

Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*School begins for students on **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.** The Ida Public Schools Board of Education, faculty, and staff would like to welcome everyone back, as we begin another exciting year.*

As our teachers return to prepare their classrooms, students kick off band camp and fall sports, and the Monroe County Fair has concluded, it's clear that the 2025-2026 school year is underway. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and fulfilling summer. The beginning of a new school year is always one of the most exciting times for students, parents, and the entire community. I'm hopeful that you are looking forward to this year with enthusiasm and a shared commitment to making it a successful one for everyone connected to Ida Public Schools.

The momentum from last year has carried into the summer, with continued upgrades to our middle and high school facilities. Many of you are aware of the geothermal project, which will now provide reliable heating and cooling throughout the academic year. Additionally, the high school cafeteria received a much-needed renovation to better serve our students during breakfast and lunch. We also

fulfilled our commitment to resurface the track, an investment that benefits both our students and community members. These improvements, driven by the dedication of our maintenance staff, have enhanced the appearance and functionality of our campus and will positively impact student success for years to come. We should all take pride in the work accomplished this summer.

Student and staff safety remains our highest priority as we head into the new year. I commend our staff and community for their continued vigilance and encourage everyone to maintain the focused commitment we've demonstrated in recent years. There is no room for complacency when it comes to school safety. Your attention to protocols and awareness while visiting our campuses are essential to keeping our schools secure.

In addition to our emphasis on safety, I firmly believe that Ida Public Schools stands out as a leader in fostering a student-centered culture. While many districts across the country base decisions on what's best for adults, our community consistently puts students first. I'm incredibly proud of our staff

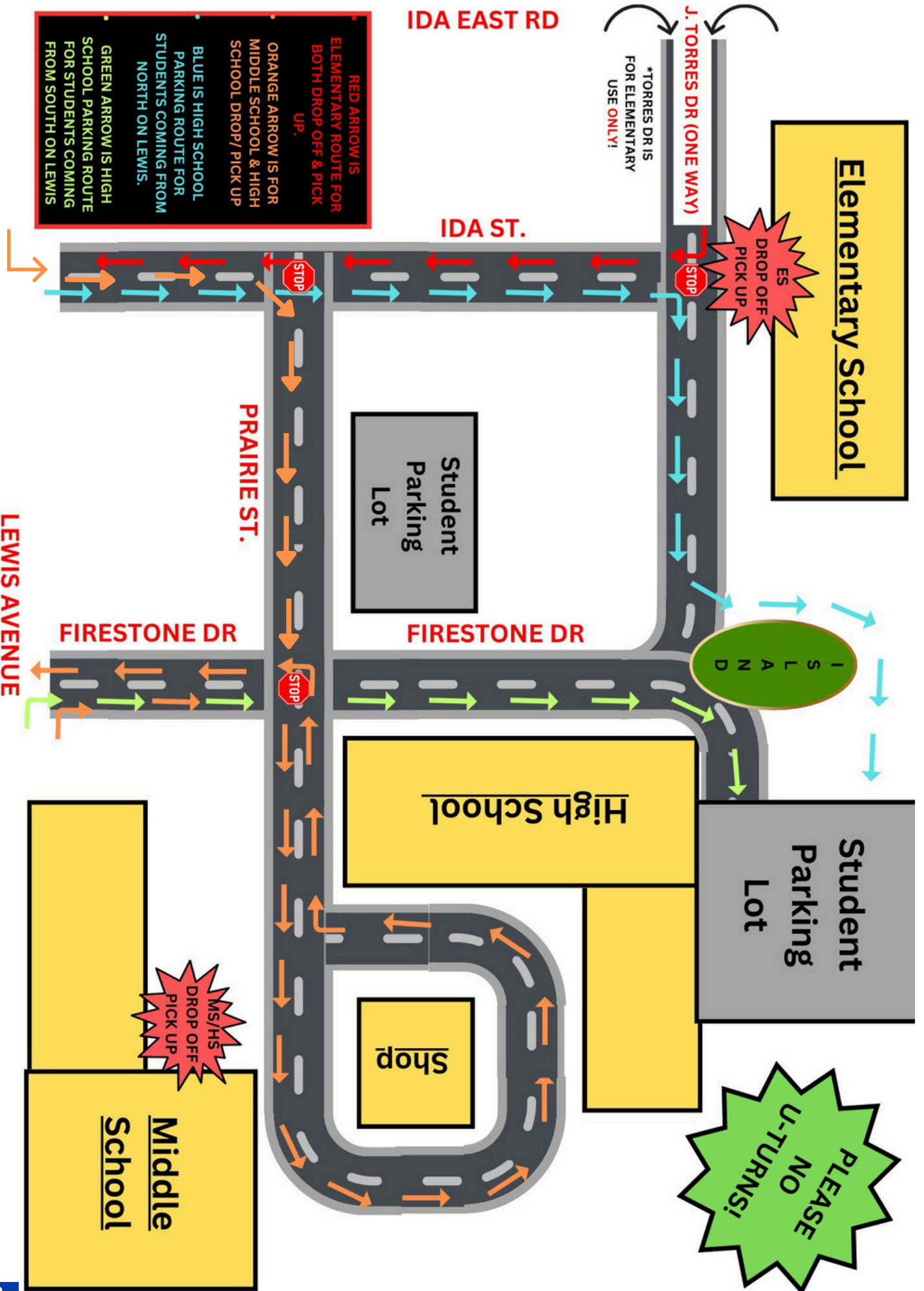
for keeping students at the heart of our mission, and I trust our families see and feel that commitment every day.

