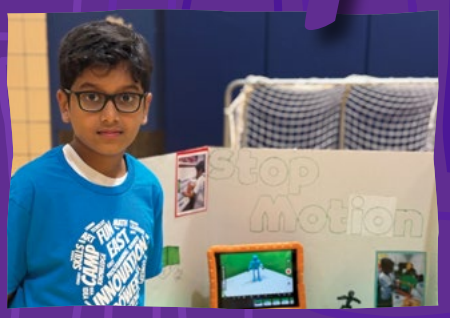
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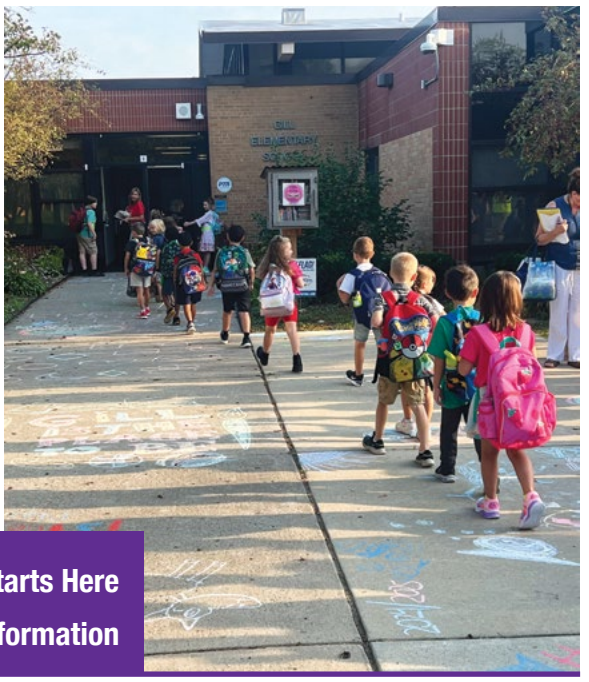
SUCCESS STARTS HERE

For Every Student, Every Path

At Farmington Public Schools, we believe Success Starts Here isn't just a phrase, it's our commitment to real learning, real choices, and high expectations for all students.

Some of our students are heading straight to college. Others are jumping into careers or starting their own businesses. But no matter the path, they're prepared. They've been noticed, challenged, and supported by a community of educators who believe in their potential.

From IB/AP courses to skilled trades, from online options to in-person partnerships with local industries, FPS offers opportunities for every student.



A Successful 2025-2026 School Year Starts Here

Look inside for valuable Back-to-School information

Aidan Hawkins: A National Champion and a Future Engineer

Real Skills. Real Success. Right Here in Farmington.

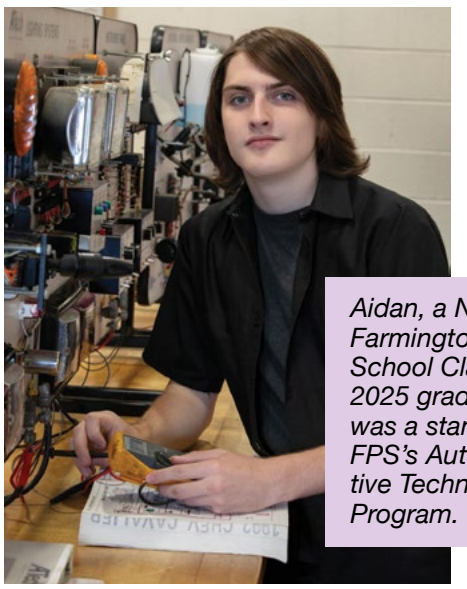
When North Farmington High School senior Aidan Hawkins entered the SkillsUSA national competition this summer, he wasn't feeling especially confident. Despite winning first place in the state for three years in a row, he wasn't sure how he would measure up on the national stage.

He ended up winning the whole thing.



SkillsUSA announced Aidan Hawkins as the national winner.

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Aidan, a North Farmington High School Class of 2025 graduate, was a standout in FPS's Automotive Technology Program.

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Board of Education Meeting Dates

2025-26

August 12	December 16	April 21
September 9	January 6	May 5
September 30	January 20	May 19
October 14	February 10	June 2
October 28	February 24	June 16 (Organizational Meeting)
November 18	March 10	
December 2	April 7	

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at the Maxfield Education Center located at 32789 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington, Michigan.

Board Meetings are streamed LIVE on the District's YouTube channel.

Not a part of FPS yet?

There's still time to enroll!

The first day of school is **August 25**, and we'd love to welcome your child to Farmington Public Schools!

Visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us/enroll to get started.

School Reminders

First day of school AM only
Monday, August 25

No School: Labor Day
Friday, August 29– Monday, September 1
Schools reconvene on Tuesday, September 2

First day of Early Childhood
Wednesday, September 3

All K-12 Students AM only
Friday, September 19

No School: Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, September 23

No School: Yom Kippur
Thursday, October 2

K-5 Students AM only
Friday, October 31

No School
Tuesday, November 4

See page 4 to view the entire 2025-26 school calendar

The government has made legal provisions to ensure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Farmington Public Schools District has appointed Mr. Christopher O'Brien as Coordinator of Title IX, Section 504, Title VI, the Age Discrimination Act, and Title II. Inquiries concerning the application of, or grievances for, any of these regulations should be addressed to: christopher.obrien@fpsk12.net.

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Ron Recinto fills open position on the FPS Board of Education



Ron Recinto was selected to fill out the remainder of David Turner's term, which will end in December 2026.

Ron has resided in the District for the past 20 years, and he and his wife have two children in the District. He earned his Master of Science degree in Reporting on Science and Medicine from Boston University and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wabash College.

