



TALAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

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Empowering Every Learner Every Day!

Greetings THS Family! We are eagerly preparing for the start of the 25-26 school year as we welcome the Class of 2029 to the Family and look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026 this May!

We are excited to build on our success – here's just a snapshot of what the #THSFamily achieved:

- #1 in all of Butler County high schools in overall performance (18 of 20 stars earned)
- #2 in overall student growth across all metrics
- “Battle of the Belts” winners (a record 3rd straight year), as more of our students were buckled up coming to and from school than every other high school in Butler County
- Girls Cross Country Team won a Division I Regional Title & finished 4th at States
- Highest ever graduation rate - over 98%

We owe these achievements to the Pride, Integrity, and Excellence shown daily by our students, staff, faculty, and community - the entire #THSFamily.

Important Upcoming Events:

- July 18th - THS Parking Application opens ** Visit the THS website “Parking” for details
- Aug 4th - 6:00 PM - Fall Sports Parent/Guardian/Player Meetings – THS PAC
- Aug 7th - Common Application Boot Camp – Cafeteria 9 am-1 pm (college-bound seniors)
- Aug 7th - Freshmen & New Student Orientation (4 – 7 PM)
 - last names A-K – 4:00 PM in the PAC
 - last names L-Z – 5:00 PM in the PAC
- Aug 7th - Upperclassmen Open House – 6 - 7 PM
- Aug 11th – Back to School Bash (Oxford Community Parks from 5:30 – 8:30 PM)
- Aug 13th – First Day of School for all 9th-12th graders
- Aug 21st – Picture Day

What will take place at the Aug 7th Orientation & Open House?

- Pay the \$40 Chromebook insurance (cash or check payable to “Talawanda High School”)
- Students will obtain their finalized 25-26 Class Schedule
- Opportunity to complete Final Forms - <https://talawanda-oh.finalforms.com/>
- Access the building, your locker, & connect with school & community partners
- Complete the 25-26 Free & Reduced application (assistance will be available)

Stay Connected

To stay fully informed about all of the happenings here, please be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram (@TalawandaHS), sign up for our eNews, check us out on YouTube (Channel 85 Talawanda), and register your cell phone and email with School Messenger when completing your Final Forms! Please note, our social media outlets are for sharing information only. We do not use these as a two-way communication system. If you have a question, please email the appropriate faculty or staff member or call the school directly. For those who follow us on X, we will be phasing that platform out this year. Please use one of the outlets above to stay connected!

Student Cell Phone Usage: Compliance with Senate Bill 158

Ohio Senate Bill 158 seeks to promote a focused, respectful learning environment free from personal cell phone distractions during the entirety of the school day.

Expectations

- All student cell phones must be powered off from the first bell/arrival until dismissal.
- Phones may be stored in a student locker (private combination) or in a personal bookbag.
- They may not be out/on in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, or the cafeteria during the school day.
- Additional connected electronic devices may also be stored should they present a disruption.

We will utilize a progressive discipline model to address cell phone violations. These procedures are outlined in the THS Student Handbook. Refusing to comply with a request related to cell phone procedures will result in additional consequences.

All parent/guardian contact should go through the main office. Students are never without access to communication. The school can always connect a student with a guardian using the office phone. In the event of a personal emergency, students may be permitted to access their phones in a supervised space. Once the emergency has been addressed, the student will power down and secure their device as per policy.

Student safety comes first. We will **not send students to hallways/lockers during an active emergency**. Communication with families will be handled centrally by **administration, SRO, or district personnel**. If students need to access their phones after an emergency to contact family, they will be given permission and time to do so once it is safe. In some situations (e.g., prolonged shelter-in-place or reunification), supervised phone retrieval/usage may be allowed once the situation is stable.

Drop-off & Pick-up Information:

Students should be in their first-period classes by 7:50 am, ready to start at 7:55 am. Our doors will open for drop-off at 7:40 AM. Breakfast will be served at this time. Students with a zero-bell course may enter at 7:20 am.

2025-2026 Bell Schedule	
Zero Bell	7:30 - 7:50 AM
1st Bell	7:55 - 8:39 AM
2nd Bell	8:43 - 9:35 AM
Tutorial	9:39 - 10:03 AM
3rd Bell	10:07 - 10:50 AM
4th Bell - A Lunch	Lunch: 10:50-11:20; Class: 11:24-12:08
4th Bell - B Lunch	Class: 10:54-11:38; Lunch: 11:38-12:08
5th Bell	12:12 - 12:55 PM
6th Bell	12:59 - 1:42 PM
7th Bell	1:46 - 2:30 PM

