

Dear Hamilton Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. First, please join me in congratulating our 2024 Graduates. I wish them much success in their life after Hamilton. Class of 2025, on behalf of the school community, we are very proud of you!

Communication and a strong connection between the school and home is a key element to a successful journey here at Alexander Hamilton High School. Throughout the year, we will be communicating updates and important information via Talking Points and our school website. Of course, should you have any specific questions, we are all happy to help.

As we embark on a new school year, I am once again seeking a partnership with parents and guardians in helping to ensure that all students reach their maximum potential and discover their personal joy of learning. It is among our top priorities to continue to focus on Social-Emotional-Learning (SEL) for students and staff. A major contributor to SEL awareness and development is to balance patience with urgency. We can achieve this balance by encouraging students to arrive at school each day ready to learn and actively engage in their education by focusing in class, asking thoughtful questions, and completing their assignments. As a staff, we are also available to help ensure each student's academic and SEL needs are being met. Our school counselors, school psychologist, and social worker are here to support your student in many areas. Please reach out directly to a support staff member if you would like one of them to connect with your student.

We have much to celebrate here at Hamilton. We offer a wide range of College and AP courses, we will be offering AP Psychology and an additional AP Computer Science course. Also, we will continue to offer a Syracuse University Course in forensics. We are excited about these opportunities for students and encourage students to take advantage of these offerings.

Below you will find some important updates for the opening of school:

First Day

We will welcome students back in person on Tuesday, September 3rd. Student schedules will be mailed by August 31st. They are currently available on the **Parent Portal**. If you cannot find that information, please contact the main office: 914-592-7311. We are always happy to guide you through accessing this information.

Supplies

The supply list is listed under announcements on our school website. It is also included as an attachment with this letter.

Athletics

We are excited about the many offerings we have for our students. We encourage all students to participate in athletics. If you have questions regarding our athletic program, please contact our Athletic Director at rpollok@eufsd.org.

Technology

All students will be provided with a district-owned Chromebook during their humanities classes during the first week of school. If your student did not return their chromebook at the end of last year they must bring it back the first day of school. Thank you!

Daily procedures

- Students will enter the building, as they did last year, through the side door by the cafeteria.
- I will be outside greeting and guiding students who need additional support as they transition back to school
- Students will transition from class to class throughout the day
- Students will all be provided with a locker. If they need support with their locker they should see Ms. Rodríguez and Ms. Font in the main office.
- Hamilton Schedule
 - Warning bell: 7:40 am
 - School Day: 7:45 am - 2:24 pm

- Early release Monday - **Students will end school at 1:57 pm every Monday**
- We ask our students to be in the library, student lounge, or in a classroom receiving extra help prior to 7:40 am
- There is no eating in classrooms
- At the end of the school day students have the opportunity to:
 - Be involved in athletics
 - Attend after school support
 - Attend an after school club
- Cell phone use is not permitted in the building by students. Please also see the attached letter regarding cell phone use in the building

As you read through this document and questions arise, please feel free to contact us in the main office of Alexander Hamilton at (914) 592-7311, send me a Talking Points message, or email me, Mr. Engelhardt, at jengelhardt@eufsd.org or Ms. Vargas, at Avargas@eufsd.org.

We are here to support you and your child(ren) as we continue to navigate this challenging educational landscape together. Wishing you and your student a successful and joyful school year.

We are Hamilton! Stay Raider Strong!

Sincerely,

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