















# 2024-2025 Auburn-Washburn

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Inspiring, Challenging, and Preparing



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As we welcome the start of a new school year, I am excited to share some important district updates. The 2024-2025 academic year marks the fourth year of our five-year strategic plan – a plan dedicated to aligning all resources and actions with our mission, vision, core values, and student goals. We have already made significant progress toward many of our goals by:



Dr. Scott McWilliams, Superintendent of Schools

- Implementing a Family and Community Engagement program that connects families to support resources for physical, behavioral, and mental health.
- Expanding new courses and pathways at the high school level. For
  example, the newly-implemented Biomedical Research Lab enables
  students to earn nationally-recognized biomedical assistant credentials,
  and the International Baccalaureate Business Management course in
  the Marketing pathway allows students additional opportunities to earn
  college credit.
- Adopting a tiered-expansion model to increase opportunities for early childhood education, with one classroom being added for the 2024-2025 school year (approx. 22 students) and 2-3 classrooms being added per year after that until we reach an overall enrollment of approx. 500 students.

In addition, we continue to make great strides on our bond construction projects. To date, both a six-room early childhood center and a Parents as Teachers community room have been added to Pauline Central, a 50,000-sq. ft. Innovation Center is under construction at Washburn Rural High School, and Washburn Rural North Middle School is on schedule to open for the 2025-2026 school year. Additional construction and renovation projects will take place over the next three years with every facility in the district receiving important upgrades to better serve the needs of our students and the community.

Thank you for all you do to help us advance our mission of delivering exemplary, world-class education for all students, instilling in them the academic knowledge, skills for success, and character required to be happy, responsible, and productive citizens. Together, we are "inspiring, challenging, and preparing every child, every day."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				WRHS Walk-In Registration Completion 7:00-7:00	WRHS Walk-In Registration Completion 7:00-7:00	3
4	<b>5 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	<b>6 PC/PS</b> PTO 5:30	7	8	AE Back to School Night Grd 1-6 4:30-6:00 FE Back to School Night K-6 4:30-6:00 IH Back to School Night Grd 1-6 4:30-6:00 JS Back to School Night Grd 1-6 4:30-6:00 PC Back to School Night 4:30-6:00 PS Back to School Night 4:00-6:00 WE Back to School Night 4:30-6:00	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
WRHS Building		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL		
Orientation Tours Grade 9 & New 2:00-4:00		Grades 1-7, 9 &	Grades 8, 10-12	Grades PreK & K		
2.00-4.00		New to District Grades 10-12  EC Early Childhood Screening 9:00-2:00	EC Early Childhood Screening 9:00-2:00	AE Back to School Night Grade K 4:00-5:00 WRHS Marching Band Camp Exhibition w/Food Trucks 6:00		
18	<b>19 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	JS PTO 6:00 WRMS Parent Night 6:30	WRHS New Parent Meeting 5:30 Open House 6:30	22	23	24
25	26	AE Outdoor Education Grade 4 Parent Night 4:30-6:00 FE Parent Night Grade K-3 6:00 IH Parent Night Grade K-3 4:30-6:00 PTO 6:00 WE Parent Night Grade K-2 6:30	FE Outdoor Education Grade 4	FE Parent Night Grade 4-6 6:00 IH Outdoor Education Grade 4 Parent Night Grade 4-6 4:30-6:00 JS Parent Night Grade K 6:00 Parent Night Grade I-2 6:30 Parent Night Grade 3-4 7:00 Parent Night Grade 5-6 7:30 PS Parent Night Grade 3-6 6:30 WE Parent Night Grade 3-6 6:30	JS Outdoor Education Grade 4	31

