



**Welcome to  
London  
Middle School  
2024-2025 School Year**



# ABOUT CCSD21

Formed in 1948, Community Consolidated School District 21 (CCSD21) is located in Cook County, about 30 miles northwest of Chicago. It serves students in grades PK-8 from six communities: Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling.

**Mission:** *Ensure engaging, innovative, equitable and safe learning experiences for every student, every day.*

**Core Values:** *Equity, Whole Child, Engagement, Stewardship, Continuous Improvement, Trust & Respect, Partnership, Accountability, and Growth Mindset.*

**Vision:** *CCSD21 strives to empower every student, every day, in every school.*

CCSD21 develops an annual report to highlight the yearly accomplishments of the district. To view the latest Impact Report, please visit: [ccsd21.org/annual-impact-report](https://ccsd21.org/annual-impact-report)

The District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office is located at 959 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday and the phone number is 847-537-8270. To learn more about CCSD21, please visit: [ccsd21.org](https://ccsd21.org)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The CCSD21 Board of Education holds monthly meetings of the entire school board. These are typically held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office.

Agendas are posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and can be viewed by visiting: [ccsd21.org/board-of-education-meetings](https://ccsd21.org/board-of-education-meetings)

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# SUPERINTENDENT



On behalf of the school administration, I'm pleased to welcome you to our CCSD21 family. You are entering a district that is unique in many ways. From enhancing the educational experience of our students to increasing family engagement, our combined efforts are giving support to students learning inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, we are committed to good stewardship of our community resources, all of which translates into a better learning environment – one which allows your student to grow into a successful individual.

**Dr. Michael Connolly**  
**Superintendent**

## YOUR ADMINISTRATORS



Welcome to Jack London Middle School! I am excited to continue to grow and learn with our families, students, and staff throughout this school year. Our mission is to create a nurturing and inclusive learning environment where every child thrives academically, emotionally, and socially. At Jack London Middle School, we understand the significance of social emotional support and their impact on academic achievement. That's why we have developed a robust system that prioritizes building strong relationships with all of our stakeholders. We aim to empower all students to 'strike' their best foot forward utilizing our Be Striking expectations, instructional collaborations and planning as well as community partnerships. Together, as a united educational community, we will empower your children to become confident, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals, prepared for success in both school and life. Welcome to the London family! #bestriking

☎: **847-520-2765**

**Anastasia Netzel, Principal**

✉: **anastasia.netzel@ccsd21.org**



I am excited to welcome you to our London Middle School community. At London, we inspire our students to "be striking" as they become leaders in their community, and promote change in the world around them. To enhance our instructional practices, we collaborate with both our feeder elementary schools and high schools. This allows us to align curricula, and gain valuable insights into the needs of our students. We pride ourselves on shaping confident, well-rounded students by providing ample opportunities for enrichment, offering advanced programming, and ensuring that our students receive the best possible education to thrive in an ever-evolving world. Through the collaborative efforts of parents and our school, we are confident that our students will be equipped with the tools, support, and guidance they need to achieve their fullest potential.

☎: **847-520-2749**

**Tyler Smith, Assistant Principal**

✉: **tyler.smith@ccsd21.org**

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# ABOUT LONDON

London Middle School was built in 1961 and is one of the three middle schools in CCSD21. The school serves students in grades 6-8. It was named after author Jack London (1876-1916).

**Motto:** Be Striking!

**Mascot:** Lightning Bolt

**Address:** 1001 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090

**Main Office Phone Number:** 847-520-2745

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Attendance Line:** 847-520-2770

**Health Office:** 847-520-2770

**Fax Number:** 847-520-2842

**Family Engagement Liaison:** [ingrid.maradkel@ccsd21.org](mailto:ingrid.maradkel@ccsd21.org)

**Website:** [london.ccsd21.org](http://london.ccsd21.org)

**Handbook:** [ccsd21.org/handbook](http://ccsd21.org/handbook)

**School Hours:** 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

8 a.m. - 11 a.m. on School Improvement Days

**Registration Fees:** CCSD21 is waiving student registration fees for all students for the 2024-2025 school year.

**School Supplies:** CCSD21 will provide all students with the supplies needed for the school year. The supplies will be distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year.

**School Calendar:** The first day of classes for students in grades 6-8 is Wednesday, August 28.

Please visit [ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars](http://ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars) for the complete school year calendar.

**London School Event Calendar:** [london.ccsd21.org/events/](http://london.ccsd21.org/events/)

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Attendance

- Parents/guardians must notify the school of their child's absence. A voicemail will take messages before and after school hours.
- Attendance phone number is 847-520-2770.
- If the school does not receive a notice, you will be contacted at home and/or work.

## Health Services

- If your child has a health condition, please notify the school nurse at 847-520-2770.
- State medical forms are required.

Please visit [ccsd21.org/registration](https://ccsd21.org/registration) for further details.

