

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of September 8, 2023

Before and After School Program

Registration is now open for Before and After School programming. The first step is to register for the program(s) of your choice. The cost of registration is a one time \$15 charge per child per program. Once registration is complete, our lead teachers will call to let you know we are able to begin serving students. We do need at least 25 students in each program to operate.

[Before School Registration form.](#)

[After School Registration form.](#)

East Wake High School Survey

Public Notice - Possible Calendar Change for East Wake for the 2024-2025 School Year

East Wake is considering a switch from the traditional calendar to the Early College Calendar, and we're here to highlight the benefits and why this change is being considered.

What is the Early College Calendar? Under the Early College Calendar, the school year starts during the second week of August. This schedule offers numerous advantages for both students and families, enhancing the learning experience and providing valuable opportunities to Wake Tech.

Why Consider the Early College Calendar?

- **Maximized Learning:** An early start means students will take standardized testing and exams before students leave for winter break in December. This can contribute to improved academic performance since there will not be over a two-week break one week before students take exams in January as they do now.
- **Smoother Transition:** The early start aligns with the start date for Wake Tech, which will open up in August 2024, offering a smoother transition for students planning to begin to take courses under our new magnet program as early as the 9th grade. If the calendar change is not approved, families will be responsible for getting their children to their Wake Tech classes until the first day of school.

Your Input Matters! We value your opinion and want to make an informed decision that best serves our students and community. The one disadvantage is that families could have multiple children on different calendars. Please complete this [survey](#) for your voice to be heard.

The Early College Calendar could offer new opportunities for your child's growth and development. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in shaping the future of education at East Wake.

Open House

Our Open House is scheduled for September 13 from 6-7:30 PM. We will begin in the gym with a brief PTA meeting and a short presentation from me regarding how the school is funded. We will introduce the teachers and then send you to the classrooms where grade level teams will share their instructional focus and share strategies you can use at home to support learning. We look forward to seeing a large number of families to support teaching and learning at Zebulon GT Magnet Elementary School.

Contacting Your Teachers

When you are having a problem with anything that stems from the classroom, please speak with your child's teacher. Our teachers are here for you and your student. Even if a student feels like the teacher does not like him/her, it is important for parents to work with the teachers to build those relationships. Every staff member in the school wants success for your child. If we work together, we can assure that success.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

September 13, 2023	Open House 6:00 – 7:30 PM
September 25, 2023	Teacher Workday
September 27, 2023	Interim Report Cards Go Home
September 27, 2023	PICTURE DAY