August 2024
Auburn-Washburn Unified School District 437







#### **DIRECTORY**

#### **Shuler Education Center (SEC)**

5928 SW 53rd Topeka, KS 66610 (785) 339-4000

Transportation: 339-4050

www.usd437.net

#### Washburn Rural High School (WRHS)

5900 SW 61st Topeka, KS 66619 (785) 339-4100 Attendance: 339-4150 www.wrhs.net

# Washburn Rural Alternative High School

5900 SW 61st Topeka, KS 66619 (785) 339-4900 www.wrahs.net

#### Tallgrass Student Learning Center (TG)

5740 SW 61st Topeka, KS 66619 (785) 339-4270

#### **Washburn Rural Middle School (WRMS)**

5620 SW 61st Topeka, KS 66619 (785) 339-4300 www.wrms.net

#### Washburn Rural North Middle School (WRNMS)

2800 SW Auburn Road Topeka, KS 66614

810 N Commercial

#### **Auburn Elementary (AE)**

Auburn, KS 66402 (785) 339-4400 www.auburnelementary.net

#### Farley Elementary (FE)

6701 SW 33rd Topeka, KS 66614 (785) 408-8300 www.farleyelementary.net

#### Indian Hills Elementary (IH)

7445 SW 29th Topeka, KS 66614 (785) 339-4500 www.indianhillselementary.net

#### **Jay Shideler Elementary (JS)**

4948 SW Wanamaker Topeka, KS 66610 (785) 339-4600 www.jayshideler.net

#### **Pauline Central Primary (PC)**

6625 SW Westview Topeka, KS 66619 (785) 339-4700 www.paulinecentral.net

#### Pauline South Intermediate (PS)

7035 SW Morrill Wakarusa, KS 66546 (785) 339-4750 www.paulinesouth.net

#### Wanamaker Elementary (WE)

6630 SW 10th Topeka, KS 66615 (785) 339-4800 www.wanamakerelementary.net

#### **Environmental Center**

(785) 339-4985

#### **Parents as Teachers**

(785) 339-4762

#### Early Childhood Program (EC)

(785) 339-4675

#### **Pathways Learning Center**

4101 SW Martin Drive Topeka, KS 66609 (785) 339-4276

#### **SCHOOL TIMES**

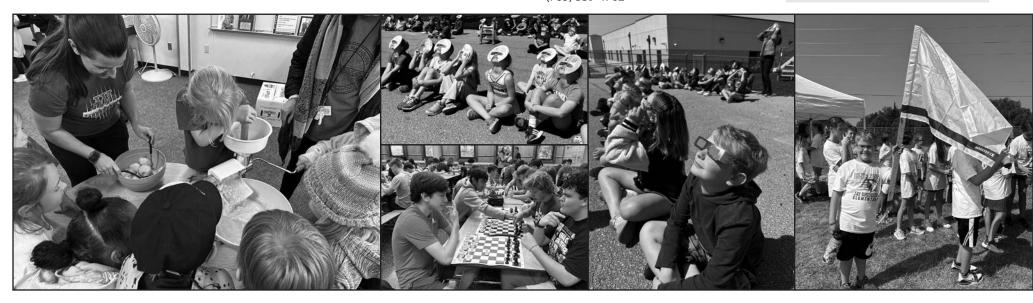
#### **Washburn Rural High School**

7:55 a.m. - 3:02 p.m. M-T-TH-F 7:55 a.m. - 2:38 p.m. W 7:55 a.m. - 1:32 p.m. District Early Release Days

#### **Washburn Rural Middle School**

7:50 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Auburn Elementary
Farley Elementary
Indian Hills Elementary
Jay Shideler Elementary
Pauline Central Primary
Pauline South Intermediate
Wanamaker Elementary
8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)	PC/PS PTO 5:30 PS Outdoor Education Grade 4 WE PTO 5:45 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	PC Parent Night 5:30-7:00 WE Outdoor Education Grade 4	5	JS Blue Jay Dash Fun Run Fall Food Truck Night 5:30-8:00 WE Outdoor Education Grade 3 Donuts with a Grownup	7
8	PC Outdoor Education Grade 3	FE PTO 6:30 JS Outdoor Education Grade 3 PTO 6:00	11  IH Outdoor Education Grade 3	FE Outdoor Education Grade 3	AE Outdoor Education Grade 3 PS Picture Day WRHS Marching Band Tour	14
15	16 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	17 IH PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council 5:30	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00  WE Fun Run Race Day	19	<b>20</b> WE Picture Day	21 Bands @ Auburn Parade 2:00
22	JS Outdoor Education Grade 5	24  IH Picture Day PS Outdoor Education Grade 5	PC Picture Day WE Outdoor Education Grade 5 WRHS Topeka Marching Exhibition @ Hummer Park 6:00	<b>26 AE</b> Outdoor Education Grade 5	FE Outdoor Education Grade 5 WRHS Homecoming Parade 2:15 Homecoming Game 7:00	WRHS All Class Reunion
29	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)					





#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Members of the Auburn-Washburn Board of Education are lay citizens who voluntarily serve the community. Meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday of each month (except holidays) at 6:30 p.m. at the Shuler Education Center, 5928 SW 53rd, These meetings are open to the public and livestreamed at usd437.net.

The Board of Education encourages input from the community and provides an Open Forum at each regular **Executive Director of Operations** meeting. Patrons may address the Board during this session. There will not be dialogue on issues raised in the Open Forum.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

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vacant at time of print

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#### Treasurer

**Brett Bauer** 

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#### **Executive Director of Learning Services**

