

Ignite Institute Insider

July 19, 2019

Hello!

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break!
We are excited for the new school year to start, and it will be here before you know it!



Schedule Pick up

Don't forget Monday, August 5 accepted scholars and their parents are invited to the Ignite Institute! Please note the time frames below, and plan to attend during your scholar's scheduled time.

- ❖ 4pm- 5pm- Education/ Computer Science Pathways
- ❖ 5pm- 6pm- Engineering Pathway
- ❖ 6pm- 7pm- Design Pathway
- ❖ 7pm- 8pm- Biomed / Pre-Nursing Pathways



During these times you will be able to pick up your scholar's class schedule, get info on parking passes, lunches, fees, clubs, ask questions, check out the building, etc !

This is for accepted scholars and their parents, but we are looking forward to giving tours at a later date for others!

The Ignite Institute address is: 37 Atlantic Ave, Erlanger, KY 41018, and our phone number is 859-817-3570.

If you are unable to attend on Aug 5, accepted scholars (and their parents) can pick up schedules and take a tour of the building on Aug 9.

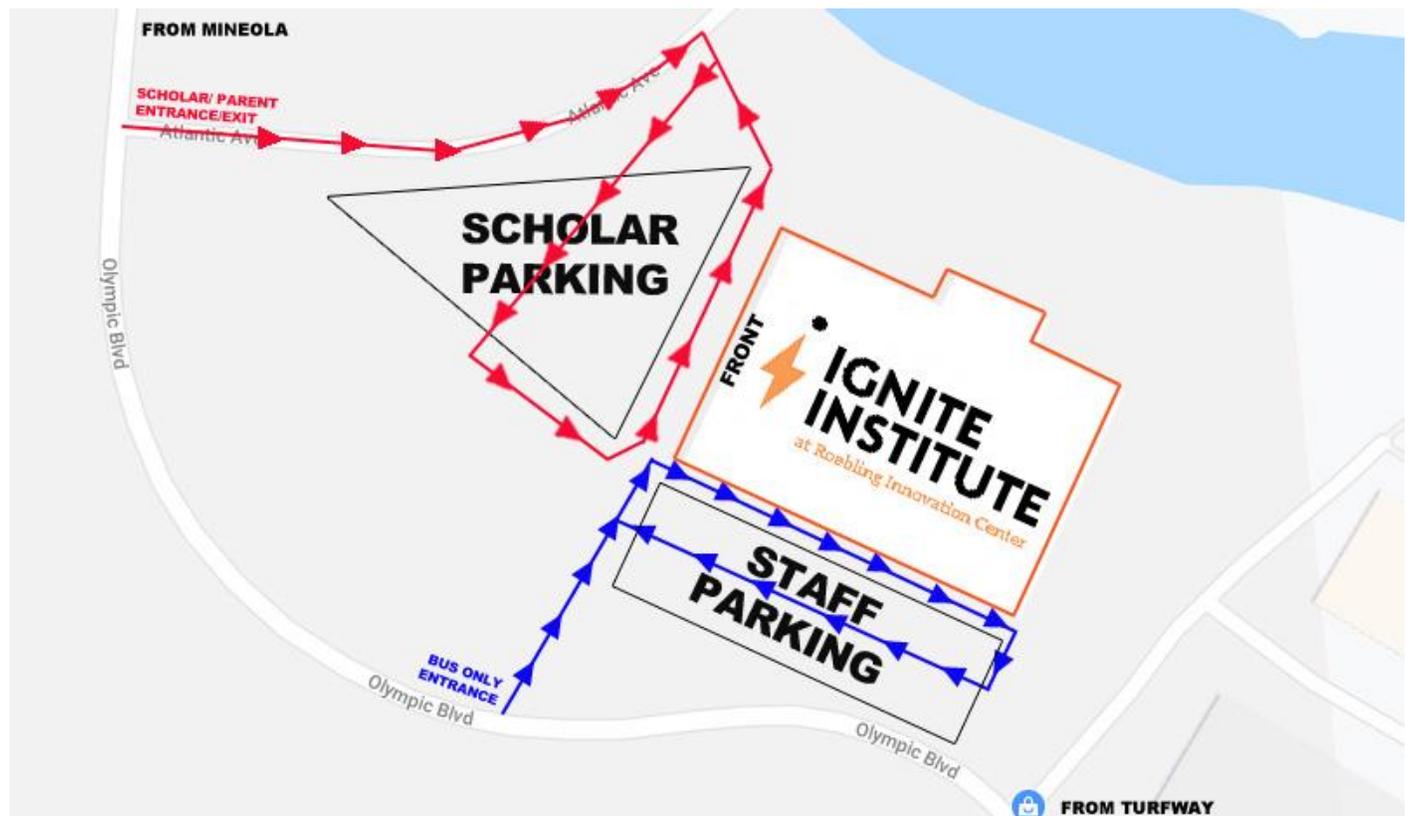
Schedule pick up times on Aug 9 are: 10:30am / tour at 11:00am OR Schedule pick up at 12:30pm/ tour at 1:00pm. Please email Jennifer.Kentrup@kenton.kyschools.us to schedule a time.