He is an accomplished communicator and journalist with decades of experience in storytelling, strategic corporate messaging and engaging communities.

Ron has held leadership roles in communications and executive support at General Motors, Owens Corning, and most recently with the University of Arizona. As a journalist, Ron worked for *Yahoo News*, the *Detroit Free Press, Red Herring* magazine and other publications. He has served on the National Board of Directors of the Asian American Journalists Association.

Ron is an active member of the community, volunteering as a coach with the Farmington Soccer Club, a former leader with Scouting America and with several boards and organizations.

"I'm honored for the opportunity to serve on the Farmington Public Schools' Board. I look forward to working with fellow trustees, the Superintendent, and the community to help forge the future of FPS, where innovation and inclusion continue to be valued."

– Ron Recinto

"The Board was thrilled to receive so many qualified applicants, each bringing a unique perspective and set of strengths that reflected a strong commitment to public education," stated Board of Education President Terri Weems. "After careful consideration, the Board appointed Ron Recinto to fill the vacancy because of his background in communications, leadership, and community engagement. He will be an asset to the District, and we look forward to his contributions in the months ahead."

2025-2026 Farmington Public Schools
Board Members



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Trustee



Ron Recinto
Trustee



Angie Smith
Trustee

Aidan Hawkins *continued from front page*

"It's honestly unbelievable," Aidan said. "But overall, it was a wonderful experience, especially meeting old friends again and seeing the other competitors from my school enjoy it too."

> "It's not just about turning wrenches, they're learning leadership, communication, and critical thinking."

Aidan, a NFHS Class of 2025 graduate, was a standout in FPS's Automotive Technology Program, where students at both Farmington High School and North Farmington High School gain hands-on experience running a live automotive repair shop. These programs go far beyond traditional shop class. Students manage scheduling, diagnose vehicle issues, communicate with customers, and complete real repairs, earning ASE certifications and preparing for the State of Michigan Mechanic License along the way.

But Aidan isn't heading straight into the workforce, he's headed to Grand Valley State University to study electrical engineering. He says the program gave him much more than technical skills.

"This class, in addition to vehicle maintenance and technical undertaking, shows you how to find jobs and be professional in them, how to be cautious when buying a car, tips for financial responsibility, and much more," he said.

"If you're passionate about or interested in something technical, you can be unashamedly so here. The skills you learn, from how to use tools to how to solve problems, go far beyond basic maintenance."

According to Sean Reisdorf, Aidan's instructor at NFHS, students like Aidan leave prepared for whatever path they choose.

"It's not just about turning wrenches, they're learning leadership, communication, and critical thinking," Reisdorf said.

"Aidan's a once-in-a-lifetime student. This year at nationals he just blew away the competition. He's extremely smart and has a knack for this type of hands-on work. With Aidan's resume, if he went straight into the career field today, he could be extremely successful."

Aidan has learned so much thanks to this program and Mr. Reisdorf's support. "He does a very good job of hammering home important points and teaching you to think the right way. Automotive requires a lot of reasoning and problem-solving skills, and he does a great job breaking down complex systems. He also notices strengths, weaknesses, and areas of interest in students, and works to shape things around this. He has a lot of great real-world live advice, and I feel he has many good lessons for anyone interested in pursuing a successful career and life through a technical/trade-based interest."



Mr. Reisdorf (center) stands with his NFHS students at the state competition in Grand Rapids.

Real-World Learning, Real Impact at FHS

At Farmington High School, the automotive technology program mirrors the live-shop model also used at NFHS. Upper-level students manage real customer repairs, from diagnostics and work orders to customer communication and repairs, all while earning ASE certifications and gaining the skills needed to pursue college, a trade, or both.

The program is led by Joseph Lazzarino, who was named FPS High School Teacher of the Year for 2024–25. Known for his calm, respectful teaching style and deep commitment to student growth, Mr. Lazzarino has built a classroom where students of all skill levels feel supported, challenged, and safe to take risks.

"Not every student wants to become a mechanic," Lazzarino said, "but every student benefits from learning how to think critically and work through real-world problems."

Enrollment in the FHS program is skyrocketing according to Mr. Lazzarino, and the impact goes beyond the classroom. He regularly partners with community members to bring in vehicles with real issues for students to repair, and he's exploring future partnerships to serve families in need through the program.

Whether students go on to start their own business, like one recent graduate with a mobile repair shop, or simply want to maintain their own car, the goal is the same: provide every student with practical, career-connected skills, and the confidence to use them.

More Than a Class: A Launchpad

The automotive technology programs at FHS and NFHS are just one example of how Farmington Public Schools prepares students for real success, whatever that may look like.

Some students go on to college. Others enter the workforce. At FPS, students leave with the certifications, experience, and confidence to lead in whatever path they choose.

"When students feel noticed, they take risks, grow, and achieve more than they imagined," said Dr. Kelly Coffin, Superintendent. "That's what success looks like and that's why Success Starts Here."

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Dear Farmington Community,

At Farmington Public Schools, we believe that Success Starts Here! It's more than our new tagline, it's our shared commitment to ensuring every student is seen, supported, and challenged to grow.

Whether it's building early literacy skills in elementary classrooms, expanding opportunities for middle schoolers to explore their interests, or preparing high school students for college and career, we know that real learning begins with strong relationships and expert teaching. Our teachers are highly trained in the latest research-based strategies, and they never stop learning themselves. This fall, they spent more than 10,000 hours collectively in professional development during our annual Launching Learning Week, deepening their knowledge in math instruction, reading development, belonging-centered practices, and more.

