

August 2023  
<http://hhs.helenaschools.org/>  
2023-2024 School Year



Greetings from Helena High School!

I trust you all had a memorable summer vacation and you and your family took full advantage of all the opportunities our community and state have to offer!

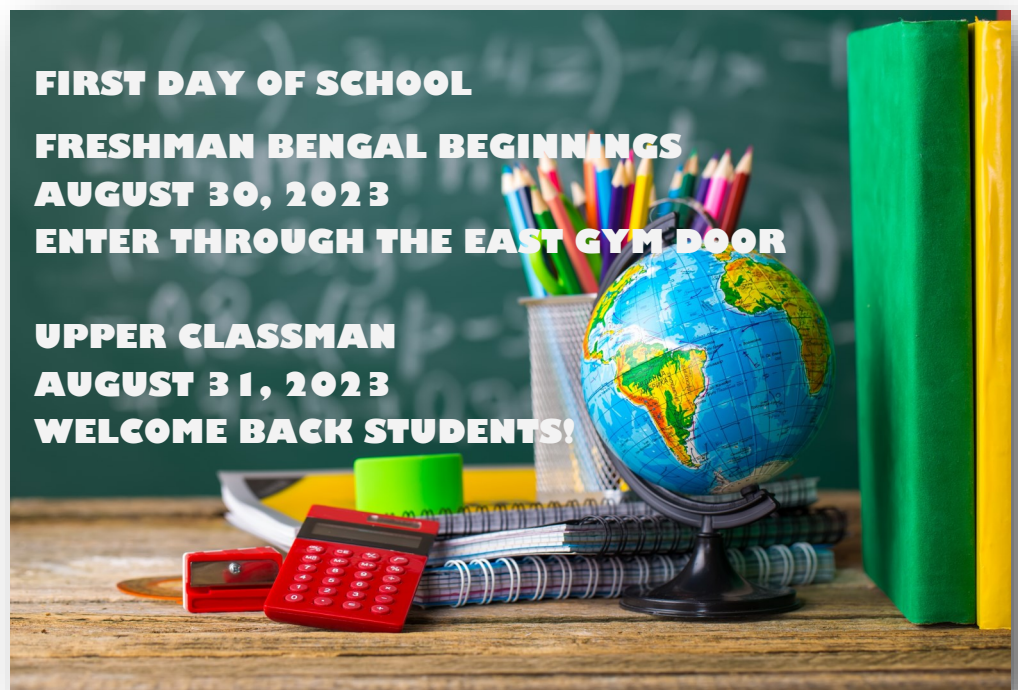
I am entering my 32<sup>nd</sup> year at Helena High School – 12<sup>th</sup> as the principal of our school! Wow! Not sure how that time has gone so fast. I am a big baseball fan (Go Twins!) and the start of the school year brings the same excitement to me as opening day. The great feeling of optimism for all of the great things that will become of the season! The school is already a buzz of activity and I look forward to welcoming our new and returning teachers and staff in a couple of weeks. I especially can't wait to welcome our student body back and to see them grow and develop as they navigate their ways to their ultimate goals and visions for themselves. It's an honor to be a part of that.



This newsletter has a wealth of information in it! Please take some time to review and highlight all the important dates for your students. Of course, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at school and we will gladly answer any questions that you may have.

Welcome back and as always, GO BENGALS!

Steve Thennis  
Principal  
Helena High School



## **STUDENT SCHEDULE POWERSCHOOL ACCESS AUGUST 23**

Students (per grade) can begin accessing their schedules on-line through their Power School account on August 23rd. Freshman and out-of-district students will receive their schedules through a different communication, as they do not have Power School access. Please keep an eye on your email the week of August 21 for further directions.

Students who have an incomplete schedule or those missing a course required for graduation, can meet with their school counselor for a schedule change. Appointments will be required. Please contact your school counselor via email to set-up an appointment.

