - Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents/guardians
 - Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility
2. *Receive notice and an opportunity to inspect* any third party survey, protected information survey, instrument collecting student information for the purposes of marketing or selling such information, or instructional material used as part of the student’s educational curriculum.
3. *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of—*
 - **any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;**
 - **any nonemergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance administered by the school or its agent and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for lead, hearing, or vision screening, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and**
 - **any activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.**

MCPS developed and adopted policies regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. MCPS will directly notify parents/guardians and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

MCPS also will directly notify parents/guardians and eligible students, by U.S. mail or e-mail, at least annually at the start of each school year, of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in—

- collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution;
- administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by USDE; and
- any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/guardians and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the—
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605
Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

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Directory Withholding Requests may be completed online in ParentVue

Maryland's Largest School District

MCPS Form 281-13

July 2024

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850
MCPS Regulation JOA-RA, *Student Records*

See Reverse Side for Annual Notification of Your Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Schools provide *directory information* for public listings such as honor roll, awards, and other notices in the newspaper or on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. A student's name, address, and telephone number may also be released to organizations of any combination of parents/guardians, teachers, and students of a school. **Unless you tell them not to**, schools can release the information without your prior consent.

Teachers may also record virtual lessons for future viewing by students in the same class. If you do not want your student's image and voice captured in such recordings, please indicate below.

Directory Information includes the following items: student's and/or parent's/guardian's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number; student's date of birth; major field of study; grade level; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; degrees and awards received (including honor roll); most recent school attended; dates of attendance; photograph, or other likeness; the weight and height of members of athletic teams; and other similar information.

If you do not want your school to release your directory information, complete the information below and return this notice to your school **by September 12, 2024**.

Additional copies of this notice can be found on the MCPS website, and are available in Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Amharic, and Portuguese.

This form must be completed every year.

Your school **will assume you agree** to the release of the directory information, unless this form is returned by **Thursday, September 12, 2024**.

If you need to change your decision at a later date, just contact your school directly.

If you enroll after **September 12, 2024**, you can complete this form at the time of enrollment.

Montgomery County Public Schools

Request to Withhold Directory Information for the 2024–2025 School Year

Choose ONE of the following categories:

- Please **do not** release any directory information. (See definition above)
- Please **do not** release the following **part or parts** of directory information. (check all that apply)
 - Name Phone number(s) Photograph Address Date of Birth
 - E-mail address(es) Parent/Guardian names Grade Level

EXCEPTIONS TO WITHHOLD REQUEST MARKED ABOVE:

- Release to organizations of any combination of parents/guardians, teachers, and students of a school
 - Release for Honor Roll publication Release photo for yearbook
- Do not include my student's image and voice in the recording of virtual lessons for future viewing by students in the same class

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ ID# _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian/Eligible Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

If you do not restrict the release of certain information about your child, you are giving the school system and local schools the ability to perform daily operations and routine tasks without obtaining parental permission to release each piece of directory information every time it is released.

Annual Notification of Your Rights under FERPA*

As a parent/guardian of a MCPS student, you have certain rights regarding your child's education records under the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, applicable federal regulations, and the *Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.08.02*. These rights are summarized below and described in more detail in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) [Regulation JOA-RA, Student Records](#), www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/joara.pdf.

