



Orange Township Public Schools
Orange High School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2023-24 school year at Orange High School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Please be reminded that students report for the first day of school on Thursday, September 7, 2023. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice. It is going to be a great school year for not only the school level staff but for each of you as well.

Partnering with families is crucial to promote a healthy transition to school both socially and emotionally. This year again I am requesting full support from parents concerning school uniforms, student attendance and grades. We are progressing positively in all areas, but we need to work together to ensure our children follow rules, take advantage of opportunities and are ready for the challenges and rigor of high school. We will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community and will stay committed to being transparent and informative to our staff, parents, and student body. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by following our district website and announcements sent through Parent Portal.

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS

- Students enter OHS through the Lincoln Avenue entrance. Door assignments are as follow:
 - Grade 12 – Door 2
 - Grades 9-11 Females – Door 6
 - Grades 9-11 Males – Door 5
 - Students arriving after 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m., Females will use Door 6 and Males will use Door 5 to check in.
 - Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. will enter the building through the Clarendon Place entrance and check-in with Ms. Frazier in Room 163A before going to their class.
 - The doors open every day for students at 7:30 a.m. Free breakfast is available in the cafeteria.
 - Students must arrive at school by 8:00 a.m. Instruction in all classes begins promptly at 8:20 a.m.
- Attendance is vital to instructional support for our students. We need our students on time and present each day.
- Teachers will meet and greet their students outside of the classroom at 8:15 a.m.

DISMISSAL

- All students are dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students should dress appropriately for a school setting. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education classes. Uniforms should be worn daily. It is the expectation of the following in terms of dress:

- White, Grey, Black, or Orange, Polo shirt or Oxford shirt. All shirts must have a collar.
- Black or Khaki Pants and/or knee length Skirts, Slacks, Skorts
- Sweater Vest, Fleece, Blazer, or Vest (Must be solid black) may be worn
- Black, White, Gray, Orange T-Shirts, or Black Sweatshirts and Pants or Shorts for Physical Education
- **NO hoodies will be allowed in the building.**

The following items of clothing are inappropriate and are not to be worn:

- Blouses or sweaters that show a bare midriff, halter tops, bandanas, tank tops, tops with thin straps, short shorts, short mini-skirts, clinging or form fitting spandex leggings (without the appropriate length skorts, shorts, skirt, or dress), pants/jeans worn below the waist, and pants/jeans with rips 4" above the knee (including any rip that shows through to skin, undergarments, or fabric.). All flannel-type pants and sleepwear are not permitted.
- Appropriate and safe footwear must be always worn. Specifically, flip-flops or "slides" are not to be worn due to the safety factor when using stairs. All sandals must be secured at the toes and ankle for safety.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to the attendance office at 973-677- 4050 X 41714. Students returning from medical absences should return with a note from the physician. The Orange district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

FORMS

Students will receive the emergency contact form on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 11, 2023. It is important that these forms are returned so we can have active communication with you throughout 23-24 SY. [Click here to download and fill out the form.](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Student Orientation - Saturday, August 19th.
9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (9th & 10th grade)
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (11th & 12th grade)
- 1st Day of School – Thursday, September 7th. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Students arrive no later than 8:15 a.m.
- Back To School Night – Monday, September 11th. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This program will take place in person.

DISTRICT GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKS

The district goals and strategic plan are the guiding force in the development of the Orange Public School District. You are encouraged to review each plan and ask questions related to the development of the whole child as well as the district's partnership with families. Please access the District Goals and Strategic Plan by clicking the links: [District Goals 2023-2024](#) and [District Strategic Plan](#).

In closing, information about upcoming Parent Teacher Organization Meetings will be sent under separate cover. The team and I are looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year with each of you.

Respectfully,

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