



August 2026

Dear Atfalati Ridge Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable summer! We are looking forward to reconnecting with our returning students and welcoming new members of the Atfalati community. As I begin my second year as principal, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this amazing school and partnering with our students and families.

We always have lots of fun events during the school year that we would love to have volunteers for. If you are interested in helping out, get your application in early so you don't miss out on the fun! We also have a spectacular parent/teacher organization, known as the Blue Jay Boosters, that plans many fun events. Anyone is welcome to join and attend the meetings.

We look forward to seeing our Blue Jays soon!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- August 14 - School office opens, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
- August 18 - Blue Jay Boosters Meeting - Hybrid, 5:30 pm (www.bluejayboosters.org)
- August 26 - Family Connections and Transitions (Welcome Outreach- we call you!)
- August 27 - Back to School Night / Blue Jay Boosters Supply Drop-off, 4 - 6 pm
- September 1 - First Day of school for grades 1-6, 7 and 9
- September 2 - All Students; First day of school for Kindergarteners, and grades 8, 10-12
 - Donut Worry Party for Kinder Parents and Care Givers, 7:45 - 8:15 am
- September 7 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

School Hours:

Our school hours are 7:45 am - 2:05 pm M/Tu/Th/F and 7:45 am - 1:35 pm on Wednesdays.

- Students who eat breakfast at school may enter the building at 7:15 am.
- 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 may also arrive at 7:15 am and will wait in the gym until the bell rings.

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**. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit a meal application. You can view menus at <https://lingconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

Family Involvement Opportunities:

We hope that all of our community members can volunteer in our building during the 2026-27 school year. 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 please call 503-844-1243, as soon as possible. If you do not call the attendance line by 9 am, you will receive an automated call from our office. Please leave your child's name and reason for absence, including symptoms if they are ill.

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 during the school day to inform us of the change.**

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](#).

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