



2002-2003 School Calendar

Welcome to the Tacoma Public Schools

Thank you for choosing to enroll your child in Tacoma Public Schools. Tacoma is the state's second largest school district, and has many opportunities for you and your student to grow. Our district serves more than 32,000 students at six high schools, ten middle schools, 36 elementary schools, and 15 alternative programs.

Increased student achievement, parent involvement and student attendance are three of our highest goals, and we cannot encourage you enough to take an active roll in your child's education. In addition to the many programs designed for student learning, the district has a Family Involvement Center that provides parenting workshops and other resources to support parents and encourage them to work with their children. For more information on how you could benefit from the Family Involvement Center's services, please call 571.1087.

Tacoma's residents have a history of supporting our schools. Through levies and bonds, voters have provided local support for state-of-the-art buildings, necessary remodeling, and important educational programs for the children who live here.

The Tacoma Public School District is committed to citizen involvement. Parents and members of our community are invited to participate on district committees that help make decisions that affect education in Tacoma, and therefore the future of Tacoma. More than 400 businesses and other organizations improve our educational process through their work with students and staff.

We have designed this calendar with you in mind. Please read it through carefully and note dates that are important to your family. Remember that this is a guide, and all dates are subject to change.

Thank you again for being a part of our family here at the Tacoma Public Schools. If you'd like to learn more about what we do and the additional services available to your family, please visit our Web site at: www.tacoma.k12.wa.us.

James F. Shoemaker
Superintendent

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Child Find Screenings

If your pre-school age child has trouble hearing, moving, talking, playing, learning or behaving, Child Find screening clinics will check your child's development. Special Education programs are available if your child qualifies.

The screening clinics are conducted at the district's Park Avenue site at 6701 S. Park Ave. on the Friday mornings listed below, between 8:45-11:30. Please call 571.1047 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

September 13	January 17
September 20	February 21
October 18	March 21
November 15	April 18
December 13	May 16

Important testing dates

September, January & June

Grade 1-Tacoma Screening Instrument (TSI)

September 16-October 4*

Grade 2-Reading Accuracy & Fluency Assessment

January 6-22*

Grade 2-Challenge Program Screening

January 13-17*

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8-Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)

February 3-13*

5th & 8th grade students new to district- Promotion Policy Tests

March 3-28*

Grades 3 & 6-Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)

April 14-May 2*

Grades 5 & 8-Literacy and Mathematics Test (LMT)

April 21-May 2*

Grades 4 & 7-Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)

Grade 8-WASL Science Pilot

Grade 9-Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED)

Grade 10-WASL and WASL Science Pilot

May 5-9*

WASL make up testing

May 1-23*

Grade 2-Reading Accuracy & Fluency Assessment-retest

** Schools will schedule tests within this time frame.*

Other tests

PSAT: October 15, 19

SAT: October 12, November 2, December 7, January 25, April 5, May 3, June 7


ACT: September 28, October 26, December 14, February 8, April 12, June 14

AP Exams: May 5-9, May 12-16

IB Exams (Foss only): May 1-23

Applications are available through school counselors.

September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Hispanic Heritage Month	2 Labor Day	3 Staff TRI Day	4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	5	6	7 Rosh Hashanah
8 Grandparents' Day	9	10	11 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	12 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Yom Kippur	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 First day of Autumn	24	25 Wilson back-to-school night	26 Mt. Tahoma back-to-school night School Board meeting 6 p.m.	27 NO SCHOOL Staff Day	28
29	30 Stadium back-to-school night				AUGUST 2002 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2002 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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Athletic eligibility

Under optional enrollment, incoming ninth graders are automatically eligible for interscholastic athletics regardless of their primary attendance area.

A student who first opted to enroll in a school outside his/her attendance area, or who enrolled in his/her primary attendance area school and turned out for an interscholastic sports activity, has established himself/herself at that school.

If a high school student transfers to another school within the district, he or she is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities for one year from the date of transfer. Students may ask for a review of their athletic eligibility by the district's review board.

To participate in middle and high school athletics, students must be able to show proof that they are covered by their family's insurance plan or by school-provided athletic insurance.



Weapons not allowed!

