

Official School Calendar

2023-2024

Dassel-Cokato Public Schools I.S.D. No. 466

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District Office — Ext. 1000, High School — Ext. 1800, Middle School — Ext. 1600, Dassel Elementary — Ext. 1500,
Cokato Elementary — Ext. 1300, Facility Rental — Ext. 1813, Activities Office – Ext. 1811,
Community Education/Early Childhood Center — Ext. 1020,

Area Learning Center (ALC) — Ext. 1200, District Transportation — 320-286-4105, Cokato Transportation — 320-286-5315

2023							2024						
JULY							JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		7	8	9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		14	15	16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		21	22	23	24	25	26
30	31							28	29	30	31		
AUGUST							FEBRUARY						
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27	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	24
SEPTEMBER							MARCH						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30		31					30
OCTOBER							APRIL						
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NOVEMBER							MAY						
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26	27	28	29	30				26	27	28	29	30	25
DECEMBER							JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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31								30					29

Aug. 23, 24, 25
Aug. 29, 30, 31
Aug. 30
Aug. 30
Aug. 30
Aug. 31
Sept. 4
Sept. 5
Sept. 5-6
Sept. 7
Sept. 11-15
Sept. 18
Oct. 2
Oct. 16
Oct. 16
Oct. 17
Oct. 19 & 20
Oct. 23
Nov. 7
Nov. 14 & 16
Nov. 17

Nov. 23 & 24
Nov. 30
Dec. 1
Dec. 23-Jan. 1

New Teacher Orientation
Teacher Planning
Open House & Orientation High School
5:00-7:00 PM
Open House Middle School Grade 6-8
5:00-7:00 PM
Open House-Cokato Elem. 4:00-6:00 PM
Open House-Dassel Elem. 4:00-6:00 PM
Grade 5 Orientation/Open House
Middle School 5:00-7:00 PM
Labor Day (No School)
School Begins
Kindergarten Orientation meetings
Kindergarten Classes begin
Preschool Orientation Week
Preschool Classes begin
ECFE Classes begin
HS P/T Conferences 4:00-8:00PM
MS P/T Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
MS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
(No School) Education MN Conference
(No School) Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Election Day
MS End of 1st Quarter
Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
(No School)Elementary & Preschool
Only -Teacher Planning and
Elementary Conferences
Thanksgiving Vacation
End of 1st Trimester(58)
(No School)Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Winter Break

Jan. 2
Jan. 2
Jan. 11
Jan. 11
Jan. 15
Jan. 19
Feb. 19
Mar. 1
Mar. 4
Mar. 11 & 14
Mar. 12
Mar. 15

Mar. 22
Mar. 25-31
Mar. 29
Apr. 18
Apr. 18
May 13-17
May 27
May 30
May 30
May 31
June 2

Classes Resume
Preschool Classes resume
HS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
MS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
(No School) Teacher Planning
MS End of 2nd Quarter
(No School) President’s Day
End of 2nd Trimester (57)
(No School)Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
Township Elections(6-8 PM) No Activities
(No School)Elementary & Preschool
Only - Teacher Planning and Conferences
MS End of 3rd Quarter
(No School)Spring Break
(No School) Good Friday
HS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
MS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
Last week of Preschool
(No School) Memorial Day
End of 3rd Trimester (57)
MS End of 4th Quarter
Teacher Workshop ½ Day (No School)
Graduation-2:00 PM

The school district has two options for dealing with inclement weather, E-Learning Days and Canceling school. The first two cancellations will be considered “snow days” and will not be replaced with E-Learning days. The next five days of school related cancellations will result in E-Learning days. These 7 days will not create any changes to the school calendar.

Banking of hour days: Nov. 17 and March 15, (K-4) Elementary Only. No School for Elementary Students. Early Childhood Special Education students, as scheduled.

