



Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are so excited to welcome the students back to the building for a full day of instruction on Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Our school community cares deeply about the success of all learners. Throughout the upcoming year, every child will be provided with wonderful opportunities to learn and grow as a member of the Green Hills community. Our staff has been working hard this summer to create innovative opportunities to support and extend learning. This year will be filled with many dynamic learning experiences that support all students in their educational journey. We are looking forward to a terrific year of learning for our students!

The start of the school year always brings excitement and mixed emotions for some of our learners, please know that we are here to support your family in any way that we can. Please see a few important updates below related to the opening of school.

District Calendar - We will have our second full day of school on Thursday, September 3, 2026. The district will be closed from Friday, September 4, 2026 through Monday, September 7, 2026. We will reopen for instruction on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The full district calendar is included on our website.

Daily School Day Times - Please note that the school day will run from 8:05 am – 3:15 pm daily. Arrival will run from 8:05 am – 8:20 am and departure will run from 3:05 pm – 3:15 pm daily. On early dismissal days, the students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. On delayed opening days, the students will enter the building at 10:05 am. The full bell schedule for regular, early dismissal, and delayed opening days is included on our website.

Arrival Procedures – Students in Grades K-8 - During arrival, students riding the bus will be dropped off curbside in front of the school via Entry #2. Please note that information regarding transportation with specific pick-up times from district busing will be available in Realtime. Parents should plan to allow for approximately 10 minutes before and after assigned times during the first few days of the year for pick up at the stops. Parents who drive their children to school should enter through Entry #1, proceed to the right, pull around the back of the school, and then drive up along the curbside of the building between Entry #1 and Entry #2. Students may leave their vehicles at 8:05 am to enter through the front of the building. Please be sure to have your child fully ready to leave your vehicle when on line to pull up to the drop off zone alongside the building. All



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parents must remain in their vehicles and stay in lane as the line pulls forward to ensure the safety of all students exiting their vehicles. There is no passing in this area as this can create a traffic hazard and would be unsafe for our students. When possible, all students should exit their vehicles on the curb. Students should exit their vehicles from any position along the curbside of the building. This will ensure a safe and efficient drop off experience for all students and families.

Arrival Procedures – Students in Preschool - Preschool arrival will occur in the front of the building at the main entry. Parents should enter the lot via Entry #1, proceed to the left, pull up and park along the front loop at the curb. Parents may also park alongside the administrative parking lot at the curb for drop off. Drop off will occur at 8:45 am for preschool students at the main vestibule doors. Parents are requested to walk their child to the main vestibule doors.

Dismissal Procedures - Students in Grades K-8 - During dismissal, students riding the bus will be dismissed to each bus and checked in on the bus by a teacher. Parents who are picking up their children should park in the back parking lot via Entry #1. All K-4 students will need to be released directly to their parent / guardian at the library doors. Students in grades 5-8 will be permitted to exit through the library doors without a parent at the door. Students will be checked out by a staff member prior to being dismissed to their parent / guardian. All parents are requested to stand inside the designated coned off area next to the library doors during pick up to avoid standing in the parking lot. Parents should be mindful of holding their child's hand when crossing through the parking lot. After-school activities, athletics, and clubs will begin shortly after the end of the day at 3:15 pm. Plans for after school activities need to be updated in Pick up Patrol.

Dismissal Procedures – Students in Preschool - Preschool dismissal occurs in the front of the building beginning at 2:40 pm. Parents should enter the lot via Entry #1, proceed to the left, pull up and park along the front loop at the curb. Parents may also park alongside the administrative parking lot at the curb for pick up. Parents are requested to meet their child at the main vestibule for pick up.

Code of Conduct – The Code of Conduct is revised for the 2026/2027 school year. The new code of conduct is designed to provide differentiated expectations for our students in grades bands K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. A hard copy of the code of conduct with parent acknowledgment sign off sheet will be sent home to every family during the first week of school. We request that all of our families review this document with their children. We appreciate everyone's support as we continue to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.



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Krapf Busing - New Transportation Company – The Green Township School District is happy to announce that we have procured a new transportation vendor for the 2026-2027 school year! Krapf Busing will be providing all high school and elementary school transportation for the upcoming school year. Safe, reliable and consistent transportation is essential to our daily success as a school district. We are confident that with our new bus vendor we will be able to seamlessly offer daily transportation for our students and families.

