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## Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Monday, Sept. 2:** Labor Day Holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Friday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 7:** U-46 Job Fair. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Sept. 9:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

## Student Handbook

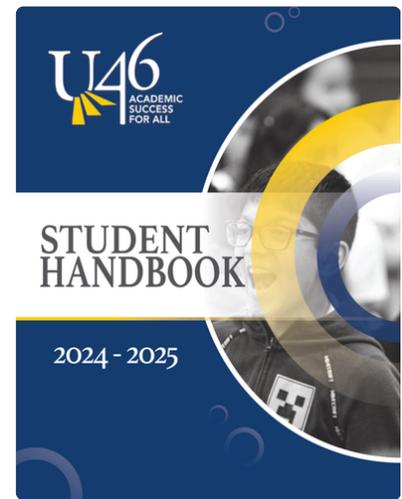
As a new school year gets underway, it's important for parents and guardians to talk to their children about expectations and consequences around issues of safety at school.

Parents and guardians should review the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#) with their child. Parents and guardians should also be aware of their children's social media activity, and remind them that no weapons are allowed on school grounds, including lookalike weapons.

In addition, please remind your child about the importance of "see something, say something." If they have any safety or security concerns, they should speak about them immediately to their teacher, principal, or another trusted adult.

U-46 and our local law enforcement partners take all safety concerns to schools very seriously. Intentional disruptions to the safety of the school will face serious school consequences according to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), and criminal charges when appropriate. According to the [Illinois Criminal Statutes](#), potential criminal charges for intentional school safety threats may include felony charges.

Working together, we will continue to keep our schools safe learning environments for all our students and staff.



## Stay Connected

Now that the school year is underway, family and community members have a variety of ways they can stay connected to School District U-46:

- Regularly visit the District's website at [u-46.org](http://u-46.org). It is easy to navigate and works well on mobile phones, tablets, and computers.
- Have any questions, comments, or suggestions for U-46 staff? [Let's Talk!](#) is the District's online customer service tool where you can contact the District and schools and get a timely response.
- Parents, guardians, and high school students receive the U-46 Engage newsletter on Wednesday evenings during the school year.
- Follow District U-46 on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). Stay up to date with your student's school with [Infinite Campus](#). Check that your family contact information is up to date to make it easier for communication to flow between parents and teachers, school and District administrators.

## #U46FirstDay2024

This past Tuesday, Aug. 20, was the first day of preschool for our youngest learners. U-46 welcomed preschool students to classrooms at Illinois Park Center for Early Learning, Independence Center for Early Learning, Larkin High School, and 10 elementary schools. U-46 now has the capacity to educate about 1,650 preschool students, about 270 more than just two years ago, partially thanks to the work of [Unite U-46](#).

You can see more photos from the day on U-46's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages under the #U46FirstDay2024 hashtag.



## Calendar Reminders and Updates

Monday, Sept. 2, is the Labor Day holiday. U-46 students will have no classes on that day, and schools and buildings will be closed. After that, the next non-attendance days for students will be Friday, Oct. 11, which is an Institute Day during which teachers will engage in professional development, as well as Monday, Oct. 14, for Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day.

For details on other non-attendance days, and holiday breaks, please consult the 2024-25 calendar at [u-46.org/calendar](http://u-46.org/calendar). That's also where you'll find the calendar for the 2025-26 school year, which was approved by the U-46 Board of Education at its [meeting](#) on Monday, Aug. 20.

## Johnson on the Job



In the latest in the "Johnson on the Job" series, Dr. Suzanne Johnson spends time with U-46 Lead Painter Klaas Boes and U-46 Painter Tim Kueppers. Watch this latest episode [here](#).

## Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is made up of approximately 35 students, in grades 9-12, who currently attend Bartlett High School, Elgin High School, Larkin High School, South Elgin High School, Streamwood High School, Dream Academy, and Central School Programs.

The advisory council was developed to provide the Superintendent and District leaders with the opportunity to hear directly from the students they serve.

To be considered for Superintendent's Student Advisory Council membership, high school students should contact their school principal before Wednesday, Aug. 28. If current students have questions or ideas they would like to bring to the advisory council, they can contact their schools representative(s) or principal directly.

Each high school principal selects students to serve on the advisory council in the fall for the current school year. Learn more at [u-46.org/studentadvisory](https://u-46.org/studentadvisory).



## Save the Date

The next [Unite U-46](#) community engagement session is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, at the U-46 Welcome Center. Stay tuned for more details!

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## More Resources

### Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message [here](#).



### Care Solace

[Care Solace](#) is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members. Learn more [here](#).



### Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).



### We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



### Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



**School District U-46**

All means all.