### **Wednesday, August 23**

Seniors- 8:30-11:30 AM

Juniors- 12:30-3:30 PM

### **Thursday, August 24**

New Students (10 AM – 2 PM)

### **Friday, August 25**

Sophomores- 8:30-11:30 AM

Freshman- 12:30-3:30 PM

### **HELENA HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

A-E	Mrs. Jaime Pandis jpandis@helenaschools.org 324-2227
F-L	Mrs. Ellaina Staldine estaldine@helenaschools.org 324-2224
M-R	Mr. Jason Murgel jmurgel@helenaschools.org 324-2226
S-Z	Mrs. Chrissy Murgel cmurgel@helenaschools.org 324-2223



## HELENA HIGH ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

*Do you need to see your Assistant Principal?  
The Helena High School Assistant Principals  
are assigned to students based on their last  
name. Here's how to reach them.*



### **A-L**

Mrs. Julie TeNyenhuis

[jtenyenhuis@helenaschools.org](mailto:jtenyenhuis@helenaschools.org)

324-2204

### **M-Z**

Mr. Willie Schlepp

[wschlepp@helenaschools.org](mailto:wschlepp@helenaschools.org)

324-2205

## PARENTS on POWER SCHOOL



Did you move recently? You have the ability to update your phone, address, and email address on Power School.

This will help keep you up-to-date on activities and events at HHS!

<https://hsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

If you have lost your password, please contact Jodi Neary (324-2214) and she'll be able to help you retrieve it. Her email is: [jneary@helenaschools.org](mailto:jneary@helenaschools.org)





Helena High's web site includes the daily bulletin—which updates daily and is a good source of what is happening at HHS.

To visit this HHS web page please click [here](#).

### HELENA HIGH SCHOOL VIGILANTE YEARBOOK

**The Helena High School Yearbook staff is always looking for great pictures to use in the yearbook.**

**If you have some cool pictures of you and your friends having fun, please send them to Mrs. Walsh at: [mwalsh@helenaschools.org](mailto:mwalsh@helenaschools.org)**

**Y e A R B O O K**

**Please include your name and identify anyone else in the picture with you. It also helps if you include a brief summary of where the picture was taken, what date and what you were doing.**

### DRIVER'S EDUCATION FALL 2023

Driver's Education information is located at <http://helenaschools.org/departments/traffic-education/>

Registration will be determined in early September. Registration will **only** be available during the dates listed. Classes and drive times are schedule by the instructor.



## ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS

One of the many things to think about over the summer is **senior pictures**. While we encourage you to explore your options during the photo session, there are a few things to act on when it comes to submitting your yearbook photo:

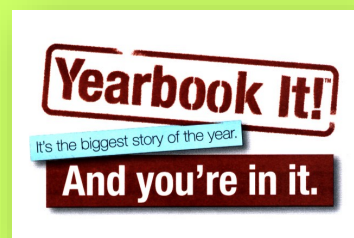


Please have your professional photographer submit your senior picture following these instructions:

1. Photos must be submitted in a digital format by email to [mwalsh@helenaschools.org](mailto:mwalsh@helenaschools.org). The digital image must be no smaller than 4x6 inches and 300 dpi. They must be saved as lastnamefirstname. For example, Anna Smith would be Smithanna. Photos taken on a cell phone are **NOT** high enough resolution and will be denied for print.
2. Image must be good clarity and detail. Image should be made from the original digital image or negative. No special effects permitted.
3. All photos **MUST** be in color. No black and white or sepia photos will be accepted.
4. Scanned images from photographs may not be accepted due to loss of quality in the scanning process.
5. Photos must be a professional looking portrait from the waist up.
6. No props may be visible, i.e. cars, animal, flags or instruments. We would rather highlight you on the other pages in this manner.
7. Dress should be appropriate attire; standard school dress is suggested.

Photos that do not adhere to these standards may be cut from the yearbook. The student's school photo will be substituted if the requirements are not met or if we do not receive a photo by the deadline. Also, senior photos will not be returned to the students.

The DEADLINE for submission is **OCTOBER 20, 2023**. Please keep this date in mind and make your appointments early. Photographers also need time to process your photos before they can be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Walsh at 324-2310 or at [mwalsh@helenaschools.org](mailto:mwalsh@helenaschools.org).



