

FESTUS R-VI COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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“Educating all children to meet tomorrow’s challenges”

Letter To Our Community –

Welcome to the Festus R-VI School District. The staff of the Festus R-VI School District is eager to welcome everyone to the 2024-2025 school year as we fulfill our mission, “*Educating all children to meet tomorrow’s challenges.*”

It is my sincere hope the 2024-2025 school year will bring much excitement and success as Festus R-VI continues to strive to always be a ‘Great Place to Learn’. Our accomplished and talented staff of educators will always do ‘whatever it takes’ to ensure that a student is placed in the best possible position to maximize their potential and have opportunity for success. That mantra continues to be on display daily as the District continues to create a stimulating academic environment where every student can achieve beyond their potential. Festus R-VI strives to work collaboratively to provide a quality education to all of our students.

It takes a strong partnership between home and school for students to be successful. Research has shown that a genuine partnership between parents and school has a significant impact on student achievement. Please maintain open lines of communication with the District and remain actively involved in your child’s education.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve students, staff, parents, and patrons as Festus R-VI Superintendent. The new school year will soon commence, if ever you have a question or thought, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best wishes for a truly positive and memorable school year. First student attendance day is set for Monday, August 19th, 2024.

Dr. Nicki Ruess
Superintendent

FESTUS R-VI BEGINS THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM ON AUGUST 19, 2024

During the school year, classes, with the exception of each Wednesday, will start at the various attendance centers as follows and **students are requested to arrive no earlier than fifteen minutes prior to the start time:**

	Tiny Tigers	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	M-Th A.M. session	M-Th P.M. session
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday schedule:			Wednesday late start schedule:	
Grades K-5	8:35 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.		Grades K-5	9:35 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Grade 6	7:45 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.		Grade 6	8:45 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Grades 7-8	7:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.		Grades 7-8	8:35 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Grades 9-12	7:40 a.m. – 2:37 p.m.		Grades 9-12	8:40 a.m. – 2:37 p.m.

Roy D. Burnside Administrative Building: Dr. Nicki Ruess, Superintendent; Mr. Jonathan Earnhart, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources; Dr. Denise Funston, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Sherry Caldwell, Payroll; Cindy Schraer, Accounts Payable; Becky Uding, Benefits/HR; Barb Womack, Central Office Secretary

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Athletics Information Regarding Athlete Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Starting in July, registration for athletes and marching band members will be **EXCLUSIVELY** online. A link is posted on our athletic website, festusathletics.com, that parents and guardians can use to register and add their student's information. The annual paperwork that is due every school year is there to be filled out and new updated physical forms can be uploaded by parents/guardians here as well, eliminating any paper copies being needed or turned in. Just as in previous years this registration **MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE** your student will be eligible for participation for the 24/25 school year. The software we will be using is **PRIVIT** and your information will be able to be completed on your computer, tablet, mobile or any device connected to the internet. This software is separate from Infinite Campus which is our student information system used for registration for the school year.

If your student-athlete still needs a physical to participate in marching band or athletics for the 2024-2025 school year, the District will host two more physical clinics on Tuesday, July 23 and Thursday, July 25. Details and links to the sign-up page can be found on the District website: www.festus.k12.mo.us. **NO COACHES WILL ACCEPT PHYSICALS OR ANY PAPERWORK FROM ATHLETES.**

High school practices/tryouts (Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Boys Soccer, and Softball) will start on August 12th which is the first allowable practice day by MSHSAA for high school. Middle school practices/tryouts (Cross Country, Football, Volleyball) will start on August 19th which is the first allowable practice day by MSHSAA for middle school. Watch the District website and festusathletics.com for specific times and locations of practices. Athletes will need to have their physical packets filled out in PRIVIT before they will be allowed to practice.

