

Back to School Information 2026-2027

Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m.

The first day of school for Grades 1-12 will be Monday, August 31, 2026.

The first day of school for Preschool and Kindergarten will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026.



Meet the Teacher Day Thursday, August 27th

Session 1: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Session 2: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians and students are encouraged to attend one of the All School Meet the Teacher Day sessions to meet your teacher and see your classroom. Enter through the Main Entrance (Door A) or the High School Entrance (Door D). Staff will be stationed throughout the building to assist you in finding your classroom.

Need a taxi or city bus transportation to school on August 27th? Call 651-280-4588.



CONTACT US

If your plans have changed and your child will not be attending Community of Peace Academy, please call Bonnie Johnson at 651-280-4587 immediately, as there are waiting lists for most grades. In this case, we will sincerely miss you and wish you the very best in the future.

Important Information included in this newsletter:

- 2026-2027 Online Student Registration with ParentVUE
- SchoolNow
- Family Connections
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Bus Transportation
- Fall Athletics
- Important Immunization Notice for Preschool, Kindergarten, 7th Grade, 12th Grade and Transfer Students
- Elementary, Middle School and High School Uniform Guidelines

****Students are required to be in uniform on the first day of school****

- School Supply List
- 2026-2027 School Calendar



CPA Website

Our website has all of the information you'll need about CPA! Visit the CPA website to see lunch menus, the Tiger Talk weekly newsletter, school calendar, staff directories and more!



<https://www.cpapk12.org/>

**We look forward to seeing you
on August 27th!**

2026-2027 ParentVUE Online Registration

**Log into ParentVUE, to review and update your child's information
-- address, phone numbers, emergency contacts --
for the 2026-2027 school year by August 14th.**

Information for you to review and update:

- Home Address
- Parent/Guardian(s) Name and Contact Information
- Parent/Guardian Relationships
- Emergency Contacts - who is able to pick up your child from school?

You will need a ParentVUE account to register your child(ren) online.

Don't have a ParentVUE account or forgot your User Name and/or password?

Visit the CPA StudentVUE/ParentVUE web page and submit the request form or contact one of the staff members listed below. <https://www.cpapk12.org/families/studentvueparentvue>

Don't have access to a computer or the Internet?

Not a problem. Computers will be available for registration at our All School Meet the Teacher Day.

Cortney Hernandez, PreK-8th Grade Office at 651-280-4604 cortney.hernandez@cpapk12.org

HS Office at 651-280-4589 katys@cpapk12.org

Maikao Lee, Hmong Family Engagement Specialist at 651-280-4545 maikaol@cpapk12.org

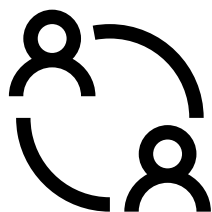
Mariana Majil, Latino Family Engagement Specialist at 651-289-3742 marianam@cpapk12.org

SchoolNow

SchoolNow is our school messaging system and how we communicate important information to our families. To receive messages from SchoolNow, we need your current phone number and email address. You can update your phone number and email address in ParentVUE online registration.

Family Connections

Parents are the first educators of their children, and at CPA we strive to support and empower parents to fulfill this primary role. To this end, CPA has a long-standing tradition of meeting with families of our students each year. Family Connections are a multi-faceted approach to connecting with families and learning about their hopes and dreams for their student(s).



At Meet the Teacher Day, families will have the opportunity to indicate their Family Connections preference (in-person, Google Meets or phone call). Teachers and Family Engagement Specialists will call following Open House to schedule Family Connections with priority scheduling given to new CPA families.

Breakfast and Lunch

Community of Peace Academy will once again contract with CKC Good Food <https://www.ckcgoodfood.com> for the 2026-2027 school year to provide Breakfast and Lunch. All students will receive one FREE Breakfast and one FREE Lunch meal every day, regardless of income.

