



Hillsdale PreK-6 Kindergarten Newsletter 2025-2026

Welcome to Hillsdale PreK-6! We are excited to welcome your child to kindergarten this August. Below is important information to help ensure a smooth transition.

Transportation Information

- Your bus driver will call a day or two before your child's first day of school. Please ensure your transportation details are updated by **August 1st**.
 - Make sure your voicemail is set up to receive messages.
 - If you don't receive a call by the day before school starts, contact the Transportation Supervisor at **419-368-8519**.
 - Your child will have a **bus tag** attached to their book bag with their bus number and/or pickup information. These tags should remain unchanged.
 - Students are allowed only **one pick-up address and one drop-off address**. Morning and afternoon locations may differ but must remain the same every day of the week unless you are transporting your child.
 - Please send a **written note** in advance if you plan to pick up your child instead of using the bus. Last-minute phone changes may cause confusion.
 - Students are **unable to ride home with another student** on a different bus.
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Health & Safety

- **Immunizations:** Ensure your child's vaccinations are up to date. Upload summer immunizations into **Final Forms** or send a copy with your child in August.
 - **Medication:** Students cannot transport medication via the school bus.
 - Parents must complete an "Administration of Medication" form (available at www.hillsdale.k12.oh.us/district/policies-regulations/forms) for any medications to be administered at school.
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School Fees & Lunch Accounts

- **School fees** are **\$50 per student** (subject to change) and due by **October 1st**. Payment can be made:
 - Online at www.payschoolscentral.com (fees may apply)
 - In an envelope labeled for the office.

- If eligible for free/reduced lunch or Medicaid, these fees are waived.
 - **Breakfast and lunch** are served daily. If you drive your child to school and plan for them to eat breakfast, please have them at school by **7:35 AM** to ensure they finish by **7:55 AM** when students are taken to class.
 - Your child's **9-digit Student ID** (provided by the teacher at open house) is needed to set up a **payschoolscentral.com** account (fees may apply). This account allows you to:
 - Track cafeteria purchases
 - Add funds
 - Apply for free/reduced lunches
 - Pay school fees
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Important Dates & Events

- **Safety Town** (August 4th-7th): Teaches bus and fire safety. Graduation is on **Thursday, August 7th at 11:00 AM**. Registration with a **\$25 payment** is due by **May 27th**.
 - **Kindergarten Screening & Open House** (August 13th-14th):
 - Teachers will schedule screening appointments.
 - Bring school supplies, meet the teacher, and tour the building.
 - **Kindergarten Staggered Start:**
 - **First half of the alphabet** starts on **Wednesday, August 20th**.
 - **Second half of the alphabet** starts on **Thursday, August 21st**.
 - **All students attend together** on **Friday, August 22nd**.
 - More details to follow in early August.
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Daily Schedule

- **Arrival:**
 - Students must be in class by **8:00 AM** to avoid being tardy.
 - If eating breakfast, arrive by **7:35 AM** to ensure enough time.
 - **Dismissal:**
 - Students are dismissed at **2:45 PM**. Please arrive promptly.
 - Follow the **arrows on the pavement** for the pick-up/drop-off lane.
 - Place the **placard with your child's name** on your dash.
 - **Label Belongings:** Please write your child's name on all personal items (coats, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc.) to prevent loss.
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Attendance

- Please contact the school by 8:30 AM if your student will be absent or late 419-368-4364
- Absences remain unexcused until the school has been notified by phone or a written note or doctor excuse.
- We request parents come in to sign students in or out of school if arriving late or leaving early.
- Students receiving 5 or more tardies (arriving at 8:00 AM or later) will incur a noon or after school detention

School Delays & Emergency Contact Updates

- **School Closures/Delays:**
 - Parents will receive a **text or phone call** using emergency contact information in Final Forms.
 - A **two-hour delay** means buses run **two hours later** than usual, and parent drop-off should be no later than **9:50 AM**.
 - We are allowed **five calamity days** per year. Any closures beyond five will become **remote learning days**.
 - **Keep Final Forms Updated:**
 - Set up your child's **Final Forms** account for the 25/26 school year between **May 1st and June 1st to complete enrollment. Be sure to choose the 25/26 school year and not the current one.**
 - This account is used for **emergency contacts, bus routes, and communication with parents.**
 - Check your **email regularly** for school updates and information.
 - Update this information **every summer** for the following school year.
 - Verify **early dismissal information** in **Final Forms** at the beginning of November.
 - The **Parent #1 listed in Final Forms** will be the first contact for absences or illness.
 - All calls from the school will show **419-368-8500**. Please have your voicemail set up to receive messages.
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Contact Information

- **Busing Questions:** Transportation Supervisor **419-368-8519**
- **Food Service Questions:** Food Service Supervisor **419-368-8520**

School Contacts:

- **Tom Williams, Principal PreK-6** – 419-368-4364
 - **Angie Sigler, Secretary PreK-6** – 419-368-4364
 - **Becky Austin, Superintendent Secretary** – 419-368-8231
 - **Tammy Hoverstock, School Liaison** – 419-651-4520
 - **Kelly Hohler, PreK-6 Guidance Counselor** – 419-368-7227
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Website Information

- **Hillsdale Local Schools** – www.hillsdale.k12.oh.us
 - **Enrollment** – www.finalforms.com
 - **Meals** – www.payschoolscentral.com
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We look forward to a fantastic year with your child at Hillsdale! Please reach out with any questions. **Go Falcons!**