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To the Parents/Guardians of:

Davenport Community School District (DCSD) encourages all families to connect with their student's school and be aware of the many exciting activities throughout the school year. In an effort to better serve our families, DCSD has a variety of services to facilitate family involvement:

1. Translations: Spanish and Vietnamese translations for the documents enclosed in this registration/re-enrollment packet are available at all buildings. Please contact your child's building for copies of translated documents or the District Administration Building at (563) 336-3812.
2. D-Net: Please sign up for this free service by simply clicking on the D-Net icon on the homepage of the district website: <http://www.davenportschools.org>. Once registered, you will receive periodic e-mail updates on a variety of issues, topics, and events. (D-Net is **NOT** for emergency contacts at this time; it is for general school and district information only.) You can register for this service at any time. D-Net is a convenient way for the district to communicate to parents/guardians on issues and events that impact DCSD families. Communication will be regular, but not constant, and you can "opt-out" of the program at any time. 
3. Parent Assistant (Secondary only): You have the ability to update student demographic information in your Parent Assistant Account. **You must have a Parent Assistant Account to be able to update this information.**
  - a. **What is Parent Assistant?** Parent Assistant allows parents/guardians to view their child's unofficial school records via an Internet connection, including: attendance, grades, current progress/assignments, demographic information, emergency contacts, fees, and student schedule.
  - b. **How do I sign up for Parent Assistant?** You must complete the *Parent Assistant Acceptable Use Policy Form* to get a User Password. This form is available in the building office.
4. Missing Textbooks/Musical Instruments: Please make sure to turn in any DCSD textbooks or musical instruments that were accidentally not returned to the buildings. This prevents the district from charging you for the cost of the item.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

It may be hard to believe, but registration and back to school are right around the corner! Davenport Community School District (DCSD) has worked to streamline the registration process. Please take a few moments to read this letter for important information on your child's registration/re-enrollment.

## What to do prior to registration

**Prepay Fees:** You can pay your child's fees now. See the enclosed Fees Statement for the appropriate amount and payment instructions. *If you have qualified for free and reduced meals in the past, your fees may be reduced or waived based on a completed free and reduced application for this year.* Prepayment may eliminate the need to attend registration or considerably shorten the time you spend in line on registration day. Prepayments must be received one week prior to registration.

**Purchase Meals:** All DCSD schools offer *myLunchMoney.com*, a service to prepay your child's breakfast and lunch food items using your credit card. There is no fee for using the *myLunchMoney.com* service. Enrolling and funding is simple and can be completed online or by telephone. To create an account, you will need (1) student ID number; (2) student birth date; and (3) credit or debit card information. You may call the toll-free customer support center at 1-800-479-3531 to enroll by phone or visit [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com). Of course, you may continue to provide payment for your child's lunch via check or cash. **Lunch prices for the 2009-2010 school year are \$1.75 for elementary. Breakfast prices are \$0.90 for elementary. Individual milk is \$0.50.**

**Transportation:** If your child qualified for free busing during the 2008-2009 school year – and there are no changes in the home address or school of attendance – your child will automatically be assigned to a bus route. **If there has been a change of address or school of attendance, please call First Student Transportation at (563) 386-1436 PRIOR TO REGISTRATION to arrange for bus transportation.**

## What to expect at registration

**Emergency Contact Information Form:** This should be completed at registration or Unpack Your Backpack Night. It is important DCSD has the most accurate and up-to-date emergency contact information for your child. Please be aware that a medication authorization form must be on file before the school can administer any medications. Forms and regulations are available at each school.

**Free or Reduced Price Meals Applications:** Applications will be available at registration, Unpack Your Backpack Nights, and during the first few days of school. ***PLEASE NOTE – YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM TO BE APPROVED FOR THE 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR. YOU ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED BASED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S STATUS. Only one application is required per household!*** For further information you may contact Food and Nutrition Services at (563) 386-4780.

**Parent Involvement:** DCSD schools offer opportunities for parents to be involved with building activities, academic achievement, student programs, etc. You are encouraged to take an interest in your child's school experience and to take part in PTA or PTO, school-based committees, parent conferences, and special events.

**Payment Materials:** Checks, cash and Visa or MasterCard are accepted at all sites.

## Miscellaneous

**Before and After School Programming:** The Stepping Stones before and after school program is still accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. The program offers students support with homework and academic efforts, recreation, fun activities, and a wide range of learning opportunities. There is a sliding fee system for payment. For registration information please call (563) 528-0899 or visit the website at [www.davenportschools.org](http://www.davenportschools.org).

**Student Wellness Policy:** DCSD's Student Wellness Policy focuses on building positive health and lifestyle choices for students. More information about the District's wellness activities – including guidelines on nutrition, physical activity, special events, food sales, and more – are on the district website at [www.davenportschools.org/currentissues/healthwellness](http://www.davenportschools.org/currentissues/healthwellness).

**Weekly Early Dismissals:** All DCSD schools will continue to participate in the one-hour early dismissal each Wednesday.

### 2009 Registration Schedule- Primarily for NEW Students

Buchanan, Fillmore, Hayes, Jefferson-Edison, Madison, Monroe, Truman, and Washington Elementary Schools	July 29	12:00-6:00 p.m.
Adams, Blue Grass, Buffalo, Eisenhower, Garfield, Harrison, Jackson, Lincoln, McKinley, Walcott, and Wilson Elementary Schools	August 11	12:00-6:00 p.m.

### Unpack Your Backpack 2009

**Balanced Calendar Schools:**

Buchanan	8/6	5:00 – 7:00
Fillmore	8/6	5:00 – 6:30
Hayes	8/6	5:00 – 6:00
Jefferson	8/6	5:00 – 6:30
Madison	8/6	5:30 – 6:30
Monroe	8/6	5:00 – 6:00
Truman	8/6	4:30 – 6:00
Washington	8/6	5:00 – 6:30

**Traditional Calendar Schools:**

Adams	8/19	5:00 – 6:30
Blue Grass	8/19	4:00 – 6:00
Buffalo	8/19	5:00 – 6:30
Eisenhower	8/19	4:30 – 6:00
Garfield	8/19	4:00 – 6:00
Harrison	8/19	4:00 – 6:00
Jackson	8/19	5:00 – 6:30
Lincoln	8/19	5:30 – 7:00

**Traditional Calendar Schools:**

McKinley	8/19	4:30 – 6:00
Walcott Elem	8/19	4:00 – 6:00
Wilson	8/19	4:30 – 6:00

*For further information be sure to visit Davenport Community School District's website at [www.davenportschools.org](http://www.davenportschools.org). Have a safe summer!*

Respectfully,

Davenport Community School District  
Registration Committee