

Greetings Fossil Family,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

We are excited to welcome our new freshman and see our returning students in August.

Check-in is approaching quickly, and the dates and times for students are listed below. Check-in will include student pictures, student IDs, picking up student laptops, and completing parking permit requirements if driving to school. Students/parents will enter through the Gymnasium entrance on the days of check-in.

Fossil Ridge Check-in Schedule

Wednesday, August 5 th	Grade 12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Grade 11	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday, August 6 th	Grade 10	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Grade 9	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- *If you have multiple students, please plan to attend the check-in time slot coordinating with the eldest student.*
- *If you cannot attend check-in, students can collect laptops in our media center starting Aug 12th.*

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken for the yearbook and student ID's during check in 8/5 & 8/6. (Seniors have the option to submit a Senior picture for the yearbook and directions for this process will be sent out in a later email).

Order student pictures online using the link below. Place your order three days after picture day. All picture packets ordered from Studio 5 will be sent directly to the students' address entered in the order form. Picture packets can only be ordered online. No order forms will be collected at the time of check-in.

Click the link below to purchase a picture packet from Studio 5:

- **Link:**
<http://www.studio5portraits.preorderphotos.com/?AccessCode=X36TE9>
- **Access Code: X36TE9**

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Fossil Ridge High School

Wednesday, August 05 & Thursday, August 06, 2026

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(303)550-4456

Student Schedule Corrections

NEW this year: Student schedules are now available on StudentVUE and ParentVUE. For clarification about our schedule change options, students can submit a repair form if there is an **ERROR** in their schedule or if they want to only **DROP** a class. Counselors will have a table during check-in for this repair process only.

If the student wants to drop a class and replace it with a different class, would like to adjust their schedule for off periods, or adjust the order of their classes within their schedule, this can be completed at Add/Drop on **Thursday, August 20th from 7:30 am to 9:30 am in the gyms.**

→ *Studio 5 will also be present at Add/Drop 8/20/26 for students who missed check-in and need their picture taken and ID printed.*

Laptops

All students will be issued a laptop on the day of check-in. Students will need to log in with their PSD credentials at the time of pickup to ensure the laptop is working properly. Students must return previously borrowed laptops and chargers before a new laptop will be checked out for the 2026-2027 school year. Students unable to attend check-in on Aug 5th or 6th can pick up their laptop in the Media Center on the first day of school.

Lockers

All returning students were given the chance to sign up for a locker at the end of last year. Locker assignments will be available in Student/ParentVUE starting Aug 1st. Student locker assignments are located under *student info* in Student/ParentVUE. All new incoming students will be assigned a locker when they are registered. If you are not assigned to a locker and would like one, please contact Fossil Ridge's registrar -Sandi Emanuel semanuel@psdschools.org.

School Supply lists

Parents and students, please note that Fossil does not have a school supply list. This is because the supplies needed will depend on the class and teacher. Students will be given a syllabus at the start of class to explain the requirements for each class. Teachers will set the timeframe for obtaining the needed supplies for the class.

Counselors

A-Cha	Matt Murphy	North Wing	mmurphy@psdschools.org	488-6338
Che-Gam & ELL Students	Chris Savage	West Wing	csavage@psdschools.org	488-6272
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May-Red	Joshua Jackson	North Wing	jjackson@psdschools.org	488-6431
Ree-Stn	Nicole Alvarado	North Wing	nalvarad@psdschools.org	488-6271
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Drug & Alcohol Counselor	Bekken, Joel	West / Wellness	joelbek@psdschools.org	488-6331

New Incoming Students

All incoming 9th grade students will have a transition day on Tuesday, August 18th where they will have time to understand Fossil's daily schedule and orient to the building.

(Please note parts of our building will be off limits due to construction continuing until the start of school).

Fossil is also offering the same experience to our new incoming 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. On Tuesday, August 18th all new-to-Fossil 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade students are welcome to come and meet our Student Ambassadors in the Commons from 10:00 am -12:00 pm for orientation.

Fees

New this year: All fees can be paid ONLINE -School Pay no longer charging convenience fees. Sites will no longer be able to accept checks or cash.

