

IDEA Yellowstone Family FAQ

Will Yellowstone still be Yellowstone?

Students will continue learning on Yellowstone's campus while maintaining the mission-driven culture, traditions, and community that families know and love. During this transition year, IDEA Public Schools will work closely with the Yellowstone community to provide support while honoring the strengths and identity that make Yellowstone special.

Will the school name or mascot change?

The school's name is IDEA Yellowstone, and the students will continue to be Yellowstone Lions.

Will uniforms change?

No significant uniform changes are planned at this time. Families will receive additional information if any updates are needed in the future.

Will teachers or staff change?

Our goal is to maintain strong continuity for students and families. Staffing decisions remain under the direction of the Yellowstone leadership team, but we remain committed to preserving the relationships, support, and student experience that matter most.

Will sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities continue?

Yes. We expect students to continue participating in athletics, extracurriculars, and student traditions as they do today.

Will students remain on the same campus?

Yes. Students will continue attending school on the same Yellowstone campus.

Will this affect Lower School students (PK3–5)?

No. This specifically applies to Yellowstone's 6th–12th grade program. Lower School programming will continue as it does today.

Will additional information be shared?

Yes. We will continue communicating with families as transition details are finalized over the coming weeks.

Do I have to reapply or register?

Yes. All current Yellowstone Upper School students and families will need to complete an application through STREAM, IDEA Public Schools' enrollment platform.

This step is required so IDEA can officially enroll students into IDEA Yellowstone and establish their student record within IDEA Public Schools' systems. When families begin the enrollment process, they will first be asked whether their student most recently attended Yellowstone Schools.

- **If you answer "Yes,"** you will be asked to sign a records release authorizing IDEA to receive your student's records from Yellowstone. Once IDEA receives those records, our team will begin pre-populating as much information as possible in the remaining registration forms to help simplify the enrollment process. Families may still be asked to review information, provide updated documentation, or complete required forms and signatures before enrollment is finalized.
- **If you answer "No,"** you will complete IDEA's standard registration process.

Applications can be submitted by visiting www.ideapublicschools.org/apply. Additional details about the enrollment process, required documentation, and important deadlines will be shared directly with families.

Will my child's records transfer to IDEA?

IDEA and Yellowstone will work together to facilitate the transfer of student records whenever possible. However, families should expect to complete IDEA's enrollment requirements through STREAM, which may include submitting documentation and signing new forms required by IDEA Public Schools. Completing these steps helps ensure student information is accurate, complete, and compliant with state and federal enrollment requirements.

Will transportation, meals, and other student services continue?

Yes. Students will continue to receive transportation, meals, and other student services as they do today. Families will be notified if any updates are needed in the future.

Will my child's schedule or classes change?

At this time, no major changes are expected. IDEA and Yellowstone will continue reviewing academic and operational needs to ensure students have a strong experience during the transition.

Will additional information be shared?

Yes. We are committed to keeping families informed throughout this transition.