

USD 437 Bond Projects



WRHS Innovation Center



Middle School 2



WRHS Innovation Center



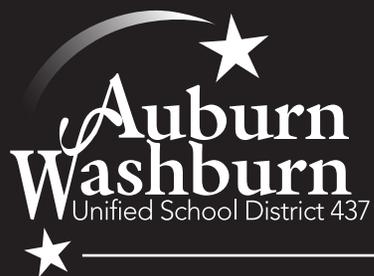
Middle School 2



Pauline Central



Middle School 2



2023-2024 Auburn-Washburn CALENDAR

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From the Superintendent

It is an exciting time in the Auburn-Washburn School District with bond projects underway at three of our nine existing schools (Pauline Central, Washburn Rural Middle School, Washburn Rural High School) as well as Middle School 2. Construction and renovation will continue in phases over the next three years, enhancing every facility in the district and enabling us to better serve the needs of our students and the community. We are grateful for your support of these initiatives!



Dr. Scott McWilliams,
Superintendent of
Schools

Our work is guided by a five-year strategic plan that helps ensure we are coordinating and aligning all resources and actions with our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Student Goals. Developed with feedback and input from hundreds of Auburn-Washburn stakeholders, the plan allows us to continue inspiring, challenging, and preparing every child, every day.

The 2023-2024 academic year marks the third year of the strategic plan, and we are making great progress toward many of our goals by:

- Prioritizing curriculum initiatives to provide authentic, meaningful, and impactful student learning experiences;
- Promoting technology integration to support learning, innovative design, computational thinking, and creative communication;
- Ensuring a comprehensive learning program that is individualized to prepare each student with the skills and confidence to pursue the following after high school graduation: post-secondary education, a career and technical education credential, career, or military.

I encourage you to follow along throughout the year as we continue to make progress toward our strategic goals and opportunities by visiting: usd437.net/plan.

Students are the heart of every decision we make at Auburn-Washburn. Thank you for all you do to 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30	2 WRHS Walk-In Registration Completion 7:00-7:00	3 WRHS Walk-In Registration Completion 7:00-7:00	4	5
6	7 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	8	9	10 WRHS Marching Band Camp Exhibition w/Food Trucks 6:00	11 AE Back to School Night Grd 1-6 4:30-6:00 FE Back to School Night 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	12
13 WRHS Building Orientation Tours Grade 9 & New 2:00-4:00	14	15 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades 1-7, 9 & New to District Grades 10-12	16 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades 8, 10-12 AE Back to School Night Grade K 4:30-6:00	17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades PreK & K	18	19
20	21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	22 JS PTO 6:00 WRMS Parent Night 6:30	23 WRHS New Parent Meeting 5:30 Parent Night 6:30	24	25 AE PTO Back to School BBQ 6:00-7:30	26
27	28	29 AE Parent Night 7:00 IH Parent Night Grade K-3 4:30-6:00 PTO 6:00 JS Parent Night Grade K 6:00 Parent Night Grade 1-2 6:30 Parent Night Grade 3-4 7:00 Parent Night Grade 5-6 7:30 WE Parent Night Grade K-2 6:30	30 AE Outdoor Education Grade 4	31 FE Outdoor Education Grade 4 IH Parent Night Grade 4-6 4:30-6:00 PS Parent Night 6:30 WE Parent Night Grade 3-6 6:30		

August 2023



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Attendance: 339-4150
www.wrhs.net

Washburn Rural Alternative High School

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www.wrahs.net

Tallgrass Student Learning Center

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

Washburn Rural Middle School

5620 SW 61st
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www.wrms.net

Auburn Elementary

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www.auburnelementary.net

Farley Elementary

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Indian Hills Elementary

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Jay Shideler Elementary

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Topeka, KS 66610
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www.jayshideler.net

