Back to School Letter



Fulbright Families,

Welcome back for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the first day of school, **Tuesday**, **August 12th**. As you enjoy the rest of your summer, please see some important dates and information below. We also encourage you to follow us on social media. We look forward to partnering with our families to make it an amazing year.

Key Dates

- August 11th at 10:00 am
 - Student schedules will be available online through Home Access Center. Schedules are subject to change till the first day of school.
- August 11th 4:00- 6:00 pm
 - Open House- This will be an opportunity to meet your student's teachers, tour the building, and pick up a copy of their schedule.
- August 12th
 - First Day of School
 - Students will receive a paper copy of their schedule upon arrival.
 - Students will go to 5th, 6th, 7th, and8th period, then a pep rally.
- August 15th
 - Tiger Pride Fall Sports at Tiger Stadium
- August 18th at 4:00 pm
 - Students' last day to request a schedule change.
- September 12th
 - Fall Picture Day

Website and Social Media



www.bentonville k12.org/o/fjhs



Fulbright Junior High School



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Danielle Renfroe 7th Grade Assistant Principal



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Counseling Team

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You can find our Staff Directory linked **HERE**.

The school day is 8:35 am - 3:35 pm.

Students are able to arrive at school at 7:45 am.

Our offices close every day at 4:00 pm.

For Bentonville Schools
Back to School HUB



Frequently Asked Questions



1. Can I drop items (gym clothes, lunch, etc.) off for my student?

Yes! We have a table in the front entry area to place items with a sticky note that has your student's name on it. There is a computer where you will submit a form so your student is notified to retrieve the item. Please note, due to allergy concerns, state law prohibits food delivery to students who are not your own. Please avoid birthday cakes, whole pizzas, cupcakes, etc. as they will not be allowed to be distributed. No third party deliveries will be accepted for students.

2. How can I check out my student during the day?

Please come to the front office with your state issued ID. You must be listed as a parent/guardian or on a student's emergency card to check a student out.

3. How can I add money to my student's lunch account?

School lunch information including <u>free and reduced lunch forms</u> are available on our website. A no-cost breakfast will be made available to every student each day school is in session.

More details here.

4. How can I pay for my student's PE Uniform/ field trips/ fees etc.?

Visit <u>www.mypaymentsplus.com</u> to purchase your student's PE uniform once the school year starts. PE uniforms will be distributed after the start of the school year. Sizing will be available at Open House.

5. What school supplies does my student need?

Students will receive class-specific supply lists from their teachers during the first week of school. On their first day, students will need a notebook and their fully charged, school-issued Chromebook (if they have picked it up).

Wired headphones will also be required for classroom use.

For 7th Grade students, Chromebooks can be picked up July 28th and 29th from 7:30 am- 7:00 pm at the BSD Technology Office (1210 Leopard Lane). Should your child's Chromebook become damaged, a member of the Bentonville Schools' Technology Team will contact you to discuss payment. Please work with your child to ensure his/her Chromebook is kept in good condition away from food, drinks, and pets and is handled carefully.

6. Where do I find transportation information?

Transportation information can be found on the district website <u>here</u>. At that link you can request bus service and find other bus service information.

7. How do I get a schedule change for my student?

Student schedules will be available to view on Home Access Center (HAC) on August 11th. Schedules will be allowed to be changed until August 18th through a request to the student's counselor. A form to make a change request will be provided once schedules are released.

Needs to Know



Student ID badges will be required to be worn at all times.

We will be issuing ID badges with lanyards for students. Students are expected to have their school ID badges visible on a school issued lanyard and around the neck at all times. Student's photo must be clearly visible on their ID badge with no alterations, stickers, etc. Lost or stolen badges must be replaced.

If a student is missing their ID, they must obtain a replacement for \$5.00 or a temporary ID for \$1.00. A \$5.00 charge will be assessed for replacement badges and will include a lanyard. A lanyard alone will be \$1.00. These charges will be placed on the student's mypaymentsplus account.

Full details can be found in the student handbook.

Student Cell Phone Usage

Beginning with the 2025–2026 school year, a new Arkansas law—The Bell to Bell, No Cell Act (AR Act 122 of 2025)—requires schools to strictly limit student use of personal electronic devices during the school day. This applies to cell phones, smart watches, earbuds and other personal electronic devices.

Students will receive their Yondr pouch the first week of school for the storage of these devices.

You can review our <u>5th - 8th Grade Cell Phone Procedures.</u> A \$30 replacement fee will be charged for any unreturned or intentionally damaged pouches.

- What if my child needs to contact me during the day?
 Students can access a phone in the main office. If you need to contact your child, please call the school, and we will connect you or relay any important messages.
- Will my child's phone be safe?
 Yes. Students will keep his/her locked Yondr pouch with them at all times.

Mark your calendars for our Parent Teacher Conferences:

9/23/25 at 3:50-7:30 pm 11/11/25 at 3:50-7:30 pm

9/30/25 at 3:50-7:25 pm 3/10/26 at 3:50-7:25 pm

New to FJHS



Are you a new Junior High Parent?

Consider attending our *Junior High Jump Start* on July 29th at 9am, 12 pm, or 5 pm (three chances to attend). These presentations are designed for parents who have not had a junior high student previously. The presentation will cover what you can expect from Fulbright, as well as a tour of our building.

Programs Help

Home Access Center, Google Classroom, RTI Scheduler... there are many programs that we use at the junior high to communicate and help our building run smoothly.

Link to presentation

This presentation walks parents through the different programs we use at the junior high. Students will be trained on how to use all of these the first weeks of school.

Timber Wolf Warm-Up

All 7th Graders are invited to attend *Timber Wolf Warm-Up* August 1st 9- 11 am.

Our goal is to help your 7th grader be more comfortable on the first day of school, meet other 7th grade students, learn what it means to be a Timber Wolf, and have fun!

This is a student-only event.

Other helpful links:

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Handbooks</u>				
School Start and Stop Times	Course Catalog				
Technology Parent Resources	Bus Information				

Link on Website

Fulbright Junior High School



2025-2026 Calendar

Board Approved 10.22.24

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Car Rider Procedures





Car Rider Information:

- 1. Students cannot be dropped off or picked up on the road, by the roundabout, or behind the school building for their safety. (Student athletes should not be dropped off behind the building after 7:45 am.)
- 2. The building opens for students at **7:45 am**. Students will enter the building through the north entrance on the side of the cafeteria.
- 3. Morning drop off: One lane drop off in the drop off zone. Please do not use the outer lane as students are exiting both sides of vehicles.
- 4. Afternoon pick up: Two lanes of pick up in the pick up zone.
 - LEFT lane for left turn ONLY onto SW Gator Blvd.
 - RIGHT lane for right turn ONLY onto SW Gator Blvd.
 - Lines will exit simultaneously. No lane changes, please.
- 5. No entrance/exit from bus lot on south side of campus to Bright Rd. We appreciate your cooperation with the duty teachers' instructions.



The Power the Pack (PTO) provides support for both our students and our teachers.

They do need your help!

Join and Donate to the PTO by clicking here.

Stay informed! Follow their Instagram.

Contact them directly at Fulbrightpto@gmail.com.

The Power the Pack primarily meets on the second Monday of each month at 11 AM in the Fulbright Library.

Sept. 8th Dec. 9th (5:30 pm) March 9th

Oct. 13th Jan. 12th April 13th

Nov. 10th Feb. 9th May 11th

