

# Ampers&nd SCHOOL

2016-2017 Academic Calendar  
First Semester

Monday - Friday	August 15-19	Pre-Planning/ Professional Development for Learning Coaches and Staff
Monday	August 22	<b>1st Day of School for &amp;Students</b> First Semester Begins
Monday- Friday	August 22-26	<b>We are &amp;Spirit Week</b>
Monday	September 5	<b>&amp;Closed-- Labor Day Observation</b>
Tuesday- Friday	September 6 - 9	<b><u>"I Made That"</u></b> Integrated Thematic Unit
TBD	TBD	<b>&amp;Curriculum Night (6pm-7pm)</b> Come and Learn how we do what we do for our students. Take a walk through campus and meet our staff, students, and parents
Thursday	October 20	Half Day- Student PickUp at Noon <b>I Made That Student Exhibition Day (6pm-8pm)</b>
Friday	October 21	Teacher Work Day (9am-noon) Student Non- Attendance Day- No School
Monday	October 24	<b><u>"Elections"</u></b> Integrated Thematic Unit
Friday	November 18	<b>&amp;Thanksgiving Meal</b> [All &families are welcome to attend] Student PickUp at 12:30pm
Monday - Friday	November 21-25	Thanksgiving Week Break-- Campus Closed
Thursday	December 15	Half Day- Student PickUp at Noon <b>Elections Student Exhibition Day (6pm-8pm)</b>
Friday	December 16	Teacher Work Day (9am-noon) Student Non- Attendance Day- No School
Monday-Friday	December 19-January 6	Winter Break No School; Limited Office Hours

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Monday	January 9	School resumes <b>Movement</b> Integrated Thematic Unit
Monday	January 16	<b>MLK Day -- Campus Closed</b>
Monday	February 20	<b>President's Day - Campus Closed</b>
Thursday	February 23	Half Day- Student PickUp at Noon <b>Movement Student Exhibition Day</b> (6pm-8pm)
Friday	February 24	Teacher Work Day (9am-noon) Student Non- Attendance Day- No School
Monday	February 27	<b>In the Movies</b> Integrated Thematic Unit
Friday	March 17	Teacher Work Day (9am-noon) Student Non- Attendance Day- No School
Monday -Friday	March 20-24	<b>Spring Break - No School</b>
Friday	April 14	<b>Good Friday Observance - Campus Closed</b>
Thursday	April 20	Half Day- Student PickUp at Noon <b>In the Movies Student Exhibition Day</b> (6pm-8pm)
Friday	April 21	Teacher Work Day (9am-noon) Student Non- Attendance Day- No School
Monday	April 24	<b>Change &amp; Tradition</b> Integrated Thematic Unit
Friday	May 19	Student Non-Attendance Day Graduation & End of the Year Ceremonies <b>Change &amp; Tradition Student Exhibition Day</b>
Friday	May 26	Last day of School -- Half Day Student Pick Up Noon

\*\*\***Calendar dates and events subject to change.**

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**Regular School Hours:**

9:00am – 3:30pm (Students can be dropped off at 8:30am)

Students should be on campus and in their House Groups prior to 9:00am to be on time. Tardy students will miss valuable information that will help them with their day.

**Teacher Work Days:**

Students not in attendance. Administrators, Staff, Teachers, and Employees are working. &School is open for business 9am – 4pm.

**Campus Closed:**

Administrators, Staff, Teachers, and Employees are **not** working. &School is **not** open for business.

**Half Days:**

9am – Noon (unless otherwise noted)

**Physical Education Requirements:**

All students are required to have **80 hours of physical education activity** throughout the school year. Students may accrue these hours in a variety of ways. Forms to keep track of these hours are located in the office and on the school's website. All physical education hours are due to the front office by **Friday, May 5.**

**Community Impact Program:**

Service Learning is a method of teaching that combines formal instruction with a related service in the community. Our service learning program provides students and teachers the opportunity to impact their community in many ways. All &School Students, Faculty, and Staff will participate in service learning projects throughout the school year. Parents will be responsible for dropping students off and picking them up from the designated location. Students should bring lunch that does not have to be refrigerated on these days. All students are required to have a certain number of service learning hours within the community each school year. Students must complete the hours and document them on the Service Learning Forms provided. All service learning hours are due by **Friday, May 5.** Students who complete hours on time will receive an incentive/reward TBD.