As we begin this new chapter, I am filled with excitement about the possibilities ahead and the accomplishments that await us in the year to come. I hope you share in the belief that Ida Public Schools is a place where students feel safe, supported, and empowered to grow academically and personally. Thank you for your ongoing support of Ida Public Schools.

David Eack
Ida Public Schools
Superintendent

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Traffic flow

Updates and Reminders

Elementary school

Pick up and drop off

All elementary parents are to utilize the new drive. The new drive is one way only and consist of two lanes. Traffic is to enter from Ida East proceed to drop off/pick up point at the elementary and exit Ida Street.

There are two sets of gates. One set of gates is by the road (Ida East) and the other set of gates is by the school. The gates at Ida East will be closed every day from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The gates by the school will be closed from 8:30 am to 2:55 pm. Please be sure to have your pick up tag visible.

Middle School

Pick up and drop off

All middle school and high school traffic that is coming from the north on Lewis Avenue must use Ida Street to enter school grounds. Any middle school and high school traffic coming from the south on Lewis must use Firestone Drive. All middle and high school parents are to use the loop to drop off and pick up their student(s) in front of the school. No students are to be dropped off around the back of the shop or over by the high school band room.

High School

Pick up and drop off

All middle and high school parents are to use the loop to drop off and pick up their student(s) in front of the middle school.

Student Parking

High school students coming from the north on Lewis are to come down Ida Street all the way to the elementary and then go to the left of the island then to student parking. They are to exit the same way. High school students coming from the south on Lewis are to enter and exit school grounds through Firestone Drive.

Visitor parking

Please do not park in the parking spots directly in front of the building on the south side of Firestone Dr. before school begins. This lane is needed for bus movement between buildings. If you do need to visit the high school building, including central office, please use the parking spots on the north edge of the parking lot facing the fence.



We are **HIRING!**

Bus Drivers: Full time or substitutes

- *No CDL necessary to apply - we pay to train!
- *CDL reimbursement
- *Paid holidays and sick time
- *Apply on-line or complete a paper copy

Updates from Ida Elementary

New at IES for the 2025-2026 School Year!

This year we are asking every student to have a color coded "Dismissal Tag" attached to the top handle of each students' bookbag.

