

Back to School Resources

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Bridgewater Academy! We hope you had the chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy your summer break.

We are excited and look forward to working with all our parents, guardians, students, and the community. Our staff has been diligently planning and preparing for this school year, and we assure you that we are committed to providing an excellent academic and nurturing environment for your child!

Get ready to dive into an array of exciting back-to-school topics! Keep reading to discover all the valuable information you need to kick off the new school year.

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Please note a few important dates and events to prepare for the new school year:

Friday, August 14th, 2026: Open House

- 3:00 - 4:30 PM: Grades K-2 Open House
- 4:30 - 5:00 PM: Annual Title I Parent Engagement Meeting
- 5:00 - 6:30 PM: Grades 3-8 Open House

The first day of school is Monday, August 17th, 2026.

Bell Schedule & Calendars

Our school day begins at 7:30 A.M. Students may enter the building no earlier than 7:30 A.M. Students are not to be dropped off before 7:30 A.M., as there will be no supervision for them in the building. Parents MAY NOT leave students unattended in the front of the building before school opens due to safety hazards.

Breakfast is available for all students in the cafeteria from 7:30-8:05. All students wanting breakfast should report to the cafeteria upon arriving at school.

All students are expected to be in their homeroom class by 8:15 AM. Any students arriving in their homeroom class after 8:15 AM will be considered tardy. All tardy students must be signed in by a parent/guardian at the front office.

Daily dismissal for students will begin at 3:00 PM on a regular basis (at 11:30 AM on Early Dismissal days). For safety reasons, we ask all parents to please remain in their vehicles and drive slowly through our traffic circle so that the staff can carefully bring the students to the vehicle. We do NOT permit students to walk home by themselves, unescorted without adult supervision and/or written permission. Furthermore, it is a safety hazard to walk students across the traffic line during dismissal as the vehicles are constantly moving.

There is a late fee of \$5.00/minute after 3:30 PM during regular dismissal days and after 12:00 PM on early release days unless prior arrangements have already been made and approved by administration. Failure to pay fees can result in loss of privileges, such as field trips, dances, field days, and other celebrations/events.

For specific homeroom or class schedules, please check the Calendar tab on our website. Additionally, view our 2026-2027 Academic & Testing Calendars to stay informed about important dates.

Bridgewater Academy's Dress Code

All Bridgewater Academy students must adhere to the following student dress code at all times. The school uniform makes a specific statement of solidarity throughout the school and unifies everyone here in a professional manner. This dress code consists of a navy polo shirt. Khaki shorts*, slacks, skirts, jumpers or skorts are to be worn, and may be purchased from a variety of stores.

Official Bridgewater Academy Uniform Expectations

Tops

- Bridgewater PLAIN navy blue polo shirt (school emblem optional)
- Bridgewater PLAIN navy blue pullover/ sweatshirt (school emblem optional)
- Sweatshirts must be either solid navy blue (without writing on them such as Adidas, etc) or BWA sweatshirts.
- Bridgewater P.E. solid grey shirt (school emblem optional) and solid (no stripes, polka dots, words, etc.) dark/navy blue shorts or sweatpants on P.E. days only! LEGGINGS AND BIKER SHORTS/COMPRESSION SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Bottoms

- All bottoms should be khaki shorts, pants, skorts, and jumpers
- All shorts, skirts and dresses must not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee (fingertip length)
- Pants and shorts must be worn at an appropriate waist level with a belt if necessary. Suspenders are not permitted.

Footwear

- Athletic shoes or sneakers
- No open toe shoes; Crocs, Slides, Slippers, etc. are prohibited

Accessories

- No sunglasses, hats, head-stockings, bandanas, or kerchiefs may be worn in the building with the exception of religious headwear.
- Beige Stockings (tights) or leggings are permitted for girls under skirts.

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The Bridgewater Academy uniform is to be always worn in a neat clean fashion without exception. No clothing with holes, stains or tears will be permitted here at school. Jewelry may be worn as long as it is in no way distracting to the educational environment. Watches are an acceptable form of jewelry at school. Expensive or oversized earrings, necklaces or rings are not recommended to decrease the chance of loss, theft or personal injury. All garments, (including those worn on dress down days), clothing with vulgar, obscene, and/ or derogatory symbols or language is not permitted. Failure to follow the dress code will result in disciplinary action up to and including scheduled after school detention and/or suspension. This includes all school-sponsored activities/events on and off campus.

MyPaymentsPlus

MyPaymentsPlus provides a secure and convenient online payment service that allows parents to easily make payments and keep receipts for school-related expenses. This includes everything from activity fees and field trips to donations. By setting up a MyPaymentsPlus account, parents can make quick electronic payments and track their expenses while avoiding user fees associated with financial transactions.

School Meals

All students at Bridgewater Academy will receive free breakfast and lunch during the 2026-2027 school year as part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program.

Our monthly menus can be found under the Students & Families tab on our website.

For any questions, please contact Mr. Manny, our Cafeteria Manager, at perry@bridgewateracademy.org

After-School Program

The After-School Program is organized and run by Ms. McNeil, Mr. O'Leary, Ms. Grissett, and Mr. Cappola.

We are excited to offer a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for your children. Our program is designed to support working families by providing quality care and engaging activities for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student will receive a snack, have designated homework/study time, and participate in outdoor/physical activities. We expect all students to behave appropriately during after-school care.

Our mission is to create a safe, nurturing atmosphere where children can learn individual responsibility, socially interact with their peers, and engage in activities that promote a healthy self-image and enhance their quality of life. To ensure appropriate supervision, enrollment will be capped at 38 students, with a waiting list available as needed.

****Program Hours:****

- Monday through Thursday: 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Friday & Early Release Days: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

****Fees:****

- There is a one-time registration fee of \$20.
- The daily rate is \$10 per day.
- \$5.00/minute for students being picked up from the after-school program after designated closing times

Participation privileges in the program will be suspended for accounts with balances exceeding \$50, or those with unpaid fees after two billing cycles until the balance is paid in full. Persistent behavioral issues or cases of chronic nonpayment concerns will be handled on a case by case basis, which may result in required prepayment or referral to collections.

Applications for the After-School Program can be found in the main office or by visiting our website and navigating to the Students & Families section, then clicking on the School Programs tab: After-School Program.

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School Supplies

Make sure your child is fully prepared for the first day of school by reviewing their school supply list before you shop. You can find the school supply lists by visiting our website and navigating to Students & Families section, then clicking on the Academic Resources tab: School Supply Lists.

Technology Fees

Bridgewater Academy is a 1:1 Device School. Students will follow the District Policy and pay an optional rental fee for a device for the year.

Destruction/Damage to the devices are broken down as follows and will be paid by the family. The ESTIMATED COSTS:

- REPLACEMENT DEVICE- \$250
- SCREEN/FRAME - \$50.00
- KEYBOARD/TOUCHPAD - \$40.00
- POWER CORD/CHARGER - \$20.00

Families who elect to not pay the tech rental fee will be responsible for the entirety of any damage done to the device by the student.

Get Connected!

Stay connected to our school by following us on our social media outlets:

- [Facebook](#)
- [YouTube](#)



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