## HELENA HIGH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

### HELENA HIGH SCHOOL

**ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

**LIFETOUGH WILL PROVIDE WEB ORDERING INFORMATION AS THE DATE APPROACHES.**



Lunch is served from 12:00 noon to 12:35 PM  
(Mondays—11:30—12:05 PM)

#### Students:

Breakfast	\$2.00
Lunch	\$3.00

#### Adults:

Breakfast	\$3.50
Lunch	\$5.00



New applications for the School Lunch Program are available at the Meal Time System for the Food Service web page. **Free and Reduced Lunch** applicants **must reapply** for the new school year. Application online at [www.mymealtime.com/apps](http://www.mymealtime.com/apps) You will need your student ID number to apply. If you do not reapply the reduced fee will be discontinued after **October 13th**.

### HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming week will be the week of September 25th. We encourage your child to get involved. The

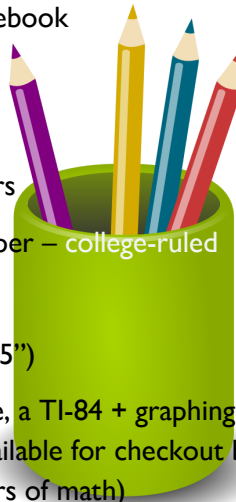


football game will be played Friday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Vigilante Stadium.

### Freshmen Supply List

- 3-4 notebooks – single subject, college-ruled
- 1 composition notebook
- Several pencils
- Black pens
- 4-5 2-pocket folders
- Lined loose leaf paper – college-ruled
- Notecards
- 2 3-ring binders (1.5")
- If financially feasible, a TI-84 + graphing calculator (some are available for checkout but will be used all years of math)
- Bringing charged district-issued Chromebook every day is the expectation

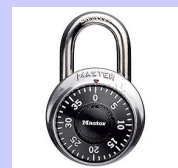
*This list is incomplete as each teacher will inform students of supplies needed for their specific class when school begins.*



### STUDENT LOCKERS

All lockers have school locks on them. Please select a locker number, and bring your lock (combo or key only—no cable locks permitted) to the Attendance Office so it can be placed on your locker prior to school starting. This will help alleviate the congestion the first weeks of school.

Locker changes will not be made unless the student's schedule changes or requested by an administrator.

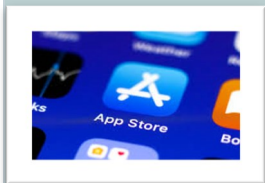




# Dual Credit Opportunities

Parents- Students who are 16 or at least a junior are able to take dual credit courses. These courses are taught on the HHS Campus by our instructors, but with some additional paperwork, students can also earn college credit through Helena College. We will be working to remind students of this opportunity at the beginning of the school year, but we would like to make you aware of it as well. Please refer to our registration booklet for a list of classes that qualify as dual credit as well as for the proficiency requirements. The following link will take you to an online version of our registration booklet. <http://hhs.helenaschools.org/counseling-and-career-guidance/registration-materials/> For more information, contact the counseling department at 324-2220.

## Stay Connected!



Yep, there's an app for that! Check out our Helena High app in Google Play or the App Store for iPhones. Access phone numbers, calendars, schedules, announcements and much, much more! There is information for both parents and students, so make sure your student knows about it, too! *#GoBengals*

# Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Opportunities

AP courses offer students the opportunity to get a head start on college while in the supportive environment of a high school classroom. Students can earn college credit or placement by taking the AP exam at the end of the school year, while at the same time achieving a higher level of learning. These rigorous courses are offered on the Helena High campus.

If your student will be taking an AP course, and is interested in sitting for an AP exam, **registration will open on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and will continue through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Students pay approximately \$100 to take these exams through College Board. Registration will take place through Revtrak starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Taking an AP exam is optional, but we strongly encourage students to consider the opportunity.