Pauline Central Primary

6625 SW Westview
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Pauline South Intermediate

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Environmental Center

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Parents as Teachers

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Early Childhood Center

(785) 408-8378

Pathways Learning Center

4101 SW Martin Drive
Topeka, KS 66609
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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 IH Outdoor Education Grade 4	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)	5 JS Outdoor Education Grade 4 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	6 FE Parent Night Grade K-3 6:00-7:00 PC Parent Night 5:30-7:00 PS Outdoor Education Grade 4	7 FE Parent Night Grade 4-6 6:00-7:00 WE Outdoor Education Grade 4	8 JS Boosterthon	9
10	11 WE Outdoor Education Grade 3	12 FE PTO 6:00 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 PC Outdoor Education Grade 3	13 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes JS Outdoor Education Grade 3	14 IH Outdoor Education Grade 3	15 FE Outdoor Education Grade 3	16
17	18 AE Outdoor Education Grade 3 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	19 IH Pictures	20 WE Pictures	21	22 WE Fun Run Race Day WRHS Homecoming Parade 2:15 Homecoming Game 7:00	23 Bands @ Auburn Parade 2:00
24	25 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	26 JS Outdoor Education Grade 5	27 PS Outdoor Education Grade 5 WRHS Topeka Marching Band Exhibition @ Hummer Park 6:00	28 IH Outdoor Education Grade 5	29 AE Outdoor Education Grade 5	30 WRHS All Class Reunion

September 2023



★ LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

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 meeting. Patrons may address the Board during this session. There will not be dialogue on issues raised in the Open Forum.

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Food Service Supervisor

Stan Vallis

Transportation Supervisor

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PRINCIPALS

Washburn Rural High School (WRHS)

Ed Raines, Principal
Kyle Reed, Assoc. Principal
Tyler Ayers, Asst. Principal
Kyle Ellis, Asst. Principal
Jan Hutley, Asst. Principal
Kelly Younger, Asst. Principal
Charlie Nimz, Activities/Athletic Director

Tallgrass Student Learning Center

Chris Appuhn, Assistant Principal

Washburn Rural Middle School (WRMS)

Dr. Charlie Stoltenberg, Principal
Charlie Chesmore, Asst. Principal
Brandon Dial, Asst. Principal

Auburn Elementary (AE)

Melissa Wells-Martin, Principal

Farley Elementary (FE)

Katie Sonderegger, Principal

Indian Hills Elementary (IH)

Chelsea Schmidlein, 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

Early Childhood Programs (EC)

Mary Pridey, Principal



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FE Outdoor Education Grade 5 JS Pictures PC Pictures Board of Education Meeting 6:30	2	3 FE Pictures PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30 WE Outdoor Education Grade 5 WRMS Chorus Grade 8 @ WRHS 7:00	4 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes	5 AE Outdoor Education Grade 2 WRHS Chorus 6:00 & 7:30	6 FE Outdoor Education Grade 2	7 WRHS Marching Invitational @ Olathe
8	9 IH Outdoor Education Grade 2 WRMS Orchestra Grade 8 2nd Hr @ WRHS 6:30 Orchestra Grade 8 1st Hr @ WRHS 7:30	10 IH PTO 6:00 JS Outdoor Education Grade 2 PC/PS Site Council @ PS 5:30 WRHS Orchestra 7:00 WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00	11 PC Outdoor Education Grade 2 WRHS PSAT Grades 9-11 8:00-12:00	12 FE Fall Festival 5:30-7:30 JS Sock Hop 5:30-8:00 WE Outdoor Education Grade 2 END OF FIRST QUARTER	13 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	14 IH Pancake Breakfast WRHS Central States Marching Festival @ KSU
15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	16	17	18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 WRHS Marching Band Championship @ KU
			PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <i>Refer to information from individual schools for schedules</i>			
22	23	24 WE Music Program Grade 1 6:30 Music Program Grade 2 7:30	25	26 WE Music Program Grade 3 6:30 Music Program Grade 4 7:30 WRHS Play 7:00	27 WRHS Play 7:00	28 WRHS Play 7:00
29 IH Picture Retakes	30	31 AE Halloween Parade 2:00 FE Halloween Parade 2:15 IH Halloween Parade 2:15 JS Halloween Parade 2:15 PS Halloween Parade 3:10 WE Halloween Parade 2:15				

October 2023



★ REGISTRATION • FEES

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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 www.usd437.net. 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 (campus.usd437.net/portal) 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 2 & 3 from 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for high school students to complete the process for the start of school.**

Washburn Rural High School will communicate directly via email with parents who have registered with details about any additional steps that need to be taken prior to the start of school.