Weapons are not allowed at school, on buses, on district property or at any school-sponsored event. If a student is caught with a weapon of any kind, police will be called and the student will be immediately expelled.

Parent info. night on HIV/AIDS curriculum

Washington state law requires that parents review the HIV/AIDS curriculum for students in grades 5-12 before excluding their student from participating. Please contact your school nurse for the time and place of the presentation.

Food services

Breakfast and lunch are available the first day of school. If your student brings a lunch from home, he or she can purchase milk. All other meals include milk. Prepaid meal tickets for breakfast and lunch may be purchased at every school.

Tacoma Public Schools offers free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch to eligible students. Eligibility is determined by household income and size. Applications are available in each school office. Please call Food Services at 253.571.1295 for more information.

	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
Elementary	\$1.10	\$1.85
Middle school	1.10	2.10
High school	1.10	2.10
Reduced price	.30	.40
Milk	.30	.30

Student fees

Schools provide students with most of the books, materials and equipment they need for class. Fees may be charged in a few classes, including arts, crafts, industrial education and home economics.

Students will be charged for any property or materials which are lost, stolen or damaged. The district is authorized to withhold grades, diplomas and/or transcripts unless arrangements are made with the principal for payment.

A small fee may be charged for some field trips. Fees may be waived if you cannot afford them.

Internet Access

Students requesting network/Internet access privileges must have teacher and parent permission, complete an application form and agree to guidelines established in district policy.

District Web site address:
www.tacoma.k12.wa.us

Voter Registration

If you would like to register to vote, or if you have changed your name, address or marital status and want to update your voter registration information, go to any school or call the Community Relations Office at 253.571.1015.

How to enroll your child in school

To enroll your student, contact your nearest school. Staff members can tell you about special programs and give you enrollment forms. If you don't know which school your student should attend, call 253.571.1033.

If your student is a resident of the Tacoma School District and is interested in attending school in another district, you must first be released from Tacoma. To obtain the appropriate form, call 253.571.1033.

Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before August 31. Students six years old on or before August 31 may enter first grade, even if they have not been to kindergarten.

If your student will be in kindergarten or first grade, you will need to show his or her birth certificate or other proof of age at the time of enrollment. Remember, all students in Washington state must be immunized. Bring immunization papers with you when you enroll your student. Students entering grades 6 through 12 also need withdrawal sheets or report cards from their last school.

Parents of students new to the district, or those entering kindergarten, sixth grade or ninth grade, can request that their students be enrolled in a school outside their neighborhood through the Optional Enrollment program. Ask the principal of the school nearest your home about your choices, or call 253.571.1033.

State law (RCW 28A.225) and district policy require daily and punctual attendance of all students, unless officially excused.

In accordance with the state's mandatory attendance laws, if a student is absent without a valid excuse five times within a month, the school district *may* file a petition with the juvenile court seeking the court's jurisdiction over the student's attendance in school. If a student is absent without a valid excuse seven times within a month or 10 times within the school year, the school district *will* file a petition with the juvenile court.

Riding the bus to school

Your student may ride the bus to school if you live outside a one-mile radius of your primary school of attendance. If your student qualifies for transportation, your school staff will complete the proper forms and let you know where the nearest bus stop is located.

October 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	German-American Heritage Month Italian-American Heritage Month Polish-American Heritage Month	1 Foss back-to-school night	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Lincoln back to school night	9 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	10 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15	16 Middle School conferences Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m. (Mason 10:20 a.m.)	17	18	19
20 National School Bus Safety Week	21	22	23 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma) United Nations Day	24 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	25	26
27 Daylight Saving Time ends- set clocks back one hour to standard time	28	29	30	31 Halloween	SEPTEMBER 2002 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 2002 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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School closures

The decision to close schools due to bad road conditions will be announced on most television and radio stations including:

KIRO Radio (710 AM) KOMO Radio (1000 AM)
KIRO- TV (ch. 7) KING- TV (ch. 5)
KOMO- TV (ch. 4) KCPQ-TV (ch. 13)

You may also call the district's information line at: 571.1000 beginning at 6 a.m.

