



August 2026

Dear Patterson Families,

I am eagerly awaiting the start of the school year! I am honored to have been selected to serve as your next principal. I have been working in public education for 25 years as well as over a year as a Director in a math curriculum non-profit organization. The previous five years I have served as a principal and I am grateful to continue this position with you all! One of my initial goals is to know every student by name, strength, and need. I welcome any support and/or opportunity to accomplish this goal with you!

Important dates coming up:

- August 14 - School office opens, 7:30am-3:30pm
- August 25 - Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop Off between 4:30-6:00pm
- August 26 - Family Connections and Transitions (*Welcome Outreach- we call you!*)
- September 1 - First Day of school for grades 1-6
- September 2 - All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners
- September 7 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

School Hours:

Our school hours are 7:35-2:05 M/T/Th/F and 7:35-1:35 on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:15
- Students who ride the bus may eat breakfast when dropped off or wait in the gym until the bell rings
- Students who do not eat breakfast should arrive **no earlier than 7:30 and wait to enter the building until the first bell at 7:35**

Communication:

- **ParentVue:** The email addresses and phone numbers in our student information system are what we use to send families important news and updates, information about your child's attendance, and safety and emergency communications. Please verify your information by logging into [ParentVUE](#). If you don't have an account set up and need a code, please contact the main office at (503) 844-1380.
- **ParentSquare:** This is our district's two-way communications platform that provides instant translations in 100+ languages. ParentSquare is used for items such as newsletters, snow day notifications, group chats, calendars, volunteer sign-ups, and more. Please see [ParentSquare Information for Families](#).
- **Community Newsletter:** We will send out a weekly digital newsletter to all families every Friday throughout the entire school year. The link will be shared via email and ParentSquare.
- **Our school website:** <https://patterson.hsd.k12.or.us/>
- **Booster Club:** <https://patterson.hsd.k12.or.us/for-families/patterson-booster-club/about-pbc>

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Devices: All cell phones and personal electronic devices are prohibited during school hours (7:35-2:05) and during after school clubs. These items include but are not limited to cell phones, air pods/headphones, speakers, gaming devices, and smart watches. All cell phones and personal electronic devices should be off and away in backpacks during the academic school day and after school clubs. Families needing to reach a student should call the main office. The office will contact the student immediately. A phone in the main office is available for students to contact their parents when needed. Families should kindly refrain from texting or



calling students on their cell phones during the school day, and should not expect text responses from your child.

For frequently asked questions, please review Oregon's Department of Education document:

<https://shorturl.at/2QdUZ>

School Meals:

We are pleased to announce that Hillsboro School District is approved to offer meals at no cost for all students through June 2028 under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **All** students attending any of HSD's 36 school sites are eligible to receive a healthy complete breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. You can view menus at

<https://lingconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

Family Involvement Opportunities:

We want as many community members to volunteer as possible! All volunteers need to be approved in advance through our school district. Fill out the volunteer application or update/renew/check the status of your current application by visiting <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering>.

School Attendance:

Every minute of every day matters in your child's education. Research suggests missing fewer than 9 days a year helps students succeed in school and later in life. Our goal is for every student to attend at least 90% of the school year. Missing school—whether excused or unexcused—means missing important learning and connections. Please help your child arrive on time daily, plan vacations around the [district calendar](#), and use the [Too Sick for School guidelines](#) when they're ill. If your child is absent, call **503-844-1385**. You'll receive an automated call if we don't hear from you by 9:00 a.m.

Bus Routes:

Schedules and walk zone information are developed by the school district's Transportation department. They will send you directions on how to access this information online at the end of August. Please let us know of any childcare or address changes right away. You may call Transportation at 503-844-1123 if you have specific questions.

Going home plans:

You will receive a paper copy to complete at the beginning of the school year to confirm your child's plan for getting from school to their after school destination. Once returned to our office, this document will serve as the daily plan for your child. **If day-of changes need to be made, please call the office before 1pm the day of to inform us of the change.**

Enjoy these last weeks of summer. **Our Patterson staff is looking forward to a fantastic year!**

In partnership,

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