If you have any questions regarding AP Exam registration, please contact Helena High's AP Coordinator: Ellaina Staldine 406-324-2224 [estaldine@helenaschools.org](mailto:estaldine@helenaschools.org)

Parents may find more information about the AP program and exams by visiting: <https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/advanced-placement-program>



## PARKING PERMITS

<http://hhs.helenaschools.org/transportation-and-parking-permits/>

All parking permits will need to be purchased on-line and then picked up in the Main Office. All vehicles that students plan to drive/park in the HHS lot must be registered. To create an account, the user name is the initial of your first name and your full last name. The password is your student ID #. Once you are in, you create your own password to continue. If you bought one online last year, you just need to reuse the password you created. For cash or check purchases follow the same process up to the payment option; print your request and take it to the main office for permit availability. Payment on-line is the **ONLY** way to reserve a permit.

These are the days that each class is eligible to make a reservation. Accounts will not be active until the specified day.

### Registration Dates:

<b>Seniors</b>	August 21
<b>Juniors</b>	August 22
<b>Sophomores</b>	August 23
<b>Freshman</b>	August 24



## SPORTS PHYSICALS

Donation of \$20 (cash) accepted in  
support of HHS Athletic Training







FALL SPORTS BEGIN AUGUST 11!  
Golf begins August 10!



# HELENA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## HHS FALL SPORTS DATES-TRYOUTS

The Activities Calendar and information can be found on the HHS website ([hhs.helenaschools.org](http://hhs.helenaschools.org))

<b>GOLF</b>	<p><b>August 9 Players Meeting</b> Bill Roberts Golf Course 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>August 10</b> Try-outs at Bill Roberts Golf Course 7:00 AM</p> <p><b>August 11</b> Try-outs at Green Meadow Country Club</p> <p><b>August 12th Parent Meeting</b> 9:00 AM at Green Meadow Country Club</p> <p><b>Coach</b> Dana Shepherd 720-352-0653</p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/golf/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/golf/</a></p>
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<p><b>August 11</b> Sophomores, JV &amp; Varsity at 7:00 a.m. at HHS</p> <p><b>August 11</b> Freshman practice at HHS—11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>August 11</b> Freshman practice dates: 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. Frosh regular season practices start August 26th</p> <p><b>August 20</b> All Parent meeting 10:30 a.m.—HHS</p> <p><b>August 20</b> Picture Day—8:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Coach Dane Broadhead</b> 324-2350 <a href="mailto:dbroadhead@helenaschools.org">dbroadhead@helenaschools.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/football/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/football/</a></p>
<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b>	<p><b>August 11</b> Siebel Fields 6:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Coach Hunter Terry</b> <a href="mailto:herry@helenaschools.org">herry@helenaschools.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/lady-soccer/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/lady-soccer/</a></p>
<b>BOYS SOCCER</b>	<p><b>August 11</b> Siebel Fields 8:00-10:00 a.m. and an afternoon training, too.</p> <p><b>Coach</b> Carl Straub 439-8492 <a href="mailto:cstraub@helenaschools.org">cstraub@helenaschools.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/soccer-boys/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/soccer-boys/</a></p>
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	<p><b>August 11</b> Attendance is mandatory for BOTH practice days. Tryouts begin August 11th. Please see the web site for full schedule.</p> <p><b>Coach</b> Lindsey Day 324-1200 <a href="mailto:lday@helenaschools.org">lday@helenaschools.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/volleyball/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/volleyball/</a></p>
<b>X- COUNTRY</b>	<p><b>August 11</b> All boys and girls 7:00 a.m. at the HMS parking lot—Vigilante Stadium</p> <p><b>Coach Boys</b> Kelley Gilbert 443-4448 or 449-3040 (leave a message)</p> <p><a href="mailto:kgilbert76@charter.net">kgilbert76@charter.net</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/cross-country-boys/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/cross-country-boys/</a></p> <p><b>Coach Girls</b> Jesse Zentz 406-422-3039 <a href="mailto:jzentz@gmail.com">jzentz@gmail.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/cross-country-girls/">http://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/cross-country-girls/</a></p>

# HELENA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED



**Participation Fee** - \$60 (each sport)

**Activity Pass** \$30

You must have your **Sports Physical, Concussion, and Drug and Alcohol** forms signed and turned in **before** you practice for any sport.