The decision to close schools is made by the superintendent as early as possible, usually around 5:30 a.m. **If you do not hear "Tacoma School District No. 10" listed in the closures, you may assume schools are operating on a normal schedule.**

If you hear an announcement that "schools will operate on a regular schedule, but with limited bus transportation," it means:

- Laidlaw basic education and district special education buses will run only on snow routes;
- house-to-house transportation for students with disabilities is canceled;
- Head Start and ECEAP are canceled; and school starting times will be announced.

Browns Point, Crescent Heights, Northeast Tacoma and Meeker schools are sometimes affected with more severe weather than other parts of Tacoma. If your student attends one of these schools, special instructions, as well as a map showing school bus stops during bad weather are available from the school principals.

If school starts two hours late, all half-day programs are canceled.

Photo/video release

If you do not wish photos, video or directory information released about your student, please contact your school and fill out the appropriate form.



Gates Grant planning days

Tacoma is fortunate to have three of its high schools participating in the Washington State Achievers program, which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Foss, Lincoln and Mt. Tahoma high schools are among just 16 schools receiving this honor statewide.

The Washington State Achievers program is designed to guide these schools to transform from large, comprehensive high schools into smaller, "schools within a school" communities to increase student achievement.

In order to give school staff and administrators adequate time to design and plan the restructuring, several mornings have been set aside for planning, training and implementing.

School begins at 10:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays for students at Foss, Lincoln and Mt. Tahoma:

September 11
October 9
October 23
November 6
November 20
December 4
January 8
February 26
March 26
May 14

Transportation for students who ride the bus will be provided for the 10:30 a.m. start time.

Student rights and responsibilities

Your student has legal rights and responsibilities while at school. These responsibilities and rights are listed in the "Student Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations" handbook, which is mailed to each family in August. It provides you and your student with valuable information about services and how students are expected to behave at school.



Healthy students make better students

Students are routinely screened for vision, hearing and other common problems.

Students are not automatically covered by medical, dental or accident insurance. If your student is not covered by a family plan, you may purchase student insurance through the district. Most students and youth up to age 19 who qualify for free or reduced lunch can also receive free health coverage through Medicaid, Basic Health Plan Plus and/or Healthy Options programs. Contact your school office for student insurance forms.

Medicine at school

If your student needs to take prescription or over-the-counter medication at school, you and your student's doctor must sign a permission form. This form is available at your doctor's office or from your student's school. The medication must be sent in its original container and it must show your student's name, the dosage, and the time medication should be given. The medication should be brought to school by the parent or another responsible adult.

Illness or injuries at school

If your student is injured or is too sick to remain at school, he or she will be sent home only after the school contacts you or the emergency contact person you list on the enrollment form. If no one is available, your student will be kept at school. If there is an emergency, school staff members will act on the parent's behalf and get help.

Physical examinations

It is recommended that your student have a physical examination before entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades.

Middle school and high school students participating in interscholastic or extramural athletics must have a physical examination before trying out for a sport. Call the district athletic/activities office at 253.571.1123.

Immunizations

Washington state law requires that students enrolled in grades K-12 be fully immunized. All students entering the sixth grade must now have a second MMR immunization. When you enroll your student in school, please remember to bring proof that your student has been given the proper immunizations.

November 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>OCTOBER 2001</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2001</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>		<p>EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE NOV. 27*</p> <p>High school: 12:05 p.m. Middle school: 12:20 p.m. Elementary: 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>American Indian Heritage Month</p>		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Election Day	<p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p> <p>First day of Ramadan</p>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>NO SCHOOL Veterans Day</p>			School Board meeting 6 p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
American Education Week			<p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p> <p>National Education Support Personnel Day</p>	National Parental Involvement Day		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	School Board meeting 12:01 p.m.					
	<p>Middle School Conferences-students released at 10:30 a.m. (Mason 10:20 a.m.)</p>		<p>Early Release-All Students*</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>		<p>Hanukkah begins</p>

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Safety guidelines

To ensure student safety, unauthorized persons are not allowed on school property and students are not allowed to leave school without permission. All registered volunteers have background checks completed to ensure student safety. The district violence prevention plan includes activities that include skill building for students and education and information for parents and staff.