LEGEND

Red – Weekends/Vacations (No School)
Blue – School Days
Black - Summer Breaks
Gold – Teacher Planning/Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
No School for Elementary Students (K-4 only).
Early Childhood Special Education Students, as scheduled

Student Days: HS/MS = 172 ELEM = 170 Teacher Days = 182

Dassel-Cokato School Directory

Below is a listing of school personnel along with their areas of responsibility. Calling the appropriate person with questions, problems, compliments or ideas will help serve you.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Teachers	N/A	Discipline, grading, instruction, testing	Comm. Ed. Secretary	Shannon Smieja	Provides support to Community Education staff, general information and registrations
Media Digital Learning Specialists	Doug Asquith, D.E. Lindsay Popelka, M.S. Anna Hertzog, C.E. Ashlee Georges, H.S.	Printed materials, books, audio-visual materials, library skills and technology	Early Childhood Secretary	Krista Cates	Provides support to Early Childhood staff, general information and registrations
Title 1 Coordinator	TJ Anderson	Coordinate Title 1 Program, Title 1 Advisory Council	School Nurse	Jenny Heidecker	Injuries, health screening, immunizations, health questions
Area Learning Center Coordinator	Jon Nelson	Provide alternative plan for education for those students not experiencing success in regular classes	Administrative Secretaries	Stephanie Corbin, D.E. Dawn DeCock, C.E. Megan Rauch, H.S. Karen Barton, H.S. Sarah Moore, M.S.	Office managers of their respective bldgs.
Area Learning Center Secretary	Betsy Dobmeier	General information, registration and assistant to the coordinator, teachers and secretary/students	Executive Director of Finance and Operations	Tina Palmer	Business Services
On the Job Employment Coordinator	Tracy Nelson Jon Nelson	Marketing and Distributive Education and supervision of work experience program	Accountant	Amanda Johnson	Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable
Special Education Coordinator	Savannah Walsh	All special education, preschool-grade 12. Referrals, assessment, instruction, developing programs, planning and communication	Transportation	TBA	Schedules bus routes, trips and assists with transportation
Social Workers	TBA, H.S. Beth Steinleitner, M.S. Carmen Tschida, Elem. Cheryl Loge, Elem. Heidi Sickmann, Elem. Matt Hogg, M.S. Martha Christensen, H.S.	Consultation regarding social or emotional development, school performance, chemical use—facilitation of problem solving, school-home communications, referral to community agencies	Lunch Account	Staci Barth	Updates lunch data base and implements free/reduced lunch program
Counselor	Mollie Wait	Student class schedules, career and post school information	Payroll Specialist	Tonya Kaley	Assists with payroll and District Office duties
Psychologist	Mark Thompson	Evaluation and direct services	District Technology	Lucas Beneke, Coord. Tyler Meyer David Payne	Maintains district-wide computer systems
Secretary Guidance Office	Megan Rauch	Student records	Principals	Chris Meisch, H.S./ALC Alisa Johnson, M.S. Ryan Weinandt, D.E. TJ Anderson, C.E.	Planning and communications, safety, management of all programs, building security, discipline, staff growth and evaluation, K-12 materials-instruction development: planning, communications and assessment
Food Service Director	Lesli Mueller	District food service management, planning, purchasing, cost accounting and supervising preparation	Dean of Students	Brian Westby, H.S. Amanda Scherping, H.S. Anna Reedy, M.S.	Student management
Activities Director	Perry Thinesen	Rules, training, schedules and accidents	Curriculum Director	Ryan Weinandt	Oversees curriculum development and textbook selection for the district
Coaches	N/A	District building and grounds, custodial and mechanical maintenance management	Curriculum/Special Ed. Secretary	TBA	Assists the curriculum director and special education area.
Director of Building and Grounds	John Heltunen	Athletics, Fine Arts, and co-curricular activities	Staff Development Coordinator	Mark Raymond	Develops and coordinates staff improvement programs and mentorships.
Activities Director	Perry Thinesen	Provides assistance to director	Gifted Coordinator	Alisa Johnson	Coordination of gifted program
Activities Secretary	Taylor Roles	Schedules community use of facilities. Schedules pool for community use	Superintendent	Mark Raymond	Operation of the District including finance, transportation, public relations, programs, school board functions
Facilities Secretary	Patti Kampa	Community Education, Communications, and Health Services management	Human Resources/ Payroll Coordinator	Marianne Bobrowske	Assists the superintendent and processes payroll for the district
Director of Community Services	Abigail Lang	Coordination of programs for children ages 0-5, helps parents provide for their children's learning, and helps young children reach their full potential	School Board	Andy Bohnsack Cindy Miller David Sangren Andy Engh Bonni Halverson Jenna Kantola	Policy concerning the overall operation of the district
District Assessment Coordinator	TJ Anderson				
Early Childhood Programs Coordinator	Angela Smith				