Transportation / Start End times

Drivers: Scholars who drive to Ignite must park in the designated scholar parking lot (the front lot) and have a valid Ignite parking pass hanging in their vehicle. Drivers must be inside the building by 8:00 AM and may leave after the buses have departed in the afternoon. All Code of Conduct rules are in effect for the parking lot.



Car Riders: Scholars who ride to Ignite can be dropped off and picked up in the lane at the front of the school, by the orange and green Ignite Institute sign. Scholars being dropped off must be inside the building by 8:00 AM and may be picked up after the buses have departed in the afternoon.



Bus Riders: Scholars who ride the bus to Ignite and from their home high schools must report to the appropriate locations in a timely manner. **IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL SCHOLARS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOARDING THE BUS ON TIME OR ELSE THEY WILL REMAIN AT THEIR HOME HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE DAY.** All Code of Conduct rules are in effect for the bus rides. Please see the following for information about each home high school. Busses coming to Ignite will be identified as such.

Boone County

Depart: 7:30 AM – Coming soon/ you may also contact Boone County High School

Return: 2:30 PM

Conner

Depart: 7:30 AM - Gather in practice gym/auditorium before boarding

Return: 2:30 PM

Cooper

Depart: 7:30 AM - Gather in commons before boarding at South Entrance Rotunda Bus Zone

Return: 2:30 PM

Dixie Heights

Depart: 7:30 AM - Gather in cafeteria/commons before boarding

Return: 2:30 PM

Ryle

Depart: 7:30 AM – Gather in cafeteria before boarding in the back of the school

Return: 2:30 PM

Scott

Depart: 7:35 AM - Gather inside hallway by back bus loop and/or cafeteria before boarding

Return: 2:30 PM

Simon Kenton

Depart: 7:30 AM - Gather by the gym before boarding outside of the gym

Return: 2:30 PM

Please remember Ignite will be operating from the Boone County Calendar, and for the first 5 days of school Kenton County busses will only be transporting Kenton County Scholars from their home high schools to Ignite in the morning, and back to the home high schools in the afternoon. Starting Aug 21 they will be running their regular routes to and from scholar's homes.

The school day at Ignite will begin at 8:15 am, and end at 2:05 pm.

Immunizations

FOR ALL IGNITE SCHOLARS:

Kenton County School District's Health Services Department is pleased to announce a partnership with St. Elizabeth Outpatient Medical Village Pharmacy to offer vaccinations to KCSD students.

Most vaccines will be available to students regardless of their primary care physician/pediatrician or payment methods. If you have been notified that your student is in need of immunizations, don't miss this opportunity.

Immunization compliance will be required for all students returning to the KCSD next school year.

KCSD Vaccine Clinic
are being held at

St. Elizabeth Outpatient Medical Village Pharmacy
20 Medical Village Drive Suite 103
Edgewood, KY 41017

July 25th 11-1PM & 4-6PM and Aug 14th 2-6PM

Call KCSD at 859-344-8888 to make an appointment (even if you are a Boone or Walton Verona scholar).

Please have insurance information available when you call to make an appointment and bring it with you to the appointment.

Summer Reading

There is NO SUMMER READING for Ignite, so enjoy the rest of your summer!
(but don't get used to it ☺)



Spirit Wear/Swag

If you have not yet picked up your spirit wear/swag, you may pick it up at schedule pick up on Aug 5.
If you are unable to attend, your scholar can pick it up on the first day of school. If you have any questions please call our office or email Jennifer.Kentrup@kenton.kyschools.us.

You will be able to order spirit wear again in August.



