



2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

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Monona Grove School District Official Back-to-School Guide



Monona Grove Families,

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year!

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time—a chance for students to learn, grow, and create new memories while reconnecting with friends, classmates, and staff. Whether your family is returning to Monona Grove or joining us for the first time, we are excited to have you as part of our school community.

To help your family prepare for the year ahead, we've created this Back-to-School Guide as a one-stop resource for important information. Inside, you'll find key dates, school-specific details, registration reminders, transportation information, technology resources, meal information, and other helpful tools to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible.

Our staff has been working to prepare welcoming learning environments for every student, and we look forward to seeing our classrooms and hallways filled with energy once again.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education. We are looking forward to another outstanding year of learning, growth, and success across the Monona Grove School District. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon!

DR. TANYA L. FREDRICH SUPERINTENDENT



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KEY DATES



AUGUST 10

District Wide Photo Day at MG21

AUGUST 20

District Wide Photo Day at Granite Ridge School

MID-AUGUST

Teacher Assignments Available within Infinite Campus Parent Portal

MID-AUGUST

Secondary Schedules Available

SEPTEMBER 1

First Day of School

4K Staggered Start

NOVEMBER 25-27

No School (Thanksgiving Break)

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 1

No School (Winter Break)

MARCH 29 - APRIL 2

No School (Spring Break)

JUNE 3

MG21 Senior Graduation

JUNE 6

MGHS Graduation

JUNE 10

Last Day of School



[View our website for the full calendar](#) (including a PDF printable!)

CHANGES THIS YEAR



Morning Supervision Time

Beginning in the Fall of 2026, the district will strategically focus the morning supervised student arrival window to exactly 15 minutes prior to the start bell, regardless of weather.

- **Strategic Purpose:** By compressing the arrival window, we maximize our human resources. Staff will be fully present, strategically assigned, and dynamically available during the highest-density influx of students, providing a higher net level of building security and structural support.
- **Schedules for 2026-2027:**
 - Cottage Grove School: 7:30am - morning supervision begins | 7:45am - start bell
 - Winnequah School: 7:30am - morning supervision begins | 7:45am - start bell
 - Granite Ridge School: 7:45am - morning supervision begins | 8:00am - start bell
 - Glacial Drumlin School: 7:45am - morning supervision begins | 8:00am - start bell

We understand that adjustments to morning routines impact family schedules. Bus transportation remains the most reliable option for aligning arrival precisely with our supervision schedules. Building-specific details and drop-off logistics will be communicated directly by principals.

Wireless Communication Devices Policy

With the passage of 2025 Wisconsin Act 42, often referred to as the statewide school cell phone ban, all school boards in the state must adopt a policy that prohibits the use of personal communication devices (including phones and watches) during instructional time.

In alignment with this law, the Monona Grove School Board has updated [its policy](#) (po5136) on personal communication devices.

Elementary & Middle School Students (4K–8)

- During the School Day: Devices must be turned off completely and kept out of sight in the student's locker or cubby.
- After School & Extracurriculars: Devices may be brought to after-school events but must be set to silent or vibrate and put away if requested by staff.

High School Students (9–12)

- Permitted Times: Allowed before/after school, during lunch, between classes, and during after-school activities (provided they do not cause a disruption).
- During Class/Instructional Time: Devices must be turned completely off (not on silent/vibrate) and stored out of sight unless explicitly authorized by a teacher for instructional purposes.

School Buses

- Allowed at the discretion of the bus driver, teacher, or advisor. Devices must remain on silent or vibrate.

Exceptions

All students are allowed to use devices during restricted times for:

- Emergencies or Threats: To address immediate safety and security concerns.
- Medical Needs: Health management outlined in a student's formal health plan.
- IEP / 504 Plans: Accommodations specified in special education or 504 plans.
- Educational Purposes: Direct, teacher-supervised classroom activities.

