

Dear Students & Parents,

The staff and administration of Anna High School would like to welcome you to the 2026-2027 School Year! This letter includes key reminders, important dates and information to keep in mind for the start of school.

High School specific information for the start of school:

- Don't forget about Open House on Wednesday, August 19 from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Mrs. Holsinger will host the **12th Grade Meeting** at 6:45 PM during Open House in Milliette Auditorium. This is for **all** Anna Senior students including our Rockets that attend CCP and UVCC. She will review important items that will be communicated throughout the year.
- The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 25th**.
- All students will be assigned a locker and required to use them throughout the school day. Backpacks will **NOT** be permitted in class.
- The doors for school will unlock at 7:50 AM. Students should remain outside until the doors unlock.
- Please be sure to review the attendance policy in its entirety in the student handbook on the school website.
 - Here is the section that addresses when parents call in for a student absence:
 - “An excused absence will generally be granted for valid and necessary reasons with a note from a parent/guardian up to a maximum number of 32.5 hours (5 days) per semester. Beyond this five day limit, administration will require official documentation for any absence (doctor's statement, court summons, funeral service, etc.) Only 32.5 hours (5 days) per semester will be considered excused with a parent note. The sixth parent note will be considered unexcused. **One family vacation (for up to five days or 32.5 hours) will be approved per school year and will count toward the above totals for excused absences.**”
- **Cell Phones & Other Devices:** To be in accordance with state law, cell phones, smart watches and wireless headphones will not be allowed during the school day (outside of lunch). If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the office. In the event of an emergency, your child will be allowed to access their devices.

We want your school year to run smoothly, starting with how you pay for school fees and meals. Beginning September 1, 2026, our online provider for payment of school lunch and fees software provider, LINQ, will charge a \$25 returned item fee for any ACH (electronic check) payment your bank returns. This can occur because of insufficient funds, a closed account, or incorrect payment details. This fee will be passed on to the family that has incurred the charge.

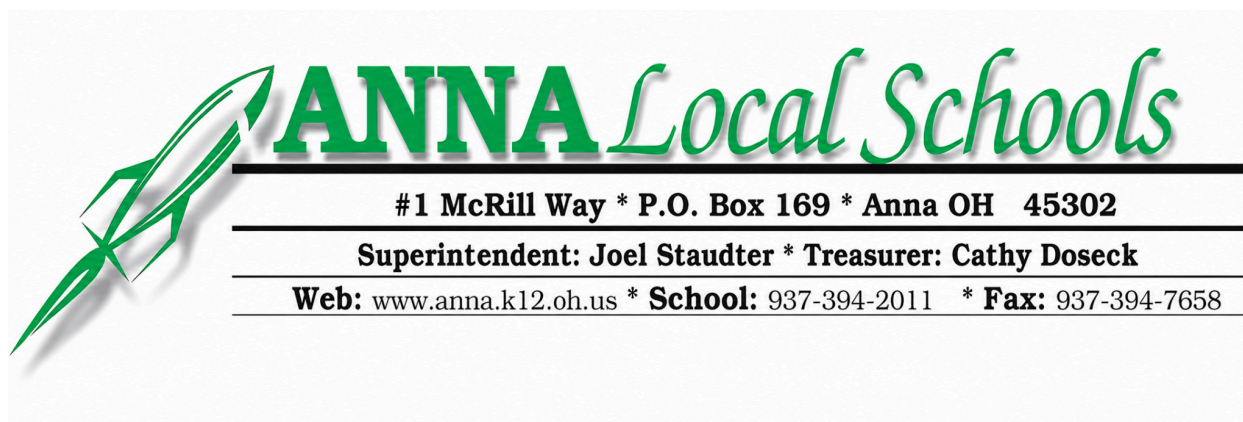
The easiest way to avoid the fee is to keep your payment info current in LINQ Connect. Changed banks recently? Log in at <https://linqconnect.com>, or within the app, and update your details.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the office at (937) 394-2011.

Let's have a great school year!

Derrick Purtee
High School Principal
GO ROCKETS!

Attached is information from the districtwide back to school letter.



School Hours

The Elementary school day begins at 8:00 AM and concludes at 3:00 PM. Students may enter the building at 7:50 AM.