Dr. Jeff DeSota

#### **Executive Director of Human Resources**

Chelsea Clark

#### **Executive Director of Business Services**

Brett Bauer, CPA

Rich Jones

#### **Director of Communications**

Jessica Roberts

#### **Director of Operations**

**Dave Montgomery** 

#### **Director of Technology**

Patrick Clear

#### **Assistant Director of Secondary Education**

Jenny Leonard

#### **Director of Elementary Education**

Morgan Brown

#### **Assistant Director of Elementary Special Services**

Megan Geyser

#### **Assistant Director of Secondary Special Services**

Heidi Carlson

#### **Director of Early Childhood Programs**

Loralea Hubert

#### **Wellbeing & Benefits Coordinator**

Shannon Thoele

#### **Food Service Supervisor**

Stan Vallis

#### **Transportation Supervisor**

Andrew Steenbock

#### FIND STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION AT USD437.NET.

#### **PRINCIPALS**

#### Washburn Rural High School (WRHS)

Ed Raines, Principal

Kyle Reed, Assoc. Principal

Tyler Ayers, Asst. Principal

Jaime Callaghan, Asst. Principal

Jan Hutley, Asst. Principal

Kelly Younger, Asst. Principal

Charlie Nimz, Activities/Athletic Director

#### Tallgrass Student Learning Center (TG)

Chris Appuhn, Assistant Principal

#### Washburn Rural Middle School (WRMS)

Mike Haire, Principal

Charlie Chesmore, Asst. Principal

Brandon Dial, Asst. Principal

#### Washburn Rural North Middle School (WRNMS)

Dr. Charlie Stoltenberg, Principal

#### Auburn Elementary (AE)

Melissa Wells-Martin, Principal

#### Farley Elementary (FE)

Katie Sonderegger, Principal

#### Indian Hills Elementary (IH)

Chelsea Schmidtlein, Principal

#### Jay Shideler Elementary (JS)

Sandra Cromwell, Principal

#### Pauline Central Primary (PC)

Debra Williams, Principal

#### Pauline South Intermediate (PS)

Chris Holman, Principal

#### Wanamaker Elementary (WE)

Marc Sonderegger, Principal













SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		FE Picture Day IH Outdoor Education Grade 5 PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00	<b>AE</b> Outdoor Education Grade 2	FE Outdoor Education Grade 2	5
6	7 IH Outdoor Education Grade 2	<b>8 AE</b> Picture Day	<b>9 PC</b> Outdoor Education Grade 2	10 FE Fall Festival 5:30-7:30	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	12 IH Pancake Breakfast
	JS Picture Day WRHS Capital City Marching Festival WRMS Chorus Grd 8 @ WRHS 7:00 Orchestra Grd 8 1st & 2nd Hr 7:00  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	IH PTO 6:00  JS Outdoor Education Grade 2 PTO 6:00  WRHS Choir 6:00 & 7:30  WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00	WRHS Orchestra 7:00	JS Sock Hop 5:30-8:00 WE Outdoor Education Grade 2 WRHS Chorale Clinic with Chanticleer @ KSU 12:00  END OF FIRST QUARTER	NO SCHOOL (Stall Day)	WRHS Central States Marching Festival @ KSU
13	14	15	16	17	10	10
13	14	WRHS PSAT Grade 9-10	16 WRHS PSAT Grade 11	NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19 WRHS KBA Marching
			PARENT/TEACHE Refer to information from inc			Band Championship @ ESU
20	<b>21 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	22	23	24	PS Picture Retakes	26
27	28 IH Picture Retakes	29	30	AE Costume Parade and Parties 2:00 FE Costume Parade and Parties 2:15 IH Costume Parade and Parties 2:15 JS Costume Parade and Parties 2:15 PC Costume Parade and Parties PS Costume Parade and Parties 2:30 WE Costume Parade and Parties 2:15		

October 2024





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**EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY** 

#### Registration

Online Registration is the first step for returning and new students to sign up to attend an Auburn-Washburn school. You can go online any time to register. The registration process will vary slightly, depending on your circumstances. After Online Registration, there may be further steps you need to take depending on your grade level or situation.

**New Families** - You are a new family if none of your children attended grades kindergarten through 11 at an Auburn-Washburn school during the previous school year. Start the process at <a href="https://www.usd437.net">www.usd437.net</a>. Look for the Registration link.

**Returning Families** - You are a returning family if one or more of your children attended an Auburn-Washburn school during the previous school year. If you are a returning family, you can log into Campus Portal (<u>campus.usd437.net/portal</u>) any time to start or continue your registration.

**Washburn Rural High School** - All students, including those attending WRHS, will need to register online. There are additional steps that students attending WRHS will need to take prior to the start of school. This includes having their pictures taken, purchasing a parking permit, or ordering a yearbook if desired. High school students may also need to meet with their counselor to make changes to their Fall Semester schedule. (Counselors will be available to make Spring Semester schedule changes and discuss other issues at a later date.) **WRHS will be open on August 1 & 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for high school students to complete the process for the start of school.** 

**Early Childhood** - Auburn-Washburn offers a limited number of early childhood slots for children 3-5 years old who meet specific criteria. More information is available at <u>usd437.net</u>. You may complete online registration to start the process of applying or to express interest in a screening. Questions may be directed to the Early Childhood Program at (785) 339-4675 or <u>huberlor@usd437.net</u>.

**Fees** - Once fees are posted, they may be paid online through Campus Portal or at your student's school. Families will need to submit a Free/Reduced Meal Application to receive waived or reduced meals or school fees. You can find additional information about fees at usd437.net/documents/student/fees.

