

Discoveries

Back to School 2017

Engaging all learners to achieve success

New Landscape, Same Great Education

Dr. Troy Loeffelholz
Superintendent

We are excited to show the students, parents, and community the exciting changes that have been taking place at Columbus Public Schools the past nine months. Yes, the new high school came on-line on March 20th. But what many don't know is the significant changes happening in grades preschool through 8th. Yes, the landscape has changed with different grade configurations, but as the title suggests, the quality of education remains the same if not better.

The changes being made to the new middle school building for our students has been done purposely for the middle school educational program. Our new middle school will now house

grades 5-8. The 5th & 6th grade students will be housed in four teams on the second floor of the building while the 7th & 8th grade students will be housed in their team format on the first floor. The focus of the middle school staff is to make the educational experience more personable with smaller teams.

We have another open house and ribbon cutting ceremony to do. We invite students, parents, and the community to come and see the changes made to accommodate our middle school program.

August 30th - Community Celebration

- Ribbon Cutting 5 - 5:30 p.m.
- Open House 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

With new and exciting changes to the middle school and all of the excitement with the opening of the new high school, we cannot forget the new elementary configuration. Each of our elementary sites will either house preschool through 4th grade or kindergarten through 4th grade. All of these changes are a result of the over crowding at our elementary sites. The high school bond issue was in fact a

response to the overcrowding at our elementary and middle school sites. As did the bond committee, we feel these changes PK-12 will push our facilities far into the future and give us room for growth.

Finally, we are excited to be a partner with a non-profit organization called Nebraska Loves Public Schools. Please take the time to visit their website at <http://nelovesps.org/> to find out the great things happening right here in Columbus and communities across the state of Nebraska.

Many new beginnings for this year

Theresa Seipel

CPS Board of Education President

On behalf of the entire Board of Education for Columbus Public Schools, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. This year promises to be another year of new beginnings. The 5th graders will be beginning the year as middle schoolers along with the 6th through 8th graders in their new home on 26th Street. The elementary schools will be beginning the year with some wiggle room with the 5th graders no longer there. The high school will begin their year in the building they just moved into last spring.

Engaging All Learners To Achieve Success! That's not just our Mission Statement; it's what guides **everyone** in the school district every day. There are three goals that guide this mission:

1. To establish a Pre-K-12 education plan to prepare our students for a successful integration to college and/or career opportunities.
2. To address the social and emotional needs of our students that is affecting their academic development.
3. To provide facilities necessary to establish, equip, sustain and enhance the educational programs of the District.

These goals and mission statement can be what guides the students and parents/guardians of the district as well.

Engaging All Children To Achieve Success!

1. All families should make education important so that their children can integrate to college or a career after high school.
2. All families should address the social and emotional needs of their children.
3. All families should provide a home for their children that will establish, equip, sustain and enhance their education.

When we all work together, great things can happen. Have a fantastic school year!

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Columbus Public Schools

Unpaid Meal Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish limitations on the number of breakfasts or lunches a student may receive when the account balance is not sufficient to cover those costs, to provide for alternate meals to be served to students when account balances reach certain limits, and to protect the District from such unpaid financial obligations.

Families are encouraged to keep account balances in the positive at all times. Deposits are accepted at each school building and at the Administration Building. Deposits may be made by cash or check. Account balances may be obtained through the parent access portal

in PowerSchool. If online access is not available, the District Foodservice office may be contacted at (402) 563-7055.

Each day that a student eligible for reduced price or paid meals brings the actual amount of the cost of the meal, that student will be provided a breakfast and/or lunch and the amount received will be applied to the cost of that meal rather than to reduce a prior negative balance.

In the event that a student's account balance reaches -\$15.00, the student will be offered an alternate meal meeting reimbursable requirements of the USDA school nutrition program. The District will also provide the necessary forms for

the student's parent or guardian to apply for free or reduced price meals. Such benefits may be applied for at any time during the school year.

To the extent possible, all actions pertaining to students with negative account balances will be handled as confidentially as possible. Communications regarding account balance concerns will be provided in writing by an assigned District Foodservice staff member and/or by automated phone calls. Students will not be used as couriers of such information.

This policy shall be provided in writing on an annual basis to students and parents

through the District website and also in the annual back to school mailing and in school handbooks. The policy shall also be provided in writing to households transferring into the District during the school year. It shall also be provided to school administrators and others charged with enforcement of this policy.

