

Holden R-3

School District



Aug/Sep
2024

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WINGS Academy Opens This Fall at Holden R-3



W.I.N.G.S. Academy is a program designed to meet the needs of students with barriers in the Holden School District. Our mission with WINGS is to provide students with an opportunity to earn high school credit through various methods of instruction while providing individualized support. This program aims to provide a space where students can foster resilience, positive communication, and fortitude. Students at WINGS Academy will be able to gain real-world encounters through job site experience and community service. WINGS Academy will also allow students to participate in career and life counseling. The goal at WINGS Academy is to provide students the ability to graduate from high school with their same-grade or similar-grade level peers with the capabilities to be successful in post-secondary life.

Fill Out the Free/Reduced Price Meal App - it Helps Everyone!

Completion of the **FREE/Reduced Price Meal Application** benefits families and the school district in multiple ways - all families should apply even if they aren't sure if they would qualify. Participation rates directly impact a school's eligibility to receive state and federal funding, including grants, which provide valuable resources that play a key role in student success! In addition, students who qualify for benefits may also be eligible for:

- Discounted fees associated with applying for college
- Reduced fees for academic tests such as the ACT and AP exams
- Additional Scholarship Opportunities



If you filled out a form last year and your family qualified for free or reduced price meals, there is a grace period of thirty days from the beginning of the school year, during which your child(ren) will continue to receive those benefits. However, we recommend filling out the **2024-2025 form as soon as possible** since it does take time to process. Visit holdenschools.org/mealapp to fill out a **Free/Reduced Price Meal Application** now to find out if your family qualifies for benefits. It's easy, and in addition to lowering (or eliminating) school meal costs and fees for your family, it helps the district qualify for special programs such as Free Summer Food for all kids 18 & under. If your family received a letter from the district stating you have already been qualified through direct certification, there is no need to fill out a form.

Introducing our New Eagle Teachers & Staff

We are excited to introduce the new faces you'll see in the halls at Holden R-3 this school year.

Briant Barker - MS Science
Reagan Berlin - MS Physical Education
Caitlin Bray - 3rd Grade
Tylor Coulson - HS Social Studies
Olivia Goodman - 2nd Grade
Lisa Hamilton - 1st Grade

Larry Hickey - HS Behavior Interventionist
Zachary Kroah - MS Social Studies
Caitlin Lemasson - 1st Grade
Sydney Mattson - 5th Grade
Kourtney Moore - 2nd Grade
Kenna Neathery - 3rd Grade

Joseph Hendrix - MS/HS Agriculture
Aileen Hephner - Special Services Director
Alexandra Hernandez - MS Counselor

Rosalie Rizzo - HS Administrative Assistant
Emily Sullins - HS Science
Tammie White - MS ELA

Check out our district Facebook and Instagram feeds to learn more about each new Eagle!

2024-25 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

Aug 21	First Day of School	Jan 6	No School - Teacher Inservice/Workday
Sept 2	No School - Labor Day	Jan 20	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sept 13	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 14	No School - Teacher Inservice
Oct 14	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 17	No School - Presidents' Day
Oct 28 & 30	Parent Teacher Conferences	Mar 10-14	No School - Spring Break
Nov 1	No School	Apr 18 & 21	No School - Easter Break
Nov 25-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	May 18	Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony
Dec 19	Early Release - Winter Break Begins	May 21	Last Day of School - Early Release
Dec 20-Jan 3	No School - Winter Break	May 22	Teacher Inservice/Workday

Some make-up days/hours are built into the schedule.

"The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities."

Check out Day Plus for Before & After School Care





Day Plus, Holden R-3's Before and After School Program, offers high-quality care in a fun environment, helps with homework, and has a variety of engagement opportunities for students. Housed at Holden Elementary, the program operates on school days from 6:00am until 8:00am in the morning and from 3:00pm until 6:00pm in the afternoon. Care is also offered on days when there is no school due to teacher inservice or during the summer, from 6:00am until 6:00pm. Day Plus accepts students in preschool through 5th grade and a variety of fee options are available for families on a limited budget. Skills such as teamwork, problem solving, and creativity are learned through relaxed, interest-based activities. For enrollment forms, go to our website: holdenschools.org/dayplus



If you have questions or would like more information about the program, reach out to the Day Plus Director, Missi Hunter, at mhunter@holdenschools.org or (816) 850-4444 extension 3023, or stop by the Elementary.