****Physicals are valid for 2 years (730 days) from the date of issue, per MSHSAA guidelines unless the doctor requires a yearly physical. If an athlete has an approved physical (call to check physical date 636-937-5946), the athlete will still have to fill out the remainder of the Athletic Packet in PRIVIT EVERY SCHOOL YEAR.**



ATHLETIC PASSES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Festus Board of Education will provide passes to the district's senior citizens, **65 years and older**, for all non-tournament, home athletic games. You may obtain a senior pass at the Roy D. Burnside Administrative Building, 1515 Mid-Meadow Lane from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



BUS SCHEDULE

Before school begins, a schedule of bus routes will be posted on the R-VI website. If there is a need for additional information relating to the Festus bus schedule, you may contact the Festus School District Transportation Office at 636-937-5716 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION

Weather conditions and other emergencies occasionally lead to the cancellation or an early release of school. Information regarding school cancellations or early dismissals can be found on local TV stations (KTVI Channel 2; KMOV Channel 4; KSDK Channel 5, KPLR Channel 11). Cancellations can also be found on those TV stations' websites, and myinfo.com. Information will also be communicated via our Remind mass communication system and can be found on the school website and Facebook page, and twitter @FestusR6Supt.

SCHOOL MEALS THAT ROCK!

All families will need to complete a Free & Reduced Meal Application. The district has an electronic version of that form and all parents will have access via Parent Portal. Once you login to the Parent Portal you will see a yellow highlighted bar indicating an eForm is available. Simply click on that link and complete the form. We strongly encourage parents to fill out the free and reduced applications. Parent Portal will also give families access to their child's food service account and the on-line payment option. Food Service questions should be directed to the Food Service Department at 636-937-7747 and questions related to completing the Free and Reduced eForm can be directed to Nicole Gurnow at 636-933-9847.

Breakfast will be available to all students on the first day of school. School menus can be viewed on the school website at www.festus.k12.mo.us. The lunch periods are closed at all schools. For safety reasons, no student is allowed off campus. Cafeterias will serve students who qualify under federal guidelines for free or reduced meals. Should a student decide to bring a lunch, milk may be purchased in the cafeteria for \$.50 per half-pint. Meal charging is limited. Charging of Ala Carte items is **not** permitted.

A school lunch tray always has age appropriate portions and includes a healthy balance from five-food groups (fruit, vegetable, grains, protein and milk). Let's work together to encourage children to fill their lunch tray following the MyPlate guidelines: Make half your plate fruits and vegetables; always choose whole grains; switch to fat-free or low-fat 1% milk.

Breakfast costs are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$1.60
Grades 7-12.....	\$1.65
Reduced Breakfast K-12.....	\$0.20
Adult Breakfast	\$2.45



Lunch costs are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$2.95
Grades 7-12.....	\$3.00
Reduced Lunch K-12.....	\$0.40
Adult Lunch.....	\$3.60

2024-2025 MISSOURI SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period. Students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to four days before the due date.
- Missouri-required immunizations should be administered according to the current ACIP schedule, including all spacing, (CDC.Gov/vaccines/schedules).
- To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Immunizations In Progress form (Imm.P.14) on file. In progress means that a child has begun the vaccine series and has an appointment for the next dose. This appointment must be kept and an updated record provided to the school. If the appointment is not kept, the child is no longer in progress and is noncompliant. (i.e., Hep B vaccine series was started but the child is not yet eligible to receive the next dose in the series.)
- Religious (Imm.P.11A) and Medical (Imm.P.12) exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption form must be on file. Unimmunized children are subject to exclusion from school when outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases occur.

Vaccines	Dose Required by Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP/DTP/DT¹	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+
Tdap²									1	1	1	1	1
MCV³ (Meningococcal Conjugate)									1	1	1	1	2
IPV (Polio)⁴	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
MMR⁵	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hepatitis B⁶	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Varicella⁷	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

1. Last dose on or after the fourth birthday and the last dose of pediatric pertussis before the seventh birthday. Maximum needed: six doses.
2. 8-12 Grades: Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required.
3. Grade 8-11: One dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age. Grade 12: Two doses of MCV are required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.
4. Kindergarten-12 Grade: Last dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. The interval between the next-to-last and last dose should be at least six months.
5. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age. If MMR and Varicella are not administered on the same day, they must be at least 28 days apart. The 4-day grace period does not apply to live vaccines.
6. There must be at least four weeks between dose one and two; at least 8 weeks between dose two and three; at least 16 weeks between doses one and three and final dose must be given no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
7. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age. If Varicella and MMR are not administered on the same day, they must be at least 28 days apart. The 4-day grace period does not apply to live vaccines. Kindergarten-12 Grade: As satisfactory evidence of disease, a licensed health care provider may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
TINY TIGER ACADEMY (Pre-K ages 3-5)
 821 American Legion Drive
 PH: 636-465-0395 FAX: 636-392-4001
 Dr. Samantha Mouser, Director

