Fairland Local School District

Student & Family Guide

Back to School 2026–2027

Learning Together. Growing Together. Succeeding Together.

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Welcome to Fairland

Letter from the Superintendent

We are so excited to be able to welcome you back to school next month. Our commitment is to provide a safe, supportive, and challenging environment where every student is inspired to learn and grow.

Each day, our schools are focused on creating meaningful learning experiences that help students build confidence, develop their talents, and prepare for success. We believe strong relationships, high expectations, and a caring school culture make all the difference.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to support every child. We value the role families play in student success and look forward to an outstanding year of learning and achievement. Go Dragons!

Roni Hayes

Strategic Plan
Building the Future Together

Academic Excellence - Relationships - Respect - Community - Opportunity - Spirit of the Dragon

The Fairland Local School District's **Strategic Plan 2026 - 2029** kicks off this fall. It serves as our roadmap for the future. The plan reflects our shared vision for providing every student with the opportunities, support, and experiences they need to succeed.

Our Strategic Plan guides the decisions we make, the goals we set, and the investments we prioritize. It helps ensure that our work remains focused on what matters most—student learning, student well-being, strong relationships, responsible stewardship, and meaningful partnerships with our families and community.

While the plan outlines long-term goals, its success is built through the everyday actions of our students, staff, families, and community members. Whether it's creating engaging learning experiences, celebrating student achievements, supporting one another, or

demonstrating the Spirit of the Dragon, each of us plays an important role in bringing our vision to life.

Together, we are building a school district where every student is known, valued, challenged, and prepared for a bright future.

The Spirit of the Dragon Award - Coming this school year!

We believe that the true spirit of our schools is reflected in the everyday actions of the people who make up our Dragon family. The **Spirit of the Dragon Award** was created to recognize students and staff who demonstrate the values that make Fairland a special place to learn, work, and grow.

Recipients of this award are individuals who lead with kindness, integrity, respect, perseverance, service, and compassion. They build positive relationships, support others, take pride in our schools, and contribute to a welcoming environment for all.

The Spirit of the Dragon Award also celebrates those whose actions help bring our Strategic Plan to life by supporting student success, strengthening our school community, encouraging continuous growth, and fostering meaningful partnerships.

Nominations are welcomed throughout the year from students, families, staff, and community members. We encourage everyone to recognize the individuals whose actions—both big and small—make a positive difference in the lives of others and help strengthen the Fairland community.

Together, we celebrate the Spirit of the Dragon by recognizing those who inspire others through their character, leadership, and commitment to making Fairland the very best it can be.

Know someone who deserves to be recognized?
Scan here for the Spirit of the Dragon nomination form.

We believe every Dragon should: Be Respectful - Be Responsible - Be Kind - Be Honest - Work Hard - Help Others

"The Spirit of the Dragon is demonstrated through the way we treat others, the effort we give, and the pride we take in our school and community."

Learning at Fairland: Academic Programs

Fairland offers a rigorous curriculum designed to challenge students and prepare them for success in the classroom and beyond. Teachers use personalized learning strategies to meet students where they are and help them grow. We regularly monitor progress to ensure every learner is supported, encouraged, and moving forward.

Students learn through hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. These opportunities help students solve problems, think critically, and apply what they learn to real-world situations. Career exploration activities also introduce students to pathways that connect learning with future opportunities.

Fine Arts

Our fine arts programs give students opportunities to express themselves through music, art, and drama. These experiences build creativity, confidence, and appreciation for different forms of expression. Students are encouraged to share their talents and explore new ways to create and perform.

Athletics & Extracurriculars

We offer multiple sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities that help students build teamwork and leadership skills. These programs create opportunities for students to connect with peers, set goals, and represent their school with pride. Participation also helps students develop discipline, responsibility, and school spirit. There is something for every student to get involved in and enjoy.

Special Education & Gifted Services

We are committed to supporting the unique needs of every learner through individualized instruction and services. Students who need additional support receive targeted help, while gifted learners are provided with enrichment that challenges and extends their learning. Our goal is to make sure each student is known, supported, and appropriately challenged. Every child deserves instruction that helps them reach their fullest potential.

