

## ESCAMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, August 10, 2023 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, September 4, 2023 - LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - EARLY RELEASE

Monday, October 9, 2023 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - EARLY RELEASE

Friday, November 10, 2023 - VETERANS DAY

November 20-24, 2023 - FALL BREAK

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - EARLY RELEASE

December 21 - January 5, 2024 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, January 8, 2024 - STUDENTS RETURN

Monday, January 15, 2024 - DR. KING HOLIDAY

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - EARLY RELEASE

Monday, February 19, 2024 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 25- March 29, 2024 - SPRING BREAK

Friday, May 22, 2024 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- EARLY RELEASE

### Arrival & Dismissal Information & Times

Car Riders and Walkers-----Arrival 7:30 a.m.

Tardy Bell-----Arrival 7:50 a.m.

*Students are not allowed on campus before 7:30 a.m.*

*When a student arrives after 7:50 a.m., they are tardy. **An adult must bring the child into the office to check in. Please complete a verification document for absences and tardies.***

*Any adult checking a student out **MUST be listed on the student's Focus Account and have a valid ID.***

*\*No check-outs are permitted after 1:30 p.m.  
Dismissal Times-----2:10 p.m*

### FOCUS ACCOUNT

Updates to students' Focus Accounts can only be made in person by the primary guardian on the student's account. Phone numbers must be up-to-date in order for the school to make contact.

### School Phone Numbers

Main Office-----850-595-6888

Community Health NW Florida-----850-912-6006

### Volunteers/Visitors

All volunteers and visitors, including parents, must check-in with office personnel and have a valid ID. A visitor is identified by wearing a badge obtained in the office. All volunteers must fill out the appropriate required forms and be approved to volunteer.

### Transportation

Students will not be granted permission to ride a bus other than the one assigned nor will they be allowed to get on/off the bus at a stop other than their regularly assigned stop.

Any changes to transportation **MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN.**

### Birthday's/Class Parties

Health Department regulations stipulate that schools are not allowed to hand out homemade food items. **All treats must be store bought.** Parents should communicate with teachers regarding bringing in birthday treats. No balloons, please. Birthday invitations can be distributed only if the entire class is included.

### Physical Education

Physical Education is an integral part of the total educational curriculum here at Weis. Through age appropriate activities, each child is given the opportunity through team activities and individual problem solving activities to develop the necessary knowledge to make decisions to choose a healthy lifestyle. The total child is our focus: physical activity can be a catalyst for respect, cooperation, communication, teamwork and sportsmanship, which leads to a healthy mind and body. Students are expected to participate in recess/physical education each day they attend school. **Parents or guardians should notify the physical education teacher in writing when a student should be exempt from activities. If the exemption is for more than a week, a doctor's excuse will be needed. Students must wear closed in shoes (front and back) during these activities.**

### Clinic and Medications

Our clinic is staffed with a clinic aide. Children should not be sent to school when running a fever. If your child has a fever, please do not give them fever-reducing medicine and then send them school.

School personnel are not allowed to administer medication to students unless authorized in writing. Parents must sign a **Dispersion of Medication Form** witnessed by either office or clinic personnel. The prescription must be labeled with the student's name.

### Car Riders and Walkers

*All car riders are to be dropped off and picked up in the car rider line located off St. Mary (at the front of the school). When picking up children, follow the instructions of the staff.*

### Report Cards

Report cards will be issued every nine weeks for all grades. Progress reports are published in the FOCUS Parent-Portal mid nine weeks. If there are questions, please contact the teacher for a conference. Sign the report card envelope each nine weeks and have the child return it the next day.

### Cell Phones

**Students must secure permission to use any phone.** Teachers will not allow for students to be on their phones during school hours.

### Lost and Found

Lost and found items are displayed on the lost and found rack located in the cafeteria.

### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is absolutely vital for student academic success. **Excessive absences and tardies will be addressed.**

## Student Dress Code Policy

TOPS: Navy blue, white, or red solid-colored shirts or dresses



SHOES: Closed toe shoes with backs  
\*Tennis/athletic shoes are required to participate in PE and/or recess and shall be worn each day\* **NO slides/flip-flops**



BOTTOMS: Khaki, blue, or black bottoms (skirts, pants, shorts, jumpers)



- Jeans are accepted without torn holes



No sweatpants. Leggings are only permitted if worn under a dress or skirt.

Skin Tight clothing is **not** permitted.

Students must abide by the 'fingertip rule' when it comes to shorts and skirt length (must extend beyond fingertips)

Head coverings including but not limited to caps, bandanas, sunglasses, and hoods shall not be worn inside all school buildings.

## We are a "Community School!"

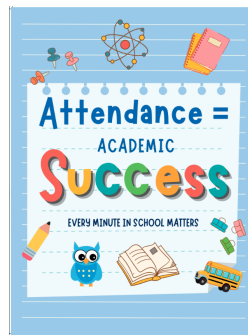
C.A. Weis Elementary is a Community Partnership School. It is the hub of our community, a place focused on student success- in school and beyond. At C.A. Weis Elementary, we are committed to empowering students and their families by collaborating to improve student attendance, behavior and course performance.

A Community Partnership School is a partnership between a school district, a health care provider, a university or college, and a non-profit that convenes services via a "hub" where children and families find support. Schools become centers of the community, open to everyone in a "one stop shopping" service model.

Children's Home Society of Florida brings the school together as the lead non-profit. The CPS Director is the coordinating point of contact for each of the core partners and supporting partners. The "feet on the ground" CHS operates the "hub" at each school and our CPS Director runs the operations within the Community Partnership School, bringing the right partners, services and solutions into the school.

Students can see the pediatric nurse practitioner on campus for regular doctor's appointments, vaccines, and more! Call the number below to schedule your appointment.

Community Health NW Florida-----850-912-6006



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**Handbook for Families  
2023-2024**

*The faculty, staff, families, and community of C.A. Weis Elementary UNITE in order to instill in our students a high standard of academic excellence and responsible behavior that will prepare them to compete in a rapidly changing and culturally-diverse society.*

***Students need to bring their take-home folders to school DAILY.***

**School Website:**

escambiaschools.org/caweis

**Social Media:**

**Facebook Page:** @weiselem  
**Instagram Page:** @c.a.weis

## Request for Teacher Conferences

Conference requests may be made by sending a note with your child to the teacher. Allow each teacher the first two weeks of the school year to get to know your child. You may also call the office to request a conference.

## Media Center (Library)

Students in Grade K-5th can check out library books each week. KDG and 1st graders keep books at school. 2nd-5th are permitted to bring books home. Please help your child designate a safe place to keep library books- away from food, drinks, babies, and pets at home. Please encourage your child(ren) to read daily. Right before bed is a great time to read! Reading can relax the mind and get your child ready for sleep. Our school uses a program called Accelerated Reader (AR). Students take AR quizzes on books they've read. They are given goals and earn points and rewards by taking AR tests! Happy Reading!