



# THE ARROW

Newsletter for Biloxi Public Schools

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## The Point of The Arrow

Dr. Paul A. Tisdale, Superintendent, Biloxi Public Schools



If you're new to Biloxi Public Schools... Welcome! A new school year is just around the corner, bringing with it new hopes, goals, and expectations of students, parents, and school staff.

This issue of *The Arrow* is designed primarily to inform parents/guardians

of the school registration process and to provide information that will help speed that process.

In the next 12 months the school district will be pursuing district accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. Students benefit from accreditation because, through the process, their school district has committed to raising student performance and will be held accountable for improving student learning on a continual basis.

The district is also part of a community initiative pursuing certification as an Excel by 5 community. Such certified communities identify community resources available to parents for their children, aged birth to five, that will facilitate pre-school growth and development.

Compared to pre-Katrina figures, student enrollment is still down 20 percent and that will impact our state funding significantly, but your school board has planned prudently to meet this economic challenge. And, as in the past several years, there are no plans to increase school taxes.

School registration will occur at your child's school July 21 and July 22, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the first day of school for students will be Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Parents/Guardians unable to register their child(ren) on those dates may register at their child's school through July 31. Students who register after July 31 are "late registrants" and will begin school on Thursday, Aug. 6.

District support staff that prove helpful with several issues at the beginning of the school year are:

- Dr. David Spinks: student custody, residency, tuition, and disciplinary re-admissions; (228) 374-1810, david.spinks@biloxischools.net

- Mrs. Debra Bowers: special education students; (228) 435-4600, debra.bowers@biloxischools.net

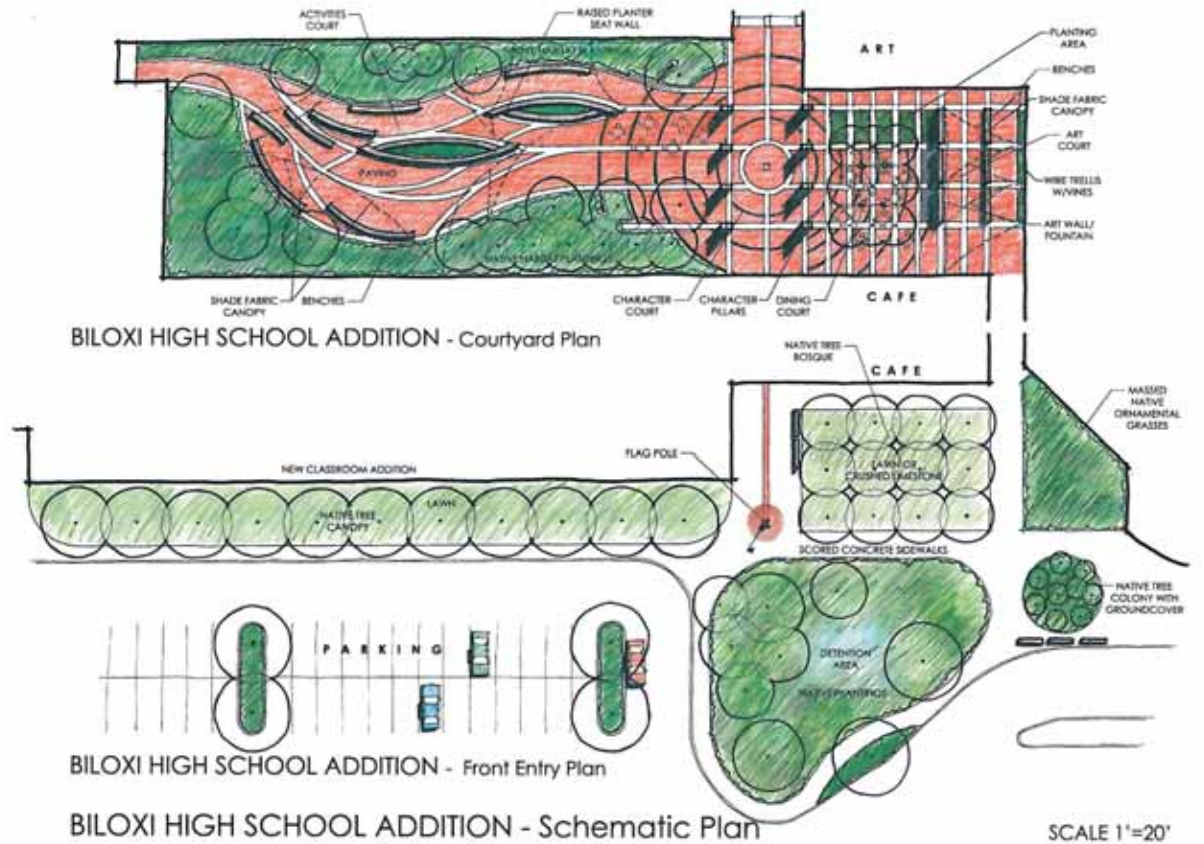
- Mr. Sam Bailey: transportation; (228) 436-5140, sam.bailey@biloxischools.net

