

2023-24 SUMMER LAUNCH PACKET

As summer draws near, we know the next school year may be the last thing on your mind. Stay strong, Gryphons! Give yourself the gift of a stress-free break. Take note of all **Back-to-School forms and their deadlines**, and get them done on time so come August, your child is **READY TO LAUNCH!**

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*Summer Launch Packets are available in Somali and Spanish upon request.
Hard copies of each form in this packet are available upon request.
Please contact Karen Conner at kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org.*

FORMS CHECKLIST

Please visit <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/back-to-school-checklist/> to submit *electronic forms*.

DONE?	FORM NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DUE DATE
	Transportation Contract	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org	July 1, 2023
	Infinite Campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify parent/emergency contact and request necessary changes Update ethnic and demographic information Deposit funds into student food service account Opt-in for text messaging alerts 	2023-2024 Infinite Campus access will become available to families beginning July 1, 2023.	As soon as possible after July 1, 2023
	Yearly Health Form - new families who have already completed the form are exempt.	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org	Aug. 1, 2023
	Immunization Form - new families who have already completed the form are exempt. Please fax to 952-746-7765.	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org	Aug. 1, 2023
	Prescription/Medical Action Form - if applicable, have your physician fax your child's prescription/medical action plan, including FOOD ALLERGIES that impact your child's food service options, to 952-746-7765.	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org's Health & Wellness page.	Aug. 1, 2023
	2023-24 Application for Educational Benefits - this form must be filled out EACH YEAR to qualify for discounted athletic, transportation, and testing fees.	Form will become available online on July 1, 2023.	Aug. 1, 2023
	Learn About Volunteer Opportunities and sign up to "Give Us 5"	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org	Aug. 28, 2023
	Purchase Uniform & Spirit Wear from an approved vendor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPIRIT WEAR: Order online no later than Aug. 1 to ensure delivery to school by the first spirit wear day of the year 	Approved vendors include Educational Outfitters and Land's End. Families may also purchase uniforms at the PTO used uniform sale.	Aug. 1, 2023* Spirit wear and uniforms may be ordered all year long.
	Purchase School Supplies – supplies may be purchased independently; kits for grades K-8 are available through schooltoolbox.com .	Lists are available on the Parent Resources page of the Academy's website.	Aug. 7, 2023
	Photo Opt-Out Form - <i>Optional</i> . Fill out and submit ONLY if you DO NOT want your child's image included in school media sources.	Available online at www.eagleridgeacademy.org	Aug. 20, 2023
	Ethnic & Racial Demographic Designation Families are asked to complete this form if they have not updated their child's demographic information through Infinite Campus.	Available online in: English Russian Spanish Somali Telugu	Aug. 31, 2023 New families who have already completed the form are exempt.
	Order School Portraits - Formal dress must be worn on school portrait days.	Available online through Kemmetmueller Photography	Sep. 12, 2023 (K-4) Sep. 13, 2023 (5-12)
	Register for Skyhawks After-school Program	Available online at www.skyhawks.com	Ongoing
	Sign Up for RaiseRight - a gift card purchasing website that provides rebates to the Academy.	Find details on ERA's Giving web page.	Ongoing
	Join or update information in the ERA Family Directory to connect with ERA families.	Find details on ERA's PTO web page.	Ongoing

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	WHERE
Thursday, July 27	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Back to School Kickoff & Used Uniform Sale	Eagle Ridge Academy Forum
Tuesday, Aug. 8	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Schools of Logic & Rhetoric: New Student Orientation (7-8 & 10-12) <i>Students and parents are welcome.</i>	Eagle Ridge Academy Auditorium
Tuesday, Aug. 8	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Grades 7-12: Fall Sports Meeting	Eagle Ridge Academy
Thursday, Aug. 10	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Grades 5-6: Orientation	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Aug. 15 & Wednesday, Aug. 16	5:00-7:00 p.m.	PTO Back to School Mixer 8/15: Grades 5-12 8/16: Grades K-4 Join the PTO before Meet Your Teacher Night for root beer floats at ERA!	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Aug. 15	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Grades 5-12: Meet Your Teacher Night	Eagle Ridge Academy Classrooms
Wednesday, Aug. 16	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Grades K-4: Meet Your Teacher Night <i>We suggest families stagger their arrival times by last name to ease parking lot traffic.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Last names M-Z: 5:00-6:00 p.m.Last names A-L: 6:00-7:00 p.m.	Eagle Ridge Academy Classrooms
Tue-Wed, Aug. 22-23	Various Times	Kindergarten Assessments (Half Day)	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Aug. 22	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Grades 1-5: First Day of School	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Aug. 22	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Grade 9: Orientation & First Day of School (Required; Students Only)	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Aug. 22	8:00 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	Grade 11: College Boot Camp (Optional)	Eagle Ridge Academy
Wednesday, Aug. 23	8:00 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	Grades 6-12: First Day of School	Eagle Ridge Academy
Thursday, Aug. 24	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten: First Day of School	Eagle Ridge Academy
Thursday, Sept. 7	5:00-7:30 p.m.	Grades 5-12: Curriculum Night	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Sept. 12		Grades K-5: Portrait Day <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	Eagle Ridge Academy
Wednesday, Sept. 13		Grades 6-12: Portrait Day <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	Eagle Ridge Academy Forum
Thursday, Sept. 14	Various Times: Grades K-2: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Specialists: 7:00-7:30 p.m. Grades 3-4: 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Grades K-4: Curriculum Night <i>Parents only. Time scheduled by grade.</i>	Eagle Ridge Academy
Saturday, Sept. 30	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Grades K-5: PTO Rockin' the Ridge	Eagle Ridge Academy
Saturday, Oct. 7	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Grade 12: Financial Aid Boot Camp	Eagle Ridge Academy
Tuesday, Oct. 24		Portrait Retakes, Grades K-12 <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	Eagle Ridge Academy



EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

Approved by the Board of Directors on Jan. 25, 2022

2023-24 Academic Calendar

Amended on Apr. 17, 2023

July 2023						
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January 2024						
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1-2 No School, Winter Break
15 No School, Holiday
18 End of Quarter 2
19 No School, Grading Day/
Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
22 No School, Staff Development
23 Start of Quarter 3

1-2 New Staff Development
7-10 New Staff Development
14-16 All Staff Development
17 Staff Development, Half Day
22 First Day of School, K-5
& Freshman Orientation
23 First Day of School, 6-8 & 10-12

August 2023						
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2 Two-Hour Early Release, Staff Development
15 Parent/Teacher Conferences (After School, Hours TBD)
16 No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Hours TBD

4 No School, Labor Day
29 No School, Staff Development

September 2023						
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8 Two-Hour Early Release, Staff Development
21 End of Quarter 3
22 No School, Staff Development
25-29 No School, Spring Break

16-17 No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Hours TBD
18-20 No School, Fall Break
27 End of First Quarter
30 No School, Grading Day
31 No School, Staff Development

October 2023						
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April 2024						
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1 No School, Grading Day
2 Start of Quarter 4
26 Two-Hour Early Release, Staff Development
29 No School

1 Start of Quarter 2
22-24 No School, Thanksgiving Break

November 2023						
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24 No School, Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
27 No School, Memorial Day

8 Two-Hour Early Release, Staff Development
20-29 No School, Winter Break

December 2023						
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5 Last Day, SoG (K-5)
6 Last Day, Sol/SoR (6-12)
7 Staff Development



Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to assist Minnesota districts in providing targeted programs and services to help all students succeed, districts are required by law to request more detailed student ancestry or ethnic origin information based on Minnesota's largest groups, beyond what has been collected on enrollment forms under federal law since 2008. Parents or guardians are not required to answer the federal questions (in bold) on the Ethnic and Racial Demographic Designation Form for their children. However, if you choose not to answer the federal questions (in bold), federal law requires schools to choose for you. State questions are labeled as "Optional" and schools will not fill in this information for you. Refusal to respond will not impact enrollment in the school.

As a result of the new law, you are asked to report your child's information. Starting with the 2019-20 school year, all schools in Minnesota will collect this information using these updated categories. The Minnesota Department of Education will continue to incorporate feedback from the public into this form.

To report your child's information, please log in to Infinite Campus and follow the [attached instructions](#) or complete the [enclosed form](#) and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by August 31, 2023. Note: You may choose to not indicate any of the more detailed selections by marking the "decline to indicate" option(s). You may also choose to mark an "other" option if you do not see your group represented. School staff are not required to assign students to these detailed groups.

For more information about the reporting categories, please contact Janice Gerheart at 952-746-7760 ext. 1111 or jgerheart@eagleridgeacademy.org.

Sincerely,

Jason Ulbrich
Executive Director

Instructions for Updating Ethnic & Racial Demographic Information in Infinite Campus