**Service Learning Hours Requirements by Program**

Primary – 20 hours  
Transition – 40 hours  
Preparatory – 60 hours  
Graduating Seniors – 75 hours

**Career Builder Week/Job Shadow Program:**

Our Job Shadow Program is designed for all students on various levels. This program provides students with career preparedness from on the job training in a variety of fields throughout the year. (Interviewing skills, career aptitude testing, school to work modules, job shadows, and more.) Students are expected to complete the accompanying assignments on their syllabus for each quarter in order to fulfill the requirements for the Job Shadow Program.

***Primary & Transition Students*** will go on field trips as a group to visit that each student is interested in throughout the school year. Please bring students to school on time and pick up at the regular pick up time.

***Preparatory Students & Parents*** are responsible for transportation to and from their Job Shadow Experience. Preparatory Students are not to attend school before or after their Job Shadow Experience. Should you need assistance providing transportation for your students, please let the front office know.

**Student Exhibitions:**

Ampersand School Student Exhibitions are held at the end of each quarter. Students showcase one project that they have been working on throughout the quarter and present it to family, friends of the Ampersand School, their peers, and other community leaders. We want to present our very best to the community during this time. There is dress code for Student Exhibitions. ***Student attire for Ampersand School Exhibitions is as follows (unless otherwise noted): dark jeans, white first layer (shirt/blouse), and black second layer (tie, vest, jacket, sweater, scarf, etc).***

These events are mandatory for all Ampersand School Students. They serve as final exams for each themed curriculum unit.

### **Student Exhibition Schedule**

Exhibition is traditionally from 6pm – 9pm

Students should be picked up at Ampersand School at Noon, then arrive at the designated Exhibition Venue by 5pm to meet their teachers. Students should not leave the Exhibition Venue without permission from the Director.

*\*\*More information to follow with specific instructions for each Student Exhibition.*

### **Bring a Friend to School Day**

Bring a Friend to School Days are a special program for current Ampersand Students to invite potential students who are part of their sports teams, summer camps, churches, after school programs, neighborhoods, etc. to spend a day and experience Ampersand. This will be a typical school day, with a focus on **making**. Additional details and registration will be on our website.

### **&Hours - Ampersand School Before and After School Program**

Ampersand School works in partnership with each family to design a before and after school program that meets their specific needs. We draw upon the most effective academic enrichment, physical fitness, nutritional, service learning, and life skill programs to challenge children and make learning fun. We provide a healthy snack. And, we employ an experienced team of educators and entrepreneurs that mentor students daily. We strive to help our children become well-rounded, contributing members of their communities. After School is invoiced monthly. Failure to make payment will result in your student not being allowed to stay for this program.

&Hours Begins - Tuesday, September 6

#### **&Hours - Before School Care**

Monday – Friday; 7am - 830am

Weekly Fee: \$20

Daily Rate; \$5

#### **&Hours - After School Care**

Monday – Friday; 330pm - 6pm

Weekly; \$50 per week

Daily Rate; \$15

Late PickUp: \$1 per minute (due

### **&Hours Schedule**

#### **Maker Mondays**

Makers Projects, Music, Art, etc

#### **Techy Tuesday**

&Engineers; Robotics, Computer, STEM, STEAM

#### **Workout Wednesdays**

Brain Games, Yoga, Zumba, etc

#### **Tasty Thursdays**

Culinary Arts, Food creations & beyond, nutrition

#### **BYOF (Bring Your Own Fun Fridays)**

Fun activities, games, team building

