

2003-2004 School Calendar



Welcome to the Tacoma Public Schools

This is an exciting year for the Tacoma Public Schools. We are caring for your children today, while educating them for the future. We are opening a brand new middle school, Angelo Giaudrone M.S., as well as the new Mason Middle School to enhance student learning. Remodeling and additions at two elementary schools, Mann and Whitman, will be wrapping up this fall. Renovation and new building projects are underway for Mt. Tahoma and Foss high schools, and at Jefferson Elementary.

We are working hard to improve the school environment for every one of Tacoma's 32,000 students. But did you know that the number one indicator of student achievement is the *home environment*? The best way to help your student find success at school begins at home. Read to your child, or make sure your child has good reading material from which to choose. Ask your child's teacher(s) or librarian for some suggestions if you're not sure what books are best. Have a quiet place designated for nightly homework and some time set aside for your student to complete assignments. Limit time in front of the TV or video games, especially on school nights. Make sure your child gets enough sleep at night and heads out in the morning with breakfast in his stomach and arrives at school on time. Preparing your child for learning is so important to us here at school!

Your involvement in your child's education, whether at home or at school, can truly make the difference in the effectiveness of what we teach. We are committed to giving your child the best education possible, and we cannot do that without your help.

We are very thankful that you've chosen to enroll your child in the Tacoma Public Schools. We continue to have high expectations for our students, and have some new goals in place under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. For more on what that will mean in the classroom, please visit our district Web site at www.tacoma.k12.wa.us.

We value you as a partner and family member of the Tacoma Public Schools, and thank you for your continued support.


Superintendent

Please call or write us at:

TPS Community Relations Department
PO Box 1357
Tacoma, WA 98401-1357

Phone: 253.571.1015

Important testing dates

Sept. 15 - Oct. 3, 2003*

K-5 Elementary Reading Assessments

Kindergarten — Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)
Grade 1 — Reading Screening-Tacoma Screening Instrument (TSI) Words
Grade 1 — DIBELS
Grade 2 — Reading Accuracy and Fluency Assessment (QRI-II)
•need results for first parent conferences
Grade 2 — DIBELS
Grade 3 — DIBELS
Grade 4 — Oral Reading Assessment
Grade 5 — Oral Reading Assessment
(All student answer sheets for grades 1 (TSI), 2 (QRI), 4 and 5 (Oral Reading) are due at CAB Room 216 by 4:30, Wednesday, Oct. 8.)

Jan. 5 - 23, 2004*

Grade 2 — Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
(Materials due at CAB Room 218 by 4:30, Friday, Jan. 23.)

Jan. 12 - 23, 2004*

K-5 Elementary Reading Assessments

Kindergarten — DIBELS
Grade 1 — TSI Words
Grade 1 — DIBELS
Grade 2 — DIBELS
Grade 3 — DIBELS
Grade 4 — Oral Reading Assessment
Grade 5 — Oral Reading Assessment
(All student answer sheets for grades 1 (TSI), 4 and 5 (Oral Reading) are due at CAB Room 216 no later than 4:30, Friday, Jan. 23.)

Jan. 12 - 23, 2004*

Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 — Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)
(Materials due at CAB Room 218 by 4:30, Friday, Jan. 23.)

March 1 - 26, 2004*

Grade 3 — State test—Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)
Grade 6 — State test—Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)
(Materials due at CAB Room 218 by 4:30, Friday, March 26.)

April 19 - April 30, 2004* Testing

May 3 - 7, 2004* Make-up Testing

Grade 4 — Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Grade 5 — WASL Science
Grade 7 — Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Grade 8 — WASL Science
Grade 9 — State test-Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED)
Grade 10 — Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)
Grade 10 — WASL Science
(Materials due at CAB Room 218 by 4:30, Friday, May 7.)

May 10 - 27, 2004*

K-5 Elementary Reading Assessments

Kindergarten — DIBELS
Grade 1 — TSI Words
Grade 1 — DIBELS
Grade 2 — QRI-II: All students whose QRI category was 'substantially below grade level' in September must be retested.
Grade 2 — DIBELS
Grade 3 — DIBELS
Grade 4 — Oral Reading Assessment
Grade 5 — Oral Reading Assessment
(All student answer sheets for grades 1 (TSI), 2 (QRI), 4 and 5 (Oral Reading) are due at CAB Room 216 no later than 4:30, Wednesday, June 4.)

Other tests

(Applications are available through your school counselors.)