Career Technical Education

Career Technical Education gives students hands-on training in fields connected to real careers. Students can develop practical skills, explore industry pathways, and work toward certifications that prepare them for the future. These experiences help students connect classroom learning with life after graduation and build confidence in their abilities.

Attendance Matters

Students who attend regularly perform better academically, build stronger relationships, and develop responsibility. Missing school can put students behind, making it harder to keep up with lessons and assignments. Regular attendance helps students stay connected, confident, and ready to learn. Every school day counts toward success.

District Expectation: Students are expected to attend school every day, on time, ready to learn. Please notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent.

School Communication

Where families receive information:

- **Website** — District news, calendars, and resources
- **Facebook** — Updates, photos, and community highlights
- **District App** — Direct messages, forms, and announcements
- **Email** — Important notices and newsletters
- **Phone** — Attendance, emergencies, and personal contact
- **Emergency Notifications** — Urgent alerts and closures - make sure your contact information is up to date.

Scan the QR code to visit our Web site.

Download our app via the app store!
FLSD App - Information Page

Getting Involved

Family involvement strengthens the school community and helps create a positive, supportive environment for every student. When families stay engaged, students have more opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed.

Parent Organizations

PTO gives families a chance to share ideas, support school events, and connect with other parents. These organizations help build a stronger partnership between home and school.

Volunteering

Families can volunteer in classrooms, help at school events, or support field trips and special activities. Every contribution makes a difference and helps students feel supported.

Athletics & Activities

Attending games, concerts, and performances shows students that their efforts matter. Family support helps create school pride and encourages student participation.

Community Events

Family nights, celebrations, and community gatherings bring people together and strengthen relationships. These events help everyone feel connected to the school community.

Board Meetings

Families are encouraged to attend monthly board meetings to stay informed and engaged in district decisions.

Helpful Contacts

Department	**Contact Information**
Fairland East Elementary	740-886-3120 Jennifer Graham - Principal
Fairland West Elementary	740-886-3150 Abbie Pannell - Principal
Fairland Middle	740-886-3200 Aaron Lewis - Principal
Fairland High	740-886-3250 Tessa Leep - Principal
Transportation	740-886-3100
Athletic Director	740-886-3259 Jeff Gorby
District Office	740-886-3100

Staff Directory QR code

Food Service

The Fairland Local Schools Food Service staff look forward to serving your child(ren) nutritious and tasty meals during the upcoming school year! All Fairland schools offer breakfast and lunch each day school is in session which meets USDA's National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program standards.

We are thrilled to be able to offer free meals to all of our students through the Community Eligibility Provision, again this year. This program will ensure that all students have access to nutritious meals to support their learning. Visit our Food Service Web Page to view menus.

Frequently Asked Questions

Medication

Q: Can my child take medication at school?

A: Yes, with a completed medication form signed by a physician. Contact the school nurse @ 740-886-3120 for more information.

Athletics

Q: What are the requirements to participate in sports?

A: Students must have a current physical, signed forms, and maintain academic eligibility.

Schedules

Q: When will schedules be avaialble?

A: The first of August.

Student Fees

Q: What fees are required?

A: Fees vary by grade level and activities. Contact the office at your child(ren)'s for a complete list and payment options after August 1st.

2026-2027 District Calendar

Wednesday, August 19	First Day of School
Monday, September 7	Labor Day – No School
Monday, October 12	Professional Day - No School
Monday, November 2	Parent/Teacher Conference 3 - 9 PM
Tuesday, November 3	General Election Day – No School
Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Monday, December 21	Christmas Break Begins
Monday, January 4	Professional Day - No School
Monday, January 18	MLK Jr. Day – No School
Thursday, February 11	Professional Day - No School PTC 3:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday - Monday, February 12 - 15	President's Day Holiday – No School
Friday, March 26	Good Friday – No School
Monday-Friday March 29 – April 2	Spring Break – No School *
Thursday, May 27 - Last Day of School	Friday, May 28 - Graduation

Visit our website for calendar updates and events.
*** Contingency plan for make-up hours according to O.R.C.**

Student Resources

Support services are available to all students to help them succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Our staff is committed to connecting families with the right resources and ensuring every student feels supported.

