



**Tucson Unified School District
Sahuaro High School**

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Pardon Our Dust!

**Our office summer hours are 8:00-3:00 pm Monday-Friday
at
Magee Middle School
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Our Office Hopes to Be Back on Campus Beginning Monday, July 13

June 2026

Dear Sahuaro Students and Families,

We are excited to share the positive changes currently taking place on our campus as we undergo several important renovation projects. At this time, our campus is off limits due to the number of projects in progress. Visitors can find us at Magee Middle School just north of Speedway. Much of this work is made possible through the bond recently passed by our community, and we are sincerely grateful for the continued support of our families and community members.

All campus restrooms are being renovated using non-bond funds. Bond funds are supporting upgrades such as new domestic water and sewer lines, improvements to auditorium sound and lighting, and the installation of a brand-new turf field. While some of these projects may continue into the beginning of the school year, they are not expected to delay or disrupt the start of classes.

As we look ahead to the 2026–27 school year, we are truly excited about the lasting impact these improvements will have on our students' learning experiences. Our continued focus is on enhancing student learning by refining our practices and strengthening essential skills. We are confident that these efforts will lead to even greater student success, with anticipated gains across Advanced Placement, ACT Aspire, CTE, AzSCI, and ACT assessments during the spring testing season. At the heart of all we do is a commitment to every student's growth, success, and future opportunities.

Enclosed in this letter, you will find important information to help you prepare for a successful start to the school year. Please remember that school begins on Thursday, August 6. We look forward to welcoming our students back and partnering with you for another great year.

Zoom Family Welcome Back Meetings

On Wednesday, July 15 at 5:00 pm, we invite you to join us for our Welcome Back meeting, where we will come together to review this year's goals, highlight important upcoming events, and ensure you have the information you need for a strong start to the school year. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to have your questions answered and to align as a school community as we move forward together.

Zoom Link "Sahuaro Family Meeting"

<https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/5169543229?omn=85388789964>

Meeting ID # 516 954 3229



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Cougar Freshman Orientation

We are excited to welcome your freshmen to our Cougar Freshman Orientation Day on Wednesday, July 29th, from 8 AM to 12 PM in the McConnell Gym. This event is designed exclusively for students, so please note that no parents or family members will be permitted in the gym. Our Cougar Link Crew Program will help ensure that your freshmen get off to a fantastic start in their first year of high school! We look forward to seeing them there!

WHAT IS COUGAR LINK CREW? Cougar Link Crew is a nationwide program designed to welcome and support 9th graders by connecting them with Cougar Link Leaders, who are positive, responsible, hand-selected 11th and 12th graders. Your student's Cougar Link Leaders will help them feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school. Doesn't that sound great? It is!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. Your child will receive an invitation sent via mail to orientation.
2. A day or two before orientation, your child will also receive a phone call from their Cougar Link Crew Leader personally inviting them to orientation day and giving the details of where to be and what time. The Leaders can also answer any questions they may have.
3. Your student is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses or other like items as the day is quite active.
4. Because the day is active, please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.
5. Cell phone use is forbidden on this day.

We look forward to a great orientation day!

Office Closed Dates

Our office summer hours are 8:00-3:00 pm Monday-Friday at Magee Middle School. We hope to be back at Sahuaro High School beginning Monday, July 13. Our front offices will be closed to the public on the following dates:

- Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth Holiday)
- Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 3 for our (Independence Day & Summer Holiday)
- Wednesday, July 15 8:00-9:30 (Training)
- Thursday, July 30 & Tuesday, July 31 (District Professional Learning Days)
- Monday, August 3 8:00-Noon (Site Training)

Device Check Out & Student ID

We will issue school devices and student ID cards in the first full week of school. Once issued, students will be expected to wear their ID and bring their charged devices every day to school. To receive their laptops, students will need the following:

- Families must have completed their Online Registration through ParentVue
- Turn in any devices that may have previously been checked out to them

Counseling Department Services

Wednesday, July 15, is the target date when families and students will be able to see their tentative schedule in ParentVue & StudentVue. On Friday, July 24, Counselors will be available to meet with students and families by appointment only. To schedule appointments please call 731-7210, starting Thursday, July 16. Please see the flyer in this packet for more details and available dates.



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School Meals Program

This year TUSD will continue its status as a Community Eligible Provision (CEP) District. This means we can provide free breakfasts and lunches for all our students. In addition to the standard lunch, other food, snacks, and drinks are also available. Please visit our District's meal website for information on menus, prices, and applications for free or reduced meals for the upcoming school year. On the website you will see the portal for online payments is now called "LINQ Connect."

