# **Davis Raider Review Summer 2023**

#### **UCS Vision**

Utica Community Schools, in partnership with our community, will empower students to positively transform their future and the world.

#### **UCS Mission**

Utica Community Schools ignites a passion for learning in all students. We strengthen our community by welcoming all learners, honoring culture, and inspiring remarkable growth and achievement.

#### https://davis.uticak12.org/

#### Week at a Glance (Week of August 21 – 25)

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- 5 Make-up Picture Day
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#### Welcome/Raider Day Information

Welcome to Davis Junior High and the 2023/2024 school year! Our mission remains the same of educating every child and our vision of every child prepared for a post high school education is our goal.

As we enter our final weeks of summer, I wanted to provide information on our back-to-school registration or "Raider Day". Our student orientation or "Raider Day" will be on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. All students will report to Davis Junior High on their scheduled times listed below:

 9th Grade
 8th Grade
 7th Grade

 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Registration will begin in the main gym and in order to obtain your child's schedule, all forms must be filled out completely and signed by a parent. If you completed the **online pre-registration process**, you will be able to move through the registration process quickly and we appreciate you taking the time to complete this important step. **We will have a** "Raider Day" checklist available that day that will guide you through our stations throughout the school.

Please note - Parents that come to Raider Day with their children and have not completed the pre-registration process will complete forms during their child's time slot. These forms will require a parental signature.

Students that attend Raider Day and have not pre-registered and come without a parent will not be able to move past the first station without parental signatures on all forms. Students will need to return with a parent or legal guardian in order to complete the process.

Students and parents should enter the school at the main entrance (17-mile side) and will proceed to the main gym. Students and staff will be on hand to assist. Counselors will be available for the students the first week of school and can assist with schedules after Raider Day. **Due to limited staff, there will be no schedule or lunch changes on Raider Day.** 



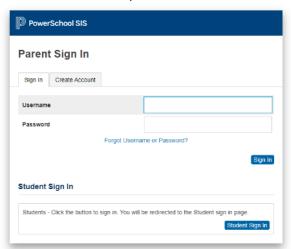
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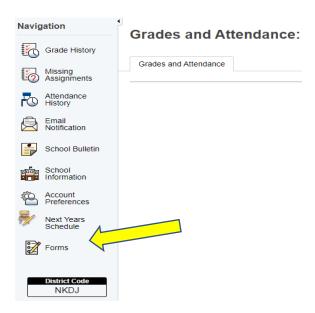
Item #1 - Online Pre-Registration Process (Registration Forms for the 2023 – 2024 School Year)
Required forms can be found in PowerSchool and will be due for completion by noon on Tuesday,
August 22.

Step-by-step directions to completing the registration forms on a desktop or laptop computer (not a phone) are as follows (please try a different browser if encountering problems):

1. Log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal by going to <a href="https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/home.html">https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/home.html</a> or <a href="clicking here">clicking here</a> If you are new to PowerSchool you can create an account by <a href="clicking here">clicking here</a>.



2. Now click on "Forms".

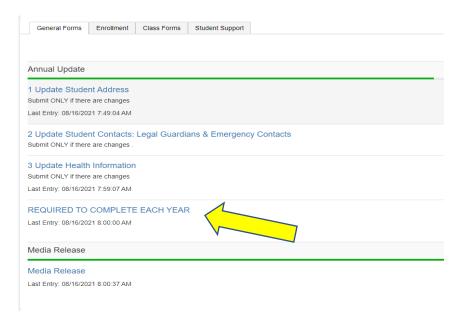




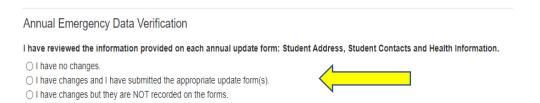
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 Next review which forms are needed for completion. Student Address, Student Contacts (Legal Guardians & Emergency Contacts), and Health Information are needed <u>ONLY</u> if there are changes. Complete these if changes are needed, and then click on "REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EACH YEAR".



- 4. The following screen will then appear.
  - Parents complete the "Annual Emergency Data Verification" and the "Parent-Student Handbook Acknowledgement".



#### Parent-Student Handbook Acknowledgement

The UCS Parent-Student Handbook outlines the procedures and policies of Utica Community Schools to ensure a positive learning environment. The handbook is an important communication piece that provides a clear understanding of the responsibilities of the school staff, students and parents in promoting a safe and nurturing school setting.

I have read and reviewed the UCS Parent-Student Handbook with Marshall. I acknowledge that it is responsibility of parents/guardians and students to read the UCS Parent-Student Handbook and become familiar with its contents, including, but not limited to, sections on Discipline, Student Conduct, and Acceptable Use of Technology.

#### Parent-Student Handbook \*

I have read and reviewed the Parent-Student Handbook with my student.







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#### 5. The next section to complete is the "Technology Device Use Agreement" (parent agreement).

#### Technology Device Use Agreement

#### Parent Device Agreement and Release for Students under Age 18

- 1. I/We have read and understand the terms of the Procedures for the Acceptable Use of the District Technology Resources and the Student Device Agreement and have discussed them with my/our child
- 2. I/We have read and understand the terms of the Parent Device Agreement and Release.
- 3. I/We consent to and understand that School District staff may monitor my/our child's electronic communications, including e-mail and files that he/she downloads, as well as consent to allow my/our child to use the Device and I/we assume the risks associated with my/our child's use of the Device.
- 4. I/We have discussed the Student Device Agreement with my child and, if my child will be taking the Device home, will support the School District in guiding my child in using the Device outside of school as an educational tool
- 5. I/We understand that I am responsible for monitoring and guiding my child's activity outside of the school day to ensure appropriate access to the Internet and use of the Device
- 6. I/We understand that I, and/or my student are financially responsible for damage to or the loss of the Device, as well as for any costs incurred due to my student's use of the Device
- 7. I/We hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless, in both my/our personal capacity, and as guardian of my/our child, the School District as well as its board members, school teachers, employees administrators, and adult volunteers, from any claims arising out of my/our child's violation of, or conduct inconsistent with, the School District's Procedures for the Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources and the Student Device Agreement, including, but not limited to, claims arising from materials my/our child may download or relationships he/she may establish with people online, whether such claims arise from Internet use through school accounts or personal accounts.

#### Parent Device Agreement \*

I have read Board Policy 5160 - Information & Communication Technology and Board Policy 6600 - Acceptable Use of Technology/Internet Safety, I understand these rules and have reviewed them with Marshall.



#### 6. The next section to complete is the "Technology Device Use Agreement" (student agreement).

#### Student Device Agreement for Students under Age 18

All Student users of a Device are required to sign this Student Device Agreement (the "Agreement") in order to receive authorization to use the Device. Utica Community Schools (the "School District") does not authorize any use of the Device which are not conducted in strict compliance with this Agreement and the School District's Procedures for the Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources. Your signature below indicates that you have read the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the School District's Procedures for the Acceptable Use of the District Technology Resources carefully and understand their significance.

- 1. I have reviewed and will abide by the Procedures for the Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources at all times.
- 2. I will take good care of my assigned Device and accessories.
- 3. I will keep my Device secure at all times.
- 4. I will not loan my Device to anyone.
- 5. If I will be taking the Device home, I will bring my Device to school fully charged and ready for use each day.
- 6. I will not disassemble, repair, damage, hack or subvert the security of the Device.
- 7. I will not have my Device out in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- 8. I agree to abide by all policies governing the use of my Device, both in school and outside of school.
- 9. I understand that my Device is subject to inspection by staff at any time and that it remains the property of the School District.
- 10. I understand that I am responsible for any damage to or loss of the Device.
- 11. I will file a report with the main office in the event of loss/theft/damage/equipment failure within one school day. I will file a police report in the event the Device is lost or stolen
- 12. I will return the Device, case and cables in good working order as directed.
- 13. I consent to, and understand that, the School District may collect and examine the Device when a student is suspected of violating the School District's policies, rules and procedures.
- 14. I understand and agree that the School District assumes no responsibility for my use of the Device and I assume the risks associated with use of the Device including, but not limited to, intentionally or unintentionally gaining access to information and communications that I find inappropriate, offensive, controversial, or otherwise objectionable.
- 15. I understand that cyberbullying is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. The District reserves the right to discipline students' actions taken on or off school grounds if they are intended to have an effect on a student or they adversely affect the safety and well-being of a student.
- 16. I understand that violating the School District's Procedures for the Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources may result in having my use privileges of the School District's Device suspended or revoked, and that I may be further subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with the School District Student Code of Conduct, or other legal action.

#### Student Device Agreement

I understand and will abide by Board Policy 5160 - Information & Communication Technology and Board Policy 6600 - Acceptable Use of Technology/Internet Safety. I agree to the terms set forth in the Student Device Agreement and will abide by the Utica Community Schools Procedures for the Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources, the Parent & Student Handbook, and all Board Policies.





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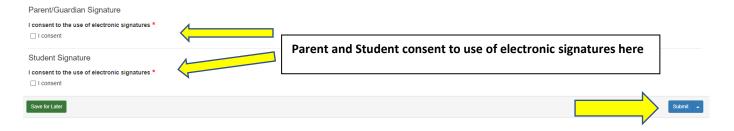
7. The next section to complete is the "Technology Device Insurance Plan: Annual Optional Coverage Please Note - I am highly encouraging all parents to consider device insurance for your child's laptop. Last year we had numerous damaged devices that cost hundreds of dollars for families. Device protection is \$17.50 per device and is a good investment in the event that something happens to the laptop. Click here for more information on the Technology Device Insurance program.

Technology Device Insurance Plan: Annual Optional Coverage

Optional technology device insurance through the district is available for purchase at the start of each school year. After the deadline, you will not be allowed to opt-in to the insurance coverage and will be responsible for any charges related to damage of any technology device that is issued to your student. Details of the Technology Device Insurance Plan & PaySchools links for each school.