The MS/HS school day begins at 8:07 AM and concludes at 3:10 PM. Students may enter the building at 7:55 AM. MS students enter the school on the west side of the building (McRill Way). Student drop off/pick up is permitted on Walnut Street, North Street, or 3rd Street. Students who arrive late or leave for appointments during the school day must sign in/out in the main office. Students attending Upper Valley Career Center and take the bus, please arrive by 7:30 on the southeast side of the building by Mr. Osborne's classroom. We have road construction occurring on three sides of the high school and middle school. In the event that we need to alter parking locations or walking paths for any reason a notification will be sent via sms text and the rooms app.

Final Forms

FinalForms will once again allow you to complete and sign enrollment, back-to-school forms, and athletic participation forms for your students. If your child attended Anna Local Schools last year, much of the information will already be entered. Please ensure that all forms are signed so that our records will be updated before school starts on Tuesday, August 25th. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Rooms

The Anna Schools will continue to use "Rooms" as a notification system associated with our website and district App. It allows information to be shared via the district app directly from your child's teacher or coach. Be sure to add the app to your cell phones. Download the Anna Local Schools App from the iOS App Store or Android Playstore and enable notifications. Students should use their @annschoools.org email address to sign in.

Supplies

The student supply list looks similar to last year as the district is taking on much of the supply purchasing. All supply lists can be found online at the Anna Local Schools website at www.anna.k12.oh.us in each building's menu.

Open House

Open House will be held for grades K-12 for students and parents to meet their teachers and visit classrooms.

The elementary open house (Grades K-5) will be held on Wednesday, August 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Kindergarten families will receive a separate letter in the mail with their child's assigned Open House appointment time.

The middle school & high school open house (Grades 6-12) will be held the same day, Wednesday, August 19th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The **6th Grade Orientation** will be held at 5:30 PM in Milliette Auditorium.

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We will also be hosting "**Meet Your Bus Driver Night**" during open house. Please take this opportunity to stop on the east side of the elementary school where the buses are lined up and meet/talk to your driver. In-town bus stops have animal names to help our younger students.

Office Hours

The Elementary and MS/HS offices will be open during regular office hours weekdays from 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM beginning August 5th.

Class & Technology Fees/Lunch Money

For the second year, the Board of Education opted to remove grade level fees for grades K-8 and maintain only the \$25 Technology fee for all students. Some High School Courses will have a fee to cover the costs of student created projects and class fees remain for 9th and 10th grade students.

The Board of Education also decided to hold lunch prices at \$2.65 for elementary students and \$2.90 for MS/HS students.

Monthly lunch menus will be linked on our website when they are available and daily menus will still be on the school app. Free and Reduced applications will be available soon. You can either apply through our website, or pick up a form from the school office.

Parents

AR/Renaissance Home Connect

+ ProgressBook

+ Final Forms

+ Pay Class Fees Online

+ Add Lunch Fees - LINQ Connect

Class and technology fees can be paid at Open House, during office hours, or online at PaySchools.com (link can be found on the website menu under the “Parents” tab or on the Anna Local Schools homepage, “Pay School Fees” button).

You can add money to your student’s lunch account in all offices or electronically on LINQ Connect (also found on our website under the “Parents” tab or on the Anna Local Schools homepage, “Add Lunch Money” button).

Student Class Schedules

High School and Middle School students will be able to access their class schedule in ProgressBook on Tuesday, August 11th. If you have questions about a high school schedule, please contact Mrs. Holsinger at mholsinger@annaschools.org. For middle school students who would like to join band or choir, please email Tia Palmisano at tpalmisano@annaschools.org.

Student Athletic Passes

Anna students will once again have the opportunity to purchase a sports pass that will allow them admission to all sports home events for the 2026-2027 school year. Student Passes will cost \$50 for all students grades K-12. They will be on sale in the HS Office beginning August 5th. The passes will be available for pickup by August 19th at Open House.

The official start date for fall sports is August 1, 2026.

Best wishes to all of our 4-H and FFA students participating at the Shelby County Fair beginning on July 26th!

We are looking forward to an exciting school year! See you at Open House on August 19th!