



FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ART AND PERFORMING ARTS

DEEPAK MARWAH, PRINCIPAL

Dear LaGuardia Students and Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited for the new school year. We're thrilled to welcome all students back to the building on Thursday, September 4, 2025

Important Information for Opening Day

Schedule and Arrival

- Entry begins at 7:35 AM - We recommend arriving early if you have any questions about the first day of school. We will have staff members in the lobby ready to answer any questions and direct students to the right location.
- Students will follow a modified schedule on Thursday. OMNY Cards and Yondr Pouches will be distributed during Period 3
- View the [Opening Day Bell Schedule](https://www.laguardiahs.org/apps/bell_schedules/) and bookmark the regular bell schedule on https://www.laguardiahs.org/apps/bell_schedules/

What to Bring

- Returning students: Don't forget your LaGuardia HS ID
- New students do not need an ID at this time
- All students: Print or write down your schedule from your NYCSA account before arriving. Essential schedule information to print or write down: Room, Period, Teacher, and Course Title
- If you are unable to access your schedule, our staff members will be available to assist you upon entry.
- It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that **all** students print or write down their schedule (once released on September 3) to ensure they can attend all classes on time.

New Policies This Year

Cell Phone Policy: Due to the state's new cell phone law:

- All students must secure phones in Yondr pouches during school hours
- Students will lock pouches each morning upon entry
- Learn more:
 - [NYCPS CELLPHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY](#)

- [LAGUARDIA HS INTERNET-CONNECTED DEVICE POLICY](#)
- Yondr Information
 - [One-Page Information Sheet](#)
 - [Information for Students - Slideshow](#)
 - [How the Yondr program works - VIDEO](#)

Program Changes and Schedules

- ***Schedule Release:*** Student schedules available by Wednesday, September 3, in their NYCSA accounts.
- ***Program Changes:*** A separate email with the official request process will be sent on September 3
- ***Important:*** Students awaiting program changes must follow their current schedule until a new one is provided
- Only requests made through the official form will be reviewed - please do not send emails about program changes

Open Lunch Program (Grades 10-12)

- ***Start Date:*** September 19 (second full week of school)
- ***Permission Process:*** Forms distributed and processed between September 5-18
- ***How to Apply:*** Download, print, and sign the [Open Lunch Permission Form](#)
- Return signed forms to the Deans Office (Room 229) starting Monday, September 8

Required Forms for All Students

Many forms are available to complete through your NYCSA account. For your convenience, we have also provided you with information and links to these forms below.

[Family Income Inquiry Form](#) (All Students - Required)

Previously known as the school lunch form

- 100% completion required - regardless of financial need
- Eligibility benefits include:
 - College Board and ACT fee waivers
 - College application fee waivers
 - AP exam fee waivers
 - Subsidized concert tickets and need-based scholarships
- Failure to complete makes students ineligible for all waivers and financial assistance

[Ethnic/Race Identification Form](#) (New Students Only)

- Required by federal law for funding determination
- Information kept safe and private
- If you choose to fill out this hardcopy, return it to the Attendance Office (room 201)
- Include your child's full name

Athletics (PSAL)

Students interested in sports need both:

- [PSAL Parental Consent Form](#)
- [PSAL Medical Form](#)
- More information: [LAG ATHLETICS](#)

504 Accommodations

For students who may need health services or reasonable accommodations

- Learn more about [504 Accommodations](#)

Important Reminders

NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)

- Your gateway to track your child's progress
- Receive text/email updates about closures, emergencies, and events
- Update your contact information so we can reach you

Health and Safety

- Ensure your child is up-to-date on required immunizations
- New students need a physical exam from a healthcare provider

Transportation

- Review your child's transportation options and eligibility
- Visit schools.nyc.gov/Transportation for details

Resources and Links

- [School Calendar 2025-2026](#)
- [School One-Pager](#)

Need Help? Team members will be available in the lobby on Thursday to answer any questions you may have.

Have a safe and productive LaGuardia school year!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Deepak Marwah', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Deepak Marwah
Principal