

Titan Tribune

August 4, 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School - 8/11

Picture Day - 8/18

Open House - 8/28

No School - 9/2

From the Desk of Mr. Garranchan....

Titans,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year!

I hope this message finds you well-rested, recharged, and ready for an exciting new academic journey. On behalf of the entire Nova Middle School team, it is my honor to welcome back our returning students and families, as well as extend a heartfelt greeting to those who are new to our Titan family. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to a year filled with meaningful learning, personal growth, and continued success.

We are proud to share that Nova Middle School remains an A-rated school for the second year in a row! This continued achievement reflects the unwavering commitment, collaboration, and effort of our students, staff, and families. Together, we have built something remarkable—and together, we will keep moving forward with purpose and pride.

This year, we are charging ahead with renewed energy and focus. You'll see that our classrooms reflect high expectations, innovation, and strong academic support. In addition to the district's instructional look-fors, our school has set clear goals and strategies in each department to meet the evolving needs of our students. Whether in math, science, language arts, or electives, every classroom is committed to creating engaging, standards-driven learning experiences that prepare students for the future.

We ask all families to stay connected throughout the year. Communication is key, and we encourage you to regularly check our school website, newsletters, Focus, and social media channels. Make sure your contact information is current so you don't miss important updates.

At Nova Middle, we remain committed to cultivating a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all learners. We believe in the power of partnership—and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure every Titan has the opportunity to shine.

If you have any questions or need support, our doors are always open. Let's make this a year to remember.

With Titan pride,

Rayner Garranchan
Proud Principal of Nova Middle School



Parent-Teacher Conference Request

[Click here to request a Parent Teacher Conference](#)



Focus- Student Information System (SIS)

The Focus Parent Portal is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in Broward County Public Schools. For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one place. The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.

To create a new Parent Portal account, you will need a valid email address. Connecting each of your enrolled students will require the following information:

- Student's full name
- Student's ID number (begins with '06')
- Student's date of birth

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/focus> for details on how to access the Parent Portal.

Student schedules will be available in Focus on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

Register2Ride

- **Get Ready for the New School Year:** As the new school year approaches, all eligible students must register for bus transportation. This ensures that each student is assigned to a route, allowing for efficient planning and safety.
- **How to Register:** To secure your spot, visit the Register 2 Ride webpage. The registration process is simple and essential for a smooth start to the 2025/26 school year.
- **Important Deadline:** Please note that registrations submitted after July 11, 2025, will be processed in the order received.
- **Special Note for ESE Students:** If your child is enrolled in an ESE program, they do not need to register through this platform. Instead, reach out directly to your ESE Specialist at the assigned school to arrange transportation services.
- **View your Bus Assignment:** Bus Assignments will be available the second week of August via the Focus Parent Portal.

NOVA MIDDLE
is proud to announce
we are an
“A”
SCHOOL



*Congratulations to
all of our students,
staff, and
community!*

#titanpride

Schedule Change Policy



Nova Middle School creates student schedules with careful consideration to each student's academic level and areas of interest. In order to provide consistency for parents, students, and teachers, schedule changes will be kept to a minimum. Before making a request, please review the information below to assure that you fully understand the schedule change policy.

Requesting a schedule change:

In the rare event that a schedule change is needed, a Schedule Concern must be submitted via the Schedule Concern Form. All Back-to-School Forms must be completed prior to School Counselors processing Schedule Concern Forms. No request may be made through personal meetings, phone calls, or emails. Once the Schedule Concern Form is submitted, the student's records will be reviewed, and a decision will be made regarding the request.

Reason for changes:

- Student is missing a core class.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on grade level.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on skill level.

If a student received any of their elective choices from their Course Request form, no changes will be made.

Other Requests:

Nova Middle School will not change student schedules for any of the following reasons:

- Friends are in another class
- Lunch period preference
- Unaddressed behavior or academic concerns

The Schedule Concern Form will be available in Canvas from 8/12/25 – 8/15/25.

Metal Detector Program

Nova Middle School is equipped with metal detectors at school entry points. All students and visitors must pass through the metal detectors to enter the school.



School Supplies

During the first week of school, each of your child's teachers will provide them with a syllabus, which contains information about the class, teacher contact information, and supplies needed for class. Until you receive the supply list/requests, send your child with basic supplies such as: paper, pencil, pen, and a folder to keep important handouts in.