I do urge everyone, particularly parents of our students, to subscribe to the school district's e-newsletter, "The Windtalker," which will deliver school announcements and news to you by e-mail. Simply visit our website, [www.biloxischools.net](http://www.biloxischools.net), and click on "The Windtalker" button. It takes only a few seconds to sign up.

Education continues to be an investment in your child's future that pays tremendous dividends; be sure you and your child take advantage of the opportunities.

Go, Big Red!

*Paul A. Tisdale*



## New schools, new challenges coming up in new school year

About 40 percent of the students attending Biloxi Public Schools will be attending a new school when classes begin on Aug. 5, signaling the beginning of landmark changes in the district, which marks its 150th year next year.

Among the changes:

- attendance zones for elementary school students in east Biloxi have been re-drawn;
- a new \$10 million, 36-classroom wing will open at Biloxi High School;
- accommodating the move of 400 incoming ninth grade students from Biloxi Junior High School;
- incoming sixth grade students will be moving from elementary schools to Michel 6th Grade School;
- Lopez School will host the district's alternative school and other district resources.

In short, many changes are in store for students, administrators, teachers and parents. More than 1,800 students – nearly 40 percent of the 4,700 students in Biloxi Public Schools – will be attending a new school next school year.

"If it sounds like a lot of changes, that's because it is," said Dr. Paul A. Tisdale, superintendent of Biloxi Public Schools. "But the fact is, these moves will position Biloxi Public Schools to meet the challenges of education and the economy.

As difficult as it is, change is growth, and we must grow to meet these challenges."

The re-purposing of Lopez will mean that nearly 200 students in Grades K through 5 will be attending either Gorenflo or Jeff Davis Elementary schools. About 50 students in the alternative school, which was formerly at a site at DeBuys and Pass roads, will be enrolled at Lopez. The bulk of the changes, however, will involve the 430 incoming ninth graders who will move to Biloxi High School and the 350 incoming sixth graders who will move to the Michel 6th Grade School.

"The move will provide more opportunities for ninth graders," Tisdale said. "Students will have an expanded choice of electives to choose from at the high school. There also will be a greater selection of extracurricular activities."

Both Tisdale and Biloxi High School Principal Pamela Manners noted that credits toward graduation begin accruing in the ninth grade, and that state and national achievement benchmarks for high schools actually include evaluations of ninth-grade performance. The move of the sixth graders opens the door for the school system to consider adding pre-K classes in Biloxi Public Schools at a future date.

## News and notes to help about the new school year

**Athletics:** Students planning to take part in athletics in Biloxi Public Schools will face new eligibility requirements from the Mississippi High School Activities Association. Students must have a 2.0 for year-end average of the spring semester (2008-2009 school year) to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year, along with the additional academic eligibility requirements of the MHSAA. Students who meet the old eligibility rule will be grandfathered in for the fall semester because of the lack of notice.

**Internet Information on Demand (IOD):** This service allows parents/guardians to check their child's grades on a regular basis by using the Information on Demand link on the district web site, [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net). You can check them as often

as you like, in fact. Once school begins, Biloxi Public Schools provides IOD PIN numbers to parents; the PIN numbers from last year no longer work.

**Communication:** Biloxi Public Schools uses several methods of communicating with parents about student progress and other school issues. Parents can view information online through the Information on Demand link on the district web site. Each teacher in the district can be reached via phone or email ([firstname.lastname@biloxischools.net](mailto:firstname.lastname@biloxischools.net)). Additionally, the school transmits frequent issues of the e-newsletter, "The Windtalker," and individual teachers have their own web sites, which you can access by clicking on your child's school on the district web site at [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net). Finally, each school also uses a telephone system, ConnectEd,

to pass along information in a tape-recorded message.