#### Would you like to enroll in the optional technology device insurance program? \*

- O Yes, I would like to enroll in the district technology device insurance program at the cost of \$15.00 per device. I understand that I must pay \$15.00 per device online using PaySchools, which can be found on my student's school webpage, no later than THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022. I also understand that unless the payment of \$15.00 is received by the district by the deadline stated, any fees associated with damage to a device are fully my responsibility. I will reach out to my student's school office staff if I have any issues using PaySchools so that other payment arrangements can be made.
- O No, I decline the district's technology device insurance. I understand that technology device insurance is available to my student(s) at the cost of \$15.00 per device. I am responsible for all charges related to the damage of any technology device that is issued to my student, whether accidental or intentional.
- 8. The final section to complete is the "Consent to the Use of Electronic Signatures" (parent and student). Click on 'Submit" when completed.



9. If you have another student, please repeat the process for them. If not, you have completed the pre-registration process and are all set for Raider Day.

If you have questions about this process, please feel free to reach out to the Davis main office at 586-797-2700.

**Please complete the above steps by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22**. Completing this process prior to "Raider Day" will speed up your registration on Wednesday, August 23 and will allow more time to move through the other stations during your child's specific times listed above.



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#### Item #2 - Pre-ordering School Pictures and Yearbooks with Kaiser Studio

School pictures will be taken on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Raider Day. The order form for pictures is below and pictures can be ordered online (School ID Code – 2324DAVIS). Each student will also be receiving their school ID after their picture at "Raider Day". Alternate picture day for "Raider Day" will be Tuesday, September 5. Click here to access or type in https://preorder.kaiserstudio.com/



Pre-Ordering Yearbooks (Use School Code 24DAVIS YB) for Ordering Yearbooks on Kaiser Site

# 23-24 Davis Jr High

## **Yearbook Ordering**

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All Sales End 1/26/2024





To order your yearbook, visit www.KaiserStudio.com Click."Order Pictures"; Select the "Order Pictures Here" option; School ID Code:
24DAVISYB

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I would also like to point out three additional items for families as we start the school year.

#### Free Meals for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

**UCS** students will receive a free breakfast and lunch throughout the **2023-24** school year. All UCS families are asked to complete the *School Meals & Summer EBT application* or the *Education Benefits form* by <u>clicking here</u> - enter "Utica Community Schools" and follow the prompts. For more information, please <u>click here</u>.

#### Important Note About PaySchools for the 2023-24 School year

PaySchools has improved its platform this year to provide a system that is consistently more reliable and user friendly. The end result for parents will be that the information they need will be personalized for their child. As a result, families will be asked to recreate an account (even if you previously had a PaySchools account). Once created, you will be provided with those product choices that directly relate to your child. Just follow these easy steps:

- Create an account from your computer or tablet at: <u>www.payschoolscentral.com</u>
- Complete the account registration by selecting register, enter your profile details, setting up your password via the email link that will be sent to you, then logging in.
- Add your children to your account using their student ID numbers. ID numbers are found on their report card available through PowerSchool.
- If you like, enter credit card and/or banking information as forms of payments to use with your PaySchools account.

A complete guide (with screen shots) is available at this link.

#### **Davis Junior High One Time Fundraising Request**

A suggested \$20 donation per family would be greatly appreciated to help offset the cost of numerous programs at DJH. 100% of your monetary donation directly benefits our school.

Money will go to offset costs for the following: Freshman Farewell, Student Awards, Positive Behavior Support (PBS) rewards, purchase of classroom technology, special events/assemblies, Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) mentoring program, instructional and classroom needs, and any other purchase to benefit our students. All students that donate money through this manner will be eligible for all fundraising fun events throughout the year as a way of saying thank you! Look for the fundraiser table at Raider Day!

Please continue to check your email on Friday, August 18 for additional information on "Raider Day" and other important school details for the start of the year in the first parent newsletter.

We are looking forward to an amazing year at Davis and I personally look forward to seeing you at "Raider Day".

I ask that you continue to monitor your emails for the newsletter and additional information.

Mr. Shepard, Principal

#### Raider Day Stations – Wednesday, August 23 (Please see grade time slots above)

Station 1 - Registration Information (Required Forms - Must be Completed Prior to Raider Day) - Main Gymnasium

- Parents/students that have completed the **Online Pre-Registration** will need to verify that we have the online forms recorded and will need the following to move to the next station:
  - Davis Raider Review PBS Matrix signature page (last page of the August 18<sup>th</sup> newsletter Bring to Raider Day for ticket!)
- Parents/students that have not completed the Online Pre-Registration will need to complete and submit the following forms in order to move to the next station:
  - PowerSchool Contact Information and Verification
  - UCS Parent and Student Handbook Acknowledgement (Must be signed by parent and student)
  - Acceptable Use of Technology Form (Must be signed by parent and student)
  - Use of Student Work/Photograph (7<sup>th</sup> grade and new students only)
  - o Consent for Disclosure of Immunization Information (7<sup>th</sup> grade and new students only)
  - Davis Raider Review PBS Matrix signature page (last page of the August 18<sup>th</sup> newsletter Bring to Raider Day for ticket!)
- Please Note Students that attend Raider Day and have not pre-registered and come without a parent, will not be able to move past the first station without parental signatures on all forms.

#### Station 2 - School Pictures with Kaiser Studio - Cafeteria

The order form is located in the newsletter and pictures can be ordered online (School ID Code – **2324DAVIS**). Each student will also be receiving their school ID. Alternate picture day for Raider Day will be Tuesday, September 5. Kaiser Studio - Kaiser Studio or this one Orders Main (kaiserstudio.com)

#### Station 3 - School Identification Badges with Kaiser Studio - Cafeteria

After receiving school pictures, students will receive an identification badge, they will need to wear at school every day. Students will also receive a school issued lanyard.

#### Station 4 – Yearbooks to Order – Upper Cafeteria

Order your Davis Junior High yearbook during Raider Day! Bring in your cash or check for \$40 payable to Davis Junior High. Yearbook will be accepting check payments during Open House and during November/March conferences as well. The code for pre-ordering Yearbooks is 24DAVISYB on the Kaiser website above.

#### Station 5 - Davis Junior High Fundraising - Upper Cafeteria

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#### Station 6 - Athletics Information Booth - Upper Cafeteria

Information about junior high sports from our athletic director, Mr. Persichino will be available for interested students.

#### Station 7 - Student Planners/School Schedules - C Pod Lecture Area

Davis will once again be using a student planner and students will receive these books on Raider Day. The planner is a combination assignment book, classroom pass system, and organizational tool. Replacement or additional planners can be purchased at a cost of \$5.

#### Station 8 - Laptop Distribution Site - Media Center

This station is for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and any new student to UCS/Davis Junior High. Students will receive their laptop, charging cord, and will also log in to ensure everything is functioning properly. Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will not need to participate in this station as they still have their laptop from last year.

#### Station 9 - Classroom Information Booth/Student Success Tips/Questions - Hallway between C and A Pod

Teachers may provide early copies of their classroom syllabus and supply lists for students to take. If a teacher does not have a syllabus or list available, students will be able to check on Schoology and/or the first week of school as they attend classes. WEB will be on hand to provide student tours and provide student success tips. Teachers at this station will be on hand to answer questions as well.

#### Station 10 - Davis Spirit Wear - Hallway between C and A Pod

We will be using Clothing Graphics for Davis Spirit Wear and they will be available on Raider Day. Davis spiritwear (clothinggraphics.com)

Upon completing station 10, students and parents are free to move throughout the building locating classes and/or can exit the school to the front parking lot by exiting the main doors near Station 10.

Don't forget to bring the last page of the newsletter (PBS Matrix signature page) for a Red Card ticket to enter our first lunch drawing! Keep scrolling!

#### **Unable to Attend Raider Day?**

If your child is unable to attend Raider Day, they can check PowerSchool the Sunday before starting school to find their schedule. Students will also receive paper copies with their locker assignment on the first day of school in the cafeteria. Picture Day for students that missed Raider Day will be Tuesday, September 5, with Picture Retake Day scheduled for Thursday, October 19.

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To order your yearbook, visit www.KaiserStudio.com Click "Order Pictures": Select the "Order Pictures Here" option; Enter the School ID Code (to the right):





#### **Other Important Information**

#### Student Plans for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

If you know you are moving or planning not to return to Davis Junior High this year, please send an email to Mrs. Gipson at Patrice.Gipson@uticak12.org or contact her at school (586.797.2700). If you know your plans, please let us know so we can partner with you for a smooth transition for you and your child. Finally, if you have moved, but are still attending Davis, please let Mrs. Gipson know as well as she will need to updated address information in PowerSchool.

#### Sports Physicals for the 2023-2024 School Year

For the 2023 - 2024 school year, a sport physical is required for all students who participate in sports. A physical examination must be completed on or after **April 15, 2023** to be considered a valid physical for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The MHSAA two-page physical form has not changed and remains on the district athletic page as well as on MHSAA.com. Click here to be redirected to the MHSAA Website

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#### Athletic Information – Fall Sports (Football and Volleyball)

Any current 7th graders (future 8<sup>th</sup> grader students) interested in joining Davis Football & Volleyball, please see the information below:

- You will need an updated physical to participate in tryouts/practices/games.
- Football begins on the first day of school, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Volleyball tryouts will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> Information at Raider Day.

#### 2023 - 2024 Device Responsibility, Damage Fees, and Optional Insurance Information

Families may choose to enroll in this optional program by the deadline of Thursday, September 8, 2023, for a fee of \$17.50 per device. Click here for more information.

#### Vaccination Information – 7th Grade Students

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies. Vaccination information for children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade can be found at Vaccination Info 2022.pdf (uticak12.org)

#### **Bus Information**

UCS Transportation will be contacting families regarding bus information. Bus stops will be emailed to eligible families on the afternoon of Monday, August 21. Contact the Transportation office if you have not received an email by Friday, August 25.