Campus security personnel are assigned to all high schools and middle schools. Mobile security patrol officers provide security for elementary schools. The Tacoma Police Department immediately responds to calls for assistance and provides help in other areas.

Please take time to talk about safety with your student. Here are some guidelines that will help your student stay safe on the way to school:

- Your student may ride a bike to school. The district is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged bicycles.
- Crossing guards will help your student cross some of the city's busiest streets. Because it is not possible to have crossing guards at each crosswalk, please teach your student how to cross streets safely and to obey crossing guards when they are on duty.
- If you drive your student to school, please drop off your student in the designated area. Please do not stop your car in "no parking zones" or in school crossings. These zones are designed to help keep students safe.
- Parents and teachers must be partners in teaching students personal safety.

In case of emergencies such as an earthquake, a volcanic eruption or fire, elementary students and students with disabilities will not be sent home until school staff members know there is someone at home to supervise him or her or that other care has been arranged. Please arrange alternative care for younger students.

If it is necessary to close schools during the day and send students home, local media will be alerted.

Closed campuses

Students in kindergarten through grade 12 must have the school's permission to leave the school grounds during regular school hours.

Promotion Policy

Before your student leaves fifth- and eighth-grade, he or she will have to meet higher standards in order to be promoted. Second-language students are required to meet the same standards for promotion. Students with special needs will need to meet appropriate levels of achievement based on the promotion policy standards. The promotion policy requires students to demonstrate their skills in nine components including reading, writing and math. You will receive on-going reports about your student's progress. Additional information is available at schools and at conference times.

Educational choices

Some students have special needs which can best be met by the district's alternative programs. The list below describes some options available in Tacoma Public Schools. For more information, call 253.571.2645.

Alternative Learning Center provides a student-centered curriculum that can respond to the need of students and offers a different educational choice. Call 253.571.1955.

Centro Latino is a partnership between Tacoma Public Schools and Centro Latino SER agency.

Oakland Alternative High School is a comprehensive high school of under 200 students ages 14-19 that offers a full-day learning experience and a flexible schedule to meet individual needs.

Tacoma Urban League Academy is a partnership between Tacoma Public Schools and Tacoma Urban League that serves students between the ages of 16-21, providing a combination of academic and career preparation.

Hilltop Artists in Residence serves high school students enrolled in the Hilltop Artists Program seeking academic skills in core subjects. Call 253.571.6078.

Lincoln Tree Farm offers a full-day program located on a 365-acre forest for students ages 16-21 interested in natural resource management and environmental science.

Metro Parks provides an educational alternative for high-risk youth in grades 9 through 12.

Project Choice serves students ages 12-18 who are either street youths or who are temporarily living in foster homes. Student referrals are made through DSHS, Family Reconciliation Services.



Services for students with special needs

Special Education services are determined by a student's individual Education Plan (IEP) that addresses the unique needs of the student. A continuum of services for students with special needs is provided by the Tacoma School District. The range of services may include instruction, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology and transitional services.

Challenge/Highly capable programs

Some students may be ready for more challenging, advanced work before others. Elementary programs: JAWS (Joining Ability With Subject), a part-time program outside classrooms; and SAIL (Self-contained Advanced Individual Learning), a full-time program. The Schoolwide Enrichment Model is also available at several schools this year. Middle schools offer programs including options in language, arts, social studies, mathematics, science or specialized exploratory classes. Testing for this program is conducted four times each year, by grade levels. Information is available in elementary and middle schools or call 253.571.1156.

Programs for income-eligible preschoolers

Help your 4-year-old student get ready for kindergarten by enrolling in the Head Start program or the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).

To qualify for Head Start or ECEAP, your student must be 4 years old by August 31, you must meet income requirements and you must live within Tacoma School District boundaries.

For information on Head Start call 253.571.1948.

For information on ECEAP call 253.571.3217.

Summertime and after-school programs

Many types of classes are offered in the summer. Classes have been developed to be exciting as well as fit the learning needs of all students. They range from basic subjects to art and are described in a catalog mailed to families in the spring. Many classes have a tuition fee, but assistance is available for students who need financial help.