Our school is eligible to receive additional state and federal funds based on the number and/or percentage of students enrolled who reside in households that meet established federal income guidelines. These data are reported to the Minnesota Department of Education based on applications provided by each household. All Community of Peace Academy families are encouraged to complete a 2026-2027 Application for Educational Benefits to qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals. Not only does completing this application help CPA identify families in need of assistance, it also allows Community of Peace Academy to receive STATE and FEDERAL dollars for classroom programming, regardless of income status.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call:

Bonnie Johnson, Food Service Director 651-280-4587

Mariana Majil, Latino Family Engagement Specialist 651-289-3742

Mai Kao Lee, Hmong Family Engagement Specialist 651-280-4545



Bus Transportation

CPA partners with 4Mativ Transportation to provide our students safe and efficient transportation.

If your child is riding the bus and you have not received their bus stop information from 4Mativ via text, please contact 4Mativ at the number below or Choua Kong at 651-280-4588 or chouak@cpapk12.org



Call or text
4Mativ Transportation Hotline
651-478-2482

Fall Athletics

To register for fall sports visit the Athletics table at Meet the Teacher Day. All required paperwork must be turned in by the official first day of practice.

Fall Sports: High School Soccer, High School Girls' Volleyball, Middle School Soccer, Middle School Girls' Volleyball

Important Immunization Notice for Preschool, Kindergarten, 7th Grade, 12th Grade and Transfer Students

If you have not yet turned in this information, please bring the documentation showing these immunizations have been completed to Meet the Teacher Day. If you have questions, please call the School Nurse: 651-280-4532.

PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN

All Preschool and Kindergarten students are required to submit the following 3 items. Please turn these documents into Community of Peace Academy as soon as possible.

1. Early Childhood Screening

Parents are required to have their children attend an "Early Childhood Screening" sometime between the ages of 3 1/2 and 5. Record of the screening date and the results are to be presented prior to preschool/kindergarten.

If you have not had your child screened, or if you are not sure, you can call 651-632-3746 (they will know if it's already been done) to set up an appointment. You need to call them as soon as possible, once summer approaches they often get too busy.

2. Birth Certificate

We are required to have a copy of your child's birth certificate. A photocopy is acceptable.

3. Immunization Record

State law requires the school to have your child's immunization record before the first day of school. This law states your child may be excluded from school if immunizations are not up to date. The following immunizations are required: *

Preschool

- 4 DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- 3 Polio
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 1 Hepatitis A
- 1 MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)
- 1 Varicella (chicken pox)
- 1 Hib (Haemophilus influenza type B)

Kindergarten

- 5 DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- 4 Polio
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMRs (measles, mumps and rubella)
- 2 Varicella (chicken pox)

It is also recommended, but not required, that your child have a 5 year old physical exam (immunizations can also be done at this) and a dental exam prior to starting kindergarten.

7TH GRADE

In addition to what was required for kindergarten (see above), State law requires* that 7th Grade students also have:

- 1 Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster
- 1 Meningococcal immunization

12TH GRADE

In addition to what was required for 7th Grade (see above), State law requires* that 12th Grade students also have:

- a 2nd Meningococcal immunization

Your own clinic is always a good place to obtain immunizations, but St. Paul Public Health at 555 Cedar in St. Paul also gives immunizations. Their number for appointments is 651-266-1234.

* If immunizations cannot be given due to medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs, an exemption form needs to be completed, notarized and brought to the office.

2026-2027 Uniform Guidelines

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN UNIFORM EVERY DAY.
ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE TO SCHOOL IN UNIFORM.