Classroom Interruptions Policy

Please be advised that homework, P.E. clothing, field trip money and miscellaneous deliveries are not accepted in the main office. The only items that may be dropped off or delivered to students are eyeglasses or preauthorized medication to the nurse. Lunch money may be deposited directly to a student's account in the cafeteria. Parents should report to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass to visit the cafeteria.

Welcome Center Hours

On Regular School Days:

- The Welcome Center will open at 8:45 AM.
- Students may not be signed out after 3:45 PM.
- The Welcome Center will close at 4:00 PM. The main telephone line will be answered from 9:00 AM until 4:50 PM.

On Early Release Days:

- The Welcome Center will open at 8:45 AM.
- Students may not be signed out after 1:45 PM.
- The Welcome Center will close at 1:45 PM. Staff will be available in the Student Services Department until 4:00 PM. The main telephone line will be answered from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

On Teacher Planning Days:

- Office hours are from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

Unified Dress Code

All Nova Middle School students are required to follow the mandatory unified dress code policy. Students must conform to the UDC during all regular school days, including Early Release. Students involved in school sponsored clubs/activities or sports must wear appropriate unified dress code attire or a school issued uniform on game/competition days only.

- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts - Cotton twill “docker style” in hunter green, yellow/gold, black, white, red, navy blue, gray or khaki. No leggings/jeggings or any type of jean pants or corduroys. Shorts must be longer than the fingertips when held down the side of the body or mid-thigh.
- Shirts - Collared “polo style” in any solid color. Nova Middle's PTSA sells Nova “Spirit Shirts” for each grade level. These Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays and are required attire for all field trips.
- Picture ID's - Once student ID's are distributed, all students must wear them either by lanyard or clip.
- Jackets - Jackets must be a solid color. Jackets must be worn with an approved uniform shirt beneath. Students are permitted to wear solid-color vests or cardigan sweaters with the appropriate uniform shirt.
- Shoes - Footwear must be worn at all times. The unified dress code requires close-toed shoes at all times.
- Winter Dress - If the temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, students may wear jean pants that do not have holes and/or rips.



[Click here to
join the NMS
PTSA!](#)



NOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025-2026 GREEN/GOLD DAY CALENDAR

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
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SEPTEMBER				
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OCTOBER				
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NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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15	16	17	18	ER
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29	30	31		

JANUARY				
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FEBRUARY				
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23	24	25	26	27

MARCH				
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30	31			

APRIL				
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MAY				
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JUNE				
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29	30			

Planning Day	No School
ER	Early Release Day

Early Release Time: 2:35PM
School Time: 9:30AM - 4:20PM

1st Quarter Begins 8/11
2nd Quarter Begins 10/14
3rd Quarter Begins 1/6
4th Quarter Begins 3/23
Green: Periods 1-4
Gold: Periods 5-8

Wireless Communication Policy

Pursuant to the Technology in K-12 Public Schools law ([CS/HB 379](#)), [section 1006.07\(2\)\(f\), Florida Statutes](#), states that "a student may not use a wireless communications device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. A teacher shall designate an area for wireless communications devices during instructional time."

On July 23, 2024, the School Board of Broward County, FL voted to limit access to wireless communication devices for students during instructional time unless authorized by their teacher or other school staff member. Instructional time is defined as the time from the first bell of the day until the end of the school day, including passing periods and lunchtime. It is important to distinguish that this is not a ban on cell phones or other technology; it is meant to elevate student learning and allow students to Disconnect to Reconnect in a distraction-free environment.

*Wireless communication devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, tablets, laptops, headphones, earbuds, AirPods, smartwatches and any other internet-accessible communication devices.

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/parentsstudentsstaff/parents-families/wireless-devices> for more information.



Picture Day

Picture Day is coming on Monday, August 18!

You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: EVT6GBKGH. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

Your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day. Orders after Picture Day must be placed online only on mylifetouch.com.

*You're
Invited!*



NOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

ANNUAL TITLE I OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COURSE INFORMATION

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL-WIDE INITIATIVES & INFORMATION





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County Public Schools

See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

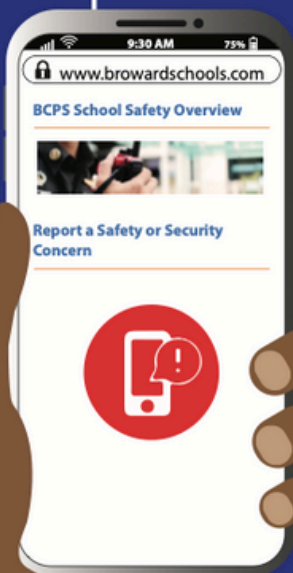


FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)



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