Strictly Prohibited Actions

- Privacy Violations: Recording audio, taking photos, or capturing video of anyone without consent is prohibited.
- Private Areas: Devices with cameras or recording capabilities are strictly banned in restrooms, locker rooms, and changing areas.
- Misconduct & Bullying: Devices cannot be used to harass, intimidate, send explicit/sexual content ("sexting"), or bypass school internet filters.
- Academic Dishonesty: Using devices to cheat or share test information is prohibited.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the device; schools will share more information about implementing the policy and will outline specific procedures in the coming weeks.

We understand that a policy shift like this involves practical questions regarding day-to-day logistics, family communication during emergencies, and building-specific needs. **The best way to reach your student during the school day is by calling the main school office.** Students can also use school phones if they need to contact home.

Rethinking Digital Learning: Our Transition Away from a 1:1 Technology Model at 4K-8

In recent years districts across the country, including Monona Grove School District, rapidly scaled up technology to achieve a 1:1 ratio—one device for every single student.



While this model kept learning connected during remote and hybrid periods, educators and researchers have since gained valuable insights into how technology best serves student development. To create a more intentional, balanced, and collaborative learning environment, our district is transitioning away from a 1:1 model in grades 4K-8.

- **Grades 4K-5:** iPads (4K-2) and Chromebooks (3-5) will be provided at a 2:1 ratio.
 - Note on 4K: Over recent years, our 4K teachers have been intentionally transitioning away from iPad reliance—focusing on hands-on play, social-emotional growth, and foundational learning. Moving forward, 4K classrooms will continue to transition toward a device-free environment.
- **Grades 6-8:** Chromebooks will be organized on carts in pods for teachers to check out only when needed. **Students in these grades will no longer take Chromebooks home on a daily basis.** (Options for students to check out Chromebooks to take home for homework support or additional work will be available.)
- **Grades 9-12:** No change in devices

To support our instructional staff during this transition, our Teaching & Learning department has created a framework for teachers to use in the name of mindful technology integration. This framework will include when to prioritize device use (essential or enhanced learning) and when to limit device use (balanced choice, unstructured time, and when substitution of technology provides no clear instructional value). These considerations are not intended to set strict time limits, but rather to serve as a reflective tool for choosing the most effective instructional methods.

Transitioning away from a 1:1 model offers several key benefits:

- **Encouraging Purposeful Use:** Tech becomes an intentional learning station or tool for specific tasks rather than a constant centerpiece of the desk.
- **Balanced Screen Time:** Lowering device density supports healthy eye rest, reduces digital fatigue, and keeps paper-and-pencil skills, tactile play, and active movement at the core of daily routines—especially for our youngest learners.
- **Reclaiming Down-Time:** By moving away from individual, always-available devices, we reduce the heavy reliance on Chromebooks during non-instructional moments like free time, passing periods, rainy-day recess, and early-finisher gaps. This encourages students to talk with peers, read books, or move their bodies instead of defaulting to a screen.

With the change in device management at 4K-8, please note that our digital safety monitoring software, **GoGuardian Parent**, will be affected at the 4K-2 grade level. GoGuardian Parent data will no longer be available for 4K-2 students.

- GoGuardian for iOS/iPadOS relies strictly on unique individual Apple IDs. In our 4K-2 classrooms, iPads will now operate as shared classroom/grade level devices, with multiple young learners utilizing the same hardware.
- While GoGuardian Parent app reporting won't apply to these shared iPads, **all devices will remain fully protected** by our district-wide network content filters and direct teacher supervision. Our technology team and building administrators will continue to monitor device data.

At Grades 3-12, GoGuardian Parent remains fully active and functional. Students in these grades will continue to log-in with their individual credentials, allowing parent monitoring features and filtering reports to operate normally. For instructions on using GoGuardian parent, head to our [Technology Services page](#).

As educational research continues to evolve, our district remains committed to actively monitoring emerging findings, adapting our practices, and centering our decisions around what is best for kids. If you have questions regarding device use, instructional tools, or monitoring software, please reach out to your child's principal.