Dismissal Tags can be picked up by filling out a form and bringing it to the Elementary Office.

You will need to know your child's or children's drop off location and mode of transportation.



Curbside Students

BLUE ID TAGS

Students whose parents stay in their vehicle; Staff will assist child to the proper vehicle. Curbside pick up time is between 3:00 – 3:15pm.

Parents will drive their vehicle through one of our two curbside lines, following the attached map route.

Parents will make sure the curbside tag number is visible to our staff.

Staff member will open the vehicle door to assist your child.

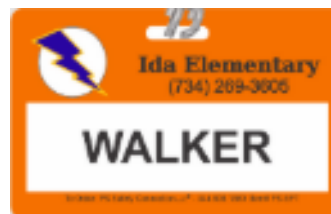
****PARENTS** – you will need to register for a numbered Curbside Tag at the Elementary Office.



Bussed Students

YELLOW ID TAGS

Students who are riding a bus home at the end of the day. ****PARENTS** – you must have arranged this with our Transportation Office to secure your child being placed on a bus. Please call (734) 269-9003 Ext. #4001 or #4003.



Walking Students

ORANGE ID TAGS

Students who live locally and walk home, or students who have a parent that work in one of our other buildings and the student walks to their parent.

Your child will go to our "walkers" area. Your child will wait until all walkers have gathered. Walking students will be dismissed at one time.



Parent Pick Up Students

PURPLE ID TAGS

Students whose parents park their vehicle and come to main entrance to pick up their child. Pick up time is between 3:00 – 3:15pm.

Parents bring their numbered parent pick up tag with them to pick up their child.

Make sure the numbered parent pick up tag is visible to our staff at dismissal time.

****PARENTS** – you will need to register for a numbered Parent Pick Up Tag at the Elementary Office.

Save Time!

Come to the Elementary Office **BEFORE** open house to avoid long lines to receive dismissal (bookbag) tags and pickup/car (parent) tags!

The Elementary Office is open to distribute dismissal (bookbag) & pickup/car (parent) tags August 18th through August 25th from 7:30am to 3:00pm.



Parent Pick Up Tags & Curbside (Car) Tags

Parent pick up numbered tag and curbside numbered curbside car tag will also need to be picked up at the Elementary Office.

Any questions? Call the Elementary Office at (734) 269-3605

PARENTS – Frequent changes to your child's transportation, causes confusion with your student as well as our staff. This can result in your child going to the wrong destination which upsets your child, family members and our staff. Please change your child's transportation **ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding – Thank you!

Updates from Ida Elementary

Ida Elementary School (IES) is proud to be a PBIS (Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports) school. IES is committed to recognizing and reinforcing excellent behavior and correcting negative behaviors with support, reteaching, and partnering with families to support the character and behavior needs of our students.

The first few weeks of school, students learn our building-wide expectations and will have opportunities throughout the year to practice and grow in these expectations. We encourage you to reinforce these same expectations at home, so we can partner together!

When behavior issues do arise, our staff follows our school-wide behavior flow chart that outlines interventions and consequences. When teachers use the flowchart interventions and they are unsuccessful, an Office Discipline Referral is entered and tracked.

To ensure we partner with families, teachers or administrators will contact parents through email, phone, or Bloomz when these types of events occur. Administrators determine the next steps that best suit the situation and behavior. To ensure the safety of each student, details about the students involved will never be disclosed or discussed outside of the MTSS Behavior team and involved IES Staff Members.

We approach behavior interventions in a similar way to academic interventions. As a team we search for the cause of the behavior and implement interventions to support the student. PBIS is a reinforcement and consequence based system. As a community we see the need to move away from reactive punishments and a move toward restoring relationships and supporting the growth of students in a positive direction. We can't embark on this mission alone. We look forward to teaching your family about PBIS and the importance it has in both the school and home setting. Thank you for your partnership.

