Federal Way High School Eagle Times

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Principal's Message

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope each of you had a summer filled with great experiences and positive memories. During the summer, Federal Way High School staff have attended many workshops and professional development opportunities to constantly improve our curriculum and instruction.

Programs and courses: Some of the programs that are available at Federal Way High School are: Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program, Pro-Start Culinary Program, Coding / Game Design and computer science courses, Cambridge advanced courses, and Air Force JROTC. In addition, we are an AVID National School of Distinction, AVID National Demonstration School, and a Cambridge International School Demonstration Center.

Student achievements: As the start of the 2026-27 school year begins, I would like parents and students to be aware of and proud of the accomplishments completed last year and to challenge this year's students to achieve even more. Some of these accomplishments were:

- Nine valedictorians with a perfect cumulative 4.0 GPA completing the most challenging courses offered;
- Multiple athletic scholarships in Softball, Football, Boys Basketball, and Cheer;
- Girls Wrestling had an outstanding season, finishing 5th at the 3A State Tournament and producing five individual state placers, including a state runner-up and multiple top-six finishers;
- Boys Swimming earned recognition at the State Meet with a 6th place finish in the 100 Backstroke;
- Girls Cross Country set a new school record in the 5K and secured 3rd place at the State Cross Country Meet;
- Track & Field had an exceptional showing at the WIAA State Championships with a state runner-up in the Boys 4x400m Relay, 3rd place finishes in the 110m Hurdles and Long Jump, 5th place in the Boys 4x100m Relay, and numerous top-ten finishes across sprints, distance, hurdles, jumps, and throws events;
- Football qualified for the State Tournament and finished tied for 9th place in the State;
- A Boys Golf player secured a top 20% finish at the State Golf Tournament;
- Cheer placed 3rd in the Stomp Division at the State Tournament;
- Drama Department's Thespian Troupe earned a Gold Honor Troupe award at the Washington State Thespian Festival with a perfect 100% presentation score. The troupe also received an Excellent Award for Mainstage Drama for their outstanding Fall production of The Diary of Anne Frank. Additionally, seven scholars earned Superior Awards at the Washington State Thespian Regional Competition. Twenty-six scholars earned Excellent Awards as State Honorees at the same regional competition. The cast of The Sound of Music received the IMPACT Award at the Centerstage Spotlight Awards;
- Symphony earned a "Superior" rating at the Valley Region Music Contest;
- Air Force JROTC, 52nd Eagle Squadron, has completed 2,947 hours of community service, earned a Distinguished Unit with Merit award with an exceptional perfect score of 100%, and both of our AF JROTC Aerospace Science Instructors were recognized as Outstanding Instructors of the Year for Region 1;
- 50 students earned the dual language Seal of Biliteracy award;
- All of the AVID senior class was accepted to a university, college, or secondary institution;
- Federal Way High School is also an AVID National Demonstration School and an AVID National Site of Distinction;
- Federal Way High School is also a Cambridge International School Demonstration Center; and
- The Class of 2026 received over $3.1 million dollars in total grants and scholarships

We are looking forward to another great year.

Social Media: For school updates, please also follow us at:

- Instagram: @fwhseagles
- X: @federalwayhigh
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/federalwayhigh

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. Federal Way High School is a great school!

Thank you,

Dr. Matt Oberst
Principal

Federal Way High School

The FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS:
Wednesday, September 2nd – All Students
7:25am – 1:55pm
8 period day with Advisory



Welcome New Staff

Please join us in welcoming our new staff: Dr. Dennis Eller (Asst. Principal), Adrienne Lee-Kernell (Asst. Principal), Tim Kuykendall (Athletic Director), Joni Aevermann (AF JROTC), Heather Gengo (PE), Erik Maritz (Spanish), Calvin Pederson (FCP), and Sunny Sun (Para-educator)

Eagle Day
FWHS Lower Commons
All Grades

Friday, August 21st 8:00am-5:00pm

•Pick up your schedule
• Fill out FERPA form, available in lower commons, only if you want to limit the release of your student's information (for more information, see page 11)
•Pay your fees (yearbook $55 & ASB card $35*).
Make sure to sign the consent to share meal eligibility information in ParentVue to qualify for a reduced ASB card rate if eligible.
Enter the event at the lower entrance (parent drop off). Parking will be available in all parking areas and the bus loop.
Make sure to stop by the different club, sport and activity tables and see what they have to offer and what they have planned for the 2026-2027 school year.