Please note that we will be maintaining the total number of high school routes (5 total routes) and elementary routes (7 total routes) from previous years. All courtesy busing has been maintained throughout the district for all students. There are revisions to the routes in order to make the routes more efficient and limit the overall crossing of bus routes throughout the town. Additionally the routes have been renamed from their previous random numbers to routes 1-7 at the elementary level.

Please note that we are tiering two of our bus routes to allow for the most efficient use of district transportation. Route 2 will arrive at 7:56 am each day. Students arriving prior to 8:05 am will be escorted into the building and supervised by our staff until the 8:05 entry time begins. During dismissal, Route 2 and Route 4 will depart GTSD at 3:25 pm each day. The students will be monitored by our staff in the main gym until their bus arrives. These times will be adjusted accordingly once we have run the routes for the first few days of the school year. We request that parents allow for 10 minutes of flexible time to the pick up times for the first few days.

	Arrival Details			Departure Details	
	Route Begins	Route Arrives at GTSD		Route Leaves GTSD	Route Ends
Route 1	8:07	8:18		3:10	3:25
Route 2	7:34	7:56		3:25	3:50
Route 3	8:05	8:18		3:10	3:30
Route 4	7:42	8:05		3:25	3:50
Route 5	7:42	8:18		3:10	3:45
Route 6	7:36	8:18		3:10	3:45
Route 7	7:49	8:18		3:10	3:45

Update to Policy 5516 – Student Use of Internet Enabled Devices – Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, all public schools in NJ are required to have a policy which prohibits student use of internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-40b, this prohibition of internet enabled devices from bell to bell includes all smart devices (smartphones, smartwatches, smartglasses,



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tablets, and other related internet enabled devices). Please note that this new requirement extends beyond cell phones to include all internet enabled devices including smartphones smartwatches and other internet enabled devices.

As the Green Township School District has never allowed students to be on their phones throughout the school day, there will not be a substantial shift in our regular procedures. As has been our past practice, all students are required to keep their password protected internet enabled devices stored in their lockers or backpacks throughout the school day from 8:05-3:15 daily. Students will be permitted to utilize their internet enabled devices as per our guidelines for appropriate use on their way to and from school and during after school and extra-curricular activities at the discretion of district administration, teachers, advisors, and coaches. Students with specific medical or special education needs will be permitted to maintain the use of various devices in alignment with the requirements. Individual student matters should be communicated to the school nurse, child study team members, or district administration as necessary.

Please review this updated procedure with your children in preparation for the new school year. We appreciate your support in helping our students to successfully navigate this revised protocol.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation – We are excited to invite our newest members of the Green Township School District to attend a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation. The orientations will be held on Thursday, August 27th from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. The orientation will provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. Kindergarten students will also have a bus ride as part of the orientation experience! The PTA will be hosting “Popsicles on the Playground” immediately following the orientation.

Realtime / Parent Portal and Pick Up Patrol - The Parent Portal will open on Friday, August 14th in the afternoon for families to view class assignments and schedules. All important forms and documents will also be available there for parents to read and acknowledge. Please note that the Realtime/Parent Portal will also be used as our Instant Alert system. Please make sure that all contact information is up to date and accurate. We will continue to use Pick Up Patrol for families to communicate student attendance and dismissal plans. Links to set up an account for Pick Up Patrol will be sent out by our technology coordinator before the start of the school year.

Breakfast / Lunch – Breakfast will be offered each day for students to purchase at a rate of \$2.30. Students who receive free and reduced lunch will also be able to have free and reduced breakfast. Students will be permitted to eat breakfast in the classroom during arrival and homeroom. Lunch will be served each day in our cafeteria. The cost of a



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student lunch will be \$3.80. Students who plan on eating a school lunch will order during homeroom each morning. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Detailed information related to the food service offerings and costs can be located on our website under the tabs Departments and then Food and Nutrition. Please note that bottled water can be purchased, but is not included in the free regular lunch. Families who qualify should complete the forms for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Back To School Night - Back to School Night is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers and hear about the great things that will be taking place this year! A detailed schedule will be shared once the school year opens. Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, September 15th for all students in PREK-8.

Middle School Lockers - Students in grades 6-8 are invited to set up their lockers on Thursday, August 27th from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. During this time, staff will be on hand to support our middle school students as they set up their lockers.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer with your family! We look forward to welcoming our students back for a great school year! Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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