



Greetings to our DMS Community!

It wasn't that long ago that we had numerous school closings due to inclement/cold weather and now we are in the midst of some oppressive heat and humidity. Oh, Minnesota how we love thee! Please read the information below for back to school information and I highly encourage every family to have an Infinite Campus Web Account!

Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, [all bus route information for students in middle school and high school can be found by logging into your Infinite Campus Web account](#) or through the Mobile Apps *Campus Parent* (for parents/guardians) and *Campus Student* (for students)

INFINITE CAMPUS INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

What is Infinite Campus?

Through [Infinite Campus Web Access](#) and Mobile Apps — *Campus Parent* (for parents/guardians) and *Campus Student* (for students) — parents and students can monitor grades, standardized test scores, attendance, and more. The system is also used to communicate important information from schools and the District.

How is it different from Schoology?

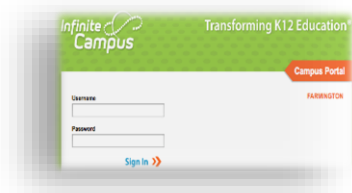
[Schoology](#) is a learning management system that allows teachers to communicate class assignments, resources and reminders to students. This tool may also be used for students to submit assignments and engage in class discussion.

How do I get an Infinite Campus Account?

If you do not have an account with Infinite Campus, you can begin the process of setting your account up by contacting the main office of your child's school. By updating your e-mail address and indicating your interest in a Campus Parent account, you will be sent an invitation to register online. If you have children at more than one school, you do not need to call more than one main office.

How do I login to Campus Parent/Campus Student?

If you already have an account and would like to access through the web site, you can [Log In Now](#).





How do I get the Campus Parent/Campus Student mobile app?

If you would like to use the Infinite Campus app, please use the *Campus Parent* app (parents/guardians) or the *Campus Student* app (students) from your device's mobile app store. As of June 30, 2019, Infinite Campus is discontinuing the *Campus Mobile Portal* app. [Download your free app](#) for real-time access to grades, attendance, schedules, announcements and more!

NEW Infinite Campus Apps



Information about Infinite Campus [notifications through the Campus Portal can be found here.](#)

GATEWAY ACADEMY IS MOVING TO DODGE!

We are excited to share that Gateway Academy will fully reside at Dodge Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year! Gateway Academy is a 6-8, personalized competency-based learning community. Rooted in community action and problem-solving, students engage in authentic collaboration and creative experiences in which they solve real problems. Gateway students will have a blended experience by taking Language Arts, Physical Education and Elective courses as part of Dodge programming while also having math, personal project, and concept time with their Gateway advisor, Mr. Schlatter. Having Gateway at DMS allows us the opportunity to more fully personalize each student's experience! [If you are interested in learning more about this program or enrolling your student please click HERE!](#)

SCHEDULE/PICTURE DAY IS AUGUST 14, 2019

This annual event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 here at Dodge Middle School. On this day students will be able to have their school picture taken, pick up their schedule, make food service deposits, order physical education clothing for P.E, (optional) contribute \$5.00 to student T-Shirts and tour the building. In addition, our WEB leaders will be present to help with lockers and answer questions. You may come at any time during the window but we do ask you plan for about 30-45 minutes. Additional information and forms can be found on the DMS website as the summer progresses.

ipads will be checked out to students after the school year has started and we will communicate information pertaining to the iPad Loan Agreement and associated user fees later via Email.

If you are unable to join us on Schedule/Picture Day, you can stop in our main office after that date to obtain the necessary paperwork.

*Physical Education requires that students wear black shorts, a gray shirt and tennis shoes. Families can provide these on their own or we will have options of items to order. [You can view the clothing options HERE.](#)

[2019 Schedule/Picture Day Resources](#)



6TH GRADE ORIENTATION “WEB DAY” IS AUGUST 22, 2019

We are very excited that your student will be attending middle school in Farmington this year and we look forward to meeting our students on **Orientation Day – Thursday, August 22, 2019**. As you may know, our school participates in the nationwide W.E.B. Program, an organization whose primary purpose is to help sixth graders feel more comfortable and to help them achieve success in their first year of middle school.

The WEB sixth grade orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support sixth graders by assigning them an 8th grade WEB Leader as a mentor during this first year. This WEB Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus. Below is some important information about orientation:

1. In early August we will be mailing each 6th grade student a transportation slip. This will include your student’s personalized transportation information for August 22. It will list the time and location of the bus pickup and drop off for this event. If this information appears inaccurate, please call the main office at 651-460-1500.
2. Should you wish to transport your student, this event is scheduled to take place from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
3. Your student is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses or other like items as the day is quite active.
4. Because the day is active, please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.
5. Students will be served a traditional school lunch. They will need to bring their PIN number and their meal accounts will be charged. Students can bring bag lunches if they prefer.

This is a student-only function, so we encourage you to let your child attend on their own.

Thank you for marking this very important date on your calendars. We look forward to meeting your student on orientation day!

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (OPEN HOUSE) IS AUGUST 27, 2019

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for our Back-to-School Night! Each grade level will have a short presentation during the evening. This schedule will be shared later this summer.

This time will be used to discuss a variety of topics including connecting via Schoology and Infinite Campus Web Access and the value that we place on team building during Tiger Connections. We will also be discussing ways for parents to collaborate with us in your child’s education. We hope the connections we make with you during this evening will facilitate on-going communication throughout the year!

Additionally, students and parents may feel free to visit their student’s teachers and classrooms in no particular order



according to a schedule that works well for you. Staff will be available until 7:30 p.m. and are excited to see students they will have this upcoming year.

MEDICATION PERMISSION FORMS

Medication Permission forms are required annually for your child to receive medication through the health office. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. Please see www.farmington.k12.mn.us, locate Services, Health Services and find Medication and Required Forms to download the appropriate form for your doctor to complete.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!



We have launched our own Twitter account for the latest updates from Dodge Middle School. This is a great way to stay in touch with all of the great things happening in a way that is convenient for our parents. We encourage you to follow us on Twitter @DodgeTigers and look forward to growing our fan base!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2019-2020

You can access the school supply lists by clicking [HERE](#). If you need assistance with supplies on this list please contact our main office and we will be happy to support your student(s).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

[The Office will be closed July 15th - July 26th](#)

7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

(Closed for lunch between 11am-12pm)

It is hard to believe but I am starting my 11th year as principal here at Dodge! We have an incredible group of adults here that are poised and ready to help you and your student in every way possible. Please know that you can call on me personally or any of the staff at Dodge Middle School for support and guidance as part of the middle school experience. You can reach me via email at cbussmann@farmington.k12.mn.us or my direct line is 651-460-1502.

Take care,

Chris Bussmann, Principal