- 1. Review of Student Records.** You have the right to inspect and review your child's education records no later than 45 days after the school receives your written request. It is the goal of MCPS that schools should comply, whenever practicable, within 10 days after receiving a written request and prior to any hearing relating to the identification, evaluation, or placement of the student. The school will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where your child's records may be inspected. The principal/designee will be present during this review.
- 2. Amendment of Student Records.** If you believe your child's records are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of your child's privacy rights, you have a right to make a written request for the school to amend the records. MCPS Regulation JOA-RA, *Student Records*, outlines procedures for addressing these requests including hearings, as appropriate. Grades are not subject to challenge under this provision.
- 3. Disclosure of Student Records.** You have the right to provide written consent before MCPS discloses personally identifiable information from your child's education records, unless federal law or state law specifically authorizes disclosure without consent. Guidelines for release of directory information, as well as the opportunity to opt-out from this release, are referenced on the other side of this form. In addition, please note that consent is not required for disclosures to school officials with legitimate educational interests,** including administrators, teachers, or other staff employed by MCPS, as well as others acting on behalf of MCPS who need access to fulfill their job responsibilities, such as: School Health Services Staff and other health professionals who work with schools; school security personnel; a Montgomery County Board of Education member; a person, organization, or company under contract with MCPS to perform a service or function for which MCPS would otherwise use its own employees (such as attorneys or auditors); or a parent/guardian or other volunteer serving on a MCPS committee or helping other school officials perform their tasks.
 - Upon request, MCPS also discloses education records without consent to officials of other schools, school districts, or institutions of postsecondary education, if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment in or transfer to that school, school district, or institution of postsecondary education. In addition, MCPS may lawfully disclose personally identifiable information from student records, without your prior written consent, for other reasons authorized by FERPA, including to specified governmental agencies, for approved research projects, in compliance with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena, or in a health or safety emergency.
 - Additional information may be found in [MCPS Regulation JOA-RA, Student Records](#), available on the MCPS website or at your local school.
- 4. Complaint to the U.S. Department of Education.** If you believe your rights under FERPA have been violated and efforts to resolve the situation through MCPS appeals channels have not proved satisfactory, you have the right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office in the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5920 or call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327).

* Rights of Eligible Students. The rights described above transfer to a student who is 18 years old or is attending a postsecondary education institution; parents/guardians of dependent eligible students, however, may access their child's records without prior consent of the eligible student.

** School officials have a legitimate educational interest if the officials need to review an education record in order to fulfill their professional responsibility.

Notificación de Derechos bajo la Enmienda de Protección de los Derechos del Estudiante (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment–PPRA)

Esta notificación les informa a los padres/guardianes y a los estudiantes elegibles (menores emancipados y estudiantes mayores de 18 años) sobre sus derechos en cuanto a la realización de encuestas, la recopilación de información y su uso para fines comerciales, y ciertos exámenes físicos. Estos derechos se definen en *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98). La ley y las regulaciones exigen que las instituciones educativas, tales como Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), notifiquen a los padres/guardianes y a los estudiantes elegibles sobre su derecho a—

1. *Dar su consentimiento* antes de que los estudiantes deban someterse a una encuesta concerniente a una o más de las siguientes áreas protegidas, o encuesta de información protegida (“protected information survey”), si dicha encuesta se financia en forma total o parcial mediante un programa del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos (U.S. Department of Education–USDE):
 - Afiliaciones o creencias políticas del estudiante o del padre/madre/guardián del estudiante
 - Problemas mentales o psicológicos del estudiante o de la familia del estudiante
 - Comportamiento o actitudes sexuales
 - Conducta ilegal, antisocial, auto incriminatoria o degradante
 - Críticas por parte de quien responde a la encuesta hacia personas que son sus parientes cercanos
 - Relaciones privilegiadas reconocidas por la ley, como aquellas con un abogado, un médico o un pastor/ministro/sacerdote
 - Prácticas, afiliaciones, o creencias religiosas del estudiante o de sus padres/guardianes
 - Ingreso, excepto según lo exige la ley para determinar elegibilidad para programas
2. *Recibir notificación y tener la oportunidad de revisar* cualquier encuesta de terceros, encuesta de información protegida, instrumento que recoge información del estudiante con fines comerciales o para vender dicha información, o materiales de instrucción usados como parte del curriculum educativo del estudiante.
3. *Recibir notificación y tener la oportunidad de que el estudiante opte por no participar en—*
 - **cualquier otra encuesta sobre información protegida, sin importar el financiamiento;**
 - **cualquier examen que no sea de emergencia, examen físico invasivo, o estudios exploratorios que se requieren como una condición de asistencia escolar administrados por la escuela o por su agente y que no son necesarios para proteger la salud y la seguridad inmediata de un estudiante, excepto para estudios de detección de plomo en la sangre, de audición, o de la vista, o cualquier examen o estudio físico permitido o exigido bajo la ley estatal; y,**
 - **cualquier actividad que conlleve la recolección, divulgación, o uso de información personal obtenida de estudiantes con fines comerciales o de venta, o que de alguna otra manera transmita información a terceros.**

