



Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

Dear Rainier Families,

As we prepare to begin the 2025–2026 school year, we want to welcome you back. We are excited to reconnect, rebuild, and recommit to ensuring that **every student belongs**—and **every student grows**.

Every student will be seen, known, and valued from the moment they arrive. Our commitment to belonging is not a one-day event—it's a daily priority. Teachers and staff have prepared classrooms and hallways not just with materials, but with care and intention to make sure your child feels safe, supported, and respected.

Rainier schools have clear safety procedures in place—from visitor check-ins and emergency drills to supervised transitions and secure campuses. Equally important, each school has trained counselors, support staff, and administrators who work every day to create emotionally safe, welcoming learning environments. Classroom teachers lead the way in fostering respectful and inclusive communities where students are encouraged to share, ask questions, and care for one another.

Strong relationships are at the heart of learning. Our educators take time to build trust and connection with students. Your child's teachers, paraeducators, and support staff are committed to knowing them well—not just as a learner, but as a whole person. If something seems off, we notice—and we work with families to support students early.

We believe in the potential of every child. We set high expectations because we know our students can meet them—with the right guidance, encouragement, and support. Our staff are dedicated to helping each student grow both academically and personally.

Communication matters. Teachers will regularly update families through newsletters, classroom apps, phone calls, and parent-teacher conferences. Our schools use multiple platforms to keep you informed and engaged in your child's learning. If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out—we are here to partner with you.

We are thrilled to invite you to our Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, where families can connect with staff and begin the year together in community:

- 4:30 p.m. – Open House at all schools
- 5:30 p.m. – Community BBQ Hotdog Feed at the Football Stadium
- 6:30 p.m. – Second Open House opportunity

This is a great time to meet teachers, tour classrooms, and build those first connections that make a lasting difference. Let's make this year one of belonging, learning, and shared success. We're grateful to partner with you—and we can't wait to welcome your child back.

Thanks!

Bryon Bahr
Superintendent
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