This policy shall be reviewed and adopted on an annual basis. Since CPS participates in the free and reduced lunch program through the United States Department of Agriculture and Nebraska Department of Education, the district is required to have this policy.

Physical & Vision

Requirements for 2017-18

Nebraska Statutes require:

Physical Examination: Evidence of a physical examination by a physician, physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse within 6 months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade. No such examination shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing.

Visual Examination: Evidence of a visual evaluation by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist within 6 months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade. Contact the school nurse for information regarding free or reduced-cost visual evaluations for families who qualify. No such evaluation shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing.

Meal Prices

Breakfast will be served only at the elementary schools on September 1. A breakfast and lunch will be served at all buildings starting September 5.

The lunch prices for the 2017-18 school year have been set. Middle school (grades 6-8) and high school students will pay \$2.80 for lunch and elementary students (grades K-5) will pay \$2.55. Breakfast will be \$1.80.

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Columbus Public Schools 2017-2018 Calendar

August

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- 22 - 24 New Teacher Professional Development
- 25 - 31 All Teacher Professional Development
- 1st Day 10th, 11th, 12th Grades Only

September

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- 1st Day 1st-9th Grades ONLY, Ele 11:45 Dismissal
- Labor Day - No School
- 1st Day Kindergarten

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- 6 Elementary Only 11:45 Dismissal-Professional Development
- 10, 12 Elementary Parent - Teacher Conferences
- 11-12 MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12 Teacher Prof Dev AM, Conferences PM - No School
- 13 No School

November

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- 2 MS ONLY Regular Classes AM - Extended Academic Time PM
- 2 1st Quarter Ends - 42 days
- 3 Teacher Professional Development - No School
- 6 2nd Quarter Begins
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

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- 25-29 Holiday Break - No School

Key:

- Early Dismissal Elem 2:15 HS 2:23 MS 2:35
- Professional Development/No School for Students
- Half-day of school for students
- No School

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School Hours

Elementary Schools: 8 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
Wednesday Early Dismissal: 2:15 p.m.
Columbus Middle School: 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday Early Dismissal: 2:35 p.m.
Columbus High School: 8:10 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
Wednesday Early Dismissal: 2:23 p.m.

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- Holiday Break - No School
- MS ONLY Regular Classes AM - Extended Academic Time PM
- 2nd Quarter Ends - 42 days
- Teacher Professional Development-No School
- 3rd Quarter Begins

February

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- Ele Dismissal Only 11:45 - Professional Development
- Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
- MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Teacher Prof Dev AM, Conferences PM-No School
- No School

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- 8 - 9 Spring Break - No School
- 23 MS ONLY Regular Classes AM - Extended Academic Time PM
- 23 3rd Quarter Ends - 44 Days
- 26 4th Quarter Begins
- 29 Teacher Professional Development-No School
- 30 Holiday Break - No School

April

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- No School
- Final Senior Attendance Day
- Graduation
- Holiday Break - No School

May

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- No School
- Final Senior Attendance Day
- Graduation
- Holiday Break - No School

June

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- 1 Ele/HS 11:45 Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
 - 1 MS ONLY Noon Dismissal - Extended Academic Time PM
 - 1 4th Quarter Ends - 46 days
 - 4 Teacher Professional Development - No School
- if emergency school closures do not occur during the school year, the final student day will be June 1, and the final teacher day will be June 4.
-if emergency school closures do occur, the final student day may be extended through June 5, and the final teacher day through June 6.



New Student Registration

Registration for new students at any grade level are being completed at the Columbus Public Schools Administration Building, 2508 27th St. Registrations are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call Tami Altstadt at 402-563-7000 Ext. 12753. Appointments will be scheduled from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you can't make it on the dates and times listed, please call Tami and she will try to accommodate your schedule. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to fill out all of the paperwork.

Raul Gascon will be available for registrations Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. To set an appointment with Raul, please call 402-563-7000 Ext. 10096.

Please bring the following items to the registration appointment:

1. Immunization Records
2. Certified birth certificate (No copies)
3. Proof of Residency, which Include one of the following:
 - Mortgage Statement

- Lease Agreement
- Personal Property Tax Statement
- Bank Statement – Within The Last 30 Days
- Employment Pay Stub – Within The Last 30 Days
- Gas Bill - Within The Last 30 Days
- Electric Bill - Within The Last 30 Days

State law requires that prior to the entrance of a student into the beginning grade, or in the case of a transfer from an out-of-state school to any grade, a physical and vision exam must be completed. As a substitute for such evidence of a physical or vision exam, an objection in writing (signed and dated), should be presented to the registrar.

