

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the school day start and dismissal times?

- The doors open at 7:00 a.m.
- The first bell rings at 7:25 a.m. School begins at 7:30 a.m.
- School dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Early dismissal is at 1:00 p.m.
- Office attendance is taken at 9:30 a.m. Please plan appointments accordingly. **If your child is going to be absent, please call the school attendance line at 254.336.1913 as soon as possible.**

What times are breakfast and lunch served:

- Breakfast is served from 7:00 -7:20 a.m.
- Lunch times vary by grade.

What time and where may I drop my child off for school?

- The building opens at 7:00 a.m. The valet line begins at the Moccasin Street entrance and wraps around to Iowa Drive. Both lanes may be utilized for morning drop-off and the left lane is used for afternoon pickup. The Wampum Street parking lot is for parking and walking your child to the sidewalk in front of the school. **This is not a drop off area.** PPCD children may be dropped off in the front of the school.

Is there a New Family Orientation?

- Yes. The New Family Orientation will be held on August 16th at 5 PM. This is a meeting to provide basic beginning of the year information.

How is information communicated to parents?

- MVES Web page
- Tuesday Folders
- MVES Facebook (The Mountain View)
- Remind
- Student Planners
- Teacher Email
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Home Access
- Newsletters

Is there an Open House before school starts?

- Yes. All families are invited to Meet the Teacher Night on August 23rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to drop off school supplies.

What can parents expect for the first week of school?

- We invite you to walk your child to class for the first two weeks of school. At the end of the two weeks, you may take your child as far as one of the two “hug” zones. Staff is stationed near entrances to help students in need.

When is school picture day?

- Picture days are scheduled in the Fall and Spring each year. Information will be sent home.
- Picture day is a school fundraiser.

Is there a parent/student handbook?

- Yes. The handbook contains valuable information for parents and students to review together.
- <https://www.killeenisd.org/schoolDocs/c121/documents/StudentHandbook.pdf>

How do parents pay for lunch?

- Payment can be made online or at the school. If sending money in with your student, please enclose it in an envelope marked lunch account with your child's and teacher's name.
- <https://paypams.com/>

Where do I find the breakfast and lunch menus?

- Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are at <http://killeenisd.nutrislice.com/>

Can I bring food into the school?

- Snacks sent into the classroom must conform to the USDA Smart Snack Guidelines or they will not be served. This link provides more information:
<https://www.killeenisd.org/departmentDocs/c938/documents/SmartSnacksElementaryandMiddleSchools.pdf>
- Birthday treats must be delivered by 10:00 AM and will be served in the classroom after 2:30 p.m. When celebrating birthdays, please limit the celebration to store bought snacks only (no balloons, decorations, or party favors).
- You may bring lunch for yourself and your child only. Please contact your child's teacher or the office for the lunch schedule.
- Elementary campuses shall be permitted to have three "party" days and six "other" Smart Snacks exempt days. The Mountain View "Free Days" are: September 28, October 31, November 16, December 21, January 25, February 14, March 8, May 17, and May 30. Due to regulations and students with allergies, we also ask that you work with the classroom teacher and principals when bringing food for your child's classroom.
- Please refer to the district Health Services site to answer additional questions:
<https://www.killeenisd.org/frontPageV3/deptPage.cfm?navBarID=58>

How do I contact School Bus Transportation?

Call, KISD Transportation at 336-0138

My child needs to come home a different way. What do I do??

Send a note to your child's teacher. In the event of an emergency, call the office by 2 PM, if possible.

What classes will my child have at Mountain View?

- ELAR
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Music 2X per week
- PE 2 X per week
- Computer lab 1 X per week
- Library

Are there any after school clubs?

- Yes. The following clubs are offered: Ukulele, Scrabble, Choir, Step, KMVE, Drumming, Running, Drama, International and Science Olympiad. Notices will go out during the first few weeks of school.

How do I check my child's grades online?

- Home access Center allows you to monitor your child's grades and attendance. Stop in at the front office for setup of the account.
- <https://esphac.killeenisd.org/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess>

When are holidays and school breaks?

- KISD school calendar
<https://www.killeenisd.org/departmentDocs/c1013/documents/DistrictCalendarNextSchoolYear.pdf>

If I have a concern or there is a conflict with my child, who can I contact?

- Please communicate with your teacher first. If you have not found resolution, please contact one of the school principals:
 - Grace Ashworth, Assistant Principal, Grace.Ashworth@killeenisd.org
 - Amanda Slay, Assistant Principal, Amanda.Slay@killeenisd.org
 - Jill Owen, Assistant Principal, Jill.Owen@killeenisd.org
 - Dr. Randy Podhaski, Principal, Randy.Podhaski@killeenisd.org

How do I volunteer?

- A background check is required to volunteer. The application link is listed below. Two weeks after filing the background check, please contact the school office. You WILL NOT be notified when the check is complete.
- There are many opportunities to volunteer including but not limited to:
 - Helping in classrooms
 - Valet line support
 - Lunch room help
 - Media Center (you will need a one hour training class)
 - Office support
 - In-home help: cutting, pasting, etc.
- KISD volunteer website: <https://killeen.tx01.teams360.net/volunteer/EntryPointHomeAction.do>

What is PTA?

- The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a network of families and school staff that work together to help improve the school and ensure the well-being of the students. The PTA fundraises to support the school and provides programs and opportunities to the entire school community. Joining the PTA helps you get connected to the school, learn about activities and volunteer opportunities and be involved in bettering the school.
- You can find the PTA on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/mvesptatx>) (twitter.com/mvesptatx) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/mountainviewespta).
- Please contact the PTA President, Shauna Anduze, with any questions at mvesptapresident@yahoo.com.
- For more information, please email mvesptamembership@yahoo.com