



DELTA SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year!

Dear Delta School Families,

On behalf of the entire Delta School staff, welcome to the **2026–2027 school year!** Whether your family is returning or joining us for the first time, we are excited to partner with you in helping every student learn, grow, and succeed.

At Delta School, we believe every student deserves an educational experience that is meaningful, individualized, and engaging. Our dedicated staff is committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where students feel valued, challenged, and empowered to reach their full potential. Guided by our school-wide expectations to **Be Respectful, Be Safe, and Be Responsible**, we strive to build not only strong academic skills but also confidence, independence, and character.

Throughout the year, our staff will continue participating in professional learning focused on evidence-based instructional practices, positive behavior supports, culturally responsive teaching, and special education best practices. Our commitment to continuous improvement allows us to provide the highest quality educational experience for every learner.

Academic Programs

Delta School provides rigorous, research-based instruction that is individualized to meet the unique needs of every student.

Elementary students will continue using **Wonders** for English Language Arts and **My Math** for mathematics instruction. Middle and high school students receive instruction using the **McGraw Hill** and **Glencoe** curricula, including **McGraw Hill's new Summit and Soar digital learning platforms**, which provide engaging,

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interactive lessons and personalized learning experiences that support student achievement across content areas.

Students requiring intensive intervention receive individualized support through our certified **Wilson Reading System** instructor. Students who benefit from additional foundational literacy instruction also have access to **i-Ready Phonics**, an evidence-based, systematic phonics program that strengthens phonemic awareness, decoding, and foundational reading skills. Additional targeted interventions, including **SRA Corrective Reading** and **SRA Corrective Math**, are provided based on individual student needs. Students enrolled in our Life Skills program continue to utilize the **Unique Learning System**, promoting functional academics, communication, independent living, and transition skills.

To monitor student growth and ensure instruction is responsive to individual needs, Delta School administers the **i-Ready Diagnostic** in reading and mathematics **three times each school year** (fall, winter, and spring). These benchmark assessments provide valuable information about each student's academic progress, help identify areas of strength and areas for growth, allowing teachers to make informed instructional decisions and provide timely interventions. In addition to the i-Ready benchmarks, teachers use ongoing classroom assessments and progress-monitoring tools throughout the school year to monitor student growth and celebrate progress toward individual learning goals.

Student Opportunities

Learning at Delta extends well beyond the classroom through meaningful experiences that prepare students for success after graduation.

Students ages 14 and older participate in comprehensive transition programming designed to build independence, career readiness, and essential life skills. Through classroom instruction,

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community-based learning, and vocational experiences, students explore career pathways while developing the skills needed for employment, post-secondary education, and independent living.

A cornerstone of our transition programming is our **Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)** program. JAG equips students with employability skills, leadership development, career exploration, and work-based learning opportunities that prepare them for success beyond high school. Through JAG, students have opportunities to participate in leadership conferences, state and national career development events, community service projects, and networking experiences with peers and professionals. These experiences help students develop confidence, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while preparing them for future educational and career opportunities.

Delta School is also proud to partner with **Arcadia University** to offer students access to the **CORE (Career Opportunities and Readiness Experiences) Program**. Through CORE, students participate in virtual career exploration experiences led by industry professionals across a wide range of career fields. These interactive learning opportunities expose students to emerging careers, workplace expectations, and post-secondary pathways while helping them identify their interests and build skills for future success. Students who complete CORE learning experiences earn certificates recognizing their participation and achievement.

Together, these transition opportunities empower students to become confident, capable, and prepared for life beyond Delta School.

At Delta School, we believe the arts provide powerful opportunities for students to develop creativity, confidence, communication, and self-expression. Students participate in a comprehensive visual arts program where they explore a variety of artistic techniques and media while developing problem-solving skills, fine motor skills, and creative thinking.

In addition to visual arts, students continue to receive music instruction and have opportunities to participate in music therapy,

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providing meaningful experiences that support social-emotional growth, creativity, and self-confidence. Through both the visual and performing arts, students are encouraged to discover their unique talents, express themselves, and celebrate their accomplishments in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Student Wellness

Supporting the whole child remains central to Delta School's mission. We recognize that students achieve their greatest success when their academic, behavioral, social, and emotional needs are supported in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment.

Delta School is proud to have a dedicated **Clinical Services Team** that works collaboratively with students, families, and educational staff to promote student well-being and success. Our team includes a **Clinical Psychologist, School Counselors, Behavior Managers, and a Student Support Coordinator**, all of whom provide individualized support to help students develop emotional regulation, positive coping strategies, social skills, behavioral success, and overall wellness.

Our Clinical Services Team partners closely with teachers, related service providers, and families to ensure students receive comprehensive, individualized support throughout the school day. When appropriate, we also collaborate with outside providers and community agencies to coordinate services and promote continuity of care between school, home, and community settings.

Through proactive support, crisis intervention, counseling services, behavioral consultation, and family collaboration, we are committed to creating an environment where every student feels safe, supported, connected, and empowered to succeed.

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Family Partnerships

Families are our most important partners in education. We recognize that students achieve their greatest success when schools and families work together.

We encourage families to stay actively involved by maintaining communication with teachers, monitoring Google Classroom and ClassDojo, attending school events, and reaching out whenever questions or concerns arise.

We are excited to continue offering opportunities for family engagement throughout the school year, including our annual **Fall Festival**, where families and community members can celebrate our students and learn more about the exciting programs offered at Delta School. Additional details will be shared as the event approaches.

As we begin this new school year, we understand that transitions can bring both excitement and anxiety. Our staff is committed to helping every student feel welcomed, supported, and connected from the very first day.

Important Reminders for Families

Student & Family Handbook

Please take time to carefully review the **2026–2027 Delta School Student & Family Handbook** with your child before the start of school. Several policies and procedures have been updated for the upcoming school year. The handbook contains important information regarding attendance, behavior expectations, technology use, transportation, dress code, and school procedures. Reviewing these expectations together helps ensure a smooth and successful start to the year.

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New Dress Code Policy

Beginning this school year, Delta School will implement its updated student dress code. To support families during this transition, **every student will receive one Delta School polo shirt on the first day of school at no cost.** Additional details regarding acceptable attire are included in the Student & Family Handbook. We appreciate your partnership as we consistently implement this policy throughout the school year.

Cell Phone Expectations

To maximize learning and minimize distractions, **student cell phones and personal electronic devices are strictly prohibited during instructional time.** Unless specifically authorized by school staff for educational purposes or required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or documented medical need, devices must remain powered off and stored away throughout the instructional day.

We appreciate your support in discussing this expectation with your child before the first day of school.

Thank you for entrusting Delta School with your child's education. It is an honor to serve your family, and we look forward to another year of learning, growth, and celebration.

Together, we will continue building a school community where every student is respected, supported, challenged, and empowered to succeed.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school!

Warm regards,

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