- Bring your student to our new Health Center for their physical, immunization(s), or other medical needs! The center is free and right in your backyard! Schedule an appointment at: [ccsd21.org/healthcenter/](https://ccsd21.org/healthcenter/)

## Medications at School

- Medications may be self-administered only upon written request of the student's physician and parent/guardian.
- Contact the school nurse at 847-520-2770 for more information.

## Communicating with London Staff

ParentSquare is CCSD21's communication tool.

To contact a London School staff member:

- Sign into your ParentSquare account [parentsquare.com/signin](https://parentsquare.com/signin)
- Select messages on the side menu
- Click on the new message box
- Select a quick recipient OR type the staff member's name under the recipients box.

For more information and to set up your account visit: [ccsd21.org/parentsquare](https://ccsd21.org/parentsquare)

## Chromebooks

- All CCSD21 students in grades K-8 are provided a Chromebook device on a take-home model.

For more information on the CCSD21 1:1 Chromebook program, including the device parent and student handbook, please visit:

[ccsd21.org/information-services/chromebook-information/chromebook-program/](https://ccsd21.org/information-services/chromebook-information/chromebook-program/)

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### Be Striking!

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

### E-Learning Day

- In the event of a school closure, either for weather or other emergency, all CCSD21 students in grades K-8 will be provided instruction virtually, unless otherwise communicated
- Communication will be shared via ParentSquare

### Emergency School Closures

In the event of extreme weather conditions or any other reason that would require school to be closed, you may find information on:

- The CCSD21 website ([ccsd21.org](http://ccsd21.org))
- Phone and email notifications via ParentSquare
- Major news media outlets, such as WGN, WBBM, WMAQ, WLS, WFLD, WGBO and WSNS
- [EmergencyClosingCenter.com](http://EmergencyClosingCenter.com) under the listing DIST #21 (WHEELING).
- Our social media channels

### Updating your Contact Information

Please visit or call London School's main office if at any time you change your:

- Telephone number(s)
- Email address(es)
- Emergency contact information

### Visiting the School

All CCSD21 schools have secure entrances.

Visitors are required to:

- Identify themselves and enter through the front door
- Provide the reason for being at school and provide a photo ID
- Return to the main office to sign out

### PowerSchool Parent Portal

PowerSchool Parent Portal is CCSD21's Student Information System.

Some of the information available to you in the Parent Portal:

- Grades and assignments
- Report cards
- Teacher comments
- Student schedules and more

To create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, visit:

[ccsd21.org/powerschool-parent-portal](https://ccsd21.org/powerschool-parent-portal)

## PROGRAMS

### Advanced Learners

CCSD21 middle schools offer the following Advanced Learners courses:

- Accelerated and double accelerated mathematics
- Advanced and accelerated language arts

For more information, please visit:

[ccsd21.org/equity-learning/advancedlearners](https://ccsd21.org/equity-learning/advancedlearners)

### Family Learning Programs

CCSD21 offers a variety of community workshops, seminars, and events. You are encouraged to take advantage of these FREE learning opportunities to empower your family and connect with other community members. Details will be shared via a ParentSquare communication.

### Language Services

London offers the following language service programs:

- English Language Learners (ELL)

If your child has specific language needs, please contact the school principal.

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### Special Education

- CCSD21 offers a continuum of special education services to support students with disabilities.
- Students with special needs may qualify for an individualized education program, a 504 plan, and/or services through the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO).
- For more information, please visit: [ccsd21.org/student-services](https://ccsd21.org/student-services)

### Support Services

All schools have the following support services available for CCSD21 students:

- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

Please contact the principal if your child needs support services.

### Sports Programs

- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Cross Country
- Boys' Volleyball
- Girls' Volleyball
- Non-competitive soccer
- Track & Field
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading/Poms

### Library & Media Center (LMC)

- LMC materials and books may be checked out by the student.
- Students are asked to care for the materials and books that they borrow from the LMC.

### Physical Education (PE)

- Students in grades 6-8 attend PE with a PE teacher every school day.
- Students should wear PE uniform and shoes appropriate for physical activity.

### Clubs

Clubs and special activities are designed by teachers based upon student interests. Clubs may include the following, among others:

- Art Club
- Engineering Club
- Yearbook Club
- Robotics Club

*Keep an eye on the school website throughout the year for additional clubs and enrichment activities offered by the Parent-Teacher Student Advisory.*

### Performance Arts Programs

- Band & Orchestra is offered to students in grades 6-8.
- Recruitment and enrollment take place in September.

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# SERVICES

## Families in Temporary Living Situations

Please contact London's social worker or the CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison for assistance and information on helpful resources.

