

Fair Haven PreK-8



Parent & Student Handbook

2015-2016

Dear Parents & Students:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Pre K Fair Haven K-8. This handbook has been prepared to allow you to understand our school rules and policies. Each rule and policy detailed in this booklet is intended to ensure the safety, health and education of all our children.

It is very important that you take time to go over this year's handbook. It is a supplement to the New Haven Public School's Handbook and aligns with the NHPS Code of Conduct, with further information that directly affects the day to day operations of our school. Please keep this handbook readily available during the school year. We are sure it will answer many questions for you.

Fair Haven Pre K-8 School will continue to strive for academic excellence for all children. This can only be accomplished when we all work together and support each other in the education of our children.

Sincerely,
Mr. Cordero, Principal
Mr. Ramos, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Linda O'Brien, Assistant Principal

MISSION

Through an authentic education, Fair Haven School empowers passionate multicultural learners to cultivate their individual strengths and inspires them to be resilient and purposeful community members.

VISION

AUTHENTIC EDUCATION

Real life experiences.
Meaningful subject matter.
Engaged learners.

EMPOWERMENT

Be confident.
Be yourself.
Stand up for what you believe in.

PASSION

Be curious.
Ask questions.
Love learning.

MULTICULTURAL LEARNING

Be open-minded.
Value other languages.
Treasure our cultures.

INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS

Differentiate teaching and learning.
Find your passion.
Become an expert.

RESILIENCE

Be a problem-solver.
Be committed and follow through.
Beat the odds.

PURPOSE

Be an advocate.
Be involved in your community.
Make the world a better place.

BE YOUR BEST.



School Numbers

The school may be reached by phone numbers listed below or by our fax at 203-691-2697

Principal:	Mr. Cordero	(203) 691-2600
Assistant Principal:	Mr. Ramos	(203) 691-2657
Assistant Principal:	Mrs. O'Brien	(203) 691-2613
Main Office		(203) 691-2600
Nurses' Office		(203) 691- 2646

School Hours

Regular School Day: 8:35am-2:50 pm

Students may enter the building at 8:20 a.m. **Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are considered tardy and must report to the Main Office to obtain a pass to enter class.** Upon entering the building the following procedures have been established:

- Pre K, Kindergarten- Grade 3 will report to the **Auditorium**
- Grades 4- 6 will report to the **Gym**
- Grades 7-8 will report to the **Cafeteria**

At dismissal, buses begin to load students at 2:50 p.m. Students in Grades K-3 who will be picked up by a parent at the end of the day will report to the auditorium and must be signed out. If your child rides a bus on a regular basis and is being picked up, then the parent must **send a note to your child's teacher with the date, child's name and room number and signature.**

Early Dismissal: 8:35am-12:45 pm

Parents picking up a child early must show documentation (i.e. doctor's note) for the early dismissal. Kindly refrain from scheduling doctor's appointments during the school hours.

Students are not allowed to remain on school property after dismissal, unless they are participating in an after-school activity that is supervised by a designated adult.

Request for Early Dismissal

Fair Haven K-8 requires that a responsible person (Parent/Guardian) must come to the office to sign-out students' who leave during the school day. Parents should make every attempt to limit the number of times they must (emergency or appointment that can't be scheduled out-side the normal school day) take a child out of school prior to dismissal time. For our student's safety, proof of identification may be requested of any person picking up any student and must be shown if requested by school personnel before a student may be released.

ALL VISITORS MUST sign-in in the main office and wear a VISITORS BADGE while they are in the building.

Please refrain from scheduling appointments during school hours. Documentation will need to be provided when taking your child out of school early.

Newsletter

A bi- weekly newsletter is published by the school and distributed every Monday. The newsletter includes a principal's message, information about meetings and events as well as highlighting student accomplishments. The newsletter is available in English as well as Spanish.