TUSD Food Services Website <https://www.tusd1.org/food-services-meals>
Free or Reduced Benefits Application <https://www.tusd1.org/food-services-non-cep>

Senior Yearbook Photos

Seniors and families please call Silhouette Photography today to schedule your appointment for your senior yearbook portrait. Seniors must be photographed by Wednesday, December 9 to be in our yearbook! Please do not wait, appointments book up fast. If you have not filled out the online contact form, please go to www.silhouettephoto.com and click on Senior contact form. Please call 520-886-1710 today to book your session. Here is a link to review session types: <https://www.silhouettephoto.com/session-types>

Parking Passes

Students, do you drive to school? All students will need to purchase a parking pass. This cost is \$6.00. Parking passes will be available for purchase starting August 10 and can be purchased online at: <https://az-tucson.intouchrecepting.com/>

Senior Reserved Parking & Painting

Senior parking spots are available for \$15. The funds raised will support senior events, including prom, graduation, and the senior gift. We have two sessions scheduled for this opportunity:

- Session 1: Saturday, August 15, from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- Session 2: Saturday, August 22, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM (immediately following Senior Sunrise)

Please note that these dates are subject to change as our campus renovation projects progress.

NC for Excessive Absences

Successful completion of class assignments, taking notes, classroom discussions, and regular attendance are all critical factors for a student's learning. Students who record 10 or more unexcused absences in a semester for a class will be issued an "NC" (No Credit). Students and families may submit an "Attendance Appeal," requesting for student's potential passing grade to be restored. At the end of each semester, a school committee will review the Attendance Appeals. The committee may grant the credit, deny the credit, or grant the credit on the condition of the student successfully completing an attendance contract. This policy only applies to the courses where the student is receiving a passing grade. This policy does not apply to the classes where the student earned an F.

Tardy Policy: Excessive tardies can be very disruptive and can have a negative impact on students' learning. If a student is tardy more than twice in a given quarter, they will be assigned lunch detention by their teacher. Any further or ongoing tardiness in that quarter may result in escalated disciplinary action.

Advanced Placement Expectations: We are proud to offer a diverse range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. AP is a program designed by the College Board that allows high school students to engage in college-level coursework and earn college credit before graduation. The main goal of our AP courses is to thoroughly prepare students for the AP Exams scheduled in May.

All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP Exam. Each exam costs \$99; however, financial assistance is available for families who qualify. AP Exams are administered conveniently on our campus.

Participation in our school's AP program is highly recommended for students aiming to enhance their college admission prospects and qualify for competitive scholarships.

Cell Phone Use at School

Tucson Unified School District limits student cell phone use during the school day to reduce distractions and support learning. Phones should be kept out of sight and not used during instructional time, passing periods, or recess. High school students may use phones during lunch only. Cell phones may be used when approved by a teacher for instructional purposes or in the case of emergencies, medical needs, or other administrative approval. Students who do not follow the policy may have their device confiscated in accordance with district guidelines.

ParentSquare Account Setup

We will continue to use ParentSquare as our primary communication platform for the upcoming school year. Tucson Unified School District uses ParentSquare to share important school and district information with families. Parent and guardian accounts are automatically created using the email address or phone number on file with your child's school. Watch for an activation email or text message from ParentSquare and follow the instructions to activate your account. Once activated, you may download the ParentSquare app and set your notification preferences to receive messages in the way that works best for you.

Drop Off, Pick Ups & Deliveries

As we begin the school year, please be aware that our parking lot may be congested. It will take some time for everyone to adjust. We kindly ask that you do not block the entrances to our church neighbors to the north or the bus bay. Additionally, we are unable to accept deliveries, including flowers and meals from delivery apps, as we do not have the staffing available to process these safely while carrying out our primary duties. Lastly, please remember that if you need to check out your child before the end of the school day, you must come into the office and present your ID. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

New This Year: Two Way Dual Language (TWDL)

We are excited to launch a new Two-Way Dual Language Program at Sahuaro High School, designed to expand bilingual learning and academic opportunities for our students. The program will include Advanced Placement Spanish coursework and will allow students to earn the Arizona State Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation. Looking ahead, our goal is to create a pathway for students to earn professional interpreter certification in the medical or legal fields. We are currently collaborating with local higher education institutions to develop these opportunities and hope to implement the certification component within the next two to three years.

In This Packet

Also, in this packet, you will find our bell schedules, testing dates, more information about our new Link Crew, information on how to access our online store, a message from our Health Office, directions on how to contact or make an appointment with your counselor, details on how to connect with our coaches and teams this summer, and an event calendar. Please know that most students will take 6 classes per day, Periods 1-6. Period 0 and Period 7 are for extended day and are used for specialty classes.

Please see our website for updates to our event calendar and any new information. Please make sure your contact information and email addresses are up to date with our front office so we can continue to give you important updates throughout the summer and during the school year. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Enjoy your summer!!!

Thank you,

Roberto A. Estrella

Roberto A. Estrella, Principal

Where your learning matters. We make it happen.