Yearbooks

Beginning this school year, the cost of student yearbooks will increase to \$15 per copy. This updated price helps cover both the cost of producing the yearbook and shipping expenses to the school. The yearbook fee will be available in Infinite Campus for families to pay online. MG High School yearbook cost is \$55 and is purchased through yearbookforever.com.

Transitioning to Non-Edible Birthday and Classroom Treats

We strive to create learning environments where every student feels safe, included, and ready to learn. To better support the health of our students and align with our District Wellness Policy, we are transitioning to a non-edible treat policy for birthdays and classroom celebrations, effective at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Why the Change?

Our classrooms are home to many students with life-threatening food allergies and diverse nutritional needs. By moving away from food-based treats, we:

- Ensure Safety: Remove the risk of accidental exposure to allergens.
- Promote Inclusion: Ensure that every child can participate in celebrations regardless of dietary restrictions.
- Support Wellness: Adhere to our commitment to promoting healthy habits across all grade levels.

Creative Ways to Celebrate

We know that birthdays are special milestones! We encourage families who wish to share something with the class to consider "experience" gifts or small non-food items, such as:

- Donating a Book: Donate a book to the classroom library in your child's honor.
- School Supplies: Fun pencils, stickers, bookmarks, or erasers.
- Active Play: Bubbles, bouncy balls, or temporary tattoos.

Please do not send cupcakes, candy, or other food items to school for birthday recognitions. Any food items sent to school for this purpose will be stored in the school office during the day and returned home with the student.

For the occasional classwide, grade-level, or schoolwide events that may involve food, we are also committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all students. Families will receive timely communication regarding the event and any food items involved. All food items will be carefully reviewed by staff to ensure they meet our allergy safety standards and protect all students.

We appreciate your partnership in making our schools a safer, more inclusive space for all our learners. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please reach out to your building principal.

Easier School Communication with TalkingPoints

Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, Monona Grove will use TalkingPoints to help families and students communicate more easily with teachers, principals, coaches, and club leaders. TalkingPoints keeps all school-related messaging in one secure, district-approved platform designed with student safety and data privacy in mind.

For Families

Families do not need to sign up to begin using TalkingPoints. Messages will automatically be sent to the cell phone number listed in Infinite Campus. You can reply directly by text message in your preferred language, or download the TalkingPoints for Families app for additional features. If you choose not to receive messages, you can unsubscribe at any time by texting STOP or GOODBYE.

For Students (Age 13+)

Student participation is optional. Students who choose to opt in can send and receive messages through the TalkingPoints app or by standard text message. They only need to enroll once, and their phone numbers are never visible to staff. If a student chooses not to opt in, school email will be the only method staff can use to communicate with them.

Helpful Tips

- Download the TalkingPoints for Families app if you want enhanced messaging features.
- If you want to return to text messages after using the app, be sure to log out of the app before deleting it.
- If you unsubscribe and later want to rejoin, contact your student's teacher or principal for instructions.

We're excited to offer this secure and convenient tool to strengthen communication between home and school.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Verify and/or update your contact information in [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)
- ☐ Returning students: charge Chromebook (grades 9-12)
- ☐ Pay school fees in [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)
 - ☐ [Other Optional Fees and MGHS course fees](#) (Note: Buy-A-Bus-Seat and High School Parking fees are not waived)

Note: An update to Infinite Campus resulted in the removal of all previously saved payment methods and scheduled recurring payments. [Please follow these instructions to add a new payment method.](#)

Consumable (Per Student)

*Eligible for a fee waiver with application

Grade	Fee
4K	\$30
K-12	\$37

- ☐ Set up school nutrition accounts ([Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#))
- ☐ Sign up for school photo day - [Sign up for a photo session online](#) - siblings are welcome to attend the same time slot at either location!
- ☐ Attend your school's back-to-school event
- ☐ Review your [school's handbook](#)
- ☐ Get your school supplies
- ☐ Review [annual notices](#)



SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



COTTAGE GROVE
SCHOOL

Grade Levels: 4K-2 in Cottage Grove

Principal: Jesse Starr

Associate Principal: Kate Brown

Back-to-School Night: August 26 from
3:30-5:30pm

School Hours: 7:45am-2:50pm

4K AM: 7:45-10:35am

4K PM: 12-2:50pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 839-4576;
cgs.attendance@mgschools.net



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GRANITE RIDGE
SCHOOL

Grade Level: 3-5 in Cottage Grove

Principal: Reed Foster

Associate Principal: Allison Friberg

Back-to-School Night: August 25 from
3:30-5:30pm

School Hours: 8:00am-3:05pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 839-8980;
grs.attendance@mgschools.net



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WINNEQUAH
SCHOOL

Grade Level: 4K-5 in Monona

Principal: John Hagen

Associate Principal: Dan Hillgartner

Back-to-School Night: August 26 from
4-6pm

School Hours: 7:45am-2:50pm

4K AM: 7:45-10:35am

4K PM: 12-2:50pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 221-7677;
ws.attendance@mgschools.net



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SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



GLACIAL DRUMLIN
SCHOOL

Grade Levels: 6-8 in Cottage Grove & Monona

Principal: Kristen Langer

Associate Principals: Emily Koch & Tyler Zaspel

Back-to-School Night: August 26 from 3:30-5:30pm

Last names beginning with A-L: 3:30-4:30

Last names beginning with M-Z: 4:30-5:30

School Hours: 8:00am-3:13pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 839-8437;
gds.attendance@mgschools.net



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Grade Levels: 6-12 in Cottage Grove & Monona

School Director: Rebecca Fox-Blair

Back-to-School Night: August 27 from 6:00-7:00pm

School Hours:

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday:

9:00am-3:10pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 316-1924



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[Click for Supply List](#)

Grade Level: 9-12 in Cottage Grove & Monona

Principal: Mitchal McGrath

Associate Principal: Jason Kling,
Melissa Rosol & Joe Schneider

New to MG Orientation: August 4 from 4-5:30pm

Back To School Night: September 9 from 6:30-8:30pm

School Hours: 8:15am-3:30pm

Contact / Attendance: (608) 316-1393;
mghs.attendance@mgschools.net



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Students receive supply lists when they run their schedules over the first two days of school.



MG21
Liberal Arts Charter School



MONONA GROVE
HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE



We are committed to making our schools safe, healthy, and supportive places for all students. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns—we're here to help make this a successful school year for your child.

Under Wisconsin Statute 118.15(3)(c), **families may excuse their child from school for up to 10 days per school year** for personal reasons. This includes routine illnesses that do not require a doctor's visit. These absences must be submitted in writing before the absence whenever possible. We also encourage students to stay on top of any missed classwork.

For medical appointments, please provide documentation such as a doctor's note, appointment confirmation, or MyChart message. These can be sent to the school's attendance email or shared with the health office. Absences accompanied by a medical provider's note do not count toward the 10-day limit.

Absences are tracked and recorded in full-day or half-day increments based on the student's school level:

School / Level	Half-Day Absence	Full-Day Absence
Elementary Schools	Missing all or part of only the morning or only the afternoon (Note: this includes late arrivals & early pickups)	Missing both morning and afternoon periods
Glacial Drumlin Schools & MG21	Missing 4 or fewer periods in a single day	Missing 5 or more periods in a single day
Monona Grove High School (Block Scheduling)	Missing only a single period in a day	Missing more than one period in a single day

Starting the year with consistent attendance helps students:

- Reduce stress
- Build friendships and strong teacher connections
- Stay on track academically

For more details, visit the [attendance webpage](#).