Kindergarten – 4th Grade Uniform Apparel

****A CPA top must be worn as the outermost layer****

CPA Grey, Navy or Carolina Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirts (available for purchase at school) \$10

CPA Navy Sweatshirt (available for purchase at school) \$15

Any shirt or sweatshirt with the CPA logo

Girls' Navy Uniform Jumper, Skirt or Skort

Blue, Black, Khaki or Gray Solid Color Pants or Shorts

Middle School (5th- 8th Grade) Uniform Apparel

****A CPA top must be worn as the outermost layer****

CPA Grey, Navy or Carolina Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirts (available for purchase at school) \$10

CPA Navy Sweatshirt (available for purchase at school) \$15

Any shirt or sweatshirt with the CPA logo

Blue, Black, Khaki or Gray Solid Color Pants or Shorts (mid-thigh or longer)

High School (9th-12th Grade) Uniform Apparel

****A CPA top must be worn as the outermost layer****

CPA Grey, Navy or Carolina Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirts (available for purchase at school) \$10

CPA Navy Sweatshirt (available for purchase at school) \$15

Any shirt or sweatshirt with the CPA logo

Blue, Black, Khaki or Gray Solid Color Pants or Shorts (mid-thigh or longer)

Where to Buy Uniforms

All items must fit appropriately. CPA Uniform Shirts and Sweatshirts must be purchased at Community of Peace Academy. Pants, jumpers, skirts, skorts and shorts can be purchased at any retail store.

No substitutions or alterations of any fashion are to be made to the school uniform.

The following items will be considered OUT OF UNIFORM:

- Coats, jackets, caps, hats, wristbands, and other outerwear not recognized as a Community of Peace Academy uniform. These must be kept in lockers.
- Colored eye contacts. Only clear prescription contact lenses are allowed.
- Platform or high heel shoes, slippers, shoes with hidden wheels.
- Any other article of clothing or alteration of physical appearance that creates a disturbance to the learning environment.

CPA Spirit Wear

Students may wear spirit wear purchased from our CPA Spirit Store:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/minnesota/saintpaul/community-of-peace-academy>

Names on all apparel purchased from our CPA Spirit Store must be the student's LAST NAME ONLY. If the name on the apparel is not the student's LAST NAME, the item is considered out of uniform and the student will not be allowed to wear the item during the school day.

2026-2027 School Supply List: PreK-4th Grade

Please make sure your child has all of the supplies for the first day of school.

Preschool 4 Peace

- 1 box 10 count Crayola markers
- 1 box 16 count Crayola crayons
- 4 black **fine tip** Expo dry erase markers
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 standard sized backpack (must be able to fit a full sized folder easily)
- 1 change of clothes (t-shirt, pair of pants, underwear, and socks)
- 1 pair of slip on or velcro gym shoes (**no shoe laces**)
- Winter gear for outdoor recess (boots, snow pants, hat, mittens and coat)

Kindergarten

- 1 box 10 count Crayola markers
- 1 box 16 count Crayola crayons
- 1 box of #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga)
- 1 box 12 count colored Crayola pencils
- 1 pack of index cards
- 4 black fine tip Expo dry erase markers
- 1 Composition notebook (science)
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 standard sized backpack (must be able to fit a full sized folder easily)
- 1 pair of wired on-ear headphones
- 1 pair of slip on or velcro gym shoes (**no shoe laces**)
- Winter gear for outdoor recess (boots, snow pants, hat, mittens and coat)

1st Grade

- 2 box of #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga)
- 1 box 24 count crayons (Crayola)
- 1 box 12 count colored pencils (Crayola)
- 2 boxes 10 count washable markers (Crayola)
- 8 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks - solid color
- 8 fine point, black, low odor dry erase markers (preferably Expo)
- 1 plastic folder
- 1 set 8 colors washable watercolor paint (preferably Crayola)
- 4 large boxes of kleenex (preferably puffs plus)
- 1 Hard plastic pencil box with lid
- 1 pair of wired on-ear headphones
- 1 box of ziplock bags any size

2nd Grade

- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 box 8 count washable Crayola Markers (classroom)
- 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks - solid color
- 1 Composition notebook (science)
- 2 boxes of #2 pencils - (preferably Ticonderoga)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 boxes 8 count washable Crayola markers (science)
- 1 box 12 count colored pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 tissue boxes
- 2 pack of Expo black dry erase markers (chisel-tip)
- 1 pair of wired on-ear headphones
- 1 box of ziplock bags any size