Physical and eye exam forms need to be returned to the registrar at the Administration Building prior to the first day of school. All immunizations will need to be complete and proof given before a student will be allowed to enter school.

CHS Schedule

New and Transfer Students to the District Registration

New and transfer students must first register and submit the necessary paperwork to the district registrar at the CPS Administration Building located at 2508 27 Street. To schedule an appointment, please call Tami Altstadt, Registrar at 402-563-7000 Ext. 12753.

Class Schedule Appointments – New and Transfer Students

After completing the new and transfer student registration process, please call the high school counseling office at 402-563-7050 Ext. 11266 or 12986 to set up an appointment with the grade level counselor to select classes for the 2017-18 year.

Schedule Change Appointments – Returning Students

If students desire to discuss a potential schedule change, they should call the school counseling office in advance to schedule an appointment at 402-563-7050 Ext. 11266 or 12986 with their grade level counselor.

Grade Level Laptop Distribution

Students in Grades 11 and 12 will checkout laptops during grade level orientation sessions scheduled for August 31st.

Students in Grade 10 will checkout laptops during the first week of school beginning Tuesday, September 5th. Information regarding the laptop checkout process will be published on the high school webpage, communicated through the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts and included in the daily school announcements.

Students in Grade 9 along with new and transfer students will checkout laptops during the first week of school, following the Parent/Guardian Orientation meeting, date and time to be announced. Information regarding the laptop checkout process will be published on the high school webpage, communicated through the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts and included in the daily school announcements.

Grade Level Orientation Sessions

Each session begins in the Auditorium

Student Orientation for Grades 10, 11 and 12 is scheduled for Thursday, August 31st.

Grade 12 Orientation will go from 8-10 a.m.

Grade 11 Orientation will go from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Grade 10 Orientation will go from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Orientation for Students in Grade 9 is scheduled for Friday, September 1st.

Back-to-School / Fall Activities Pep Rally

The Annual Back-to School Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the south student entrance to the high school. Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we celebrate the return to school and kickoff the fall 2017-18 activity season. Fall activity competition begins on Thursday, August 17 with girls golf and softball on the road. First home events for girls golf, softball, boys tennis and volleyball is set for Thursday, August 24. The first home football game is scheduled for Friday, September 1. Boys and girls cross country will begin their season September 1 on the road. The marching band begins their fall competition on September 30 hosting the annual Columbus Marching Band Festival.

Orientation Procedures

Students are to report to their grade level orientation session in the high school auditorium at the assigned date and time.

Students are encouraged to review the orientation information mailed home prior to August 31 (Grades 10,11,12) and September 1 (Grade 9).

Students are expected to bring to orientation: (1) all required paperwork received from the counseling department and principal's office; (2) a ballpoint pen; (3) student fees in the envelope provided; (4) picture money, if planning on purchasing a picture packet; (5) computer bag (Grade 11 and 12) and (6) the Laptop Damage Protection Plan fee (optional).

Class fees for the 2016-17 school year will be \$5 for students in Grades 9 and 10; \$7 for students in Grade 11 and \$10 for students in Grade 12.

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Elementary Schedule

Open Houses at all elementary buildings will be on August 31st from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades 1st – 4th

Opening Day September 1, 2017 (half day) – 11:45 a.m. dismissal

There is no school on Monday, September 4th, due to Labor Day.

Regular schedule starts September 5 - 8 a.m.- 3:25 p.m.

Kindergarten

September 1 – No school for kindergarten students. Kindergarten teachers at each building will hold a morning and evening parent meeting that day. Parents must attend one of the meetings. This meeting is intended for

parents only, and parents are asked to make other arrangements for their child during this time. Meetings will be held at your child's elementary building.

Please choose from one of the following meeting times.

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Half of the kindergarten students will attend a full day of school on September 5. The other half of the kindergarten students will attend a full day on September 6. All kindergarten students will attend school on September 7.

September 5 or September 6 – Your school will notify you which day to attend.

September 5 from 8 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

OR

September 6 from 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

September 7 – All kindergarten students will attend a full day (8 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.) of school.

Preschool - Begins September 5

Morning Session - 8-11 a.m.

Afternoon Session - 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. (2:15 on early release Wednesdays)

The following is the Picture Day Schedule for the elementary buildings.