Preschool - Auburn-Washburn offers a limited number of preschool slots for children who meet specific criteria. More information is available at usd437.net. Preschool families, including those who are returning, can complete Online Registration but must call the Early Childhood Center at (785) 408-8378 or email pridemar@usd437.net to finalize registration.

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 21 — Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
- After July 21 — Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Starting July 24, you can also contact your child's school directly for assistance.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
			1	2 WRMS Chorus Grade 7 @WRHS 6:30 & 7:30	3	4			
5 WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	6 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30	7 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes	8 PC Family Engagement Night PS Orchestra Assembly 10:00 WRHS Jazz 7:00	9 AE Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00	10 JS Chess Tournament 8:00-5:30	11			
12 IH Book Fair JS Book Fair	13 FE PTO 6:00 IH Book Fair PTO 6:00 JS Book Fair PTO 6:00 PC Thanksgiving Luncheon PC/PS Site Council @ PS 5:30	14 IH Book Fair JS Book Fair Thanksgiving Luncheon	15 AE Thanksgiving Luncheon FE Music Program Grade 3 6:00 Music Program Grade 4 7:00 IH Book Fair JS Book Fair PC Music Program Grade 3 6:00 & 6:45 PS Thanksgiving Luncheon WE Thanksgiving Luncheon	16 FE Thanksgiving Luncheon IH Book Fair Thanksgiving Luncheon JS Book Fair WRHS Baker University Jazz Festival	17	18			
19 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day) Board of Education Meeting 6:30	20 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	21 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	American Education Week			22 NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING BREAK)	23 NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING BREAK)	24 NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING BREAK)	25
26	27 FE Picture Retakes	28 JS Picture Retakes PC Picture Retakes	29	30					

November 2023



★ HEALTH-WELLNESS • CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

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HEALTH INFORMATION

Health forms and immunization requirements are available online at usd437.net/about/health.html. 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 datacentral.ksde.org/nutrition_reports, and you can access all Local Wellness Policies.

Auburn-Washburn Wellness Committee Meetings are held 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 a fresh fruit and vegetable bar. 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, meat pies, 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	\$2.40	Monthly \$48.00
Grades 7-12	\$2.65	Monthly \$53.00
Adults	\$4.00	
Reduced	\$.40	
Milk	\$.50	

Breakfast prices:

Grades K-6	\$1.35	Monthly \$27.00
Grades 7-8	\$1.45	Monthly \$29.00
Grades 9-12	\$1.50	Monthly \$30.00
Adults	\$2.00	
Reduced	\$.30	
Milk	\$.50	

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>AE Music Program Grade K 6:15 Chorus Grade 5-6 7:15 IH Music Program Grade K 6:30 Board of Education Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>IH Music Program Grade 1 6:30 Music Program Grade 2 7:30 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30 WRHS Chorus 6:00 Zero Hour Orchestra 7:30</p>	<p>EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes</p> <p>IH Music Program Grade 3 6:30 Music Program Grade 4 7:30</p>	<p>AE Band & Orchestra Grade 5-6 7:00 IH Chorus Grade 5-6 6:30 Band Grade 5-6 7:30 PC Music Program Grade 2 6:00 & 6:45 WRHS Orchestra 7:00</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>FE Chorus Grade 6 6:00 Band Grade 6 7:00 JS Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:00 Band & Chorus Grade 6 7:30 WRHS Band 7:00</p>	<p>FE Chorus Grade 5 6:00 Band Grade 5 7:00 JS PTO 6:00 PS Band & Chorus Grade 6 6:30 WRHS Frostbite Fest 8:00 AM WRMS Orchestra & Chorus Grade 8 @WRHS 7:00</p>	<p>FE Orchestra Grade 5-6 @WRHS 6:00 JS Music Program Grade 2 6:00 Music Program Grade 3 7:30 PS Orchestra Grade 5-6 7:00 WE Orchestra Grade 5-6 @WRHS 7:15 WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00</p>	<p>IH Orchestra Grade 5-6 @WRHS 7:15 JS Orchestra Grade 5-6 @WRHS 6:00 PS Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:30 WRMS Band Grade 8 7:00</p>		<p>WRHS TG Candlelight Concert 6:30</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Board of Education Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>JS Gift of Giving Assemblies</p>		<p>END OF FIRST SEMESTER</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<p>NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)</p>					
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December 2023



★ PRESCHOOL • BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

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

- **Parents As Teachers:** Serves children age 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 Preschool:** Serves children who are 4 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. For an application, call (785) 339-4039. Screening for the upcoming year will take place in April.
- **Title I Preschool:** Serves children ages 4 and 5 from the Pauline Central area. To apply, call (785) 339-4039.