August 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 Freshman Orientation Day at HHS 10am-1pm	13 Project Grad 2025 Meeting @ HS Cafe 6pm	14 Preschool, ECSE, & Kindergarten Meet The Teacher Night @ HES 6-7pm	15 Back to School Night @ All Buildings 4:30-6:30pm Family Resource Fair @ ES Gym 4:30-7:00pm HS Band Parent Meeting @ HS Band Room 7pm	16  We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	17
18	19	20 	21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Start Times: MS/HS/WINGS 8:00am Eagles Nest/ECSE/ES 8:10am	22 	23  Picture Day @ HHS Varsity Football Jamboree v. Warrensburg @ HHS 5:30pm MS Welcome Back Dance @ HMS 6-8pm	24 Varsity Softball Jamboree @ LS North 10:00am
25	26  Varsity Volleyball Jamboree @ Summit Christian 5:00pm	27	28 Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar  Picture Day @ HMS	29  Picture Day @ HES	30 Softball Varsity Tournament v. Wm. Chrisman @ Adair Park Varsity Football v. Crest Ridge @ HHS 7pm "youth night"	31 Softball Varsity Tournament v. Wm. Chrisman @ Adair Park 

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Cooperation - working together toward a common goal

"Cooperation is always more powerful than competition." ~Bob Proctor

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day 	3 Softball v. Oak Grove @ HHS 5pm Volleyball @ Cole Camp 5pm JV Football v. Crest Ridge @ HHS 5:30pm	4	5 C Team Football v. St. Michael @ HHS 5pm Softball v. Pleasant Hill @ Skyline Softball Field 5pm Volleyball v. Barstow @ HHS 5pm	6 Varsity Football @ Pembroke Hill 7pm	7  Cross Country Varsity Meet @ St. Michael 8am HS Band @ Concordia Fall Festival Parade
8 <div>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</div>	9 JV Football @ Pembroke Hill 5:30pm	10  MS/HS Cross Country @ Higginsville 4pm MS Football v. Sherwood @ HHS 5pm Softball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Oak Grove @ HHS 5pm	11 	12 Softball @ Lexington 5pm MS Volleyball @ Adrian 5pm HS Volleyball @ Harrisonville 5pm	13 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice/ Holden Fair  Varsity Football v. Adrian @ HHS 7pm *Teacher Appreciation Night*	14 Varsity Softball Tournament @ Chillicothe MS Volleyball @ Crest Ridge 8:30am HS Volleyball Tournament @ Lexington 9am Class of '71 Reunion @ HS Cafeteria 1-5pm HS Band @ Holden Street Fair 3pm
15	16 Softball v. Nevada @ HHS 5pm MS/HS Volleyball @ Kingsville 5pm JV Football v. Adrian @ HHS 5:30pm	17  Softball @ Lafayette Co 5pm HS Volleyball @ Odessa 5pm MS Football v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	18	19 MS Cross Country @ Pleasant Hill 4pm Softball v. Richmond @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Carrollton 5pm	20 Varsity Football v. Lincoln @ HHS 7pm *Homecoming*	21 
22	23  Softball @ Odessa 5pm MS Volleyball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm JV Football @ Knob Noster 5:30pm	24 Softball @ Carrollton 5pm HS Volleyball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Football @ Lafayette Co 5:30pm	25  MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Lone Jack 4pm MS Volleyball v. Lafayette Co @ HMS 5pm	26 Softball @ Knob Noster 5pm HS Volleyball v. Lexington @ HHS 5pm	27 Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Football @ Lexington 7pm	28 HS Band @ Carrollton Band Day Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Cross Country @ Gans Creek 8am MS Volleyball Tournament @ Pleasant Hill 8am JV Volleyball Tournament @ Odessa 8am
29	30 MS Volleyball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm JV Football @ Lexington 5:30pm					
					 We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	

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Respect - treating others the way you want to be treated

"We don't need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful." ~Taylor Swift

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General Questions

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School Website

<https://www.holdenschools.org>



HOLDEN SCHOOLS

First Day Photos & Year-long Fun

Do you follow Holden R-3 on social media? You should! We post about events and activities, student and staff accomplishments and celebrations, and of course photos to provide a peek into our classrooms! Once in a while, we ask families to share their photos - and we are planning some community-wide shares as well for this year - so follow along and join in the fun today!



Links on our website at holdenschools.org/communications

ParentSquare

Parents and Guardians, we know summer break is a great time to silence those school notifications - but it's time to make sure they're switched back on! Holden R-3 uses ParentSquare for all class, group, team, club, and district notifications. This program can be used through a web browser or by downloading the app. You'll receive important notices even if you don't register, but once you do register, you'll be able to



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Android

adjust how you receive notifications and how often. Need a refresher on how to change your notification settings? Visit the helpful hub on our website at holdenschools.org/parentsquare.

Aug 14: Preschool/ECSE/Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher Night 6-7pm

Aug 15: Back to School Night & Family Resource Fair 4:30-6:30pm

Sep 2: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

Sep 13: NO SCHOOL - Fair Day/Teacher Inservice



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