Safety & Security

- ✓ The front doors will be locked at **8:45 AM SHARP**
- ✓ Parents, approved volunteers, and visitors will have to ring the bell to gain access after 8:45 AM
- ✓ ALL parents, volunteers and visitors must sign in at the security desk
- ✓ In cases of emergencies, which require students to leave early, please call ahead and your child will be waiting for you in the Main Office
- ✓ Students will **ONLY** be released to an adult who is listed on the student's emergency card
- ✓ When picking up a student, please be prepared to show ID
- ✓ Parents **MUST** schedule a time to meet with teachers or to observe a class-**NO UNANNOUNCED DROP-INS**
- ✓ Parents and visitors are not allowed down our corridors without an appointment
- ✓ Requests to change a student's dismissal process must be submitted in writing via note or fax. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Phone calls will not be accepted

Dress Code Uniform Information

School Uniform Policy

Policy Statement

As part of our safety program, Fair Haven School continues to enforce a school uniform policy. The purpose of this policy is to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety, to minimize disruption, to easily identify trespassers on campus, and to promote improvement in student behavior. School uniforms also help students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging and to promote academic excellence.

The policy is as follows:

All students attending Fair Haven K-8 School are required to wear a school uniform to school each day.

Our uniform consists of a white shirt and navy blue pants or a navy jumper or skirt. Students are permitted to wear navy blue sweatpants on gym days. Please be advised that students will not be allowed to change at school on gym day.

In general the standard uniform policy is as follows:

- Pants, jumpers, skirts: navy blue
- Shirts, blouses: white
- Shoes and/or sneakers are permitted

NO tee shirts- NO blue jeans- NO sleeveless shirts or blouses

HEADWEAR: No hats, bandanas, hoods, sweatbands, or sunglasses will be worn in the building except for medical reasons.

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES: Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments or accessories, which distract from the educational process, such as excessive noisy jewelry and/or belts. No heavy metal chains (such as those made out of steel, chrome, alloy, etc.) and look- a-likes that are not formal jewelry are allowed around the neck, around the waist, or hanging from the waist into the pocket. Students may not wear metal-spiked apparel or similar accessories.

SPECIAL DRESS: Schools may develop special dress day/special dress occasions for students at the discretion of the school administration (examples: Hat Day, Twin Day, etc.)

SPECIAL SITUATIONS: If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs, his/her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the school principal. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AS PER BOARD POLICY.

Town Meetings

An all school gathering that celebrates student work through a dramatic presentation or other format. This program is a monthly school meeting in which students from each class will have the opportunity to share what is happening in their room. We encourage parents to attend each Town Meeting. Town Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Friday of each month. These meetings are subject to change so please consult your newsletter for any changes throughout the year.

Advisory Program

An advisory program is an arrangement whereby one adult and a small group of students have an opportunity to interact on a scheduled basis in order to provide a caring environment for guidance and support, everyday administrative details, recognition and activities to promote citizenship. The purposes of advisory are to ensure that each student is known well at school by at least one adult who is that student's advocate (the advisor), to guarantee that every student belongs to a peer group, to help every student find ways to be successful, and promote coordination between home and school.

Health Services

The nurse is responsible for checking all health records to be certain that each student is properly immunized, contacting parents of ill or injured students and checking other health related matters. State Law mandates that all students be properly immunized and receive a physical before entering kindergarten and grade 6. In addition ALL new entries, in any grade from Out-of-State must have a physical before entering school. Physicals from Out-of-State Doctors are not acceptable. New Haven Public School Medical forms may be obtained from the School Nurse, New Haven Board of Health or most Doctor's offices.

Medicine:

All medicine must be brought to school by an adult parent/guardian or child-care provider. No medication will be accepted from a student. All medications brought onto school property must be taken to the school office or nurse's office. Long-term prescription medication (in excess of two weeks) may be administered at school if both parent/guardian and physician have completed an **Administration of Medication Request Form**. Medications must arrive in an appropriate

container labeled by the pharmacy. All long-term medication must be renewed at the beginning of each year. Any change in medication or dosage during the school year requires new documentation (Administration of Medication Request Form).

Physicals:

State Law mandates that all students be properly immunized and receive a physical before entering Kindergarten. Students that do not have the proper medical form will be excluded from school until their medical records are brought up to date. Medical forms may be obtained from the School Nurse.

