



The School District of Philadelphia

## South Philadelphia High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of South Philadelphia High School Students:

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope you and your families are enjoying summer vacation. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information about the upcoming school year.

The **first day of school for all students is Monday, August 25, 2025**. School will also be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025.

The regular school day begins at 7:30 AM and dismisses at 2:34 PM. Students who receive a FARE CARD from us are responsible for getting to school on the first day by themselves. They will receive their FARE CARD during the day in order to get home. **Lost or stolen Student FARE CARDS will be deactivated.**

Please be mindful that students are expected and required to attend school each day on time. We are striving for 95% attendance. In order to achieve this, your child **cannot miss 10 days** of school for SY25-26. It is imperative that you stress the importance of attending school and coming in on time.

All students will have free breakfast and lunch provided on a daily basis. Breakfast will be from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM only. Students are not allowed to bring their own breakfast after 7:30 AM. **Glass, metal, and bottled drinks/containers are not permitted in the building. We encourage our students to bring their plastic water container to refill from our hydration stations throughout the day.**

Keeping in touch with your child via cell phone is important. However, we are asking you to call the Main Office at (215) 400-8400 if there is an emergency. If your child has a cell phone, we are asking for your support to adhere to our Cell Phone Policy which is in our Parent & Student Handbook. **We are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.**

We look forward to seeing you at our **“Back to School/Open House Night”** on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

**As a welcoming gift, all students will receive an Agenda book/weekly calendar for SY25-26.**

For more information you can visit us on the web: [South Philadelphia High School](https://www.southphiladelphiahighschool.org)

Sincerely,

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