- **Preschool for students with disabilities:** Serves students between the ages of 3 and 5. Comprehensive services, which include speech and language services, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, are offered.

Appropriate instructional options for a preschool student with a disability are determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. Services may be delivered in the classroom, a community preschool, or other settings.

Diagnostic screening services are available for preschool children whose parents suspect their child may have a disability. The purpose of preschool screening is to identify children with developmental delays 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. Contact the Early Childhood Center, (785) 408-8374, to schedule screening and diagnostic services.

- **Peer Models:** Preschool peer model students are accepted into the Early Childhood program. Peer models are children who are 3 or 4 years old and have passed an eligibility screening. There is a fee associated with this program. To apply, call (785) 408-8374.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka provides before and after school care for students of these schools. For information visit bgctopeka.org or contact the program via email at membership@bgctopeka.org 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
	1 NO SCHOOL (WINTER BREAK)	2	3 NO SCHOOL (STAFF DAY)	4	5	6
7	8 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	9 JS PTO 6:00 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30	10	11	12 FE Spelling Bee 9:00	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)	16 IH PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council @ PS 5:30	17	18 JS Spelling Bee Grades 4-6 9:00	19	20
21	22 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	23	24 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2024



★ INSURANCE • INSTRUMENT RENTAL • TRANSPORTATION • CLOSINGS *Inspiring, Challenging, and Preparing*

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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 Ride 360 portal. 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 [Twitter.com/USD437](https://twitter.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 safety may be questioned.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 JS Pictures	2	3
4 FE Pictures Board of Education Meeting 6:30	5 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30	6	7	8 NO SCHOOL	9 NO SCHOOL	10
			PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <i>Refer to information from individual schools for schedules</i>			
11	12	13 FE PTO 6:00 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 PC/PS Site Council @ PS 5:30	14	15 WRHS Musical 7:00	16 WRHS Musical 7:00	17 WRHS Musical 7:00
18 WRHS Musical 2:00	19 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	20	21 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes	22	23	24
25	26 PC Pictures WRMS Orchestra Grade 8 2nd Hr @ WRHS 6:30 Orchestra Grade 8 1st Hr @ WRHS 7:30	27 WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00	28 WRHS Chorus 6:00 & 7:30 WRMS Band Grade 7 7:00	29 WRHS Orchestra 7:00 WRMS Band Grade 8 7:00		

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★ DIRECTORY INFORMATION • SURVEYS

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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

1. Student’s name, address, telephone number, and date of birth.
2. 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

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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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 JS Art Show 5:00-7:00	2
3 WRHS Band 7:00 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	4 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30 WRMS Chorus Grade 7-8 @ WRHS 7:00	5 AE Music Program Grade 1 6:15 Music Program Grade 2 7:30	6 AE Music Program Grade 3 6:15 Music Program Grade 4 7:30	7 END OF THIRD QUARTER	8 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)						
17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	18 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 IH Pictures	26	27	28 FE Music Program Grade 1 6:00 Music Program Grade 2 7:00 WRMS/WRHS Jazz @ WRHS 7:00	29	30
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March 2024