PSAT - 10/18/03, 10/21/03

SAT - 10/11/03, 11/1/03, 12/6/03, 1/24/04, 3/27/04, 5/1/04, 6/5/04

ACT - 9/27/03, 10/25/03, 12/13/03, 2/7/04, 4/3/04, 6/12/04

AP Exams - May 3-7, 2004; May 10-14, 2004

IB Exams (Foss only) - May 4-25, 2004

*Schools may schedule tests within this time frame.

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September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hispanic Heritage Month Library Card Sign-Up Month	Labor Day	Staff PRS Day	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Grandparents' Day	International Literacy Day			School board meeting 6 p.m.		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Constitution Week	Mexican Independence Days	International Day of Peace Mayflower Day Mexican Independence Days	Citizenship Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		First day of autumn Lincoln back-to-school night Mt. Tahoma back-to-school night	SOTA back-to-school night	Wilson back-to-school night School board meeting 6 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Staff LID Day	Kiwanis Kids' Day Rosh Hashanah
28	29	30			AUGUST 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	
National Good Neighbor Day	Stadium back-to-school night	Foss back-to-school night			OCTOBER 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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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 Enrollment Services at 253.571.1142.

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 253.571.1142. 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, may request that their students be enrolled in a school outside their neighborhood through the state's Choice Enrollment Program or the district's Optional Enrollment. Ask the principal of the school nearest your home about your choices, or call 253.571.1142.

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 seven times within a month or ten times within a year, the school district may file a petition with the juvenile court seeking the court's jurisdiction over the student's attendance in school.

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.

ChildFind screenings

If your pre-school age child has trouble hearing, moving, talking, playing, learning or behaving, ChildFind 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 253.571.1047 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

September 12	February 20
October 17	March 19
November 21	April 16
December 19	May 21
January 16	

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.

Parent information 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/she can purchase milk. All other meals include milk. All students may prepay for meals.

Tacoma Public Schools offer 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 253.571.3370 for more information.

2003-2004	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.10	\$1.85
Middle school	1.10	2.10
High school	1.10	2.10
Reduced price	.30	.40
Milk	.30	.30

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.

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.

WEAPONS ARE 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.

October 2003

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SEPTEMBER 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	NOVEMBER 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	Crime Prevention Month Computer Learning Month German-American Heritage Month Italian-American Heritage Month Polish-American Heritage Month UNICEF Month	1	2	3	4
5 Fire Prevention Week National 4-H Week National Metric Week	6 Yom Kippur	7	8 Middle School Conferences Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m.	9 NO SCHOOL Staff LID Day All-City PTA meeting 7 p.m. School board meeting 6 p.m.	10 NO SCHOOL State Inservice Day	11
12 NAEOP Career Awareness Week National School Lunch Week	13 Columbus Day Thanksgiving - Canada	14	15	16 World Food Day	17	18
19 America's Safe Schools Week National School Bus Safety Week	20	21	22 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)	23 School board meeting 6 p.m.	24 United Nations Day	25 Make a Difference Day
26 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back one hour to standard time)	27 Ramadan, First Day	28	29	30	31 Halloween	
Elementary Partnership Conferencing - 11:30 a.m. release for elementary students						

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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:

- First Student Inc. 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.



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 Mount 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.

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 Mount Tahoma:

October 22
November 5
December 17
February 25
March 17
May 12

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.

Photo/video/Internet release

If you do not wish photos, video or directory information released about your student, please contact your school or fill out the appropriate form in the "Student Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations" handbook.



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 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>OCTOBER 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>DECEMBER 2003</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		American Indian Heritage Month	<p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p>			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Youth Appreciation Week		<p>NO SCHOOL Veterans Day</p>		School board meeting 6 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
American Education Week National Children's Book Week		National Community Education Day	Gettysburg Address Anniversary National Educational Support Professionals Day	National Parental Involvement Day		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
National Family Week	School Board meeting 12:01 p.m.		<p>THANKSGIVING BREAK Early dismissal for all students: High school 11:05 a.m. Middle school 11:20 a.m. Elementary 12 noon</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break</p>		
30	<p>Middle School Conferences Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m.</p>			Thanksgiving Day		

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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.

Dial-the-Superintendent hotline
253.571.1020

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 needs 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 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.

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 can be taken at high schools. Each high school determines which of its courses will offer dual credit.

For more information, contact your high school counselor.



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 include: 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, as indicated below:

2003-2004 Grade Level	Nomination Deadline	Testing Date
New students	Sept. 10, 2003	Sept. 20, 2003
Grade 5	Dec. 4, 2003	Dec. 13, 2003
Grades 3, 4, 6 & 7	Feb. 12, 2004	March 6 & 13, 2004
Grade 2	April 2, 2004	*April 19-May 7, 2004

*Contact school for more information.