**Questions** - If you have questions or need assistance with online registration, please call the OLR help hotline at (785) 339-4955. The OLR help hotline and district office will be open at the following times:

- Before July 19 Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
- After July 19 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Starting July 22, you can also contact your child's school directly for assistance.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	JS Chess Tournament 8:00-5:30
3	<b>4 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45 WRHS Veteran's Day Assembly 2:15	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00 WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00	PC Family Engagement Night WRHS Jazz 7:00 WRMS Choir Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00	8	9
10	AE Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00 PS Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00 WE Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00	FE PTO 6:30 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council 5:30 WE Music Program Grade 2 6:30 Music Program Grade 3 7:30	13	FE Music Program Grade 3 6:00 Music Program Grade 4 7:00 PC Music Program Grade 3 6:00 & 6:45 WE Music Program Grade 4 6:30 Chorus Grade 5 7:30	15	16
	FE Book Fair IH Book Fair JS Book Fair Board of Education Meeting 6:30	AE Picture Retakes FE Book Fair IH Book Fair JS Book Fair Picture Retakes	FE Book Fair Picture Retakes IH Book Fair JS Book Fair Thanksgiving Luncheon PC Picture Retakes  American Education Week	AE Thanksgiving Luncheon FE Book Fair IH Book Fair JS Book Fair PC Thanksgiving Luncheon WE Thanksgiving Luncheon	FE Book Fair Thanksgiving Luncheon IH Book Fair Thanksgiving Luncheon JS Book Fair PS Thanksgiving Luncheon WRHS Baker University Jazz Festival	23
24	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	27	28 NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING BREAK)	29	30



#### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

Health forms and immunization requirements are available online at <u>usd437.net/about/health.html</u>. Students wishing to participate in activities or athletics must submit a completed Physical Form prior to participation.

#### **WELLNESS**

Good nutrition affects daily cognition in the classroom. Physical activity, regardless of whether it's during recess, in the classroom or in physical education class, may improve school performance and achievement such as higher test scores. Simply put healthy students are better students.

The goals and plan of the Wellness Committee are to provide proper student nutrition promotion, education, physical activity and other school based activities designed to promote student wellness.

To see Auburn Washburn's results in relation to the State of Kansas visit <u>datacentral.ksde.org/nutrition\_reports</u>, and you can access all Local Wellness Policies.

Auburn-Washburn Wellness Committee Meetings are held bi-monthly at Shuler Education Center. We welcome everyone, faculty or community members, to become involved if you are interested. Please contact Shannon Thoele at thoelsha@usd437.net.



#### MEALS

Breakfast and lunch are served at all Auburn-Washburn schools.

Each school maintains a state-of-the-art kitchen for production of quality meals. Students have daily access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Many products in the schools are made from scratch. Each school has an onsite bakery where most bread, rolls, muffins, buns, etc. are baked. School kitchens also make their own pizza, calzones, hot pockets, etc. School Food Service products are low in sodium, low in sugar, and low in fat.

Milk is served daily for breakfast and lunch. Students in grades 4-8 have two main entrée choices each day. Students in grades 9-12 have 6-7 choices daily.

#### **Breakfast:**

Each school offers a quality breakfast program offering fresh fruit, breakfast sandwiches, breakfast pizza, biscuits & gravy, cereal, muffins, etc.

Free and reduced lunch program students also qualify for the same benefits during the breakfast program.

Students need about 10 minutes to consume breakfast. It is recommended that they arrive for breakfast 20 minutes prior to the first bell to allow time for breakfast.

#### **MEAL PRICES/LUNCH ACCOUNTS**

#### Lunch prices:

Grades K-6	\$2.90	Monthly \$58.00
Grades 7-12	\$3.15	Monthly \$63.00
Adults	\$4.00	
Reduced	\$ .40	
Milk	\$ .50	

#### Breakfast prices:

Grades K-6	\$1.85	Monthly \$37.00
Grades 7-8	\$1.95	Monthly \$39.00
Grades 9-12	\$2.00	Monthly \$40.00
Adults	\$2.00	
Reduced	\$ .30	
Milk	\$ .50	

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

#### **EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY**

It is expected that each student lunch account maintains a positive balance. Low balance notices are sent each week to aid parents in account planning. Please provide a method of contact information as you register your student for school. We can send out notices by e-mail, phone or text.

#### **Outside foods:**

School Food Service meal programs are regulated through the United States Department of Agriculture. It is requested that any food items brought into the schools be consistent with USDA recommended nutritional values so that our programs remain compliant with the law. Caffeine and soda are restricted for students in elementary and middle schools.

Adult family members are welcome to join their students for lunch. Please check with your school office for the procedure. If you typically provide a sack lunch, please consider trying a school meal. Students bringing in outside meals can purchase milk from the school for \$.50.

#### Class treats:

When sending treats for students, it is requested to limit these to the afternoon after lunch has been served. The school Food Service programs are able to prepare treats for students and offer a wide selection. Please contact the school kitchen manager. Providing treats produced by the Food Service program also helps address the numerous special dietary needs of students.

#### FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION

Free and reduced applications are available from each school office, the Shuler Education Center and online at www.usd437.net.

All potentially eligible households are encouraged to apply. A new application is required for each school year. You need only apply at one location to cover all members of the family going to different schools in the district.