**Drug policy:** Students in Grades 7 to 12 who participate in extracurricular activities, are enrolled in classes where power tools or chemicals are used, or operated motorized vehicles on campus are subject to random drug testing.

**Managing your child's meal account:** The Biloxi Public School District offers parents the option of managing their child's meal account online. Parents are able to view and print their child's cafeteria transaction history, check to see how much money your child has in his or her cafeteria account, and set spending limits for your child. To view instructions on how to set up and manage an online meal account for your child, click on "Online meal accounts" on the district web site.

# Your guide for registering for Biloxi Public Schools

## Dates, times of registration

Registration for parents of all students planning to attend Biloxi Public Schools takes place Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school your child will be attending.

## Where to register

Students entering grades 9-12 for school year 2009-2010 will register at Biloxi High School. Students entering grades 7-8 will register at Biloxi Junior High School. Students entering grade 6 will register at Michel 6th Grade School. Students in grades K-5 will register at the elementary school in their attendance zone.

## Two types of proof of residency

Parents of all students new to Biloxi Schools, or whose residence has changed, must show two proofs of residency at the time of registration.

Among the types that are allowed (remember, two types are required):

- Utility bills (water, gas, electric)
- Driver's license listing present address
- Voter precinct identification
- Automobile registration
- Filed Homestead Exemption application form
- Mortgage documents or property deed, apartment or home lease. Parents living in KAFB housing may present a copy of their housing assignment from Keesler's Housing Authority.

## Which school your child will attend

Biloxi has one 6th grade school, one junior high school (grades 7-8), and one high school (grades 9-12). However, if you are unsure which elementary school zone you live in, you can call the Student Services office at (228) 374-1810, extension 125, or you can e-mail david.spinks@biloxischools.net. Biloxi residents living north of I-10, (and south of I-10 in some areas such as Eagle Point) although now part of the city of Biloxi, do not reside in the Biloxi Public School District. These residents are in the Harrison County School District. Students living in this area of the city may attend Biloxi Public Schools on a tuition basis.

**Students who have resided in the Lopez Elementary School attendance zone in previous years:** Lopez students have been reassigned to either Gorenflo Elementary or Jeff Davis Elementary School for school year 2009-2010. Students who live east of White Avenue (the main entrance to Keesler Air Force Base) will attend Gorenflo Elementary; those who live west of White Avenue will attend Jeff Davis Elementary. Again, only students living in the Lopez attendance zone are affected by this change.

## Requirements for new students

In addition to the two types of proof of residency, parents of new students must provide these documents:

- (1) certified copy of the student's birth certificate,
- (2) Certificate of Immunization issued by the state of Mississippi, and
- (3) the student's Social Security Number.

New students in grades 8-12 can speed their registration by providing an unofficial transcript from the school last attended.

## Age requirements

Students entering kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2009. Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

## A few words about late registration

Parents are encouraged to register their children during the July 21-22 registration times; they must register their children no later than Friday, July 31, for children to attend the first day of school, Wednesday, August 5.

Those parents who are unable to register their children before Friday, July 31, must pick up registration packets for their children on Monday or Tuesday, Aug. 3 or 4, and return the completed packets on Wednesday, Aug. 5 for processing. The first day of school for these late registrants is Thursday, Aug. 6.

## Other things you should know

- Returning students will not be permitted to complete registration until they have satisfied any outstanding fines, fees or other charges from previous school years; they also will not be allowed to register until all required information has been provided.
- Change of course selections by new students must be made on or before July 31, 2009. (The deadline for returning students was May 1, 2009.)
- New students will receive their schedule on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 5.
- Students in grades 9-12 who wish to purchase parking decals at registration must present a license tag receipt and proof of insurance. Parking decals are \$5 each. Students who operate a motorized vehicle on campus are subject to the district's drug testing policy.
- Students who are entering the Biloxi Public School District from a home-schooled or unaccredited setting should contact the Student Services office, (228) 374-1810 extension 125, for instructions before registration.

# Classroom supplies your child will need

Here are the supplies that are required for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6. Students in Grades 8-12 will be advised of required supplies by their respective teachers. As the school year progresses, parents may be required to replenish a child's supplies or provide additional materials for special projects.

