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# Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology

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**August 8, 2025**

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

Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year! I am Dr. Liana Summey, proud Principal of the Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology. As we embark on this new academic year, I am excited to announce that we are **Sparking the Shift**—a schoolwide movement toward raising the bar in everything we do. This is in alignment with the District’s theme of “Keeping on Moving”. This year, we recommit to pushing toward higher standards of excellence, deeper learning, stronger community, and a culture of student-centered success.

At the Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology, we INSPIRE the future technology leaders and change agents of tomorrow. Our values—**Innovation, Navigation, Sustainability, Passion, Inclusion, Relevance, and Excellence**—are more than words. They are the compass guiding our daily work. Through collaborative effort among students, families, staff, and the community, we ensure that our young people grow into skilled, confident, and compassionate leaders.

As we Spark the Shift this year, we challenge ourselves to innovate in instruction, personalize learning, integrate meaningful technology and AI tools, build strong relationships, and use data to drive excellence in Math and ELA. This shift is about igniting potential—in every classroom, in every student.

Please review the important information below to prepare for a strong start to the school year:

## Important Information

**Freshman Summer Bridge Program: Monday, August 18 – Friday, August 22, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Summer Bridge is **mandatory** for all incoming 9th grade students. We look forward to welcoming our newest Circuit scholars!

## Student Orientation Dates

All students are required to attend their grade-level orientation prior to the first day of school.

### August 25, 2025

Seniors: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Juniors: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

### August 29, 2025

Freshmen: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Sophomores: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025

**Daily Start & Dismissal:** 8:15 AM – 3:05 PM

Students should arrive daily by 8:15 AM ready to learn and grow.

**Attendance Matters:** Students are expected to attend school every day. Consistent attendance is critical to academic and social success.



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**Lunch Applications:** All families must complete a new lunch application for the 25–26 school year. Please complete the form [here](#).

**School Uniforms:** All students must be in full uniform each day: Kelly Green polo shirt with black pants or skirt. *Hunter Green is not permitted.* Uniforms can be purchased at:

- **Flynn O'Hara:** 544 Raymond Blvd, Newark, NJ
- **Kids Place:** 311 Ferry Street, Newark, NJ

## Student Entry

All students enter through the **Chapman Street entrance** beginning at **7:45 AM** each morning.

**Back to School Night:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Join us to meet your child's teachers, learn about their academic program, and tour the building.

**Stay Connected:** We use SchoolMint for key updates and announcements, so please ensure your account is up-to-date.

- Website: <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/data-science/>
- Instagram: [@nps\\_datascience](#)
- Facebook: [NPS Data Science](#)

Additional information regarding afterschool programs, schedules, ID distribution, and technology access will be shared during orientation and via SchoolMint. For questions, please contact our main office at 973-350-5088 or email **Paula Durango** at [pdurango@nps.k12.nj.us](mailto:pdurango@nps.k12.nj.us).

Let's make 2025–2026 a transformative year—together we are **Sparking the Shift** toward brilliance, excellence, and impact.

With excitement and gratitude,

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