Ms. Stacy Maynard, Principal of Ida Elementary School
Mr. Mitchell Graves, Assistant Principal of Ida Elementary School

Motto of Ida Elementary School
2025 - 2026 School Year

We Are STREAKS

S - Safety First
T - Treat Others Nicely
R - Respect Each Other
E - Everyone's Opinion Matters
A - Always Do Your Best
K - Kindness Counts
S - Students and Staff Build Character

Theme - <i>What WE Do</i>	Character Strikes - <i>What WE Think</i>
We Are STREAKS	(begins in October)
S - Safety First	Self-Discipline
T - Treat Others Nicely	Fairness
R - Respect Each Other	Respect
E - Everyone's Opinion Matters	Citizenship
A - Always Do Your Best	Responsibility
K - Kindness Counts	Kindness
S - Students and Staff Build Character	Trustworthy

Time for Lunch!

Food Service Updates

Breakfast will be served in each building

- Elementary - 8:00am (delivered to the classroom)
- Middle and High school breakfast 7:45am - 8:00am in the cafeteria. Students may go directly to the cafeteria once the building opens.

Lunch

- Ala Carte will be available, as usual in the Middle and High school during lunch times.
- If your child packs his/her lunch, milk will be offered for .50.

If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the participant from eating the regular school meals, we will

make reasonable substitutions to the meals for students who are considered to have a disability or medical need that restricts their diet. This is done on a case-by-case basis. A doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school. The Dietary/Allergy form may be obtained on the school website, in the school front office, or the food service department. We will provide building lunch menus as usual. These can be found on the school website under the specified building. An elementary breakfast menu will also be provided.

We look forward to a great school year here at Ida Public Schools!

**If you have any questions please call Tanya Monday, Food Service Director
734-269-9003 ext.3510 or email Tanya at mondayeidaschools.org**



Don't Scrap the App!

We still need your household to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application that will be arriving in the school packets. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology
- Numerous fee waivers for high school students (Please see your counselor for more information)

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the application, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

**Save
THE
Date**

come cheer on the Bluestreaks
at their Homecoming game!

Ida Homecoming vs Madison

Friday, October 3rd

5:30pm Parade

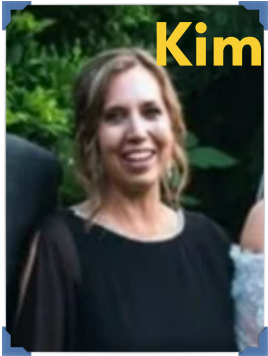
7pm Football Game

Hemmelgarn Field



New Staff and Positions:

Welcome to Ida!



Kim DeSilvis

Mrs. DeSilvis joined us at Ida at the beginning of the second semester last school year. She will be teaching high school and 8th grade Spanish.

About me: My name is Kim DeSilvis. I have been married to my husband, Jim, for 31 years. We have three grown children and six grandchildren. This will be my 30th year teaching Spanish. Besides teaching, I love traveling and reading.

Something great this summer: This summer was very exciting, as my daughter, Kennedy, got married at the Toledo Zoo on July 5th. My husband and I also traveled to Puerto Morelos, Mexico for relaxation and fun Spanish practice.

For next school year, I am most excited about: Seeing the students again. The Ida students have been so kind and welcoming. I can't wait to teach them again this fall!



Katy Anderson

Ms. Anderson started teaching at Ida last school year in January, taking on a role in first grade.

About me: I am getting married the weekend before school starts, so while I may have been Miss Anderson to a class of first graders last year, I will be Mrs. Porter to my class this September. I am so excited to start my third year of teaching and first full year at Ida Elementary! I live in the area and love that I get to serve the community through my career. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, cooking, and spending time with my family and friends.

Something great this summer: This summer I have enjoyed helping my fiancé farm, going up north with my family, and enjoying all the festivities that come with planning a wedding.

For next school year, I am so excited: To meet my incoming class and to see some familiar faces walking around the building. I love being an educator and finding new ways to make school a magical place. I can't wait to begin!



