

Back to School Information for Students and Families

Dear Cougar Families,

We are excited to welcome all our students back for a fantastic school year on **Monday, August 3rd**. Please review the important information below to ensure a smooth and successful first day.

Arrival Procedures

- **Doors open for students to access the building at 8:15 AM.**
- All students will enter school through the **Pavilion** before the start of school and go through a security check point. There will be no entrance to the building from the YCHS and FDJ front offices.
- Students may eat **breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:15- 8:37 AM** or wait there until the bell rings to start the school day.

Pickup/ Drop Off & Traffic Flow Information

- All parents dropping off and picking up will enter campus via Pride Circle (baseball field entrance) off Alexander Love Hwy and follow the loop. **No drop off or pick up will be permitted in the front of school or in the FDJTC parking lot before or after school.**
- All students must exit campus through the academic wings located near the student parking lot and Pavilion areas. **For traffic and pedestrian safety, students will not be allowed to exit the building through the main office or FDJ sides of campus.**
- Expect **increased traffic** during the first week. Please plan accordingly and be patient during drop-off and pick-up.

First Day Schedule

- Students will report to their Prowl classroom (homeroom) when the school day begins. After release from Prowl, students will follow their regular schedule.
- **Prowl is listed as homeroom on student schedules. Students can log into Powerschool via Classlink to see their schedule and Prowl homeroom location.** Students can also access their class schedule in ParentSquare. Parents can access through Parent Portal. Prowl rosters will also be available before school in the Pavilion for any student who does not know where to go. Staff will also be on site to help direct students.
- **Finalized schedules** will be printed and distributed in Prowl. Remind students to read carefully as there may have been slight changes since orientation.

Bell Schedule

- Review the bell schedule for 26-27 below.
- Learn more about **Prowl & Flex** [here](#).
- Students will attend Prowl during the flex period for the first two weeks of school.



REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

	BREAKFAST	8:15 - 8:37
1	1ST BLOCK	8:45 - 10:05
2	2ND BLOCK	10:10 - 11:30
	PROWL/FLEX	11:35 - 12:15
3	3RD BLOCK (INCLUDES LUNCHES)	12:20 - 2:10
	A A LUNCH	12:20 - 12:45
	B B LUNCH	12:50 - 1:15
	C C LUNCH	1:20 - 1:45
4	4TH BLOCK	2:15 - 3:35
	STUDENTS WILL HAVE 5 MINUTES TO TRANSITION BETWEEN ALL CLASSES.	

Dress Code

- **All students must adhere to the York School District One dress code.** Take time to review the updated dress code in its entirety below.
- Reminder that **No hats or headphones are to be worn or seen in the building.** They should be left at home or stored in the student's backpack during the school day. These items may be confiscated if seen.
- **Student IDs** should be worn at all times while on campus.

STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Purpose

York School District One believes that appropriate student dress supports a safe, healthy, and orderly learning environment. While the district respects personal expression and individual style, student attire must not interfere with teaching, learning, or school safety.

Equity Statement

Dress code standards apply equally to all students, regardless of gender identity, body type, or expression.

General Expectations

Students and parents share the responsibility for ensuring that attire is appropriate for school and does not disrupt the educational process.

Prohibited or Restricted Clothing

1. Revealing, Tight, or Distracting Clothing.

Clothing may not be tight-fitting, revealing, expose the midriff, or be see-through.

2. Tops and Straps.

Shirts or Dresses with spaghetti straps are not allowed. Straps must have a width of at least three (3) inches.

3. Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses.

Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be appropriately fitted and long enough to maintain coverage of the buttocks and hips, and may not be excessively short or revealing.

4. Pants and Bottoms.

Must be worn at the natural waistline. Pajamas are not permitted.

5. Footwear.

Proper shoes are required. No slippers, or shoes with wheels.

6. Headwear and Accessories.

Hats, hoods, sunglasses, headphones and bandanas are prohibited indoors.

7. Symbols, Images, and Messages.

Clothing may not display profanity, drugs, alcohol, or gang-related imagery.

8. Safety Considerations.

Clothing or accessories posing safety risks are prohibited.

Student IDs

- Students received a new student ID and lanyard at orientation. **They should wear their ID to school starting day 1.**
- Students unable to attend orientation will receive their IDs at school on the first day of school.
- Students may wear their own lanyard if they wish to purchase a different option than the one provided.
- **Students must scan their ID to receive meals in the cafeteria.**

Cell phones and smart technology policy.

- Students may **not use cell phones, AirPods/earbuds, or smartwatches during the instructional day.**
- These items should be off and stored out of sight during the school day.

Meals

- **Breakfast and lunch are free** for all students this year
- Lunch times will be communicated by 3rd block teachers on the first day.
- Students must scan their ID to obtain a meal.

Chromebooks

- Students still needing to pick up a Chromebook will be able to do so during the first three days of school.
- Technology staff will be available from 8:15 until 12:30 Monday through Wednesday for any student needing to pick up a Chromebook.

Student Parking

- All student drivers must have a current parking tag in order to park on campus and must have taken Alive at 25 prior to purchasing a permit. All permits must be purchased online at [Parking - Floyd D Johnson Technology Center](#) and should be picked up in the Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center office once purchased online.
- Parking permits must be purchased by the end of the first week of school.

Health & Medications

- All **prescription medications** must be turned in to the **nurse's office**.

Dual Enrollment Students

- Students enrolled in **Dual Enrollment** classes are expected to attend school on the first two days and remain for the full days. Teachers will provide more details about Attendance Requirements during class.
- Students enrolled in the following classes are to report to the York Tech Classroom (C102) during your assigned block: PSC 201 & SOC 101
- [Click here](#) for course meeting information
- Specific details about Dual Enrollment will be shared during class.

Handbooks

[YCHS & FDJTC Student Handbook 20262027](#)

[YSD1 2026-2027 Student Parent Handbook1.docx](#)

We look forward to a great start to the school year! Thank you for your support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Your YCHS and FDJTC Administrative Team

