



YOUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

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Dear Young Community,

I am very excited to be back for another year at Young Public School. We are starting the school year fully staffed and have some wonderful new staff additions to the school. As our student enrollment shifts each year, so may our class assignments. This year's grade levels are K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12. Sixth grade will be at the elementary level, but will also have some opportunities to attend Middle School classes for advanced work.

This year we are bringing in a new Math and Social Studies curriculum for Kindergarten through 6th Grades. The teachers will share more information about these programs as the year starts.

Grades 7th through 12th will continue with a Zero Hour and the school day will begin at 7:30 am. Zero Hour will run from 7:30-7:55. This will be an opportunity for students in the Student Council to meet on a regular basis. It will allow students to seek extra help or get uncompleted work done if needed. Also, this time is allotted for students to work on extra online elective courses. High School students will be earning an additional .5 credit for the year with this time so attendance is mandatory. Ultimately, this time will benefit the students by affording them to have a bit more time for extra academic support and to do the things they are interested in.

The first day of school for students is Thursday, July 30, 2026. School will start at 7:45 for Kindergarten through 6th grades, and at 7:30 for 7th through 12th grades. To maximize our staffing hours and for consistency, students may arrive on campus starting at 7:15. The cafeteria will open for breakfast at 7:15 am and student supervision will begin at that time.

Preschool starts on August 5, 2026. The program runs from 7:30-10:45. Breakfast will be served in the preschool room as part of the program.

We will host a **Meet the Teacher Night** on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the YPS gym.

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year and to working with all of you. If you have any questions, you may feel free to stop by the school, or send me an email at cknippen@youngschool.org.

Thank you! Enjoy the summer! And, I'll see you soon!

Chad Knippen