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 15th

AM Session: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

PM Session: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tiny Tiger Academy is a half day program Monday-Thursday and will follow the Festus R-VI School District calendar. The AM session will be 8:30-11:30 and the PM session will be 12:30-3:30. At this time there are no full day options available.

If you would like to have your child added to the waiting list, please call our office at 636-465-0395.

All students must have completed online registration before the first day of school on August 19th. All families enrolling will be required to provide proof of residency (i.e., current utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) . If we do not receive a current proof of residency, your child will not be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year and you will be contacted by a district representative.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-3)

1500 Mid-Meadow Lane

PH: 937-4063 Fax: 937-7870

Dr. Darin Siefert, Principal; Sandra Benack, Assistant Principal
Angie Eisenbeis, Counselor; Tricia Nahlik, Counselor; Kami Johnson, Counselor
Danielle Singleton, Nurse, Jennifer Fulliam Health Room 937-5917

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, August 15th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

To enroll in Kindergarten, a student must be five (5) years of age prior to August 1, 2024. ALL NEW students (K-12) enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can present the birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residence (i.e., current utility bill, rent receipt, etc.), and release of records documentation. Families will also be required to register via online registration/self-registration within Campus, the required documents can be uploaded. School offices will have chromebooks available for parents to use if they do not have a device of their own.

All families are required to provide proof of residency. You will have the option to upload proof of residency (i.e. current utility bill within the online registration form), or, you can email a photocopy of your utility bill to Nicole Gurnow at gurnownicole@festusedu.com. If we do not receive a current proof of residency, you will not be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year and you will be contacted by a district representative.

The following enrollment dates have been scheduled for NEW students to the District:



Monday, August 5 8:00 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosters will be posted on August 9th @ 4:00 p.m.

All students must have completed online registration before the first day of school on August 19th. Parents can access online registration using Parent Portal beginning July 15th. The district must have a valid email address on record to participate. Online registration is a resource that can be used for all students Pre-K-12.

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, August 14th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (Grades 4-6)

1501 Mid-Meadow Lane

PH: 937-4750 Fax: 937-6106

Spencer Kearns, Principal; Dr. Deana Brown, Assistant Principal
Shannon Helms, Counselor; Steve Williams, Counselor
Tiffany Yates, Health Room 937-4799

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MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

1717 West Main Street
PH: 937-5417 Fax: 937-4171
Jacob Munoz, Principal; Matt Boyer, Assistant Principal
Wendy Mickley, Counselor; Joe Fehlker, Counselor
Jessy Beard, Health Room 937-5417

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, August 14th
5:00pm-6:00pm A-M
6:30pm-7:30 pm N-Z

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Wednesday, August 7th 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Open Doors (opportunity to walk the building, find important locations, learn your locker, etc) no teachers will be present - Friday, August 16th 9am-11am and 2pm-5pm.

All students must have completed online registration before the first day of school on August 19th. Parents can access online registration using Parent Portal beginning July 15th. The district must have a valid email address on record to participate. Online registration is a resource that can be used for all students Pre-K-12.

OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, August 13th
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
A+ Meeting 7:30 p.m.



HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

501 Westwind Drive
PH: 937-5410 Fax: 937-8048
Dr. Karl Shininger, Principal (option 8)
Joel Roth, Assistant Principal 937-3896 (option 1 or 2)
Tammy VanEtten, Assistant Principal 937-5410 (option 1 or 2)
Jason Therrell, Activities Director 937-5946
Amanda Esparza, Jennifer Kline, Angie Macy, Alan Woodland, Counselors 937-5944
Maggie Ellis, Health Room 937-5410 (option 5)

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The following enrollment dates have been scheduled for NEW students to the District:

PARKING PERMITS
Seniors Aug. 7th & 8th
Juniors Aug. 12th & 13th
Sophomores Aug 14th
Pick up in the
Attendance Office.