## Beauvoir Elementary

### First Grade

- 2 pack #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of regular Crayola crayons (24 colors, no fragrance, no fluorescent)
- 5 plastic pocket folders with 3 prongs (colors: red, blue, yellow, green, purple, one of each)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 small school pencil box
- 2 packs pink pearl erasers
- Choose two of the following: Kleenex, paper towels, disinfecting wipes.

### Second Grade

- 1 box 24-count regular Crayola crayons (no scented or fluorescent)
- 12 #2 pencils (2 packs)
- 6 plastic pocket folders with brads (assorted colors)
- 1 200-pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of washable, broad tip Crayola Classic markers
- 1 regular plastic school box (no larger than a cigar box)
- 2 spiral wide-ruled notebooks for journal writing
- 1 box disinfecting wet wipes
- 1 box of Kleenex, or roll of paper towels

### Third Grade

- 3 200-pack wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 twelve pack #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 large box of Crayola crayons
- 6 plastic 3-pronged folders
- 1 box Crayola Classic markers
- 1 package dry erase Expo washable markers
- 1 bottle of Germ-x (12oz.)
- 1 Glue stick
- 1 box of Kleenex

### Fourth Grade

- (No spiral notebooks, trapper keepers, or large school boxes)
- 1 box (24 pack) Crayola crayons
- 2 packages of #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 24 2-pocket, 3 prongs, folders
- 2 200-pack wide-ruled standard white notebook paper
- 1 box of markers OR one (1) box of colored pencils
- One disinfecting wet wipes
- 1 box Ziploc bags

### Fifth Grade

- (No binders or spiral notebooks)
- 12 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 2 200-pack wide-ruled notebook paper
- 9 2-pocket, 3-prongs folders (no specific color)
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 box (24-pack) Crayola crayons
- 1 pack colored markers
- 1 box of Expo markers

## Gorenflo Elementary

### First Grade

- 1 plastic pencil box (no larger than a cigar box)
- 1 pack large Crayola Classic markers
- 5 (3 prong-2 pocket) folders (one of each color)
- 4 glue sticks

- 2 boxes Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 package of pencil top erasers
- 2 packs of #2 pencils

### Second Grade

- 12 (3 prong-2 pocket) folders (2 of each color)
- Colored pencils
- Post-it notes, 3x3 and 1x2
- 2 boxes crayons (24 pack)
- #2 pencils
- cap erasers

### Third Grade

- 1 (2 inch) 3-ring binder
- 2 packs of #2 pencils
- 1 (8-pack) Crayola classic colors markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 6 (3 prong-2 pocket) folders (one of each color)
- 2 packs (wide-ruled) loose-leaf paper
- 1 pack of pens
- 1 pack erasers

### Fourth Grade

- 6 (3 prong-2 pocket) folders (2 of each color)
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- 2 packs (wide-ruled) loose-leaf paper
- 1 pair Fiskar's child's scissors
- 1 composition tablet (marbled hard cover)
- 2 large packs of #2 pencils
- 1 (2 inch) 3-ring binder

### Fifth Grade

- 4 (3 prong-2 pocket) folders
- Glue sticks
- 2 large packs of #2 pencils
- Red ink pens
- Colored pencils (12 pack or larger)
- Pencil top erasers
- 4 plastic folders with pockets and brads
- 3 packs wide-ruled notebook paper

## Jeff Davis Elementary

### First Grade

- 10 plastic pocket folders with fasteners (two of each color: red, blue, yellow, green, purple)
- 1 package of large erasers
- 2 packs of #2 pencils
- 2 packs of crayons
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 quart and gallon Ziploc bags
- 4 glue sticks

### Second Grade

- 2 spiral notebooks with wide-ruled paper
- 5 plastic pocket folders with fasteners (one of each color: red, blue, yellow, green, purple)
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 pack of markers
- 1 package with 2 big erasers
- 1 bottle of glue or 4 glue sticks
- 1 24-count crayons
- 1 pack of 24-count #2 pencils
- 3 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper

### Third Grade

- 1 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 pack of 5 tab dividers
- 5 pocket folders with fasteners (one of each color: red, blue, yellow, green, purple)
- 4 packs of wide-ruled paper

## Fourth Grade

- 4 3-prong folders with pockets (one of each color: red, blue, yellow, and green)
- 1 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 pack of 8-subject dividers
- 1 pack of markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- 4 highlighters (colors: pink, green, yellow and orange)
- 4 packs of wide-ruled paper
- 1 bottle glue
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 pencil pouch with holes for binder