#### Notice to Parents of Students Needing Medications Stored in the Main Office

In preparation for the school year all health plans and authorization for medication forms should be returned to the office <u>before</u> the first day of school with any required medications. All medical forms can be accessed here: Resources and Forms / Resources and Forms (uticak12.org)

If you do not have access to the website, please contact the Davis office to arrange for copies to be picked up. If your child takes the bus, you will also be asked to complete two Transportation forms. Please return one to the school office when you bring your Health Care Plan, and the second should be handed to the driver on the first day of school, both with color pictures attached. Transportation requires this be done promptly to ensure the driver is aware of any potential emergencies. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please feel free to contact your school nurse at rebecca.rosbolt@uticak12.org.

#### Davis Junior High Daily Schedule (2023 – 2024)

The daily bell schedule, lunch schedule, and exam schedule for students is below:



Davis Junior High Daily Schedule



1<sup>st</sup> hour 8:10 - 9:08 2<sup>nd</sup> hour 9:14 - 10:10 3<sup>rd</sup> hour 10:16 - 11:12 4<sup>th</sup> hour 11:18 - 12:57

- A Lunch 11:18 11:49
- B Lunch 11:55 12:20
- C Lunch 12:26 12:57

5<sup>th</sup> hour 1:03 - 1:59 6<sup>th</sup> hour 2:05 - 3:01

#### 2023 – 2024 School Calendar Information

2023-2024 Calend	lar		
August 29	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day		
September 1	No School for K-12 Students		
September 4	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day		
September 20	No School for K-12 Students		
October 12	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences		
October 18	No School for K-12 Students		
October 19	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences		
October 27	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period		
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day		
November 7	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day		
November 9	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences		
November 22 - 24	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break		
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams		
December 20	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams		
December 21	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period		
December 22 - January 2, 2024	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break		
January 15	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
February 19-23	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break		
March 22	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period		
March 25-29	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break		
May 27	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day		
June 5	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams		
June 6	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams		
June 7	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School		

## Important School Startup Information - General School Information

#### **Administration of Medication**

In cases with medication, parents can administer to their children at home. In the event that it is not possible and a student needs to take medication at school, the school may administer either prescription or non-prescription medicine, but only when authorized by the student's parent/guardian **and the child's physician**. Requests must be made by completing an **Authorization for Medication Form**, available in the school office. This form <u>must</u> be signed by the child's physician.

#### **Afterschool Reminder**

Students should be within their scheduled activity/picked up afterschool. Pick up should be no later than 3:20 p.m.

#### **Arrival and Drop Off Information (Non-Bus Students)**

Davis Junior High will open doors at 7:50 a.m. Students should enter the building and report directly to the cafeteria. Parents – as a reminder for student drop off, we have two locations along the front of the school. The locations for drop off are **the A Pod entrance (look for drop off signs)** and the front of the building. To alleviate some of the traffic, please plan on dropping students off early on in the line along the sidewalk and letting them walk in the A Pod entrance. This will speed up traffic in the morning and as always, please exercise patience and caution. **One lane only for student drop off!** We appreciate your help!

#### Attendance Line Information (586.797.2799)

If you are calling in for an early dismissal, please press 0 and talk to an office assistant. If you are calling in an absence, please call in prior to 9:00 a.m. When calling in your child's absence, please make sure you spell the last name as well.

#### **Automated Phone Call: Contact Update**

Utica Community Schools will continue to message important school-related information such as delayed openings or school closure through a number of resources including local media outlets. As a service to parents and staff, the district will also continue to call directly to phone numbers linked to our Automated Call Information Alert System. Parent phone numbers for the automated call are drawn from PowerSchool which should be updated at the building level.

#### **Breakfast Information**

Davis Junior High will make available nutritious breakfast to students and staff daily starting August 29, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:50 a.m.

#### **Bus Passes**

Bus passes are a privilege and will only be permitted if a bus has not reached capacity. Both students must be bus riders and both students must submit a note from their parent to the Main Office before 1st hour. The signed note from the parent should include the student's assigned bus number as well as the bus number they will be riding. The pass needs to be picked up by one of the students before the end of the day.

#### Coca-Cola Rewards – Davis Junior High

We are very excited to share that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give Program. This provides Davis Junior High an opportunity to provide additional learning opportunities to students throughout the school year. When you make a Coca-Cola purchase, simply go to this site at https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/ or click here and entre the product codes.

#### Davis Junior High Staff Website (http://davis.uticak12.org/staff)

Teachers put their classroom information on the Davis website, under the staff page. Click here to access the site.

#### **Davis Raider Review - Archived Editions**

For the parents new to Davis, you will notice that the most up to date information will always be at the top of the newsletter. As the month moves along, earlier editions of the newsletter are located below. This is done with the purpose of providing you an opportunity to find information in one newsletter as opposed to having to go back and review earlier editions that you may have saved. The newsletter will also be available on the Davis website.

#### **Davis Spirit wear**

Davis spiritwear (clothinggraphics.com)

#### **Food Deliveries**

Food that is delivered by a company such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Davis. Due to school safety concerns and the disruption to the school day, we cannot accommodate such deliveries. We ask that all students bring their own lunch or buy a lunch from the cafeteria. If a student forgets their lunch, they may borrow against their lunch account in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their student. Coffee, smoothies and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going into first hour. This is the practice that takes place at the high school level and Davis is aligning with Stevenson in order to provide consistent expectations for our students.

#### **Early Dismissals**

Students who need to be excused during a school day should bring in a signed note from their parents to the main office prior to school starting in the morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for the dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. Please do not leave a message for an early dismissal on our attendance line. This procedure will ensure that your child will be dismissed on time and should keep unnecessary phone calls to a minimum. When signing your child out early, please be prepared to show identification at the main office. Office staff will be asking for a driver's license or other form of identification in order to release the student. Your cooperation is a greatly appreciated!

#### **Homework Requests**

After a student has been absent for two days, homework requests may be made directly to the teachers, either by e-mail or phone. If parents contact the office, they will be directed to the classroom teacher. Please use PowerSchool to email teachers directly.

#### **Junior High Parent and Student Handbook**

In the first days of school each year, every student in junior high participates in a handbook presentation with school administration. This handbook is a valuable resource containing information about athletic programs, bus transportation, attendance procedures, dress codes, graduation guidelines, technology use, how to communicate concerns, medical services, behavior guidelines and disciplinary procedures.

#### **Lockers Assigned to Students**

7<sup>th</sup> grade or new students will be issued lockers at Raider Day based upon their grade. Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be using the locker assigned to them in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In each locker there is a lower shelf for additional storage of books. A separate gym locker will also be issued to each child during gym class. It is the student's responsibility to keep lockers secure. *Please remind your child not to give out combinations to their friends.* Sharing of combinations, even with friends, usually results in problems such as lost books and/or folders. The school is not responsible for such loss.

#### **Lunch Information and Procedures**

Students will follow our lunch procedures which will include coming in, sitting at their assigned seat, waiting for instructions, getting lunch, eating, and then being dismissed. Students are assigned a table seat so that they have a place to eat every day.

#### **Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative**

The Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) is a national, award-winning program and has been presented to more than one million students. It teaches children the importance of being safe, making smart decisions, and protecting themselves and others while online. Click here if you haven't reviewed the information with your child. The website is also below: www.safeteens.com/tips-to-stop-cyberbullying

#### **Non-Emergency Deliveries and Messages**

Messages cannot be delivered to students during school hours. Non-emergency messages and deliveries will take place only at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> hour, lunchtime and at the end of the day. Students will not be released during class to report to the office to pick up messages or items brought in during the school day. Lunches will be sent to the cafeteria and distributed.

#### Office Telephone Use: How, When and Why?

Office telephones are available to students in case of illness and special circumstances. Students should **not** use cell phones to call parents to report illness, accidents, or to request to leave school. When circumstances arise, students are to report to the office.

#### **Parking Lot Reminders**

The beginning of a new school year can bring out frustrations in the school parking lot as students are being dropped off in the morning and picked up at night. We need to make sure we are modeling appropriate behavior for our children as well as adhering to basic rules to ensure safety in our parking lots daily. For those parents that are new and a general reminder to all parents of how our drop off/pick up procedures works:

- The curb side student drop off area should be used as just that: Pull up between the bright orange cones, stop, the child(ren) exit the car, the car moves forward and then exits the parking lot (turning left or going straight, no right turns allowed). Dropping your child(ren) off should only take a matter of seconds and speeds the process along for all. Please do not park in these areas as it can create a massive back up of cars onto Plumbrook and slows the traffic flow down in the morning.
- This curb side drop off should **not** be used as a parking spot for parents to wait until the school doors open. If you should choose to wait for the doors to open, please utilize the parking spaces that are available.
- When exiting the parking lot, you have two options. You can either turn left on to 17-mile or proceed straight into the subdivision across the street. Turning right is not an option as it is marked by a sign with specific hours of enforcement. It also is dangerous to turn right as we have a crossing guard assisting students crossing 17-mile road.
- Bus loop cars should not be driving through the bus loop at arrival or dismissal. This area is for school buses only
  and is not a cut through. Starting Monday, November 1, I have requested that the Sterling Heights Police
  Department ticket any car that does not follow this rule.
- Muriel Street this is a great place to drop off and pick up your child. This would allow you to bypass the parking lot
  completely and utilize the crossing guard that is in front of the school on 17 mile. Several families have taken
  advantage of this instead of navigating the parking lot at arrival and dismissal.