Contact

Christa Foster

Director of Student Services

Kayla Barnes-Patrick

MGHS Social Worker

Elizabeth Caucutt

GRS Social Worker

Andrea Fresen

MG21 Social Worker

Molly Hartshorn

GDS Social Worker

Leah Kutschke

WS Social Worker

Serena Mickelson

CGS Social Worker



SCHOOL NUTRITION

	4K-5	6-8	9-12
Breakfast	\$1.90	\$2.25	\$2.25
Lunch	\$3.15	\$3.90	\$4.25
Milk (per carton)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

Contact

Maggie Sanna

School Nutrition Director

Terri O'Neil

Admin. Asst. to School Nutrition

SCHOOL NUTRITION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Add money to your student's school nutrition account in Infinite Campus
Step by step instructions on: [how to add money to school nutrition account](#)
- ☐ Set up recurring payment / low balance alerts in Infinite Campus
Step by step instructions on: [How to set up recurring payments](#) / [how to set up low balance alerts](#)
Note: An update to Infinite Campus resulted in the removal of all previously saved payment methods and scheduled recurring payments. [Please follow these instructions to add a new payment method.](#)
- ☐ Fill out a free and reduced application
Applications to qualify for free and reduced-price meals must be filled out each year. Eligibility not only gives you access to discounted meals but also enables our District to receive more educational funding based on our eligibility rates. Students also receive waivers on numerous other fees. It is important to fill out an application if you believe you may qualify. [Applications are available on the School Nutrition web page.](#)
- ☐ See what's on the menu!
 - Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are posted on our website at least one week before the start of the month.
 - Menus can be viewed on [SchoolCafé](#) or a [PDF printable on our website](#).
 - Using SchoolCafé not only allows you to see the breakfast and lunch menus in real time, but it also provides the nutritional information for the foods that we're serving!
 - Note: SchoolCafé does not have Monona Grove School District student account information, so please select "View Menus (as a guest)" instead of logging in.
 - You may also access menus by clicking the Menus Quicklink on our website homepage.
- ☐ Read more on [school nutrition reminders and frequently asked questions](#).



TRANSPORTATION

Finding your student's bus route:

Nelson's Bus Service utilizes a parent/guardian app called Stopfinder that allows parents and guardians (and any other authorized users such as grandparents or childcare providers) to have easy-to-use and secure access to their student's school bus information. Stopfinder is free for families; Parents/guardians of students listed in Infinite Campus as "Emergency Priority 1" will receive an email from no-reply@stopfinder.com inviting them to set up the app and begin using it.

With the Stopfinder app, you can:

- View your student's daily transportation assignments - including transfer trips and stops
- Securely share your student's schedule with caregivers
- Receive custom notifications and updates related to transportation

Bus Safety Tips & Student Expectations

Students must only get off at their designated drop-off locations. Students may not ride to a friend's stop (even if they are on the same route).

Read additional [bus conduct information](#) on our website.

Join us for Nelson's Ice Cream Social!

August 13 from 4-7pm at Nelson's Bus Service [2862 Siggelkow Rd. in McFarland]
Bus routes will be available for review.

Contact

Nelson's Bus Service

mononagrove@nelsonsbusservice.com

608-221-8417

MGSD Transportation

transportation@mgschools.net

[GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION
QUESTIONS](#)

The safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors are top priorities. Find conversation starters for you and your student to discuss before the school year begins.

Transportation

Discuss your transportation plan – How will your student get to and from school?

Safety reminders – Remind your student to cross streets at marked crosswalks, obey the crossing guards, do not dart out into traffic.

Bike riding – Discuss the route your student will take, wear a helmet, visibility. Remind your student to lock their bike in the designated area.

Have a backup plan in case you're delayed and can't pick them up on time. Where should your student go? Who should they contact? What should they do? Decide on age-appropriate solutions.

Driver Safety

Observe the school zone speed limits & look out for children.

Remind your teen drivers that roads and school parking lots should be navigated carefully.

Respect school buses, particularly when students are loading & unloading.

Always stop for school buses with flashing red lights.