### Fifth Grade

- 12 3-prong pocket folders
- 1 3-inch, 3-ring plastic binder
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of #2 pencils
- 1 box of Crayola markers
- 1 pack of pencils
- 4 one-subject spiral notebooks
- 3 packs of wide-ruled paper
- 1 pack of markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons

## Nichols Elementary

### First Grade

- 12 pocket folders with prongs (assorted colors)
- 2 packages of large erasers
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Ziploc bags: 1 small and 1 large
- #2 pencils

### Second Grade

- 10 pocket folders with prongs (assorted colors)
- 1 package of pencil top erasers
- 1 pack of crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils

### Third Grade

- 6 pocket folders with prongs (assorted colors)
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 small plastic pencil box
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 packs of #2 pencils
- 3 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 package of pencil top erasers

### Fourth Grade

- 12 pocket folders with prongs (assorted colors)
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 two-inch binder
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (gallon)
- 4 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 red pens
- #2 pencils

### Fifth Grade

- 2 3-subject spiral notebooks
- 10 pocket folders with prongs
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 package of 2" binder
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 4 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 box of Ziploc bags
- 2 red pens
- #2 pencils

## North Bay Elementary

### First Grade

- 1 pack of Crayola markers
- 7 Elmer's glue sticks
- 10 paper 3-prong pocket folders (1 red, 1 yellow, 2 green, blue, purple, orange)
- 1 vinyl 3-prong pocket folder (yellow or red)
- 1 pack of cap erasers
- 1 box of tissue
- 1 pack of paper plates (girls-large, boys-small)
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (girls-quart; boys-gallon)
- 1 pencil box (no larger than a cigar box)

### Second Grade

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 2 spiral notebooks (70 count)
- 8 3-prong pocket folders (2 of each color-red, yellow, blue, green)
- 1 hard 1" plastic 3-ring binder (with clear plastic cover)
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue
- 2 packages of pencil top erasers
- 1 plastic supply box
- 1 pack of Crayola washable markers
- 2 boxes of Ziploc (one quart and one gallon)
- 1 pack of wet ones

### Third Grade

- 5 3-prong paper folders
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 1 1/2" -2", 3-ring binders
- 2 sets of 5-tab dividers
- 2 packs of 24 count crayons
- 1 zippered pencil bag
- 2 plastic, 3-prong folders with pockets
- 1 Mead composition book (black and white)

## Fourth Grade

- 1 12 pack of pencils
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 2 hand-held pencil sharpeners
- 20 3-prong pocket folders (4 of each color-blue, green, yellow, red, orange)
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 box of 24 count crayons
- 4 1-inch binders
- 1 Mead composition notebook (black and white)
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (boys-quart; girls-gallon)

### Fifth Grade

- 12 3-prong pocket folders
- 1 3-inch, 3-ring plastic binder
- 2 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of #2 pencils
- 1 box of Crayola markers
- 1 pack of pencils
- 1 box of blue pens
- 1 pack of subject dividers

## Popp's Ferry Elementary

### First Grade

- 1 small plastic pencil box
- 1 pack Crayola Classic markers
- 3 3-prong, 2 pocket folders (orange, green, blue)
- 1 large pack pencil top erasers
- 2 boxes Ziploc bags (quart size-girls) (gallon-boys)
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 1 pk. #2 yellow pencils

### Second Grade

- 6 pocket folders with brads (assorted)
- 1 regular school box (no larger than a cigar box)
- 2 spiral wide-ruled notebooks
- 1 package pencil top erasers (or 1 large)
- 1 box Ziploc bags (sandwich size)
- 1 box 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 box Crayola Classic markers

### Third Grade

- 1 ruler (must have cm, mm, and inches marked)
- 12 2-pocket, 3-prong folders (red, green, blue, yellow)
- 1 small plastic art box
- 1 package pencil top erasers
- 1 box Crayola markers or colored pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener-manual
- 1 box gallon or quart Ziploc bags

### Fourth Grade

- (no spiral notebooks, trapper keepers, or large school boxes)
- 12 2-pocket, 3-prong folders
- 1 8 pack box of markers or colored pencils
- 1 package pencil top erasers
- 1 pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 1 pack Index cards
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls-quart; boys-gallon)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 pack wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 pack #2 pencils (yellow)

