



Dear Gateway Families:

We hope that all of you are enjoying your summer. We just wrapped up summer school, and we have enjoyed hosting our athletes for summer workouts in the mornings and evenings. The front office is working hard preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. The last day for the office staff is June 30th.

**School is closed from July 1st - August 2nd**

With the exception of cheer camp, dance camp, and athletics, the school will be closed during the month of July. Front office staff will return on August 2nd.

**Obligations, Annual Forms, Athletics Forms, and Immunizations**

There are several expectations that need to be completed before your child returns to school. Obligation letters were sent home to parents. This includes lunch accounts, textbooks, unpaid fees, technology, and more. We are creating one spreadsheet with all obligations and fees that will be controlled by front office staff. If you pay any fees online through Frontline Parent Portal or PayPAMS, you will need to email [jen.david@orendaeducation.org](mailto:jen.david@orendaeducation.org) and include your confirmation email in order for us to update our spreadsheet.

Annual forms must be completed for each child in the Frontline Parent Portal (log in [here](#)). You may not fill these forms out until July 10th. A notification will be made when these forms are ready to be filled out for the 2021-2022 school year. Make sure that you fill out the forms in their entirety and electronically sign. Make sure to fill out the annual income survey, especially if your family's finances have changed. This form will be necessary if you are requesting financial assistance during the 2021-2022 school year. Also, please fill out the annual giving pledge form.

Athletics packets, physicals, UIL and/or THSLL fees need to be paid, and the athletic handbook acknowledgment must all be completed before school. Any athlete that has not completed all of these requirements will be transferred out of athletics on August 27th. Email [kelly.miller@orendaeducation.org](mailto:kelly.miller@orendaeducation.org) with any questions you may have. Please read the following:

[Letter from the Athletic Director](#)

All immunizations need to be up to date before your student starts school. If you are waiving immunizations, you need to receive an exemption form from the State of Texas and turn in the

original form before starting school. Any child who has not had their immunization records updated or turned in a waiver will not be allowed to attend school until this is complete.

### **Back To School Nights**

Gateway College Prep will again host its annual Back to School nights in person. The nights will be August 11th and August 12th. We are happy to say that both nights will be open to all grades of students. All teachers will be present both nights. Gator Club members who have set up recurring donations through our online giving platform equal to \$1,200 a year or more will be invited in early from 5pm - 6pm. You can set up recurring donations [HERE](#). All other families will be allowed in from 6pm - 7:30pm. More information will be distributed in August with specific directions. Please know that we will require all families to fill out their annual forms, pay for or turn in their obligations, engage in donation conversation (Gator Club members exempt), and have updated immunization records. Anyone who has not completed these expectations will need to complete these requirements before they will be issued their child's schedules and teacher assignments. Staff will be on hand to lend assistance to those families who arrive and have not completed these requirements.

### **School Supplies**

The annual school supply lists for the 2021-2022 school year have been posted. Please visit our website to view these supply lists by clicking [HERE](#). You may purchase the supplies on your own or use School Tool Box. This is an option that is facilitated through the PTO for your convenience and not as a fundraiser. The supplies will be shipped to your house. We are pleased to announce that due to a very large donation of PPE last year, we will not be requiring our families to purchase hand sanitizer for this next school year.

School supplies can be dropped off during Back to School nights on August 11th or 12th. You will drop these supplies off behind the K-8 Learning Center by driving up to the curb and finding your grade level and teacher labeled on the drop-off area. This will allow all families to enter the gym without lugging their school supplies with them.

We hope that you have a safe and eventful summer. We look forward to greeting all students back in person in August. Next year is going to be the best year ever!

Benjamin Boorman  
Head of School