Lakewood Board of Education
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families. As we embark on another academic journey together, I am filled with excitement for the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead for our students.

The Lakewood School District is committed to providing a safe, supportive, inclusive, and engaging learning environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We celebrate the diversity of our community and recognize the unique strengths and talents each student brings to our schools. Our dedicated team of educators, support staff, and administrators remains committed to helping every student reach his or her fullest potential.

Throughout the school year, we will continue to uphold high standards of academic excellence while fostering the social and emotional well-being of every child. From rigorous classroom instruction to extracurricular opportunities, our schools provide students with experiences that encourage critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and responsible citizenship.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school. We firmly believe that when families and schools work together, students are better equipped for success both inside and outside the classroom. I invite you to take an active role in your child's education by attending school events, communicating regularly with teachers, volunteering when possible, and remaining informed about district initiatives.

To help maximize your child's success, we encourage the following:

- Read to your child—and with your child—for at least 20 minutes every day.
- Encourage your child to visualize what is happening in the story and discuss the sights, sounds, and emotions the characters may be experiencing.
- Ask your child to retell, write about, or draw what they have learned.
- Use props or expressive reading to make stories more engaging.
- Provide a quiet, well-lit location for homework and studying.
- Ensure your child has the necessary supplies, including paper, pencils, and other materials needed for learning.
- Maintain a positive attitude toward education, as children often reflect their parents' attitudes about school.
- Stay connected with your child's teachers to understand classroom expectations and homework assignments.

- Learn about educational opportunities available as your child progresses through elementary, middle, and high school.
- Help your child select courses that align with future educational and career goals.
- Encourage your child to begin exploring career interests early and discuss the education and training required for various professions.
- If your child plans to attend college, technical school, or another post-secondary program, become familiar with admission requirements and plan accordingly.
- Encourage your child to explore interests and career possibilities while providing guidance and support throughout the decision-making process.

For your convenience, enclosed are several important district policies and informational documents to help prepare your family for the upcoming school year.

Please note that the High School Dress Code Policy differs from the Kindergarten through Grade 8 Dress Code Policy.

In addition, the New Jersey Department of Education has mandated a statewide Cell Phone Policy. In accordance with this policy, all student cell phones and personal electronic communication devices must be powered off throughout the entire school day and stored in the student's backpack or locker. Cell phones may not be used during the school day unless specifically authorized by school administration or required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or documented medical need.

We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing this expectation with your child. Limiting distractions helps create a safe, respectful, and academically focused learning environment where all students can succeed.

As an additional safety measure, book bags or backpacks that are not clear will not be permitted on school property.

On behalf of the entire Lakewood School District team, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are honored to partner with you and look forward to a successful school year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.

We wish you and your family a wonderful start to the 2026-2027 school year!

Warm regards,

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Attachments

- 2026-2027 School Calendar
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Information
- Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare Information
- Kindergarten through Grade 8 Dress Code Policy
- High School Dress Code Policy
- Electronics Policy
- District Policy #5516
- Regulations for Policy #5516
- Vaping Policy
- Substance Abuse Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Medication Policy
- Medication Authorization Form
- Authorization for Photographing/Videotaping Students
- Health Screenings Information
- 2026-2027 District Code of Conduct
- Acceptable Use of Computer Networks, Computers, and District Resources
- Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD) Policy
- AHERA Annual Notification
- Electronic Signature Policy