College credit programs

Running Start is available at all five comprehensive high schools and Oakland Alternative H.S. Students can earn up to two years of tuition-free college credit. A split program, attending both high school and college classes is permissible.

Dual Credit courses are taken at high school. Each high school determines which of its courses will be offered for dual credit.

For more information, contact your high school counselor.

December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	5 Elementary Partnership Conferencing- 11:30 a.m. release for elementary students	6 Elementary Partnership Conferencing- NO SCHOOL for elementary students	7 Hanukkah ends
8	9	10	11	12 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Early release-all students High school: 12:05 Middle school: 12:20 Elementary: 1:00	21 First day of Winter
22	23	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve			NOVEMBER 2002 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2003 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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January 2003

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<p>DECEMBER 2002</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2003</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28</p>		<p>1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Winter Break</p> <p>Kwanzaa ends New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>School Board Recognition Month</p>	<p>6</p> <p>School resumes</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>School Board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>National School Nurses Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>School Board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Secondary School Staff Day No school for middle & high school students</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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February 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>JANUARY 2003</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MARCH 2003</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>			<p>Black History Month</p> <p>National Childrens' Dental Health Month</p>		1
2 Groundhog Day	3 National School Counseling Week	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Middle School Conferences Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m. (Mason 10:20 a.m.) School Board Meeting 6 p.m.	14 NO SCHOOL Presidents Weekend St. Valentine's Day	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL Presidents Weekend Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	27 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	28	

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March 2003

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FEBRUARY 2003 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	APRIL 2003 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		Music in our Schools Month	Irish-American Heritage Month		1
2	3 National School Breakfast Week	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Classified Employees Week	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 First day of Spring	27	28	29
30	31	25 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	26 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	27 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	28 School Board meeting 6 p.m.	29

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April 2003

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Palm Sunday			Ash Wednesday	Passover begins	Good Friday																																																																																												
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May 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>4</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week</p> <p>National Music Week</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p> <p>National Teacher Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>School Board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>18</p> <p>National Educational Bosses Week</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>School Board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Weekend</p>	<p>24</p>
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June 2003



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				School Board meeting 6 p.m.		Flag Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early dismissal for all students High school 12:05 Middle school 12:20 Elementary 1:00				First day of Summer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				School Board meeting 6 p.m.		
29	30	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS			MAY 2003	
		June 9 Lincoln 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome Arena Foss 8:00 p.m. Tacoma Dome Arena June 10 Stadium 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome Arena Mt. Tahoma 8:00 p.m. Tacoma Dome Arena June 11 Wilson 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome Arena Oakland 6:30 p.m. Place TBA	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		JULY 2003 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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July 2003