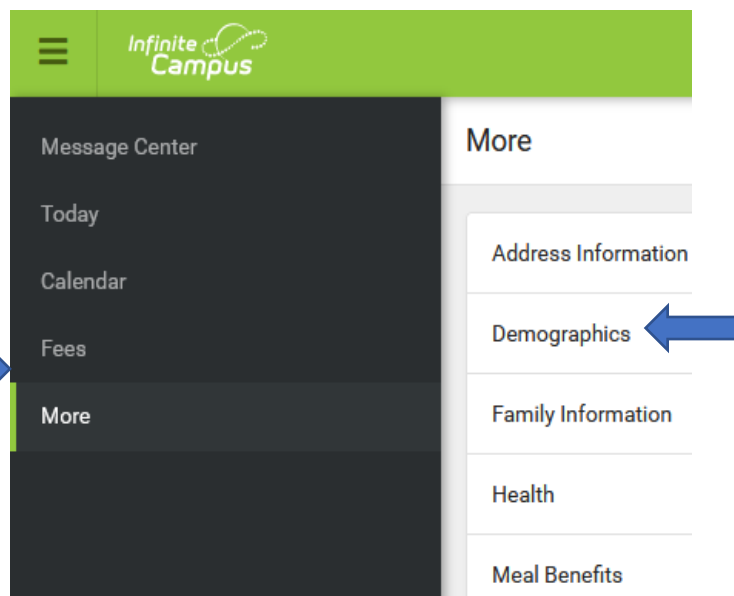


Figure #1

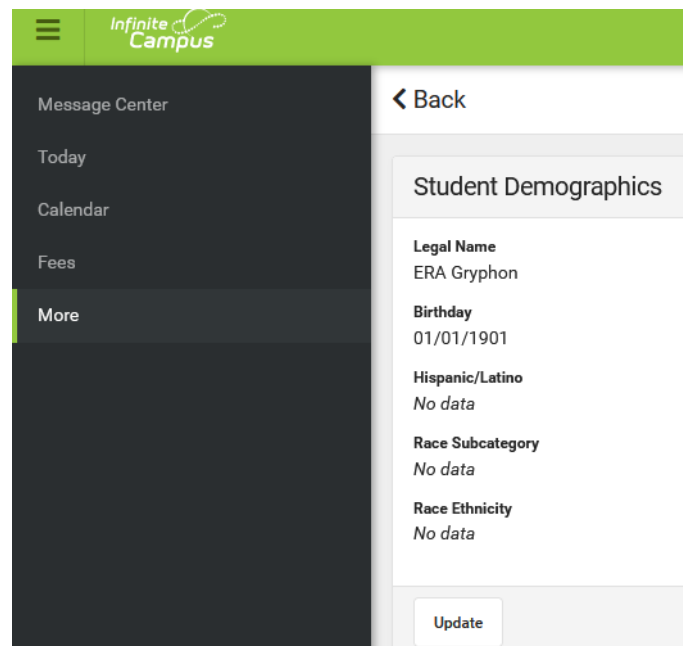


Figure #2

Figure #3 shows the 'Student Demographics' form. The 'Update' button at the bottom left is highlighted with a blue arrow. The form contains the following fields:

- Hispanic/Latino? (dropdown menu)
- Race (Select all that apply) (checkboxes for American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White)
- Race Subcategories (Select all that apply) (checkboxes for American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White)
- Race Ethnicity (dropdown menu)
- Comments (text area)

Figure #3

Step 1 - After logging in to Infinite Campus, select *More* from the left panel of options, then select *Demographics* from the new list that appears.

Step 2 – Select your child’s race and, if applicable, race subcategories and/or ethnicity.

Step 3 – Update.

Ethnic and Racial Demographic Designation Form

Student's First Name: _____ Middle Name/Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ District: _____ School: _____

Schools are required to report ethnicity and race to the state and to the U.S. Department of Education. Because of recent changes to Minnesota state law, Minnesota disaggregates each category into detailed groups to further represent our student populations. Parents or guardians are not required to answer the federal questions (**in bold**) for their children. If you choose not to answer the federal questions (**in bold**), federal law requires schools to choose for you. This is a last resort—we prefer if parents or guardians complete the form. State questions are labeled as “Optional” and schools will not fill in this information for you.

This information helps improve teaching and learning for everyone and helps us accurately identify and advocate for students currently underserved. The information this form collects is considered private information. You can review the privacy notice to learn more about the purpose of collecting this information, how it will be used and not used, and how the detailed groups were identified. The privacy notice can be found in our [Frequently Asked Questions: Ethnic and Racial Designation Form](#).

Is the student Hispanic/Latino as defined by the federal government? The federal definition includes persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.¹

[You must select “yes” or “no” to this question.]

☐ **Yes** *[If yes, go to Question A.]*

☐ **No** *[If no, go to Question 1.]*

Optional Question A: If yes was chosen above, select all that apply from the list below (*this question will not be answered by school staff*):

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to indicate | <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemalan | <input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colombian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaniard/Spanish/
Spanish-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuadorian | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican | | |

Go to Question 1.

[Select “yes” to at least one of the Questions (1-6) below.]

Question 1: Does the student identify as American Indian or Alaska Native as defined by the state of Minnesota? The state of Minnesota definition includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition. [This question is needed to calculate state aid/funding.]

☐ **Yes** *[If yes, go to Question 1a.]*

☐ **No** *[If no, go to Question 2.]*

Optional Question 1a: If yes was chosen above, select all that apply from the list below (*this question will not be answered by school staff*):

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to indicate | <input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other North American Indian Tribal Affiliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anishinaabe/Ojibwe | <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota/Lakota | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

Go to Question 2.

¹Federal Register, Vol. 72, No. 202/Friday, October 19, 2007/Notices/59274

Question 2. Is the student American Indian from South or Central America?

☐ **Yes** [Go to Question 3.]

☐ **No** [Go to Question 3.]

Question 3. Is the student Asian as defined by the federal government? The federal definition includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.¹

☐ **Yes** [If yes, go to Question 3a.]

☐ **No** [If no, go to Question 4.]

Optional Question 3a. If yes was chosen above, select all that apply from the list below (*this question will not be answered by school staff*):

☐ Decline to indicate

☐ Chinese

☐ Karen

☐ Other Asian

☐ Asian Indian

☐ Filipino

☐ Korean

☐ Unknown

☐ Burmese

☐ Hmong

☐ Vietnamese

Go to Question 4.

