



INDIAN TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

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2026-2027: Welcome to the Hawk's Nest

Greetings Hawk Families!

Ready or not, the start of the 2026-2027 school year is just days away and I hope that you are ready for that challenging transition from summer time to school time. We have been working really hard all summer to ensure that we have everything in place for your family to have a successful school year! I know you are very busy, but I want to make sure you all have the information you need to get off to a great start on the first day of school which is Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Please read the following and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to working with you throughout the school year and are very excited to see all of our students on Tuesday morning!

Welcome to the 2026 - 2027 school year - as always, GO HAWKS!

Scott Kennow, Principal

Indian Trail High School and Academy

Important Information for Parents/Guardians/Students

- **Tuesday, September 2, 2026: *FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL***
 - **9th grade students** begin at 7:20 a.m. Transportation for 9th grade students will run as normal.
 - **10th, 11th, and 12th grade students** begin their day at 9:55 a.m. Transportation for students in grades 10-12 will begin approximately three (3) hours later than normal, allowing them to be here by 9:55 a.m.
 - View the first day of school schedule here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/145yLC69pOIK5_EG0FtVT4J8d0ydSCCFR/edit

NOTE: This is **ONLY** for the first day of school. All students will begin their regular school day scheduled classes on day two starting at 7:20 a.m. sharp and finishing at 2:53 p.m.

- Remember, KUSD utilizes **Weapons Detection Technology** for everyone entering the building throughout the school day, so students should be prepared to remove their Chromebooks/computers,

3-ring binders, metal lunch boxes, eyeglass cases, etc. before entering the building. These items will be handed to security as they pass through the system.

- **Where to Drop Off Your Child (Mornings):**

- **Use the circle drive only:** This is located just west of the school's main entrance.
- **Do NOT use the student parking lot:** It is not designated for drop-offs, nor is it safe for our students.
- **How to Keep the Line Moving**
 - **Arrive early:** School doors open at 6:30 a.m. Traffic gets very heavy after 7:00 a.m.
 - **Form two lines:** Pull into the circle drive and form two parallel lines. *Note, there is no parking at any point in the circle drive as this disrupts the flow of traffic and causes dangerous backups.*
 - **Exit anywhere near the sidewalk:** Your child does not need to wait until you reach the front of the school. They should exit the car as soon as traffic stops anywhere along the sidewalk.
 - **Be ready:** Make sure your child has their backpack and belongings ready so they can get out of the car immediately.
- **Safety Rules**
 - **Watch for kids:** Keep a close eye out for students opening doors and walking between vehicles.
 - **Check before moving:** Always look in front of and around your vehicle before pulling away.
- **Tardy Policy**
 - **Be on time:** Students must be in their seats by 7:20 a.m.
 - **No excuses:** Traffic, bad weather, and train delays do not excuse a tardy. Late students will be marked tardy, which can lead to official attendance reviews.

- **Students Driving to School:**

- **Parking Permits**
 - **Requirement:** Students who drive to school must have a registered parking permit to use the student lot.
 - **How to get one:** Fill out the [Google Form on our website](#) and pay the \$50 fee before parking on campus.
 - The parking permit ***must be visible at all times*** when parked on school property. Merely filling out the Google form/paying for the permit does not exempt your student from parking citations.
 - Please note that all parking citations on school property are issued directly by the City of Kenosha. The school does not handle parking tickets and has no authority to cancel or reverse them. Any disputes or payments must be handled directly through the city.
- **Where to Park**
 - **Student lot only:** Students are only allowed to park in the designated student parking lot.
 - **No exceptions:** Students may not park anywhere else on school property. Vehicles without a permit, or vehicles parked in unauthorized areas, will be ticketed.
- **Safe Driving Expectations**
 - **Drive safely:** Please remind your student to drive carefully.

- Consequences: Reckless or unsafe driving will not be tolerated. Violations will result in the student losing their parking privileges, and they may also receive a police citation.
- **Attendance:** Our school rules require all students to be physically inside their assigned classroom before the bell rings for every period of the day. In the morning, this means your child must be at their desk and ready to learn by the 7:20 a.m. bell. Anyone not inside the classroom at this time will be marked tardy. To meet these expectations, we strongly encourage families to take advantage of our early hours, as school doors open at 6:30 a.m. Traffic in the drop-off area peaks heavily as the start of the school day approaches, so please plan your morning routine and travel routes to allow plenty of time for a safe, on-time arrival. A few other notes on attendance:
 - [Infinite Campus](#) has an application that all families should have on their phone. Parents and students can get live updates as attendance is taken. Be sure to monitor this closely and contact the school if you have any concerns about attendance.

NOTE: If you forget to excuse your student's absence, notifications of truancy will be sent out. Parents have up to five (5) days to report a student absence. Unreported absences become truanies. Truanies and excessive tardiness will prevent students from attending events such as, but not limited to, Homecoming, Winter Formal, or Prom.