Follow your school's drop-off procedures.

General Building Safety

Discuss 'what if' situations like 'what if you get on the wrong bus?' Talk through age-appropriate options to help calm their fears (for example, 'find a trusted adult to help'). If you believe there are unresolved issues from the previous school year that could affect your student's experience at school, follow up with the teacher or principal.

Emergency drills at school – All students practice monthly drills. Please reinforce the importance of following these procedures when there is an emergency (families are notified of drills in monthly school newsletters). We use [The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

Ensure your student knows their telephone number or address, contact numbers for trusted adults and how to call 911 for emergencies.

Secure access to our schools

Our buildings are equipped with modern physical safety features that provide a safe and secure learning environment. If you are entering our school, our front office staff will buzz you in.

Contact

Rachael Martin

School Safety Coordinator

Visitors must provide their photo ID and will receive a badge to wear during your visit. Please account for extra time for this process on your first school visit.

Speak Up Speak Out (SUSO)

SUSO is a reporting “tip-line” program run by the Wisconsin Office of School Safety (OSS) Resource Center. SUSO provides an easy way for students, parents, school staff and community members to submit a school safety concern by downloading the SUSO app (Android and iOS), visiting speakup.widoj.gov or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1.

GoGuardian Beacon & Beacon 24/7 Alerts

GoGuardian Beacon is the district’s online monitoring system of district devices and accounts. Beacon analyzes whether a student’s online behavior (searches, emails, or documents) indicates they may be struggling or concerning. The system specifically scans for content related to self-harm, suicide, or threats of violence.

When a high-risk search or document is flagged during school hours, a Beacon Alert is immediately sent to our school’s safety team (School Counselors, Psychologists, Social Workers, School Resource Officers and Administrators).

This allows staff to provide support and intervention before a situation escalates. If an alert requiring any action is triggered during the school day, school staff will contact families as soon as practicable to discuss the alert and coordinate any necessary support and/or interventions for the student.

Beacon 24/7, a comprehensive after-hours system, uses advanced technology paired with trained specialists to identify when a student may be searching for content related to actively planning self-harm.

Active Planning alerts generated after 3:45pm and during non-school days are first reviewed by a team of trained safety specialists at GoGuardian. If a specialist identifies that there is an "Active Planning" element (a student in immediate danger), they follow an emergency protocol that includes calling designated school officials. School officials will share parent/guardian contact information with law enforcement/first responders in order for a welfare check to be performed in an attempt to ensure the student is safe.

For Beacon and Beacon 24/7 to be effective, our system must have your correct contact information. [Please ensure your phone numbers, addresses, and emails are current in Infinite Campus](#) so we can partner with you in keeping your child safe.



GoGuardian Parent App Access

The GoGuardian Parent app provides an overview of your children's online activity on school-managed devices and accounts, including the apps, extensions, documents, and websites your student visited.

To access the app:

1. Download the app [via Apple Store](#) or [via Google Play Store](#)
2. After the app is successfully downloaded and installed, open it up and enter your email address registered with your child's school.
3. Login/Check Email: Check your email on your phone for a link to log in to the app. Tap the "Verify your email," and it will take you straight to the app.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Infinite Campus Login & Support

Infinite Campus is the student information system used to manage our student records. Included in the system is Campus Parent Portal which allows parents/guardians to access their student's information, including attendance, grades, schedules, etc. The portal can also be used to make online payments for food service and fees. If you experience an issue, submit a help request form.

[ACCESS INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL](#)

[INFINITE CAMPUS HELP FORM](#)

How & When Students Receive Devices

Students will receive access to their devices along with support and training from our staff once school starts. Students grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to take their devices home. Make sure to review our Device Handbook with your student for secondary grades (can also be found in the student handbook).

[DEVICE EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

Tech Support

If your student is having issues with their device, email the help desk at helpdesk@mgschools.net.