Contagious Health Conditions:

If your child should have a contagious health condition such as chicken pox, strep infection, pink eye, a cold with fever, head lice, ring worm, impetigo, etc., please treat the condition and keep the child at home until the condition is no longer contagious. If your child is running a fever they may come to school after they have been fever free for 24 hours.

Lice Infestation:

Lice Infestation is a communicable public health disease and NO student who is infected by lice will be allowed to attend school.

Any student infected by lice may not return to school until they have documented treatment and are nit free. Any student not in compliance with this policy will be sent home and may not return to school until they are “nit” free.

Kindergarten Notes

The kindergarten program is a full-day program. Students must be five years of age by December 31st of the current school year to enter kindergarten. Kindergarten will begin on September 2nd. All kindergarten students will enter on this day. No student will be enrolled in kindergarten without a Birth Certificate, Health Certificate, Social Security Card, and Immunization Record (green card). Legal immunizations are those required for a child to attend school.

Attendance

Parents have the responsibility to make certain their children attend school each day except in the case of illness or other unavoidable circumstances. **If a student has to be absent from school, parents must notify the school. If you do not call, you must send a note to school indicating the date(s) the student was absent and the reason for the absence. For verification purposes you must send in a note even if you call the school.**

In the case of a long illness, parents must notify the Guidance Counselor immediately so that a program of instruction can be discussed and developed. Students who are absent five (5) consecutive days or more **MUST** return with a medical note. A Family with Service Needs will be filed with Juvenile Court when a student has ten (10) unexcused absences or twenty (20) days regardless of excused or unexcused.

~Personal vacations are not considered legitimate reasons for absence from school and will be recorded as unexcused absence. Family vacations should be planned during the scheduled vacations in the school calendar whenever possible.

~Truancy is defined as staying away from school without permission. Parents will be notified in the case of a student being truant.

Truancy Initiative

New Haven Public School district is committed to reduce chronic truancy and promote positive school attendance through a comprehensive, multi-agency approach. Our truancy program starts with early interventions in elementary and middle grades and engages the support and accountability of schools, families, police, state agencies and the courts in reducing chronic truancy.

- If a student is *absent 4 consecutive days without an excuse*, the telephone auto dialer will call the student's home and alert the parent.
- If a student is *absent 5 days without an excuse*, the school will send a letter home requesting that the parent contact the school. In addition, the student may be placed on academic probation.

- If a student is *absent 10 days without an excuse*, the school will send a letter home informing the parent/guardian that he/she is required to attend a hearing at the school.
- If a student is *absent 15 days without an excuse*, the parent must attend a formal hearing within 5 days or the student may lose course credit.
- If a student is *absent 20 days without an excuse*, the student is referred to truancy court and may face sanctions.
- If school absences exceed 5 days and parents do not respond to the school's request for meetings, truancy and police teams may make evening and/or limited weekend visits to the home.

We want to thank you for your efforts in making sure that your child comes to school each and every day possible and that when, due to illness or other circumstances, he or she cannot attend school, you provide us with a written excuse for the absence.

Tardiness

The school day begins at 8:35am. Students are considered tardy after 8:35 am. All children who are not in their rooms on time are marked "Tardy." If students are tardy, parents need to notify the office and explain why they are late. Parents should see that children arrive on time. Parents of children who are chronically tardy may be required to meet with an administrator and/or truancy officer to discuss this issue. After five (5) tardies the student will receive a written warning and they will be referred to the Attendance Committee.

Student Information Cards

Every student is required to have an emergency information card on file in the main office. It is critical that we have several phone numbers on file in case of an emergency. Please notify the office immediately at 203-691-2600 if you change your phone number. We will check all numbers periodically to be sure we can reach a parent/guardian. Student will not be allowed to participate in any activity (field trip, school social, after school program, etc.) if we do not have emergency numbers on file.

Parents and students will be required to sign the student information card stating that your child will abide by the rules and regulations of Fair Haven Pre K-8 School and the New Haven Public Schools.