Wednesday, September 13 – **Centennial**

Friday, September 8 – **Emerson**

Friday, September 15 – **West Park**

Friday, September 15 – **Lost Creek**

Friday, September 15 – **North Park**

CMS Schedule

New student reading testing: Monday, August 21st & Tuesday, August 22nd.

Reading testing for CMS students who did not attend CPS last year will be August 21st & August 22nd, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment at the CMS Guidance Office. Please enter the building through the main office doors on the south side of the building. Before taking the reading test, you must have enrolled in school at the Administration Building, 2508 27th Street. To schedule an appointment, contact Tami Altstadt at 402-563-7000, Ext. 12753.

Instrumental Rental Night: Monday, August 14th & Tuesday, August 15th - 5:30-8 p.m.

Come meet the new Band Director, rent an instrument and purchase your band book and any accessories needed. This event will be held at Columbus Music, 2514 13th Street.

Open House: Thursday, August 31st - 6:30-8 p.m.

This event will give parents the opportunity to go to their child's classrooms and to visit with their teachers and administrators. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

First Student Attendance Day and Picture Day: Friday, September 1st

Students will receive their schedules and attend a shortened schedule on Friday, September 1st. Each grade should enter the east activity doors at the designated time to receive schedules, tour the building, learn procedures and get pictures taken.

- **Grade 5 & 6:** Enter the east activity entrance

at 8 a.m. to receive schedules and proceed to the assigned area. Dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

- **Grade 7 & 8:** Enter the east activity entrance at 12:30 p.m. to receive schedules and proceed to the assigned area. Dismiss at 3:30 p.m.

Regular CMS schedule will begin: Tuesday, September 5th – 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Parent Advisory Council: Tuesday, September 19th

The first CMS PAC meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. This meeting is open to all parents of CMS students. The PAC sponsors activity nights for all students, raises money for special purchases and scholarships to support the CMS program and students, as well as assisting at various CMS events. Timely topics of special interest to parents are normally part of each meeting. Monthly minutes are published in the building newsletter. The regular monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month excluding December and May.

Early Release Wednesdays

In order to provide teachers with collaborative time to work on various district and building initiatives, CMS will be dismissing at 2:35 p.m. every Wednesday. Exceptions to this schedule will be on; October 11th, November 1st, November 22nd, January 17th, February 21st, March 7th, March 28th, and May 30th. Students will NOT be allowed on campus after 2:45 p.m. unless they are in the supervised study area. Extra curricular activities will not begin until 4 p.m.



Immunization requirements

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have immunization requirements for children entering school. In Nebraska, children will not be allowed to attend classes in public or private school until the school has written proof of their immunization status.

To attend school, children in Nebraska are required by law to be immunized against the following diseases:

- * Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis
- * Polio
- * MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- * Hepatitis B
- * Varicella (Chickenpox)

Each school in Nebraska is required to keep the immunization history of the students enrolled on file. Parents or guardians must present one of the following documents to the school to verify immunization status:

- * An immunization record showing that the child is protected by age-appropriate immunizations.
- * A statement signed by a physician that the required immunization would be injurious to the student or members of the student's family or household.
- * An affidavit signed by a legally authorized representative stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices

of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is a member.

The following are the state of Nebraska immunization requirements for the 2017-18 school year.

All students grades K through 12 must have:

- three (3) doses of DTaP, DTP, Td, or DT vaccine (one dose given on or after the fourth birthday)
- three (3) doses of Polio vaccine
- two (2) doses of MMR vaccine (given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month)
- three (3) doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine (or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age)
- two (2) doses of Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine (given on or after 12 months of age)
- If the child has had Chickenpox (Varicella disease), they do not need Varicella vaccinations. Written documentation (including year) of Varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.
- **7th Grade Only** – 1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster) – This dose can be received any time after 10 or 11 years of age, depending on which brand of vaccine is used.

Anyone with questions can contact their health care provider or their school nurse.

CHS Schedule

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An optional activity stamp will be available for purchase for an additional \$25, that is good for admission to all 2017-18 Columbus High School sponsored events.

All CHS activity participants are required to pay a yearly \$25 participation fee. On payment, a complimentary C-stamp will be provided, which allows activity participants admission to all CHS sponsored events. Questions regarding the activities program should be directed to Activities Director Dave Hiebner by calling 402-563-7050.