Each year we send out reminder messages to parents about the parking lot and we also include information in our weekly newsletter. Please take a moment to read/listen to these messages as our intent is to make school a safer place for all. I know that together we can provide a safe environment for our children. Hopefully this time change will assist as we move into the end of fall weather and winter months. From time to time, our partnership with the Sterling Heights Police Department allows for them to randomly check out the parking lot flow and traffic patterns around the schools in Sterling Heights. You may notice them from time to time assisting and or observing these patterns. Please be aware that they have issued tickets before to parents that are not following the observed traffic rules above.

#### **Parents and Visitors**

Everyone who enters Davis Junior High **must report to the Main Office**. This is a school district policy and in place to keep all students safe. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you. Please do not attempt to gain access to the school through a side door or when students are leaving the building at dismissal.

#### Perfume and Cologne in School

Davis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that result in nausea and being sent home from school. These strong smells trigger asthma attacks and at times, students need to receive medical attention. We are asking students to put on their favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day. Thank-you for your cooperation and help with this

#### **PowerSchool Information**

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year.

#### **School Safety Information**

Student and staff safety remains a priority for our school. Our district uses a multi-layered approach to proactively prepare for any type of emergency that is focused on training, school-based emergency plans, an emergency preparedness team consisting of law enforcement, mental health support, and constantly reviewing our facilities to determine improvement needs to enhance security. Recently, our staff has been engaged in training related to "Standard Response Protocols." The protocols identify five specific actions that use common language related to a potential incident: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. The poster below is what we have had in every classroom in Utica Community Schools in English, Arabic and Spanish since the beginning of the school year.



To show students their role during these standard response protocols, we will be presenting the following video (https://youtu.be/Nvkz7iomzcA) that features a high school age student demonstrating how to react during each action area. It provides training in a very relaxed and engaging way directed at secondary students. Following the viewing of the video and discussion with their teacher, students will continue practicing the school/safety drills using the standard response protocols. Thank you for your continued partnership to keep our students and staff safe.

## Standard Response Protocol

UCS staff has been trained in the district's Standard Response Protocol used in the event of an emergency situation. Training for students is now ongoing.

The protocols have five stages:

- Hold! in the room or area and clear the halls
- · Secure Get inside. Lock Outside Doors.
- · Lockdown! Locks, lights, out of sight
- Evacuate! (A location may be specified)
- Shelter Hazare and safety strategy

Every classroom in UCS has a poster that identifies these strategies. To view the poster, please see this  $\underline{link}$ .



#### Security

The front doors will be locked during school hours. To gain access at Door #2, ring the button near the far-left door at the main entrance. Office staff will see you through the security camera and unlock the doors if deemed appropriate. Please report directly to the main office.

#### Student Cell Phones/Use of Electronic Devices

As we prepare to begin a new school year, it is important to revisit some district and building policies in regard to use of electronic communication devices (ECD.) With the permission of teachers, student may use cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes. Students may not use cell phones to take pictures, text or call during the school day. Students may use their cell phones before school and after school. During the day, students should turn cell phones off and store them in their backpacks or lockers. As always, students should not be on their phones during passing time or during the school day unless it is part of an educational reason based on the rules of the teacher.

#### **Student ID Badges**

All junior high students are required to wear their ID badge at all times. Students will get their IDs after Picture Day this year, so there will be a month where students will not be required to wear IDs. Once students receive their ID after school picture day, we always expect them to be worn. They need to be visible and, on a lanyard, which we will provide.

#### **Student Planners**

Davis will once again be using a student planner and students will receive these books at Raider Day. The planner is a combination assignment book, classroom pass system, and organizational tool. Replacement or additional planners can be purchased at a cost of \$5.

#### **Student Supplies/Backpacks**

Student general school supplies will include backpack, laptop, charger, headphones, writing utensil and notebooks/binders.

#### Social Media Information/School and Parent Responsibility

Students should not be using social media sites such as Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Kick, etc. during school hours. If students are using these sites off school grounds, monitoring of the sites and student use is the sole responsibility of the parent. School staff will not be responsible for this outside of school. Should social media information create a substantial disruption to the school, you may be contacted and/or disciplinary action will be taken depending on the severity of the incident. As the parent, if you feel that your child's safety and or privacy has been violated through social media outside of school, please contact the police as a first step intervention.

#### Weekly Communication – Newsletter (Davis Raider Review)

The "Davis Raider Review" is an electronic newsletter that will be emailed through school messenger weekly (Thursday afternoons) to all parents and will start during the first week in September. The newsletter will be archived monthly on the Davis website and is a great way to keep up on events and information from the school.

#### Yearbooks on Sale

Order your Davis Junior High yearbook during Raider Day for \$40. **After Raider Day, yearbooks are \$43.** Make sure to keep the receipt in a safe place so your child can bring it when yearbooks are distributed.

#### **Davis Junior High Communication Flowchart Process**

Parents transitioning from elementary to junior high school often wonder the best way to have their question or concern addressed. It is easy to become discouraged when attempts to communicate with school officials are not addressed only to be referred to others to resolve a problem their child may be experiencing in school. In order to help parents with this process and assist in efficiency, the "Davis Junior High School Communication Process Flowchart," has been created. This sequence is in place to make sure your questions and concerns are addressed to the proper school official. It is our hope that the flowchart will be utilized as a way to direct your question or concern so that it may be handled by the appropriate school official and responded to quickly. As always, classroom concerns and questions should be directed to the specific teacher involved. The chart is listed within this newsletter, will be available at Raider Day and will also be available on the website for parents for future reference. Please note that our office staff will be trained to help assist parents with this process and in many cases you will be referred to the first level in order to provide you with the most direct staff member.

#### **Davis Junior High School Communication Flowchart Process**

Most parent and community questions are easily and completely answered by communicating directly with the staff member closest to the situation. As you move further along the flowchart, the staff is less directly involved and usually needs additional time to research the situation before they can give you an answer. If you do not hear back from the person you have contacted within two (2) business days, it is appropriate to reach out to them again before moving along to the next level of the flowchart. We do not expect your questions or concerns to go unanswered for a long period of time. Each situation should first be addressed at whatever level the initial action was taken with appeals moving on to the next level on the "Communication Process Flowchart." The easiest way to communicate is via e-mail while a phone call is the next preferable way.

#### **Davis Junior High Communication Process Flowchart**

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Area of concern	First Level	Second Level	Third Level	Fourth Level	Fifth Level
Instruction/Curriculum	Teacher	Counselor	Assistant Principal	Principal	Board Office
Athletics	Coach	Davis Athletic Director	Principal	District Athletic Director	Board Office
Special Education	Teacher	Special Education Staff	Counselor	Principal	Board Office
Student Concerns/Guidance/Health Related Concerns	Teacher	Counselor	Assistant Principal	Principal	Board Office
Classroom Discipline	Teacher	Counselor	Assistant Principal	Principal	Board Office
Non – Classroom School Discipline	Teacher	Counselor	Assistant Principal	Principal	Board Office
Classroom Concerns	Teacher	Counselor	Principal	Board Office	80
Scheduling Concerns/Changes* (See Below)	Teacher*	Counselor	Principal	Board Office	90
Transportation	Bus Driver	Assistant Principal (Discipline)	Transportation Supervisor	Board Office	33

**Scheduling Concerns/Changes\*** – In order to process a schedule change, parents must first have met with the teacher and put a plan in place to support the struggling student. If after several weeks, the student is still struggling, it would be appropriate to move to the second level.

Please note - Classroom questions concerning your child should be addressed with your child's teacher before contacting the counselors and/or school administration. Allow for two (2) business days for a response. If no response is received from a teacher during that time, send a second email or phone call to that teacher.

Please note that compliments or acknowledgements of positive events can be directed to everyone along the chain. All of us appreciate hearing that there is something good that has happened. We all look forward to a wonderful school year with few complaints!

#### **Guidelines for Parent Communications to Teachers and Staff**

The purpose of this section is to serve as a general guide for ensuring effective communication from parents to teachers, staff and administrators. Communication refers to both the sending and receiving of information, such as email and notes, and verbal communications such as telephone conversations and face-to-face meetings. In order to ensure a successful exchange of information, it is important that all parties follow a few key principles.

#### **Maintain Respectful and Open Communication**

- Always use a respectful and polite tone.
- Request, don't demand.
- Be ready not just to provide information, but to listen to teacher/staff observations and perspectives.
- Enter the exchange with an open mind and assume a shared best interest for your child.
- Be prepared to work collaboratively to solve problems.
- Threats and/or inappropriate language will not be tolerated toward staff members.

#### Confidentiality

• Recognize that confidentiality may limit information that can be shared from school to parents, including consequences for other students' behaviors.

#### **Time to Respond to Communications**

- Teachers will make every effort to respond as soon as possible to parent communications, with the understanding that the teaching day sometimes precludes immediate responses.
- Teachers and staff may need some time to collect needed information before responding.

#### Whom to Contact

- Most communications of classroom concerns should be directed at first to your child's teacher.
- If you have an issue with a particular staff member, first try to address those concerns with that staff member directly.
- If you have discussed with your child's teacher and the issue has not been addressed to your satisfaction, then move to the next level.
- Please recognize that it is both the policy and the value of our school that we operate with openness, collaboration and the shared best interest for every student.

#### **SCHOOL INFO - COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

As part of an ongoing effort to foster effective communications between parents and staff at Davis, school officials developed the following communication guidelines. The goal is to establish a set of reasonable expectations and behaviors for parents and staff. These guidelines will be reviewed on a periodic basis and adjusted as necessary.

#### **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is important that the school has current phone numbers and addresses on file in our school data system. If you move or change your phone number, it is imperative that you notify the school and update your emergency contact information. Please visit the office to update a form.

#### **CONTACTING TEACHERS OR STAFF**

#### Best mode: email/phone

Parents wanting to meet with or contact a teacher should email the teacher. If email is not possible, parents can either call 586.797.2700 or visit the main office to request a meeting. Phone messages are checked every day. Please allow for two (2) business days for a response. If no response is received from a teacher during that time, send a second email or phone call to that teacher before moving to the next level on the flowchart.

