



▶ **SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 2, 2009**
 (for most students - See details below, or visit our Web site:)

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▶ **SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES:**

ELEMENTARY \$2.25
 MIDDLE \$2.50
 HIGH..... \$2.75



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Launching learning to last a lifetime

RENTON, WA, August, 2009—Welcome to another wonderful year of learning and teaching in the Renton School District.

The school year for most students begins on Wednesday, Sept. 2. For some students at middle and high school, however, the start of school is not until Sept. 3.

All elementary students, and those in 6th- and 9th-grade, along with students at Black River HS, Sartori Education Center and Renton Academy, will begin school on Sept. 2; all other middle and high school students begin school on Sept. 3. Please visit our Web site www.rentonschools.us or call 425.204.2345 to learn more.

Teachers and district staff are ready to welcome the district's nearly 14,000 students back to school and provide them with a quality education and the promise of a bright future.

Renton teachers are among the best qualified, effective educators in the

region, and have spent the summer months honing their skills to challenge our students to reach their full potential.

Each student has his or her own unique interests, goals and strengths. We strive to provide every student with opportunities to excel, experience a meaningful education and to graduate with skills to be successful.

We continue working with students, families, and our communities to improve the learning experience for all students and continue the great gains in educational achievement. Our challenging courses ready students for college and university-level study, and our highly-recognized vocational programs prepare students for the world of work.

Last school year 91% of seniors in our three comprehensive high schools graduated on time, and 89% of those graduates reported they would immediately attend a college, university or vocational school.



Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel
 Superintendent
 Renton School District

Please visit our district Web site www.rentonschools.us during the year for important information and to read about the great things going on in our district. Please don't hesitate to stop me as I visit schools and attend school and community events throughout the district. I value your input, and love to hear about the success of our students.

Let's make this another successful year of learning to last a lifetime.

Continuing to keep schools safe

Weapons prohibited on school property

Under state law RCW 9.41.280, it is a gross misdemeanor for any person to carry or possess a dangerous weapon or firearm on public school premises. Firearms/weapons are not allowed in school; at school-sponsored activities; on school grounds or facilities; or on school-provided transportation. If a student brings a firearm/weapon to school, it will result in an immediate expulsion for no less than one calendar year, and notification of law enforcement.

Renton School District policy also prohibits laser pens and objects that look like weapons, such as toy guns and toy knives. Students or staff who are aware of weapons on campus and do not report the information to school authorities are subject to discipline.

The confidential Renton School District weapons hotline number is 425.204.2468.

Law requires giving student information to military recruiters

Parents can opt out with letter

Federal Law 107-110, Section 9528 of the ESEA "No Child Left Behind Act," requires school districts to release student names, addresses and telephone numbers to military recruiters upon their request.

The law also allows students and parents an opportunity to opt out of having this information released.

To request personal information not be released to military recruiters, please send a letter to your child's school, clearly indicating your child's full name and address, asking that directory information not be released to military recruiters.



2009-2010 Calendar

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| September 2 | First Day of School |
| September 7 | No School—Labor Day |
| October 9 | No School —Teacher Training Day |
| November 6 | No School—Teacher Training Day |
| November 11 | No School — Veterans Day |
| November 26-27 | No School — Thanksgiving Break |
| December 21-Jan. 1 | No School — Winter Break |
| January 18 | No School — MLK Jr. Day |
| January 29 | No School—Teacher Training Day |
| February 15-19 | President's Day/ Mid-Winter Break |
| April 5-9 | Spring Break |
| May 28 | Snow Make Up Day (if needed) |
| May 31 | No School — Memorial Day |
| June 22 | Last day is a half-day for all students |

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) March 16-18 and April 13 & 15
Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) May 10-June 4

GRADING PERIODS/REPORT CARDS ISSUED

| Elementary | |
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| End of 1st Trimester | November 6, 2009 |
| End of 2nd Trimester | March 5, 2010 |
| End of 3rd Trimester | June 22, 2010 |
| Middle & High | |
| End of 1st Grading Period | November 5, 2009 |
| End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester | January 28, 2010 |
| End of 3rd Grading Period | April 16, 2010 |
| End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester | June 22, 2010 |

PARENT CONFERENCES*

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| Elementary Schools | November 19-25, 2009 |
| Middle Schools | November 23-24, 2009 |
| High Schools | November 23, 2009 |

*There is early dismissal during conferences. No half day AM/PM kindergarten classes during conference week.

- 90-minute late starts at all schools (All schools start 90 minutes later than usual.)
- AM Kindergarten attend school full day
- PM Kindergarten attend school full day
- Holiday, No School
- Teacher Training Day, No School
- First & Last Day of School
- Snow Make-Up Day if needed
- Parent Conferences
- High School Testing Dates