Question 4. Is the student black or African American as defined by the federal government? The federal definition includes persons having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.¹

☐ **Yes** [If yes, go to Question 4a.]

☐ **No** [If no, go to Question 5.]

Optional Question 4a. If yes was chosen above, select all that apply from the list below (*this question will not be answered by school staff*):

☐ Decline to indicate

☐ Ethiopian-Other

☐ Somali

☐ African-American

☐ Liberian

☐ Other black

☐ Ethiopian-Oromo

☐ Nigerian

☐ Unknown

Go to Question 5.

Question 5. Is the student Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander as defined by the federal government? The federal definition includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.¹

☐ **Yes** [Go to Question 6.]

☐ **No** [Go to Question 6.]

Question 6. Is the student white as defined by the federal government? The federal definition includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.¹

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

Parent(s)/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature _____

Print/Save

TRANSPORTATION INFO & FORMS

Eagle Ridge Academy Transportation Program | 2023-24

Transportation planning for 2023-24 has begun. Eagle Ridge Academy is happy to announce there will be no increase in transportation fees for the 2023-24 school year. In order to build the best routes, formally communicate the routes, receive feedback from families, and finalize the published routes, we need your timely participation. Signed Transportation Contracts with full payment must be submitted by July 1, 2023. Once the completed contract is signed and full payment is received, your child will be assigned to a bus route.

We are unable to guarantee transportation for your child if the Transportation Contract and full payment are not received by July 1, 2023. Contracts and/or payments received after July 1 will be assessed a \$50 per student late fee and students will be added to transportation as space allows.

Please see the following timeline for important deadlines concerning transportation for the 2023-24 school year:

MAY 15	JUNE 1	JULY 1	AUGUST 1
Building of initial routes. Initial routes will be built using data from students currently using Academy-provided bus service, data from Transportation Change Request Forms, and data from all new students who have requested transportation upon enrollment for the 2023-24 school year.	Initial routes will be published. Eagle Ridge Academy will host a Transportation Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, with school and transportation company managers to provide feedback regarding routes.	All families, new and returning, including those who used Academy-provided transportation for the 2022-23 school year, must complete a 2023-24 Transportation Contract and pay in full to guarantee transportation for the first day of school. Transportation Contracts from the 2022-23 school year will not carry over to the 2023-24 school year. Contracts and payments received after July 1, 2023 will be assessed a \$50 per student late fee, and transportation will not be guaranteed for the first day of school. Contracts received without payment will not confirm transportation nor reserve bus placements.	Final routes will be published based on contracts. Additional changes to routes will be made only for safety concerns, not for convenience in location. The Academy reserves the right to make changes to routes that might affect the timing or location of bus stops.

TRANSPORTATION INFO & FORMS

Students transported within the Hopkins School District will ride at no cost to the families as per MN State Statute. Students transported outside of the Hopkins School District will incur a transportation fee for the 2023-24 school year of \$300 per student with a family cap of \$750. Students who complete an eligible Application for Educational Benefits will qualify for a reduced transportation fee.

Eagle Ridge Academy provides a hub system with centrally located stops within communities. We use a hub system because we transport students within an approximate 700-square-mile area, about triple the area of large local school districts. The Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors has chosen to provide transportation to a greater number of students rather than using house-to-house transportation, which would require more than twice as many buses.

We do not guarantee a stop within walking distance of your residence. Bus routes and stop placement are determined by student population density in specific areas, and route length is targeted at a one-hour ride, weather and traffic permitting. This time is considerably shorter than other area charter schools, which often have ninety-minute run times. Please consider that your child may ride the bus for an hour to and from school if you choose Academy-provided transportation.

We limit the ridership on each bus to 65 students on a 77-passenger bus. Students in grades K-5 can expect to sit three to a seat. We plan for students in grades 6-12 to sit two to a seat.

Thank you for your cooperation in the collection of information that ensures accurate planning for our bus routes for the 2023-24 school year. Questions concerning transportation may be submitted to Karen Conner, Operations Manager, kconner@eagleridgeacademy.org.





Clubs & Activities

Activities Director Kris Babler
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952-746-7760 Ext: 1700



Register today!
 era-ar.schooltoday.com

The purpose of Eagle Ridge Academy activities is to grow to our full potential individually and as members of a team. Everything we do reflects the pillars of Eagle Ridge Academy: Citizenship, Integrity, Perseverance, Honor, Excellence, and Respect.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Boys Soccer JV/V Girls Soccer JV/V Girls Volleyball C/JV/V Yearbook Club Music Listening Club Junior Classical League Impart Art Club Book Club Cross Country Adaptive Fitness Flag Football Robotics Lego League Chess Club Advanced Chess Club 3X3 Basketball D&D Gamers Club Youth Running Choir Club Pep Band Outdoor Play Fall Play Youth Soccer Travel Soccer	Yearbook Club Music Listening Club Junior Classical League Impart Art Club Book Club Chess Club Advanced Chess Club D&D Gamers Club Pep Band Competition One-Act Play Non-Competition One-Act Play Dance Team Boys Basketball JV/V Girls Basketball JV/V Gryphon Youth Basketball *Mock Trial *Climbing Club Speech *Nordic Skiing Math League	Junior Classical League Impart Art Club Book Club Chess Club Advanced Chess Club D&D Gamers Club Pep Band Spring Musical Improv Club Girls Softball V *Girls Badminton V Boys/Girls Track & Field JV/V Coed Ultimate Frisbee V Boys Baseball JV/V *Three-Act Play

*This activity is not being offered at this time. It has been offered in the past or will be offered soon.