MCPS desarrolló y adoptó políticas relacionadas con estos derechos, así como también disposiciones para proteger la privacidad del estudiante cuando se administran encuestas protegidas y en la recopilación, publicación, o uso de información personal con fines comerciales, de venta, u otros propósitos de distribución de información. MCPS notificará directamente a los padres/guardianes y a los estudiantes elegibles con respecto a estas políticas por lo menos una vez al año al inicio de cada ciclo escolar y después de haber realizado cambios sustanciales.

MCPS también notificará directamente a los padres/guardianes y a los estudiantes elegibles, por correo regular o por correo electrónico, por lo menos una vez al año al inicio de cada ciclo escolar, sobre las fechas específicas o aproximadas de las siguientes actividades y proporcionará la oportunidad de retirar la participación de un estudiante en—

- la recopilación, publicación o uso de información personal con fines comerciales, de venta, u otro tipo de distribución de información;
- la administración de cualquier encuesta de información protegida que no sea financiada de manera total o parcial por USDE; y
- cualquier examen físico o estudio exploratorio invasivo que no sea de emergencia, como se describió más arriba.

Los padres/guardianes y los estudiantes elegibles que piensan que sus derechos han sido violados pueden presentar una queja a—
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605
Teléfono: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

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Notificación Anual para Información del Directorio y Privacidad del Estudiante

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850
Reglamento JOA-RA de MCPS, *Expedientes del Estudiante*

Consulte el reverso de esta página para ver la Notificación Anual de Sus Derechos bajo la Ley de Derechos Educativos y Privacidad de la Familia (FERPA), (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Parte 99)

INFORMACIÓN DEL DIRECTORIO

Las escuelas proveen *información del directorio* para listados públicos tales como el cuadro de honor, premios y otros anuncios en el periódico o en el sitio web de Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). El nombre, la dirección, y el número de teléfono de un estudiante también podrían ser compartidos con organizaciones de cualquier combinación de padres/guardianes, maestros, y estudiantes de una escuela. **A menos que usted les diga que no lo hagan**, las escuelas pueden publicar la información sin su consentimiento previo.

Los maestros también podrían grabar lecciones virtuales para ser vistas en el futuro por los estudiantes de la misma clase. Si usted no quiere que sean capturadas la imagen y la voz de su estudiante en tales grabaciones, por favor indique abajo.

La *Información del Directorio* incluye lo siguiente: El nombre del estudiante y/o de sus padres/guardianes; dirección, dirección de correo electrónico y número de teléfono; fecha de nacimiento del estudiante; principal área de estudio; grado; participación en actividades y deportes reconocidos oficialmente; títulos y premios recibidos (incluyendo el cuadro de honor); la escuela más reciente a la que el estudiante asistió; fechas de asistencia; fotografía, u otras semejanzas; el peso y estatura de los integrantes de equipos deportivos; y otra información similar.

Si usted no desea que su escuela haga pública su información del directorio, complete la información que se solicita al pie de esta página y entregue este aviso a su escuela **a más tardar el 12 de septiembre, 2024**.

Se puede encontrar copias adicionales de este aviso en el sitio web de MCPS, disponibles en español, francés, vietnamita, chino, coreano, amárico, y portugués.

Este formulario se debe completar todos los años.

Su escuela **asumirá que usted está de acuerdo** con que se publique la información del directorio, a menos que usted devuelva este formulario a más tardar el **jueves, 12 de septiembre, 2024**.

Si más adelante usted necesita cambiar su decisión, simplemente comuníquese directamente con su escuela.