You'll start seeing Success Starts Here across the district, but the real proof is in the work. It's a second grader excited to pick up a book because reading finally clicks. It's a middle schooler taking on a robotics challenge with confidence. It's a high schooler earning college credit or completing a career certification before graduation. These are the moments that define success and they all start here, in Farmington.

Thank you for being part of a community that believes in public education and the potential of every child. We're proud to serve you and even prouder of what's ahead.

Warmly,

Kelly M. Coffin

Dr. Kelly M. Coffin
Superintendent
Farmington Public Schools



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2025-2026 School Day Calendar for Families

2025 AUG

Monday, August 25
First Day of School – All K-12 Students AM Only

Friday, August 29
No School – Friday Before Labor Day

2025 SEP

Monday, September 1
No School – Labor Day

Wednesday, September 3
First Day for Early Childhood

Friday, September 19
All K-12 Students AM Only

Tuesday, September 23
No School – Rosh Hashanah

2025 OCT

Thursday, October 2
No School – Yom Kippur

Friday, October 31
K-5 Students AM Only

2025 NOV

Tuesday, November 4
No School

Tuesday, November 11
Elementary Evening Conferences

Thursday, November 13
Elementary Evening Conferences

Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28
No School – Thanksgiving Recess

2025 DEC

Monday, December 1
School Reconvenes

Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2
No School – Winter Break

2026 JAN

Monday, January 5
School Reconvenes

Wednesday, January 14 & Thursday, January 15
High School Students AM Only – Semester Exams

Friday, January 16
All K-12 Students AM Only; End of Semester

Monday, January 19
No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

2026 FEB

Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20
No School – February Break

Monday, February 23
School Reconvenes

2026 MAR

Friday, March 6
All K-12 Students AM Only

Wednesday, March 18
Elementary Evening Conferences

Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3
No School – Spring Break

2026 APR

Monday, April 6
School Reconvenes

2026 MAY

Friday, May 22
All K-12 Students AM Only

Monday, May 25
No School – Memorial Day

2026 JUN

Tuesday, June 9 & Wednesday, June 10
High School Students AM Only – Final Exams

Thursday, June 11
Last Day of School – All Students AM Only; End of Semester

Note: For calendar purposes, K-8 STEAM will follow the elementary schedule.
Dates for Parent Orientation and other activities not yet determined will be posted on individual school websites.

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YMCA's Elementary Before and Aftercare programs

The Farmington Family YMCA offers Before and Aftercare with locations at the District's elementary schools.

The YMCA Child Care Programs provide safe, educational, and enriching programs for children. Their programs help children to develop physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually. They promote the character values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and inclusion. The YMCA is for Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility.

Programming starts on Monday, August 25, 2025.

Rates:

AM..... $12 per morning per child

PM..... $19 per afternoon per child

AM & PM Same Day..... $25 per day per child

Half Day (separate registration):..... $38 per half day

10% YMCA Member Discount

10% Sibling Discount

$100 Registration Fee goes into effect October 1, 2025.

Step-by-Step Registration Instructions

Step 1: Use this website to start the registration process: ymcadetroit.org

Step 2: In the top right corner, please click "Member Login"

Step 3: Sign into your account or join

Step 4: Click on activities located in the blue bar at the top of the screen

Step 5: Click on Afterschool in the drop down

Step 6: Scroll down or search to find your school

Step 7: Enroll

You will then receive an email within 24 hours from ePACT. This is the Y's student information collection process. You will use ePACT to complete your student's personal information, emergency contacts, and authorized pick ups. If you completed this last school year, you will be asked to reconfirm your student's information for this school year, prior to them attending.

Please be aware that all of the YMCA program sites are required to stay in compliance with the State of Michigan licensing regulations at a ratio of 1:18 in order to keep both students and staff safe at all times. Because of this, there may be a waitlist for their programs. Students are moved from the waitlist to the roster as additional staff members are onboarded and trained or as students unenroll from the program.

General Information:

- Before care begins as early as 7 a.m.
- For aftercare, students must be picked up by 6 p.m.
- Cancellations must be made at least 14 days in advance.
- Registration must be made at least four days in advance. They do not accept walk-ins.
- No refunds for student absences, suspensions, or emergency school closures due to operational costs.
- Payments can be made in full, monthly, or weekly.

Please reach out with questions at any time and thank you for your patience and continued support!

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After School Youth Program for middle schoolers

The After School Youth Program invites all Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) 6th-8th grade students! This includes sixth-eighth grade residents in school of choice and homeschool students in the FPS district. The Farmington Hills Middle School After School Youth Program (ASYP) is based at The Hawk Community Center and runs from 3-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the school year. The Hawk is located at 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Students are provided transportation from their respective schools to the community center where they are greeted by eager ASYP leaders.

Upon arrival, participants can engage in a range of activities related to academics, fitness, and socializing. Participants can play games, make crafts, socialize, or utilize multi-subject tutoring services in the social room.

Down in the gym and fitness center, students can keep fit through group games or utilize workout machines in the Hawk Fitness Center. Participants can also use the pool facility on select days, which features a waterslide, lazy river, and zip line.

The After School Youth Program is centered around community and is a place for participants to build lasting relationships with other middle schoolers while engaging in stimulating and developmentally appropriate activities.

The program **will not run** on the following dates: 8/29, 9/01, 9/23, 10/2, 11/4, 11/26–11/28, 12/22–1/2, 1/19, 2/16–2/20, 3/30–4/3, 5/25.

Two Sessions – $45 each session – 2:35-5:30 p.m.
M-F August 26, 2025 – January 16, 2026
M-F January 20, 2026 – June 10, 2026

To register, visit the Farmington Hills web page: fhgov.com

Free tutoring for FPS students

Farmington Public Schools is partnering with Varsity Tutors for Schools to provide students with free access to additional learning tools through the Varsity Tutors for Schools Platform.