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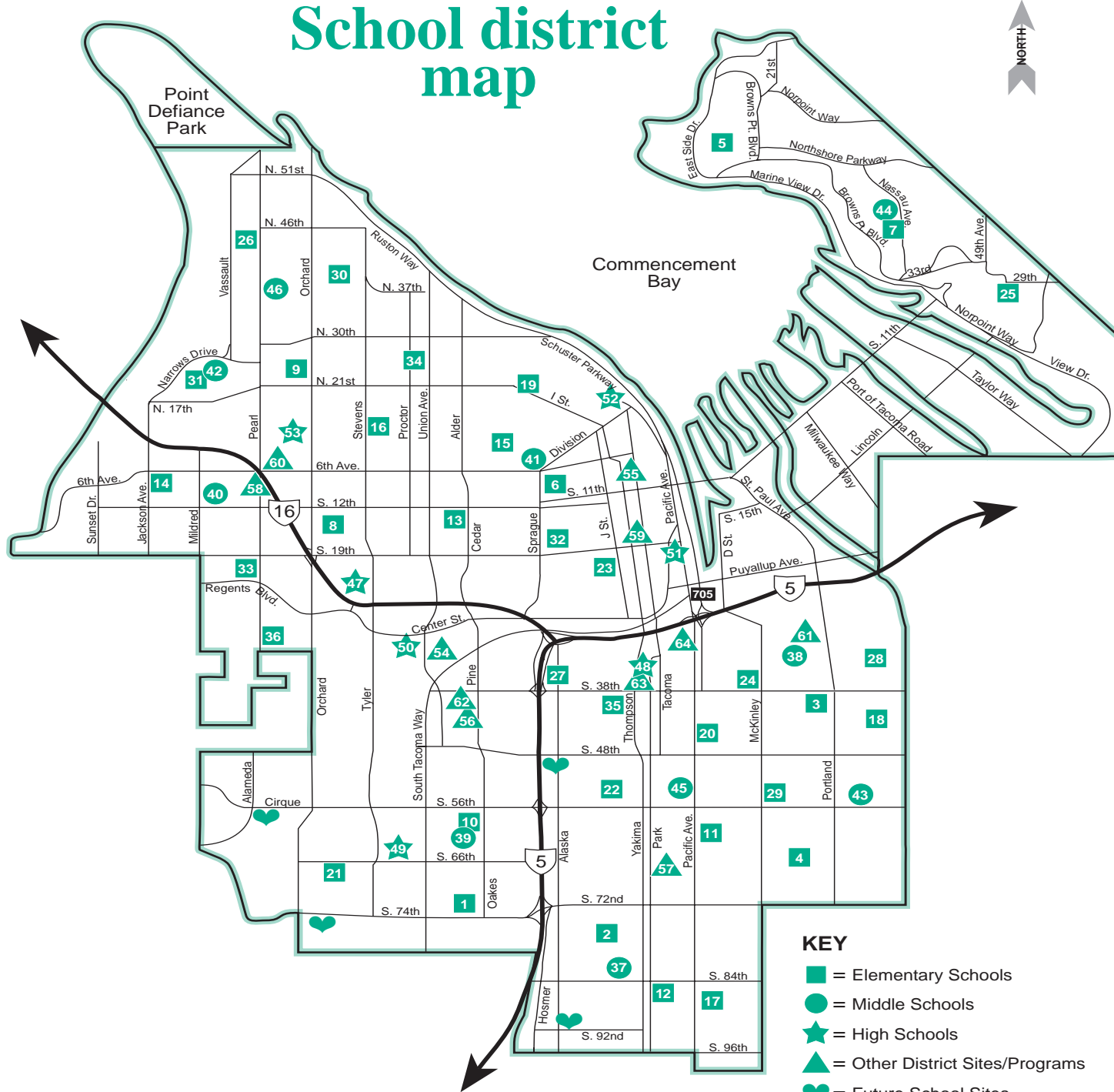
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August 2003

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31				School Board meeting 6 p.m.		

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School district map



KEY

- = Elementary Schools
- = Middle Schools
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Translations for our non-English speaking parents

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Nếu quý vị cần tài liệu này
dịch ra tiếng Việt, xin vui
lòng gọi số điện thoại
571-1161

Si Ud. necesita esto
traducido al español,
por favor llame al 571-1161

이 기사를 한국어로
번역을 원하시는 분은
571-1161 번으로 전화

ကျင့်ဝမ်းမဟာဝတေဗျာတေဒုတိယဝိသုဒ္ဓိ
လေ့လာရေးဌာန
ဖုန်း 571-1161.

Если вам нужен
перевод на русский,
пожалуйста, позвоните
по телефону 571-1161.

