HAYFIELD ELEMENTARY

August 2026 Board Update: Kicking Off the 2026–27 School Year

BACK TO SCHOOL | FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Two updates will provide dedicated opportunities for families to connect with our school and staff this year.

Back-to-School Conferences

- Back-to-school conferences will move to an **open house format from 2:00–7:00 p.m.**

Early Childhood Screening

- Screening will take place on scheduled **late-start days** throughout the school year.
- Preschool will not be in session on these days, allowing staff to focus on Early Childhood Screening.
- Screening dates and procedures are included in the updated Preschool Student & Family Handbook.
- SACC will remain available for childcare on late-start days.

STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOKS

Both the **Elementary and Preschool Student & Family Handbooks** received comprehensive updates

Elementary Handbook

- Maintained the familiar ABC format while simplifying and updating content
- Added a Family Quick Guide for frequently needed information
- Updated outdated, conflicting, or repetitive information to reflect current practices

PRIDE Expectations

Our ongoing behavior work is now reflected directly in the handbook. PRIDE expectations provide common language across classrooms and school spaces: **P**ositivity • **R**espect • **I**ntegrity • **D**ependability • **E**ffort
This is now included in the Elementary Student & Family Handbook, connecting our schoolwide behavior expectations directly to family communication.

Preschool Handbook

- Updated organization and language to better align with the elementary handbook
    - Family communication, attendance, routines, transportation, meals, health services, calendar information, and SACC availability
- Added Early Childhood Screening information

LOCAL LITERACY PLAN | READ ACT

The **Local Literacy Plan** has been updated for 2026–27.

- No significant changes for elementary
- Expanded to include instructional information for grades 6-12
- Secondary staff will participate in required READ Act professional development this year

- New paraprofessionals will also receive READ Act training