## ALL ATHLETES

The Montana High School Association concussion form must be initialed/signed and returned with the physical form before a student may practice for their respective sport. Please visit the MHSA home page, <http://www.mhsa.org/> 'Sports Medicine' page for more information in regard to the concussion statement. Concussion forms can also be obtained on the HHS web site (<https://hhs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/athletics/>).



Pay online when it's most convenient for you with a computer or mobile device at <https://helenaschools.revtrak.net> Save time and be confident that your payment makes it where it needs to go. You can pay online with eCheck, debit, or credit cards.

## **Sports Participation Fee, Grade 9-12 Activity Pass fee**

Click on "Helena High School"

Click on "Sports Participation Fee"

This page allow purchase of both an activity pass and sports participation fee. Show RevTrak receipt at the HHS Main Office to pick up the activity pass.

## **Adult Activity Pass, Grade 1-8 Activity Pass**

Click on "Activity Season Pass" (do NOT click on Helena High School) and submit the required information. Show RevTrak receipt at the HHS Main Office to pick up the pass.



If you have any questions regarding immunization documents for the start of the 2023-2024 school year please communicate with our School Nurse, Emily Rodway, at Helena High School.

Questions—contact her at:  
[erodway@helenaschools.org](mailto:erodway@helenaschools.org)  
324-2116



## AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS FROM MONTANA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW AND RULES

*In schools K-12, a claim of exemption from immunization requirements on religious grounds must be maintained on the Religious Exemption form. The form must be provided to the school prior to each school year by the student's parent/legal guardian, unless the student is 18 years of age or older or emancipated, the student may claim the exemption. The original copy of the religious exemption must be kept by the school as part of the student's school record. If a student has contracted a disease or is exposed to a disease, the student may be excluded from school by the local health officer or the state department until the excluding authority feels that there is no longer a risk of contracting or transmitting that disease.*

Click [here](#) for the Affidavit of Exemption on Religious Grounds from Montana School Immunization(s) Law and Rules form.



## ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is vital. Students must attend classes to be actively involved in the learning process. The attendance office policy is meant to help students have successes at school. Please review the attendance policy in the student handbook.

Feel free to contact the  
Attendance office for any issues.

### ATTENDANCE OFFICE

(406) 324-2211

24 Hours a Day—7 Days a Week

[HHSAttendance@helenaschools.org](mailto:HHSAttendance@helenaschools.org)  
<https://hhs.helenaschools.org/about/attendance/>

## Congratulations

Helena School District Board of Trustees



Helena High School Student Representative

Willa Bishop

# HELENA HIGH BOOSTER CLUB



The HHS Booster Club is a group of volunteers of parents, faculty, coaches, alumni, and community members who support HHS. Our mission is to help support our student athletes and club members in promoting school spirit and enhance the overall experience at HHS! By raising fund through sponsorship donations, 50/50 ticket sales at games the Booster Club can sponsor numerous activities and special projects. Our goal is to provide funding for activities and projects that directly benefit our students.

We will be requiring all Board of Directors to attend the meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. This board of directors is composed of a parent representative from each sport/activity, please see updated bylaws for more detailed information on this. We meet quarterly for our meetings, see attached schedule.

Activity Sponsorship-Booster Club assists extracurricular activities with funding for club sponsorship, team posters/schedules and end of season banquets. We will be requiring having at least 1 parent representative for each of the various activities that anticipates they will be seeking funding from the Boosters during the year. The representative doesn't need to be the same parent or coach at each meeting, but there needs to be someone at each meeting to serve as a communicator between parents, coaching staff, and the club by attending monthly meetings and volunteering with 50/50 ticket and gear sales.