- 24/7 On-Demand Chat Tutoring
- On-Demand Essay Review
- Live Academic and Enrichment Classes
- SAT and ACT Test Prep Classes
- Celebrity-Led StarCourse Classes
- Self-Study Resources

Varsity Tutors

- College & Career Readiness Resources
- Adaptive Assessments & Personalized Learning Plans
- Prerecorded Enrichment Classes/Videos

Students can access the FREE resources only by logging in through Clever.

STEP 1: Sign in to the student's Clever dashboard; click the Varsity Tutors application

STEP 2: Explore the Learning Lab

STEP 3: Review Platform Features

ONLINE
Doesn't Mean On Your Own

Whether you're running a business or managing a full household, Farmington Public Schools offers trusted Kindergarten–12th grade online options that fit your family's life.

Choose from:

Live Remote Classes: Daily structure and real-time instruction

Self-Paced Learning: Learn anytime, anywhere

All students get:

Full Support: Certified FPS Teachers, counselors, and tech help included

A Trusted Path: Earn a Farmington Public Schools diploma

Flexible
Online Learning.

Real Support
For Your Child.

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Transportation Update

As a reminder, if your child is eligible for bus transportation, **MiStar will have the information posted with the bus route location and times at Noon on Friday, August 22, 2025.**

- Elementary bus stops will be condensed this year and we will be eliminating multiple stops within the subdivisions for efficiency purposes. Bus stops will be centrally located within a subdivision for all general education students.
- Middle school and high school bus stops remain outside the subdivisions
- All students are transported to and from their designated bus stop only.



Daycare

Due to our buses being at capacity for the 2025-2026 school year, we can not transport to and from daycare centers.

Teen Centers

Transportation for after school teen centers for sixth through eighth grade will be provided by The Hawk.

Why are students asked to be at the bus stop early?

An important bus transportation procedure asks students to be at their designated bus stops 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will ensure that your student won't miss the bus. Being in a car is NOT considered being at the bus stop.

The District understands that there may be inclement weather on some mornings and that winter mornings can be very cold. Parents should furnish their child with an umbrella and warm clothes so they can safely wait at his or her bus stop.

In addition, a student who arrives at the bus stop after the bus door has closed cannot be allowed to board the bus. Michigan law Public Act 187 requires a school bus driver to activate the warning lights of the bus at least 200 feet before the bus stop. This is not possible once the doors have been closed.

If a student misses the bus, they will need to be driven to school. They are not permitted to go to another bus stop. It is very dangerous for parents to pull up behind the bus in the driver's blind spot causing students to run from behind the bus at the last minute with a bus driver not being able to see them and not expecting them.

Parents waiting at or near the bus stop to ensure student safety at the stop are very much welcomed and appreciated. But, parents are asked to please put their child's safety ahead of comfort and have them waiting at the stop, ready to board when the bus arrives. For any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 248.489.3700.

All buses have been equipped with cameras. Please remind your students to follow the bus rules and the directions of the driver. We want all students to have a safe environment to and from school. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action including suspension or loss of riding privileges.

"Techquity" in Farmington Public Schools

Over the past four years, Informational Technology (IT) and the Farmington Public Schools' (FPS) Instructional Technology Department have made significant strides in integrating technology into our classrooms through the development of "Techquity," our District's robust 1:1 technology model. Techquity affords FPS the opportunity to provide each student with a Chromebook and a suite of digital resources throughout the school year, as well as throughout the summer.

Technology has become an integral part of education, enabling students to generate ideas that were previously unimaginable, collaborate with peers, and develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. By providing our students with up-to-date technology resources, we empower them to explore, create, and learn.

FPS Technology Agreement and Chromebook Protection Plan

In order to sustain our progress and ensure our students have the best possible tools and skills for the future, please be aware of the two documents needing your attention during the Annual Registration process. For the 2025-26 school year, families will be prompted through Annual Registration to acknowledge their receipt of our FPS Tech Agreement. In addition, families will have the opportunity to purchase the Chromebook Protection Plan. This $25 plan provides families additional Chromebook protection should your student need device repair or replacement.

As we continue to prepare for another exciting school year, please be aware that "Techquity" also emphasizes the responsible use and care of student devices.

If your student(s) is in grades 3-12, we kindly ask that you begin reminding them to bring their district-issued, fully charged Chromebook and charger on the first day of school. As in previous years, all students in grades 3-12 will transport their Chromebook to and from school each day.

Incoming Young 5s and students in Kindergarten will be assigned a Chromebook during their first week of school. Young 5s and students in grades K-2 will house their Chromebooks in their classroom's Chromebook cart, but teachers will have the option to send Chromebooks home for extended learning opportunities.

Protection Plan Participation

In order to provide FPS students this continued opportunity, FPS is offering families the opportunity to purchase the **Chromebook Protection Plan** during the Annual Registration process. Payment is expected at the time of registration; however, families can continue to purchase the plan through September 19, 2025.

***Families who qualify for Educational Benefits (formerly known as free/reduced lunch) should accept this plan during Annual Registration, and continue the registration process without visiting E-Funds. No payment is necessary for families who qualify for Educational Benefits.**

Family Options

1. **Purchase** the Chromebook Protection Plan through FPS E-Funds (click on Pay for Optional Fees).
   a. Create an E-Funds account using this Create an E-Funds Account document.
   b. $25 per device, covers accidental damage and Chromebook malfunction.
   c. Students will have access to a 'loaner' device while the original device is being repaired or replaced.
   d. Payments will be taken at the time of Annual Registration beginning Fall 2025.
   e. Families will be responsible for any damage caused by intentional misuse or malicious destruction. *FPS reserves the right to determine the cause of damage.
2. **Decline** the Chromebook Protection Plan
   a. Families who decline the Chromebook Protection Plan will be solely responsible for the full cost to repair or replace the device due to accidental damage or intentional misuse or malicious destruction. *FPS reserves the right to determine the cause of damage.
   b. Families will not be charged for Chromebook malfunction. Chromebook malfunction is the responsibility of FPS.
   c. Students will have access to a "loaner" device while the original device is being repaired or replaced.

