

Once A Tiger, Always A Tiger!



Welcome to Tarkington Elementary School

2024-2025 School Year



Community Consolidated School District 21

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

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

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

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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 Tarkington, a no excuses school. We are thrilled to have your family joining us this year. Our mission statement at Tarkington is that we believe that ALL students can and will achieve at high levels—both academically and with their character. Outstanding effort is expected. No Excuses. We believe that Tarkington students can be proficient in reading, math, and writing. We believe that the learning of our students is under our control and we are committed to doing whatever it takes, working to ensure the success of each student. Throughout this year, I look forward to deepening my partnership with our families and working alongside each of you for the betterment of our students. Have a great school year!

Dr. Joe Arduino, Principal

☎: 847-520-2818

✉: joe.arduino@ccsd21.org



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to have your family be a part of the Tarkington Community. We are committed to providing a nurturing and supporting learning environment. As a No Excuses School, we prioritize students' academic, social, and emotional needs in order to provide them with the tools to be lifelong learners.

I look forward to further growing my relationships with our Tarkington Families and collaborating with you. Go Tarkington Tigers!

Jillian Dorn, Assistant Principal

☎: 847-520-2820

✉: jillian.dorn@ccsd21.org

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ABOUT TARKINGTON

Tarkington Elementary School was built in 1969 and is one of nine elementary schools in CCSD21. The school serves students in grades PK-5. It was named after author Booth Tarkington (1869-1946).

Motto: Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!

Mascot: Tarky the Tiger

Address: 310 Scott Street, Wheeling, IL 60090

Main Office Phone Number: 847-520-2775

Office Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Attendance Line: 847-520-8846

Health Office: 847-520-2776

Fax Number: 847-419-3074

Family Engagement Liaison: ingrid.maradkel@ccsd21.org

Website: tarkington.ccsd21.org

Handbook: ccsd21.org/handbook

School Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

9 a.m. - 12 p.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 school 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 1-5 is Wednesday, August 28, 2024. The first day of classes for kindergarten students are Thursday, August 29, or Friday, August 30. Your principal will communicate which group your student belongs to. Please visit ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars for the complete school year calendar.

Tarkington School Event Calendar: tarkington.ccsd21.org/events/



Tarkington
Elementary School



London Middle School

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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 847-520-8846.
- If the school does not receive a notice, you will be contacted at home and/or at work.

Health Services

- If your child has a health condition, please notify the school nurse at 847-520-2776.
- State medical forms are required. Please visit 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/

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 847-520-2776 for more information.

Communicating with Tarkington Staff

ParentSquare is CCSD21's communication tool.

To contact a Tarkington staff member:

- Sign into your ParentSquare account 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

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/

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).
- Phone and email notifications via ParentSquare.
- Major news media outlets, such as WGN, WBBM, WMAQ, WLS, WFLD, WGBO and WSNS.
- EmergencyClosingCenter.com under the listing of DIST #21 (WHEELING).
- Our social media channels.

Updating your Contact Information

Please visit or call Tarkington'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

PROGRAMS

[Advanced Learners](#)

CCSD21 elementary schools offer the following Advanced Learners courses:

- Accelerated Mathematics for fifth grade
- Advanced Language Arts for fourth and fifth grade

For more information, please visit:

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](#)

Tarkington offers the following language service programs:

- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Bilingual Spanish

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

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.

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 K-5 attend PE with a PE teacher three times per week.
- Students should wear shoes appropriate for physical activity for PE in all grades.

Clubs

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

- STEM Club
- Robotics Club
- Engineering Club

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

Performance Art Programs

- Band and Orchestra offered to fourth and fifth graders.
- Recruitment and enrollment takes place in September.

SERVICES

Families in Temporary Living Situations

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

- **Tarkington School Social Worker:** nori.spiro@ccsd21.org or margaret.wydra@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

Food Service

CCSD21, in conjunction with OrganicLife, offers a daily breakfast and lunch in each of its schools. Tarkington qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. All students at Tarkington are eligible to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch.

- Menus can be found on MealViewer at: schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21

If your child has specific nutritional needs or has needs related to allergies, please contact the nurse at 847-520-2776.

Bus Transportation Services

- CCSD21 offers school bus transportation services to qualified students.
- First Student 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

PTO

Join the school's PTO 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 PTO provides funding for:

- Cultural programs
- Equipment
- and more

All Tarkington parents/guardians are welcome to volunteer and participate in PTO programs.

You may contact the Tarkington PTO at: boothtarkingtonpto@gmail.com

FOLLOW US - #21Learns



CCSD21: facebook.com/ccsd21

Tarkington: facebook.com/ccsd21tarkington



CCSD21: instagram.com/wheeling_ccsd21

Tarkington: instagram.com/ccsd21tarkington



CCSD21: www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21



CCSD21: 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](#)

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](#)

[Indian Trails Public Library District](#)

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

Library Cards:

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

[Wheeling Park District](#)

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

[Village of Wheeling](#)

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

[Wheeling Township](#)

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

Food Pantry:

[wheelingtowship.com/
Food-Pantry](#)

[Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention](#)

- Visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
[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](#)

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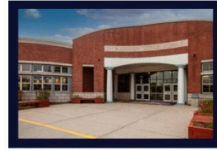
CCSD21 SCHOOLS



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



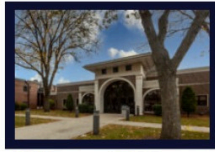
 **Holmes
Middle School**
Tel. 847-520-2790



 **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

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