

Weight room at HHS now open to the public

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Starting Monday, June 3, the weight room at Holyoke High School will open its doors to the public.

Available through Wednesday, Aug. 7, morning workouts at HHS will be an option for those interested in utilizing the weight room.

The public will be allowed in from 5-6:30 a.m., Monday-Friday. From 6:30-8 a.m., the weight room will be reserved strictly for student use.

A one-time payment will ensure use of the weight room throughout the summer. Summer passes will be made available in the school office, which is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. during the summer.



Wyatt Powell, pictured at left, and Ramon Favela make use of weight room equipment Friday, May 17 during the weights course offered at HHS. The weight room will be open to the public beginning in early June.□□

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Students will still be allowed to use the facility free of charge.

A liability waiver must be signed at the time of purchase of the summer pass.

HHS special education teacher and football and baseball coach John Zilla will supervise the weight room during the summer.

“We are excited to do a trial period, and based on the response we get, we’ll look at what we want to do when school starts,” principal Susan Ortner said.

If it is decided to extend public use of the weight room through the school year, Ortner explained that punch cards for 20 visits may be made available for purchase. Hours would have to be established as to not interfere with the student athletes use of the weight room as well.

Ortner asks that those who do choose to work out at the facility follow the rules of the weight room and the direction of the supervisor.

In February, new equipment was purchased for the weight room. Recently new mirrors and audio/video equipment were added as well.

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