'Damage' is defined as hardware or software breakage that hinders the operation of the device while being used within the parameters of the FPS Technology Agreement.

***This Protection Plan does not extend to personal devices. FPS accepts no responsibility for the security or safety of these devices. District IT staff and teachers will not support, repair or troubleshoot personal devices.**

Protection Plan Coverage

The Chromebook Protection Plan covers normal wear and tear of the Chromebook, accidental damage and one incident of loss. This plan does not cover a lost or broken charger or any other accessory. Families can purchase a UL approved charger from HP, or see your building's Media Aide to purchase a charger at a reduced cost.

Families may be charged the full replacement cost of a device that has been lost or damaged due to intentional misuse or malicious destruction, regardless of Protection Plan purchase, free and reduced lunch status, or grade level.

Approximate device repair costs for the model of Chromebook FPS uses are:

Damaged or Lost Charger: $25
Damaged Screen: $110
Keyboard: $80
Full Chromebook Replacement: $300



Nutrition Services welcomes you to the 2025–2026 school year

The Michigan School Aid Budget for the 2025–2026 school year has not yet been finalized. As a result, it is still unclear whether the state will continue funding free meals for all students. If the bill does not pass, the MI School Meals Program will end on September 30, 2025. We will share updates as soon as new information becomes available. The first day of breakfast will be on Monday, August 25, 2025. Lunch will begin on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Menus are posted on the District's website under the Nutrition Services link and on each school's web page.

Educational Benefits Form (formerly known as Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications)

Families are encouraged to complete an Educational Benefits Form to help the district secure additional funding for the District's educational programs. Families may submit their Educational Benefits Form online at https://farmington.family portal.cloud. Families who check the Special Considerations box on the form, may qualify for additional benefits such as test fees waived, summer EBT benefits, community outreach programs, etc.

Meal & Ala Carte Purchases

NEW THIS YEAR: When making a cash purchase in line, any change due to the student will be automatically deposited into the student's account to help reduce wait times. Flexibility on this new procedure will be provided during the first few weeks of school as students become comfortable going through the line. Additional entrees will be charged $2.35–$3.35. Secondary schools will begin selling a la carte purchases on September 2, 2025. Elementary schools will not sell ala carte or 2nd entrees until further notice.

Online Payments for Purchases

All cafeteria meals and à la carte items should be purchased through your student's prepaid cafeteria account. Deposits can be made online using credit or debit cards or by e-checks through the Family Portal https://farmington.familyportal.cloud or by cash or check in the cafeteria—preferably during breakfast service. There is no fee for online or in-person deposits. Please make checks payable to Farmington Public Schools with your child's name and their ID number in the memo section of the check. There is a $25 fee for returned (NSF) checks or returned e-checks for any reason and for any amount. Be very careful entering your account numbers.

Charging

Students are not allowed to charge ala carte purchases. Students must have funds in their meal account to make ala carte purchases. Please allow ample time for an electronic transaction to be completed as the fund transaction is not always immediately available.

Meal Account History

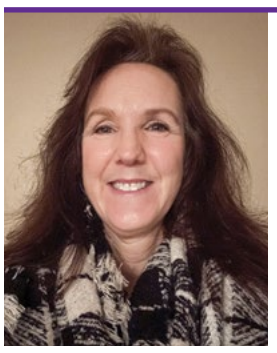
Parents may also view meal purchases at https://farmington.familyportal.cloud. Low balance notifications will be emailed once a student's account falls below $5.00. Students with a negative balance will be notified via email and a phone call.

Allergies

A "Special Diet Statement" form must be completed to make dietary substitutions for medical conditions and must be signed by a doctor. The form can be found and printed from the Nutrition Services web page under the food allergy tab. We can provide a soy milk option for lactose-free milk requests. This does require the form to be filled out by the parent/guardian, but in this case, it does not need a medical professional's signature. Please allow two weeks for review and implementation.

Nutrition Services Bad Debt Policy

Bad debt incurred through the inability to collect lunch payment from students is not an allowable cost chargeable to Nutrition Services. Any related collection cost, including legal costs arising from such bad debt after they have been determined to be uncollectible are also unallowable. Bad debt is uncollectible/delinquent debt that has been determined to be uncollectible by the end of the school year in which the debt was incurred. If the uncollectible/delinquent debt cannot be recovered by the Nutrition Services Department in the year when the debt was incurred, then this is classified as bad debt. Once classified as bad debt, the General Fund, or other local funds, will reimburse the Nutrition Services Fund for the total amount of the bad debt. Once the uncollectible/delinquent debt charges are converted to bad debt, records relating to those charges will be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements in 7 CFR 210.9(b) (17) and 7 CFR 210.15(b). The Business Office shall pursue collection efforts pertaining to the bad debts subsequent to the close of each fiscal year.



FPS Welcomes New Director of Nutrition Services

Farmington Public Schools is pleased to welcome Anne Stevens as our new Director of Nutrition Services. Anne brings nearly 20 years of experience in school food service, including seven years as Food Service Director in West Bloomfield and six years as Assistant Director in Wayne-Westland. She began her career in Livonia Public Schools, learning school food service from the ground up before moving into leadership roles.