Georgia Keefer

Ms. Keefer started teaching at Ida last school year in December, taking on a role in third grade.

About me: I am Georgia Keefer! I am 23 years old and just graduated from Eastern Michigan University in December of 2024. After that, I was hired in as a third grade teacher, so although I started halfway through last year, this is my first FULL year as a teacher!

Something great this summer: I got to visit my family in Oklahoma and got the worst sunburn of my life!!

Something I'm looking forward to: Getting to know my new group of kids this year and seeing the kids I bonded with through the last half of last year.

Ms. Sortor joined our facilities and maintenance team as a high school custodian last April. We are grateful to have her!

Amy Sortor

Mr. Bork joined the facilities and maintenance team last February. He assists our maintenance supervisor in his many district projects.

Kevin Bork

Mrs. Monday is the new Food Service Director, following the retirement of Pam Oberski. She is excited to take on the roll, and we are so glad to have her!

Tanya Monday

Mrs. Kerfoot has been with the district for 19 years. This year, she is joining the high school team as a special education teacher. We are glad to have her many talents at the High School!

Julie Kerfoot



Ida Public Schools Transportation



BE IN THE KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPORTATION

Bus Stop Facts:

1. Only the transportation supervisor can assign or move bus stops.
2. Students are limited to two pick up or drop off locations.
3. Dress for the weather: students need to be out and ready five minutes prior to their scheduled pick up time.
4. Stay off the road at all times while walking to or waiting for the school bus.
5. Line up single file off the roadway while waiting to board.
6. Wait till the driver has signaled you to cross the road.
7. Cross 10 feet in front of the bus.

Bus Rules:

1. Remain seated and out of the aisle while the bus is in motion.
2. Keep all body parts inside the school bus at all times.
3. No eating or drinking on the school bus.
4. No littering or throwing items around the bus.
5. Keep books, book bags, packages, coats and all other items out of the aisle.
6. No taking pictures or videos; no sharing videos or games with other students.
7. No fighting or bullying.
8. No destruction of property.

 734-269-2785

Ida Public Schools Strategic Plan 2024-2029

SUMMARY

Our Mission

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

Our Vision

Ida Public Schools is the place where students successfully grow, learn, and develop.

Our Belief Statements

- All students can learn
- The learning process and mastery of learning is unique to each individual student
- Community is essential to educating the whole child
- Quality education is essential to future success

Strategic Goal Categories

Academics, Programs,
and Initiatives

Family, Partner, and
Community Engagement

Positive Climate and
Culture

Finances, Operations,
and Facilities

Personnel and
Leadership

Ida Public Schools 2025-2026 School Calendar

August 2025	
Tues., Aug. 26	Professional Development Day (8-3:30) Open House – ES 4:30-6:00 p.m., MS 4:30-6:00 p.m., HS 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 27	Professional Development Day (8-3:30)
September 2025	
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day – No School
Tues., Sept. 2	First Day for Students
October 2025	
Fri., Oct. 31	End of 1st Marking Period
November 2025	
Mon., Nov. 3	Professional Development Day
Mon., Nov. 24	½ day: K-4 P/T Conferences (1-3 and 5-8); 5th grade Conferences (1-4); 6th-8th grades and HS PD (1-4)
Tues., Nov. 25	½ day: K-4 P/T Conferences (1-4); M.S. and H.S. Conf. (1-3 and 5-8)
Wed., Nov. 26	½ Day
Thurs/Fri., Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 2025	
Sat., Dec. 20 – Sun., Jan. 4	County wide Winter Break
January 2026	
Mon., Jan. 5	Classes Resume
Mon., Jan. 19	Professional Development Day (MLK Day) (No Students)
Wed., Jan. 21	Exams Begin
Thur., Jan. 22	<i>First Semester Exam – ½ day</i>
Fri., Jan. 23	<i>First Semester Exam – ½ day</i>
Mon., Jan. 26	Second Semester Begins
February 2026	
Mon., Feb. 16	Professional Development Day (Presidents' Day) (No students)
March 2026	
Fri., Mar. 27	End of 3rd Marking Period
Mon., Mar. 30-Apr 3	County wide Spring Break
April 2026	
Mon., Apr 6	Holiday/Day after Easter
Tues., Apr 7	Classes Resume
**Wed., Apr. 8	PSAT 8, all grades report to school
**Thur., Apr. 9	PSAT 9, PSAT 10, WorkKeys 11, all grades report to school
**Fri., Apr. 10	SAT 11 ** Subject to change
May 2026	
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day - No School
June 2026	
Wed., June 3	Exams Begin
Thur., June 4	<i>Second Semester Exams – ½ day</i>
Fri., June 5	<i>Second Semester Exams – ½ day; Students Last Day</i>