Parent Volunteer Group

If you are a parent/ guardian of an Ignite Scholar, and are interested in joining the Parent Volunteer Group, we would **love** to have you on the team! We are looking for parents who would be willing to:

- Share ideas about making our school better
- Volunteer to help with presentations, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc!
- Chaperone field trips
- Speak to other parents who want more information about Ignite
- Participate in Ignite tours (ambassador programs)
- Adopt a class
- Come in and speak to classes about their career
- Assist with scholar celebrations

Please email Jennifer.Kentrup@kenton.kyschools.us if you are interested.

FRD Policy

If you currently qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program, you also qualify for device assistance from the Ignite Institute. Please go to www.igniteinstitute.org, under the “Incoming Scholars” tab, and fill out the “Free/Reduced Device Request form”.

If you do not know if you qualify, you can fill out this form at the schedule pick up on Aug 5.

Supplies List

You will be getting more information on what supplies your scholar will need at the schedule pick up on Aug 5.



First Day Instructions

New school and don't know where you're going? Not to worry!
We will have First Day Instructions available at schedule pick up on Aug 5.
After Aug 5 it will be on the website.



Recommended Devices (This is the same information that was given in March)

Ignite is a school in which students are expected to bring their own device to school each day, specifically a laptop. Students will complete assignments and interact with the schools multiple platforms through a laptop each day they are at school. While a basic Chromebook from our device recommendation list will suffice for students during the school day and at home, students specifically in the colleges of Computer Science, Design, or Engineering should consider a more powerful machine from the recommendation list, because of the software operations used in those programs.

Bringing your own laptop to school every day is a school requirement. Handheld devices are likewise acceptable to bring to Ignite, but they are not a replacement for the laptop. Participants at Ignite must agree to the following device guidelines:

Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Responsibilities and Guidelines:

- Ignite students must adhere to the District Code of Conduct, Board Policies, Acceptable Use Policy and Procedures, and school SBDM policies and procedures.

- Ignite Students assume all risk of theft or damage of devices while on school property. Students should exercise responsible behavior in the use and protection of any devices.

- Students are expected to connect devices to the Boone County Schools wireless network and not connect to personal 3G/4G data plans. All devices connected to the Boone County Schools wireless network will be filtered using the district Internet filtering system as required by law. Users will not bypass or attempt to bypass this filtering.

- Students will bring devices charged and properly prepared for use at school.

- Students will comply with teachers' requests to use/shut down/close/discontinue operation of devices.

- Student devices should be in silent mode while on school property, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Devices should be in silent mode on the school bus.

- Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments/tests/classwork or for non-instructional purposes.

- Student devices will connect to the Internet. Student devices will not access printers or local network storage on the Boone County network (U drives).

- Student devices must include anti-virus software as necessary.

- Student devices may not be used to record, transmit, or post images/sound/video of a person or persons during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise directed by a teacher for a specific educational purpose.

Teacher Device Responsibilities and Guidelines:

- Teachers will have the right to allow/not allow use of devices during instructional class time.

- Teachers will use devices for 21st century learning

- Teachers will monitor devices for appropriate use.

For all devices used on Boone County School District property, the Boone County School District reserves the right to:

- Monitor all activity.

- Deny access to any device that may be deemed harmful to the network or the instructional environment.

- Make determinations on whether specific uses of the computer are consistent with the District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

- Log network use.

- Deem what is appropriate use.

- Collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems that violate either a school rule or law of the state of Kentucky.

- Remove the user's access to the network and suspend rights to use devices on Boone County School District property.

- Determine where and when devices may connect to the Boone County Schools wireless network.

- Boone County Schools will not provide repairs, installations/downloads, or technical support for

devices. If a device interferes with the district network in any way, the device will be banned from the network.

- Boone County Schools is not responsible for theft or damage of devices.
- Boone County Schools will not be responsible for charges incurred on personal 3G/4G plans.