Anne holds an Associate's Degree in Dietetics from Mercy College and looks forward to bringing her expertise and passion to Farmington Public Schools. Please join us in welcoming Anne!

Questions

Please call:
Nutrition Services Department
248-489-3717
between the hours of
7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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Farmington & North Farmington Athletics

2025-26 Update

We're excited to share several athletic facility improvements across Farmington Public Schools! At North Farmington High School, the gym floor was recently repainted and refreshed. At both high schools, our softball and baseball fields have been completely redone, and we've added lighting to the auxiliary fields for the first time—making it possible for teams to practice and compete later into the evening. We've also upgraded lighting and sound systems on the main stadium fields. In addition, all baseball, softball, auxiliary fields, and main stadiums now feature brand-new scoreboards. Our three comprehensive middle schools have also received new outdoor scoreboards, ensuring that athletes and fans alike enjoy an enhanced game-day experience districtwide.

Mobile Apps

The mobile apps for Farmington High School and North Farmington High School athletics are here to keep you connected all season long! Search "Farmington Falcons" or "North Farmington Raiders" in the App Store to download.

These apps are your go-to source for schedules, rosters, tickets, and more. You can:

- Purchase tickets and season passes through GoFan
- Follow your favorite teams and sports
- View team rosters
- Stay updated on scores and news

Ticketing Updates

For the 2025-26 school year, **all student and family athletic passes** will be sold **exclusively through GoFan.** Physical passes will no longer be offered. While cash will still be accepted at the gate for single-game tickets, we strongly encourage using GoFan for convenience and security.

Ticket Prices

- **Gate Price:** $7 for all (students, adults, and visiting seniors)
- **Free Admission:** Seniors 65+ with ID
- **Student Pass:** $65 (GoFan only)
- **Family Passes** (GoFan only):
  - 2-person: $100
  - 4-person: $150
  - 6-person: $200

Purchase tickets through our athletic apps or directly at gofan.co. For step-by-step help, check out the GoFan Digital Ticketing Guide.

Event Procedures

- No backpacks or large bags (small bags are subject to search)
- No outside food or beverages (sealed water bottles allowed)
- No re-entry once you leave
- Ticket sales and entry close at the start of the 4th quarter
- Event staff may eject spectators for:
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct
  - Disrespectful or disorderly behavior toward coaches, officials, or teams
  - Refusal to follow staff directions

We look forward to another great year of athletics and appreciate your continued support of Farmington and North Farmington sports!



Safety Updates from Farmington Public Schools

Farmington Public Schools remains committed to the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors. Here are a few updates on our ongoing safety efforts:

Updated Emergency Operations Plans

Each school in our district has an updated Emergency Operations Plan, which outlines how staff and students should respond in a variety of emergencies. These plans cover everything from severe weather and medical incidents to security threats, ensuring we are prepared to respond quickly and effectively.

Healthy Heart Certified Schools

We are proud to share that all FPS schools are now Healthy Heart Certified, meaning each building is equipped with accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and staff trained in their use, with regular maintenance and readiness checks completed.

Athletic Safety Reviews

Last year, we partnered with a professional safety company to conduct athletic site visits at our facilities. These assessments reviewed our procedures for hosting events and provided recommendations to ensure safe, enjoyable experiences for all athletes, spectators, and staff.

Ongoing Safety Training

Throughout the year, we conduct all-day training sessions for our staff in CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, and ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). In the past year alone, we certified over 80 staff members in CPR and First Aid, further strengthening our emergency readiness.

Farmington Public Schools will continue to evaluate and improve our safety practices so that our schools remain secure, healthy, and welcoming places for our community.

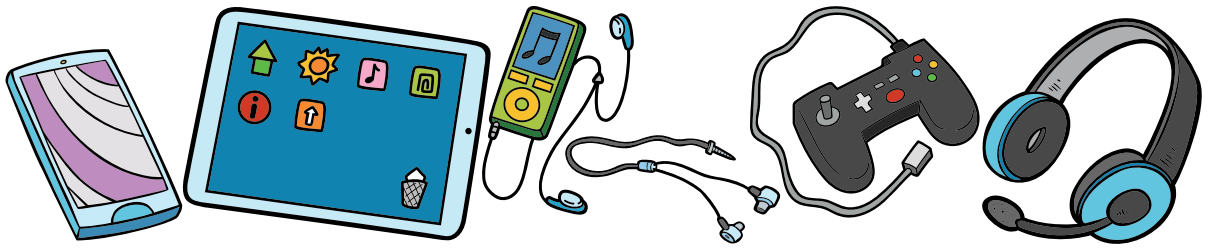
Grades 6-12 Personal Technology Expectations

Rationale & Purpose

Student use of cell phones and other Personal Technology during the school day has created unnecessary distractions that prevent students from learning. In addition, research indicates that cell phone use can have a negative impact on the social and emotional development of students. Our goal is to help students be fully present within the classroom setting in order to get the most out of their education. Students have received a chromebook and charger from FPS for their school use.

What is Personal Technology?

Phones, tablets, headphones/Airpods, gaming devices, and any other non-school issued Personal Technology.



Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

- **Students must have their Personal Technology turned off and in their lockers/ backpacks between 7:30 am-2:35 p.m.**
- Personal Technology may **NOT** be used during lunchtime or other break times during the school day. We strongly believe that students should be socializing and interacting with each other at school, rather than with their devices.
- During class, students may **NOT** use their Personal Technology for calculators, to check the time, music, reading a book, checking their grades, texting their parents, or for any other reason. If there is a medical reason to use Personal Technology, please contact administration to discuss.
- All the technology students need for learning at school will be provided by the school and students will generally **NOT** be asked to use Personal Technology for instruction.
- Personal Technology is only permitted for instructional purposes with teacher permission and administrator approval.