### Fifth Grade

- (no binders or spiral notebooks)
- 1 box Crayola markers and colored pencils
- 1 bottle liquid glue
- 1 three ring 3" binder with dividers
- 2 packs of dividers
- 2 pencil sharpener-manual
- 2 package Index cards
- 4 3-prong pocket folders

## Kindergarten

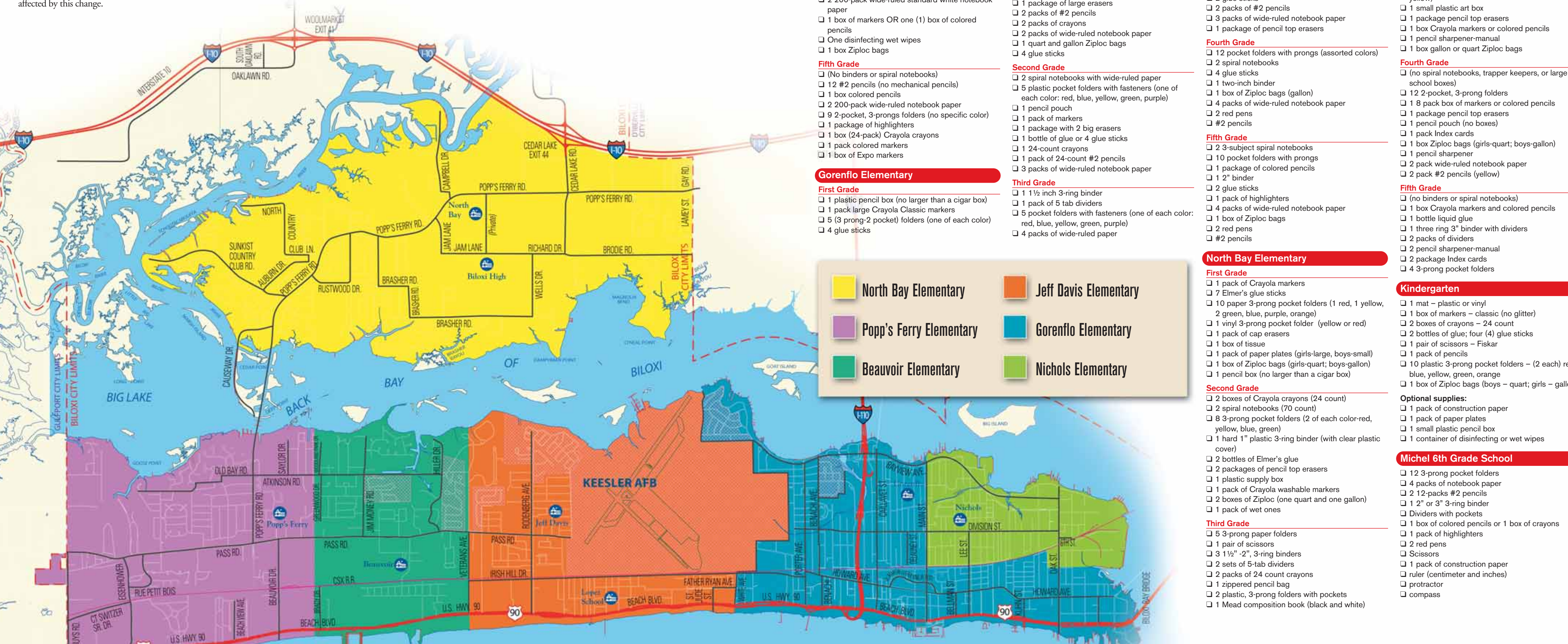
- 1 mat - plastic or vinyl
- 1 box of markers - classic (no glitter)
- 2 boxes of crayons - 24 count
- 2 bottles of glue; four (4) glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors - Fiskar
- 1 pack of pencils
- 10 plastic 3-prong pocket folders - (2 each) red, blue, yellow, green, orange
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (boys - quart; girls - gallon)

### Optional supplies:

- 1 pack of construction paper
- 1 pack of paper plates
- 1 small plastic pencil box
- 1 container of disinfecting or wet wipes