There are two forms you will need. The Free and Reduced Application and the Consent for Disclosure form. The consent form allows us to share information with accounting to provide free or reduced benefits for Textbook fees, Summer School, Activity fees grades 7-12 and Transportation fees. You must submit a disclosure form to receive any of these additional benefits based on the eligibility of your free/reduced application.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Board of Education Meeting 6:30	AE Music Program Grade K 6:00 Chorus Grade 5-6 7:00 PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45	4	AE Orchestra Grade 5-6 6:00 PC Music Program Grade 2 6:00 & 6:45 WRHS Choir Concert 6:00 & 7:30 (includes Zero Hr Orchestra)	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	FE Chorus Grade 6 6:00 Band Grade 6 7:00 IH Music Program Grade K 6:30	FE Chorus Grade 5 6:00 Band Grade 5 7:00 IH Music Program Grade 1 6:30 Music Program Grade 2 7:30 PS Orchestra Grade 5-6 7:00	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00  IH Music Program Grade 3 6:30  Music Program Grade 4 7:30  WRHS Orchestra 7:00	IH Chorus Grade 5-6 6:30 Band Grade 5-6 7:30  JS Band, Choir & Orchestra Grade 5 6:00 Band, Choir & Orchestra Grade 6 7:30 WRHS Holiday Bands Concert 7:00	WRHS Frostbite Fest 8:00 AM	WRHS TG Candlelight Concert 7:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	IH Orchestra Grade 5-6 7:00  JS Music Program Grade 2 6:00  Music Program Grade 3 7:30  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	PS Band & Chorus Grade 6 6:30 WRMS Orchestra & Chorus Grd 8 @ WRHS 7:00	FE Orchestra Grade 5-6 @ WRHS 6:00 WE Orchestra Grade 5-6 @ WRHS 7:15 WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00	JS Gift of Giving Assemblies 9:30 PS Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:30 WRMS Band Grade 8 7:00	AE Winter Parties 2:45 FE Winter Parties 2:45 IH Winter Parties 2:30 JS Winter Parties 2:45 PC Winter Parties PS Winter Parties 2:30 WE Winter Parties 2:45 END OF FIRST SEMESTER	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)			
29	30	31				
	NO SCHOOL (W	VINTER BREAK)				





#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD • BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**



**EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY** 

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES**

Auburn-Washburn offers services for children ages 0-5 through several programs:

- Parents As Teachers: Serves children ages 0-3 years. Parent educators provide information about child development, make home visits, and suggest ways parents can encourage their child's development. These visits are designed to help families give children the best possible start by emphasizing that parents are a child's first and most influential teacher. Call (785) 339-4762 for more information.
- At-Risk Program: Serves children who are 3-5 years old. Eligibility for this program is determined through an application process. The program is designed to help children who qualify improve their readiness for kindergarten.
- Services for students with disabilities: Serves students between the ages of 3-5. Comprehensive services, which include speech and language services, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, are offered. Appropriate instructional options for a student with a disability are

determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. Services may be delivered in the classroom, a community setting within the district lines, or other settings appropriate for the child. Diagnostic screening services are available for children whose parents suspect their child may have a disability. The purpose of this screening is to identify children with a possible developmental delay that may interfere with their future education. Hearing, vision, and developmental skills are screened by professionals specifically trained in early childhood education. Upon completion of the screening, the staff and parents will review the results and assess the need for further evaluation.

• Community Inclusion Program: Students are accepted into the Early Childhood program with no other qualifying factors. Community Inclusion students are children who are 3-5 years old and have passed an eligibility screening. There is a fee associated with this program.

If interested in any of the Early Childhood programs within our district, complete online registration on the district website to start the process. You can also reach out to (785) 339-4675 with any questions.

#### **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

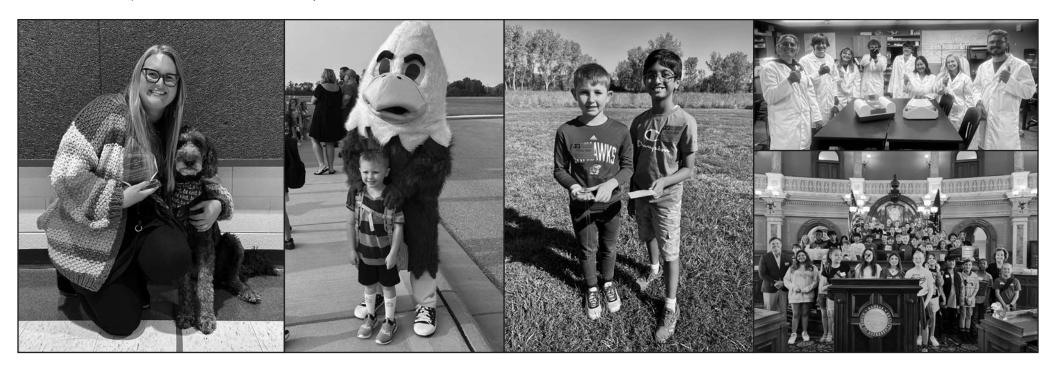
Before & after school child care is available for elementary students in the district through cooperating agencies.

