



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

A. The first day of school is **Thursday, September 7th**. Transition meetings for you and your child will take place on either **Tuesday, September 5th** or **Wednesday, September 6th**. After class lists are distributed at the end of August, your classroom teachers will contact you directly via email to schedule your visit.

Q. AT WHAT TIME SHOULD MY CHILD ARRIVE? WHAT TIME IS DISMISSAL?

A. Students should arrive **between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m.**, after which time they are marked late. The number of absences and tardies are recorded on the student's report cards. We emphasize the importance of punctuality, as it is unsettling for students to miss work at the start of the day.

Early drop-off is available daily at 8:00 a.m. in the large gym. If you would like to drop off your child early, please notify Linda Fussell via e-mail at lfussell@dwight.edu at least one day in advance. There is no fee for this service.

Dismissal is at **2:30 p.m.** Monday through Friday. Students must be picked up promptly in order for teachers to fulfill their after-school duties. K1 students are dismissed from the kindergarten reception area. K2 & K3 students are dismissed from the large gym, located on the corner of 66th Street and Riverside Blvd.

Q. HOW DO I REGISTER FOR EITHER THE INTER-CAMPUS SHUTTLE OR A PRIVATE BUS AND WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

A. In the coming weeks, you will receive an email regarding fees and registration information for the Dwight shuttle. *The bus's capacity is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

The available shifts are as follows:

- **8:00 a.m. shuttle** leaving from Dwight Central Park West Campus to Riverside Campus
- **2:35p.m. shuttle** leaving from Dwight Riverside Campus to Dwight Central Park West Campus
- **3:35 p.m. shuttle** leaving from Dwight Riverside Campus to Dwight Central Park West Campus

If you are interested in signing up for a private shuttle, we will be offering two options this year, an East Side bus and a West Side bus, and each of them will pick up and drop off at approximately 6 stops on the East and West side. Similar to our inter-campus shuttle, these two buses will each have a driver and bus chaperone and will be met at the Riverside campus by one of our own staff so that the children are escorted directly off the bus into the large gym where teachers will take them to their classrooms.

An email will be sent out over the summer with more information about this program. If you have questions in the meantime, kindly contact our Transportation Coordinator, Filiz Ozak, at fozak@dwight.edu.

Q. WHAT IS THE EXTENDED DAY OPTION?

A. Dwight Extended Day is an option for families who need after-school care. In the extended day classroom, Dwight students can play with friends, draw, read, play board games or work on homework. This service observes all school holidays and does not meet on the days with noon dismissal. The extended school day is available at both the Riverside Campus for 3s through kindergarten and the Main Campus on Central Park West for 1st through 6th grades. Extended day hours are 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Full details, including registration and fees, will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

Q. WHAT AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHEN CAN I REGISTER?

A. Our Jr. Passport Program for students offers a variety of programs five days a week. Sessions run from 2:45-3:30 p.m. daily, with a few offerings from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Classroom teachers will ensure that students enrolled in after-school activities are dropped off at their classes. A full schedule and class descriptions will be emailed to you in late August, followed by registration details. After-school activities begin on **Monday, September 25th**. *Online registration runs from August 27-September 8, and is first-come, first-served.*

Q. WHAT IS MYDWIGHT?

A. MyDwight features important information for parents, students, faculty & staff. You must log in to view password-protected information throughout the site's pages. After logging in, you can view events, links, photos, and downloads. You will also be able to access the school directory and contact information for families in your child's class. You will receive an email containing a MyDwight tutorial from Dwight Communications in the coming weeks.

Q. HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

A. Dwight welcomes parent involvement! In the coming weeks you will receive an electronic survey from the Riverside Campus Parents Association (Riverside Campus PA) asking you to indicate your interest in various volunteer opportunities, including serving as a parent representative for your child's class. The Parents Association section of MyDwight also contains information about the various volunteer opportunities that exist.

In addition to Riverside Campus PA activities, parents may also accompany students on class field trips or help organize classroom celebrations. If a parent has an area of expertise which dovetails with a kindergarten unit of inquiry, he or she is welcome to visit and share with the class.

Q: ARE LUNCHES AND/OR SNACKS PROVIDED?

A: A catered family-style lunch is provided for all full-day students. The teachers plate the hot entrée and two sides daily for the students. Students are also offered fresh fruit and raw vegetables. If a student does not like the entrée, s/he is offered a half sandwich or bagel as a substitute. Dessert is offered at the end of the meal on Fridays, with a sweet treat such as a cookie or brownie.

Q. HOW DO I ORDER UNIFORMS?

A. Uniform orders can be placed online at www.landsend.com/school or by calling (800) 469-2222. We have included a Lands' End catalog in this packet for your reference. Please use our designated preferred school number, #900088568. Please refer to the dress code requirements for kindergarten in your packet. This information will also be in the parent handbook which you will receive at the start of the school year. **Kindergarten students are not required to wear gym uniforms.**

Q. WHERE CAN I FIND THE KINDERGARTEN READING LIST?

A. Parents are encouraged to read with their incoming kindergartner as much as possible during the summer. Reading together encourages students' understanding of books and develops their desire to read and share stories. A list of recommended books can be found on the "Incoming Family Information" tab of the Admissions page on our website, *dwight.edu*.

Q. HOW DO I CONTACT DWIGHT RIVERSIDE CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION?

A. *Dwight School Riverside Campus, 144 Riverside Boulevard, New York, NY 10069 | 212.724.6360*

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