***Required to participate in sports. Athlete will not be allowed to participate if ASB card is not purchased.**

Update your Emergency Information

Please make sure you are signed up for ParentVue and update your student's emergency information, sign the consent to share meal eligibility information to be eligible for reduced fees and health history online before August 16th.
https://www.fwps.org/enrollment/existing-students
If you don't have your ParentVue log-in please contact the school and we can get it for you.

Cell Phone Policy
2026-27 School year

Cell phones, AirPods, headphones, smart glasses and other electronic devices are not permitted during instructional time. Scholars may lose access and/or privileges or receive progressive discipline for non-compliance.

EAGLE GEAR ON SALE DURING EAGLE DAYS!

Don't forget to bring money or your debit/credit card to purchase this year's Eagle Gear. We will have t-shirts, crewneck and hooded sweatshirts, and sweatpants. Prices will range from $10-$30.



Get your gear before it's all gone!

Counselors' Corner

August 2026

Counseling Department Caseload

Allie Brookbank abrookba@fwps.org	Last Name A-Da	945-5424
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Taylor Harris	tadavis@fwps.org	945-5417

Curriculum Support Specialist

Maria Tran	mtran@fwps.org	945-5551

School Psychologists

Kristy Collins	kcollins@fwps.org	945-5463
Heather Pleva	hpleva@fwps.org	945-5433

We are looking forward to partnering with families to seek academic success for all of our students. We ask that you keep open communications with your son or daughter's teachers, as they will always have the most up-to-date information regarding grades and your child's progress. Counselors are also always more than happy to assist you.

Are you on track for graduation?
Students generally have the following number of credits at the beginning of the school year to be on track for graduation:

10th Grade – 8 credits
11th Grade – 13 credits
12th Grade – 18 credits

Students who fail classes generally continue taking the next grade-specific courses concurrently while retaking a failed class or pursue alternative options for retrieving credit at a later date. Counselors can guide students through the various options for retrieving credit.

What about the graduation year or "Class of"? 9th Graders this year will be Class of 2030. The "Class of" will remain the same for the duration of a student's high school career.

Seniors (Class of 2027):

- ALL seniors will take the SAT for free at Federal Way High School October 8th. Students who wish to retest or take the ACT in addition, can sign up to do so at the following websites: the SAT at www.collegeboard.com or for the ACT at www.act.org.
- FAFSA applications open October 1st and begin providing funds in January. The earlier you apply the better! See the Career Center for help.
- Begin your college applications and essays now. Application deadlines can be as early as Dec. 1st.
- Check in at the Career Center to find out which colleges or military representatives will be visiting FWHS. You can sign up to meet with them.
- Check in the Career Center for available scholarships and scholarship applications.
- Start your High School and Beyond Plan early. They are due in March and are a graduation requirement for **ALL** seniors.
- Seniors who do not meet **ALL** graduation requirements will not be allowed to walk at graduation. Be aware of graduation requirements and be sure you meet them.

Juniors (Class of 2028):

- Considering a Military Academy? Now is the time to see the College and Career Specialist in the Career Center to begin this long application process.
- If you failed any classes last year and did not attend ELO, you should consider your options for making up the lost credit. Your counselor is an excellent resource to use for exploring your options.
- You will take the PSAT in the fall and will take the SAT in the spring at no cost at FWHS.
- Parents, please log into Parent Vue right away to stay on top of your student's progress.

Sophomores (Class of 2029):

- You will take the PSAT for the first time in the fall. Consider this an opportunity to take the test to see the contents and get an idea of where you may need improvement for taking it as a junior next year. Doing well may also qualify you for a number high-value scholarships.
- If you failed any classes last year and did not attend ELO, you should consider your options for making up the lost credit. Your counselor is an excellent resource to use for exploring your options.
- Parents, please log into Parent Vue right away to stay on top of your student's progress.