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Late Starts, Early Outs, and Closings

Throughout the year there will be days when, due to inclement weather, school is delayed, dismissed early, or closed for the day. Delays or closings may be announced as late as 6:15 AM. We will be using our calling system, Campus Messenger, to announce changes in the school schedule due to weather. We typically also post announcements on: Channel 4 WCCO (830 AM), Channel 9 FOX, and KDUZ (1260 AM).

For more information on the Campus Messenger system please contact one of the school offices. Minnesota weather is highly variable and changes quickly. There are days when it is clear at 6:15 AM and foggy at 6:45 AM. Weather and road conditions also vary widely around the 186 square miles of the district. Although we attend to weather conditions closely you may consider the conditions at your location unsafe for your children. Additionally, your

child may have an early morning practice or commitment at school, that occurs before a delay or closure is announced.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of parents to send their children to school, or keep them home, when the weather is inclement. If you don't think it is safe to send your child to school, don't send them.

We Care!

about kids. We're dedicated to providing top quality educational opportunities for all kids. Our special education and gifted programs give all kids the chance to grow and learn at their maximum level.

WE CARE . . .

about the level of personal attention your children get from teachers when they begin school here. We've reduced class sizes in grades K-2 to assure them of this personal attention.

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We have a FOCUS program, an area learning center (ALC) and a connections program that has helped reduce our dropout rate.

WE CARE . . .

about the quality of our educational staff. We work to ensure that quality through staff development activities in the areas of instruction, discipline, curriculum development, technology, and gifted education.

WE CARE . . .

about the educational opportunities of ALL our citizens regardless of age. Dassel-Cokato Community Education offers a wide variety of educational, recreational and social programs and services to meet the needs of community residents of all ages.

What's SPECIAL about education at Dassel-Cokato?

- Dassel Elementary and DCHS recognized as "National Schools of Excellence"
- Dassel and Cokato elementaries recognized as "State Schools of Excellence"
- Class sizes for lower elementary have low teacher- pupil ratios
- District character pillars
- At-Risk programs at all grade levels
- Strong Early Childhood Family Education program
- School-based preschool program
- Student test scores well above state averages
- Programming for gifted and talented students
- Excellent technology access with a one-to-one computer-to-student ratio in grades 4-12, and a high level of access in all other grades including Smart Boards in every classroom.
- Coordinated K-12 curriculum with sequential learning objectives
- Extensive extra and co-curricular activities, including many performances at the state level
- Community education programs serving people of all ages
- Over 70 college credit opportunities at Dassel-Cokato High School
- District-wide anti-bullying program "OLWEUS"
- Project Lead the Way - Pre-engineering program
- Opportunities for parent/community involvement in parent advisory councils, curriculum development, extracurricular activities and volunteer programs in the schools
- After-school educational opportunities for elementary students
- State-of-the-art auditorium
- 2000-seat gymnasium
- Excellent athletic facilities
- Elementary reading recovery program
- Indoor swimming pool
- Dassel Elementary – MAASFEP "Distinguished School"
- Certified Nursing Assistant program

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