- Fall Athletic Participation Fees if participating in a fall sport
- \$40 ACTIVITY PASS (optional)

If your FRHS student plans on attending eight or more home athletic or crosstown games (Football, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Basketball, or Wrestling) **plan to purchase the \$40 Activity Pass PRIOR to the check-in days.** The Activity Pass will save money and help support Fossil Ridge student programs.

Thanks for being a SaberCat! Contact the Athletic Office with any questions:

Carrie Hintzman, Athletic Secretary 970-488-6268.

***If you wait to purchase the Activity Pass until after the check-in days, you will be required to present a **paper copy** of the **Activity pass SchoolPay receipt AND a photo ID** before admission to athletic events. In October, we will notify families when our campus security officer can print and issue Activity Passes at FRHS for those who did not purchase them during the check-in days.*

Note: The payment process will be much faster if a SchoolPay account is created **prior** to purchase. If you have not already created a SchoolPay account, click [SchoolPay](#) to create an account.

Parking Permits

<https://frh.psdschools.org/about-our-school/campus-safety-and-parking/parking>

Fossil Ridge High School parking permits are required for all students and staff parked on school property. FRHS parking permits cost \$35, and replacement permits are subject to a \$10 fee.

Parking permit applications can be completed online; hard copy applications can be picked up and turned in at the Front Office if needed. Please review all FRHS parking rules and PSD Board Policies before applying for a parking permit.

Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility

<https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals>

Fee/Charge Waivers

If you qualify for free and reduced meals, complete the *Permission to Share* form in [ParentVue](#) to have fee/charge waivers applied to your student's account.

Families must complete both online forms and be approved. After approval for both forms, they must go online to SchoolPay to load the fees into their cart and checkout for the waivers to be applied.

Code of Conduct

Each year, we ask our parents/guardians and secondary students to provide a digital acknowledgment after reviewing the updated [Student Rights and Code of Conduct](#), which is a compilation of rules, policies, and regulations regarding student behavior.

The [2026-27 Code of Conduct is now available on the PSD website](#) in multiple languages.

Here's how to complete your acknowledgement:

- Parents/guardians:
 - Log into the ParentVUE parent portal.
 - Read the Acknowledgement text box.
 - Click on the link at the bottom of the page to download the Code of Conduct.
 - Write your name on the signature field exactly as it appears on your ParentVUE account.
 - Click “Yes.” Parents/guardians will not be given access to ParentVUE until they electronically sign the acknowledgment.
- Parents of secondary students (6-12): Your student will also be asked to acknowledge having received and reviewed the Code of Conduct when logging into StudentVUE for the first time this school year.
- Families new to PSD who have never accessed their ParentVUE account will receive a separate email with instructions for how to log into ParentVUE.
- If you have questions, see the [ParentVUE FAQ](#) or contact your school.

Student Data Verification

Every school year, parents/guardians can review and update their student and family information online through [ParentVUE](#). Keeping your family's information up-to-date is crucial to receiving timely communication from the district and ensuring that you can be contacted in case of emergency.

If you have questions about updating your student or family's information, please contact your students' school.

Once logged into [ParentVUE](#), click on the Online Registration/Data Verification tab on the top right-hand corner of the screen and select the 2026-2027 Current Student and Family Data Verification process from the drop-down menu. Please review and update the information and finish by submitting your student's data verification.

<https://www.psdschools.org/academics/parentvue/student-family-data-verification>

[Military Opt-out](#)

If you do not want 11th & 12th grade student information released to military recruiters, please fill out the form (link above) and return it to Fossil Ridge High School's Front Office. The form must be completed and submitted by the student, parent, or both to the student's school each year for which nondisclosure is requested. In order to ensure that the form is received before the district is required to release the student information to military recruiters, it must be submitted to the student's school no later than the third Monday in September.

Media Opt-out form

Media Opt-Out Form ([LINK](#)) is for parents who wish to designate that their child SHOULD NOT be in photos/video or articles published by PSD and/or its schools. If this form is not completed and returned to the school by September 1 each year, PSD will assume that parent(s)/guardian(s) are permitted to publish their student's photo, video, and/or name as specified below.