Freshmen (Class of 2030):

- Grades count now towards your future. Remember all of your semester grades will be on your permanent high school transcript that you will send to colleges, vocational schools, and possibly future employers.
- Some freshmen struggle academically in the beginning. We ask that parents partner with us to support students in organization, monitoring their grades weekly, communicating with teachers, and talking with your student about their progress. Please log into Parent Vue right away to stay on top of your student's progress.
- You will take the PSAT 8/9 test this fall. This is an introduction to the College Board PSAT and SAT exams that you may take in grades 10-12. Consider this an opportunity to take the test to see the contents and get an idea of where you may need improvement for taking it as a junior.

On a **Thursday, October 8th,** we will have many activities occurring. The activities include:

PSAT 8/9 – All 9th graders take the PSAT 8/9 for free
PSAT - All 10th & 11th graders take the PSAT for free
SAT - All 12th graders will take the SAT for free

This is a unique opportunity for students to take these assessments at no cost, the usual cost to take the SAT is $55. The SAT is a college entrance requirement for some universities. Our district has received special permission to administer the SAT on a day other than the typical Saturday administrations. This is an opportunity that students will not want to miss.

Student-Initiated Schedule Changes

The course choices made by students during registration for 2026-2027 classes this previous spring are considered to be final. We plan our courses and staffing for the upcoming school year based on those choices. Schedule change requests from students will be allowed within the first five days of the beginning of the school year for the following reasons only:

- A senior needs a specific class for graduation
- A student's schedule is incomplete
- A student is in a class for which she/he has not met the prerequisite
- A student is placed in a course not requested and an alternate class can accommodate an additional student
- A teacher recommends the student move to a different level within the same discipline

Once the semester has started, students must remain in their scheduled classes. Schedule change requests based on teacher choice, teacher style or lunch assignments will NOT be considered.

A student may get a schedule change request form at Eagle Days, during Advisory or outside the Counseling Office and turn it into the Counseling Office during lunch. Students will be given a new schedule IF a schedule change has occurred. Students must attend their original classes until the schedule change process is complete. Not attending a class does not constitute a "dropped" class. Students must follow the proper procedures outlined by the Counseling Office for schedule changes.

Keep Learning This Summer

Learning doesn't stop when school ends. Reading books, exploring educational websites, visiting museums, practicing a hobby, or taking a class can help keep your mind active and make the transition back to school easier in the fall.

Stay Healthy and Active

Summer is the perfect time to focus on your physical well-being. Get plenty of sleep, stay hydrated, eat nutritious foods, and find ways to stay active. Whether it's walking, swimming, biking, or playing sports, regular movement supports both physical and mental health.

Thinking About Running Start?

Students participating in Running Start should regularly check their college email, stay aware of registration deadlines, and communicate with both college advisors and high school counselors. Running Start is an excellent opportunity to earn college credit while in high school, but it requires strong time-management and organizational skills. Counselors are away from the office from June 18 through August 13 so any running start questions would need to happen before June 18 or after August 13, 2026.

Enrolled in Summer School?

Summer school can be a valuable way to earn credits, improve grades, or get ahead academically. Be sure to attend regularly, stay engaged, and reach out to teachers if you need support. Consistent effort can make a big difference.

Mental Health Matters

Summer can bring excitement, but it can also come with challenges. If you are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, lonely, or struggling emotionally, remember that support is available. Reach out to a trusted adult, counselor, healthcare provider, or crisis support service if needed. Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of your physical health.

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer. Take time to rest, recharge, and prepare for a successful year ahead!

Who Should I Call?

Register a new student	**(253) 945-5407**
kgaspar@fwps.org	
Student transfers/ withdrawals	**(253) 945-5407**
kgaspar@fwps.org	
Choice enrollment	**(253) 945-5407**
kgaspar@fwps.org	
Athletics	**(253) 945-5420**
tkuykend@fwps.org	
Transcripts	**(253) 945-5408**
nduncan@fwps.org	
Report your student's absence	**(253) 945-5419**
FWHSattendance@fwps.org	
Bookkeeper, Fines/Fees & Athletics	**(253) 945-5412**
tjordan@fwps.org	
Puget Sound Skills Center	**(206) 631-7300**
Internet Academy	**(253) 945-2230**
www.iacademy.org	
Password to view your student's grades, attendance, and fees online	**(253) 945-5400**
Testing Information	**(253) 945-5551**
FAFSA, PSAT, SAT, ACT Information	**(253) 945-5417**
mmattes@fwps.org	
College & Career Center Information	**(253) 945-5417**
tadavis@fwps.org	

GRADING PERIOD DATES

(Report Cards sent home approximately one week after the grading period ends)

January 29, 2027—End of first semester
June 17, 2027—End of second semester

Moving?