Homework Policy

At Fair Haven K-8, homework is considered an integral part of the total school program. If regular homework assignments are not completed, parents and the student's advisor must be notified and detention will be given. **Loss of school privileges (activities, events, trips etc.) will result when repeated assignments are not completed.** Students in grades 6-8 must record all homework assignments in their student agenda (planner).

Parent Volunteers and Visitors

Fair Haven K-8 welcomes parent volunteers and visitors. Volunteers are encouraged to act as classroom helpers, for special projects and events and as mentors for students. Visitors are welcome to and encouraged to attend conferences, Town Meetings, Fairs and performances. **ONCE YOU ENTER THE BUILDING, PLEASE REPORT TO THE SECURITY DESK, and SIGN IN and complete a "Visitor Badge" which must be worn while visiting our school. WHEN YOU LEAVE SIGN OUT.** This is a mandatory procedure consistent throughout the NHPS system that has been implemented for the safety of our children. *Visitors to our school will not be permitted to visit any classroom without the prior consent of the teacher or administrator.* This rule is designed to make sure that classroom interruptions are kept to a minimum.

Transportation and Bus Room

Bus students and walkers report to the following assigned areas upon arrival:

- **Kindergarten through Grade 3 will report to the auditorium**
- **Grades 4, 5 and 6 will report to the gym**
- **Grades 7 & 8 will report to the cafeteria**

Bus room supervision begins at 8:20 a.m.. *Parents who bring children to school may not leave them before 8:20 a.m. Students who get picked-up at the end of the school day must be picked up at 2:50 p.m. in the auditorium.*

If there is a change to the usual method of transportation, a note must be sent to your child's teacher. Please go over these changes with the child **before** he/she comes to school, and be sure the child's teacher knows about them. ***For safety reasons we do not accept changes to a student's bus transportation. Students are NEVER allowed to ride on a bus they are not assigned. Students are also not allowed to walk home without written permission from a parent. Please also be advised that any student designated as a bus student will be put on the bus each day. We will only accept a note from a parent or guardian to hold a child as a pickup***

Bus Transportation:

The school district provides transportation to and from school for students in accordance with state law. Competent, trained drivers are hired to drive the buses, which are kept carefully maintained. When difficulties arise on the bus, district transportation policies are provided for established procedures. Parents are encouraged to support the district in maintaining discipline on the buses as distractions to the driver during travel time can be dangerous. If it becomes necessary to suspend riding privileges, the 1st and 2nd incidents will result in principal & parent notification and 3 days suspension of bus riding privileges. The 3rd incident will result in riding privileges being suspended. Three minor disciplinary problems, or a major incident that could distract the driver and therefore jeopardize the safety of the bus, may result in suspension of riding privileges for a period of up to a full year. In such cases, the parents of the children become responsible for seeing that their child gets to and from school safely.

Bus Rules:

- Follow your Bus Driver's directions the first time they are given.
- Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- Take your seat immediately and remain seated until you reach your stop.
- Do not eat, drink, or litter on the bus.
- Respect school property and the property of others.

Consequences:

1. Warning from your Bus Driver.
2. A specific seat assignment for one week.
3. Driver will tell your parents and assign you a seat for two weeks.
4. Sent to the office for a conference with the principal and your parents.
5. You will no longer be allowed to ride on the bus.

Please be report to the designated area to meet your child's bus at least 15 minutes early. Kindergarten and first grade children will **NOT be let off the school bus in the afternoon without a responsible adult at the stop to meet them.** A child will be returned to school if an approved adult is not physically present to meet the kindergartener or first grader.

- The 1st time this happens, the parent will receive a written warning.
- The 2nd time this happens, your child will lose his/her riding privileges for 3 days.
- The 3rd time it happens, school bus transportation will be suspended for the remainder of the school year and a referral will be made DCF.

There will be no exceptions. It is the students' responsibility to act appropriately on the bus.