More information is available in elementary and middle schools or call 253.571.1156.

Programs for income-eligible preschoolers

Help your four-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 four 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.

January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>DECEMBER 2003</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2004</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</p>	<p>School Board Recognition Month</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Emancipation Proclamation Day Kwanzaa ends New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Winter Break</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>School resumes</p>	<p>6</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>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>All-City PTA meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>School board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Secondary School Staff PRS Day No school for middle & high school students</p>	<p>31</p>

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February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Black History Month National Childrens' Dental Health Month Boy Scouts of America Week National School Counseling Week National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday School board meeting 6 p.m. Middle School Conferences Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m.	13 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Weekend	14 St. Valentine's Day
15	16 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Weekend Presidents' Day	17 PTA Founders' Day	18	19	20	21
22 National FFA Week George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma) Ash Wednesday	26 School board meeting 6 p.m.	27	28
29				JANUARY 2004 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	MARCH 2004 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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March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
American Red Cross Month Irish-American Heritage Month Music in Our Schools Month National Mental Retardation Month National Nutrition Month National Social Work Month National Women's History Month Youth Art Month National School Breakfast Week Newspaper in Education Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Classified School Employees Week Girl Scout Week	International Women's Day			Johnny Appleseed Day School board meeting 6 p.m.		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Camp Fire Boys and Girls Week National Agriculture Week National Energy Education Week			LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma) St. Patrick's Day	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day All-City PTA meeting 7 p.m.		First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Poison Prevention Week International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination			Elementary School Conferences Elementary students released at 11:30 a.m.			
				School board meeting 6 p.m.		
28	29	30	31		FEBRUARY 2004 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	APRIL 2004 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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April 2004

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<p>MARCH 2004</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MAY 2004</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>Keep America Beautiful Month</p> <p>Mathematics Education Month</p>		<p>1</p> <p>April Fools' Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>International Children's Book Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time begins (set clocks ahead one hour)</p> <p>Week of the Young Child</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Passover begins</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Spring Break</p> <p>World Health Day</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>National Library Week</p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Passover ends</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Arbor Day (Washington)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Administrative Professionals Week</p> <p>National Student Leadership Week</p> <p>Public School Volunteer Week</p> <p>National TV Turn-off Week</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day USA</p> <p>Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day</p> <p>School board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>National Arbor Day</p> <p>Middle School Conferences</p> <p>Middle school students released at 10:30 a.m.</p>	

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May 2004

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<p>2</p> <p>Be Kind to Animals Week</p> <p>National Music Week</p> <p>National Substitute Teacher Week</p> <p>Reading is Fun Week</p> <p>Respect For Law Week</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week</p>	<p>3</p> <p>World Press Freedom Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Teacher Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Day of Non-Violence</p> <p>World Red Cross Day</p>
<p>9</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Week</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>LATE ARRIVAL DAY for Gates Grant high schools (Foss, Lincoln & Mt. Tahoma)</p> <p>National School Nurse Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>School board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>National Educational Bosses Week</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>All-City PTA meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Victoria Day (Canada)</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Memorial Day</p> <p>31</p> <p>World No Tobacco Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>School of the Arts Graduation 6 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>School board meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Snow make up day All schools are open</p>	<p>29</p>

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June 2004

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	7	8	9	10 School board meeting 6 p.m.	11	
Race Unity Day	14 Flag Day Foss Graduation 4:30 p.m. Stadium Graduation 8 p.m.	15 Mt. Tahoma Graduation 4:30 p.m. Wilson Graduation 8 p.m.	16 Day of the African Child Lincoln Graduation 4:30 p.m. Oakland Graduation 6:30 p.m.	17 Snow make up day All schools are open	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early dismissal for all students: High school 11:05 a.m. Middle school 11:20 a.m. Elementary 12 noon	
Father's Day	21 First day of summer	22	23	24 School board meeting 6 p.m.	25	
	28	29	30	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS May 25 School of the Arts 6:00 p.m. Broadway Center for the Performing Arts June 14 Foss 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome Stadium 8:00 p.m. Tacoma Dome June 15 Mount Tahoma 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome June 16 Lincoln 4:30 p.m. Tacoma Dome Oakland 6:30 p.m. To be determined Wilson 8:00 p.m. Tacoma Dome		