If you are moving and know that your student will not be at Federal Way High School next year, please call or visit the Counseling Office at 253-945-5407 or 945-5408 after August 1st to complete the withdrawal process.

STATE MANDATED TESTING

Smarter Balanced Assessments and End of Course Assessments

As of the 2014-2015 school year, the state testing changed from the HSPE to Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). Math and English Language Arts (ELA) will be assessed using the Smarter Balance Assessment in the Spring. Meeting standard on an 10th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment in ELA and Math is a State requirement. The class of 2026 must pass the SBA math and ELA tests or equivalent tests such as AP, Cambridge, Dual-Credit or SAT/ACT. See your counselor with questions.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

By:Adrienne Lee-Kernell, Assistant Principal

Regular school attendance is necessary for students at FWHS to be successful with their educational program.

Attendance matters! Some facts about how important attendance is:

1. Students who miss less than 2 days of school in September tend to continue this trend and generally miss less than 10 school days per year.
2. Chronic absenteeism is the leading indicator of a student's likelihood to drop out of high school.
3. Research shows that missing only 10% of school, or about 18 days total in a school year (that averages out to only 2 days per month) negatively impacts a student's academic performance.
4. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and increase their likelihood of graduating.

What to do when your student is absent?

- Contact FWHS via telephone, email or fax regarding your student's absence.
  Phone: 253-945-5419 (hotline: leave message 24/7 with your name, your student's name & ID number, date of absence and reason for absence)
  Fax: 253-945-5454 (must include parent/guardian signature)
  Email: FWHSattendance@fwps.org
- **All absences** will result in an automated phone call regardless of whether or not the parent/guardian has called or if the absence is excused. If your phone number changes or you would like the auto dialer to call a different number than the one listed on your student's emergency card, please contact the counseling secretary at 253-945-5408.
- If no contact has been made within 48 hours of the student's absence, your student's record will indicate truancy/unexcused absence.
- Seven unexcused absences in a calendar month or ten in a school year require that the school file a BECCA petition with the King County Juvenile Courts. We suggest that absences for three (3) or more days be "pre-arranged" through the Attendance Office.

What to do when your student needs to leave school during class time?

- Students **<u>are not</u>** allowed to leave campus without an Off-Campus pass from the Attendance Office. **They will be considered truant if they do so.** Send your student to the Attendance Office before school with a note or call ahead to (253) 945-5419 excusing your student for their appointment. Your student will be given an Off Campus pass and will be able to meet you at the designated time and place.
- Students must check back in with the Attendance Office when returning to class in order for the computer to track which periods he or she has missed.

WASHINGTON STATE LAW REQUIRES:
All youths are required to attend school, or another approved educational program, until they are 18 years of age, have a diploma or a GED certificate. Parents can file a Becca Petition, an At Risk Youth Petition or a Child in Need of Services Petition under this law. To find out more about this Compulsory School Attendance Law, go to: www.metrokc.gov/proatty/Truancy
For questions concerning the Becca Bill and your student at Federal Way High school, please contact our Becca Secretary: Niccole Duncan @ 253-945-5408 or email: nduncan@fwps.org.

****** ATTENDANCE INFORMATION******

The attendance desk is located near the main entrance off the bus loop.

The 24/7 attendance line phone number is: 253-945-5419

Email your student's absence to:

FWHSattendance@fwps.org

FWHS – A Safe and Supportive School

By: Adrienne Lee-Kernell, Assistant Principal

We at Federal Way High School pride ourselves in our efforts toward providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. We utilize schoolwide PBIS program REP (Respectful, Engaged, Positive) FED to identify and reinforce consistent student behaviors at Federal Way High School. We teach and revisit these expectations through Advisory classes and rely upon the support of everyone to achieve these lofty goals.

