

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, SAU #11
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PRESS RELEASE
AUGUST 2026**

Dr. Christine Boston, Superintendent of Schools for the Dover School District has announced below the events and activities surrounding the opening of Dover's public schools for the 2026 – 2027 academic school year.

New Hampshire law states that no student may be admitted to a public school unless proof of immunization has been presented prior to their entrance. Parents of new students should be prepared to present a copy of immunization records before the opening day of school.

TRANSPORTATION

For students to be eligible for bus transportation, elementary students (including kindergarten), must live one mile or more from their school; middle school students, at least one and one-half miles from school; and high school students, at least two miles from school. The [bus routes and schedule information](#) have been posted on our website, at each school, and at the office of the Superintendent. You may also call the bus provider First Student Transportation at (603) 692-4406. Parents/guardians of students who receive special education transportation services within Dover should call Seacoast Learning Collaborative (SLC) at (603) 679-2021 with questions. Parents/guardians who have questions regarding other special busing arrangements should call the Student Services Department at (603) 516-6800 x 1103.

DISTRICT-WIDE

On **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, school and district offices will be closed from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m., to allow staff to attend a district-wide conference. On **Thursday, August 27, 2026**, school and district offices will be closed from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. to allow staff to attend a mandatory training session.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, is the first day of school, district-wide for all grades.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

On **Monday, August 31, 2026**, Kindergarten students will have orientation from 9 - 11:00 a.m. Each elementary school will be sending detailed information to families.

On **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, elementary schools will open their doors at 8:05 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

DOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

On **Monday, August 31, 2026**, students in the fifth grade will have an orientation from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. with buses running their normal routes. Students new to the district in grades 6-8 are also welcome to attend an orientation at this time to meet their counselors, tour the school, and ask any questions they may have about the upcoming school year.

On **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, all middle school students will begin a full school day. Middle school doors will open at 7:10 a.m. with school beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students who have not been assigned a homeroom should report directly to the Guidance Office upon arrival. Students will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m.

All middle school students can view their teacher assignments through the Infinite Campus parent portal.

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen students will have orientation on **Monday, August 31, 2026**. Orientation will run from 7:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with buses running their normal routes. On **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, all high school students will begin a full day of school following a Green Day schedule. The day will start in Advisory. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. with school beginning at 7:40 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

All high school students can view their schedules through the Infinite Campus parent portal.

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL BELLAMY ACADEMY

The first day of school for Dover High School Bellamy Academy students is **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. with school beginning at 7:40 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New student registration is completed through the district's website at sau11.nh.gov. Please contact the Registrar's Office at the school where your child(ren) will be enrolling in with any questions.

Questions pertaining to the opening of school or other matters should be directed to the principal's offices at:

Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street	Brittany Granfield, Principal	(603) 516-6800 x 4505
Garrison Elementary School	Beth Dunton, Principal	(603) 516-6800 x 5505
Woodman Park Elementary School	Patrick Boodey, Principal	(603) 516-6800 x 6505
Dover Middle School	Lindsay Dube, Principal	(603) 516-6800 x 3506
Dover High School	Peter Driscoll, Principal	(603) 516-6800 x 2506
DHS Bellamy Academy	Liza Cocco, Dean of Students	(603) 516-6800 x 2301
DHS Regional Career Technical Center & NJROTC	Kori Kennedy, Director	(603) 516-6800 x 2530

Other department contact information:

Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Christine Boston	(603) 516-6800 x 1101
Student Services	Abigail Small, Director	(603) 516-6800 x 1103
504 Education	School Guidance Counselors	(603) 516-6800
Curriculum / Federal Projects	Kiley Hemphill, CIA Director	(603) 516-6800 x 1104
Homeless Liaison	Erica Helm	(603) 516-6800 x 1113
Transportation for Dover Students	First Student Transportation	(603) 692-4406
Transportation for Special Education	Seacoast Learning Collaborative	(603) 679-2021
Transportation for Barrington or Nottingham Students	Dail Transportation – (or respective SAU offices)	(603) 736-9682