#### **CONTACTING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

#### Best mode: email/phone

Parents requesting a meeting with or wanting to contact an administrator should use email. If email is not possible, parents can either call 586.797.2700 or visit the main office to request a meeting. Parents that have not followed the "Communication Process Flowchart" will be directed to the appropriate level based on the circumstances. Phone messages are checked regularly. Please allow for two (2) business days for a response. If no response is received from an administrator during that time, send a second email or phone call before moving to the next level on the flowchart.

#### Davis Junior High Student ID Policy (All Students Must Have ID's Visible)

Davis Junior High School continues to work to ensure the safety and security for all staff and students. This is a top priority each and every day. All students at Davis will now be required to wear and have visible their school ID badges at all times. In addition, the wearing of school identification provides a professional setting and promotes College and Career Readiness for all students. Wearing of ID badges is required as part of many workplace environments, as well as on college and university campuses. Furthermore, the wearing of student IDs provides easy identification of students for teachers, substitutes, district staff personnel, and law enforcement if ever needed.

School issued lanyards will be provided to every student at no cost on Tuesday, September 3. Students have received their school IDs from Raider Day or will receive them over the first weeks of school. The expectation will be reinforced with students on Day 1 as well as at the student handbook meeting presentations on Tuesday, September 10.

#### The benefits & reasons for students wearing a current student ID card:

- To be in class
- To borrow library books
- To obtain early dismissal
- To allow movement during lunch, going to and from restrooms
- To be on campus before or after school
- To move between classes and/or the hallway during passing time periods
- To participate in school activities, assemblies, dances, etc. on the campus of Davis
- To get into high school events for free (if offered by the high school)
- To be used for the PBS Earned Privilege Level for Citizenship and Academics (Raider Red)/Lunchroom

#### **Student ID Card Guidelines:**

A student's ID card authorizes him/her to be on the school campus. **EVERY** student must wear his or her student ID card while on school grounds. It is crucial that the school staff is able to identify everyone on campus. Identification of staff and students is a safety issue and will not be compromised. **Student IDs may be left in the student's assigned locker overnight so as to ensure the student ID is not left at home.** 

**Teachers will do periodic student ID checks in class, at the discretion of administration.** Periodic incentives will be provided at the discretion of administration when school-wide student ID checks are implemented.

#### The following guidelines must be adhered to when wearing student ID cards:

- Student ID cards must be worn on a lanyard.
- Student ID cards cannot be worn on a shirtsleeve, pants, outside of pockets, under a shirt, coat, jacket or at the bottom of a shirt. The student ID card **must be visible AT ALL TIMES** (i.e. not kept in a purse, pocket or backpack).
- The student ID card must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
- The front and back of the student ID card cannot be altered (i.e. no markings, other photos, etc.). Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
- Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
- Lost, stolen, altered, damaged and/or defaced student ID cards must be replaced IMMEDIATELY.
- If the ID card is lost, a student may purchase a new student ID card from the office.
  - There will be a \$5.00 fee to replace a lost ID badge and a \$1.00 fee to replace lost lanyards.
  - At the discretion of the administration, a designated hour may be established for purchasing IDs.
- Students are excused from wearing ID cards during classes **IF** a teacher/administrator considers it to be a safety risk during identified classroom or other activities, including, but not limited to:
  - Science labs, equipment use, physical education, music, and other classes when wearing the student ID may cause entanglement or safety concerns.

#### Students who do not have their student ID cards will adhere to the following procedures:

Before school begins, a student who does not have a student ID must obtain a temporary ID in the Main Office.

• Please note that there is a limit of three consecutive days that a student may obtain a temporary ID. After the third consecutive day, student will report to the Assistant Principal.

• If a student reports to class <u>WITHOUT</u> a proper or temporary ID, the teacher will send the student to the office to obtain a temporary ID. The temporary ID <u>MUST</u> be worn and visible for the remainder of the day. The temporary ID will have the date issued on it and needs to be returned at the end of the day.

#### Consequences for Not Displaying/Possessing School ID card:

- **1st Violation FIRST** Verbal Warning for not wearing school issued and/or temporary ID. Warning given by Administrator.
- 2nd Violation SECOND Verbal Warning for not wearing school issued and/or temporary ID. Warning given by Administrator.
- **3rd Violation** Responsible Choices Room (Lunch detention) Issued a temporary ID and a call home by Administrator.
- 4th Violation Additional consequences, up to and including suspension at the discretion of Administration.

#### **NOTE**: Consequences are cumulative for the entire school year.

\*\*If requested by staff, all students must provide access to their ID. Failure to comply with a reasonable request from any staff member is defined as Defiance of Authority. Any consequence for failure to comply will be in addition to the one for the ID violation\*\*

Davis Junior High School reserves the right to modify the Student ID Policy at any time without notice. Any subsequent changes to the policy will be communicated through its normal means of dispersing information.





#### Parent & Student Handbook Reminders (Davis Junior High)

#### **Locker Information (Per UCS Student Handbook)**

All lockers assigned to students are the property of the Utica Community Schools. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of its lockers. Students are solely responsible for the contents of their locker and should not share their locker with other students, pre-set locker combinations or divulge locker combinations to other students, unless authorized by the school principal or his/her designee. Accordingly, the Board of Education authorizes the school principal or his/her designee to search lockers and locker contents at any time, without notice and without parent or guardian consent. Law enforcement officials shall be notified upon seizure of dangerous items, or items that are required to be reported.

# Technology Information (Per UCS Student Handbook) Technology Users WILL NOT:

- Tamper with computer or network components in a way that will make them either temporarily or permanently inoperable.
- Access or modify other accounts, data, files and/or passwords without authorization.
- Use district technology to send, receive, print or display messages that are inflammatory, harassing in nature, sexist, racist or otherwise inappropriate. No sending inappropriate messages.
- Use district technology to distribute material that jeopardizes the health and safety of students; is obscene or pornographic; causes disruption of school activities; plagiarizes the work of others; is a commercial advertisement; or is not approved by the building administrator.

# MISUSE OF TECHONOLGY WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, UP TO AND INCLUDING LOSS OF TECH PRIVILEGES, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

#### **General Reminders**

- Poor Citizenship Marks Students who receive poor citizenship marks may be excluded from school events.
- School Property (books, materials, furniture, etc.) Do not damage, will be assessed repair & replacement costs
- **Bullying** (possible expellable offense) Bullying shall be defined as any written, verbal, or physical act, or any electronic communication that is intended or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one or more pupils either directly or indirectly. Often occurs when a student is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. See handbook.
- **Fighting** Fighting, physical harassment, planning to fight, threatening behavior are prohibited. 1<sup>st</sup> offense fighting (5-day suspension), 2<sup>nd</sup> offense (10-day suspension)
- Physical contact (kissing, hugging, handholding) prohibited
- **Drugs** of all kinds are prohibited. Selling, buying, possessing, giving, accepting, or using tobacco, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, drugs, or behavior-altering substances, possession or use of electronic cigarettes, hookah pens or similar devices. (**possible expellable offense**) See handbook (Substance Abuse & Use of Tobacco) *Intoxicants, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, look-alike drugs or illegal substances are not allowed on school property. Any infraction will result in a referral to parents and police.*
- Sexual Harassment Policy (Verbal, Written or Physical) See handbook.
- Suspension No participation credit. Make up work with 70% of grade earned
- Skipping (Unexcused Absence) No participation credit. Cannot make up missed work

#### **Expulsions Level Offense**

- Weapons (including air soft guns)
- Drugs
- Criminal Sexual Conduct
- Arson
- Physical Assault of an Employee

As part of our PBS expectations, we ask all of our students practice and model "Listen, Learn and Lead" at all times!

# CELL PHONE/DEVICE POLICY

As we prepare to begin a new school year, it is important to revisit some district and building policies in regard to use of electronic communication devices (ECD.) With the permission of teachers, student may use cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes. Students may not use cell phones to take pictures, text or call during the school day. Students may use their cell phones before school and after school. During the day, students should turn cell phones off and store them in their backpacks or lockers. As always, students should be on their phones during passing time or during the school day unless it is part of an educational reason based on the rules of the teacher.

#### During School Hours 8:00 - 3:00

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Earbuds/Headphones

CAN NOT be displayed or used anywhere in school without permission.

Exception - Teacher permission or students may be able to use cell phones per the lunch staff

# If you are found breaking Cell Phone/Device policy, the following progressive plan will be followed:

1<sup>st</sup> time  $\longrightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> time  $\longrightarrow$  3<sup>rd</sup> time  $\longrightarrow$  4<sup>th</sup> / + times

Level 1

Taken to Office

Student Pick Up

Warning #1

Level 2

Taken to Office

Student Pick Up

Warning #2 (Parent Notification) Level 3

Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up

Lunch Detention

Level 4

Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up

Possible School Suspension

Phone Banned

Note: If a student does not comply with the request to provide the staff member their cell phone for a violation, they could be moved to Level 4 for insubordination/disrespect.

Note: Davis Junior High and UCS assume NO responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of your device.

The student assumes full responsibility and brings the device at their own risk.

#### **School Dress Code**

Davis has always taken pride in its well-groomed students and maintains high expectations in terms of neatness and compliance with the approved UCS Dress Code. Student appearance should not be disruptive to the educational process. Please observe the following guidelines:

- Student appearance should be neat and clean.
- Dress that is indecent, calls undue attention to an individual has lettering or symbols that are derogatory or disrespectful is deemed to be disruptive are prohibited.
- Clothing that promotes illegal substances or drugs, illegal activities, violence, tobacco or alcohol is prohibited.
- Outdoor apparel, hats, unhemmed cut-offs, spandex, beach wear, short skirts, yoga pants and clothing that does not cover the shoulders or mid-section are not proper attire and are not to be worn in school.
- Tattered or ripped clothing is not acceptable. Blue jeans with holes or tears above the knee will not be allowed.
- Articles of clothing worn as group identifiers or which promote a disruptive school climate are prohibited.
- Beach wear, slipper, tights, low-cut tops, tank tops, sleeveless tops, muscle-shirts, see-through clothing, short skirts, short shorts, tight clothing without proper coverage, pajamas and clothing exposing the shoulders or mid-section are not allowed.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Jewelry and accessories that may be deemed dangerous are prohibited.
- Knee-length skirts and knee-length shorts are acceptable.

