Fresno Unified School District

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August 2026

Hello Gaston Families:

Let me introduce myself, I'm Dr. Aquino, the new Principal. I am excited for the opportunities that the 2026 – 2027 school year will bring. I attended Fresno Unified schools as a student, and my 24-year career as an educator included being a middle and high school English Teacher, Doctor's Academy/AVID Teacher, a Vice Principal at Edison High School, and Executive Director in the department of School Performance. I cannot wait to work alongside you to ensure our students have an amazing academic school year.

Gaston is where academic excellence is expected! As a Bengal, we arrive on time ready to learn and engage in the lessons, we listen to our teachers/staff, we are helpful, we are respectful. Above all else, we represent our school, family, and community with dignity and pride. We are excited to see our new and our returning students. The **first day of school** is Monday, August 17, 2026.

What you Need to Know:

- **Daily Schedule:** School starts at 8 AM and dismissal at 2:30 PM
- **Early Release Tuesdays**: dismissal is at 1:30 PM. Tuesdays that fall on a 4-day week will follow a regular schedule.
- Required for the Start of School:
  - Atlas Parent Portal - Fresno Unified School District
    - Emergency Cards ONLINE

    Returning students, please update your emergency card with current contact and medical information.

    New Fresno Unified, please complete the enrollment process online, including uploading documents and the emergency card.
- Transportation: check the transportation website Bus Routes - Fresno Unified School District
- Office Extended Hours: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 (open till 7 PM)
- **Parent Orientation: Thursday, August 13, 2026**
- **7th Grade Orientation: Friday, August 14, 2026; 10 AM – 12 PM**
- **Pictures: Tuesday, August 25, 2026**
- **Back to School Night: Thursday, August 27, 2026**
- No Room Changes prior to Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- **Parent Conferences: October 26 through October 29, 2026;** scheduled with teachers
- Open House: Thursday, April 8, 2027

We, Gaston Staff, look forward to seeing you and having a great 2026-27 school year.

Respectfully,

Dr. Aquino, Principal