Middle School Violation of the FPS Personal Technology Expectations will result in the following:

1st violation: The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. Students can retrieve their Personal Technology at the end of the school day from the main office.

2nd violation: The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and the Personal Technology will be required to be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian.

3rd violation: The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and moving forward the students will turn in their Personal Technology to the main office each morning and pick it up at the end of each day.

Persistent violations and/or refusal to comply with the Personal Technology Expectations can result in further disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

High School Students (Grades 9-12)

- **Students must have their Personal Technology turned off and put away and cell phones must be put in the classroom caddie during all classes.**
- Electronic devices may be used during lunchtime and passing times.
- During class, students may **NOT** use their Personal Technology for any reason including using them for calculators, to check the time, music, reading a book, checking their grades, or texting their parents. If there is a medical reason to use a cell phone, please contact administration to discuss further.
- All the technology students need for learning at school will be provided by the school and students will generally **NOT** be asked to use cell phones for instruction.

High School Violation of the FPS Personal Technology Expectations will result in the following:

1st violation: Personal Technology will be turned over to the teacher without argument. The student can retrieve their phone at the end of the hour.

2nd violation: Personal Technology will be turned into the main office without argument. Students can retrieve their phone at the end of the school day.

3rd violation and all additional violations: The student will be sent to the office and will turn their Personal Technology into an administrator without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and the device will be required to be retrieved by a parent or designated adult at the end of the school day.

Persistent violations and/or refusal to comply with the Personal Technology Expectations can result in further disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

2025 Tag Days

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4

This fall, the Farmington High School Music Patrons, together with the North Farmington High School Boosters, are holding their "Tag Days" fundraising event to benefit the students of both music programs. Each year FHS and NFHS take turns hosting this robust fundraiser.

The music students, dressed in either Concert Black or their respective Band Uniforms, will be located near the entrances of participating merchants to solicit donations. As a "Thank You" to the donors, the students will provide concert tickets (Tags) which grant them free admission to a predetermined performance to a Band or Orchestra concert.

2025-26 Hosting School:
North Farmington High School

Tag Days of Operation:
Friday, October 3 • 4–8 p.m.
Saturday, October 4 • 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Use this QR code to donate to the Farmington High School and North Farmington High School Music programs.

Personal property liability

Farmington Public School District and its staff are NOT liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

Returned check policy

If restitution is not made on a check returned by the bank for any reason, the District will no longer accept checks from that individual. If two returned checks are received from the same individual, the District will no longer accept checks from that individual even if restitution has been made. The District's returned check fee is $25.00.

FETCH update

The canine staff at Farmington Public Schools has grown to four. Sunny (Warner Middle School), Koda (Forest Elementary School), and Lois (Kenbrook Elementary School) joined our district last year. Zippy (Farmington High School) is the newest of the canine staff. All four of these team members are excited for the new school year.

In addition to being adorable, these therapy dogs assist our students (and staff) in reducing anxiety, improving focus, and boosting overall academic success, making a significant impact on students' emotional health.

Thank you to our sponsors

VCA Animal Hospital: donating all veterinary care needs for Sunny, Koda, and Lois.

Plaza Veterinary Hospital: donating all veterinary care needs for Zippy.

Scrubbers Self Serve Dog Wash and Grooming: donating grooming services.

Nakisher Orthodontics: contributing monetary donations to help with care needs.

Premier Pet Supply: donated starter care needs and is offering discounts to help with supply costs.

Farmington Area PTA Council: donating.

To make a donation yourself, simply use this link.



Left to right: Zippy, Sunny, Dr. Kelly Coffin, Koda, and Lois

More exciting news to come soon!

Homeless Assistance McKinney Vento Act

Homeless children have the right to attend their school of origin (school of last attendance when the family became homeless), if feasible, or enroll in the district where the family is currently residing. There can be no barriers to enrollment. Homeless children have the same rights to education and participation in school programs as resident students.

In determining eligibility for athletics, the District follows the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) rules in all situations. MHSAA has applications for Homeless Youth and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth to waive waiting periods for transfer students to play on high school sports teams.

If you have questions about the District's homeless resources, please contact the District's Homeless Coordinator, Hatty Ligon, 248.426.2620.

Farmington PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Classes start Monday, August 25 for grades 1-12 (AM only)

Kindergarten classes staggered starts begin August 26

Early Childhood classes begin Wednesday, September 3

2025-2026 School Hours

	Full Day	Half Day
Elementary Schools – Grades K-5		
Beechview, Forest, Gill, Hillside, Kenbrook, Lanigan, Longacre Wood Creek	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	8:30–11:45 a.m.
Middle Schools – Grades 6-8		
East, Power, Warner	7:45 a.m.–2:35 p.m.	7:45–10:55 a.m.
STEAM Academy – Grades K-7		
Farmington STEAM Academy	8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	8:00–11:15 a.m.
High Schools – Grades 9-12		
Farmington, North Farmington	7:45 a.m.–2:40 p.m.	7:45–11:00 a.m.
Farmington Central	7:45 a.m.–2:48 p.m.	7:45–11:08 a.m.
Special Education		
Visions Unlimited	9:00 a.m.–3:20 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
Early Childhood Center	Hours vary depending on program	

2026 Graduations • Save the Dates!

Farmington Central High School • Thursday, June 4, 2026 • 6 p.m.
Farmington High School Auditorium

North Farmington High School • Sunday, June 7, 2026 • 10 a.m.
USA Hockey Arena • 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth

Farmington High School • Sunday, June 7, 2026 • 2 p.m.
USA Hockey Arena • 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth

Visions Unlimited • Wednesday, June 10, 2026 • 10 a.m.
The Hawk • 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills



Student Count Day is Wednesday, October 1

"Count Days" are critical to our school district because our funding is directly connected to the number of students who are in school on the two count days in Michigan. Count days are set for **Wednesday, October 1, 2025** and **Wednesday, February 11, 2026.**

Please make every effort to have your child in school on these days. If possible, please make doctor or dentist appointments another day. Thank you for your assistance in making our "Count Days" a success.