Students who do not follow the above guidelines may be given other clothing to wear.

#### **Expectations for Yoga Pants/Leggings (Change in practice)**

Yoga pants and leggings are allowed only with a longer shirt/sweater/top to cover. The following information has been shared with students and we appreciate your help communicating this to your children.



**OK for Davis Dress Code** 



**NOT OK for Davis Dress Code** 

#### Positive Behavior Support/Earned Privilege Program

Davis Junior High School has always strived to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for all of our students. In an effort to improve our school climate and culture, many of the Davis staff members volunteered their time two years ago to form a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Committee. PBS is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes. This program is aimed at building effective learning environments in which positive behavior is acknowledged for all students. Our program emphasizes the use of proactive, educative and reinforced-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior outcomes. As a staff we will be focusing on acknowledging positive behavior in the classrooms, hallways and the lunchroom by teaching and reinforcing our "Raider Red Expectations."

During the first week of school and throughout the year, staff members will be teaching our "Raider Red Expectations: I Can Listen, Learn and Lead" to students. We hope that by modeling and communicating these expectations to our students that they will begin to have a better idea of what is expected of them as students at Davis Junior High. We feel that the expectations of listening, learning and leading will serve as a roadmap for success for all of our students as they navigate junior high school to eventually transitioning to the high school and beyond. It is a goal of our program to provide students with common language and the necessary problem solving skills that will help them have a much more productive and positive day at Davis. Students who are engaging in listening, learning and leading behaviors will be individually acknowledged by earning "Raider Red Tickets" and honored with prizes and recognition during our weekly lunchroom drawings on Fridays. Students will also participate in our "Earned Privilege Program." The Earned Privilege Program is an academic and citizenship reward system that is set in place to encourage students to do their very best on Progress Reports and Report Cards. There are seven cycles per year. Each student will receive points for the grades as well as their citizenship performance grade. The points are rolled into ranges that students can attain throughout each progress and report card cycle for various school raffles and prizes. This will allow students to have more access to "fun" school opportunities and we are very happy about this part of our program. Our "Raider Red Expectations: I Can Listen, Learn and Lead" will be posted throughout the classrooms and school for easy reference for our students. The matrix of our expectations is attached for you to review (last page.) It is our hope that you will spend some time reviewing the matrix with your child as it clearly defines the expectations for our students within the program. Students that return the matrix with a parent signature will earn a "Raider Red Ticket," during Raider Day for demonstrating leadership and will be entered in our first Friday lunch drawing on September 15, 2023.



## PBS Winners – A, B and C Lunch (Week of – Coming Soon)

The following students were winners for the PBS Friday drawing held during their lunch:

Every week we hold a "red card" drawing at lunch for students. Names are announced in the newsletter every week!

These students earned "Raider Red Tickets" for demonstrating that they "Listen, Learn and Lead." Congratulations to our winners!

#### Tips for Becoming a Super Organized Student!

The most successful Davis students typically choose one of the following three systems for organizing themselves:

- **Binder System** -- This is the system most recommended by teachers. For each class, papers are hole-punched and organized into a binder with divider tabs (depending on the class, tab sections might include: notes, homework, quizzes/tests, review guides, labs, etc.). An organized binder allows students to easily locate papers at exam time or in the event of a grade discrepancy. The binder system also prevents the embarrassment of papers falling all over the hallway as sometimes happens when over-stuffed paper folders drop. Some students carry a two-pocket folder to each class on a daily basis and move papers into their binders regularly.
- Trapper Keeper/Case-It -- This system is great for students who like the ease of keeping a folder for each class clipped together in one larger central binder. When the six individual folders fill up, papers can be filed into binders with divider tabs or can be stored at home using another system until exam time.
- Folder for Each Class -- In this system students use an inexpensive paper or plastic two-pocket folder for each class and replace them every 5-10 weeks as they fill up. Folders for each progress report or marking period are saved at home for use at exam time.

It is not recommended to use the same two-pocket folder for all six classes. This method usually leads to disorganization, lost papers, and stress.

#### Some additional tips for parents and students to consider:

- **Planner** -- Students are strongly encouraged to use a student planner/agenda. Students can record assignments for each hour in the daily space and can record upcoming quizzes/tests and projects in the monthly space.
- PowerSchool -- PowerSchool can be checked regularly online or using the app. The UCS District Code is NKDJ. Many teachers leave progress comments in PowerSchool for parents and students. Click here or go to https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/home.html
- Phone/Digital Organizer -- Students who have not been successful using a traditional planner/agenda are sometimes more successful using their phone, iPod, or other digital device. With teacher permission, students can take a photo of the daily agenda/assignments in each classroom. Students can also set reminders to turn in homework at the start of each hour or for quizzes and tests.
- **Teachers Websites** -- Many teachers have highly detailed websites explaining assignments for the week or month, outlining upcoming quiz/test dates, and providing a way to download handouts and assignments. Teacher websites are linked from our Davis website.
- **Well-Supplied Study Area at Home** -- It is a great idea for students to have a study area at home with supplies such as pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, loose leaf paper, stapler, hole punch, etc. This prevents time wasted hunting around the house at homework time.

#### **Typical Supplies Used by Davis Junior High School Students**

Utica Community Schools must provide all necessary materials and supplies for curricular classes. Parents who wish to supplement these materials and supplies for their students may consider purchasing items from the list below. Teachers will provide class-specific supply suggestions during the first week of school.

- Planner/Agenda
- Pencils, Pens (Blue or Black and Red), Erasers
- Loose Leaf Paper or Spiral Notebooks
- Folders (2 pocket)
- Three-ring binders with divider tabs
- Scientific Calculator
- Hole Punch
- Index Cards
- Pencil Case or Pouch
- Kleenex (for backpack or locker)

## Athletic Information - Current Sporting Events/Sports Related Information

#### **Beaumont Heart Screening**

Has your athlete had a heart screening during their pre-participation health screening? Here is a link to register for a health screening by Beaumont. http://www.beaumont.edu/heart/screenings-tests/ Students die from sudden cardiac arrest due to abnormal heart structure or abnormal rhythms. Sudden cardiac arrest claims the life of a young, U.S. athlete every three days, with an average age of 17.5 years old. Beaumont offers free heart checks to high school students that include:

- medical history evaluation
- blood pressure check
- physical examination
- electrocardiogram, or ECG
- echocardiogram, quick look

Here are some statistics on the Student Healthy Heart Check program since it began in May 2007:

- 12,319 kids in Michigan have been screened
- 1,305 needed some sort of follow up with a doctor
- 164 were advised to stop sports until they follow up with a cardiologist
- 7 have been found with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most serious of all heart issues we are trying to detect

#### **Concussion Awareness**

As part of a new state law, all UCS and Michigan parents will receive information about concussions, their symptoms, and what to do if you suspect a concussion. UCS parents will receive the form as part of the back to school registration packets. The form, which asks parents to sign and return to the school office, is also available at this link. The form will also be required of all new families registering in UCS for the first time. In addition to providing the parent information sheet, UCS physical education staff members and coaches will also take part in an on-line training program about concussions. For more information about concussions, please visit the recommended sites below from the Center for Disease Control:

- Primary Link for concussions in young athletes at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Facts about Concussion and Brain Injury
- How Can I Recognize a Possible Concussion?
- Resource Links About Concussions

#### **Pay to Participate Payments**

Utica Community Schools offers PaySchools, an online system which allows you to make payments online via e-check or credit card. It can now be accessed from our school's website. Parents with students participating in fall sports are encouraged to use this system. It will be available as well for a variety of school-based programs. PaySchools offers easy and convenient online access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, an end to lost checks, the ability to view account history of purchases and the assurance of private and secure transactions. Not only is this service a convenience for you, it saves the district resources that can be spent on your child's education

Stevenson High School Athletic Information Click here or go to http://stevensontitans.com/



Stevenson Titan Athletics - Stevenson High School Sports ...

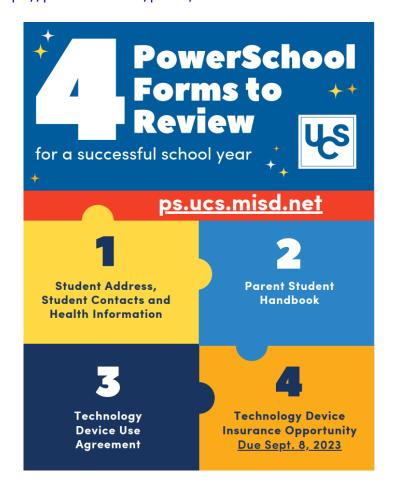
stevensontitans.com

New jerseys, gear, entry fees, retreats – the wish list of opportunities to improve your teams is long, and often, the ways to finance them are short.