Si usted se matricula después del 12 de septiembre, 2024, puede completar este formulario en el momento de matricularse.

Montgomery County Public Schools

Pedido para No Revelar Información del Directorio para el Ciclo Escolar 2024–2025

Seleccione UNA de las siguientes categorías:

- Por favor **no publiquen ninguna información del directorio**. (Consulte la definición arriba)
- Por favor **no publiquen la siguiente parte o partes de la información del directorio**. (marque todo lo que aplique):
 - Nombre Número/s de Teléfono Fotografía Dirección Fecha de Nacimiento
 - Dirección/es de Correo/s Electrónico/s Nombre del Padre/Madre/Guardián Grado

EXCEPCIONES AL PEDIDO DE NO PUBLICAR INFORMACIÓN INDICADAS ARRIBA:

- Revelar a organizaciones de cualquier combinación de padres/guardianes, maestros, y estudiantes de una escuela.
 - Revelar para publicaciones del Cuadro de Honor Publicar fotografía en el anuario escolar
- No incluyan la imagen ni la voz de mi estudiante en las grabaciones de las lecciones virtuales para ser vistas en el futuro por los estudiantes de la misma clase

Nombre del estudiante _____ Grado _____ No. de identificación _____

Escuela _____

Firma del Padre/Madre/Guardián o Estudiante Elegible _____ Fecha ____/____/____

Si usted no restringe la publicación de cierta información sobre su hijo, usted está otorgando al sistema escolar y a las escuelas locales la capacidad de realizar operaciones diarias y tareas de rutina sin tener que obtener permiso del padre/madre/guardián para publicar cada dato de información del directorio cada vez que se publique.

Notificación Anual de Sus Derechos bajo FERPA*

Como padre/madre/guardián de un estudiante de MCPS, usted tiene ciertos derechos con respecto a los registros educativos de su hijo/a bajo la Ley de Derechos Educativos y Privacidad de la Familia (FERPA), regulaciones federales aplicables y el Código de Regulaciones de Maryland (COMAR) 13A.08.02. Estos derechos están resumidos a continuación y están descritos en más detalle en el [Reglamento JOA-RA de Montgomery County Public Schools \(MCPS\)](#), [registros del Estudiante](#), www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/joara.pdf.

- 1. Revisión de registros del Estudiante.** Usted tiene derecho a examinar y revisar los registros educativos de su hijo/a a más tardar 45 días siguientes a la fecha en que la escuela reciba su solicitud por escrito. Es la meta de MCPS que las escuelas cumplan, cuando sea factible, dentro de 10 días siguientes a la fecha de recibo de una solicitud escrita y antes de que se lleve a cabo cualquier audiencia relacionada con la identificación, evaluación o ubicación del estudiante. La escuela hará los arreglos necesarios para acceso y le avisará a usted sobre la fecha y el lugar donde usted podrá revisar los registros de su hijo/a. El director de la escuela/su designado estará presente durante esta inspección.
- 2. Enmienda a registros del Estudiante.** Si usted cree que los registros de su hijo/a están incorrectos, confusos, o violan los derechos de privacidad de su hijo/a, usted tiene el derecho de solicitar por escrito que la escuela enmiende los registros. El Reglamento JOA-RA de MCPS, registros del Estudiante, detalla los procedimientos para abordar estos pedidos incluyendo audiencias, según corresponda. Bajo esta disposición, las calificaciones académicas no están sujetas a objeción.
- 3. Divulgación de registros del Estudiante.** Usted tiene derecho a dar consentimiento por escrito antes de que MCPS divulgue información de identificación personal proveniente de los registros educativos de su hijo/a, a menos que la ley federal o estatal autorice específicamente que se divulgue sin consentimiento. Las pautas para divulgar información del directorio, como también la oportunidad de retirar su permiso sobre esta divulgación, se referencia al dorso de este formulario. Además, por favor tenga presente que no se requiere consentimiento para divulgaciones a funcionarios escolares con intereses educativos legítimos,** incluyendo administradores, maestros u otro personal empleado por MCPS, así como otras personas que actúen en nombre de MCPS y que necesiten acceso para cumplir con sus responsabilidades de trabajo, tales como: Personal de Servicios de Salud Escolar y otros profesionales de la salud que trabajan con las escuelas; personal de seguridad escolar; un miembro del Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery; una persona, organización, o compañía contratada por MCPS para realizar un servicio o función para la cual MCPS de otra manera usaría sus propios empleados (tales como abogados o auditores); o, un padre/madre/guardián u otro voluntario que sirve en un comité de MCPS o que ayuda a otros funcionarios escolares a desempeñar sus tareas.
 - A pedido, MCPS también revela registros educativos sin consentimiento a funcionarios de otras escuelas, distritos escolares o instituciones de estudios pos-secundarios, si esta acción es para fines de matricular el/la estudiante o para una transferencia a esa escuela, distrito escolar, o institución de estudios postsecundarios. Además, MCPS puede legalmente revelar información de identificación personal proveniente de los expedientes escolares, sin su previo consentimiento por escrito, por otras razones autorizadas bajo FERPA, incluyendo a agencias gubernamentales específicas, para proyectos de investigación aprobados, en cumplimiento de una orden judicial o una citación judicial legalmente emitida, o en una emergencia de salud o de seguridad.
 - Se puede encontrar información adicional en el [Reglamento JOA-RA de MCPS](#), [registros del Estudiante](#), disponible en el sitio de Internet de MCPS o en su escuela local.
- 4. Queja ante el Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos.** Si usted cree que se han violado sus derechos bajo FERPA y los esfuerzos realizados para resolver la situación mediante las vías de apelación de MCPS no han resultado satisfactorios, usted tiene derecho a presentar una queja a Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5920, o llamando al 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327).

