



GROVETON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The countdown is officially on, and the stage is set for an unforgettable 2026-2027 school year at Groveton High School! We hope your summer was packed with sunshine, big adventures, and unforgettable memories with family and friends. Behind the scenes, our incredible staff has been channeling that summer energy into crafting dynamic lessons, transforming classrooms into vibrant spaces of discovery, and preparing for our best year yet. We are counting down the days until our hallways come alive again with the bright smiles, big ideas, and unstoppable energy of our Groveton family. Get ready, your next great chapter starts now!

NEW Administrative Model

Starting this 2026–2027 school year, Groveton is adopting a unified K–12 leadership structure designed to align our entire district from day one through graduation. Under this model, I will serve as K–12 Principal across both campus buildings (Elementary, Middle, and High School) to ensure a seamless educational journey for every student.

To provide dedicated daily support, we have specialized Assistant Principals in each building:

- Ms. Melissa Jones – K–5 Assistant Principal (Elementary School)
- Mrs. Mallory Langkau-Gross – 6–12 Assistant Principal (Middle/High School)

This structure gives our district the best of both worlds: strong K–12 consistency paired with targeted, grade-level support right where our students need it most.

First Day

Mark your calendars; the big day arrives *Wednesday, August 26, 2026!*

7:35 AM (Early Breakfast): Early birds can head straight to the cafeteria to fuel up for the day.

7:45 - 7:55 AM (Regular Arrival): Main doors open! Breakfast is still ready and waiting for anyone who needs a bite. Any students who want breakfast should eat in the Cafeteria. Otherwise, the Cafeteria is where high school students will wait for the entrance bell. Middle school students will head to the Library to wait for the entrance bell.

Drop-off and pick-up

If you are driving your child to school, please use the designated, marked parking spaces along Route 3 and avoid dropping students off in front of the school. This primary designated drop-off zone is located near the back alley, where the bus drop-off zone is located.

In the morning, please make sure students do not arrive before 7:35 AM. That is when adequate supervision begins. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all students. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Dismissal Time

The school day dismissal time remains the same as last year, 2:37 PM. If you haven't already, please like our Groveton High School Facebook page and download our SAU 58 smartphone app to stay up to date on important news and events. Teachers will send direct links to classroom apps they are using.

Early Release Time

Please note that on early release days, students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. Lunch is still served on these days before dismissal. This allows us to dedicate time for staff training, which helps us better support student learning and growth.

Bus Schedules

Bus schedules will be sent separately. If you want your child to ride the bus please contact the bus company, WW Berry directly to arrange for pickup. You can contact them at 603-636-6100.

Competency Corner

What do we mean by competency? In simple terms, competency is a student's ability to apply what they know and can do across different subjects and in real-life situations. At Groveton High School, we measure competency in a variety of ways to ensure we capture the full picture of student learning.

- ***Formative assessments***, like daily classwork, discussions, and homework, give teachers ongoing feedback about a student's progress toward mastering specific standards.
- ***Summative assessments***, such as end-of-unit projects or tests, measure how well students can apply their learning to new situations.

Together, these assessments help us understand each child's strengths and areas for growth. Achieving competency doesn't happen overnight; it's a journey. With consistent effort, dedication, and support from both school and home, students steadily build the knowledge and skills they need to succeed not just in school, but in life.

Important Paperwork

On the first day of school, students will bring home several forms that need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. These forms help us keep accurate records, ensure student safety, and maintain strong communication between school and home. If you have any questions while filling them out, please don't hesitate to contact the school for assistance.

At Groveton High School, we are committed to keeping you informed throughout the year. You can expect regular updates through the United States Postal Service, email, Thrillshare Call Alerts (via text,

email or phone call), and communication tools from your child's classroom teacher. You'll also find important information on our school website and social media pages.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

We strongly encourage every Groveton family to take a few minutes to complete the free and reduced-price meal application for the 2026-2027 school year! This simple form does far more than cover lunch, it plays a massive role in unlocking essential state and federal funding that directly supports learning resources, classroom tools, and programs for every student in our building. By simply completing this form you are helping the community raise essential funding for school budgets.

If your family qualifies, your child will receive free or reduced-price meals seamlessly. Every piece of information shared remains 100% strictly confidential. Even if you aren't sure you qualify, submitting an application helps ensure our school counts every eligible dollar. Thank you for helping us maximize resources so that we can deliver the extraordinary school year our students deserve!

Volunteer Information

All volunteers and class chaperones participating in field trips or school activities must complete a criminal background check. Those interested in volunteering during the 2026-2027 school year will need to complete the volunteer paperwork and schedule to have fingerprints taken. Please note that volunteers will not be permitted to participate in any school activities until the background check process is fully complete and the report is received.

To schedule fingerprinting, volunteers must contact the ***State Police Barracks*** to set up an appointment, as walk-ins are not guaranteed. For any questions, to get a volunteer application or additional information, please reach out to the ***SAU office***.

Important Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, August 26th - First Day of School
- Thursday, September 3rd - Early Dismissal Day - ***Students dismissed at 11:30 AM***
- Friday, September 4th - No School
- Monday, September 7th - No School (*Labor Day*)
- September 8th - 12th - School Spirit Week (more information to come)
- Friday, September 12th - Homecoming Parade (more information to come)

As we begin the 2026–2027 academic year, remember that Groveton High School is built on strong connections, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to excellence. Here's to an outstanding year ahead, let's make the absolute most of it.

If you have any questions, please call the school. 603-636-1619 or email: j_smith@sau58.org or m_langkau@sau58.org

Educationally Yours,

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