

Holden R-3

School District



**Aug/Sep
2026**

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Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

As we begin a new year, I am honored and excited to serve as Superintendent of the Holden R-III School District. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of our students, staff, families, and community members; I continue to be inspired by the pride, tradition, and support that make our district such a special place each and every day. *This year, our district theme is Level Up!* It is a reminder that every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, and become even better than we were the day before. Together, we will continue focusing on providing every student with a high-quality education, meaningful opportunities, and the support they need to succeed. Our schools are strongest when families, staff, and the community work together. Thank you for the trust you place in us. We value your partnership and look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our students throughout the year. I encourage you to stay connected by following our district communications, attending school events, and reaching out whenever we can be of assistance. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and Eagle pride. Here's to an outstanding school year. Let's Level Up together!



Educationally yours, Dr. Christy Harrison, Superintendent

Resource Fair

R-3 Families - Make sure to stop by the Family Resource Fair, being held at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 4:30-6:30pm. *Look for the signs!* Various agencies will be present with information on help and resources available in the community. Haircuts will be offered with guardian consent. Johnson County Community Health Services (JCCHS) will be on-hand to provide needed immunizations for students (both insured and uninsured) with guardian permission; a fee may apply. Look for an email from the district with information on how to sign up. Call JCCHS at (660) 747-6121 with any questions regarding fees or using the online system, Vaxcare.



Meal Applications Help All Students!

All families should apply for Free/Reduced Price Meals, even if they aren't sure if they would qualify. Participation rates directly impact a school's eligibility to receive state and federal funding, including grants, which provide valuable resources that play a key role in student success! *If your family received a letter from the district stating you have already been qualified through direct certification, there is no need to fill out a form.* Visit holdenschools.org/mealapp to fill out a Free/Reduced Price Meal Application now to find out if your family qualifies for benefits.

New Student Enrollment

Wed, Aug 5, 11:00am-7:00pm

Thu, Aug 6, 8:00am-4:00pm

@ Multipurpose Building

Please bring birth certificate, immunization record, and two proofs of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement).

6th Grade Bridge Day

Friday, August 7 8:00am-2:00pm

@ Holden Middle School

6th grade students get their schedules, meet staff, find classrooms, learn the expectations, and practice opening their locker.

PreK/K Meet-the-Teacher

Tuesday, August 18 6:00-7:00pm

@ Holden Elementary

PreK & Kindergarten students get familiar with the building, meet your teacher, check out your classroom, and drop off supplies.

Freshmen Orientation

Thursday, Aug 20 3:00-4:00pm

@ Holden High School

Freshmen meet counselors and administrators, get familiar with the building and procedures, and walk through class schedules.

Back-To-School Night

Thursday, August 20 4:30-6:30pm

@ All Buildings

Come find your way to your classroom(s) and say hello to your teacher(s) as we kick off the school year.

Join everyone in the HS gym at 6:30pm to Meet the Eagles!

2026-27 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

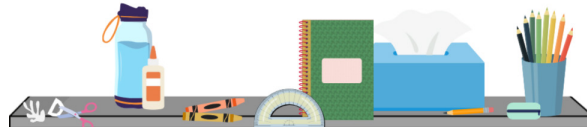
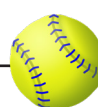
Aug 24	First Day of School	Jan 18	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Aug 28	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 12	Early Release @ 12:00pm - Teacher Inservice
Sept 7	No School - Labor Day	Feb 15	No School - Presidents Day
Sept 25	Early Release @ 12:00pm - Teacher Inservice	Mar 8-12	No School - Spring Break
Oct 5	No School - Teacher Inservice	Mar 26	No School - Easter Break
Oct 19 & 22	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm	Mar 29	No School - Teacher Inservice
Oct 23	No School	Apr 23	Early Release @ 12:00pm - Teacher Inservice
Oct 30	Early Release @ 12:00pm - Teacher Inservice	April 26	No School
Nov 23-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break	May 23	Class of 2027 Graduation Ceremony
Dec 18	Early Release @ 12:00pm - Teacher Inservice	May 27	Last Day of School - Early Release @ 12:00pm
Dec 21-Jan 1	No School - Winter Break	May 28	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Jan 4	No School - Teacher Inservice/Workday		

Some make-up days/hours are built into the schedule.

"The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities."

August 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pencils and scissors and markers, oh my! School supply lists can be found online at holdenschools.org/schoolsupplies 
2 	3	4	5 New Student Enrollment @ Multipurpose Building 11am-7pm <i>Welcome!</i> 	6 New Student Enrollment @ Multipurpose Building 8am-4pm	7 6th Grade Bridge Day @ HMS 8am-2pm	8
9  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 6pm	10	11	12	13	14  We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	15 
16 Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar	17	18 PreK & Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night @ HES 6-7pm	19	20 Freshmen Orientation @ HHS 3-4pm Back-To-School Night @ All Buildings 4:30-6:30pm Resource Fair 4:30-6:30pm Meet the Eagles @ HS Gym 6:30pm	21  Varsity Football Jamboree @ Lone Jack 6pm	22 Varsity Softball Jamboree @ Lee's Summit North 10:30am
23 	24 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Start Times: HES 8:10am HMS & HHS 8:00am HS Volleyball @ Summit Christian Academy 4pm	25 	26	27  Girls Tennis @ Odessa 4:30pm	28 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice/ Holden Fair Softball Varsity Tournament @ William Chrisman Varsity Football v. Tipton @ HHS 7pm	29 Softball Varsity Tournament @ William Chrisman  HS Cross Country @ Liberty
/30	/31 JV Football @ Tipton 5:30pm					

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Cooperation - working together toward a common goal

"Leadership is based on inspiration, not domination; on cooperation, not intimidation."
~William Arthur Ward

