

Gateway Families,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! To help everyone get off to a strong start, we want to share a few important updates and reminders:

Gateway Open House

Join us for Open House on **Monday, August 11th, from 4:00–6:00 PM**. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, tour, and get ready for a successful year.

Action Items Before School Starts

To ensure a smooth start to the year, please take a moment to complete the following:

- **Log into [eRetrieve](#)** and complete all new forms for your student ([directions](#)).
- Click on this link to fill out the [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#) and select “Apply for Benefits” (this must be completed each year). Paper copies can be picked up at Open House.
 - If your student is eligible for F/R lunch, he/she is also eligible for other benefits, such as free ACT testing (once per year in grades 11 and 12), some free concurrent credit courses in high school, college application assistance, etc..
- If your student needs a **parking pass**, complete [this google form](#). Once you have completed the form, a fee will be added to your MyPaymentsPlus account..
- [Year-At-A-Glance](#) is a one stop shop for all the important dates throughout the school year that you do not want to miss!
- The state has made changes to high school student access to college courses. Check out [this](#) letter in regard to **NWACC courses** to learn more!

Bell to Bell No Cell Act

This year, Arkansas has implemented the **Bell to Bell No Cell Act**, which requires students to have their phones silenced and put away during the school day. At Gateway, we are committed to maintaining a focused and distraction-free learning environment and will continue to enforce this expectation. With this new legislation, cell phone or personal electronic device violations will have a higher level of consequences than in previous years.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Open House and partnering with you throughout the year to support your student's success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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