

Eisenhower Junior High School

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Dear Eisenhower Jr. Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! We are excited to get the school year up and started, and we are anxious to meet all our new students. We have started getting a lot of calls in the office, so I want to get this information out to everyone so students can feel calm and ready for school to start on Thursday, August 18th. Many of the questions pertain to getting new students into the building and comfortable prior to the school year beginning.

Before getting into the registration information, there are a couple of information things to go through. First, we will be having Community Council elections earlier in the year this year (August) than we have in past years (usually mid-September). We have four full openings (2-year term) and possibly one partial opening (1-year term) on this year's council. To claim one of these positions, you will need to fill out a Declaration of Candidacy. These forms are available in the main office and are due back to the main office by Friday, August 19th, 2022 by 3:00 PM.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to follow our Facebook Page. It is the best source for current information. I often post information there before sending it out in an email. Keeping up with the details we're working on prior to the school year and then seeing what's happening once school starts is best done via Facebook. To get to the correct Facebook page, go to our school website, <https://schools.graniteschools.org/eisenhowerjr/>, and click the Facebook icon in the upper right. Once at the page, you can follow it.

Registration Information:

We are doing on-line registration again this year, and the registration materials can be found on the school website under the "Registration" tab at the top of the page. The registration process will be completed on the district website, but our page has a direct link you can click to get you to the correct place at the district site. Our page also has information you and your student should read prior to the school year. On-line registration will begin on **August 1**. To complete the on-line registration, you **MUST** create a Parent Portal. Instructions for creating a portal are available on the district site you will be sent to when you click the registration link. In addition to being necessary for registration, the portal allows you to log in and see your student's PBL proficiency levels for their classes and their attendance. The portal is also where the district downloads your student's RISE results each year.

Everyone needs to use the website for registration; however, if you have questions, we are here to help. The office will be open daily from 9am-2pm beginning August 1.

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Important information regarding policies and student expectations, including information for Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) will be in the student planners. Students will be given their planner the first week of school in their Advisory class. These expectations will be reviewed and reinforced throughout the school year. Eisenhower Jr.'s PBIS motto is "STARS," which stands for Strong, Thoughtful, Ambitious, Responsible, Successful, and the school is working with the faculty and students to develop and implement school-wide expectations based on these principles. We will continue to send information home about our progress and developing expectations for PBIS as the school implements them.

Important Items:

Orientation

We will have an orientation for **6th grade** students on Wednesday, August 17th from 9:00-11:00 AM. Students will meet in the auditorium. Students will receive information about how to access counselors, get lunch pins, check out library books, how to get involved in school activities, etc. Students will then go through a quick schedule to meet their teachers and find their classes. We hope this will alleviate some of the stress students feel coming to a new school.

Lockers/Bookbags:

We will **not** be assigning lockers to students this year. Students are encouraged to use a backpack or bookbag to keep school supplies and notebooks in. Most classes do not have a physical textbook and use online resources your student(s) can access from home. We have some backpacks with school supplies in them that have been donated. If your student needs one, please have them come by the office and pick one up.

Passing Time:

Students have four minutes to get from class to class. This is enough time for students to get where they need to go; however, it is not enough time for students to get where they need to go if they stop to congregate and talk in the halls or roam the halls with friends. Teachers will be in the halls monitoring students and then going into their classes when class starts. Students should aim to be in class before the teacher comes back into class. This year, we will be encouraging all teachers to utilize starter activities for students to begin working on as they enter class. This will get students to class and beginning to work on focusing on the day's lesson while giving the teachers time to take roll and otherwise get class up and running.

Cell Phone Policy:

I want to make sure all students are aware of the cell phone policy prior to school beginning. Students will **not** be allowed to have their cell phones out during school hours from 7:45am-2:45pm. Students need to make sure their phones are on silent mode and put away in their bags.

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Students are **not** allowed to access their phones between classes or at lunch. If a student needs to call home, they can use the phone in the Counseling Center to do so, or they can go to the Counseling Center and ask to use their cell phone to call home from there. The rules for cell phones apply to smart watches as well.