In efforts of utilizing your support for a Safe and Supportive School, we wish to review the following:

- The importance of regular school attendance. Students with unexcused absences make it challenging to enhance their school performance. Remember, FWHS is a closed campus and all students should clear absences through the attendance office (attendance procedures found in the student planner).
- We also ask for your support in encouraging that all electronic devices, such as phones and music players, are kept absent from the learning environment. Per district policy, these devices have the direct capacity to disrupt the learning environment, academic and may violate the privacy acts of others.
- Finally, we encourage you to monitor your student's attendance and grades regularly, either online, contacting the school or your student's teacher.

School Supplies

We will continue to provide school supplies at no cost to our students, and they will be available for pickup during our Eagle Day on Friday, August 21st from 8am - 5pm. Don't forget to stop by the school supply area and get the supplies you need for a successful school year!

FWHS DRESS CODE

By: Adrienne Lee-Kernell, Assistant Principal

Please read before back to school shopping!

ATTIRE AND GROOMING STANDARDS

Students in the Federal Way Public Schools are expected to dress in a manner that reflects pride and respect for themselves and their school. On a daily basis, it is generally expected that student dress shall be clean and appropriate for the activity in which the student is engaged. If a student or parent deems it necessary to challenge the current grooming standards, the final determination will be made by a collaborative discussion with an administrator. Ultimately, decisions will be made by honoring district and building policies and procedures. The following is prohibited:

1. No clothing presenting a reasonable expectation of a material and substantial disruption of the education process, damage to school property, or a health or safety hazard.
2. No sunglasses may be worn inside the building.
3. No pants that are unusually low riding and are worn low on the hips or below, or those revealing undergarments.
4. No showing of undergarments.
5. No excessively short shorts, skirts or dresses. High slits are also disallowed. No see-through clothing is allowed.
6. No roller skates, in-line skates, shoes with wheels, skateboards and the like are allowed in the school area. If a student brings such items, he/she will need to check them into the main office.
7. No piece of clothing that promotes violence; contains sexual, drug, alcohol, tobacco/marijuana and/or illegal substance content; or contains obscene language or pictures is allowed.
8. No clothing that symbolizes gang membership or which displays gang-related words, symbols, messages, or pictures will be allowed.
9. No underclothing should be visible.
10. No attire that glorifies crime.

*FWSD Policy 3224, 3224P
** Cross References: FWSD Administration Policy 3220
*** Legal Reference: RCW 28A.320.14

ATHLETICS

Athletic Contacts:
Athletic Director, Tim Kuykendall: 253-945-5420
Assistant Principal in charge of Athletics,
Amanda McGrew, 253-945-5422
Athletic Secretary, Tanesha Jordan: 253-945-5412

Fall Sports begin August 24th
Football begins August 19th



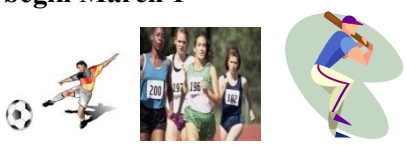
Boys & Girls Cross Country
Girls Swim & Dive
Football
Boys & Girls Golf
Boys Tennis
*Girls Soccer
*Volleyball

Winter Sports begin November 16th
Bowling begins November 2nd
Gymnastics begins November 9th



Boys Swim & Dive
Boys & Girls Wrestling
Gymnastics
*Boys Basketball
*Girls Basketball
Bowling
Girls Flag Football

Spring Sports begin March 1st



Boys & Girls Track & Field
Girls Tennis
*Baseball
*Fastpitch
*Boys Soccer

* = Cut Sport (tryouts for limited number of roster spots)

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

By: Amanda McGrew, Assistant Principal

Sports eligibility clearance has already begun for 2026-2027 sports. Make sure to have everything done before your sport starts.

2026 - 27
Athletic Eligibility

All athletes must complete all forms online at **www.federalway-wa.finalforms.com** and turn in your completed physical form to the athletic secretary prior to the first day of practice if you don't have a current physical on file with Mrs. Jordan.