Monday, August 5 8:00 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Freshman Kick-Off
Wednesday, August 14.....10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Transportation will not be provided. More information will be emailed to students and parents at a later date.



FESTUS R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 RECOMMENDED SUPPLY



EARLY CHILDHOOD (Pre-K)

TINY TIGERS ACADEMY: 1 bottle washable squeeze glue; 1 pair of child-sized, rounded-tip scissors; 1 pk. of pencils (5-8 pencils); 1 pack washable watercolor paint with brush set; watercolor paint tray and brush (set of 8 colors); 2 packages of coffee filters (used for snack time!); 1 box of gallon size ziplock bags; Full-sized backpack (The book bag or backpack must be large enough to hold a regular folder, as well as a change of clothes. No wheeled bags. EC will provide a communication folder for each child.); Change of clothes (Always provide a change of clothing in your child's book bag or tote in case of accidents. This includes shirts, pants, underwear or pull-ups, socks and shoes. Remember to label all of your child's clothing.) **WISHLIST (optional) Donations of the following items are GREATLY appreciated:** Boxes of tissues, baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, 100 small disposable cups, paper towels, play dough, coffee filters, treasure box items (small toys or candy).

ELEMENTARY (Grades K-3)

KINDERGARTEN: 1 pair Fiskars brand scissors; 4 plastic folders with prongs (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow); 1 5x8 school box (plastic only); 2 pack pink pearl erasers; backpack (large) enough for folder (no wheels); Child-sized Water Bottle-Reusable (the district has several filling stations); 1 pair of headphones (no earbuds or bluetooth); Please take headphones out of the package and place them in a ziploc bag with your child's name on it; 1 complete change of clothes in a large Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. **Donations of the following are appreciated but not required: Treasure Box Items (small toys or candy)**

GRADE 1: 1 5x8 plastic pencil box; 2 pair of scissors; 2 pkgs. (24 ct.) yellow sharpened #2 pencils (Ticonderoga); 1 spiral wide-ruled notebook; 1 two-pocket folders (blue); 1 pair of headphones (not earbuds); 1 1" flexible binder; 1 pkg. pink erasers (not pencil tops).

GRADE 2: 2 boxes of sharpened yellow 24 count #2 pencils; 1 pencil box;; 1 pair of scissors; 2 single subject spiral notebooks (wide-ruled 70 sheets); 1 pair of headphones (no earbuds); 4 glue sticks; 1 container of anti-bacterial wipes; 3 plastic pocket folders-(1 red, 1 yellow, 1 blue); 4 black dry erase markers; 2 boxes of tissues.

GRADE 3: NO TRAPPER KEEPERS PLEASE. 2 pkgs. #2 pencils 24 ct. (sharpened); 1 pencil box; 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks; 1 pair of scissors; 1 composition notebook; 4 folders; headphones (can be purchased at school store, no earbuds); 1 pkg. pencil cap erasers; 1 pk. blue pens-boys; 1 pk. red pens-girls; 1 box 24 count crayons; 1 pencil sharpener with lid (no battery powered); 1 clipboard; 1 pkg of dry erase markers (black); tissues; anti-bacterial wipes.

INTERMEDIATE (Grades 4-6)

**Assignment Books will be furnished by the Intermediate School for Grades 4, 5, & 6.
NO BINDERS/TRAPPER KEEPERS PLEASE for Grades 4 & 5 due to lack of space in desks.**

Individual teachers may request additional items.

Supplies may need to be replenished throughout the school year.

GRADE 4: 1 Large pencil pouch; scissors; 3 plastic folders; markers; colored pencils; crayons; highlighters; 3 boxes of sharpened pencils; pens; 4 glue sticks; 1 spiral notebook; headphones (no earbuds); 2 dry erase markers; handheld pencil sharpener; clean sock/rag for dry erase; bottle glue; 1 black sharpie marker for art; 1 pack of loose leaf paper. **Optional Supplies:** gallon zip bags, quart zip bags, antibacterial wipes, paper towels, tissues.