The transportation schedule will also be posted on http://stevensontitans.com/ under the "schedules" tab

# UCS District Information and Events 10 Things for Back to School

2023-2024 10 things for	
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Bus stops will be emailed to eligible families on the afternoon of <b>Monday, August 21</b> .	_
You will be emailed your child's elementary teacher after 3 p.m. on <b>Thursday, August 24</b> . If you are not receiving regular emails from UCS or your child's school, please contact the school office.	)-
Registration dates for UCS secondary schools have been scheduled throughout August.  For information on these dates, please see your school's website.	
Suggested school supply lists for elementary students are available on school websites.  Specific information on secondary school supplies will be shared by your classroom teachers during the first few days of school. It is generally recommended that secondary students have writing notebooks (one per class, different color), pens, pencils and highlighters.	
There are several items that all parents will need to indicate they have reviewed on their PowerSchool accounts in the <b>Forms</b> section: 1) Student Address, Student Contacts and Health Information 2) Parent Student Handbook 3) Technology Device Use Agreement 4) Technology Device Insurance Opportunity ( <b>Due September 8, 2023</b> )	_
School meals will be free through the State of Michigan this upcoming school year. Menus are available at: <a href="https://uticak12.nutrislice.com">https://uticak12.nutrislice.com</a> . With meals being free, families should still complete a Education Benefits Form through their Family Portal - <a href="https://uticak12.org/familyportal">uticak12.org/familyportal</a> - this will help families that qualify receive reduced registration fees for AP courses, discounted internet access and more!	
Utica Community Schools is proud to deliver 1:1 technology to our students. UCS is once again offering an annual insurance plan to help families if there is an accident that causes damage to the school issued device. In order to be considered enrolled in the optional Technology Insurance Program, payments for the 2023-2024 school year must be received no later than Friday, September 8, 2023. Follow this link for more info: <a href="https://bit.ly/3QtQXFf">https://bit.ly/3QtQXFf</a>	
School begins on Tuesday, August 29. This is a ½ day for elementary students and a full day for secondary students. Available calendar dates are at: <a href="http://www.uticakl2.org/calendar">http://www.uticakl2.org/calendar</a>	_
Utica Community Schools has a new mobile app! Search for 'Utica Schools' in your phone's app store and download the free app to stay up-to-date on district and school news. The old mobile app 'Utica Community Schools' is no longer supported and should be deleted from your devices. Download at the App store <a href="here">here</a> and Google Play <a href="here">here</a> .	_
Have a question about the start of the school year? Just ask us! Use this link for a list of school and district contact information: <a href="http://uticaki2.org/justaskucs">http://uticaki2.org/justaskucs</a>	_



#### **PowerSchool Parent Portal and Registration**

The **PowerSchool Parent Portal** has been updated and as a result any existing parents need to follow instructions linked here to reset their password and access their PowerSchool account. New parents enrolling will automatically be added into the update. The update will also require mobile app users to delete and redownload the app.

After updating your PowerSchool information, please make sure that you take time to complete the necessary preregistration PowerSchool Parent Forms. All parents will need to complete all the necessary forms in PowerSchool for preregistration for Raider Day on Wednesday, August 24!

- On a computer, log in to your PARENT PowerSchool account https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/
- Click "Quick Links"
- Click "Forms"
- Click on "REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EACH YEAR"
- Complete the necessary forms
- Sign electronically at the bottom
- Click "Submit"

#### Free Meals for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

**UCS students will receive a free breakfast and lunch throughout the 2023-24 school year.** All UCS families are asked to complete the *School Meals & Summer EBT application* or the *Education Benefits form* by clicking here - enter "Utica Community Schools" and follow the prompts. For more information, please click here.

#### **Health Plan Information**

Utica Community Schools is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for each of our students. A health plan is required to be completed at the beginning of every school year. Health plans should be completed for any condition that may involve special dietary considerations, activity accommodations, medications, or treatment of urgent problems. Completion of health plans allow our staff to take the best possible care of your child.

A physician signature is required on all health plans. Any medications that are to be distributed by school staff or used by your student at school must have an Authorization for Medication form completed and signed by a physician, including any over-the-counter medications. Health Care Plans and Authorization for Medication forms are available at Resources and Forms / Resources and Forms (uticak12.org)

Depending on your child's diagnosis, the following forms are required by the school:

#### • Food Allergies/Insect Allergies/Latex Allergies\*

- o FARE Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan
- Michigan Department of Education Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations (Special Diet Statement form),
- Two (2) Authorization for Medications (for an antihistamine and for Epinephrine)

#### • MDE Dietary Accommodations (Special Diet Statement)

o Required for Food Services for students with Food Allergies or other health conditions requiring specific meal accommodations.

#### Asthma\*

- Asthma Health Care Plan
- o Authorization for Medication for a rescue inhaler.

#### • Seizure\*

- Seizure Health Care Plan
- Authorization for Medication for rescue medications and/or other medications.

#### Diabetes\*

- Diabetes Health Care Plan
- Diabetes Medical Management Plan from your Endocrinologist

#### • Heart Condition\*

o Heart Condition Health Care Plan

#### Any other diagnosis\*

- o General Health Care Plan
- Authorization for Medication if needed

Two transportation forms, with a COLOR photograph of your child attached to each, is required for students who ride a bus.

Please return all the necessary, completed, and signed forms to Mrs. Gipson at your earliest convenience. Forms can be delivered to the main office or emailed to Patrice. Gipson@uticak12.org

Your cooperation will help ensure a safe and healthy school year. Any questions can be directed to the district nurses:

emily.duzey@uticak12.org	586-980-0743
megan.holmes@uticak12.org	586-980-0731
brandolyn.mondoux@uticak12.org	586-703-0647
tiffanie.polizzi@uticak12.org	586-719-2793
rebecca.rosbolt@uticak12.org	586-405-7493
	megan.holmes@uticak12.org brandolyn.mondoux@uticak12.org tiffanie.polizzi@uticak12.org

#### Food Allergy Forms – Special Dietary Needs

Students with food allergies that wish to use school meals must have a Special Dietary Needs form completed and signed by a physician. Forms need to be turned in to the office of Food and Nutrition Service. Without this form we cannot make accommodations. This form must be updated every year to ensure accuracy. Since all schools have vegetarian options, parents do not need to complete a form for that option. Resources and Forms / Resources and Forms (uticak12.org)

#### Information from School District Nurse

The flu season will continue through April. We wanted to provide you with some flu prevention tips:

- Hand washing is the best preventer of illness. Wash your hands often and especially before eating food, after using
  the bathroom, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. The CDC has a Handwashing Heroes Social Wall
  where you can send in pics of your kids washing their hands at: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/heroes.html
  - Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
  - Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
  - Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
  - o **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
  - Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Please do not send students in sick—they must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Motrin
- See your doctor right away with symptoms to see if your child can get on medicine to help decrease symptoms or length of illness

#### **New District App**

Utica Community Schools has a new mobile app! Search for 'Utica Schools' in your phone's app store and download the free app to stay up-to-date on district and school news. The old mobile app 'Utica Community Schools' is no longer supported and should be deleted from your devices. Download at the App store here and Google Play here.

#### Important Note About PaySchools for the 2023-24 School Year

PaySchools has improved its platform this year to provide a system that is consistently more reliable and user friendly. The end result for parents will be that the information they need will be personalized for their child. As a result, families will be asked to recreate an account (even if you previously had a PaySchools account). Once created, you will be provided with those product choices that directly relate to your child. Just follow these easy steps:

- Create an account from your computer or tablet at: www.payschoolscentral.com
- Complete the account registration by selecting register, enter your profile details, setting up your password via the email link that will be sent to you, then logging in.
- Add your children to your account using their student ID numbers. ID numbers are found on their report card available through PowerSchool.
- If you like, enter credit card and/or banking information as forms of payments to use with your PaySchools account.

A complete guide (with screen shots) is available at this link.

#### **UCS Wellness Podcast**

The UCS Wellness team is pleased to share the release of the fifth episode of the UCS Wellness Podcast. The team worked with community members to create a podcast regarding different physical, mental and social health areas for UCS staff, students and families. These podcasts are available on the UCS Wellness page: <a href="UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools (uticak12.org">UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools (uticak12.org)</a>

In the latest episode of the UCS Wellness Podcast, UCS counselor, Kim Twarowski, speaks with Danielle Watson, community educator and sexual assault outreach specialist with Turning Point, a local agency aimed at ending sexual and domestic violence with the help of their services, programs and resources. UCS Wellness Podcast episodes are released the third Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Current episodes include "Discussing Dating Violence with Turning Point," "CARE of Southeastern Michigan," "Family Communication," "Grief and the Grieving Process for Children" and "Mental Health."



#### **ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER**

Open to all special education students at each secondary school, the Academic Resource Center (ARC) will serve as the hub where special education supplementary aids and supports are provided. The ARC will be run by certified teacher consultants and paraprofessionals and will be open every school hour.

#### Benefits of the ARC and designated teacher consultants:

- An environment and programming that mirrors disability support services at trade schools, community colleges and universities.
- Provide instructional services to students receiving instruction in general and special education courses.
- Serves as a connection with all departments to deliver supplemental aids and supports to students in general education courses.
- Promotes learning in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).
- Greater opportunities for secondary students to receive direct and meaningful support and services.
- Increase student independence to prepare for post-high school experiences and expectations.
- Allows special education providers to work with their caseload students daily.



#### Website for 2018 Bond Issue Project Update

We would like to thank our community once again for its support of the 2018 bond issue. Over the next five years, bond issue projects will impact (insert school name), our feeder schools and every school in the district. To provide updates to the community, the district has created an informational page that reports the status of the projects. The site is located at <a href="http://www.uticak12.org/2018bond/updates">http://www.uticak12.org/2018bond/updates</a>.

#### Inclement Weather – School Closing

Inclement weather or building problems sometimes bring unexpected school closings. At Utica Community Schools there are several ways parents can be informed about these unanticipated days. Utica Community Schools will implement the use of School Messenger, our mass parent communication system, to make telephone calls to parents/guardians informing them of school closing information. It is important that we have updated contact phone numbers. Please make sure that you notify the main office if there are any changes.