Counseling Services — School counselors provide academic guidance, social-emotional support, and crisis intervention.
Mental Health Support — Confidential resources for students experiencing anxiety, stress, or other challenges. See your school counselor for additional information on available services.
Academic Support — Tutoring, intervention programs, and homework help available. See your school counselor for additional information.
Food Services — Breakfast and lunch programs
School Nurse — Health services, medication management, and wellness support.
Safety Reporting — Anonymous tip line for reporting concerns about safety or wellbeing. ***Text or Call*** 844-SAFEROH (844-723-3764)
A NEW resource for families — The Fairland Local School District has partnered with the Cook Center for Human Connection and their Mental Health Resource Center, ParentGuidance.org.

ParentGuidance.org is a website that was developed to help parents, guardians, and caregivers with parenting advice from the top clinicians and experts who offer guidance around issues related to the most common challenges parents face today: anxiety, social media use, school avoidance, bullying, and more.

It offers on-demand, anonymous courses and resources from experts who can help parents address common concerns, improve family relationships, and support your overall child's emotional well-being. The content is created by licensed therapists and experienced teachers! ParentGuidance.org wants to give parents and caregivers the tools they need to create a loving and supportive home for their children. Find the tools that you need to support your family, in English or Spanish, completely free.

Resources are available on our website under the Community Tab

Technology

Students Will...

- [ ] Utilize technology for learning - responsibly
- [ ] Safeguard your passwords
- [ ] Show respect to others online
- [ ] Maintain your devices
- [ ] Report any concerns or device issues

Parents Can Help By...

- [ ] Talking about digital citizenship
- [ ] Monitoring technology use
- [ ] Encouraging healthy screen habits

Responsible And Acceptable Use Agreement

This agreement outlines expectations for technology use and references district board policies. Students and parents should review it together to make sure everyone understands their responsibilities. The document must be signed by both student and parent prior to using any district owned technology.

FLSD Student Acceptable Use Policy 2026 - 2027 on our Links page

Staying Safe Online

Digital citizenship means making responsible choices whenever we use technology. Online safety is everyone's responsibility, and students should always use devices and websites in ways that protect themselves and others.

Protect Personal Information — Never share your address, phone number, or passwords online.
Use Strong Passwords — Create unique passwords and keep them private.
Recognize Scams — Be cautious of suspicious links, emails, or messages.
Respect Others — Treat people online the way you want to be treated.
Report Concerns — Tell a trusted adult if something online makes you uncomfortable.
Remember Your Digital Footprint — What you post online can last forever.

Artifical Intelligence AI Policy

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly important tool in education, the workplace, and everyday life. At Fairland Local School District, we believe students should have opportunities to learn about AI and use it responsibly to enhance learning while developing the critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills that will prepare them for the future.
- Students may use AI tools only when permitted by their teacher and for educational purposes that support classroom learning. AI can be a valuable resource for brainstorming ideas, practicing skills, conducting research, receiving feedback, and exploring new concepts. However, AI should never replace a student's own thinking, learning, or original work.
- Students are expected to use AI ethically and honestly. Using AI to complete assignments without teacher permission, submitting AI-generated work as one's own, or using AI in ways that violate classroom expectations or the Student Code of Conduct is considered inappropriate and may result in academic or disciplinary consequences.
- As technology continues to evolve, Fairland Local School District is committed to helping students become responsible digital citizens who use emerging technologies safely, ethically, and with integrity.

Artificial Intellegence Policy on our Links page

Did You Know? Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already used in many careers, including healthcare, engineering, agriculture, manufacturing, business, and education. Learning to use AI responsibly is an important skill for the future.

This agreement is governed by NEOLA Board Policies. Complete policy details are available on the district website: Technology Policies 7450

Thank you for being part of the Fairland family. Together, we will make this an outstanding year! Go Dragons!
Every day, in Every Way, Excellence is a Way of Life!