Athletes must log-in and complete their forms prior to attending practice/tryouts.

Before you are cleared to turn out you must:

1. **Complete all forms online at www.federalway-wa.finalforms.com.**
   - Physical Form- *Physicals are good for 24 months and must not expire during the sports season;* ***please verify with Mrs. Jordan that she has your current physical.***

2. Have no outstanding athletic fines.

4. **Purchase an ASB card to be able to participate.**

After School Activities

All students must exit the building by 2:05pm every day, unless they are in an adult supervised activity.

FEES



By: Tanesha Jordan, Bookkeeper

Parents/Guardians:
Skip standing in line, take advantage of paying for your ASB card, yearbook and/or yearbook personalization online at https://wa-federalway.intouchreceipting.com/ or scan the QR code below. We ran out of yearbooks last year, so make sure to get yours ordered early! Once you have completed your online payment, a receipt will be emailed to you. Also, keep in mind that if your child has outstanding fines or fees due from last school year, it will keep them from being eligible for sports until it has been paid or cleared. Bookkeeping reopened August 1st for fine/fee payments or for returning outstanding textbooks.

From Our School Nurse: Mrs. Klein

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL: Orders for medication at school are only valid for the current school year. If you think your scholar might need medication at school, please read the information listed below.

Washington State law permits school staff to administer medication only in limited situations. Parents and health care providers are urged to give medication outside of school hours whenever feasible. Medication is defined to mean all drugs, whether prescription or "over-the-counter". No scholar may give, dispense or administer any medication or remedy to another scholar. For

more information or to access our district's Medication Order Form, please visit https://www.fwps.org/Page/345.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS: Prescription medications required during the school day need to be in the original pharmacy-labeled container, must be accompanied by written orders signed by both the healthcare provider and a parent/guardian, and are to be kept locked in the health room. Scholars may be permitted to self-carry prescription medication in certain circumstances, including life-saving medications such as Epipens and inhalers and when it is deemed by the parent/guardian and school nurse that it is in the best interest of the scholar. Arrangements must be made in advance with the school nurse. A medication order is still required and your healthcare provider must indicate that the scholar is safe to self-carry the medication. Only one day's dosage shall be carried by the scholar (inhalers excluded). Scholars may NEVER carry controlled substances.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: Scholars in grades 6-12 may be in possession of over-the-counter (nonprescription) medications/remedies on school premises under the following conditions:

1. Scholars must carry written permission from parent/guardian indicating what over-the-counter medicine and dosage the scholar may take.
2. Scholar must carry only one school day's dosage, in the original packaging.
3. Scholar may not share the medication with anyone else.

POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS: In accordance with state law, scholars with potentially life-threatening health conditions such as anaphylactic allergies, diabetes, seizure disorders, and severe asthma are required to have a medication or treatment order, nursing care plan, and medications in place before they start school in the fall. If you did not receive information in the mail, please contact the school nurse for assistance or visit the district website at www.fwps.org to obtain the necessary paperwork.

IMMUNIZATIONS: If you receive notifications over the summer that your scholar is missing immunizations, they will need to provide proof that they have gotten the missing vaccines before they can start school in the fall. Please be sure to get this taken care of before the first day of school. You can obtain vaccination from you scholar's healthcare provide, most local pharmacies, or one of our school based health centers (https://www.fwps.org/programs-and-services/school-based-health-centers).

SUMMER SAFETY: As the weather heats up. It's important to take a few easy steps to stay healthy and safe. To reduce your risk of skin cancer, limit outdoor time between 10 am and 4 pm when the sun's rays are strongest; apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher at least 30 minutes before going into the sun and re-apply every 2-3 hours; and cover up with protective clothing, hats with brims, and sunglasses. Don't forget to drink plenty of water throughout the day!

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Andrea Klein, MSN, RN, NCSN
School Nurse
253-945-5409

Federal Way Public Schools will continue to offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to all scholars through the Community Eligibility Provision(CEP) for the 2026-27 school year. Your family may qualify for additional benefits by completing the family income survey such as fee waivers, scholarships and reduced internet costs. Family income surveys also ensure your child's school qualifies for federal and state funding as determined by parent income levels. Scan the QR code or visit www.fwps.org/lunchsurvey to complete the survey.