Valuables

Students should at no time bring valuable personal items to school. In the event of loss, due to theft or damage, etc, the school will not be held responsible. Administrators, teachers, security guards, substitutes have the right to confiscate iPods, CD players, video games, cell phones, beepers, laser pointers, sports cards, etc. Parents will be responsible for picking them up from school.

Cell phones are not allowed in school per district mandate.

Lockers-Locks

All students in Grades 7 + 8 will be issued a locker and lock. Lockers are to be kept neat and clean and should always be left locked. Lockers are not to be shared by students. Students are responsible for locks issued to them. They will be held financially responsible for them. Students in Grades K-6 will not be assigned a lock as they are not permitted for these grades. Please be sure your child does not bring valuables to school as we are not responsible for loss of items.

Damage to School Property

Students who intentionally damage school property are expected to pay for the damage. This includes walls, windows, floors, furniture and educational and personal property.

Emergency School Closings

On occasions when school will open late, dismiss early (12:45 p.m.) or even cancel due to bad weather, power failure etc. Parents should tune into the following radio

stations: WELI, WPLR, WAVZ, WKCI, WEZN, WYBC or watch Channel 8 or Channel 3.

Website: nhps.net

Lunch Schedule

2015-2016

Lunch 1	10:50– 11:20 Grades 1 & 2
Lunch 2	11:20– 11:50 Grades 5 & 6 11:30- 12:00 Kindergarten
Lunch 3	12:00– 12:30 Grades 3 & 4
Lunch 4	12:30– 1:00 Grades 7 & 8, Bilingual 5 & 6

Cafeteria Rules

The cafeteria is the school's dining room. It serves more than 600 students each day. It is the responsibility of each student to leave his/her place clean and tidy for the next student who will be using it. Since we have large groups of students who must have lunch at the same time, we must have certain rules of conduct and respect the rights of others. These rules are:

- Students will be allowed to bring their own lunch from home
- Soda is not allowed to be brought to school
- Students and visitors will not be permitted to have lunch brought from outside food service facilities (i.e. McDonalds etc.)
- Glass drinks are not allowed in the cafeteria at lunch time
- Parents and students are not allowed in the food preparation area of the cafeteria
- Students are responsible for keeping their eating area clean
- Students must eat while sitting at a table. No one may walk around and eat or leave their seat during the lunch period.
- No food may be taken out of the cafeteria

Behavioral Expectations: “Be Your Best”

Our school-wide “Be Your Best” program is a set of strategies and systems to increase the capacity of our school to reduce school disruption, and educate all students. Through the combined efforts of our entire school community, we share a commitment and a desire for a safe, organized, accountable, and respectful school environment. Some of the specific goals that we focus on include, creating systems for providing regular positive feedback, acknowledging students when they are “Being Their Best”, improving social competence, and developing environments that support academic success.

General Rules of Behavior

The staff and faculty of Fair Haven K-8 set high standards for the behavior of students. Our assumption is that parents expect their children to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner in school as well as at home. While in school, students are expected to show the same appropriate and respectful behavior when interacting with faculty, staff, custodial staff, and peers. Every student is expected to behave respectfully toward all school personnel. Students are reminded that any teacher or staff member has the authority and responsibility to correct unruly individuals at any time.

1. Students will be disciplined for: insolence, disrespect, or insubordination, for the use of foul language and/or fighting.
2. Running in the halls is not permitted.
3. Students will not be permitted to chew gum while at school.
4. Rules of behavior established by a teacher to maintain order and control in his/her classroom will be followed
5. Students will not be permitted to bring personal items such as iPods, Game Boys, radios, tape recorders, **cell phones**, pagers, toys, etc. to school.
6. Students are not permitted to bring any type of weapon (including toy weapons) to school.
7. Students will be severely disciplined for threatening, bullying and/or sexual harassment. These offenses are against the law.

