



R5 High School

# Phoenix Gazette

## Welcome Back!



We hope everyone has had a fantastic summer! We're very excited to welcome our learners and begin the 2023-24 school year on Wednesday, August 9th at 8 am. Our team has spent many hours working on R5 redesign plans to ensure we are providing the very best alternative high school experience to each and every learner. This year, R5 High School will look and feel quite different as we are focused on challenging learners with hands-on, relevant learning experiences that allow them to own their learning and establish an individualized path. Each learner will develop a personalized graduation plan that is supported by our team to help them achieve their goals for a successful future.

To kick off the school year on August 9th, we have set up a 3-day intensive focused on relationship building, connecting, and establishing a strong community as we focus on grounding ourselves in our new R5 Community Respect Agreements (view on page 2). Our first 3 days involve great opportunities for us to spend time getting to know each other and reflecting on ourselves, who we want to be, and how we will get there. We're asking all learners to dress comfortably in walking shoes as we are planning to be outside for the first half of each day. Water bottles and sunscreen will be important as well for these days so bring them with you. We will be back at R5 by lunchtime each day.

The remainder of our first quarter will involve hands-on projects and opportunities that support all learners in developing the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in our changing world and progress toward graduation. We're excited for the year and look forward to seeing you on August 9th!

# THIS MONTH

23/24 R5 Calendar

23/24 Bell Schedule

Secondary Placement Information

Upcoming Important Dates

# R5 Community RESPECT Agreements

We will . . .

<p><b>Work Habits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Come organized, prepared, and <i>READY</i></li> <li>★ Practice presence &amp; self-focus</li> <li>★ Commit to learning &amp; growing from mistakes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building Relationships</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Build positive <i>RELATIONSHIPS</i></li> <li>★ Pursue politeness &amp; helpfulness</li> <li>★ Choose dialogue over debate</li> <li>★ Listen to understand</li> <li>★ Refrain from blaming or shaming self &amp; others</li> </ul>
<p><b>Professionalism</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Manage technology <i>RESPONSIBLY</i></li> <li>★ <i>REFLECT</i> to bring our best self</li> <li>★ Honor time commitments</li> <li>★ Own the way our communication (body, verbal, &amp; digital) affects our community</li> <li>★ Advocate for needs</li> <li>★ Take pride in our school environment</li> </ul>

District 51  
**STUDENT BUS PASS PROGRAM**

POWERED BY COMPRESSOR

GRAND VALLEY TRANSIT

OVER 700 STUDENTS ENROLLED

Youth 11 & Under Ride Free With Any Passenger

**D51 Middle & High School Students**  
Ride Grand Valley Transit FREE  
Complete the online form to get started  
Pick up the free-ride sticker before summer break  
D51 Schools, GVT Transfer, Mesa County Public Libraries, Grand Junction Parks & Recreation

Check out the Learn to Ride Video. Scan the QR Code.

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[gvt.mesa-county.us](http://gvt.mesa-county.us)

**Lunch Lizard** 23/24 R5 Schedule

All students will receive free breakfast and lunch starting in 2023-24 through the Healthy School Meals for All program!

*Breakfast Serve Time*    *Lunch Serve Time*  
7:45 am - 8:05 am    12:25 pm - 12:50 pm



# Welcome, Liza!

I am Liza Hines and am delighted to be the new counselor at R5. I am a Grand Junction native and joining the R5 team after 16 years at Central High School. I am a parent of a high schooler and a guardian of a couple of rescued chihuahuas. I spend my time making art, growing plants, running rapids and listening to audiobooks and podcasts. Also, I am not going to say that I watch too much Tik Tok, but I am not going to say I don't.

I am following some great learners to this new position and I am thrilled to be here. I believe that learning and academic success can look like so many different things and that there is always hope for young people to achieve their goals.

We also have a field trip to Colorado Mountain College on August 31st. CMC is an excellent post-secondary option. It is close, it is inexpensive, and it can provide housing for that unique college experience but with over 100 certificate programs and two year degrees. Come see me (Liza) in counseling for more information on how to get on that bus to Glenwood Springs.

I am available on school calendar days between the hours of 7:15 and 3:15.



If you need help outside of these days/times and this is a crisis situation, please use one of the following resources:

- \* Call 911 emergency line
- \* Safe2Tell - call 1-877-542-SAFE to submit an anonymous report to law enforcement and school administration
- \* Suicide Prevention Lifeline (click for link) or call 1-800-273-TALK
- \* Colorado Crisis: 1-844-493-8255 or Text: 38255



# What you should know about R5's Secondary Placement

Learners are required to have one of the following Secondary Placements during their enrollment at R5 High School:

Job with  
a Verified  
Employer

or

Approved  
Internship  
and/or  
Volunteer  
Position

or

Concurrent  
Enrollment  
at WCCC/D51  
Career  
Center

or

Enrollment  
& Participation  
in the  
R5 YPP  
Program

or

Enrollment  
& Participation  
in the  
R5 Eureka  
Program

✓ Secondary Placement is a **required** part of the R5 program

## FIRST WEEK INTENSIVE REMINDERS! AUGUST 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH

3 FUN days of intensive activities focused on relationship-building, connecting, and establishing a strong community!

We are going to be outside so please make sure that you:

Dress for HOT weather

Wear/bring sunscreen

Bring your water bottle

Wear comfortable walking shoes



## Principal Accountability Committee Quarterly Meetings

A quarterly meetup to connect, discuss & reflect on the great things happening at R5.