Air Force JROTC
By: LtCol Joni Aevermann and CMSgt Jake Davidson

The 52nd Eagle Squadron looks forward to being back in session for school year 26-27! Enrollment is strong and we're excited for a year of classroom learning and co-curricular activities that are hallmarks of Air Force JROTC!

First and foremost, the mission of Air Force JROTC is to "Build citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." We accomplish this together using a wide variety of aviation and leadership lessons, guest speakers, teambuilding exercises, community service projects, field trips, and cadet leadership camps, where students' involvement in these activities enriches their AFJROTC and Federal Way High School experience.

AFJROTC is a cadet-led program! As we begin coursework next month, key leadership positions are filled with experienced juniors and seniors. From there, many cadets take on roles where they can best help the team. We're excited about this year's opportunities as we begin our 21st year at the Home of the Eagles. If you are interested in enrolling in this year's Survival course and Air Force JROTC at Federal Way High School, please contact us. We can be reached at 253-945-5539/5549 or e-mail jdavidson@fwps.org. Please also visit us on our school website (https://fwhs.fwps.org/programs-activities/afjrotc) or FWHS social media. We look forward to talking with you!

Eagle After School Homework Help

During the school year, Federal Way High School offers a variety of **after school help and tutoring.** Staff will be there to help tutor students who need a little extra help. Watch for more information in September for the start dates and locations.

PICTURE DAYS



September 15 & 16, 2026

ALL students will have their picture taken on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 15th & 16th during their social studies class. These are the

photos that go in the yearbook for grades 9-11 and grade 12 (if no other yearbook picture is provided), so make sure your student comes to school looking their best. This picture is also on their student ID/ASB card.

Information to purchase pictures will be sent home during Advisory class the week of September 7th and will also be available in the Main Office.

RETAKE day is November 4th, 9am-1:30pm

Senior Portrait Specifications for the Yearbook

It's time to get your child's senior portrait taken if you haven't already. Pictures are due to the yearbook staff no later than December 15, 2026. Portraits received after this date are not guaranteed to be included in the yearbook. Portrait specifications:

- Only one person in portrait
- Head and shoulder shots only
- Plain background preferred in gray or blue
- Photo size: 1 ¾ inch tall by 1 ½ inch wide (can be larger as long as the head sized is correct)
- Head size from top of head to chin: 1 inch maximum
- Photos must be vertical
- Color photos. No black and white
- No full body, no props
- NO HEAD COVERINGS

FERPA

(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974)

This law says that you can tell us who can see your child's directory information, such as his or her name, photo, or other information for specific uses. The district Form 206, "Request to Restrict Student Directory Information," is available in the Counseling or Main Office. It's also available online at www.fwps.org/dept/comm/ferpa. Before signing, please read it carefully, as it may impact whether your child can be recognized in district publications, the news media and school publications such as the yearbook and graduation program.

The form does not need to be completed if you agree to the release of your student's directory information for the uses described in the form. This year, the form will not be sent home but will be available if parents want to fill it out. If the form is not completed and turned in, or boxes are left empty, Federal Way Public Schools will assume we have your permission to use your child's information as described in the form.
Read more at: **www.fwps.org/dept/comm/ferpa**

Fine Arts Department News

Theater: This year, the FWHS Drama Department achieved exceptional success, with 39 students earning 7 Superior and 25 Excellent awards at the Regional Thespian competition. At the State Thespian Festival, they won an Excellent Award for their cutting of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and earned Gold Honor Troupe recognition for outstanding theatrical work. Most recently, the spring musical *The Sound of Music* received the Impact Award from Centerstage Theatre for "honoring fearless storytelling through compelling stagecraft," featuring remarkable collaboration from approximately 120 students, including the FWHS Symphony class performing as a live orchestra and the FWHS Technical Theatre class designing and building the set.

Instrumental: For the 2nd year in a row - the FWHS Symphony earned "Superior" ratings at the Valley Region Music Festival. Superior is the highest rating an ensemble can receive. The FWHS Symphony also collaborated with the drama department to put on a production of "The Sound of Music". And in December the FWHS Symphony was invited to do a play along with the Federal Way Youth Symphony Orchestra for their concert. The FWHS Pep Band also played at the grand opening of the light rail station in Federal Way.