The Administration Building has a new Rock Garden

Thank you to the Gill Elementary School Kindness Club for dedicating a Kindness Rock Garden at the entrance to the Administration Building at 33000 Freedom Road in Farmington. As the sign states, guests are invited to take a rock for inspiration, or leave one to help the garden grow.

The Kindness Club, with its Kindness Kids, was created and led by the now retired teacher Kate Harris. Last year, the Kindness Club won the Keep Michigan Beautiful Award for spreading kindness to others.

Thank you Kindness Club, and all the Kindness Kids, for continuing to spread kindness in our community.



Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin was on site to cut the ribbon at the dedication.



Kate Harris (third from left) with some members of her Kindness Club sitting in front of the rock garden located by the front entrance of the Administration Building.

A New Kind of High School Experience Launching at Farmington Central High School

At Farmington Central, students build confidence, gain purpose, and graduate ready for what's next. A new, innovative scheduling model, which launches this school year, will allow students to complete their classwork in the morning and then personalize their afternoons.

Master the Mornings

Students complete all six of their core academic credits before lunch using a unique co-teaching model that combines two subjects into a single, dynamic class.

Here's how it works:

- Earn one full credit in just one hour
- Cross-curricular classes help students make real-world connections between subjects
- Small class sizes and hands-on learning make the experience more engaging and collaborative

The result: Deeper understanding, faster progress, and a schedule that frees up your afternoon.

Own the Afternoons

After lunch, students choose from a range of flexible, interest-based options:

- OSTC (Oakland Schools Technical Campus) – Hands-on training for skilled trades and in-demand careers
- Dual Enrollment – Earn college credit while still in high school
- Credit Recovery – Catch up and stay on track to graduate
- Internships & Work-Based Learning – Gain real-world experience and build your résumé
- Return to Your Home High School – Take electives, join clubs, or participate in sports
- SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) – Courses that support personal growth and well-being

FARMINGTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Farmington Public Schools

Interested in learning more about Farmington Central High School? Contact them at 248-489-3827 or fchs@fpsk12.net.

Meet the Griffins

Farmington Public Schools' Athletics has a new mascot for the Farmington United Teams, the Farmington United Griffins. These united teams combine student-athletes from both Farmington High School and North Farmington High School in field hockey, ice hockey, gymnastics, lacrosse, and ski.

The mascot combines a Griffin with the colors navy and gold. The Griffin is a legendary creature that is known for strength, courage, and unity. The color navy is from Farmington High School, and the color gold is from North Farmington High School. Combined together, a new look and powerful symbol emerged.

Field Hockey

Ice Hockey

Gymnastics

Lacrosse

Ski

Local senior adults are invited to Farmington Public Schools' Annual Senior Adult Breakfast on Thursday, October 16, 2025

Our local senior adults, friends, and neighbors are invited to come together and celebrate Farmington Public Schools at the District's Annual Senior Adult Breakfast on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Costick Center. The event will begin at 9 a.m.

The Breakfast brings together hundreds of local senior adults, aged 60 and up, who will have the opportunity to speak with District representatives about current educational practices happening within the schools. This event also provides our adult seniors with a chance to meet and visit with the Farmington Public Schools' Superintendent. Guests will get the chance to mingle with students from each school while looking at school projects on display. Attendees will also get to see all the recent awards, achievements, and updates that are happening throughout the District.

Additionally, the Senior Adult Breakfast is where the District will announce the 2025/2026 Senior Adult Extraordinaire award winner. This award is designed to recognize, promote, and encourage the volunteer efforts of senior citizens within Farmington Public Schools. The honored senior adult (aged 60 and above) must volunteer in the District and contribute to the overall education process.

Senior Adult Cards

Senior adults (age 60 and over) who live in the District attendance area may register for a complimentary pass which entitles seniors to discounted or free admission to school plays, concerts (student performances) and home athletic events (except conference finals and state tournaments).

- Senior adult cards are available at the School/Community Relations Department located at the Administration Building, 33000 Freedom Road, Farmington.
- Please call School/Community Relations at 248.489.3349, if you need additional information.
- Senior adult card holders are encouraged to visit the Farmington Public Schools' website to learn more about the District and for a schedule of upcoming concerts and sporting events.

Reservations for this event are required and will be limited to the first 300 people. The Senior Adult Breakfast will be held at the Costick Center located at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills. To make a reservation, please contact the District's School/Community Relations Department at 248.489.3349.



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to benefit the students of Farmington Public Schools

Friday, November 7

VIP Reception: 6-7 p.m.

Event: 7-9:30 p.m.

Must be 21 years of age to attend.

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Please check expiration dates, expired cans can't be used.

Canned Food Drive

Farmington Area Goodfellows

November 3 - 21, 2025

Goods will be accepted at all FPS Schools, both City Halls, the Costick Center, and the downtown branch of the Farmington Community Library.

UpDate is a newsletter for Farmington Public Schools' residents. It is published four times during the school year by the School/Community Relations Department. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Please visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us. or call 248.489.3349.

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