Elementary Schools

1. Arlington, 3002 S. 72nd, 98409----- 253.571.1863
2. Birney, 1202 S. 76th, 98408----- 253.571.2060
3. Blix, 1302 E. 38th, 98404----- 253.571.1380
4. Boze, 1140 E. 65th, 98404----- 253.571.2062
5. Browns Point, 1526 51st N.E., 98422----- 253.571.1408
6. Bryant, 717 S. Grant, 98405----- 253.571.1383
7. Crescent Heights, 4110 Nassau Ave. N.E., 98422----- 253.571.1520
8. DeLong, 4901 S. 14th, 98405----- 253.571.2330
9. Downing, 2502 N. Orchard, 98406----- 253.571.2253
10. Edison, 5830 S. Pine, 98409----- 253.571.1848
11. Fawcett, 126 E. 60th, 98404----- 253.571.2064
12. Fern Hill, 8442 S. Park, 98444----- 253.571.2095
13. Franklin, 1402 S. Lawrence, 98405----- 253.571.1400
14. Geiger, 621 S. Jackson, 98465----- 253.571.2340
15. Grant, 1018 N. Prospect, 98406----- 253.571.1402
16. Jefferson, 4302 N. 13th, 98406----- 253.571.2261
17. Larchmont, 8601 E. B, 98445----- 253.571.2092
18. Lister, 2106 E. 44th, 98404----- 253.571.2066
19. Lowell, 810 N. 13th, 98403----- 253.571.1392
20. Lyon, 101 E. 46th, 98404----- 253.571.2090
21. Manitou Park, 4330 S. 66th, 98409----- 253.571.1852
22. Mann, 5211 S. K, 98408----- 253.571.2068
23. McCarver, 2111 S. J, 98405----- 253.571.1390
24. McKinley, 3702 McKinley Ave., 98404----- 253.571.2070
25. Northeast Tacoma, 5412 29th N.E., 98422----- 253.571.1388
26. Point Defiance, 4330 N. Visscher, 98407----- 253.571.2265
27. Reed, 1802 S. 36th, 98418----- 253.571.2072
28. Roosevelt, 3550 E. Roosevelt, 98404----- 253.571.1410
29. Sheridan, 5317 McKinley Ave., 98404----- 253.571.2076
30. Sherman, 4415 N. 38th, 98407----- 253.571.2255
31. Skyline, 2301 N. Mildred, 98406----- 253.571.2270
32. Stanley, 1712 S. 17th, 98405----- 253.571.1376
33. Wainwright, 130 Alameda, 98466----- 253.571.2325
34. Washington/Hoyt, 3701 N. 26th, 98407----- 253.571.2250
35. Whitman, 1120 S. 39th, 98418----- 253.571.2077
36. Whittier, 777 Elm Tree Lane, 98466----- 253.571.2320

Middle Schools

37. Baker, 8320 S. I, 98408----- 253.571.2100
38. Gault, 1115 E. Division Lane, 98404----- 253.571.1405
39. Gray, 3109 S. 60th, 98418----- 253.571.1860
40. Hunt, 6501 S. 10th, 98465----- 253.571.2335
41. Jason Lee, 602 N. Sprague Ave., 98403----- 253.571.1395
42. Mason, 6501 N. 23rd, 98406----- 253.571.2256
43. McIlvaigh, 1801 E. 56th, 98404----- 253.571.2080
44. Meeker, 4402 Nassau Ave. N.E., 98422----- 253.571.1377
45. Stewart, 5010 Pacific Ave., 98408----- 253.571.2085
46. Truman, 5801 N. 35th, 98407----- 253.571.2245

★ High Schools

47. Foss, 2112 S. Tyler, 98405----- 253.571.2300
48. Lincoln, 701 S. 37th, 98418----- 253.571.2000
Lincoln Tree Farm, 28001 Mountain Hwy,
Spanaway, 98387----- 253.847.7076
49. Mount Tahoma, 6229 S. Tyler, 98409----- 253.571.1961
50. Oakland Alternative, 3319 S. Adams, 98409----- 253.571.1387
Alternative Learning Center----- 253.571.1955
Centro Latino SER----- 253.571.1387
Home School----- 253.571.1955
Tacoma Urban League Academy----- 253.571.1387
51. School of the Arts, 1950 S. Pacific Ave., 98402----- 253.571.7900
52. Stadium, 111 N. E, 98403----- 253.571.1325
53. Wilson, 1202 N. Orchard, 98406----- 253.571.2200