# AUBURN • FARLEY • JAY SHIDELER • PAULINE CENTRAL • PAULINE SOUTH • WANAMAKER

Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka provides before and after school care for students of these schools. For information visit <u>bgctopeka.org</u> or contact the program via email at <u>membership@bgctopeka.org</u> or by calling (785) 234-5601.

#### **INDIAN HILLS**

Parents interested in before and after school care for their children can contact the childcare center at Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church at (785) 478-3703.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NO SCHOOL (V	WINTER BREAK)	NO SCHOOL (STAFF DAY)	4
5	<b>6 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	<b>7 PC/PS</b> PTO 5:30	8	9	FE Spelling Bee 9:00	11
12	13	14 IH PTO 6:00	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00	16	JS Spelling Bee Grades 4-6 9:00	18
19	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)	<b>21 Board of Education Meeting</b> 6:30	22	23	24	25
26	JS Picture Day	28	29	30	31	

## INSURANCE • INSTRUMENT RENTAL • TRANSPORTATION • CLOSINGS Inspiring, Challenging, and Preparing

**EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY** 

#### CATASTROPHIC STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The District buys accident insurance for students that provides medical care coverage for injuries sustained during school time and activities. This insurance is secondary to other coverage a student might have. For more information or to file a claim, contact a school nurse or the district Business Office.

#### **INSTRUMENT RENTAL**

Students who opt to study violin or viola must provide their own instrument. Most students rent their instruments from area music dealers. USD 437 rents cellos and bass violins to students on a limited basis with prior approval from the string teacher. Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet or cornet, and trombone may be played by any student. Students must provide their own instruments. These can be rented from area music dealers. A limited number of students may begin on French horn, bass clarinet, baritone horn, tenor saxophone, percussion, or tuba with permission from the band director. These instruments are available for rent from the District. The District rental fee for instruments is \$90 per year, and payment may be required before the instrument can be issued to the student.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is provided free of charge to all resident students in Auburn-Washburn. Routing and scheduling information is provided just prior to the start of school via the My Ride K-12 app. Visit usd437.net/transportation for details. Parents are encouraged to read and discuss with their children the rules for riding the school bus available in the student handbooks. Out of district students must pay \$50 per semester (\$200 family maximum) to ride.

#### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The decision to close school because of severe weather or other situations is made by the Superintendent. Closing information will be posted on the district website usd437.net, facebook.com/auburnwashburn and x.com/USD437. Closings will also be shared for announcement on area radio and television stations.

Parents & students who have elected to receive text messages from the district will receive school closing notifications directly on their mobile devices. You must set your parent portal contact preferences during registration or by logging into Campus Portal in order to receive the text notifications. Select the "Emergency" notification preference. Standard text messaging rates apply.

It will always be the right and privilege of parents to keep children at home or pick them up from school during severe weather, extreme heat, or any other situation where a student's health or



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2	FE Picture Day  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	4 IH PTO 6:00 PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45	5	WRHS Musical 7:00	WRHS Musical 7:00	WRHS Musical 7:00
WRHS Musical 2:00	10	AE Valentine's Day Parties 2:45 FE Valentine's Day Parties 2:45 IH Valentine's Day Parties 2:30 JS Valentine's Day Parties 2:45 PC Valentine's Day Parties PS Valentine's Day Parties 2:45 WE Valentine's Day Parties 2:45	<b>12</b> PARENT/TEACHE  Refer to information from inc	NO SCHOOL  ER CONFERENCES dividual schools for schedules	NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	T8 FE PTO 6:30 JS PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council 5:30	EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes  EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00	20	PS Picture Day	22
23	PC Picture Day WRMS Orchestra Grade 8 2nd Hr @ WRHS 6:30 Orchestra Grade 8 1st Hr @ WRHS 7:30	WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 7:00 WRMS Chorus Grade 7-8 @ WRHS 7:00	<b>26 WE</b> Picture Day	27	28	

#### **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The USD 437 Board of Education and administration have determined that the following data will be designated "directory information":

- Student's name, address, telephone number, and date of birth.
- Student participation in officially recognized school activities and sports.
- 3. The weight, height, and grade of members of athletic teams.
- 4. The dates of attendance.
- 5. Scholarships and awards received.
- 6. The most recent previous school district attended by the student.
- 7. Audio or visual recording, photograph, or image of student.
- 8. Student's school email address as provided by USD 437

This information is considered public information which may be released by the school district without parents' prior consent. Parents need to let each school know by September 1 if they do not want this information released.

Auburn-Washburn USD 437 considers all pupils' records, except directory information, to be confidential. The Family Educational and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age "eligible students" certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.
  - Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
  - Parents or eligible students may ask USD 437 to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading.

They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record that they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202-5920

#### **SURVEYS**

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents certain rights regarding surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. This includes the requirement that parents (or students 18 years old or above) consent prior to the gathering of protected information as defined under PPRA.

USD 437 will notify parents and request consent in writing for any survey or information gathering activity covered under PPRA. Complaints may be directed to the Family Policy Compliance Office listed above.