Student Responsibilities:

- To attend school daily.
- To be on time for school.
- To be prepared for the school day.
- To follow Fair Haven School’s Core Values-
 - Be Your Best
 - Be Respectful
 - Be Purposeful
 - Be Safe

Parent Responsibilities:

- To send your child to school each day **on time**, with all the necessary materials
- To send your child to school each day well rested and properly dressed.
- To check your child's backpack for school communication notes on a daily basis.
- To listen to, or read to your child daily.
- To communicate with your child's teachers when you are concerned about his or her health or school success.
- To provide your child with a suitable place to work on school materials.
- To make sure that your child completes daily homework.
- To have a positive and respectful relationship with my child's teacher.
- To update all emergency contact information as soon as any changes occur.
- To attend my child's parent/teacher conference.
- To volunteer to participate in at least two activities each year.
- As a new parent, I will attend a mandatory New Parent Orientation.

Range of Disciplinary Action

Student Conferences

Parent Contact

Parent Conference

Detention

In-school suspension

Out of school suspension

Expulsion

Saturday School (as budget allows) Detention

Note: Please refer to the Behavior and Discipline Policy of the NHPS and the NHPS Code of Conduct for complete details of behavior and discipline policies.

Bullying Policy

Board Approves New Anti-Bullying Policy

The NHPS Board of Education approved a new anti-bullying policy.

The policy is as follows:

The New Haven Board of Education will not tolerate any form of bullying or harassment of members of the New Haven Public School Community by students or employees of the New Haven Public Schools. Bullying and /or harassment, includes but is not limited to, acts based on: gender, ethnicity, national origin, race, sexual orientation, physical characteristics or mental capacity. The New Haven Public Schools requires students, staff, and/or parents to report all cases of bullying and harassment immediately, to the school's administrator, administrator's designee, or director. Teachers and other school staff that receive reports of bullying from students are required to report this information to the appropriate administrator immediately.

Bullying is defined as physical, verbal or psychological attacks or acts of intimidation or the intentional isolation that is intended to cause fear, distress, or harm to the victim while on school grounds or at a school sponsored activity.

Nondiscrimination Statement

It is the policy of the New Haven Public Schools district that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or otherwise discriminated against under any program, including employment. Protected classes include Age, Ancestry, Color, Gender Identity or Expression, Genetic Information, Learning Disability, Marital Status, Mental Disability, Intellectual Disability, National Origin, Physical Disability, Race, Religious Creed, Sex, Sexual Orientation, and the offer of equal access to school facilities and school premises to Boy Scouts for America and other designated youth groups.

Title IX Coordinator:

Name: Mr Ramos, *Address:* 164 Grand Avenue, *Telephone #* 203-691-2600

504 Coordinator:

Name: Ms. Maritza Rosario, *Address:* 164 Grand Avenue, *Telephone #* 203-691-2612

504 Notice

It is the policy of the NHPS System to provide a free and appropriate public education to all handicapped students within its jurisdiction.

Students who are handicapped consistent with the definitions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will be identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate instruction and education service.

Books and Other Instructional Materials

Students are responsible for the care of any and all textbooks, library books and instructional materials which are used by him/her. Students will be charged the full replacement cost for any lost or damaged materials which are assigned to them. All lost or damaged material must be paid for before the end of the school year or before the student officially withdraws from Fair Haven K-8. Students who have not fulfilled these obligations will be denied report cards.

Progress Reports

A progress report for grades 5-8 will be sent home during the middle of each marking period. Parents are asked to sign it and return it to the school. We strongly encourage parents to meet with teachers if necessary.

Marking System

The academic year is divided into four marking periods. A student's grade in each class will be based on the following: daily work, class participation, homework assignments, projects, tests and overall effort.

Report Card Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are an important part of school activities. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the school often and to set up conferences with teacher's to discuss their child's progress. Parents may schedule a conference at any time during the year to discuss any concerns they may have.

Parent attendance acquired for release of report card

November 18, 2015
April 27, 2016

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for the 1st two marking periods (November and February). The teacher or the parents may initiate additional conferences. Parents who wish to schedule an appointment should send a note to the teacher and arrange a time that will not interfere with the instructional day. Report cards will be mailed home April and June.

Student Agendas

We urge parents to communicate with teachers and administrative staff to help ensure a positive learning climate. It is recommended that notes be written in the student agenda to teachers. The agenda is required for all Grade 6-8 students and therefore, it makes a uniform place for teachers to look for notes on all students. Agendas will be on sale during orientation and the beginning of the school year for \$5.00.