The meetings are only an hour long and begin at 11:30.



**September 7th - November 9th - February 8th - April 4th**

Please email Lindsey Chitwood at [lindsey.chitwood@d51schools.org](mailto:lindsey.chitwood@d51schools.org) if you're interested in attending!

# R5 Picture Retakes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



## Free Meals for Students, & Important Reminders for Families

We are excited to share that all students will receive free breakfast and lunch starting in 2023-24 through the Healthy School Meals for All program! This new statewide program, approved by Colorado voters, is helping Colorado children and teens have access to nutritious food at R5!



Even though breakfast and lunch will be provided for free, we need families to continue sharing household income information through CDPHE in order for our schools to receive full access to federal funding. These additional funds will go directly back to Mesa County Valley School District 51 to help cover the cost of meals, and will also support after-school activities and other nutritional programs. Plus, families who qualify may receive discounted school fees, class materials, bus passes, utilities support, and more! As always, all household income information will be kept confidential and protected by law.



## WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

[www.d51foundation.org](http://www.d51foundation.org)

# R5 High School 23/24 Bell Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>7:45 - 8:00</b> <i>BREAKFAST</i>				
8:00 - 10:00 <i>BLOCK 1</i>	8:00 - 10:00 <i>BLOCK 1</i>	8:00 - 10:00 <i>BLOCK 1</i>	8:00 - 10:00 <i>BLOCK 1</i>	8:00 - 10:00 <i>BLOCK 1</i>
10:00 - 10:30 <i>ADVISORY</i>	10:00 - 10:30 <i>ADVISORY</i>	10:00 - 10:30 <i>ADVISORY</i>	10:00 - 10:30 <i>ADVISORY</i>	10:00 - 10:30 <i>ADVISORY</i>
10:30 - 12:30 <i>BLOCK 2</i>	10:30 - 12:30 <i>BLOCK 2</i>	10:30 - 12:30 <i>BLOCK 2</i>	10:30 - 12:30 <i>BLOCK 2</i>	10:30 - 12:00 <i>BLOCK 2</i>
<b>12:30 - 1:00</b> <i>LUNCH</i>				
1:00 - 2:45 <i>BLOCK 3</i>	1:00 - 2:45 <i>BLOCK 3</i>	1:00 - 2:45 <i>BLOCK 3</i>	1:00 - 2:45 <i>BLOCK 3</i>	1:00 - 2:45 <i>BLOCK 3</i>

No time is given to passing periods. R-5 is a vocational readiness school and we teach the learners to take care of their biological needs, at appropriate times, as they arise. The bell denotes when learners should switch classes; all classes are in close proximity and do not need extra time to travel to the new class.

# R5 High School 23/24 School Calendar



**Adopted: December 13, 2022**

Classes Begin August 9

All Schools Classes Not In Session

July 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	R	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	W	T	10	11	12	13
14	H	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2023						
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February 2024						
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September 2023						
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March 2024						
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October 2023						
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15	CD	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	C	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

November 2023						
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May 2024						
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December 2023						
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June 2024						
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W	Teacher Workdays	T	Teacher In-Service
August 3,8		August 4,7	
October 12		January 9	
January 8			
March 26			
May 24			

s/m/c	Elementary Planning/ NS Conference (HS In Session)
September 5	

ss/c/c	Elem Conference/ NS/ HS In-Service (No School)
October 13	

CD	Teacher Compensation Day (No School)
October 16	
April 12	

EN	Elementary Planning/ NS Inservice (HS In Session)
November 3	
April 11	

IE	Elementary Planning, NS/ HS In-Service (No School)
March 24	

EC	Elem Conferences Only (NS/HS In session)
May 10	

Check with your school for Parent Teacher conference dates

Schools Not In Session (Holidays and/or Vacation Breaks)

September 4	Labor Day
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 22-Jan 5	Winter Break
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 19	President's Day
March 18-22	Spring Break

Statistical Record Data

Total number of contact days elementary - 170

Total number of contact days middle - 171

Total number of contact days high - 174

Classes Begin	August 10
1st Quarter Ends	October 11 (43 ES) MS - 44 HS)
2nd Quarter Ends	December 21 (42 ES) MS - 43 HS)
3rd Quarter Ends	March 13 (44 ES) MS) HS)
4th Quarter Ends	May 23 (41 ES - 42 MS - 43 HS)

Dates Specific to R5	
R	Registration Days
B	Beginning of the Quarter/First Day of Quarter
S	Student Showcases/ Parent Teacher Conferences
A	ACE Days (RS Staff Only)



## SAVE THE DATES

**Aug. 9th - First Day of School**

**Aug. 9th - 11th - First Week Intensive**

**Aug. 16th - Picture Retakes**

**Sept. 4th - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL**

**Sept. 7th - Principal Accountability Meeting**

**Sept. 14th - Student Showcases**

**Sept. 25th - EE Day, NO SCHOOL**



If you need assistance with anything at R5, please visit the R5 website or call the main office at 970-254-6880 during the hours of 8 am-3 pm M-F.

Our Staff is committed each and every day to their work, our Mission:

R-5 uses Restorative Practices and Project-Based Learning to support learners in becoming thriving citizens. R-5 is committed to ensuring all learners will develop critical-thinking skills, cultural and self-awareness, and global citizenship through an individualized whole-person approach, commanding high expectations and providing mastery learning with a compassionate, responsive, and collaborative environment.

...to guarantee that 100% of our graduates will be post-secondary ready.