For parents connected to the Internet, the district's web page, www.uticak12.org, lists school closings under the emergency school closing button listed on the main page. School closing information is broadcasted on radio stations WJR 760 and WWJ 950. Television stations airing school closing information are UCS TV, Channel 2 (WJBK), Channel 4 (WDIV) and Channel 7 (WXYZ).

#### **College Board Opportunities for Students**

The College Board is committing \$25 million in scholarships over the next five years, beginning with the class of 2020. Students earn chances at scholarships by completing key actions along the path to college. Students in the class of 2020 can opt into the program via their College Board account and start earning scholarship opportunities for their college planning efforts. If a student does not have a College Board account, they can create one for free to join the program.

Listed below are the following documents:

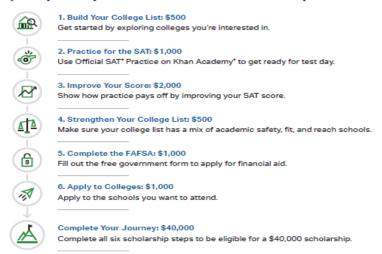
- College Board Opportunity Scholarships for students (#13A)
- College Board Opportunity Scholarships for Educators (#13B)
- Directions to create a college board account (#13C)







The College Board Opportunity Scholarships guide you through the college planning process and offer you a chance to earn money for college for each action you complete. Complete each action for a chance to earn scholarships:



Learn more about your scholarship eligibility at cb.org/opportunity.

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# College Board Opportunity Scholarships

# A Clearer Path to College



The College Board is investing \$5 million per year in the College Board Opportunity Scholarships, beginning with the class of 2020. Your students are eligible to earn scholarships by taking the following actions during certain windows in their junior and senior years:

The Scholarships	The Actions	Action Window
1. Build a College List: \$500	Build a college list on BigFuture™.	Junior Year: December 10, 2018–June 2019
2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000	Use Official SAT* Practice on Khan Academy* to get ready for test day.	Junior Year and Fall Senior Year: December 10, 2018–October 2019
3. Improve Score: \$2,000	Improve their SAT score.	Spring Junior Year through Fall Senior Year: March 2019–December 2019
4. Strengthen College List: \$500	Strengthen their college list with a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.	Summer and Fall Senior Year: July 2019–October 2019
5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000	Fill out the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid.	Fall and Winter Senior Year: October 2019–January 2020
6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000	Apply to schools they want to attend.	Fall and Winter Senior Year: October 2019-February 2020
Complete the Journey: \$40,000	Complete all six scholarship steps.	Final Drawing: March 2020

The more steps students take toward college, the more opportunities they have to earn a scholarship. Learn more about your students' scholarship eligibility at cb.org/opportunity.



# Create a College Board Account

#### With a College Board account, you can:

ACCESS your PSAT/NMSQT\*, PSAT™ 10, PSAT™ 8/9, SAT\*, and AP\* scores online. Send your SAT and AP scores to the colleges of your choice.

**REGISTER** for the national weekend administration of the SAT and College-Level Examination Program\* (CLEP\*) exams.

**PRINT** your SAT Admission Ticket for the national weekend administration of the SAT or your CLEP Registration Ticket.

MANAGE your personal college list.

SAVE your scholarship searches.

**COMPARE** costs at colleges that interest you.

#### Don't forget to:

**OPT** in to receive important reminders about deadlines, testpreparation strategies, score availability, and more.

PROVIDE your parents' names and email addresses.

Create a College Board account now at **collegeboard.org**.

#### Sign-Up Instructions

- BEFORE YOU GET STARTED HAVE YOUR:
  - Email address
  - Expected high school graduation date (month and year)
  - High school name
- 2 GO TO COLLEGEBOARD.ORG
- 3 CLICK ON "SIGN UP"
- 4 SELECT "I AM A STUDENT"
- 5 CREATE A USERNAME AND PASSWORD
  - Your username should have 6–15 characters and be made up of letters and numbers.
  - Your password must be 7–15 characters with at least one number and one letter.
  - Choose a security question and provide an answer you can easily remember.

#### **Michigan Merit Curriculum Information**

Here is some information out of the junior high handbook in regard to Michigan Merit Curriculum and credits needed for graduation. The information is pasted below. The link for the handbook information is <a href="http://www.uticak12.org/uticawebsite/handbook/">http://www.uticak12.org/uticawebsite/handbook/</a>

Michigan Merit Curriculum: Minimum High School Graduation Requirements			
Subject Area	Description	Personal Curriculum (Modifications)	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) 4 Credits	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Michigan Dept. of Education and approved by the State Board of Education	✓ No modification	
MATHEMATICS 4 Credits	Algebra I	All students must:  ✓ Complete at least 3.5 math or math-related credits ✓ Complete a math or math-related credit in the final year	
SCIENCE 3 Credits	Biology	✓ No modification	
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 Credits	5 Civics     5.5 Economics     U.S. History & Geography     World History & Geography	✓ No modification of Civics ✓ 2 credits must be earned ✓ Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in ELA, Math, Science or World Languages	
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1 Credit	Credit guidelines developed by the Michigan Dept. of Education	<ul> <li>Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in ELA, Math, Science or World Languages</li> </ul>	
VISUAL, PERFORMING, APPLIED ARTS, CTE 1 Credit	Credit guidelines developed by the Michigan Dept. of Education     One credit must be in the area of Visual, Performing or Applied Arts	<ul> <li>Modified only if student takes additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in ELA, Math, Science or World Languages</li> </ul>	
ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE	Online course or learning experience OR online experience is incorporated into each of the required credits	✓ No modification	
WORLD LANGUAGES 2 Credits	Class of 2016 and thereafter  Credits earned in Gr. 9-12 <u>OR</u> an equivalent learning experience in Gr. K-12	✓ No modification	
DESIGNATED STATE ASSESSMENT	Students must participate	✓ Modifications defined by the State of Michigan applicable to Special Education students	

- To meet minimum graduation requirements, a total of 22 credits must be earned in grades 9-12.
   One-half credit is granted for each semester course.
- As the chart above indicates, 18 of the 22 credits must be completed in these areas:
   Mathematics 4, English Language Arts (ELA) 4, Science 3, Social Studies 3, World
   Languages 2, Health/Physical Education 1 and the Arts (Visual, Performing or Applied) 1.
   In addition, four elective credits and an online learning experience are required.
   Further information is available from the school counseling office or the UCS district Web site
   www.uticak12.org under the Student Curriculum Guides link.
- A certificate of completion will be provided to students with IEPs who complete their high school
  program per their IEP, but do not meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for a diploma.
  Once a student accepts a diploma, his/her eligibility to receive a free and appropriate public
  education ends.
- · Each student is expected to be fully enrolled each year.
- It is the responsibility of students to meet with school staff to ensure course work meets the basic requirements of their college and/or career choice.

## Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Information

It is our hope that you will spend some time reviewing the matrix with your child. The matrix clearly defines the expectations for our students within the program. Students that return the matrix with a parent signature will earn a "Raider Red Ticket," for demonstrating leadership and will be entered in our first Friday lunch drawing.

As we expand our PBS program throughout the rest of the school year, we will continue to update parents with any changes as we work together to build a positive learning environment for all students. As always, thank you for your support as we work to make Davis Junior High a better school for all of our students.











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Classroom/ Media Center	Bathroom/ Locker Room	Office	Cafeteria	Hallways	Bus
■Take ownership of my actions	■Honor privacy  ■Use a	■Wait quietly until acknowledged	Take ownership of my actions	Take ownership of my actions	Take ownership for my actions
■Use positive words, tone, and actions	conversational voice	Remain in assigned areas until dismissed	•Use a conversational voice	■Walk quietly  ■Use a	■Move safely onto and off of the bus
Stay on task and complete work on time	Clean up after myself	■Use a conversational	Sit and remain in assigned areas	conversational voice	Remain seated for the entire ride
<ul> <li>Use materials/equipment appropriately</li> </ul>	Enter and exit quickly and return promptly to class	voice  ■Use positive words, tone, and	until dismissed  Clean up the tables and floor	<ul> <li>Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself</li> </ul>	Use a conversational voice
•Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself.	Report unsafe/unclean conditions.	<ul><li>actions</li><li>Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself.</li></ul>	■Be aware of food allergies.	■Keep the floor clean.	• Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself.

Bring this to Raider Day for a Red Ticket!!!!!!

I have read and reviewed this document with my son or daughter.			
Name of Child	Parent Signature		

Students can turn in for a "Raider Red" ticket and can enter it in to the first Friday lunch drawing.



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August 15, 2023

Davis Junior High Families,

Welcome to Davis Junior High and the 2023 - 2024 school year! Our mission remains the same of educating every child and our vision of every child prepared for a post high school education is our goal.

As we enter our final month of summer, I wanted to provide information on our back-to-school registration or "Raider Day". Our student orientation "Raider Day" will be on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. All students attending "Raider Day" will report to Davis Junior High on their scheduled times listed below:

- **9**<sup>th</sup> **Grade -** 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- **7**<sup>th</sup> **Grade-** 10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.

An official school newsletter will be coming to you on Friday, August 18 with additional information on Raider Day and other important school details for the start of the year.

In preparation of Raider Day, we are asking all parents to complete two items:

- Item #1 The process of Online Pre-Registration anytime between August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Item #2 The process of Pre-ordering School Pictures and/or Yearbooks with Kaiser Studio between August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

More information on both items is below in greater detail for families to complete.

Please note - Parents that come to Raider Day with their children and have not completed the preregistration process will complete forms during their child's time slot. These forms will require a parental signature.

Students that attend Raider Day and have not pre-registered and come without a parent will not be able to move past the first station without parental signatures on all forms. Students will need to return with a parent or legal guardian in order to complete the process.

There are **three additional items** at the end of this letter in regard to **free school meals for all students** for the 2023 – 2024 school, **PaySchools updates**, and a request for a **one-time donation per family** of **\$20.00 that can be paid at Raider Day** to help support our school! We appreciate you helping us out!