Ida Public Schools Board of Education Meetings

At their Annual Organizational Meeting the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal Year 2026. Eleven (11) of the twelve regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All Board meetings will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and will be held in the high school media center, unless the Board determines a more appropriate site is available.

July 14, 2025	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting
August 11, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
September 8, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
October 13, 2025	Regular Business Meeting/Student Enrollment Certification
November 10, 2025	Annual Financial Meeting, including Budget Hearing
December 8, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
January 12, 2026	Regular Business Meeting/Second Annual Organizational Meeting/First Review of 2026-2027 Budget
February 9, 2026	Regular Business Meeting
March 9, 2026	Regular Business Meeting
April 13, 2026	Regular Business Meeting
May 11, 2026	Regular Business Meeting
June 15, 2026*	Regular Business Meeting/Uniform Budget Meeting/End of Fiscal Year
July 13, 2026	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting

*3rd Monday of the month

The Ida Board of Education reserves the right to schedule Special Meetings, or to reschedule or cancel any of the Regular meeting(s) listed above, based on the needs of the school district. Please see website for updates.

Ida School District Mission Statement

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

Board of Education

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Director

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Middle School Assistant
Principal

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Supervisor

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Technology Director

Tanya Monday
Food Service
Director

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Bldg/Grounds and
Maintenance
Supervisor

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Ida Public Schools Telephone Directory • District (734) 269-9003

Elementary School: K – 4

269-3605 or Ext. 3501 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Hours: 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Principal: S. Maynard3500
Assistant Principal: M. Graves.....3504
Admn Asst: J. Wehner3501
Admn Asst: A. Akens3502
School Counselor: A. Young3521
Student Services Provider: D. Banker3520

Middle School: 5 – 8

269-2220 or Ext. 2502 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: L. Becker2500
Assistant Principal: A. Georgic2501
Admn Asst: T. Gagnet.....2502
Admn Asst: M. Hosler.....2503
School Counselor: J. Butz2504
School Counselor: B. Pawlak2514

High School: 9 - 12

269-3485 or Ext. 1502 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: C. Fuller 1500
Assistant Principal: P. Riley1504
Admn Asst: W. Hiteshew.....1502
Admn Asst: R. Nowak.....1503
School Counselor: R. Daniels1506
School Counselor: C. Ryan1505

Central Office

269-3110 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent/HR Director: D. Eack.....4000
Admn Asst: J. Dressel4002
Curriculum Director: S. Ash.....4005

Business Office

269-2043 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Business Manager: C. Baas5003
Bookkeeper: R. Pfeiffer5002
Payroll Clerk: T. Ridner5001

Special Areas

Athletic Director: P. Riley269-3485 or 1504
Building/Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor: G. Pello
Food Service Director: T. Monday3510
Technology Director: R. Kisonas5005
Transportation Supervisor: C. Galloro.....4001
Admn Asst: Vacant4003
School Nurse: W. Rhoades1510
School Social Worker: R. TinneyES-3036, MS-2520
School Psychologist:ES-3036
MS-2518
HS-1518

Summer hours may vary for office staff.