



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! We hope you all have had a fabulous summer break. Safety matters in our Marion County Schools!

According to [the Marion County Board of Education Visitors' Code of Conduct](#), all visitors are required to check in through our Raptor system during regular operational hours (7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.). This is for the safety of all students, faculty, and staff. We will not be able to open our doors to all visitors on the first day of school. Please make sure you attend our Meet the Teacher Night on July 29, so you can see our wonderful classrooms, meet your child's teacher, and drop off registration paperwork and school supplies. Please see below for specific grade level information.

PreK:

- July 29, 5-7:00 PM: Enter through the front doors to visit the classroom and meet your child's teacher.
- August 7: Sign your child in at the back double doors of the school at 8:00 am. Pickup and dropoff are at the double doors located at the back of the school, next to the gymnasium. After check-in, students go directly to the restroom, then breakfast with their peers.

Kindergarten:

- July 29, 5-7:00 PM: Enter through the front doors to visit the classroom and meet your child's teacher.
- August 7: IMPORTANT! READ ALL! Kindergarten will phase in; half of the students will attend on Thursday, August 7, and the other half on Friday, August 8. All kindergartners attend on Monday, August 11. The teacher will tell you on July 29 which is your child's assigned day. Your options for your child's phase-in day include: bus, car drop-off (between 7:00-7:50 AM), or two adults may walk the kindergartner in. These adults must have a photo ID for Raptor screening. Kindergarten students who are being walked in may arrive at the front door at 8:00 AM. After receiving your Raptor badge, you may walk your child down to drop him/her off at the classroom. To save time on your allowed walk-in day, the adult walking in on the phase-in day may also stop by the office on July 29, 5:00-7:00 PM for your Raptor badge, during Meet the Teacher.

Grades 1-8:

- July 29, 5-7:00 PM: Enter through front doors to visit the classroom and meet your child's teacher.
- August 7: Parents/guardians will not be permitted to walk their students to class on the first day of school. Please bring supplies on July 29. Parents of kindergarten students will not be permitted in PK or 1-8 grade classrooms as their day started at 7:50. This would also not be fair to students who don't have a kindergarten sibling.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to a fantastic school year!

Marion County Schools and MES Administration