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB

BECOME AN
**ERA BOOSTER
CLUB MEMBER**
TODAY!

JOIN ONLINE AT:

www.ERABooster.org



ERA Booster Club **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

• Increased **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**:

- ♦ Hosting Annual **Awards Celebrations**
- ♦ Sponsoring **PACK THE STANDS/THEATER** events
- ♦ Launching **Team Dinners & Team Coordinators**
- ♦ Enhancing offerings at the **concession stand**
- ♦ Providing **FREE live-streaming** on YouTube via Hudl

• Provided **ACTIVITIES ASSISTANCE**:

- ♦ **Basketball & Volleyball**: Shot Clocks with stat panel, runners, padded chairs, & table; Girls Basketball new uniforms; Boys Basketball hotel expenses for overnight travel games
- ♦ **Baseball**: Batting Helmets, Batting Cages
- ♦ **Cross Country & Track & Field**: Tent frame, finish chute banners, new discs and shots, Plyo boxes
- ♦ **Theater**: Stage Mics, Sewing Machine, shelving, power tools, cords, Overhead Mics (coming soon)
- ♦ **Robotics**: Robot parts, filament, tools, laptop

Find more accomplishments online at:
ERABooster.org/Accomplishments

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

There are a variety of ways to be involved. Here are just a few examples:

- Year end event planning committee
- Concessions shifts
- Senior night planning
- Senior night setup
- 3 point shooting contest
- Board member
- Flyer creation
- Social media hype person
- Marketing
- Tell us your interest and we'll find a spot for you!

Find out more: ERABOOSTER.ORG



“Helping Gryphons Soar!”



Skyhawks School-Aged Care is an after-school program for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Skyhawks Sports MN partners with Eagle Ridge Academy in a shared vision to develop the whole student to be confident, healthy, and respectful individuals ready for all that life has to throw at them.

When can students attend Skyhawks School-Aged Care?

School-aged care will be available to K-6th grade students every Monday-Friday, 3:20-6:00 p.m. On early release days, school-aged care will be available 1:00-6:00 PM.

What does Skyhawks provide?

- Character development through Skyhawks Minnesota's mission of teaching life skills through sports
- A nutritious snack
- Daily homework help
- Daily physical education carried out through organized sports and games
- Various activities that students can choose to participate in

Where is Skyhawks located?

Skyhawks will utilize the TEL space at Eagle Ridge Academy during program hours. Parent pick up is located at the back parking lot entrance near the tennis courts.

How much does Skyhawks School-Aged Care cost?

- \$18/day on regular school days
- \$25/day on early release days
- Families will register through Skyhawks and only pay for the days childcare is needed
- Full payment will be collected upon checkout

How do I register for Skyhawks?

1. Visit www.skyhawks.com and create an account using the blue hyperlink at the top right hand corner.
2. Log into your account, and click *Find My Program*.
3. On the left-hand side of the screen, there are fields to filter your search. Filter your search as follows to ensure registering for the right program:
 - a. From the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen, please select *Other* in the list of sports offered.
 - b. Type 55343 in the zip code field and update the page using the blue button at the bottom of the page.
4. You will then be brought to a page listing all available after-school care dates. Please be sure to select the programs labeled as *After-school Childcare*.
5. To register for a date(s), you will need to add each program to your cart and check out when finished. Full payment is required upon checkout.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has not opened. You will be notified when it becomes available.

HEALTH INFO & FORMS

Eagle Ridge Academy Health Program | 2023-24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2023-24 school year approaches, please take the time to read this letter and ensure that you and your child are ready for summer and the next school year!

Are You Ready for Summer?

Medications: If your child has medications that are kept in the Health Office, they must be picked up by June 6, 2023, for the School of Grammar and June 7, 2023, for the Schools of Logic & Rhetoric, or they will be disposed of. Medications, medication permission slips, and an updated doctor's order must be brought in each school year. The Health Office will not store medications for students over the summer. Please plan to meet with the nurse at Back-to-School Night in August to drop off medications and forms.

Are You Ready for the 2023-24 School Year?

Immunizations: The state of Minnesota requires all students enrolled in grades K-12 to show that they have received immunizations or provide a notarized exemption (Minnesota Statute 121A.15). Please double check Infinite Campus to determine whether we have received your child's immunization status.

- If you notice your child is listed as non-compliant in Infinite Campus, please contact the nurse immediately so we may help you fix this.
- Please see the attached form of required immunizations for your child.
- If your child is exempt from immunizations, please have the attached Conscientious Objection or Medical Exemption form completed. Please contact the nurse if you need a notary to complete the conscientious objection form. Eagle Ridge Academy has a notary on campus.
- Immunization records and/or exemption forms **MUST** be received prior to the first day of school.