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2	Board of Education Meeting 6:30	PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45	AE Music Program Grade 1 6:00 Music Program Grade 2 7:00	AE Music Program Grade 3 6:00 Music Program Grade 4 7:00 WRHS Orchestra 7:00	<b>7 JS</b> Art Show 5:00-7:00	8
9	WRHS Concert Bands 7:00	11 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 WRHS Chorus 6:00 & 7:30 WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00	EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00 WRMS Band Grade 8 7:00	13  END OF THIRD QUARTER	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)			
23	Board of Education Meeting 6:30	AE Picture Day IH Picture Day PC Music Program Grade 1 6:00 & 6:45	26	FE Music Program Grade 1 6:00 Music Program Grade 2 7:00 WRMS/WRHS Jazz @ WRHS 7:00	28	29
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#### **MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES • SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

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#### **MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES**

#### Mission

Auburn-Washburn strives to deliver exemplary, world-class education for all students, instilling in them the academic knowledge, skills for success, and character required to be happy, responsible and productive citizens.

#### Vision

Auburn-Washburn schools provides a safe, enjoyable, and challenging school environment where students have the opportunity to achieve their maximum individual education potential. All students receive a balanced education where traditional academics are taught, creativity and innovation are cultivated, and skills for success are developed; preparing them to assume roles as responsible citizens in a global community, the workplace, and in life.

#### **Core Values**

We believe learning is a lifelong process. The following values will help realize our vision:

- 1. We believe in the value and uniqueness of each student:
  - a. Each student has different needs.
  - b. Each student should have the opportunity, and be encouraged, to reach their potential.
  - Each student is entitled to a safe, current and wellmaintained school environment.

- 2. We believe that excellence in education is a multifaceted process:
  - a. Excellence requires building meaningful relationships with all stakeholders and especially with students.
  - b. Excellence requires the commitment and judicious stewardship of community resources.
  - Excellence prepares students to become happy, responsible and productive citizens; to successfully live and work in a complex, ever-changing world.
  - d. Excellence is a combination of academic performance and skills for success.
  - e. Excellence must be a dynamic and engaging process in order to meet changing needs.
  - f. Excellence requires rigorous assessment and feedback of both students and faculty staff.
  - g. Excellence requires focus on the future.
  - h. Excellence depends upon effective resource management.
  - Excellence, both academic and skills for success, should be recognized and celebrated.
- . We believe that respect and responsibility are essential components of an excellent education:
  - a. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
  - b. Effective communication enhances trust and cooperation.
  - c. Each student is responsible for their own actions.
  - d. Responsibility for public education rests jointly with students, parents, teachers, and community.

#### **SUPPORT FOR ALL LEARNERS**

Each building uses a problem-solving approach to identify and support students who may need intervention. This may include strategies to address concerns with academic achievement, health, or behavior. The process may or may not lead to a recommendation for a comprehensive evaluation to consider special education services. If special education services are indicated, a team of school professionals and the student's parents will determine the most appropriate services to meet the student's needs.

The District's goal is to educate all students in the educational environment most similar to that provided for their peers and offers a wide variety of instructional programming.

#### **EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTIONS**

Emergency Safety interventions include the use of seclusion or physical restraint when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others. Violent action that is destructive of property may necessitate the use of an Emergency Safety intervention. School personnel who use Emergency Safety interventions are trained in their use, including positive behavioral supports, physical and non-physical de-escalation techniques, and provisions to maintain the safety of both students and staff members. School personnel keep documentation and provide written parental notification when an Emergency Safety intervention is used. Visit www.usd437.net for details.

#### **HOMELESS STUDENTS**

Students may be eligible for services under the federal McKinney-Vento Act if they reside with another family. If a student's living arrangement can be described as "Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship." These students may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.
   \* If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the Auburn-Washburn Executive Director of Learning Services to find out what services and supports may be available.

#### PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS

A parental rights handbook regarding procedural safeguards is available to students with exceptionalities and their parents, and the local education agency responsibilities is available in each building and at the USD 437 Shuler Education Center. Parents may call 339-4000 for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45	EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-3:30	JS Music Program Grade K 6:00 Music Program Grade 1 7:30 WE Outdoor Education Grade 1	KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP No Kindergarten Classes  EC Early Childhood Screening 12:30-3:30 PC Outdoor Education Grade 1 WRHS Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival @ WU	5
6	JS Outdoor Education Grade 1  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	IH Outdoor Education Grade 1 PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council 5:30	<b>9 FE</b> Outdoor Education Grade 1	AE Outdoor Education Grade 1 PC Music Program Grade K 6:00 & 6:45	11	12 WRHS Prom
13	14  IH Book Fair JS Outdoor Education Grade K	15 IH Book Fair PC Outdoor Education Grade K	16 IH Book Fair WE Outdoor Education Grade K WRMS Grade 5-6 Parent Night 6:30 WRNMS Grade 5-6 Parent Night 6:30	AE Outdoor Education Grade K IH Book Fair	NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	19
20	NO SCHOOL (Unless Snow Make-up)  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	FE Outdoor Education Grade K PS Music Program Grade 4 7:15 WE Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:30	23 IH Outdoor Education Grade K	Foundation Breakfast 7:30 AM  PS Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:30  WE Music Program Grade K 6:30  Music Program Grade 1 7:30	JS Food Truck Night 5:30-8:00 PC/PS Family Carnival	26
27	District Awards & Retirement Reception 6:30	IH PTO Meeting 6:00 ChoirFest Grade 6 @ WRHS 7:00	<b>30</b> StringFest Grade 6 @ WRHS 7:00			