Special Projects- Annual major projects are undertaken to provide funding for items that are not included in school or team budgets. In the past, the Booster Club has purchased physical therapy equipment, track and field equipment, football equipment, water fountain for fine arts, spirit flags, mascot costume and we have goals to assist much, much more! We also provide the kick-off BBQ free for all athletes/coaches/managers/trainers, families of HHS and supporters as well. The HHS Booster Club is open to all supporters of HHS activities.

<http://www.hhsbengalbooster.com/>



## OFFICERS 2023-2024

### PRESIDENT

LISA LARSON

HHSBENGALBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM

### VICE PRESIDENT

ALEXIS NAVARRETE

HHSBENGALBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM

### SECRETARY

ANNE RAINEY

HHSBENGALBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM

### TREASURER

NICKY TODOROVICH

HHSBENGALBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

⇒ INDIVIDUAL LEVEL	\$30
⇒ FAMILY LEVEL	\$50
⇒ WHITE LEVEL	\$100
⇒ CARDINAL BENGAL	\$250
⇒ SILVER BENGAL LEVEL	\$500
⇒ DIAMOND BENGAL LEVEL	\$1000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Clip this form out and return your sponsorship check to:

HHS Booster Club

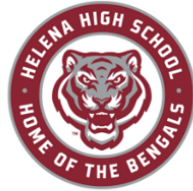
P.O. Box 1232

Helena, MT 59624

JOIN THE  
BOOSTER  
CLUB



# 2023-2024 BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS



IN HHS  
LIBRARY

SEPT  
**11**

5:30PM

IN HHS  
LIBRARY

NOV  
**14**

5:30PM

IN HHS  
LIBRARY

MARCH  
**11**

5:30PM

IN HHS  
LIBRARY

MAY  
**13**

5:30PM



[WWW.HHSBENGALBOOSTER.COM](http://WWW.HHSBENGALBOOSTER.COM)

**Parent freshman night  
August 29 - 6:30 PM  
HHS Theater**

**Mark your  
calendar!**



*Helena Public Schools  
Introduces*

# PARENT PORTAL



## BUS REGISTRATIONS

You can easily submit your student(s) bus registrations through Parent Portal. You will receive immediate updates regarding the process of your bus registration.

## LIVE NOTIFICATIONS

You will receive live GPS location of your child(s) school bus. The app will even notify your when the bus is approaching your stop or if the bus is experiencing weather delays.

## BUS PASS

See real-time information about when your student(s) arrive to and from school by swiping their bus pass.

## PARENT PORTAL OUR CENTRAL HUB

Parents – Edulog Parent Portal smartphone app is our central hub for all your transportation needs. By using our app you can easily register your student(s) for transportation, receive bus assignments and live-time communication. A few benefits of using our app involves the real-time location of your student(s) school bus and notifications when your bus will be arriving at your assigned stop.





## SECURITY IS IMPORTANT

Only you have access to your student's transportation information through the app via a secure login process. You must know your student's school of attendance, ID number and date of birth. Please be sure to enter the exact spelling of your student(s) first name and last name.

## BUS REGISTRATIONS

Welcome to the future of Helena Public Schools - Transportation!

Bus registration is now open for the upcoming school year. To register your student(s) for transportation, you will need to download the Parent Portal app and submit a bus registration within this application.

Registering your children for school does not mean they are also registered nor eligible for school bus transportation. To find out if your child is eligible for transportation, please visit the [Bus Stop page](#) located on our website. If you are eligible, it may take 3 to 5 business days for transportation registration to take effect so please plan accordingly. Keep in mind that if you are eligible and register your children to ride the bus, you must register them each year. Failure to submit a new register each year means your child will not be assigned to a bus.

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*Please know  
that our goal is  
to provide safe  
and efficient  
transportation..*

Please know that our goal is to provide safe and efficient transportation for children riding our school buses. By improving communication and expanding the information available to you by implementing this app, we are working hard to meet and exceed that goal.

Additional information about using Edulog Parent Portal is available on our web site at: <https://helenaschools.org/departments/transportation/parent-portal/>

If you have additional questions regarding the app, please contact our transportation department at: (406)324-2100

