

Holden R-3

School District



**Aug/Sep
2025**

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DayPlus

DayPlus, Holden R-3's Before and After School Program for preschool through 5th grade, 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. A variety of fee options are available for families on a limited budget. 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 Coordinator, Ashley Reed, at areed@holdenschools.org or (816) 850-4444 extension 3023, or stop by the Elementary.

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. Need a refresher on how to change your notification settings? Visit the helpful hub on our website at holdenschools.org/parentsquare.

6th Grade Bridge Day

Friday, August 8
8:00am-2:00pm

6th grade students are invited to attend to get their schedules, meet their principal and counselors, find classrooms, learn the expectations of the building, and practice opening their locker.

Freshmen Orientation

Friday, August 8
10:00am-1:00pm

Freshman students are invited to attend to meet counselors and administrators, familiarize themselves with the building and procedures, and walk through their schedules.

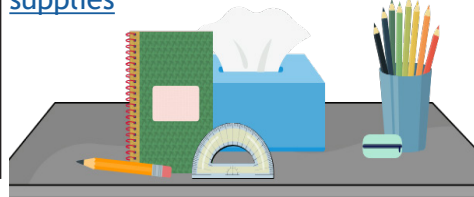
Back-To-School Night

Thursday, August 14
4:30-6:30pm

Come find your way to your classroom(s), say hello to your teacher(s), and see familiar faces through the halls as we kick off the school year. Join everyone in the HS gym at 6:30pm to Meet the Eagles!

School Supply Lists

Pencils and scissors and markers, oh my! School supply lists can be found online at holdenschools.org/school-supplies



Welcome

The following individuals are joining, or rejoining, the R-3 Eagle Family this fall, and we're excited for everyone to get to know them! These educators and staff members bring unique talents and experiences that will strengthen our schools and support our students. Follow our socials for more details about their background and hobbies!

Christy Harrison
Assistant Superintendent

Tyler Narron
Assistant
Elementary Principal

Ben Anderson
Assistant
Technology Director

Samantha Fisher
3rd Grade Teacher

Imie Villafuerte
8th Grade Math Teacher

Katelyn Smith
ES Library Clerk

Julie Campbell
ES Focus Room
Paraprofessional

Amanda Saucedo
MS Counselor

Julia Keller
HS Math Teacher

Aaron Andes
MS/HS Special Education
Paraprofessional

Kristen Cox
ES Paraprofessional

Licia Hogan
6th Grade
Science Teacher

Cindy Coomer
Counseling Mentor

Ashley Reed
DayPlus Coordinator

Lindy Sharp
HS English Teacher

Eric Hon
HS Special
Education Teacher

Teresa Littrell
7th Grade ELA Teacher

Jamie Sullivan
MS Special Education
Teacher

Emily Moore
4th Grade Teacher

2025-26 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

Aug 20	First Day of School	Jan 5	No School - Teacher Inservice/Workday
Sept 1	No School - Labor Day	Jan 19	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sept 12	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 13	No School - Teacher Inservice
Oct 6	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 16	No School - Presidents' Day
Oct 20 & 23	Parent Teacher Conferences	Mar 9-13	No School - Spring Break
Oct 24	No School - Teacher Inservice	Apr 3 & 6	No School - Easter Break
Nov 3	No School	May 17	Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony
Nov 24-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break	May 21	Last Day of School - Early Release
Dec 19	Early Release - Winter Break Begins	May 22	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Dec 22-Jan 2	No School - Winter Break		

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."

August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<p>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</p>					
3	4	5	6 New Student Enrollment @ Multipurpose Building 11am-7pm	7 New Student Enrollment @ Multipurpose Building 8am-4pm 	8 6th Grade Bridge Day @ HMS 8am-2pm Freshmen Orientation @ HHS 10:00am-1:00pm	9
10	11 Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	12	13	14 Back-To-School Night @ All Buildings 4:30-6:30pm Resource Fair 4:30-6:30pm Meet the Eagles @ HS Gym 6:30pm	15	16
17	18 PreK & Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night @ HES 6-7pm	19 Class of 2026 Senior Sunrise	20 First Day of School! Start Times: HES 8:10am HMS 8:00am HHS 8:00am	21	22  Varsity Football Jamboree @ HHS 6pm	23 Varsity Softball Tournament @ Lee's Summit North 10am
24 /31 	25 HS Volleyball Varsity Jamboree @ Summit Christian 5pm	26	27	28  School Picture Day @ HES	29 Softball Varsity Tournament @ William Chrisman Varsity Football @ Crest Ridge 7pm MS Back-to-School Dance @ HMS	30 Softball Varsity Tournament @ William Chrisman 