3rd Grade

- **1** sturdy homework folder (any design)
- **2** Standard 2 pocket Folders
- **2** Wide-Ruled Composition Notebooks (Science and Writing)
- **1** Package of Post-it Notes
- **2 packs** (24 count each) of #2 pencils
- **4** large pencil erasers
- **1 pack** (4 count) Black Expo Markers
- **2 packs** (10 count) Washable Crayola Markers (Science and 3rd Grade Classroom)
- **1 box** (12 count) Crayola Colored Pencils
- **1 pair** Fiskars blunt tip child scissors
- **1 pack** (2 count) Elmer's Glue Sticks
- **2 boxes** Tissues
- **1 pair** of wired on-ear headphones (Needed for Standardized Testing)

4th Grade

- **1** backpack
- **4** pocket folders (solid colors)
- **1** sturdy homework folder (any design)
- **2 boxes** of #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga)
- **1 pack** of large pink erasers
- **2** tissue boxes
- **4** composition notebooks (non-spiral)
- **1 pack** of colored pencils
- **1 box** of washable markers
- **1 pack** black Expo dry erase markers
- **1** four-pack glue sticks
- **Clear**, plastic, reusable water bottle
- **1 pair** of wired on-ear headphones
- **1 package** Index cards
- **1 package** post-it notes



2026-2027 School Supply List: 5th - 8th Grade

Please make sure your child has all of the supplies for the first day of school.

5th Grade

- 1 backpack
- 3 composition notebooks
- 3 pocket folders
- 1 sturdy homework folder
- 1 pack of highlighters
- Dozen pencils
- 1 pack of erasers
- Pencil case with zipper
- Wired headphones (wireless electronics are not allowed)
- 1 water bottle that seals
- Optional classroom supplies: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks

6th Grade

- 1 Backpack
- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder
- 1 sturdy homework folder (any design)
- 4 pocket folders (preferably plastic)
- 1 single-subject spiral notebook
- Pencil case with zipper
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 2 boxes of #2 pencils
 - Please continue to provide your student with pencils throughout the year
- 1 clear water bottle that seals
- 1 pair of wired on-ear headphones (wireless electronics are not allowed)

Students need a backpack and a sturdy folder for school because they will need to bring homework home.

Optional:

- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of Expo Markers
- Handheld sharpener
- One box of tissues
- Gallon ziploc bag

7th Grade

- Zippered Binder (i.e Trapper Keeper) or 2-inch 3-ring binder
- 2 boxes of pencils
- Wired headphones (wireless electronics are not allowed)
- 2 folders (preferably plastic)
- One packet of lined, hole punched notebook paper (college or wide ruled)
- 4 single-subject spiral notebook
- 1 composition notebook
- Pencil case

Students need a backpack for school because they will need to bring homework home.

Optional:

- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Handheld sharpener
- Tissue Box

8th Grade

- Zippered Binder (i.e Trapper Keeper)

OR

- 3 - Pocket folders (one each for History, Science, ELA)
- 2 Boxes of pencils
 - Please continue to provide your student with pencils throughout the year
- One packet of lined, hole punched notebook paper (college or wide ruled)
- Pencil case
- One box of tissues

Students need a backpack for school because they will need to bring homework home.