HEALTH CHECKLIST

- ☐ Make sure your student is up to date on [vaccination requirements](#)
- ☐ Update school nurse on any health updates
- ☐ Prepare any necessary medication for school
Written instructions & authorization to administer medication must be obtained from the parent/guardian and physician. Medication forms are valid for one school year only. [Medication forms](#) can be found on our website or in school health offices.
- ☐ Read more on [annual health information](#) and [when to keep ill students home](#) on our website. Please see [page 10](#) on how attendance could be impacted. To support our allergy-aware school community, please take a moment to review this year's updated health information, which includes a new shift toward non-food treats and celebrations.

Contact

Sarah Brockman

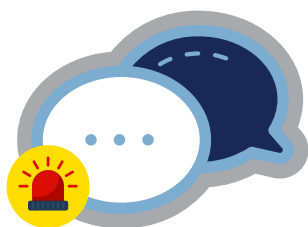
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COMMUNICATIONS

We communicate through several platforms using the contact information saved within Infinite Campus. Click the icons below to review our communication methods and scenarios.



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS



NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Contact

Katy Byrnes Kaiser

Information & Strategy Officer

Emily Hayhurst

Communications Specialist

Each month, schools send out two Family Newsletters—your main source for important updates, key dates, and essential school news. Please make sure to check your inbox (and check your spam folder if you don't see it!). If your email address has changed, please update in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#).

Need help with interpreting? Contact Jade Sachs (Spanish) at (608) 316-1356 or jade.sachs@mgschools.net or mgds.translator@mgschools.net.

Other language interpreter/translator needs: Contact Christa Foster, Director of Student Services at (608) 316-1908 or christa.foster@mgschools.net.



GET INVOLVED



School Family Organizations

Cottage Grove Schools & Family Organization (CGSFO)

serves our CG elementary schools. CGSFO brings families, educators & the community together through social events, teacher appreciation efforts and fundraising for curricular enrichment.

Winnequah School Family Organization (WSFO)

is open to all Winnequah families. WSFO strengthens community through social events, educator support & funding for classroom materials, field trips & activities to ensure equity & inclusivity.

GDS Family Involvement Group

partners with GDS Administration to support positive experiences for students & staff by offering

input, supervision & financial support for school events.

MGHS Parent Educator Forum (MGHS PEF)

is an informal group where all MGHS parents/guardians are welcome to attend meetings multiple times per year to connect with educators & stay informed.

MG21 Parent Teacher Forum (MG21 PTF)

is a community-building group that meets monthly to foster relationships between families & support student success.

[SFO INFORMATION](#)

Volunteering

Volunteers play a vital role in building strong school communities by sharing their time, skills, and interests with students—whether regularly or occasionally.

To ensure a safe environment, all volunteers must check in at the main office with a photo ID and complete a background check before working with students. Background checks are valid for one year, and must be renewed annually.

[VOLUNTEER INFORMATION](#)

Athletics & Activities

Student involvement in athletics & activities is an important part of a well-rounded educational experience – it helps build teamwork, leadership and a sense of belonging. MG offers sports opportunities for students in 6-12, as well as a variety of clubs and co-curriculars at each school to support different interests and passions.

[ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES](#)

Meet the School Board



From left to right:

Stephanie Lehmann (member), Philip Haven (treasurer), Susan Manning (member), Rachelle Miller (vice-president), Janice Stone (clerk), Elizabeth Cook (president), Eric Hartz (member)

Access [BoardDocs](#) for meeting agendas, minutes and materials.

Access [Neola](#) for active, legally vetted board policies & administrative guidelines

Meet the District Leadership Team



From left to right:

Christa Foster (Dir. of Student Services), Angie Fassl (Dir. of Elementary Teaching & Learning), Kristin Sobocinski (Deputy Superintendent), Rob Meyer (Dir. of Secondary Teaching & Learning), Tanya Fredrich (Superintendent), Katy Byrnes Kaiser (Information & Strategy Officer)

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