Bell Schedule Information:

First Period will begin right at 7:45am each day, so please make sure your student is at school early enough to get to class on time. Student drop-off areas are on the north side (main drop-off) and east side (secondary drop-off by the track). The east side does back up. Please plan accordingly for the east side drop off to move a little slowly.

Fridays will continue to be an early out day. Students will go an Advisory class at the start of school every Friday from 7:45-8:15AM. Students will check their grades, review assessments, and make a plan for that day to remediate any concepts or work he/she has not mastered that week.

Beginning of the Year Activities:

Once school starts, we jump right into a number of activities that it's best to know about beforehand so your student can decide if they want to participate.

Cross Country (Coed) begins August 24
Soccer (Boys and Girls) begins August 29

Attendance:

Please make sure to contact the Counseling Center if your student misses school. Unexcused absences will impact a student's Citizenship grade. Absences can be excused by calling 385-646-5155. You can also send a note with your student to excuse absences.

General Reminder Items:

Fee Waivers and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications:

Fee waiver applications will be available in the on-line registration materials. Please remember that each student needs a fee waiver application, so if you have students in elementary, junior high, and high school, you will need to fill one out at each school. Also, Fee Waivers need to be applied for and approved every year. If you are interested in applying for Fee Waiver, complete the steps as part of the on-line registration process.

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Free and Reduced Lunch applications can be filled out as part of the on-line registration process. Free and Reduced Lunch applications can be filled out for the whole family, so you will only need to fill out the application once for all of your students in Granite School District. These forms can be completed on-line at myschoolapps.com.

Free lunch for all students is over. This year, students will need to pay for their lunch if they do not have free lunch. Lunch is \$1.65/day. Lunch payments can be made in the cafeteria or online through PayPams.com.

Lunch Pin Numbers:

If you are a returning Granite District student, your lunch pin number will be the same as it has always been. If you are new to Granite District, your lunch pin number will be provided to you by the cafeteria manager on the first day of school.

Students must enter their lunch pin number to receive lunch. All students must enter their pin when receiving lunch this year as lunches are no longer free.

Lunch Change:

We are making an adjustment to how lunch will work this year. The past couple of years, we have allowed students to head straight outside to eat. We will no longer be allowing food outside at lunch. Students will need to eat in the cafeteria and then they can go outside. This will make it easier for kids to eat, as they will have tables, and it will keep the field from becoming messy with food and garbage.

School Policies:

School policies are included on the web site with the other registration materials. Please make sure you read them prior to the school year starting. We will also be providing student planners to all students, and the front section of the planner will include all school policies families will need to know. As you review policies, please note the cell phone and dress code policies.

Immunizations:

Salt Lake County requires all students to be in compliance with the State Immunization Requirements. Students must be vaccinated in order to register for and attend school. If you have questions about vaccinations, please contact the Counseling Center at 385-646-5155.

There are shots needed for all students going into 7th grade. Please work with your pediatrician to get these shots. Once your student receives the needed shots, those updated records will need to be turned in to the Counseling Center. Students who do not comply with vaccination requirements will be excluded from school.

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School Pictures:

Every student needs to have a school picture taken so they can receive an Eisenhower Jr. Activity Card and be in the Yearbook. Picture Day will be August 31st with a make-up day being held on October 20th.

Student Schedules:

Student schedules will become available once the on-line registration process is completed. We work diligently to balance classes as much as possible during the creation of the school schedule. Due to this, class changes will be minimal. If you would like to make an appointment with your counselor about your schedule, please call 385-646-5155 starting August 22.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks will not automatically charge to your student's account as they are not a fee; they are an optional item that can be purchased. Yearbooks must be pre-ordered and will need to be ordered and paid for prior to Winter Break. If your student would like a Yearbook, it needs to be pre-ordered. The cost is \$10.00 if pre-ordered. Cost will increase to \$15.00 after the January 2nd deadline.

We are excited for the school year, and we are looking forward to seeing all the kids!

Sincerely,

Wesley Cutler, Principal
Ofa Nau, Assistant Principal
Alison Gosch, Assistant Principal