

Eastover 101...Information You Need to Know!

Eastover Phone Number	980-343-5505
School Website	http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastoverES/Pages/Default.aspx
Drop Off Time	7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Free breakfast is provided during this time.
Bell Schedule	8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Kindergarten Physical and Immunizations	Due on the first day of school
Staggered Entry (Kindergarten only)	All kindergartners begin the school year with staggered entry. During the first four days of school, all incoming kindergartners will attend only one of the four school days. On the 5th day (Friday), all kindergartners attend. On your staggered entry day, your child will be in class with a small number of other students. This gives our teachers the opportunity to spend time with and learn about your child, and to conduct informal assessments.
Student Agendas and Tuesday Folders	As needed, teachers provide daily communication regarding behavior and progress to parents/guardians through the use of a student agenda. On Tuesdays, a communication folder is sent home with each child. It contains relevant forms and information from the classroom teacher, the school and the PTA. Please make sure that you review this information and sign the work samples, permission slips and forms as needed, and return the folder in your child's backpack the following day.
Dress Code-Uniform	Eastover is a uniform school. Uniforms strengthen school unity and foster a sense of pride among Eastover students. Students wear white shirts with blue shorts, pants or skirts. Girls may also wear navy dresses or jumpers with a white shirt. Athletic shoes are preferred; boots are not permitted. The Uniform Chart is available from the PTA link on our school website and describes appropriate uniform attire. Learn more at eastoverpta.com/uniforms .
Personalized Learning	The Personalized Learning Initiative establishes a student-driven environment and offers curriculum that directly relates to the world they live in, providing a unique opportunity to encourage critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. At Eastover, Personalized Learning is met through the use of flipped classrooms, project and problem-based learning, choice boards and centers. Each grade K-1 has an iPad cart and grades 3-5 have a Chromebook cart to support this initiative. CMS has a 1:1 Chromebook initiative for grades 3-5. At Eastover, we have 1:1 technology in grades 2-5. Eastover also offers a Talent Development curriculum for children identified as high performers during second grade. These students work with the Talent Development Coordinator on a variety of enrichment projects and assignments throughout the year as a supplement to their in-classroom experience.

Talent Development (TD)	Children are tested in the second grade to determine if they will be invited to participate in accelerated classes.
Exceptional Children (EC)	Additional support is available for students with exceptional needs.
Visiting the School Campus	You are always welcome to visit Eastover. During school hours, the main entrance doors are locked. All visitors ring the bell located outside the entrance door for admittance. You must sign in at the computer in the office, using a government issued ID or driver's license. Once you are checked in, you will receive a visitor's badge to be worn for the duration of your visit. When you leave, please sign out through the front office computer. This is a CMS-wide policy that is in place to protect our children and teachers.
Volunteer Opportunities	There are many opportunities to assist both your child and Eastover. These opportunities range from one-time commitments to more extensive ongoing volunteer positions. In order to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend a field trip, you must register as a volunteer by going to: https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/ .
Emergency Drills	Eastover has created several plans to ensure your child's safety. Children are taught the procedures for a lockdown, tornado, and fire emergencies and practice these scenarios throughout the year.
Bad Weather	Please refer to local radio, the local news, and the CMS website for information concerning bad weather and possible school cancellation, two-hour delay, or early dismissal. A Connect Ed message will also be sent via telephone.
Individual School Pictures	Individual school pictures are taken twice per year during the fall and spring, and parents may purchase portraits. The fall picture will be used in the yearbook.
Cafeteria Account	<p>Children may either purchase lunch from the cafeteria or bring their lunch from home. The monthly lunch and breakfast menus may be found online on the CMS website. Breakfast is available FREE TO ALL students between 7:45 am and the 8:15 am bell.</p> <p>There are two payment options for purchasing lunch and/or drinks. You may send in money or you use the Pay PAMS system to set up a secure on-line account. This can be done at paypams.com. You may also send in money on a daily basis; however, Pay PAMS makes things much easier for students and parents.</p>
Eating Lunch Together	Lunch is also a great time to visit your child at school. All parents are always welcome to come and eat with their child. When you come to lunch, please sign in at the office and meet your child in the cafeteria. When the weather is nice, you and your child may choose to eat at a table on our outdoor patio, located behind the cafeteria.

My Child is Absent

Please report your child's absence directly to the office through the Eastover web site, by clicking on the link Absent, Who to Contact. You may also send an email to your child's teacher. Extended absences of three days or longer due to illness require a doctor's note. Absences for scheduled family trips that are educational opportunities must be approved by the Principal. Approval forms are available in the office and must be submitted two weeks prior to the trip.