September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3 Big Smiles Dental on campus Girls Tennis v. Richmond @ HHS 4:30pm Softball @ Pleasant Hill 5pm HS Girls Volleyball @ Barstow 5pm C Team Football v. Louisburg @ HHS 5:30pm	4 Big Smiles Dental on campus Varsity Football @ Pembroke Hill 7pm	5  HS Cross Country @ Belton
6 	7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day Girls Tennis @ Lafayette Co 4:30pm JV Football @ Pembroke Hill 5:30pm	8 MS Football v. Sherwood @ HHS 5pm Softball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm HS Girls Volleyball v. Oak Grove @ HHS 5pm	9 Big Smiles Dental on campus  Girls Tennis @ Carrollton	10 Softball @ Lexington 5pm HS Girls Volleyball @ Harrisonville 5pm MS Girls Volleyball @ Adrian 5pm C Team Football @ St. Michael 5:30pm	11 Varsity Football v. Adrian @ HHS 7pm	12 MS/HS Cross Country @ RayPec Varsity Softball Tournament @ Chillicothe MS Volleyball Tournament @ Crest Ridge 8:30am HS Volleyball Tournament @ Lexington 9am
13 Band Fundraiser Mattress Sale @ HHS 8am-5pm	14 Big Smiles Dental on campus Girls Tennis v. Lexington @ HHS 4:30pm Softball v. Nevada @ HHS 5pm MS/HS Volleyball @ Kingsville 5pm JV Football v. Adrian @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 6pm	15 Softball @ Lafayette Co 5pm HS Volleyball @ Odessa 5pm MS Football v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	16 	17 MS Cross Country @ Pleasant Hill Girls Tennis @ Excelsior Springs 4:30pm Softball v. Richmond @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Carrollton 5pm	18 Varsity Football @ Clinton 6pm 	19 MS/HS Cross Country @ Odessa Upper Elem HS Volleyball Tournament @ Lone Jack
20 	21 Girls Tennis v. Lexington @ HHS 4:30pm Softball @ Odessa 5pm MS Volleyball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm JV Football @ Clinton 5:30pm	22 Girls Tennis @ Carrollton 4:30pm Softball @ Carrollton 5pm HS Volleyball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Football @ Lafayette Co 5:30pm	23 Girls Tennis @ Richmond 4:30pm HS Volleyball C Team Triangular @ Odessa 5pm MS Volleyball v Lafayette Co @ HMS 5pm	24 Softball @ Knob Noster 5pm HS Volleyball v. Lexington @ HHS 5pm	25 EARLY RELEASE @ 12:00PM Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Football @ Lexington 7pm	26 Softball Varsity Tournament @ UCM Varsity Cross Country @ Gans Creek 8am MS Volleyball Tournament @ Pleasant Hill MS 8am
27	28 MS Volleyball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm JV Football @ Lexington 5:30pm	29 Softball v. Summit Christian @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5pm MS Football @ Richmond 5:30pm	30  Girls Tennis v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 4:30pm Softball v. Lexington @ HHS 5pm MS Volleyball @ Lexington 5pm	Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar		

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Respect - treating others the way you want to be treated

"Show respect even to people who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours."
~Dave Willis

Contact Us

Central Office

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High School

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Kyle Stoecklein, Principal
Tyler Jolly, Assistant Principal
Spencer Gudde, Activities Director

WINGS Academy

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Kyra Johnson, WINGS/TARGET Teacher

Middle School

301 Eagle Drive (816) 732-4125
Marjorie Mayes, Principal

Elementary School

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Paige Farmer, PreK-2 Principal
Tyler Narron, Gr 3-5 Principal

Transportation - Ecco Ride

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Amanda Beach, Terminal Manager

General Questions

comments@holdenschools.org

District Website

<https://www.holdenschools.org>



HOLDEN SCHOOLS

New Staff at Holden R-3

The following individuals are joining the R-3 Eagle Family this fall, and we're excited for everyone to get to know them! These educators and staff members bring unique talents and experiences that will strengthen our schools and support our students. Follow our socials for more details about each new Eagle!

Rebecca White
Process Coordinator

Kameron Tuttle
HS Social Studies

Kaitlyn Stumpff
1st Grade

Lauren Studer
HS Business

Laila Seiz
HS Special Ed

Sierra Poire
1st Grade

Amanda Pearce
6th Grade ELA

Kendra Niner
Special Services Director

Kailey Narron
Agriculture

Jocelyn McHenry
Kindergarten

Marjorie Mayes
MS Principal

Todd Lee
HS Social Studies

Paul Klene
HS Math

Andrew Hyatt
6th Grade Social Studies

Allison Holsey
3rd Grade

Melissa Hilker
HS Math

Elizabeth Heassler
MS SpEd
Paraprofessional

Kaitlyn Hayes
HS FACS

Katie Goodson
5th Grade

Erica Gass
1st Grade

Kaitlyn Fricke
2nd Grade

Eddie Forgey
HS Social Studies

Eric Fairchild
MS Physical
Education/Health

Amy Eissler
HS Administrative Assistant

Heidi Dittmer
SpEd/Life Skills

Amanda Corbett
HS Special Ed

Brennan Claas
HS Physical Ed/Weights

Jayden Brown
HS Physical Ed/Personal
Finance/Health

Janice Bone
1st Grade

Daria Bennett
3rd Grade

Taylor Adams
4th Grade

Aug 18: Preschool/ECSE/Kindergarten Meet-the-Teacher Night 6-7pm

Aug 20: Back to School Night/Resource Fair/Meet the Eagles 4:30-6:30pm

Aug 24: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Aug 28: NO SCHOOL - Fair Day/Teacher Inservice

Sep 7: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday



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