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4 Independence Day	5 Staff Holiday Independence Day Observed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 School board meeting 6 p.m.	23	24
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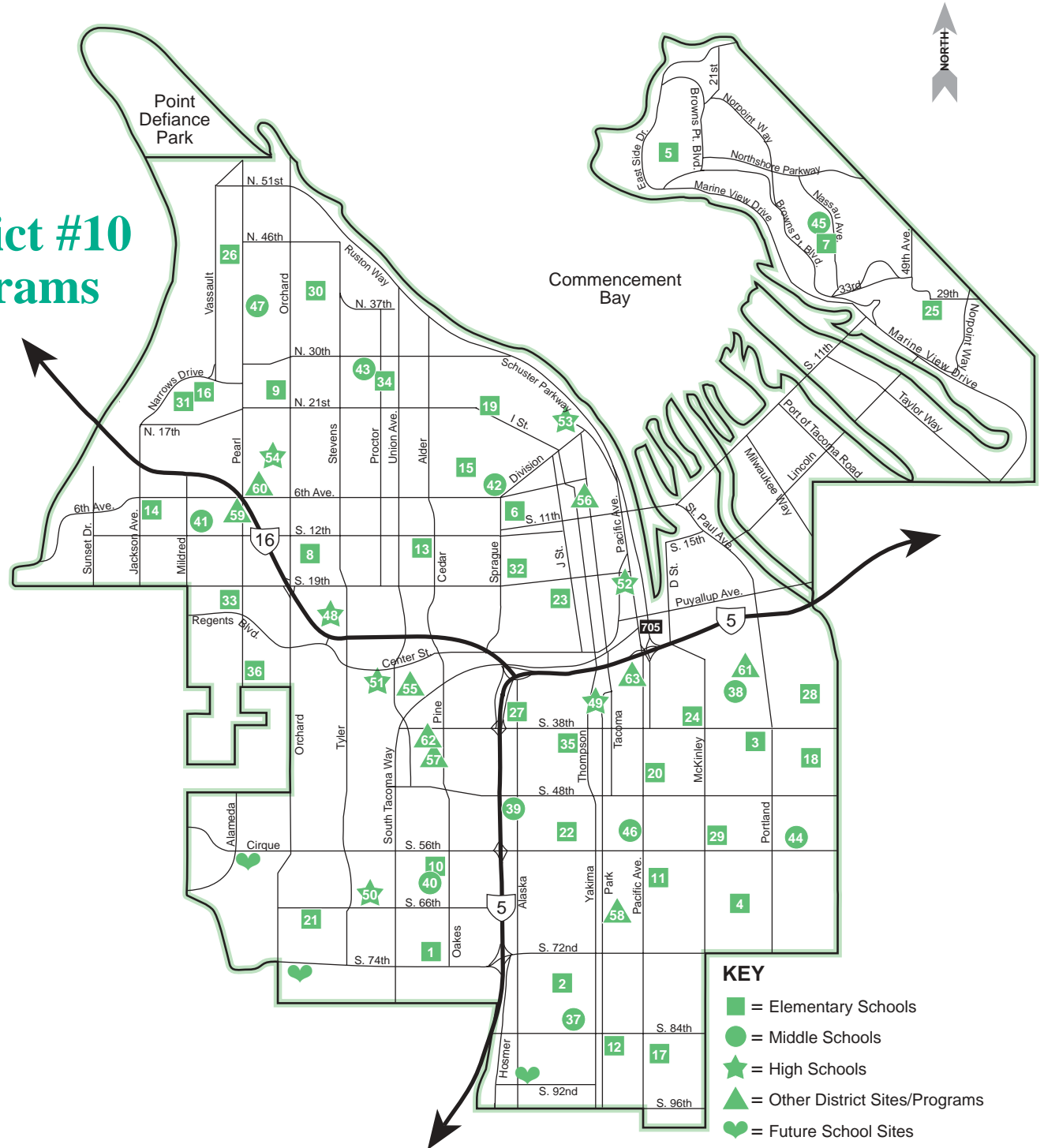
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Tacoma School District #10

Building Sites/Programs



Translations for our non-English speaking parents

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이 기사를 한국어로
번역을 원하시는 분은
571-1161 번으로 전화

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

જો તમે આ માહિતી
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Si Ud. necesita ésto
traducido al español,
por favor llame al 571-1161

