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To inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day

Aug. 8, 2025

To Staff and Our Twin Rivers Families,

The countdown is officially on! The first day of school is Tuesday, August 19, and we can't wait to see our schools and classrooms across Twin Rivers come to life with approximately 25,000 students.

The first day is a fresh start for every student. Whether they're stepping onto campus for the very first time or returning to familiar faces and routines, they will be warmly welcomed and supported from day one. We've been hard at work all summer preparing for a year of strong academics, meaningful student support, and enriching opportunities for your child to grow—both inside and beyond the classroom.

If you're new to Twin Rivers, welcome! We're a proud and diverse district where all students and staff are respected and supported. With a 92% graduation rate—higher than both the Sacramento County and state averages—we're focused on delivering outcomes that open doors for every student. We know there's always room to grow, and it's encouraging to see recent gains in student achievement. Test scores are up—2.56% in math and 3.46% in English language arts. We're building on that momentum with strong instruction, personalized support, and dedicated educators and staff who go above and beyond for our students. As a result of our collective efforts, more students are taking full advantage of the opportunities our district offers to get a head start on college and careers. In the Class of 2025, 281 seniors graduated with college credit. Since 2023, nine students have earned both a high school diploma and an associate degree through our Dual Enrollment Program with American River College. Nearly 3,000 students were enrolled in Career Technical Education—of those, 647 were English learners; 398 were students with disabilities.

Beyond academics, we encourage all students to get involved and stay connected. Whether it's joining a club, participating in sports, or lending a voice to student leadership, engagement activities help students build friendships, discover new interests, and grow in confidence. These opportunities can make a big difference in helping students feel connected throughout the year.

We're also investing in the environments where students learn, play, and connect. For the 2024-25 school year, we invested \$212 million and completed 106 major school improvement projects. Learn more about recent progress in our State of the District Report and 2024-25 Facilities Update Video. Our 75 summer projects include the Highlands High School Beautification Project and the new Madison Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) and Kindergarten Complex, both scheduled for completion before school starts.

As the first day approaches, we encourage you to stay connected with your child's school for important updates and information. Preparing together can help your child feel confident and ready for a strong start. A little planning now goes a long way in creating a smooth transition back to school. Your involvement, whether it's talking with your child about their goals or simply showing up, helps set a positive tone that supports their growth and well-being all year long.

Free Meals for All Students

All Twin Rivers students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch every school day—no fees or applications required. Through the Community Eligibility Provision, our schools provide healthy, nutritious meals at no cost to families, helping every student stay focused and ready to learn. If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Services at (916) 566-1600, ext. 36272.

To help you stay informed, we've gathered some helpful links below:

- 2025-2026 School Start and End Times
- 2025-2026 Student Calendar
- 2025-2026 Student & Family Handbook
- Aeries Parent Portal and Data Confirmation (for returning or continuing students)
- District Website
- Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
- Health Services Clinic Information
- Parents and Family Corner
- <u>Student Immunization Requirements</u>: Required to attend school

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to a great year of shared success.

Sincerely,

Steve Martinez, Ed. D. Superintendent

Twin Rivers Unified School District