



Back to School 2021-2022

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! We are very excited to return to our 'normal' full day, in-person instruction schedule (attached below). The entire Newcastle staff is eager to welcome back students, parents, and our extended Newcastle community. Together we are going to make the 2021-2022 school year INCREDIBLE! With a focus on helping students to be their best, we'll embrace our traditions and our emphasis on academic excellence, while focusing our energy and efforts on creating a positive school climate, providing targeted academic intervention, and expanding enrichment experiences for all students.

First Day of School - Wednesday, August 11th!

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

1:30 release on Mondays / 2:30 release on Tuesday - Friday

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

Important dates to remember include:

Back to School Night is August 19th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Conference Weeks - November 15-19 & March 14-18

Open House is May 12th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Data Confirmation/Teacher Assignment - All of the 'traditional' Back to School documents are now completed online through the Aeries Parent Portal. These documents are critical to our ability to have complete information for each of our students. **All families must complete the Data Confirmation documents through the Aeries Parent Portal in order to receive your student's teacher assignment for the new school year. Once completed, you will be able to access your student's account to view their teacher assignment on Friday, August 6th.** Families that do not complete the Data Confirmation documents will not be able to access their student's teacher assignment until these documents are complete. The directions to complete the Data Confirmation documents are available on our [school website](#) or you can email Debby LaPorte at dlaporte@newcastle.k12.ca.us for assistance. The school office will be open for assistance beginning August 2nd from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. We will have computers available to help you complete the process here, or we can guide you through it over the phone. Please contact the school at 916-663-3307 if we can help!

Open Positions!

- **We need NOON SUPERVISORS!** Student lunchtime supervision is incredibly important to the safety of our students. The hours are Monday - Friday, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please email cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you or anyone you know is interested in this paid position.
- **We are looking for SHORT TERM INTERVENTION AIDES (6 hours / 4 days per week) and 1 PERMANENT 4.75 HOUR PER DAY STUDENT SUPPORT AIDE (5 days per week).** Again, these positions are absolutely critical to our program! We want to ensure that our students receive the academic support that will help them achieve their very best and you can help us make this happen! Please reach out to Principal Cindy Giove with your questions or to discuss if you can assist in all or a portion of these positions. We are open to all possibilities! Click [HERE](#) to view the job description for the Short Term Intervention Aide.
- **Band Teacher** - If you know anyone who is interested in teaching band to 6-8th grade students either before or after school, please have them contact cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

COVID Guidance Update - Current CDPH guidelines are that masks are required for all TK-12th grade students and adults while indoors. The district will be sending out an updated message very soon with more details as things are changing rapidly.

Transportation Update - At this time we are still unable to secure bus transportation. We continue to reach out to local bus companies to provide this service to our families. As soon as we hear any positive news on this topic, we will let you know. At this time, please consider reaching out to family and friends to carpool. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Independent Study - Newcastle will be providing an Independent Study Program per AB 130. You will be receiving an update from the district this week with additional details.

August 2021

Student Schedule [HERE](#)

Monday, 8/9	<i>NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development</i>
Tuesday, 8/10	<i>NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development</i>
Wednesday, 8/11	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! School Schedule
Thursday, 8/12	
Friday, 8/13	

Upcoming Events:

8/16 - Our first Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm for all students in grades 1-8

8/18 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

8/19 - Back to School Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm

8/20 - Our first safety drills from - 8:15 - 9:45 am

8/30 - Vision Screening grades K, 2, 5 & 8

9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/8 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

9/9 - Site Council Meeting 3 pm

9/16 - Safety Drill

10/4 - 10/8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL

10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/21 - Safety Drill
11/10 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
11/11 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
11/15-19 - Conference Week
11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break
12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm
12/20 - 1/3 - Winter Break

COVID SAFETY:

Please review the COVID expectations listed below as we all work together to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and the larger community. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:

Exposure to a positive COVID-19 person
Exposure to a person waiting for test results
Exposure to a person experiencing ANY COVID symptoms
If a person is experiencing any COVID symptoms

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please call the school office if you have any questions about whether your child should come to school, before leaving home.

[Newcastle School Website](#)
[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and support.

GO KNIGHTS!

**Truly,
Cindy Giove, Principal**