



Orange Township Public Schools
Orange High School
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August 22, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

The mission of Orange High School is to provide a culture that empowers all learners to embrace learning, to excel, and to own their future in an engaging, inspiring, and challenging learning environment created collectively by all stakeholders. We are partners with families, community, and staff, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We are especially excited to welcome the freshmen class to the Tornado Family. Please be reminded that students report for the first day of school on Friday, September 5, 2025. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice and develop their gifts. It is going to be a great school year for not only the OHS staff but for each of you as well. Please see the information below regarding school procedures.

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS

- Students enter OHS through the Lincoln Avenue entrance. Door assignments are as follow:
Males-Door 2 on Lincoln Ave.
Females - Door 6 off Lincoln Ave.
- All Students arriving after 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m. will use Door 6 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 244 or Mrs. Chatmon in Room 102 before going to their class.
- The doors open every day for students at 7:30 am. 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. **All STUDENTS must adhere to the approved dress code.** 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
- Crew neck sweatshirts are allowed. NO hoodies will be allowed in the building.

The following items of clothing are considered 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. Lastly, head coverings that are not worn for religious or medical reasons are also not allowed inside the building. This includes, but is not limited to, baseball caps, knit hats, hoods worn over the head, do-rags, wave caps, hair bonnets, and non-religious scarves. Students must remove all non-approved headgear upon entering the school building.
- 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 main office at 973-677-4050 X 41702. 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 forms which are to be returned on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 12, 2025. It is important that these forms are returned so we can have active communication with you throughout 25-26 SY.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Student Orientation

- **Tuesday August 26, 2025**
- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (12th grade)-Last name A-K

- 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (9th grade)-Last name A-K
- **Wednesday August 27, 2025**
- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (12th grade)-Last name L-Z
- 11:00a.m.-1:30 p.m. (9th grade)-Last name L-Z

VILS Chromebook Distribution for students

- **Tuesday, August 26,2025**
 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**
 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 28,2025**
 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m (10th Grade)
 - 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m (11th Grade)
- **Saturday,September 8, 2025**
 - 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
- **1st Day of School - Friday, September 5th. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Students arrive no later than 8:15 a.m.**
- **Back To School Night — Monday, September 22th. 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](#) 2025-2026 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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