Yearly Health Form: The nurse requests that you complete the Yearly Health Form for each child enrolled at Eagle Ridge Academy. Complete it through the Eagle Ridge Academy website. This is especially important if your child has any medical history or medical needs while they are at school.

- If your child has had a change in health status or a new diagnosis, please plan to meet with the school nurse at Back-to-School Night.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact School Nurse Celia Bussler at CBussler@eagleridgeacademy.org or (952) 746-7760 ext. 1301.

NEW FAMILY NOTE: *for students starting at ERA in 2023-24*

If there have been no changes in your child's health or immunization records since you completed your enrollment registration documents, you do not need to fill out these forms a second time.

Enter the dates for each vaccine your child has received to date. Specify the month, day, and year of each dose such as 01/01/2010.

Immunization Form

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Immunizations required for child care, early childhood programs, and school.

Vaccine	Birth to 6 months	12 -24 months	At Kindergarten	At 7th grade	At 12th grade
Hepatitis B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Td)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Pneumococcal (PCV)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Polio	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Chickenpox (varicella)		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hepatitis A		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)				<input type="text"/>	
Meningococcal (MCV4)				<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Minnesota law requires children enrolled in child care, early childhood education, or school to be immunized against certain diseases, unless the child is medically or non-medically exempt.

Instructions for parent or guardian:

- Fill out the dates in chronological order even if your child received a vaccine outside of the age/grade category that the box is in. Depending on the age of your child, they may not have received all vaccines; some boxes will be blank.
 - If you have a copy of your child's immunization history, you can attach a copy of it instead of completing the front of this form.
 - Your doctor or clinic can provide a copy of your child's immunization history. If you are missing or need information about your child's immunization history, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-3980 or 800-657-3970.
- Sign or get the signatures needed for the back of this form.
 - Document medical and/or non-medical exemptions in section 1.
 - Verify history of chickenpox (varicella) disease in section 2.
 - Provide consent to share immunization information (optional) in section 3.

Instructions: Complete section 1 to document a medical or non-medical exemption, section 2 to verify history of varicella disease, and section 3 to consent to share immunization information.

Name _____

1. Document a medical and/or non-medical exemption (A and/or B).

Place an X in the box to indicate a medical or non-medical exemption. If there are exemptions to more than one vaccine, mark each vaccine with an X.

Vaccine	Medical Exemption	Non-Medical Exemption
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis		
Polio		
Measles, Mumps, Rubella		
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		
Chickenpox (varicella)		
Pneumococcal		
Hepatitis A		
Hepatitis B		
Meningococcal		

A. Medical exemption: By my signature below, I confirm that this child should not receive the vaccines marked with an X in the table for medical reasons (contraindications) or because there is laboratory confirmation that they are already immune.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of health care practitioner*)

2. History of chickenpox (varicella) disease. This child had chickenpox in the month and year _____

My signature below means that I confirm that this child does not need chickenpox vaccine because:

- ☐ I am a health care practitioner and this child was previously diagnosed with chickenpox or the parent provided a description that indicates this child had chickenpox in the past.
- ☐ I am the parent or guardian and this child had chickenpox on or before September 1, 2010.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of health care practitioner*, representative of a public clinic, or parent/guardian). Parent can sign if chickenpox occurred before September 2010.

*Health care practitioner is defined as a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

B. Non-medical exemption: A child is not required to have an immunization that is against their parent or guardian’s beliefs. However, choosing not to vaccinate may put the health or life of your child or others they come in contact with at risk. Unvaccinated children who are exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease may be required to stay home from child care, school, and other activities in order to protect them and others.

By my signature, I confirm that this child will not receive the vaccines marked with an X in the table because of my beliefs. I understand that my child may be required to stay home from child care, school, and other activities if exposed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of parent or guardian in presence of notary)

Non-medical exemptions must also be signed and stamped by a notary:

This document was acknowledged before me

on _____ (date)

by _____
(name of parent or guardian)

Notary Signature: _____

Notary Stamp

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF _____

3. Consent to share immunization information: This school is asking for permission to share your child’s immunization record with Minnesota’s immunization information system. Giving your permission will:

- Provide easier access for you and your school to check immunization records, such as at school entry each year.
- Support your school in helping to protect students by knowing who may be vulnerable to disease based on their immunization record. This can be important during a disease outbreak.

Under Minnesota law, all the information you provide is private and can only be released to those authorized to receive it. Signing this section of the form is optional. If you chose not to sign, it will not affect the health or educational services your child receives.

I agree to allow my child’s school to share my child’s immunization documentation with Minnesota’s immunization information system:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of parent/guardian)

FOOD SERVICE INFO

Eagle Ridge Academy Meal Program | 2023-24

Governor Tim Walz recently signed into law a bill that will provide free school breakfast and lunch for all Minnesota students at participating schools. All needed information regarding our meal program will be included in a future communication when available.



at schools & other sites

Free Nutritious Meals For Kids 18 And Under

Only a click away, the Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota.

How it works:

- 1** Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone.
- 2** Use the app to find the nearest site providing meals by GPS.
- 3** Click on the nearby site and use the Site Updates tab for more details.
- 4** Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media.

Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores.

There are free meal sites across the state at schools and community locations. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of operation. More sites are added daily. For more information: www.hungerimpactpartners.org.



DEVELOPMENT INFO

Office of Development & Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy | 2023-24

Get Involved and Support Eagle Ridge Academy

Eagle Ridge Academy's foundation, Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy, has a sole purpose to support the Academy and sustain it for future generations. Save the date for upcoming events and learn how to get involved.

Annual Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament June 19, 2023



The 10th Annual Eagle Ridge Academy Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is an annual tradition that brings community, staff, and friends together for a fun day of golf and camaraderie. This year's event is on Monday, June 19, at Edinburgh USA Golf Course in Brooklyn Park. This best-ball scramble is perfect for all levels of golfers. For more information, register to play, or donate, visit:

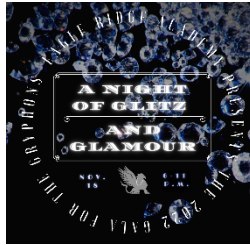
<https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/gryphonclassic/>.

We are looking for donated items for our contest and raffle prizes.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Did you know many organizations have Matching Gift Programs? These programs offer a match for your gifts to charities of your choice. If your workplace offers a matching gift program, you may have your gift or volunteer hours matched financially - some up to 100%! For a list of some employers who match, please visit:

<https://doublethedonation.com/minneapolis-minnesota-matching-gift-companies-list/>



Annual Gala for the Gryphons – November 18, 2023

Save the date for the 11th Annual Gala for the Gryphons. Our recent gala, *A Night of Glitz & Glamour*, raised \$56,000 to help support the Grow Your Own Teacher Program.

This fun event is for adults only, is held at an off-site venue, and includes a social hour, plated meal, dessert bar, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, and program.

Would you like to be part of a creative team of parents and staff to help plan our gala? Join in to meet new people, lend your voice and talents, and help make this night out special!



Annual Donut Dash 5k & Mini-Donut Dash – May 11, 2024

Save the date for the 10th Annual Donut Dash on May 11, 2024! Opportunities to get involved will be available this fall.

Shop with RaiseRight

Eagle Ridge Academy offers RaiseRight, a gift card program that gives back to Eagle Ridge Academy with purchases on everyday items such as groceries, restaurants, retail, or gas. You buy gift cards at face value from more than 700 retailers and RaiseRight donates a portion of all purchases back to Eagle Ridge Academy. Visit:

www.eagleridgeacademy.org/giving.

For more information on how to participate, information on RaiseRight, or other ways to support Eagle Ridge Academy, please contact Kelly Schiffman directly at 952-746-7760 ext. 1107 or by email: kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org All ways to be involved can be found at: <https://eagleridgeacademy.org/giving/>



EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

Family Volunteer Q & A

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!

WHAT IS THE ERA "GIVE US 5" VOLUNTEER PLEDGE?

In addition to the many ways parents are expected to regularly support their children's academic achievement, we also ask every Eagle Ridge Academy family to *Give Us 5* with a pledge to volunteer five times throughout the school year.

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY: Click the *Give Us 5* Volunteer Pledge link on ERA's website at <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/volunteer/>



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES TO VOLUNTEER AT ERA?

- Eagle Ridge Academy views parents and students as integral contributors and active participants in our school.
- The Academy is most successful when parents and students work together with the teachers and staff to create and sustain the best possible learning environment.
- Volunteering at Eagle Ridge is an excellent way to engage in the ERA community. Every minute donated is highly valued and appreciated.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

- There are a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Most of these are for parents, but there are certain opportunities for grandparents and students to get involved.
- We require all adult volunteers working with K-12 students to pass a background check.

HOW DO WE LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

- In addition to responding to specific needs as communicated by your child's classroom teacher, you can view a list of current volunteer opportunities and sign up on the volunteer page of ERA's website. Get there as described above or type <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/volunteer> into your browser.
- Read the Eagle Eye and check your email inbox for our monthly message highlighting current volunteer needs.

HOW DO WE KEEP TRACK OF THE TIMES WE VOLUNTEER?

Your hours are automatically recorded when you check in to volunteer at the office.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact 952-746-7760, ext. 1107 | kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY!

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." - Aristotle

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION INFO

ERA PTO-SPONSORED BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS

PTO stands for *your* Parent – Teacher – Organization!

Mark Your Calendars for These 2023 Events:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL KICKOFF EVENT

THURSDAY, July 27

4:00–8:00 p.m. In the ERA Forum

- Shop the largest Used Uniform Sale of the year
- Purchase PTO Spirit Wear/Gym Wear
- Make your PTO Annual Family Contribution
- Administration will be available to answer your questions

BACK TO SCHOOL MIXERS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 (5-12) and

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 (K-4)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. In the ERA Cafeteria

- Coincides with scheduled Meet Your Teacher Nights
- Come join us to grab a soda float and socialize with other ERA students and parents

ROCKIN' THE RIDGE – OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

(For K-5 Students and Families)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- Join your friends for carnival games, food trucks, inflatables, game trucks, crazy hair, face painting, photo booth, and LOTS more!!!

order online **today!**

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box. School supplies delivered directly to your home address – **it doesn't get any easier!**

- Easy Online Ordering
- Customize Your Order
- Avoid Back-to-School Crowds
- Trusted Brand Name Supplies
- Teacher Approved List
- Backpacks and Lunch Boxes

schooltoolbox.com

800-952-1119

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School Name:

**Eagle Ridge Academy
Minnetonka, MN**

Ordering Available:

Beginning at the end of May

Allow 10 days for processing.