Optional:

- Colored pencils
- Markers

2026-2027 School Supply List: High School

- 10 blue or black pens
- 10 pencils
- 1 eraser
- 2 highlighters
- 2 or 3 1-subject spiral notebooks (at least 70 pages)

- 1 3-ring binder (10)
- 1 White Avery 1" economy view binder (grade 9, Math)
- 1 composition notebook (grade 12)
- A backpack or similar bag to carry supplies
- A refillable water bottle

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Starts August 31st

Staff: 188 days
Preschool: 164 days
Kindergarten: 166 days (1,023 hours)
Grades 1-4 169 days (1,040 hours)
Grades 5-8: 175 days (1,077 hours)
Grades 9-10: 175 days (1,077 hours)
Grade 11: 175 days (1,077 hours)
Grade 12: 172 days (1,061 hours)

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August 2026
10 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
17-28 Staff Days
31 **FIRST DAY FOR GRADES 1-12**

February 2027
5 2026-2027 New Student Lottery
No School PreK-4 ONLY
Digital Learning Day Grades 5-12
8 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
15 **NO SCHOOL**-Presidents' Day
26 **Early Release Day**

February 2027						
Ethical Principle: Justice						
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September 2026						
Ethical Principle: Peace						
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September 2026
2 **FIRST DAY FOR PREK AND KINDERGARTEN**
7 **NO SCHOOL**-Labor Day
14 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
No School PreK-4 ONLY
Digital Learning Day Grades 5-12
16 **School Picture Day**
25 **Early Release Day**

March 2027
5 **Early Release Day**
6 **CPA Carnival**
8 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
23 ACT TEST Grade 11
Digital Learning Day Grades 9,10 & 12
24 PreK-12 Conferences Evening
25 **No School PreK-4 Only**
Elementary Conferences Day
5-12 Conferences Evening
MS Quarter 3 Ends
26-31 **NO SCHOOL**-Spring Break

March 2027						
Ethical Principle: Hope						
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Ethical Principle: Caring & Respect						
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October 2026
2 **Early Release Day**
12 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
15 **NO SCHOOL**-Staff Professional Development
16 **NO SCHOOL**
22 Dedication Day
27 **School Picture Retake Day**
30 **No School PreK-4 ONLY**
Digital Learning Day Grades 5-12
MS Quarter 1 Ends

April 2027
1-2 **NO SCHOOL**-Spring Break
5 MS Quarter 4 Begins
12 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm

April 2027						
Ethical Principle: Loyalty						
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Ethical Principle: Gratitude						
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November 2026
2 MS Quarter 2 Begins
9 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
11 PreK-12 Conferences Evening
12 **No School PreK-4 Only**
Elementary Conferences Day
5-12 Conferences Evening
13 **NO SCHOOL**
25-27 **NO SCHOOL**-Thanksgiving Break

May 2027
7 **No School PreK-4 ONLY**
Digital Learning Day Grades 5-12
10 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
13 Annual Meeting
31 **NO SCHOOL**-Memorial Day

May 2027						
Ethical Principle: Love						
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Ethical Principle: Honesty						
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December 2026
14 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
18 **Early Release Day**
21-31 **NO SCHOOL**-Winter Break

June 2027
3 **Last Day for PreK**
Last Day for Seniors
7 **Last Day for Kindergarten**
Senior Graduation 6pm
8 **Early Release Day**
Last Day for Grades 1-11
Elementary and HS Semester 2 Ends
MS Quarter 4 Ends
9 **Last Day for Staff**
14 Board Meeting
18 **Juneteenth Observed**
19 **Juneteenth**

June 2027						
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Ethical Principle: Courage						
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January 2027
1 **NO SCHOOL**-Winter Break
8 **Early Release Day**
11 Board Meeting 6pm-8pm
18 **NO SCHOOL**-Martin Luther King Jr Day
22 Elementary and HS Semester 1 Ends
MS Quarter 2 Ends
25 **NO SCHOOL**-Grading/Reporting
26 Elementary and HS Semester 2 Begins
MS Quarter 3 Begins
29 **Early Release Day**

KEY	
	No School PreK-4 Only - Students do not report/Staff report
	No School All Grades -Students do not report/Staff report
	No School -Students/Staff do not report
	Early Release Day -Students released at 12:30pm
	No School PreK-4 Only/Digital Learning Day Grades 5-12
	School Pictures

July 2027						
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