Doors Open: 7:40 AM
Busses Arrive: 7:50 AM

All Students should arrive no later than 7:50 AM

Busses Depart: 2:35 PM

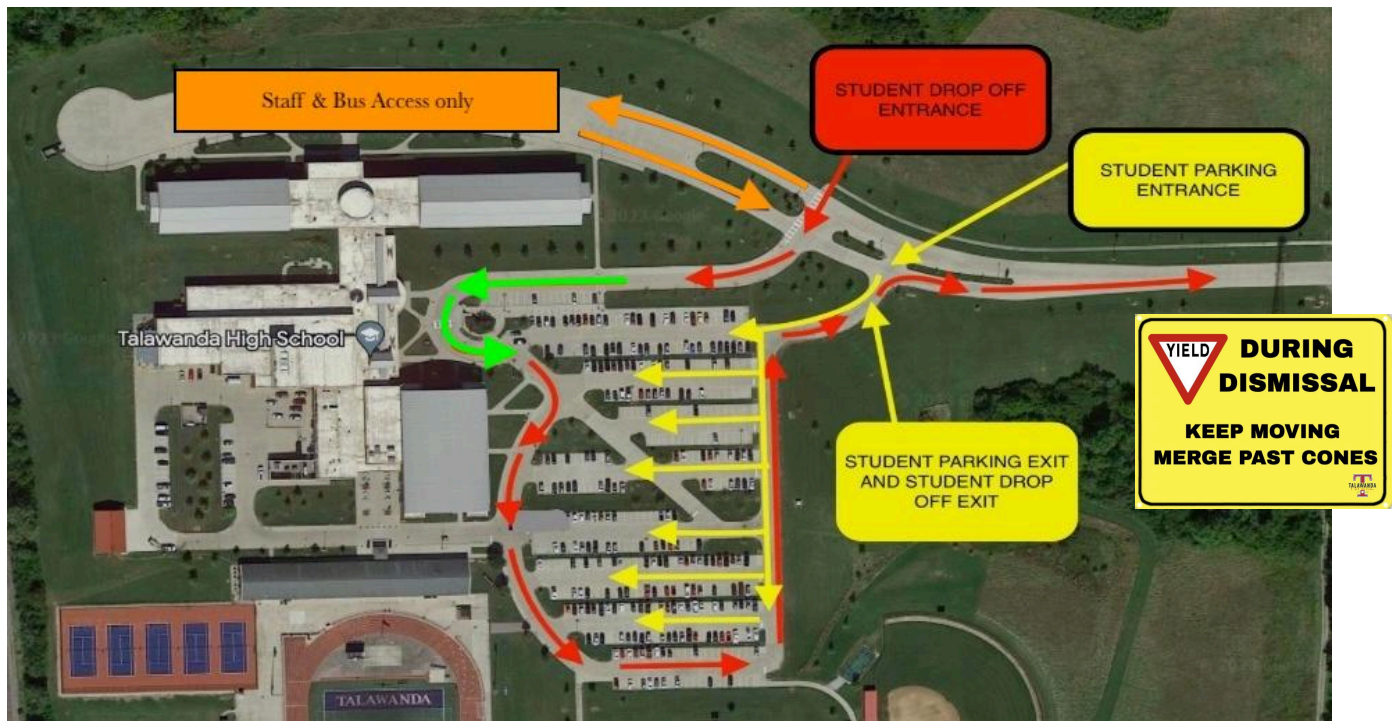


The map below provides the traffic pattern for student drop-off/pick-up and student parking each morning/afternoon.

ARRIVAL: For student drivers and those dropping off, the Main Entrance doors will open at 7:40 am. Any student entering before 7:45 am will report directly to the cafeteria. For those dropping off, please pull forward as far along the path laid out by the GREEN arrows as possible before stopping. Out of respect for one another, please pull forward around the circle and drop off anywhere within this area once traffic has stopped. Students can use the cafeteria, event, and main entrances as of 7:40 am. Please be mindful, students will be crossing from the parking lot during this time. Please proceed slowly and cautiously during drop-off and pick-up. Any student not in their classroom at 7:55 am will check in through the main office as “tardy.” For information about the consequences for late arrival, please see our Student Handbook.

DISMISSAL: For those picking up their student after school, please enter following the YELLOW arrows, backing into any spots available at the time of your arrival. Please do not block the circle (GREEN arrows) before 2:30 PM to allow for a safe dismissal for all students. Additionally, the bus lot on the north end of the building must be kept clear to allow all of the busses adequate space to enter/exit. So long as the cones are present, please YIELD at the northeast junction with University Park Blvd when exiting the parking lot loop.

Drop-off/Arrival & Pick-up/Dismissal Procedure Map:



On behalf of the administrative team here, myself, Mrs. Brittany Hess, and Mr. Wes Cole, as well as our office staff, student services team, teachers, and classified staff - Welcome Back – we're so excited to start another great year at Talawanda!