

Tate High School

Student Photo ID Badge Policy



Purpose and Rationale

Tate High School requires all students to wear a school-issued Photo Identification (ID) badge during the school day. This initiative enhances **campus safety, security, and operational efficiency**.

Key reasons for the ID policy include:

1. **Safety & Security** – ID badges make it easy for staff and emergency personnel to quickly identify students and determine who belongs on campus.
2. **Operational Efficiency** – Badges speed up services such as lunch lines, library checkouts, and event access.
3. **School Unity** – Wearing ID badges fosters a sense of belonging and pride in the Tate High School community.

Policies and Procedures

- **Issuance**
 - To help students adjust to the new Photo ID process, Tate High School will implement a two-week transition period at the start of the policy, beginning on August 14th.
 - If a student forgets their Photo ID during this two-week period:
 - They will be issued a wristband to wear for the day.
 - Wristbands will be distributed by the student's 1st or 2nd period teacher.
 - The wristband serves as a temporary visual identifier for staff and grants the student access to school services for that day only.
 - After the two-week adjustment period, students will be expected to have their Photo ID each day and follow the regular consequences for not having it.
 - IDs include the student's name, student ID, and a barcode for school systems.
 - 1st Replacement is \$5 - 2nd Replacement is \$10 - 3rd Replacement & Subsequent \$15
 - Replacement Link - [Tate Student ID Badge Replacement Request](#)
- **Daily Requirements**
 - Students must wear their Photo ID badge **at all times** during the school day.
 - IDs must be visible at all times.
- **Restrictions**
 - IDs may not be altered, decorated, or defaced.
 - Duplicate IDs are prohibited.
 - Possession of another student's ID is not allowed and will result in disciplinary action.
- **Replacement & Damaged Cards**
 - Damaged or defaced IDs must be replaced at the student's expense.
 - Lost IDs should be reported to the *Lost Badge* online form.
- **Consequences for Not Having an ID**
 - Will be denied hall pass privileges and senior privileges.
 - Will be unable to check out library books.
 - May be stopped and questioned regarding their purpose on campus.
- **Withdrawal from School**
 - Students must return their Photo ID as part of the withdrawal process. If not, there will be a \$5.00 fee assessed.

Parent Partnership

Parents are encouraged to:

- Ensure their student brings their Photo ID daily.