

Frequently Asked Questions about Rockland

How do I sign up to receive emails from the school?

Go to the Rockland website and click on the "Parent Email" tab. Follow the link to "register." You will receive school newsletters and periodic informational email blasts from the school and District 70. Remember to update your email address if it changes!

Is busing provided to and from school?

Busing is provided free of charge to students who live further than 1.5 miles from school or must cross a street that has been identified as hazardous. Students who do not qualify for free busing may purchase busing for the year, payable in advance. The cost for the 2016-2017 school year is \$850.00 for the entire year for both directions, \$425 for one-way. (Any price increase for next year will be determined in July.)

Is before and after school care available?

"Champions", a separate entity from District 70, offers an after school program (2:45 - 6pm) on-site at Rockland. You can find more information at www.discoverchampions.com or call 1-800-246-2154.

When should I keep my child home from school?

Daily attendance is encouraged at Rockland for all grade levels. However, ill students should be kept home for the day. Students who vomit or run a fever need to be symptom-free (without fever medicine) 24 hours before returning to school.

What time should my child arrive at school?

Playground supervision begins each morning at 7:45. Students may enjoy recess until students enter the building at 8:07 AM. Students who arrive later than 8:07 AM should enter through the office doors in the circular drive. A student is considered tardy if they arrive after the bell at 8:15 AM. Optimally, all students are in the classroom, with coats and backpacks put away, sitting at their desk and beginning their morning work by 8:15 AM. When students are tardy they miss the very important morning instructions that set them up for success for the rest of the day.

What special occasions are there during the year?

There are two classroom parties that occur during the year at Rockland (Halloween and Valentine's Day). We take a whole school field trip to a children's theater performance in December, thanks to our Rockland Family Association. Different grade levels celebrate their own milestones, which will be explained by your classroom teacher.

How am I notified if school has been cancelled?

District 70 uses the School Messenger Notification System that will automatically call your home phone number to inform you of any emergencies, such as when school is canceled. You can also check the district website www.d70schools.org.

How can I participate in my child's classroom?

Volunteerism is valued and encouraged at Rockland. A wide variety of activities will be available such as reading to students, supporting classroom stations, chaperoning field trips or cutting out and preparing instructional materials at home. More information about volunteer opportunities will be posted in your child's classroom at Curriculum Night in August.

How do I communicate with my child's teacher?

Parents are welcome and encouraged to communicate with teachers at any time. Teachers are also encouraged to provide ongoing communication and do so through newsletters and personal websites. Email is often the most efficient form of communication and parents can reasonably expect a response within 24 hours. If your message is urgent, you may call the school office at 847-362-3134.

Are there birthday treats in school?

Due to an increase in the number of food-related allergies in recent years, birthday treats in the form of food are discouraged. However, you may choose to send in a small goody bag or toy to be passed out to classmates if you would like. Please check with your child's teacher to find out about their specific classroom policy on birthday treats.

Is there an area where parents are encouraged to park?

Unfortunately, parking space is at a premium at Rockland. Parking on the circle is permitted for short time periods, but not during morning arrival (7:45 - 8:15) or afternoon dismissal (2:30 - 3:00). Parents are encouraged to park on Rockland Road (outside of the reserved busing area) or on Stewart Avenue. The Plaza strip mall across the street has asked that Rockland cars please not park there. Specific drop off/pick up directions for our parking lot can be found on the website.

Where do I drop my child off on days when there is indoor recess (rain or severe cold)?

Students can go in through the playground doors and wait in the hallway outside their classroom. Alternately, you can drop them off in the circle drive at the parking lot and they can enter through the main office doors.

What is the temperature cutoff that determines Indoor Recess?

Please remember to send your students prepared to play outside in the cold weather. Recess will be outside if the temperature is above 10 degrees Fahrenheit and above 0 degrees wind chill. Make sure they wear gear to keep them comfortable while they go out for fresh air and exercise. To play in the snow, students need their "five points": hat, gloves, coat, snowpants, snowboots. If they don't have their five points, they must stay on the blacktop.

Can my student order hot lunch?

District 70 uses Chartwell's Food Service to supply hot lunches daily. There are two choices every day, and you can find a lunch menu on the Rockland website behind the Home link, then Food Service link. Lunches are currently \$2.90 each and a carton of milk is \$0.30 each. Every student has an account that is charged when they purchase a lunch or milk. To activate your child's account and get the ability to add money using a credit card, go to the Food Service link on the website and choose "MySchoolBucks.com". You will receive your child's school ID in August to use to create an account (if you lose it, please ask the school secretary). Follow their step-by-step instructions.

Alternately, you can send in a check for their account, made out to Libertyville District 70. If you have more than one student, please clearly mark how much should go into each account. Please keep track of your student's account and add money as necessary. If a student goes below zero and orders a lunch, they will be provided with a cheese sandwich until the account is replenished.

Where do I pick up my child?

Kindergarten students exit the front of the school by the flagpole. Students in grades 1-3 exit on to the playground. Students in grades 4-5 exit the front of the school near their classrooms. You can make a plan with your student where to pick them up. Many students meet their parents on the playground, while others go to the circle drive to be picked up by parents waiting in their cars (**please do not leave your car unattended during drop off (7:45 - 8:15) or pick up times (2:30 - 3:00) - there will be staff there to help your student**). It helps to have a predetermined spot so students know where to meet you.

Many of the Rockland families live within walking distance. There are crossing guards at the corner of Rockland and Stewart, as well as Rockland and Milwaukee Avenue.

The answers to many questions that arise during the school year can be found by visiting our school website. You will find school supply lists, the school calendar, the Rockland Review and RFA Rap. This site is continuously updated and will also link you to teachers' emails and emergency closing information.

www.d70schools.org/Rockland

Important Dates To Remember

August 15, 2017

New Family Tour 6 PM

August 23, 2017

Kindergarten Open House 9:45 - 10:15 AM

First Day of School for Grades 1-5

August 24, 2017

First Full Day of Kindergarten

December 22, 2017 - January 7, 2018

Winter Break

March 26 - April 2, 2018

Spring Break