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#### **HARASSMENT**

The Board of Education is committed to providing a positive and productive working and learning environment, free from discrimination. Harassment may address race, religion, sex, national origin, physical attributes, or disabilities, scholastic aptitude, sexual orientation, or age. Harassment of employees or students of the district by board members, administrators, certified and support personnel, students, vendors, and any others having business or other contact with the school district is strictly prohibited. Complete details on the district's Sexual and Racial Harassment Policies are included in the Student Handbooks or in the Board of Education Policy Manual. Title IX training materials are posted at usd437.net.

#### STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Auburn-Washburn School District, USD 437, does not discriminate against any applicant, employee, or student in the admission or access to educational programs, activities, or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, veteran status, gender, age, or the presence of a non-job related medical condition or disability. The Superintendent, 5928 SW 53rd, Topeka, KS (785) 339-4000 has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements.

#### **DRUG FREE SCHOOLS**

Maintaining drug free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the District's students. The possession, use, consumption, purchase, distribution or sale of drugs, and/or simulated drugs, or intent to distribute, purchase or sell drugs and/or simulated drugs (controlled substances as defined by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act as per State Statute), the distribution of consumption of nonprescription medicines or that exceeds the manufacturer's recommended dosage on public school property or at public school activities is strictly prohibited. As a condition of continued enrollment in the District, students should abide by the terms of this policy. Furthermore, parents of all students should be notified that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

For a complete copy of the policy, visit <u>usd437.net</u>.

#### **BULLYING PLAN**

The Board of Education prohibits bullying in any form, including electronic means (cyber-bullying). Each Auburn-Washburn school has an active plan to address bullying. The plans include training for staff and students, as well as parent awareness information.

#### PRIVATE/HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students in grade levels Kindergarten through grade 12 enrolled in private/home-school programs who live within USD 437 boundaries may apply to the school district to participate in specific district courses or programs.

All private/home-school students must be enrolled and attending by September 20 of each year, unless such date falls on a weekend day; in such case the date is the following school day. Exceptions may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools. Procedures are available by contacting the Clerk of the Board.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1 BandFest</b> Grade 6 @ WRHS 7:00	Adaptive Field Day 9:30-11:30	3
4	WRHS Chorus 7:00  Board of Education Meeting 6:30	AE Band Grade 5 & 6 6:00 FE Music Program Grade K 6:00 PC/PS PTO 5:30 WE PTO 5:45 WRMS Band Grade 7-8 6:30	EC Early Childhood Screening 8:30-12:00 JS Recorder Concert Grade 4 6:00 Band & Chorus Grade 5 7:30 WRHS Orchestra 7:00	FE Band Grade 5 6:30 PC Parent Move-Up Night Grade 2-3 @ PS 6:30 WRHS Bands Festival w/Food Trucks 6:00	9 IH Field Day PC Field Day	<b>10 WRMS</b> Band Trip to Worlds of Fun Grade 7
11	PC Field Day (Rain Date) WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00	FE PTO 6:30 IH Field Day (Rain Date) JS PTO 6:00 WRMS Orchestra Grade 8 @ WRHS 7:00	JS Battle of the Books 1:00-3:30 WRMS Chorus Grade 7-8 @ WRHS 7:00	Combined Orchestra Grade 5 @ WRHS 7:00	AE Talent Show 9:00 FE Field Day IH Flashdown 9:30 Kindergarten Program 3:00 JS Science Fair Grade 6 1:20-3:20	WRMS Band, Choir, & Orchestra to St. Louis Grade 8 WRHS TG Farewell 7:00
18 WRHS Graduation 5:30	AE Field Day JS Talent Show Grades 4-6 9:30 PS Field Day WE Field Day Board of Education Meeting 6:30	FE Talent Show 9:30 / 2:00 Field Day (Rain Date) JS Super Sports Day PS Field Day (Rain Date) Battle of the Books 9:00 WE Variety Show 9:15 / 2:00	FE Promotion Grade 6 9:30 Promotion Grade 5 2:00 IH Promotion Grade 5 6:00 Promotion Grade 6 7:00 JS Promotion Grade 6 7:00 Promotion Grade 6 7:00 PS Talent Show 1:30 WE Promotion Grade 5 Promotion Grade 6 2:00	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1/2 DAY)  IH Talent Show 9:00 JS Celebration Grade K 9:30-11:00	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31







# **June** 2025

# **July** 2025

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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29	30						27	28	29	30	31		



## AUBURN-WASHBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION





The Auburn-Washburn Public Schools Foundation is enhancing, enriching, and expanding educational opportunities for our students.

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