GRADE 5: Yellow highlighter; 2 bottles of glue or glue sticks; scissors; 3 boxes of #2 pencils; colored pencils; zipper pencil pouch; 1 pk. loose leaf paper wide-ruled; 2 spiral notebooks; 3 2-pocket folders with brads; washable markers or crayons; clean sock/rag for dry erase; headphones/earbuds (no Bluetooth); handheld pencil sharpener; 1 black sharpie marker for art.

Optional Supplies: a mouse; Antibacterial wipes; tissues; paper towels; dry erase markers; hand sanitizer.

GRADE 6: Zipper binder/Trapper Keeper; pencil pouch (for binder); 1 pk. red pens; 1 pk. blue pens; colored pencils 12 pk.; markers 8 pk.; 1 pk. highlighters; 2 boxes of #2 pencils; 1 pk. loose leaf paper; 4 pairs of headphones/earbuds; scissors; basic calculator; 2 glue sticks; 1 black sharpie for art. **Optional Supplies:** Antibacterial wipes, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8)

Optional Supplies: Mouse for use with Chromebook

GRADE 7: 1 pkg. pencils; 1 pkg. of lined paper; 1 pkg. red pens; 3 folders with pockets; 1 pkg. highlighters; 1 pkg. self-stick notes; earbuds for use with Chromebook; organizing system for all classes (zipper binder, accordion file, etc.); calculator TI-30XS (preferred); notebook (band students only)

GRADE 8: 1 pkg. pencils; 1 pkg. highlighters; 1 pkg. lined paper; 1 pkg. of red pens; 1 pkg. self-stick notes; 3 folders with pockets; 1 1.5" 3-ring binder for science; earbuds for use with Chromebook; organizing system for all classes (zipper binder, accordion file, etc.); calculator TI-30XS (preferred); notebook (band students only).

FESTUS R-VI 2024/2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

'Educating all children to meet tomorrow's challenges'



July 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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			
Total Student Days						10

August 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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
Total Student Days						10

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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					
Total Student Days						20

October 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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		
Total Student Days						22

November 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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
Total Student Days						16

December 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	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				
31	Total Student Days					15

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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	
Total Student Days						19

February 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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	
Total Student Days						18

March 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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	Total Student Days				18

April 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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			
Total Student Days						20

May 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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
Total Student Days						13

June 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	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				

Activities Dead Week	June 29 - July 7
Athletics Dead Week	August 3-11
New Teacher Orientation	August 5-7
Teacher Work Days	August 13-15
FIRST SEMESTER: August 19 – December 20, 2024 (83 days)	
First Quarter: August 19 – October 16 (41 days)	
First Day of School	August 19
No School – Labor Day	September 2
No School – Teacher PD Day	October 7
End of 1 st Quarter	October 16
Second Quarter: October 17 – December 20 (42 days)	
No School (Comp day for P/T Conferences)	November 4
No School – PD Day	November 5
No School – Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
End of 2 nd Qtr./1 st Semester -- Early Release	December 20
No School/Winter Break	December 23-Jan 2
SECOND SEMESTER: January 6 – May 19, 2025 (88 days)	
Third Quarter: January 6 – March 12 (45 days)	
No School/Teacher Workday (Possible Flex Day)	January 3
Students Resume	January 6
No School/MLK Day	January 20
No School/Teacher PD Day	February 14
No School/Presidents' Day	February 17
End of 3 rd Quarter	March 12
Fourth Quarter: March 18 – May 19 (43 days)	
No School (Spring Break)	March 13-17
No School (Good Friday)	April 18
No School (Easter)	April 21
End of 4 th Qtr./2 nd Semester – Early Release	May 19
Teacher Work Day	May 20
Teacher Make-up Work Day (only if hours are needed)	May 21
Memorial Day	May 26

Calendar Legend	
	Activities/Athletics Dead Week
	First Day of School
	No School
	Teacher PD Day
	End of Quarter
	Last Day of School
	Teacher Work Day
	New Teacher Orientation
	Student Attendance Days

For updates on closures, please use the following sources:
KJFF (1400 AM)
KTJJ (98.5 FM)
KTVI (Channel 2)
KMOV (Channel 4)
KSDK (Channel 5)
Twitter: @FestusR6
Facebook: FestusRVI
Website: www.festus.k12.mo.us

Early Release or Inclement Weather Dismissal Times	
Elementary (Grades K-3)	1:10 p.m.
Intermediate (Grades 4-5)	1:10 p.m.
Intermediate (Grade 6)	12:10 p.m.
Middle School (Grades 7-8)	12:00 p.m.
Senior High (Grades 9-12)	12:10 p.m.