## Michel 6th Grade School

- 12 3-prong pocket folders
- 4 packs of notebook paper
- 2 12-packs #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of Ziploc (one quart and one gallon)
- 1 pack of wet ones
- 1 box of colored pencils or 1 box of crayons
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 2 red pens
- Scissors
- 1 pack of construction paper
- ruler (centimeter and inches)
- protractor
- compass



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# School contact information

## District Administrative Offices

160 St. Peter Street  
(228) 374-1810

## DuKate Building

1445 Father Ryan Ave.  
(228) 436-5126 Fax: (228) 435-6327  
School board meetings, print shop, reading program, in-school suspension

## Schools

### Beauvoir (K-5)

2003 Lawrence Avenue  
Telephone: (228) 436-5131  
Principal: Dr. Melanie Nelson  
Start/End/Early: 8:40/3:40/12:40

### Gorenflo (K-5)

771 Elder Street  
Telephone: (228) 436-5145  
Principal: Ms. Tina Thompson  
Start/End/Early: 7:25/2:25/11:25

### Jeff Davis (K-5)

340 St. Mary Blvd.  
Telephone: (228) 436-5110  
Principal: Mrs. Aline Balius  
Start/End/Early: 8:40/3:40/12:40

### Nichols (K-5)

590 Division Street  
Telephone: (228) 436-4648  
Principal: Mrs. Melissa Nance  
Start/End/Early: 7:25/2:25/11:25

### North Bay (K-5)

1825 Popp's Ferry Road  
Telephone: (228) 435-6166  
Principal: Dr. Laurie Pitre  
Start/End/Early: 8:40/3:40/12:40

### Popp's Ferry (K-5)

364 Nelson Road  
Telephone: (228) 436-5135  
Principal: Mrs. Patti Hughes  
Start/End/Early: 7:25/2:25/11:25

### Michel 6th Grade (6)

1400 Father Ryan Avenue  
Telephone: (228) 435-4540  
Principal: Dr. Vera Robertson  
Start/End/Early: 7:50/2:55/12:00

### Biloxi Junior High (7-8)

1424 Father Ryan Avenue  
Telephone: (228) 435-1421  
Principal: Mr. Carl Fantroy  
Start/End/Early: 7:50/2:55/12:00

### Biloxi High (9-12)

1845 Richard Drive  
Telephone: (228) 435-6105  
Principal: Ms. Pamela Manners  
Start/End/Early: 7:15/2:15/11:10

## Alternative School

### Lopez School

140 St. John Street  
Telephone: (228) 432-7783  
Principal: Dr. Alice Duggan  
Start/End/Early: 8:00/2:15/11:00

Contact teachers by e-mail:

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# School Calendar 2009-2010

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*This calendar is subject to change for reasons of inclement weather or state assessments. Additional make-up days may be added to the end of the school year if necessary.*

	Date	Day	
JUL	07/03/09	Fri	Independence Day Holiday
	07/21/09	Tue	Student Registration 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
	07/21/09	Tue	School Board Meeting
	07/22/09	Wed	Student Registration 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
	07/29/09	Wed	New Teacher Orientation 3 days (7/29, 7/30, 7/31)

AUG	08/03/09	Mon	All Teachers Report; No Students
	08/04/09	Tue	Teacher Work Day; No Students
	08/05/09	Wed	First Day Of School For Students
	08/18/09	Tue	School Board Meeting

SEP	09/07/09	Mon	Labor Day Holiday - No School
	09/10/09	Thu	Mid-Term Progress Reports
	09/15/09	Tue	School Board Meeting
	09/21/09	Mon	SATP Biology I Online Retest (State)
	09/22/09	Tue	SATP US History Online Retest (State)
	09/23/09	Wed	SATP Algebra I Online Retest (State)
	09/24/09	Thu	SATP Eng II Online Retest (State)
	09/25/09	Fri	SATP Eng II Writing Retest (State)
	09/25/09	Fri	Make-Up SATP Testing (State)

OCT	10/07/09	Wed	Term Exams, Grades 7-12
	10/08/09	Thu	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 TERM 1 = 46 Days
	10/09/09	Fri	Professional Development; No Students
	10/12/09	Mon	Columbus Day Holiday - No School
	10/15/09	Thu	Report Cards Sent Home
10/20/09	Tue	School Board Meeting	

NOV	11/17/09	Tue	School Board Meeting
	11/19/09	Thu	Mid-Term Progress Reports
	11/20/09	Fri	Last Day Before Thanksgiving Holidays
	11/30/09	Mon	School Resumes