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Cooperation - Working together toward a common goal

"Competition has been shown to be useful up to a certain point and no further, but cooperation, which is the thing we must strive for today, begins where competition leaves off." ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2 Softball @ Oak Grove 5pm Volleyball v. Cole Camp @ HHS 5pm JV Football @ Crest Ridge 5:30pm	3 	4 C Team Football @ Louisburg HS 5:30pm Softball v. Pleasant Hill @ HHS 5pm Volleyball v. Barstow @ HHS 5pm	5 Varsity Football v. Pembroke Hill @ HHS 7pm *Youth Night* *Teacher Appreciation Night*	6 Cross Country Varsity Meet @ St. Michael 8am
7 	8 JV Football v. Pembroke Hill @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	9 MS/HS Cross Country @ Higginsville 4pm Softball @ Knob Noster 5pm HS Volleyball @ Oak Grove 5pm MS Football @ Sherwood 5:30pm	10 MS Volleyball v. Adrian @ HMS 5pm	11 Softball v. Lexington @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Harrisonville @ HHS 5pm C Team Football v. St Michael @ HHS 5:30pm	12 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice/ Holden Fair Varsity Football @ Adrian 7pm	13 Varsity Softball Tournament @ Chillicothe MS Volleyball @ Crest Ridge 8:30am HS Volleyball Tournament @ Lexington 9am
14	15 Softball v. Nevada @ HHS 5pm MS/HS Volleyball v. Kingsville @ HHS 5pm JV Football @ Adrian 5:30pm	16 Softball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Odessa @ HHS 5pm MS Football @ Lexington 5:30pm	<i>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</i>		18 Softball @ Richmond 5pm HS Volleyball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5pm	19 Varsity Football @ St. Francis Borgia 6pm
21 	22 Softball v. Odessa @ HHS 5pm MS Volleyball @ Lexington 5pm JV Football v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm PreK Activity Night @ HES	23 Softball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm MS Football v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm	24 MS Cross Country Meet @ Lone Jack 4pm MS Volleyball @ Lafayette Co HS 5pm	25 Softball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Lexington 5pm	26 Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Football v. Lexington @ HHS 7pm *homecoming*	27 Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Cross Country @ Gans Creek 8am MS Volleyball Tournament @ Pleasant Hill MS 8am
28	29 MS Volleyball @ Knob Noster 5pm JV Football v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	30 Softball v. Summit Christian @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Lafayette Co 5pm MS Football v. Richmond @ HHS 5:30pm			We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Respect - treating others the way you want to be treated

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners." ~Laurence Sterne

Contact Us

Central Office

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April Placht, Asst. Principal
Spencer Gudde, AD

WINGS Academy

1901 S Main (816) 732-5523
Emily Brockhaus, Director

Middle School

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Kyle Stoecklein, Principal

Elementary School

1903 S Market (816) 732-6071
Paige Farmer, Principal
Tyler Narron, Asst. Principal

Transportation - Ecco Ride

2000 S Clay Street (816) 732-6541
Kate Koch, Terminal Manager

General Questions

comments@holdenschools.org

School Website

https://www.holdenschools.org



Meal Applications Help All Students!

All families should apply for Free/Reduced Price Meals, 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! Visit holdenschools.org/mealapp to fill out a Free/Reduced Price Meal Application now to find out if your family qualifies for benefits. *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.*



Keeping Focus First: New Device Guidance

To align with Missouri law and support a focused learning environment, students may not use personal devices (like phones, smartwatches, or earbuds) during the school day.



Devices brought to school must be secured in cubbies or lockers by 8:00am, or kept at home or in a personal vehicle. Only school-issued or administrator-approved devices may be used for learning during the school day.

Resource Fair at Back-to-School Night

R-3 Families - Make sure to stop by the Family Resource Fair, being held at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 4:30-6:30pm. *Look for the BRIGHT yellow signs!* Various agencies will be present with information on help and resources available in the community. Haircuts will be offered with guardian consent. Johnson County Community Health Services (JCCHS) will be on-hand to provide needed immunizations for students (both insured and uninsured) with guardian permission; a fee may apply. Look for an email from the district with information on how to sign up. Call JCCHS at (660) 747.6121 with any questions regarding fees or using the online system, Vaxcare.

Aug 14: Back to School Night & Resource Fair 4:30-6:30pm

Aug 18: Preschool/ECSE/Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher Night 6-7pm

Sep 1: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

Sep 12: NO SCHOOL - Fair Day/Teacher Inservice



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