NOTES:
 The first four days missed due to inclement weather will be traditional snow days and made up at the end of the school year. However, the final attendance day will be no later than Friday, May 23rd, 2025.

Each Wednesday will have a 1 hour delayed start time due to Professional Learning Communities.

Final Examinations are held the last three attendance days of each semester at the high school.

FESTUS R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT
“Educating all children to meet tomorrow’s challenges.”

Vision for R-VI in 2026 (CSIP)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. **Academic Excellence:** Develop, enhance and implement quality educational and instructional programs to improve achievement and enable students to meet their personal, academic and career goals. (MSIP6.AS1 and AS2)

Objective A: Students will be at 90% proficiency or above in all core subject areas and in all grade levels as measured by district assessments and the MAP Performance Index (MPI) scores on state assessments.

Objective B: Research, develop and implement an early childhood program on campus. (MSIP6.TL.2)

Objective C: Implement effective academic and social-emotional processes to ensure all students are on-track for success at each grade-level and upon graduation as measured by the MSIP6 Success Ready Student metrics. (MSIP6.TL1)

Objective D: Implement effective college and career readiness programs for all students as measured by the state MSIP6 Success Ready Student metrics. (MSIP6.TL3)

Objective E: Maintain a 4-year overall graduation rate of at least 95% by making annual increases in each subgroup. (MSIP6.EA2)

HIGH QUALITY STAFF

2. **High Quality Staff:** Retain, develop, and recruit highly qualified staff to carry out the district mission, goals, and objectives. (MSIP6.TL5)

Objective A: Retain and recruit highly qualified and effective certified and classified staff. (MSIP6.TL5)

Objective B: Ensure highly qualified and effective teachers and administrators through ongoing professional development aligned with the CSIP. (MSIP6.TL8)

Objective C: Continue to utilize a performance-based evaluation system for both certified and classified staff (MSIP6.TL5.B)

STAKEHOLDER SUPPORTS AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS

3. **Stakeholder Supports and District Operations:** Provide effective support services and district operations and resources for all stakeholders. (MSIP6.L.4)

Objective A: Provide a secure and caring learning environment for students and staff through district programs and community agencies. (MSIP6.CC1)

Objective B: Support excellence in teaching, learning and assessment through effective uses of technology. (MSIP6.TL9)

Objective C: Provide safe and well-maintained facilities to support all educational programs of the district. (MSIP6.L10)

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4. **Parent and Community Engagement:** Promote, facilitate, and enhance parent, student, and community involvement in the LEA/District education programs. (MSIP6. CC3 and CC4)

Objective A: Increase engagement with community, civic, and business organizations. (MSIP6.CC3)

Objective B: Increase the engagement of stakeholders to create effective partnerships that support the development and achievement of students. (MSIP6.CC4)

GOVERNANCE

5. **Governance:** Govern the district in an efficient and effective manner providing leadership and representation to benefit the students, staff, and patrons of the district. (MSIP6.L2)

Objective A: The district allocates and manages the resources needed to support district operations, student success and CSIP Priorities (MSIP6.L4)

Objective B: The board monitors and reviews the implementation and outcomes of the Continuous Improvement Plan (CSIP) that focuses on district improvement and performance. (MSIP6L3)

Objective C: The Board of Education shall evaluate the Superintendent utilizing recommended guidelines from the Missouri State Educator Evaluation Model. (MSIP6.L6)

Objective D: The governance team engages in on-going professional learning and self-evaluation in order to strengthen governance practices. (MSIP6.L1.)

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