- Parents have the option to use Infinite Campus to schedule student absences. Those absences will be reviewed by our attendance team as quickly as they can given the number of students we have here at Indian Trail. Be sure to enter absences or notify our main office within 24 hours in advance to ensure that we have time to help with requests.
- WI State law only allows parents to excuse their student for up to 10 days per school year for any reason (family vacations, illness or family weddings). Once a student has exhausted their 10 parent-excused absences for the school year, the school can no longer accept standard parent notes, emails, or phone calls to excuse an absence. For any future absence to be marked as "excused" and to avoid truancy penalties, official documentation must be submitted to the attendance office within 5 days of the student's return. Acceptable documentation includes:
 - Medical Excuse: A signed note from a licensed physician, dentist, therapist, or medical professional confirming the student was seen for an illness or appointment.
 - Legal/Court Documentation: An official notice or subpoena requiring the student's presence in court.
 - Religious Observance: Written notification of a recognized religious holiday or event.
 - Bereavement: Documentation or a note regarding a death in the immediate family.

Any absence without this official documentation will automatically be marked as unexcused, which may lead to truancy reviews.

For us to be most successful with our students, we need them to be here learning. *We appreciate your support with this!*

- **Personal Electronic Devices (i.e., cell phones, headphones, ipads, etc.):** Our school maintains a strict learning environment where personal electronic devices (including cell phones, headphones, and iPads) are not permitted during class time. Upon entering any classroom, students are required to secure their devices immediately, typically by placing them into a designated pocket chart as directed by the teacher. The only times and locations where students may use their personal devices are in the hallways during passing periods and in the cafeteria during their scheduled lunch. Devices are strictly prohibited in bathrooms or while a student is out of class on a hall pass.

If a student has a device out during class, they will be sent to the Office of School Management (OSM). The device will be confiscated and held in a secure location for the remainder of the day, and a behavioral referral will be written. Parents will be notified of the violation via email or phone call. Students may retrieve their confiscated items from the OSM at the conclusion of the school day.

- **School Lunch:** Unless you have qualified for the free/reduced lunch prices, families need to use [My School Bucks](#) to add money to your student's meal account. Or, you can send cash/check with your student to have money put in their lunch account. Lunch payment envelopes are located in the main office. Please refer to <https://www.kusd.edu/district/departments/food-service/> for more information about the school breakfast and lunch program.

Important Note: Due to safety issues, we do NOT permit students to have lunch delivered during the school day. Any DoorDash, fast food or other forms of outside food deliveries are strictly prohibited and students will NOT be permitted to have these items until after the school day is over. Also, KUSD and Health Department Policies prohibit students from bringing home-baked food to share with others (for example, baking cupcakes to share with the class.)

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- **End of the Day:** The end of the school day is 2:53 p.m. (including Fridays) Please be sure to arrange for transportation after school as we do not have supervision for students after 3:15 p.m. Students are expected to wait outside the main doors unless the weather is unsafe to do so.
- **Check for communications regularly.** Indian Trail uses Parent Square, automated phone calls, and our website to make sure our families stay informed. You can find important information and scheduled

events on our website: <https://www.kusd.edu/indiantrail/>. If you are not getting Parent Square messages from school, please contact our guidance department or the KUSD helpdesk (262.359.7700).

- **Communicate with Indian Trail:**

- If your child is going to miss any part of the school day, please use the Absence Request link in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You can access this tab by going to the *Menu > More > Absence Request*. As an alternative, you can also call **262.359.8500** to report the absence. Any excused absences that are not reported will be recorded as a “truancy” and will become a part of their permanent record. Parents/guardians are provided a *5-day grace period* to correct any attendance discrepancies. Attending events such as social dances, etc. are contingent upon students having good behavior and attendance.
- If your child experiences anything that concerns you regarding **school safety**, be sure to call school administration right away or, if appropriate, the Kenosha Police Department. Safety is always our number one priority and we will always respond immediately to any potential threats or concerns that our students or families may have.

- **Expect your student to do the following (3 Keys):**

- **Be Nice!** When students are not treating others with respect, many things can go wrong and have a very negative impact on everyone. If someone is engaging in behavior that negatively impacts your student, please report it immediately.
- **Be On Time!** No matter how great of a job our teachers do, they cannot help your student learn if your student is not sitting in front of them and on time. School begins at 7:20 a.m. which means students must be in their assigned area at that time.
- **Work Hard!** The ultimate goal of high school is to graduate. This can ONLY be done by earning 23.5 credits. If students do not pass their classes, they cannot earn those credits and will place themselves at risk for not graduating. Students MUST do the work! Use Infinite Campus daily so you can respond immediately when students have assignments/tests that are late or missing. Daily work is critical to preparing for the assessments. When students struggle, it always shows up in the daily assignments first. Do not accept excuses for not doing the expected work.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, September 2, 2026: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** (see note above for details)
- **Wednesday, September 9, 2026: Picture Retake - 8am - 3:30pm**
 - Students who either missed our August picture days, or who would like to retake their photo, may do so on September 9th. Students will be called down during the school day to take their photo. **Senior retakes will be on October 7th and 8th.**
- **Friday, October 2, 2026:** No school for students (Professional Learning Day) Homecoming Parade and Football Game vs. Rufus King High School.
- **Saturday, October 3rd, 2026:** Homecoming Dance takes place at Indian Trail on Saturday, October 3rd. More information will be available to students throughout the first few weeks of school regarding the cost of tickets and behavior/attendance requirements for eligibility.

Reminder: Stay informed by checking your email and our school calendar for upcoming events:

<https://www.kusd.edu/indiantrail/information/calendar/>

Let's all have a safe and successful school year!!!

GO HAWKS!!!

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