

Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology

Dr. Liana Summey, Principal



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Greetings Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! My name is Dr. Liana Summey and it is a privilege to introduce myself as the Principal of the Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology. I am honored to be a part of the Circuit Family and to continue to lead our school as your principal. I am very excited about leading our educational community on the road to success with each of you at my side.

As an educator, I pride myself in recognizing the unique brilliance that lives in each and every student. Through a productive partnership between students, parents, teachers, and staff, I look forward to collectively working with you to ensure that learning and tapping into every student's individual talent is our main priority. Our mission is to prepare students for immediate college and career opportunities by combining the most innovative curriculum in data science with cutting-edge, industry-standard technology. We accomplish this by providing every student with a holistic educational experience that addresses high academic standards, social emotional needs, and provides opportunities to prepare them for a successful post-secondary trajectory in college and career.

At the Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology, we **INSPIRE** the future technology leaders and change agents of tomorrow. We do this by living our core values every day:

I.N.S.P.I.R.E Innovation Navigation Sustainability Passion Inclusion Relevance Excellence

Below you will find important information and procedures regarding the opening of school this September, including information on school curriculum, programs and activities, and policies and procedures.

Thank you for choosing the Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology. I look forward to seeing you at the following events and serving you throughout the school year.

Important Information:

- Freshman Summer Bridge Program Monday, August 14th Friday, August 18th 2023; @8:30am-1:00PM. Summer Bridge is MANDATORY for all ninth grade students. Please register <u>here</u>.
- **Student Orientations** All students are required to attend their grade level orientations before school starts. All orientations are held in-person.
 - Junior Orientation: Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023; 9:00AM -11:00AM
 - Sophomore Orientation: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023; 9:00AM -11:00AM
 - Freshman Orientation: Thursday, August 24th, 2023; 9:00AM -11:00AM
- First Day of School Tuesday, September 5th, 2023.
- Daily Start Time & Dismissal The school day begins at 8:20AM and ends at 2:40PM. Students are expected to be in class and ready for instruction daily at 8:20AM.



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- Attendance Students who attend school every day succeed academically and socially and outperform their peers who are absent. Students are expected to be present in school every day.
- Lunch Applications All families are required to complete a lunch application for the 23-24 school year. Please complete the lunch application <u>here</u>.
- School Uniforms All students must be in uniform every day. The uniform code is as follows: Kelly Green polo shirts with black pants or skirt. Hunter Green Uniforms will no longer be permitted. Uniforms may be purchased at Flynn O'Hara -196-198 Ferry Street or Kids Place 311 Ferry Street, Newark, NJ.
- Arrival doors for students All students will enter at the Chapman street entrance. Student entry begins at 7:45AM daily.
- Back to School Night Thursday, September 21st, 2023, @ 6:00-8:00PM. This will be your opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn their academic curriculum and goals for the school year, and tour your child's school and classrooms.
- **Communication** Please continue to check our school website <u>https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/data-science/</u> for more. I will also be communicating through SchoolMint and Blackboard. Please also follow our social media:
 - Instagram @nps_datascience
 - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/npsdatascience/
 - **Twitter** <u>https://twitter.com/nps_datascience</u>

Additional information regarding after school activities, student schedules and IDs, and technology distribution will be provided via Schoolmint and at student orientations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 973-350-5088 or email Barbara Sas at <u>bsas@nps.k12.nj.us</u> for assistance.

Best Regards,

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