DEC	12/01/09	Tue	Biology I Retest, SATP (State)
	12/02/09	Wed	U.S. History Retest, SATP (State)
	12/03/09	Thu	Algebra I Retest, SATP (State)
	12/04/09	Fri	English II Retest, SATP (State)
	12/07/09	Mon	Eng II Writing Retest, SATP (State)
	12/07/09	Mon	Make-Up SATP Testing (State)
	12/15/09	Tue	School Board Meeting
	12/17/09	Thu	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 TERM 2 = 44 Days
	12/18/09	Fri	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 SEM = 90 Days
	12/18/09	Fri	Last Day Before Holidays; Early Dismissal

STAFF	3 New Teacher Orientation Days; July 29, 30, 31	
	180 Student Instructional Days	
	7 Teacher Workdays/Professional Development Days:	
	August 3-4, October 9, January 4, February 17, and May 24-25	

HOLIDAYS	Labor Day	September 7
	Columbus Day	October 12
	Thanksgiving	November 23 - 27
	Christmas	December 21 - January 4
	MLK Holiday	January 18
	Mardi Gras	February 15 - 17
	Spring Break	March 29 - April 2
	Memorial Day	May 31

JAN	01/04/10	Mon	Professional Development; No Students
	01/05/10	Tue	School Resumes
	01/07/10	Thu	Report Cards Sent Home
	01/18/10	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
	01/19/10	Tue	School Board Meeting

FEB	02/11/10	Thu	Mid-Term Progress Reports
	02/15/10	Mon	Mardi Gras Holiday
	02/16/10	Tue	Mardi Gras Holiday
	02/17/10	Wed	Professional Development; No Students
	02/18/10	Thu	School Resumes
02/23/10	Tue	School Board Meeting	

MAR	03/03/10	Wed	Miss. Science Test, Grades 5 & 8 (State)
	03/04/10	Thu	Make-Up Test for Science
	03/10/10	Wed	Writing Assessment, Grades 4 & 7 (State)
	03/11/10	Thu	Make-Up Test for Writing (State)
	03/11/10	Thu	Term Exams, Grades 7-12
	03/12/10	Fri	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 TERM 3 = 45 Days
	03/16/10	Tue	Board Meeting
	03/18/10	Thu	Report Cards Sent Home
	03/24/10	Wed	English II Writing SATP (State)
	03/25/10	Thu	Make-Up Test for Writing (State)
03/26/10	Fri	Last Day Before Spring Break	

APR	04/05/10	Mon	School Resumes
	04/07/10	Wed	On-Line Biology I SATP (State)
	04/08/10	Thu	On-Line US History SATP (State)
	04/09/10	Fri	On-Line Algebra I SATP (State)
	04/12/10	Mon	On-Line English II SATP (State)
	04/13/10	Tue	Make-Up SATP Testing (State)
	04/20/10	Tue	Board Meeting
	04/22/10	Thu	Mid-Term Progress Reports
	04/26/10	Mon	Biology I Test, SATP (State)
	04/27/10	Tue	U.S. History Test, SATP (State)
	04/28/10	Wed	Algebra I SATP (State)
	04/29/10	Thu	English II Test, SATP (State)
04/30/10	Fri	Make-Up Test for SATP (State)	

MAY/JUNE	05/11/10	Tue	MCT2 Reading, Grades 3-8 (State)
	05/12/10	Wed	MCT2 Writing, Grades 3-8 (State)
	05/13/10	Thu	MCT2 Math, Grades 3-8 (State)
	05/14/10	Fri	Make-Up Test for MCT2 (State)
	05/18/10	Tue	School Board Meeting
	05/20/10	Thu	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 TERM 4 = 45 Days
	05/21/10	Fri	Term Exams, Grades 7-12 SEM 2 = 90 Days
	05/21/10	Fri	Last Day for Students; Early Dismissal
	05/23/10	Sun	Graduation, 2:00 p.m., Coliseum
	05/24/10	Mon	Work Day for Teachers
	05/25/10	Tue	Last Day For Teachers Close Classrooms
	05/31/10	Mon	Memorial Day Holiday
06/15/10	Tue	School Board Meeting	

ATTENDANCE	August = 19	January = 18
	September = 21	February = 17
	October = 20	March = 20
	November = 16	April = 20
	December = 14	May = 15



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