Below are the Ignite device recommendations. A Chromebook is the minimum device needed for Ignite Students. Students in the Engineering, Computer Science, and Design Colleges may want to consider a more versatile device to operate the numerous Computer Aided Drafting, Design, and Animation products. For students in the school of design with a high interest in animation, the PC Laptop is the better choice. The specs listed are the minimum recommended for the program. You **may get stronger versions of each device. Specifications not listed are left to your choice.**

Chrome Book	
Specification	Minimum
Processor	Intel Celeron N3450, AMD A4-9120C, Intel Core i5 8350U
RAM	4 RAM
Network	Wireless
Hard disk space	32GB + this is for any additional applications
Engineering Laptop & Computer Science Laptop	
Processor	Intel or AMD two+ core processor 2.0 Ghz
RAM	8GB
Hard Drive	250-500 GB
Video Card	512MB dedicated RAM, Microsoft® Direct3D 10® capable graphics card or higher supporting 1280 x 1024 screen resolution*
Optical Drive	NA
Operating System	Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10, 64 bit operating system or Apple device with OSX 10.9 +. Bootcamp required with one of the above Windows operating systems.
Network	Wireless
Design School Laptop – MACBOOK Pro – Option 1	
Display	13 inch
Processor	Intel® Intel 6 th Gen or newer CPU
Operating system	macOS v10.12 or later
RAM	8GB
GPU	2GB of GPU VRAM
Wireless	Wi-Fi
Hard disk space	256GB SSD
Design School Laptop – Other PC option 2	
Display	13 inch
Processor	Intel® Intel 6 th Gen or newer CPU – or AMD equivalent
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10
RAM	8 GB
GPU	2GB GPU VRAM
Wireless	Wi-Fi
Hard Disk Space	256 GB

Introduction to Summit Learning

Dear Families,

We are excited to provide you with an update on what next year will bring and how it will support your children and our school's vision.

Our vision at the Ignite Institute is as follows:

The Ignite Institute looks at each scholar as a person with unlimited potential. We mentor and guide scholars in their educational and professional journey by showing them their unique abilities to make a difference in the world. The Ignite Institute strives to provide resources, educational experiences, and 21st Century skills in an effort to prepare them to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way.

We want to be an influential, educational force in the Northern Kentucky region where scholars develop the essential skills to make a positive impact on the world.

By working towards this vision, we will address these key areas of our instructional program and our school's learning environment: 1. Create a personalized learning experience for all scholars that is specific to their strengths and interests and 2. Provide an academic program that allows scholars to excel in all post-secondary endeavors.

We are excited to announce that part of our plan for working towards our vision is to implement the Summit Learning model of personalization, project-based learning, and mentoring. All scholars at the Ignite Institute will participate in this respected program.

You may be wondering what this means for your child next year. Here is a brief overview:

- ❖ In class, your child will be engaged in **projects** and **math concept units** that give them hands-on experience with the real-world scenarios — like collaborating with a team, interpreting data, and presenting a persuasive argument. All projects end with a final product that students complete and their teachers grade, for example an oral presentation, writing piece or structured discussion/debate.
- ❖ Your child will also have a dedicated **mentor** they will regularly meet with one-on-one, who will know them well and support them in setting and achieving their personal goals.
- ❖ There will be a focus on developing what we call "**self-direction**" — an invaluable skill that can be applied to any task in the adult world. Your student will learn how to set goals, make plans, and reflect on their learning.

With the support of our districts and a core team of faculty, we will be joining a community of more than 400 schools across the country participating in the Summit Learning Program.

At the Ignite Institute, we want to provide our students with an education that equips them with the skills and habits necessary for success in life — an education that supports their individual needs, aspirations, and how they learn best. We believe that Summit Learning will help us get closer to achieving our vision of helping scholars develop essential skills for success.

Already our teachers are learning how to effectively teach in the Summit Learning model. In a few weeks they will also attend a week-long training to develop their skills further. We know how important it is to be ready for a change like this.

We are looking forward to sharing more about Summit Learning with you in the weeks ahead. **As a first step, we ask that you attend our first family orientation event on August 29th (more details to come).** This will be the first of several information meetings we will host over the course of the year. We will also share newsletters that will give you further insight into your student's experience.

In the meantime, you can watch [this video](#) and visit the [Summit Learning website](#) to learn more. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Whitis and Mr. Jerry Gels

Co-Principals

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **Ignite Open House and Schedule Pick-Up: Monday, August 5th , 2019**
- ❖ **First Day of School for all Scholars: Wednesday, August 14th , 2019**
- ❖ **Family Orientation Event/ Summit Learning Info: Thursday, Aug 29th, 2019 6:00 pm (more info to come)**
- ❖ **Last Day of School for Scholars (excluding snow days): May 20th , 2020**