* Derechos de Estudiantes Elegibles. Los derechos descritos anteriormente se transfieren a un estudiante mayor de 18 años o que está asistiendo a una institución educativa postsecundaria; los padres/guardianes de estudiantes dependientes elegibles, sin embargo, pueden acceder a los expedientes de su hijo sin previo consentimiento del estudiante elegible.

**Los funcionarios escolares tienen un interés educativo legítimo si el funcionario necesita revisar un expediente educativo para poder cumplir con su responsabilidad profesional.

HELLO FROM THE BAKER PTA!

The Baker MS PTA Board is delighted to greet all Bulldog families for the 2024-2025 school year! The PTA Board's mission is to empower families, teachers, and the community to advocate for all children so they reach their full potential. By joining the PTA, you will be providing valuable insight into the needs of our children while improving the presence of the PTA in our school community. We also provide all of our students great opportunities to further their Student Service Learning (SSL) achievements, starting with our Back to School night. More info to come!

We hope to see you at the Baker MS Back to School night, Tuesday, September 10th. The PTA will be meeting at 6 pm and ask that you join us as we kick off this new school year, full of fun and exciting activities!



Join the Baker PTA and help support our students and our Baker Middle School teachers & staff! Your support enables the PTA to provide special events, Student Service Learning hour opportunities, teacher appreciation, & more!

Looking for more info? You can find us at

 [Facebook.com/BakerMS.org](https://www.facebook.com/BakerMS.org)

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Questions about 8th Grade Activities?

Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Upcoming PTA Meeting & Event Dates

- Monday, August 19, 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Staff Welcome Back Breakfast
⇒ See our Facebook page for our Signup Genius!
- Sept. 10 - Back to School Night!
⇒ PTA meeting, 6-6:30 pm
- Oct. 8 at 7 pm - PTA Meeting
⇒ 6 pm - 8th Grade Committee
- Nov. 11 at 7 pm - PTA Meeting
(moved to Monday!)
⇒ 6 pm - 8th Grade Committee
- Dec. 11 at 7 pm - PTA Meeting
(moved to Wednesday!)
⇒ 6 pm - 8th Grade Committee
- Jan. 14 at 7 pm - PTA Meeting
⇒ 6 pm - 8th Grade Committee