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# FAFSA

## Federal Student Aid

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### FAFSA Is Open!

Attention seniors and families--access to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **is now open!** The FAFSA is your gateway to find out what grants and loans are available to help you pay for college.

Access the free application at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). Be sure to use only this site--be cautious of websites that may charge a fee.

Changes to the FAFSA will provide an easier application process, expanded eligibility for federal financial aid, reduced barriers, and a better user experience.

Help is available! Your school counselor and College and Career Center staff can help you complete your forms. Filling out the FAFSA is a graduation requirement, so don't delay!

### MPS Schools Will Move to Single Calendar

At the December 21, 2023, meeting of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, a resolution was passed that will move all MPS schools to a single calendar.

Beginning in Fall 2024, school will start after Labor Day. [Families can learn more about school calendars](#) or view calendars on the [MPS School Calendars webpage](#).



### NEXT WEEKEND!!

### Kindergarten Enrollment Fair Saturday, February 3, 2024

Will your child turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1? It's time to think about kindergarten!

Kindergarten Enrollment for Fall 2024 will kick off with an enrollment fair at South Division High School on February 3, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

The first 500 families to enroll will receive a free book! The first 200 families to enroll will receive a free family pass to the Milwaukee Public Museum. Children can enjoy activities hosted by Milwaukee Recreation. The Milwaukee Health Department will host a vaccine clinic on site to help children get the immunizations they need for school.



### Dates to Remember

February 16, 2024 – K48 Record Day/PD Day for High School Teachers

February 19, 2024 – Mid-Semester Break – No student attendance

March 14th and 19th, 2024 - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

## TAKE OUR BUDGET SURVEY

Help address the funding shortfall for public education! Students, families, staff, and community members are invited to take part in a survey to aid decision making. Access the survey at

<https://mpsmke.com/budgetsurvey>

Wisconsin public schools are facing budget concerns because of insufficient state funding. Had state funding kept pace with inflation, MPS would have more than \$210 million in additional support annually. Also, students with disabilities, who make up 19% of the MPS student population, are significantly underfunded by the state by at least \$50 million annually.

## JOIN Parent Meeting

Want to know what's going on a WCLL, connect with other parents, talk about issues you may be having ask questions and get answers? Join us for our monthly **Parents Meeting** on every **Third Thursday of the Month from 4:00pm -5:00p m.**

This will be online, virtual meeting. Us this link to join the meeting <https://meet.google.com/lookup/fc7pv5ugsn>



## MPS Black Lives Matter Week of Action is February 5-9

The Milwaukee community will have opportunities to listen, learn, and add their voices to the Black Lives Matter (BLM) narrative to bring about positive change. Leading off Black History Month in February, Black Lives Matter Week of Action is designed to engage the community in topics related to the principles of Black Lives Matter.

The theme of the Week of Action is "A Lifetime of Practice, with Power in Our Voice and Action in Our Steps." Evening events are free and open to the public.

The mission of Black Lives Matter is to decrease racial and social disparities by activating our voice, sparking action in our steps, ensuring that equitable practices exist, and uniting humanity for a better tomorrow

## Free Parenting Programs

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program gives you tips and ideas to help you bring out the best in your children, and to help them be resilient, confident, and have the self-discipline to succeed. Learn how to positively manage behavior and encourage more of the behavior that will help them get along with others. It will make your family life easier in the meantime, too!

Two programs--one for children and one for teens --are available for FREE to city of Milwaukee residents.

[Learn more at Triple P!](#)

## Stay Connected!

MPS offers tools to help families find the information and support they need. Log in to the Campus Parent Portal, download the MPS App for updates, and follow us on social media. The Parent Coordinator at your child's school also can assist.

### Campus Parent Portal Technical Support

Live Parent Portal (Campus Parent) support is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**To recover a username/password: Parents/guardians should email [parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).** Include the parent/guardian name, child's name, birth date, and a contact number. If you do not receive a phone call or email within 24 hours, please call (414) 475-8159 for further assistance.

For assistance setting up a new Parent Portal account: Parents/guardians may call (414) 475-8159 or email [parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us)

### MPS App

Get all the latest news and updates! Download the MPS App and follow us on social media. Fast access to news, updates, and the entire MPS website is available on the MPS App (for Apple and Android smartphone platforms). To download, use the links below.

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