



New Kent County Public Schools
Important Beginning of the Year Information
2020-2021

We are excited for the beginning of a new school year! The following tools will help you and your student(s) get off to a great start. There is no need to act now. Some of these services are available now and others will become available by the close of business on Monday, August 31, 2020:

PowerSchool

PowerSchool gives families of students in grades 2-12 easy access to class grades, attendance information, and student schedules, while K-1 shows attendance history. The online tool comes in two versions: one for students and one for parents and guardians called PowerSchool Parent Portal.

On **Monday, August 31 at the close of business**, PowerSchool Parent Portal access will be available for account creation.

While students can log in using their NKCPs usernames and passwords, parents and guardians must create their own accounts. Parents who used the system in 2019-20 will be able to log in with their existing usernames and passwords. Parents of students in grades K - 2 will be mailed the week of 8/31/2020 information on how to register for PowerSchool.

Parents can also access PowerSchool using apps on their iOS or Android mobile devices. The app will request a **school access code** which is **NMSN**.

School Messenger

School Messenger ensures efficient communication between schools, parents, and staff regarding general announcements and emergencies. Please make sure that you have updated all of your contact information with your child's school as general information is updated via PowerSchool. If you would like to receive text messages **text Y or Yes to 67587**.

Online School Payments (grades 6-12)

Beginning on **Friday, September 4th: [Online School Payments](#)** is an easy way for families of middle- and high-schoolers to pay school fees electronically. If you have not used Online School Payments before, you will need to set up an account. Please note that there is a convenience fee to use the service, which pays for the vendor's costs. Additional information about paying fees will be coming from your school in the upcoming week!

School Breakfast and Lunch

School Nutrition Services makes it easy to [pay for meals](#), [check menus](#), and more online (grades K-12).

[mySchoolBucks](#) is available for managing your students' cafeteria accounts. You can check balances and purchases, get low-balance alerts and set up automatic payments. Additionally, see what's on the menu at your school with [MealViewer](#). Please review the Back to School Letter from School Nutrition in PowerSchool for additional information.

Take mySchoolBucks wherever you go! Make payments on-the-go, check balances, view purchases, and more! Download the mySchoolBucks app on Google Play or iOS! Click [here](#) for additional information.

Families interested in applying for the national free-and-reduced-lunch program may access the application [here](#). Forms will also be mailed home the week of 8/31/2020 to all students. Families completing this form should also complete the waiver to share information with other programs, which can be found [here](#) and will also be sent home at the beginning of the school year with all students.

We agree that this is a lot of information and appreciate your attention to these important documents as we start another great school year! Please contact your student's school if you need assistance. We will also send a reminder message next week.

Best wishes for a great start to the year!
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URLs:

New Kent Transportation: <http://bit.ly/NewKentTransportation>
PowerSchool: <https://powerschool.newkentschools.org/public/>
Online School Payments: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/NewKentVA/>
MySchoolBucks: <http://bit.ly/NKmySchoolBucks>



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Meal Viewer: <http://bit.ly/NKMealViewer>

Meal Charge Policy: <http://bit.ly/EFB-R1>

Free and Reduced Lunch Program: <http://bit.ly/NewKentPSNutrition>