FWHS Cambridge Program

Cambridge Parents and Students:

Our school district remains committed to providing a rigorous learning experience. At FWHS we provide all students the opportunity and supports to participate in Cambridge classes.

Please review these FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) we have gotten about Cambridge this summer.

Q: When do Cambridge Students start school?
A: All Class of 2027 (freshmen) Cambridge students: Attend Eagle Days to check your class schedules and familiarize yourself with the building.

All Grade 10-12 Cambridge students
Attend Eagle Days to check your class schedules.

Q: How do I know if I have been accepted into Cambridge?
A: You can tell if you are in the Cambridge program by the classes on your schedule that you pick up on Eagle Days. You can contact Craig Anderson by email at FWHSCambridge@fwps.org or call him at (253) 945-5442 if you have questions.

Q: Is it too late to get into the Cambridge Program?
A: Qualified students or students who choose these classes have been enrolled in 9th and 10th grade Cambridge classes per our district's board policy around Academic Acceleration.

Q: If I have a problem with my schedule at Eagle Day, who do I see?
A: Counselors will be available during Eagle Day to fix schedule problems. It is not unusual to have problems with your class schedule. With 1600 students, each having a minimum of 8 classes that is 12,800 pieces of information to have accurate. Be patient if there is an error, and we will get it fixed. The first two days of school are focused school wide on orientation activities so there will be time to get schedules processed.

Q: What if my schedule cannot be fixed?
A: There are over 80 teachers at FWHS and over 400 different classes to schedule. Sometimes despite all the work we do, there could be schedule conflicts. A conflict means that you want to take two classes that are offered at the same time and ONLY during that time. The last few years we have minimized the conflicts, but sometimes students still end up having to make choices if a class section cannot be moved or a teacher's schedule cannot be changed. Thanks for being patient with the class schedules.

Q: If I have a typical counseling question, like arranging a meeting with all of my student's teachers or getting assistance with a peer conflict, who do I contact?
A: Contact the Counseling Office at 253-945-5407 or 253-945-5408.

Q: What if I have an issue or concern with one of my classes?
A: Please begin by contacting your teacher.

Q: What if I cannot get this concern resolved with this teacher?
A: Contact Craig Anderson, Advanced Programs Coordinator at 253-945-5442.

Q: What if I have career or college questions?
A: Contact Taylor Harris, our College and Career Specialist at 253-945-5417.

Q: Who do I call about Cambridge Testing?
A: Contact Maria Tran at (253) 945- 5551.

Is an Advanced Academic Class Right for Your Student?

Traditionally, school districts have provided advanced academic programs and left it up to students to decide whether to enroll in them. In Federal Way, we're taking a different approach, thanks to a policy approved by the school board in the spring of 2010.
Since 2011, under the district's policy, Academic Acceleration Policy 2191, students in grades 6-12 will be automatically enrolled in the appropriate advanced classes. Students who pass standardized tests have proven that they have the knowledge, skill and understanding of a subject necessary to take the advanced course(s).

Standardized state tests in reading, writing, math and science are used to determine the student's class placement. Students who want to sign up for advanced courses may do so, even if their test scores don't prequalify them. Additionally, students may opt out of these classes with their parents' permission. However, the goal is to encourage all students to achieve at their highest level. If you'd like to learn more, please go to www.fwps.org/info/advanced or contact your child's school.

The District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation including gender identity, or non-program related physical, sensory or mental disabilities consistent with RCW 49.60). District programs shall be free from sexual and malicious harassment.

10-10 Rule

AT FWHS STUDENTS LEARN FROM BELL TO BELL!
No passes DURING THE FIRST & LAST 10 MINUTES OF CLASS
REP (Respectful, Engaged, Positive) FED

Federal Way High School is on Social Media

There are many ways to keep up on what's happening at Federal Way High School online. Visit our website at www.fwps.org/fwhs; follow us on X "@federalwayhigh", on Instagram @fwhseagles and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/FederalWayHighSchool.