Fair Haven K-8 School P.T.O.

The **P**arent **T**eacher **O**rganization is vital to the success of Fair Haven. Please support their activities as generously as possible. Your time is a very valuable resource and is greatly appreciated.

Money Sent into School

Any money sent into school must be placed in an envelope marked with the following information.

1. Student Name
2. Teacher Name
3. Event (ex. Field trip, lunch)
4. Amount of money enclosed.

Important Dates to Remember 2015-2016

First Day of School (Grade 1-8):	Monday, August 31 st
First Day of School (Kindergarten):	Wednesday, Sept. 2 nd
Open House:	Tuesday, Sept. 29 th

School will be closed the following days:

Labor Day 9/7/2015	Christmas Recess 12/24/15—12/31/15
Rosh Hashanah 9/14/2015	New Year's Day 1/1/2016
Columbus Day 10/12/2015	Three Kings Day 1/6/2016
Veteran's Day 11/11/2015	Martin Luther's Birthday 1/18/2016
Thanksgiving Recess 11/26/15– 11/27/15	Memorial Day 5/30/2016

School Vacation

Christmas Recess 12/24/2015—12/31/15
February Recess 2/15/2016—2/19/2016
April Recess 4/18/2016—4/22/2016

School will close early on the following days (12:50 p.m. dismissal)

October 26, 2015	February 12, 2016
November 18 and 25 2015	March 28, 2016
December 23, 2015	April 15, 2016
January 11, 2016	April 27, 2016

Birthday Celebrations

In accordance with the NHPS Instructional Policy regarding time on task, birthday celebrations must be held during the last ten minutes (2:20 p.m.–2:30 p.m.) of the school day with prior approval from the teacher. **No food is allowed for birthday celebrations.** Birthday treats or birthday lunches are not allowed during the lunch period. **Flowers, balloons and other similar deliveries to school for students are prohibited.**

Field Trip Policy:

Field trips are an invaluable learning experience for our students. Students who have shown a consistent ability to follow the school rules and show respect for the learning process are welcome on field trips. Please note the following:

All school rules apply to behavior on the buses and at field trip sites.

Students whose behavior has interfered with the learning process for themselves and others **may be required to be accompanied on the field trip by parent/guardian.** This will be determined by the teacher.

**New Haven Public Schools
10-Month Calendar
2015-2016**

Labor Day – Sept. 7
Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 14
Yom Kippur – Sept. 23
Columbus Day – Oct. 12
Veteran's Day – Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Recess – Nov. 26, 27
Christmas Recess – Dec. 24-31

New Year's Day – Jan. 1
Three King's Day – Jan. 6
M.L. King's Birthday – Jan. 18
February Recess – Feb. 15-19
Good Friday – March 25
April Recess- Apr. 18-22
Memorial Day – May 30

182 STUDENT DAYS

186 TEACHER DAYS

July					August					September				
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				(21)					(17)					(17)
January					February					March				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
			*		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	
4	5		7	8	8	9	10	11	12#*	7	8	9	10	11*
11(g)	12	13	14	15*						14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22(e)*	22	23	24	25	26*	21	22	23	24*	
25	26	27	28	29*	29					28(g)	29	30	31	
				(18)					(16)					(22)
April					May					June				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
				1	2	3	4	5	6*			1	2	3*
4	5	6	7	8*	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15(e)*#	16	17	18	19	20*	13	14	15	16	17
				*	23	24	25	26	27	20(e)*				
25	26	27(ag)	28(bg)	29	31									
				(16)					(21)					(14)

() =Teacher's Day Only

* = Paydays: Regular Plan -

= 1:00 P.M. Classes Dismissed

a = Parent Conference, Report Cards K-8

b = Parent Conference, Report Cards High School

c = Open House, K-8

d = Meet the Teacher Night, High School

e = End of Marking Period, K-8

f = End of Marking Period, High School

g = Early Release - Staff In-Service