



Pana Junior High School

Lisa Mayhall, Principal

Report to Board of Education

August 2026

Enrollment as of 8/14/2026.

Grade	Registered
6th	67
7th	71
8th	84

Welcome New Staff Members

- Carter Hocq - Wellness
- Jennifer Wise - 7th grade math - transferred from the high school.

Back to School

- We had a great start for the 2026-2027 school year! The 7th & 8th grade students easily transitioned back into their junior high routine. We are excited for our new 6th grade students to get into their new schedules.
- The first full week of school will be a "Welcome Week". Teachers will be focusing on activities to prepare students for a successful school year. Topics include *Building a Community of Learners*, *School-Wide Expectations*, *Handbook Highlights*, *Chromebook Care - Loaner Usage*, *eHall Pass Procedures*, and *School Safety*.
- Open House will be held Thursday, August 20th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
- Teachers will continue to focus on literacy this year. We will be looking into explicit teaching strategies for literacy in the classroom. Teachers will take part in two PD opportunities this fall presented by the Illinois [SLD Support Project](#). In addition, our 6th grade ELA department is piloting a combined block model where students remain with the same teacher for back-to-back reading and language arts classes. We made this change because current research tells us that these two subjects are deeply connected. This schedule allows teachers to bridge reading comprehension with writing practice and vocabulary.

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