School Pictures

Pictures for all students, including seniors, will be taken during grade level orientation sessions. All students are required to have their pictures taken, at no cost, for identification purposes. Students are expected to dress appropriately for pictures. A picture envelope will be included in the back-to-school mailing should families desire to purchase pictures.

Homeroom Assignments

On orientation, homeroom assignments will be posted across from the auditorium as students enter the building at the south entrance to the high school. Students are to sit by homerooms during the orientation welcome in the auditorium. Students are reminded to bring all required paperwork filled out and signed.

Past Due Fines

Students who owe fines and/or past due project fees from the previous school year are encouraged to pay these on or before orientation day in the high school office.

Start of Classes and Late Orientation

The first full day of classes at the high school is set for Tuesday, September 5th beginning at 8:10 a.m. Students who have completed the orientation process are to report to their Period 1 classes. Students absent from grade level orientation will report to the media center for Late Orientation beginning at 8:00 a.m.

All freshmen will report to the auditorium first period on for introduction to all freshmen breakout sessions for the day.

2017-18 Student Handbook

All students will receive an electronic copy of the student handbook on their laptop computers. Parents will receive a printed copy of the student handbook in the back-to-school mailing. Be sure to read and familiarize yourself with the contents of the handbook as updates are done on a yearly basis. Students and parents are required to sign for receipt of the student handbook and return the signature form to their homeroom teachers on orientation day.

Additional Information

There are many times throughout the year that the high school needs to contact parents and guardians. It is essential for the school to have updated student and family contact information including current phone numbers and email addresses. Please update this information on the student demographic sheet included in the counseling office mailing.

Columbus High encourages everyone to keep up to date with all related school and activity information on the district website at www.columbuspublicschools.org; or through Twitter @DiscovererWay; and Facebook at www.facebook.com/ColumbusPublicSchools.



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Routine Directory

The Columbus Public Schools, acting on the directive of the Nebraska State Records Administrator, Schedule #10, May 12, 1980, will release “Routine Directory Information” on all of its students.

“Routine Directory Information” shall be defined under Privacy Rights of Parents and Students at 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 99 as being:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Date and place of birth
5. Major field of study
6. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
7. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
8. Dates of attendance
9. Degrees and awards received
10. The most recent educational agency attended by the student

11. Photographs

In an effort to better inform parents and the community, Columbus Public Schools will be using social media to share information. Social media includes but is not limited to Facebook, Twitter, blogging and podcasting. When posting information on Social Networks sites (such as Facebook), the district will only post group photos/videos with no names of students being used. If a student’s name is used, there will be no photo. Students will not be allowed to post on any Social Media pages from the district. Social Media will be monitored by each building principal and only be used with their approval.

Parents of students, or eligible students, who do not wish to have this information made available, upon request, by the Columbus Public Schools must so indicate in writing to the appropriate building principal or high school students to the high school guidance department by September 8, 2017.



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Race to benefit CPS Foundation

Show your maroon pride by participating in the first annual 5K Anchor Fun on September 9.

The race will begin with a 9:15 a.m. shotgun start at the Anchor at Columbus High School, 3434 Discoverer Drive. All proceeds benefit the Columbus Public Schools Foundation, which provides many opportunities for staff and students. The foundation has provided funding for several things such as Close-up, Destination Imagination, technology, Camp Invention, books, music, band, sports, STEM scholarships, classroom grants, Lost Creek Inclusive Playground and dual credit scholarships.

If you register prior to August 25, the cost is \$25 and after August 25 it increases to \$30. The fee includes a T-shirt, food and drinks (water, Gatorade, juice and milk). The top two runners will receive a prize.

The children will also have the chance to show their maroon pride prior to the Discoverer football game against Grand Island Northwest on September 8.

The kids 400 meter Discoverer Dash will start at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium at Pawnee Park. Kids need to be lined up outside of the stadium on the north side by 5:15 p.m.

There will be three categories:

- Future Discoverers (ages 3-5) Parents may run with their children in this division only.
- Discoverers in Training (ages 6-8)
- Discoverer Prospects (ages 9-11)

The cost is \$10 per child and includes a T-shirt.

For more information and to register for either event, visit www.anchorfunrun.com.

Teachers meet certification requirements

All teachers in the Columbus Public Schools must meet Nebraska certification requirements and may be assigned according to the approved content areas/endorsements listed on the certificate. Parents

may request information regarding professional qualifications of his/her child's teachers and paraprofessionals by calling the Office of Student Services, [402-563-7000 ext.12176](tel:402-563-7000).