Athletics

All FRHS Athletes must have an orange practice card prior to practice/tryouts. Fall sports registration will begin 7/27/26. The online link will not be available until this time. Beginning July 27, 2026 please follow [THIS LINK](#) to our Athletics page for information on how to register and complete the requirements for participation.

Please make sure to bring in a copy of a current physical and the proof that athletic payments/fees have been paid. All fees must be paid online through school pay (no longer charging convenience fees). Cash or check payments must be paid at the district office.

Office hours are limited, so please be sure to plan ahead before tryouts begin.

Athletic Office Hours for Fall season Orange Card Collection Only:

July 27, 2026 – August 7, 2026

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please use the Athletic entrance only. Our building is under construction and is officially closed for the summer. During these office hours, no other items may be collected or dropped off. We can only accommodate orange card needs at this time.

FRHS: PHONE-FREE SCHOOL

WHAT'S NEW?

In support of our mission to ensure upon graduating each student will possess the skills, character, aptitude, and knowledge to successfully engage options they choose in work and post-secondary education, we have modified our student expectations regarding cell phone use at Fossil Ridge High School. These expectations align with Poudre School District's recent addendums to the district student cell phone policy.

FRHS has adopted new phone-free guidelines for students to enhance our student experience and foster a positive and healthy student culture.

We are excited to implement this change to enhance the student experience in support of the following core values:

- Healthy relationships
- Inclusion and belonging
- Focus on learning
- Collaboration
- R.I.D.G.E. values: Respect, Integrity, Determination, Gratitude, Excellence

WHY WE ARE MAKING THIS CHANGE

Along with parents and guardians, our primary goal is to nurture healthy students who enjoy enriched and fulfilling life experiences. We aim to foster authentic face-to-face peer connections that inspire curiosity and creativity in the classroom. Our vision is for students to engage in healthy social interactions.

After analyzing extensive research concerning the impact of cell phones and digital media's impact on teen mental health and academic achievement, we have revised our cell phone policy to limit cell phone use in support of our goals to support the well-being of our students and increase our focus on learning outcomes.

Cell phones can be a significant distraction to learning, not just for users, but also for peers and teachers. The constant pull for attention created by a cell phone also negatively impacts mental health and social-emotional learning. Research indicates a strong correlation between digital media and sleep disruption, reduced attention span, social comparison, and cyberbullying. Cell phone distractions impact students' ability to stay engaged in learning, focus on academics, and build healthy relationships with peers and school staff.



OUR NEW GUIDELINES

Cell phones, Airpods/ear buds and all other personal communication devices (other than student laptops) are to be turned off and stored in a backpack or locker during the entirety of instructional periods. They should not be utilized in hallways/restrooms during instructional periods either. Cell phone use is only permitted during off periods in the commons, passing periods, and lunchtime.

Students who repeatedly violate these expectations may lose the privilege of carrying these devices on campus and face disciplinary action. FRHS is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronic or communication devices.

Effective starting in Aug. 2025

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Can my child still bring their phone to school?

Students will still be allowed to bring their phones to school. We expect them to be turned off and stored in a backpack/locker during instructional periods.

Will there be a way for parents to communicate with their children during the school day?

Yes! We want parents to be able to communicate with their children during the school day if necessary. Like the adult workplace, our classrooms need to be focused and productive. To ensure we accomplish this, parents have two options to communicate with their children during the school day.

- Parents can call our main office anytime at 970-488-6260 to leave a message for their child that we will deliver to their classroom.
- Parent-student communication via cell phone will still be permitted with staff permission. Students can ask their teacher to step outside the classroom door to make a phone call or text their parents in a time of need.

What happens if a student violates this new policy?

Students who violate the FRHS Cell Phone Policy are subject to one or more of the following consequences:

- 1st Offense: The phone is confiscated and kept in the main office for the remainder of the school day. Students can pick their phone up at the end of their school day in the front office.
- 2nd Offense: The phone is confiscated and kept in the main office for the remainder of the school day. The parent/guardian must pick up the phone after school from the front office.
- Multiple infractions of the FRHS Cell Phone Policy may necessitate a behavior/technology plan to support the student's compliance with the policy. Multiple infractions may lead to a formal referral and disciplinary action, including detentions and/or suspension.

