

# ***Common questions about the Tahoma High School and opening a new building***

## ***What entrance will students and staff use to Tahoma High School?***

Staff, parents, visitors, buses and Performing Arts Center (PAC) events enter from the Maple Valley Highway near Les Schwab. All student parking and sporting events will enter off of 228th street or the west side. There is no through road between east and west sides.

## ***Which entrance should students who walk or ride bikes use to enter the building?***

Whichever is closest or easiest to access and safest. Please use crosswalks and exercise caution. Any students coming from Rock Creek Meadows must cross Kent-Kanglely at a designated crosswalk.

## ***What time in the morning is the building open to students?***

7:10 AM

## ***Where do parents pick up and drop off students before and after school?***

Visitor parking is available at the east lot by the main office (closest to Les Schwab). Student pickup and drop off is available at both ends of the building (east and west). If dropping off on the east side, follow signs to the left in order to avoid driving into the bus zone. Parents and guardians will need to check in with Tahoma attendance of main office staff when transporting their students during the school day.

\*Before and after school will be heavy traffic. With 2600 students and 150 staff there will be two times of day that traffic will be heavily congested: (7:25-7:55 and 2:00-2:30). You can help by avoiding adding traffic to an already congested time period.

## ***Where do I pick up my kid if they are sick?***

Our nurses office is on the west side of the campus and the shortest distance to pick up a ill student. Please enter from the roundabout off of 228th street and drive up to visitor parking..

## ***If my student is late, which entrance should I drop him/her off?***

Our attendance office is located on the west side of the school. Please enter from the roundabout off of 228th street and drive up to visitor parking.

## ***What warrants a schedule modification?***

- Missing a class
- Having two of the same classes
- Missing a prerequisite for a class

***What does not warrant a class modification?***

- I want to be in my friend’s class
- I like a specific teacher

***What is the daily bell schedule for Tahoma High School?***

**Regular M-Th Schedule**

Regular M-Th	Start	End	Minutes
1st and 5th	7:40	8:59	79
Break	8:59	9:06	7
2nd and 6th	9:06	10:25	79
Lunch	10:25	11:25	60
3rd and 7th	11:25	12:44	79
Break	12:44	12:51	7
4th and 8th	12:51	2:10	79

**Friday Schedule**

Friday	Start	End	Minutes
1st and 5th	7:40	8:42	62
Break	8:42	8:49	7
2nd and 6th	8:49	9:51	63
Break	9:51	9:58	7
3rd and 7th	9:58	11:00	62
Break	11:00	11:07	7
4th and 8th	11:07	12:10	63
Lunch	12:10	12:40	30
In-service	12:40	2:10	90

**Power Hour** - A new addition to our student support model

***What is Power Hour?***

Power Hour is a one-hour planning time and lunch at the midpoint of the school day designed to support learning and maintain a positive culture for students.

***When will students eat lunch?***

This block of time includes a 30-minute lunch and a 30-minute flex period for students to pursue academic work and extracurricular interests. Students can eat at any time during Power Hour

depending on their needs. While the majority of our students bring sack lunches those purchasing lunch are encouraged to not wait in line but rather pick the best time for the shortest line...ie, you have an hour don't rush into a line, come back later.

***What types of activities are available to students during Power Hour?***

There will be plenty of options available. Students can get extra tutoring, make up missed assignments, study, attend interventions, participate in clubs, activities or intramural sports, or attend pep assemblies.

***I have heard that teachers can require students to attend academic Power Hour sessions.***

Students may be assigned Power Hour if deemed necessary by a teacher. Reasons why students might be assigned Power Hour include, but are not limited to, having a D or F in a class, missing assignments, or needing to make up or finish a test. This may occur in a teacher's classroom or the testing center

***How will students know what Power Hour offerings are available during the week, when they are happening, and where to locate them?***

Each week students can visit the Power Hour link on the school website to view upcoming opportunities, or use the QR code below. The weekly Power Hour schedule will also be visible on TV screens throughout the building and in classrooms.



**Off-Campus Lunch Privilege**

***Will THS offer off-campus privilege during Power Hour?***

Yes, juniors and seniors who have earned off-campus privilege may leave during this time.

***Does the off-campus lunch privilege begin on the first day of school?***

No, the first 4 days of school **no** students will be allowed to leave campus. Juniors and seniors who have the off-campus sticker on the back of their ASB/ID Card will be allowed to leave campus for lunch beginning on Tuesday, September 12.

***Can the off-campus privilege be taken away?***

Yes. Junior and Senior Lunch Privilege may be revoked by Administration or Campus Security for the following behaviors—

- Taking students without the privilege off campus, including sophomores and freshmen
- Student misconduct in the community
- Arriving late from Power Hour—warning on first occurrence, privilege revoked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence
- Students who are assigned Power Hour academic help for poor grades
- Violating school parking and/or parking lot rules
- Exceptional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a Tahoma Bear

Students who have their privilege revoked can re-apply at the nine week intervals. A second incident will result in loss of the privilege for the remainder of the school year.

***Who should I see to get my privilege or to apply at the nine week intervals?***

Mr. Hansen, Assistant Principal

***Can sophomores purchase parking passes?***

No. Due to increased enrollment, we have sold passes for all available student parking spaces.

***Can sophomores and freshmen drive to school?***

Students who drive and park at THS must have a valid 2017-2018 Parking Permit. If sophomores and freshmen drive, they must park off school grounds and walk onto the campus. There is no designated off-campus parking areas.

***How big is the Performing Arts Center and will the community be able to rent it for events?***

The Tahoma PAC will seat 600. School events will first be scheduled and open dates will then be made available for community events starting in January of 2018. We are hoping a community theater group will emerge as well as a showcase facility for many performing arts events for both students and adults

***I heard there won't be a sports stadium for football and soccer at the new school?***

Varsity football games will still be played at Maxwell Stadium (current MVMS). The new school stadium will seat 800 for soccer, track and non-varsity football (JV, freshman) games. In short, everything but varsity football will be played at the “new” THS

***Are you having Open House?***

Yes. Our Open House / Curriculum Night will take place September 13, 2017. Watch for information through Bear Bytes and email. You can also find information on our website.

***Where can I find a copy of the student handbook?***

The student handbook can be found in student planners. Planners will be passed out to all schools.

***What exactly is a Regional Learning Center?***

As envisioned by the school district, a regional learning center will offer high school students access to education and training programs from local colleges and technical schools. Eventually, the school will also host college-level classes for the community as part of evening or weekend education programs. Currently we are offering classes from U of W, CWU and Green River CC

***How many students will be attending the new High School?***

Our new school will include grades 9-12 and will have about 2,600 students.

***What is being planned to help with our already busy streets?***

Having two entrances to the campus, from SR 169 on the east and from 228th Avenue SE on the west, will help spread out the traffic impact to surrounding neighborhoods.

***If I am a Running Start student, can I stay on campus until my Green River class begins.***

No, once Tahoma High school class is dismissed, Running Start students are to leave campus.

***Are the fields open for use to the general public?***

Yes and no. The tennis courts and track are open for walkers and tennis players when school events are not in session (PE classes or Tennis team...) After school community team usage will begin in January of 2018.