▲ Other District Sites/Programs

54. Buildings & Grounds, 3223 S. Union Ave., 98409----- 253.571.3300
Food Services, 3321 S. Union Ave., 98409----- 253.571.3370
Planning & Construction, 3223 S. Union Ave., 98409----- 253.571.3350
Purchasing, 3321 S. Union Ave., 98409----- 253.571.3380
55. Central Administration Building, 601 S. 8th, 98405----- 253.571.1000
Central Annex, 708 S. G, 98405
56. Madison Site, 3110 S. 43rd, 98409
Family Involvement Center----- 253.571.1087
Tone Transitional Center----- 253.571.1898
Transition Program----- 253.571.6514
Madison Site, 3102 S. 43rd, 98409
Early Childhood Programs----- 253.571.3217
Head Start/ECEAP----- 253.571.3600
Madison Portable, 3102 S. 43rd, 98409
Family Literacy----- 253.571.1887
57. Park Avenue Site, 6701 S. Park Ave., 98408
Behavioral Diagnostic Center----- 253.571.1924
Child Find----- 253.571.1047
58. Pearl Street Center (Residential Treatment Center),
815 S. Pearl, 98465----- 253.396.5932
59. Region V Learning Center, 1818 Tacoma Ave. S., 98402----- 253.593.2191
60. Remann Hall, 5501 6th Ave., 98406----- 253.798.7990
61. Rogers Site, 1301 E. 34th, 98404
62. Transportation, 4002 S. Cedar, 98409----- 253.571.1853
Laidlaw, 3212 S. Sprague, 98409----- 253.473.1187
63. Truancy Transition Center, 3611 S. G, 98418----- 253.571.2123
64. Willard Site, 3201 S. D., 98418
Audiovisual/Science Center----- 253.571.2140
Library Services----- 253.571.2153
Staff Resource Center----- 253.571.2160

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Important school district telephone numbers

GENERAL INFORMATION -----	253.571.1000
Alternative Programs-----	253.571.2645
Arts Education-----	253.571.1135
Athletics/Activities-----	253.571.1123
Attendance Area Boundaries-----	253.571.1092
Bilingual Education-----	253.571.1161
Bus Route Information (Laidlaw)-----	253.473.1021
Career & Technical Education-----	253.571.1126
Challenge/Highly Capable Programs-----	253.571.1156
Child Find-----	253.571.1047
Community Relations-----	253.571.1015
Counseling/Guidance-----	253.571.1063
Curriculum & Instruction-----	253.571.1120
Dial-the-Superintendent (24-hour)-----	253.571.1020
Early Childhood Education (Head Start)-----	253.571.3600
Elementary Education-----	253.571.1032
Family Involvement Center-----	253.571.1087
Food Services (lunch/breakfast)-----	253.571.3370
Health (Nursing) Services-----	253.571.1438
High School Education-----	253.571.1033
Highly Capable Student Programs (Gifted)-----	253.571.1156
Instructional Technology-----	253.571.1500
Kindergarten-----	253.571.1271
Learning Assistance Program (LAP)-----	253.571.1049
Magnet Programs-----	253.571.2534
Maintenance-----	253.571.3330
Mathematics/Science-----	253.571.2633
Middle School Education-----	253.571.1036
Optional Enrollment/Transfers-----	253.571.1033
Partnerships, School and Business-----	253.571.1015
Research and Evaluation-----	253.571.1192
School Board-----	253.571.1443
Security-----	253.571.1288
Special Education-----	253.571.1040
Summer and After-School Programs-----	253.571.2675
Superintendent's Office-----	253.571.1010
Transportation, Special Education-----	253.571.1855
Volunteer Services-----	253.571.1087

School hours*

Elementary school hours
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Middle school hours
Baker, Gault, Gray, Hunt, Jason Lee,
McIlvaigh, Meeker, Stewart and Truman
8:05 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Mason
7:55 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

High school hours
7:35 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Tacoma Public Schools is to guarantee that each student will attain the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes that lead to a self-sufficient, socially responsible life to the best of his or her individual potential.

The goals of the Tacoma Public Schools are:

- Higher student achievement
- Increased parental involvement
- Improved student attendance

Your school board

Tacoma school board members are elected in odd-numbered years and serve six-year terms. School board meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at 6 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Central Administration Building, 601 S. 8th Street, Tacoma. Contact school board members by writing them c/o Tacoma School District, P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.



Debbie Winskill
President
253.627.7377
Term expires
November 2007



Eugene Matsusaka
Vice President
253.571.6195
Term expires
November 2005



Kathy Orlando
253.571.2699
Term expires
November 2003



Willie Stewart
253.571.6192
Term expires
November 2005



Angela Stregge
253.571.2681
Term expires
November 2003



Dr. James F. Shoemaker
Superintendent
253.571.1010

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