



August 2025

Greeting Poynter Families,

I hope your students are enjoying their summer break. We are looking forward to their return and promise to know, value, and empower your students to achieve their dreams. Our teachers are dedicated to our students' success and work tirelessly on their behalf. This year, your kids can expect to expand their knowledge and engage with their peers by discussing complex ideas with each other. They will be challenged by a rigorous curriculum and will be provided the support needed to be successful. In addition to academics, our teachers are passionate about our students' sense of belonging.

As we start the year, one way to set our students up for success is by encouraging them to attend school regularly. If a student misses school once every two weeks, they will miss more than 10% of the school year. Research continues to show that students who attend less than 90% of the school year suffer academically. Starting September with regular attendance will set a good routine for students. Typically, if your student doesn't have a temperature, isn't throwing up/experiencing diarrhea, or doesn't have pink eyes, they can attend school. Of course, contact your health care provider if you have concerns. If there are other circumstances that make it difficult for your child to get to school, please let us know and we can help you. Being at school regularly is very important.

Here is some important information to get your student set up for the year:

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 18 - School office opens - 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- August 27 - Family Connections and Transitions (Welcome Outreach- we call you!)
- August 27 - Back To School Night - 5:30PM - 7:30PM
- September 1- Labor Day Holiday
- September 3- First Day of school for 7th graders
- September 4- All Students Start School

School Hours:

Our school hours are 8:45am - 3:15pm M/Tu/Th/F and 9:15am - 3:15pm on Wednesdays.

- All students may enter the building at 8:15am M/Tu/Th/F and at 8:45am on Wednesdays.
- All students will gather outside, in the cafeteria, or in the gym each morning before being released to their classes.
- Breakfast is available for all students each morning.

School Meals:

We are pleased to announce that Hillsboro School District is approved to offer meals at no cost for all students through June 2028 under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **All** students attending any of HSD's 36 school sites are eligible to receive a healthy complete breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit a meal application. You can view menus at <https://linqconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

Family Involvement Opportunities:

We hope that all of our community members can volunteer in our building during the 2025-26 school year. All volunteers need to be approved in advance through our school district. Fill out the volunteer application or update/renew/check the status of your current application by visiting <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering>.

School Attendance:

As we start the year, one of the best ways to set students up for success is by encouraging regular school attendance. Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to over 10% of the school year—and research shows that students who attend less than 90% of the year are more likely to struggle academically. Establishing strong attendance habits in September builds a positive routine that supports learning and well-being. Please refer to the district's [Too Sick for School](#) guidelines when deciding if your student should stay home. If your family is facing challenges that make it hard to attend, let us know—we're here to help. Regular attendance makes a big difference.

If your child is absent, call **503-844-1580** with their name and reason. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you by **10:45 a.m.**

Bus Routes:

Schedules and walk zone information are developed by the school district's Transportation department. They will send you directions on how to access this information online at the end of August. Please let us know of any childcare or address changes right away. You may call Transportation at 503-844-1123 if you have specific questions.

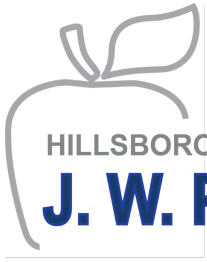
ParentVUE:

We want to ensure that you are kept informed about what is going on at Poynter. The email addresses and phone numbers in our student information system are what we use to send families important news and updates, information about your child's attendance, and safety and emergency communications. Please verify your information by logging into [ParentVUE](#).

Go Patriots!



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