Does limiting cell phone access make students less safe?

Safety is our top priority. We would not be doing this if we felt student safety would be compromised. We also recognize that in today's world, parents often feel reassured knowing they can contact their children during emergencies. Cell phone use during an emergency can lead to distractions and a lack of focus on safety protocols. Phones may also contribute to the spread of misleading information and false claims concerning emergencies, which may actually exacerbate anxiety and decrease safety in moments of crisis.

In addition, school staff are responsible for keeping students safe during the school day and they receive training so they are prepared in the event of an emergency. Each classroom is equipped with a phone, computer, intercom pager, and additional emergency communication tools.

My child uses their phone as an organizational planner and learning tool. How can they do these things without the use of their cell phone?

The types of things students would typically do with a phone to aid in organization and learning can all be completed on their school-issued laptop computer (ie. checking grades, maintaining activity calendars with homework due dates, taking pictures of a teacher's board, calculator functions, email, etc.). Often, calendars, emails, planners, to-do lists, and photos can be synced with a cloud-based device and accessed on a cell phone after school.

What if a child requires the use of a phone-based app or electronic accessory as part of an individual learning plan or medical need?

If one or more of these rules conflicts with a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan, the conflicting terms of this policy shall not apply to that student. Please contact your child's case manager and/or counselor to ensure that we have proper plans in place to begin the new school year.

FRHS Building Closure

Please note our building will be closed on **August 10th and 11th due** to all staff training events and preparing for the start of the school year. Phones might not be answered during that time, but all voice messages will be returned within a 24-hour timeframe.

→ Aug 12th the Front Office will return to normal hours: 8:00 am – 4:30pm.

Back to School Night

The date for Back to School Night is **Wednesday, August 26** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Homecoming 2026 & Prom 2027 Dates

The 2026 Homecoming dance will be Saturday, 9/19/2026 at FRHS. The 2027 Prom is scheduled for Saturday, 4/10/26 at CSU. More information will be sent as dates approach.

PSD School Meals

[PSD food services](#)

This link will take you to information about Menus, prices, the biometric meal program, and any special food needs required for your student. Your student will be able to get registered in the biometric meal program at check-in dates. Stop by that station and get your student enrolled in the [biometric meal program](#).

[Fossil Menu](#)

Schedules for 2026-27 School Year (below)

Fossil Ridge High School Weekly Schedule 2026-2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0 7:05-8:55	0 7:05 – 8:55	No Zero Period Study Support 8:55 – 9:25	0 7:05 – 8:55	0 7:05 – 8:55
1 9:05 – 10:34	1 9:05 – 10:34	1 9:30 – 10:54	1 9:05 – 10:34	1 9:05 – 10:34
2 10:41 – 12:15 Announcements 10:41-10:46	2 10:41 – 12:15 Announcements 10:41-10:46	2 11:02 – 12:26	2 10:41 – 12:15 Announcements 10:41-10:46	2 10:41 – 12:15 Announcements 10:41-10:46
Lunch Served 12:15 – 1:00	Lunch Served 12:15 – 1:00	Lunch Served 12:26-1:11	Lunch Served 12:15 – 1:00	Lunch Served 12:15 – 1:00
3 1:00 – 2:29	3 1:00 – 2:29	3 1:11 – 2:35	3 1:00 – 2:29	3 1:00 – 2:29
4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:41 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05
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Fossil Ridge High School Weekly Schedule With Homeroom 2026-2027

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3 1:00 – 2:29	3 1:00 – 2:29	3 12:43 – 2:06	3 1:00 – 2:29	3 1:00 – 2:29
		Home Room 2:06 – 2:36		
4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:42 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05	4 2:36 – 4:05
9 4:15 – 5:44	9 4:15 – 5:44	9 4:15 – 5:38	9 4:15 – 5:44	9 4:15 – 5:44
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HOMEROOM DATES:

September 2nd
September 30th
October 21st
November 11th
December 2nd
January 13th
February 24th
May 5th