Если вам нужен
перевод на русский,
пожалуйста, позвоните
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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, 6501 N. 23rd, 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, 1002 S. 52nd, 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. Gaudrone, 4902 S. Alaska, 98408	253.571.5811
40. Gray, 3109 S. 60th, 98409	253.571.1860
41. Hunt, 6501 S. 10th, 98465	253.571.2335
42. Jason Lee, 602 N. Sprague, 98403	253.571.1395
43. Mason, 3901 N. 28th, 98407	253.571.2256
44. McIlvaigh, 1801 E. 56th, 98404	253.571.2080
45. Meeker, 4402 Nassau Ave. N.E., 98422	253.571.1377
46. Stewart, 5010 Pacific Ave., 98408	253.571.2085
47. Truman, 5801 N. 35th, 98407	253.571.2245

★ High Schools

48. Foss, 2112 S. Tyler, 98405	253.571.2300
49. Lincoln, 701 S. 37th, 98418	253.571.2000
50. Mount Tahoma, 6229 S. Tyler, 98409	253.571.1961
51. Oakland Alternative, 3319 S. Adams, 98409	253.571.1387
Alternative Learning Center	253.571.1955
Centro Latino SER	253.571.1387
Lincoln Tree Farm	253.571.6660
Metro Parks	*253.761.3101
Home School	253.571.1955
Region V	253.571.2191
Tacoma Urban League Academy	253.571.1387
52. School of the Arts, 1950 S. Pacific Ave., 98402	253.571.7900
53. Stadium, 111 N. E, 98403	253.571.1325
54. Wilson, 1202 N. Orchard, 98406	253.571.2200

▲ Other District Sites/Programs

55. 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
56. Central Administration Building, 601 S. 8th, 98405	253.571.1000
Central Annex, 708 S. G, 98405	
57. Madison Site, 3110 S. 43rd, 98409	
Family Involvement Center	253.571.1087
Tone Transitional Center	253.571.1898
Madison Site, 3102 S. 43rd, 98409	
ECEAP	253.571.3217
Head Start	253.571.3600
Madison Portable, 3102 S. 43rd, 98409	
Family Literacy	253.571.1887
58. Park Avenue Site, 6701 Park Ave. S., 98408	
Behavioral Diagnostic Center	253.571.1924
ChildFind	253.571.1047
59. Pearl Street Center (Residential Treatment Center), 815 S. Pearl, 98465	*253.396.5932
60. Remann Hall School, 5501-6th Ave., 98406	*253.798.7990
61. Rogers Site, 1301 E. 34th, 98404	
62. Transportation, 4002 S. Cedar, 98409	253.571.1853
First Student Inc., 3212 S. Sprague, 98409	*253.473.1187
63. Willard Site, 3201 S. D, 98418	
Audiovisual/Science Center	253.571.2140
Instructional Technology	253.571.3541
Library Services	253.571.2153
Professional Library	253.571.2154
Staff Resource Center	253.571.3546

* To reach this telephone number, dial 9 plus all 10 digits from all locations.

Important school district telephone numbers

GENERAL INFORMATION	253.571.1000
Alternative Programs	253.571.1033
Arts Education	253.571.2698
Athletics/Activities	253.571.1123
Attendance Area Boundaries	253.571.1189
Bilingual Education	253.571.1161
Bus Route Information (First Student Inc.)	253.272.7750
Career & Technical Education	253.571.1126
Challenge/Highly Capable Programs	253.571.1156
ChildFind	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 (ECEAP)	253.571.3217
Elementary Education	253.571.1032
Enrollment Services	253.571.1142
Family Involvement Center	253.571.1087
Food Services (lunch/breakfast)	253.571.3370
Head Start	253.571.3600
Health (Nursing) Services	253.571.1438
High School Education	253.571.1033
Highly Capable Student Programs (Gifted)	253.571.1156
Instructional Technology	253.571.3541
Kindergarten	253.571.2534
Learning Assistance Program (LAP)	253.571.1111
Maintenance	253.571.3330
Mathematics/Science	253.571.2633
Middle School Education	253.571.1036
Optional Enrollment	253.571.1192
Partnerships, School and Business	253.571.1087
Research and Evaluation	253.571.1192
School Board	253.571.1443
Security	253.571.1288
Special Education	253.571.1040
Summer School Programs	253.571.2675
Superintendent's Office	253.571.1010
Transportation, Special Education	253.571.1855
Truancy	253.571.2123
Volunteer Services	253.571.1087

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School hours*

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

Middle school hours

Baker, Gault, Giandrone, 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.



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President
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Term expires
November 2005



Angela Strege
253.571.2681
Term expires
November 2003



Willie Stewart
Vice President
253.571.6192
Term expires
November 2005



Debbie Winskill
253.627.7377
Term expires
November 2007



Kurt Miller
253.571.1290
Term expires
November 2003



Dr. James F. Shoemake
Superintendent
253.571.1010

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