



Jul 25, 2024

Dear Students and Parents,

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Welcome to Payson High School. This year, we welcome back our senior class of 2025! They will be the 113th class to graduate from Payson High School, and the last class to graduate from our current building, a significant milestone in our school history. Each graduating class has a unique journey ahead of them, and we are excited to be a part of this pivotal time of life.

Registration

If you didn't complete the registration process this spring or are a new move-in to Nebo or Payson High School boundaries, [visit this site to complete registration](#).

School Start and Fees

School starts on August 14 at 8:00 am. Fees can be paid anytime on [My School Fees](#) as well. If financial assistance is needed, fill out this [fee waiver application](#) and submit it to the front office anytime between July 29- August 9 (8:30-3:30). Please email your administrator directly to set up appointments if needed. When applying for a fee waiver, bring proof of income, last year's tax return, or two recent pay stubs.

Class Schedules

Schedules are available on August 1st in [Infinite Campus](#). To make class changes this year, students will use Infinite Campus. More instruction on how to do this will be sent out later. All students are required to have a complete class schedule at the beginning of the school year. To make an appointment with your school counselor, please see the [counseling website](#).

Sophomore Orientation & Back-to-School Night

All sophomores and new PHS students are welcome to attend Sophomore Orientation on **Monday the 12th at 3 pm in the auditorium**. This will be followed by a school-wide open house from 4-6 pm for all students to attend. Teachers will be in their classrooms to answer questions, and we will help you find your classes. Parents are also welcome to attend!

School Breakfast & Lunch

Payson High School is an open campus; students can leave for lunch. Many students bring lunch from home, purchase food from a local restaurant, vending machine, or eat in the cafeteria. Breakfast (\$1.50) and lunch (\$2.50) are available to students daily. You can pay for school meals [here](#).

To qualify for free or reduced-price meals for the 24-25 school year, fill out a Meal Benefits Application. Qualification is based on factors including household size, income, participation in assistance programs such as SNAP, FDPIR, and TANF, as well as living situations such as homelessness and migrant or refugee status. Online applications will become available on July 17th. You may access an application by going to your [Infinite Campus](#) Menu, scrolling to More, and clicking Meal Benefits. Any application signed before July 16th does not pertain to the 2024-25 school year. As a reminder, households **must apply annually** to confirm free or reduced-price meal eligibility.

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on August 29-30 in the west gym. All students need to have their picture taken to be issued a school ID and/or to be in the yearbook.

Chromebooks

We will be 1:1 with Chromebooks again this year. Students will be issued a school Chromebook to be used and taken home daily. Sophomores get a new computer they can use for three years with an option to purchase it for \$30 at the end of their time at PHS. The cost to replace a damaged or stolen Chromebook is \$300, and the student will be charged for it.

An optional Chromebook Protection Plan is available for \$30 per year. This will cover the initial cost of a damaged Chromebook. We encourage parents to purchase the

Chromebook Protection Plan in case of damage. The Chromebook Protection Plan can be paid for online through myschoolfees.com, along with all other fees. Additional information regarding the Chromebook Protection Plan coverage can be found [here](#).

Lockers

Lockers will be issued **by request only** and at no cost to students. Most students do not use lockers, but you are welcome to request one. To request a locker, please fill out this [Google Form](#).

Student Parking

Due to building construction, parking is limited. Therefore, **sophomores will not be issued parking passes this year**. Sophomores with a driver's license can drive to school, but they must park east of Main Street at the city softball park. Please be aware of parking restrictions, rules, and changes.

Parking in the south lot will be open all year for junior and senior students with a **parking permit correctly displayed**. To request a parking permit, fill [out this form](#). Parking permits can be purchased on myschoolfees.com. We highly recommend riding the bus, carpooling, walking if you live close, or getting dropped off. Parking is strictly enforced, and cars parked illegally or without parking passes will be ticketed.

We take great pride in maintaining a clean campus. Students who litter the parking lot will be ticketed and could lose their parking privileges.

Students can only work off tickets during the term the ticket was issued. We encourage students to pay for parking tickets promptly.

Dress Code

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the [Nebo School District Dress Code Policy](#).

Attendance Best Practices and Policy

Attendance matters and significantly contributes to your success. We want to be your partner in helping all students have outstanding attendance. [Attendance Works](#) is a website with resources to help families and students reach their attendance goals. This [one-page handout is particularly](#) helpful. Please take time to read some of these resources as they relate to your particular situation. Additionally, Payson High School

closely follows the [Nebo School District Attendance Policy](#). Please take a few minutes to become familiar with the policy.

Updates During the Year

We will send out weekly memos during the school year to keep you updated. Holly Henderson, one of our assistant principals, will send the memo, which contains all the information you need to know. You can also watch the [website](#) for the latest updates and the [school calendar](#).

History and Mission

Payson High School has a [rich history](#) of creating an educational environment focusing on the Four R's of Learning: Rigor, Relevance, Positive Relationships, and Reflection.

We are dedicated to our mission as an organization: Because quality education enriches lives, we are committed to working together to ensure high levels of learning and growth for everyone at Payson High School. Your success is our priority, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

We specifically focus on these three overarching goals.

1. Expand Students' College and Career Readiness
2. Create More Equity and Opportunity for Diverse Learners
3. Develop School and Community Networks, a Climate of Trusting Relationships.

We take great pride in our school's positive culture. You can spend some time familiarizing yourself with the [Payson High Culture Book](#) and getting to know your teachers by visiting our [faculty directory](#). As a student at Payson High School, you become a part of our rich history and exciting future. Our [website](#) hosts all the information you need to keep up to speed.

This is the last year we will be at the old Payson High School. We will be sad to see this building go, but we will always have a fond memory of the great experiences and students who graduated from here. And we also have an eye on the future.

We look forward to opening the new school in the fall of 2025! This spring, we plan to have a final goodbye to the old and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new. Stay tuned

for more information, and join us in this exciting journey towards a new chapter in our school's history.

When the time comes, former students and community members can collect small memorabilia from the old school. We will send out the details when we have them. We will also sell off much of the old furniture and some fixtures. Keep an eye on our website for how to purchase these items and timelines.

Please remember that we want the school to be as nice as possible during this last school year. Destruction or vandalism will not be tolerated, even in May. As construction continues, we will all need to be flexible and adaptable. Most aspects of the construction process will have no impact on students. However, parking will look different over the next two years.

It is an exciting time to be a Payson Lion. We have a great year planned for you and can't wait to see your incredible accomplishments.

See you soon,

Jesse Sorenson, Principal

Mike Adams, Assistant Principal (last names A-G)

Holly Henderson, Assistant Principal (last names P-Z)

Kyle Francom, Dean of Students (last names H-O)

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