- **London's School Social Workers:** [kassidy.lindholm@ccsd21.org](mailto:kassidy.lindholm@ccsd21.org), [heather.bartelt@ccsd21.org](mailto:heather.bartelt@ccsd21.org) and [jennifer.schroeder@ccsd21.org](mailto:jennifer.schroeder@ccsd21.org)
- **CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison:** 847-419-3083

## Fee Waivers

A parent/guardian may request fee waivers by submitting a fee waiver form. Applications may be obtained from:

- The school's main office
- CCSD21's Business Office
- [ccsd21.org/business-services/food-service](https://ccsd21.org/business-services/food-service)

## Food Service

CCSD21, in conjunction with OrganicLife, offers a daily breakfast and lunch in each of its schools. London qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

- All students at London are eligible to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch.

- Menus can be found on MealViewer at:

[schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21](https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21)

If your child has specific nutritional needs or has needs related to allergies, please contact the nurse at 847-520-2770.

## Bus Transportation Services

- CCSD21 offers school bus transportation services to qualified students.
- First Student, Inc. is CCSD21's contracted transportation provider.
- Bus routes are distributed to CCSD21 families in the summer.

- Transportation Contacts:

- **First Student, Inc.:** 847-541-0220
- **CCSD21 Transportation Manager:** 847-520-2705
- **CCSD21 Director of Business Services:** 847-520-2773

- **Want to track your child's bus?**

Download our ParentView Bus Tracker App! [firstviewapp.com](https://firstviewapp.com)

# PTSA

Join the school's Parent-Teacher Student Advisory (PTSA) to make a direct impact on your child's educational experience, fostering a stronger community and supporting valuable programs. Your involvement can help create a more enriching and supportive environment for all students.

Through events and fundraisers, the PTSA provides funding for:

- Cultural programs
- Equipment
- and more

All London parents/guardians are welcome to volunteer and participate in PTSA programs.

Contact London's PTSA at: [LondonMiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:LondonMiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com)

## FOLLOW US - #21Learns



CCSD21: [facebook.com/ccsd21](https://facebook.com/ccsd21)

London: [facebook.com/ccsd21london](https://facebook.com/ccsd21london)



CCSD21: [instagram.com/wheeling\\_ccsd21](https://instagram.com/wheeling_ccsd21)

London: [instagram.com/ccsd21london/](https://instagram.com/ccsd21london/)



CCSD21: [www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21)



CCSD21: [youtube.com/@ccsd21/videos](https://youtube.com/@ccsd21/videos)

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Buffalo Grove Park District

530 Bernard Drive  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Phone: 847-850-2100  
Fax: 847-459-5741  
info@bgparks.org

[bgparks.org](http://bgparks.org)

Clubhouse Child Care:  
847-850-2100

## Village of Buffalo Grove

50 Raupp Boulevard  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Phone: 847-459-2500  
Fax: 847-459-7906  
info@vbg.org

[vbg.org](http://vbg.org)

## Indian Trails Public Library District

355 Schoenbeck Road  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-459-4100  
Fax: 847-459-4760  
social@indiantrailslibrary.org  
[indiantrailslibrary.org](http://indiantrailslibrary.org)

Library Cards:

[indiantrailslibrary.org/  
visit-us/library-cards](http://indiantrailslibrary.org/visit-us/library-cards)

## Wheeling Park District

100 Community Boulevard  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-465-3333  
news@wheelingparkdistrict.com  
[wheelingparkdistrict.com](http://wheelingparkdistrict.com)

## Village of Wheeling

2 Community Boulevard  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-459-2600  
Fax: 847-459-9692  
[wheelingil.gov](http://wheelingil.gov)

## Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
Phone: 847-259-7730  
Fax: 847-259-1570  
[wheelingtownship.com](http://wheelingtownship.com)

Food Pantry:

[wheelingtownship.com/  
Food-Pantry](http://wheelingtownship.com/Food-Pantry)

## Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

- Visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:  
[988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org), call, text or chat **988**.

## Safe2Help

- Safe2Help offers students a safe, confidential way to share information that might prevent threats to school safety.
- The icon is located on the Task bar of each student's Chromebook.  
[safe2helpil.com/make-a-difference](http://safe2helpil.com/make-a-difference)

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# CCSD21 SCHOOLS



 **Cooper  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2750



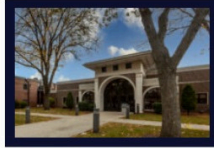
 **Holmes  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2790



 **London  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2745



 **Field  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2780



 **Frost  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-803-4815



 **Kilmer  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2760



 **Longfellow  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2755



 **Poe  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-670-3200



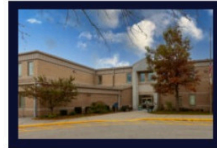
 **Riley  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-670-3400



 **Tarkington  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2775



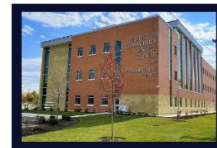
 **Twain  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2785



 **Whitman  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2795



 **Hawthorne Early  
Childhood School**  
Tel. 847-465-7290



**District 21 Community Service  
Center & Administrative Office**  
Tel. 847-537-8270