2023-2024

School supplies are delivered to your home for you to bring to Meet Your Teacher Night.

Brand name supplies with a
school year guarantee

- Our teachers are experts at knowing what works best in their classroom
 - Classroom supplies are ALL at the highest quality

Go to schooltoolbox.com to place your order!

General Questions:
Contact School Tool Box

ERA-Specific Questions:
Contact Karen at karen@newmercies.org

Ordering available through September.



SCHOOL TOOL BOX





K-12 FAMILY DIRECTORY

Sign Up Today & Stay Connected

New Families: Register in 2 easy steps:

Step 1:

- Create an account at <https://eagleridgeacademy.membershiptoolkit.com>.



Step 2:

- Click "**verify my email**" and then check your email for a link to complete the process.
- Once you have verified your email address, **log back in and finish the registration process**.
 - ✓ Complete the **Parent/Family and Student Information** forms.
 - ✓ Complete the **Directory/Publish Preferences**.

Already Registered? Update Teacher & Grade

Step 1:

- Open your mobile app or <https://eagleridgeacademy.membershiptoolkit.com> on your computer. Follow the prompts to update your information or access My Account.

Step 2:

- Update your teacher or advisor name.
- Edit any family information that may have changed.

The Membership Toolkit Directory is available online and as a mobile app.



Questions? Please contact:

Kristi at kristi@dugan.ws or Karen at karen@newmercies.org



CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

Official ERA and PTO Facebook Pages

These are *Pages* and are OPEN to the public. *Like* each page and opt to receive notifications to stay updated.

[Official Eagle Ridge Academy \(ERA\) Facebook Page](#)

[Official ERA Parent-Teacher Organization \(PTO\) Facebook Page](#)

Parent-Run Facebook Groups (not owned or monitored by ERA or the PTO)

Connect with other ERA families on Facebook! Each class has a parent-run page, which is a great way to get to know the other parents in your child's grade, ask questions, and discuss activities & events. For those reading the list electronically, all groups are linked below. If you have a printed copy, just search for the group name.

When you click on the **Join Group** button, you'll be asked to answer a couple questions that help us make sure interested members are in the right place. These groups are all Private and Visible, which means that anyone can find the group and see who is in it, but only group members can see what is posted. Membership is open only to ERA families and not the public. Once the admin approves your request, you can access the group. Welcome to ERA and see you on Facebook!

[ERA Parents of K – 12](#) – Families of all ERA students

[ERA Parents of 2024](#) – 12th grade

[ERA Parents of 2025](#) – 11th grade

[ERA Parents of 2026](#) – 10th grade

[ERA Parents of 2027](#) – 9th grade

[ERA Parents of 2028](#) – 8th grade

[ERA Parents of 2029](#) – 7th grade

[ERA Parents of 2030](#) – 6th grade

[ERA Parents of 2031](#) – 5th grade

[ERA Parents of 2032](#) – 4th grade

[ERA Parents of 2033](#) – 3rd grade

[ERA Parents of 2034](#) – 2nd grade

[ERA Parents of 2035](#) – 1st grade

[ERA Parents of 2036](#) – Kindergarten

[ERA Uniform & Resource Exchange](#) – Open to all ERA Families to buy and/or sell Eagle Ridge Uniform Items and other school resources (books, instruments, etc.)



Used Uniform Sale

July 27 from 4 – 8 p.m.

Eagle Ridge Academy Forum

Want to Purchase Uniforms?

The Eagle Ridge Academy Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) welcomes you to come shop! We monitor our inventory of gently-used items for quality and compliance with current ERA uniform policy so you can shop with confidence. Volunteers are also available at sales to answer any questions you might have about uniform policy or practical use.

Want to Donate Uniforms?

Thank you! Proceeds from donated uniforms benefit a long list of PTO events and services supporting our ERA community. To donate uniform items, just drop them off throughout the school year and summer during regular ERA office hours. Office location and hours change in the summer, so please check the ERA website for current hours and appropriate entrance door. We are only able to accept uniform items that are approved according to ERA's current uniform policy. Items should be in gently-used condition, clean, and without strong odors.

Want to Sell Uniforms?

As a service to our ERA community, the PTO provides individual sellers the opportunity to retain 100% of the profits from the sale of their items, without subtractions for commissions or service fees. Sellers will receive the proceeds from sold items via mailed check provided they comply with current policies and procedures. Scan the QR Code for more information on selling, including links to garment tags and our required seller registry.



Volunteers Wanted!



Our Used Uniform Sale is planned and run entirely by volunteers. There are lots of roles available and it's a great way to get to know other Eagle Ridge families. Scan the QR code to join our awesome team! Thanks for considering serving!