

What Time Should My Child Arrive at School?

Playground supervision begins at 7:50AM. Please do not drop your child off before 7:50AM unless your child is enrolled in the YMCA Surround Care program. Students may play on the playground or enter the building for breakfast beginning at 7:45 AM. **The first bell to enter the building rings at 8:10 AM.** Students should be in their classroom at the final bell (8:15 AM). All outside doors are locked after the 8:30 AM. If your child arrives late (after 8:30AM), please bring them to the main office doors to enter the building and ensure they enter safely before you leave. All late students are required to stop in the office for a “Pass to Class” – if the teacher has marked them absent, the “Pass to Class” lets the teacher know the student has checked in at the office. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:45 - 8:10AM.

In case of inclement weather, the children will enter the building before the 8:10AM bell and go to the gym for supervised activities or to have breakfast.

IMPORTANT: Children are not allowed in the building prior to 7:45AM. Therefore we ask that they not be dropped off before that as there is no adult supervision outside before that time.

WALKING, BIKING, and DROPPING OFF AT SCHOOL

Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori participates in the [“Safe Routes to School”](#) program. Children are encouraged to walk or bike to school. Crossing guard locations in the neighborhood are located at:

- ★ George St. and Gillette St.
- ★ Kane St. and Gillette St.

Children are encouraged to:

- ★ Use crosswalks and crossing guards whenever possible.
- ★ Wear a bike helmet when biking (if you cannot afford a helmet, please consult with our school social worker).
- ★ Use the bike rack near the school playground to store bikes during the school day.
Bike locks are encouraged – we are not responsible for stolen bikes.
- ★ Walk bikes across the crosswalks and on school property.
- ★ Carry rollerblades, scooters and skateboards on school grounds and keep them in your locker during the school day.

Parents are encouraged to:

- ★ For the safety of ALL children at Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, please be reminded that parking directly in front of the school on Kane Street and Charles Street from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM on school days by the playground is illegal. The street is clearly marked with road signs for *“no parking during school days”* and *“no stopping or standing during school days”*. This regulation is in effect for the safety of ALL children before and after school.
- ★ Please help us keep traffic controlled by following the parking regulations and crossing with the staff supervision, crossing guards, and safety patrols.
- ★ Please **do not park in the staff parking lot to drop off before school (7:45 – 8:15 AM) or to pick up students after school (2:45 – 3:15 PM).** Thank you for your help in keeping the children safe.

After School Options for Families & Important Forms!!!

After School Options...

- ★ The [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse](#) will continue to offer after school activities & programs in Academics, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Life Styles. More detailed information regarding the Boys & Girls Club will be sent home at a later date. If your child is not a current member, parents should stop by or contact the Boys & Girls Club for a membership form (608) 782-3926.
- ★ [YMCA Surround Care](#): The YMCA of La Crosse will provide affordable quality childcare and academic programming after school at the Northside/Coulee Montessori Campus. All children in grades K-5 will be accepted. No child will be turned away due to financial need. This program will take place between 2:55pm and 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Students will participate in a combination of recreational activities, homework help, academic enrichment, academic tutoring, wellness education and arts and crafts as appropriate for each child. Parents can contact the YMCA of La Crosse at 608-782-9622 ext. 275 for more information.

FORMS...

- ★ Please complete the **School Dismissal/After School Plan** (included in this packet) and return to your child's teacher so they are aware of your child's after-school plans.
- ★ In the event that weather forces us to cancel school early we also need you to complete the **Emergency School Closing** form (included in this packet). School district officials will communicate a closing via phone, email, text, Facebook and local radio and news stations.
- ★ This school year there will only be 4 early release days. Please fill out and return the **Parent Instructions for Planned Early Release Days** form (included in this packet). If we do not receive this form back from you, your child(ren) will follow their normal after school plan.