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.
 - c. Each student is entitled to a safe, current and well-maintained 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.
 - c. 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.
 - i. Excellence, both academic and skills for success, should be recognized and celebrated.
3. 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 Teaching & Learning 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
	1 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 NO SCHOOL (Unless Snow Make-up)	2 PC/PS PTO @ PS 5:30	3 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes JS Music Program Grade K 6:00 Music Program Grade 1 7:30 WE Outdoor Education Grade 1	4 PC Outdoor Education Grade 1	5 KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP No Kindergarten Classes JS Outdoor Education Grade 1 WRHS Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival	6 WRHS Prom
7	8 IH Outdoor Education Grade 1	9 FE Outdoor Education Grade 1 IH PTO 6:00 JS PTO 6:00 PC Music Program Grade 1 6:00 & 6:45 PC/PS Site Council @ PS 5:30	10 AE Outdoor Education Grade 1	11 PC Music Program Grade K 6:00 & 6:45 WRHS Play 7:00	12 JS Outdoor Education Grade K WRHS Play 7:00	13 WRHS Play 7:00
14	15 PC Outdoor Education Grade K Board of Education Meeting 6:30	16 PS Music Program Grade 4 6:30 WE Outdoor Education Grade K	17 AE Outdoor Education Grade K WRMS Grade 6 Parent Night 6:30	18 FE Outdoor Education Grade K PS Band & Chorus Grade 5 6:30	19 IH Outdoor Education Grade K	20
21	22	23	24	25 Foundation Breakfast 7:30 AM JS Food Truck Night 5:30-8:00 WE Music Program Grade K 6:30 Band & Chorus Grade 5 7:30	26 NO SCHOOL (Staff Day) PC/PS Family Carnival @ PS	27
28 District Awards & Retirement Reception 6:30	29	30 ChorusFest @ 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 usd437.net.



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
			1 EARLY RELEASE - 90 minutes StringFest @ WRHS 7:00	2 BandFest @ WRHS 7:00	3 JS Shideler City Streets	4 WRHS Senior One-Acts 7:00
5	6 Combined Orchestra Grade 5 @ WRHS 7:00 Board of Education Meeting 6:30	7 FE Music Program Grade K 6:00 IH PTO 6:00 PC/PS PTO 5:30 WRHS Chorus 7:00	8 JS Recorder Concert Grade 4 6:00 Band & Chorus Grade 5 7:30 WRHS Orchestra 7:00 WRMS Band Grade 7-8 6:30	9 AE Band Grade 5 7:00 FE Band Grade 5 6:30 PS PC Parent Move-Up Night Grade 3 6:30 WRHS Bands Festival w/Food Trucks 6:00	10 IH Field Day PC Field Day	11 WRHS TG Farewell 6:30 WRMS Band Trip to Worlds of Fun Grade 7
12	13 PC Field Day (Rain Date) WRMS Orchestra Grade 7 @ WRHS 7:00	14 FE PTO 6:00 IH Field Day (Rain Date) JS PTO 6:00 WRMS Orchestra Grade 8 @ WRHS 6:30 & 7:30	15 JS Battle of the Books 1:00-3:30 WRMS Chorus Grade 7-8 @ WRHS 7:00	16	17 AE Talent Show 9:00 FE Field Day IH Flashdown 9:00 Music Program Grade K 2:30 JS Science Fair Grade 6 9:30-12:30 PC Talent Show Grade 2-3 1:30	18 WRMS Band, Choir, & Orchestra to St. Louis Grade 8
19 WRHS Graduation 5:30	20 AE Field Day FE Talent Show 2:00 JS Talent Show Grade 4-6 9:30 WE Field Day Board of Education Meeting 6:30	21 FE Field Day (Rain Date) JS Super Sports Day WE Variety Show	22 IH Promotion Grade 6 6:00 JS Celebration Grade 6 5:30	23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1/2 DAY) AE Celebration Grade 6 9:00 FE Promotion Grade 6 9:30 IH Talent Show 9:00 JS Celebration Grade K 9:30-11:00	24	25
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★ SUMMER MONTHS

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July 2024

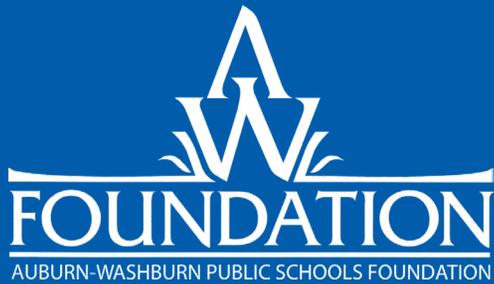
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- Stay connected to kids and grandkids
- Supportive community and administration
- Health insurance benefits for positions at or above 5.75 hours per day
- Full-time employees who live outside the district can enroll their children in USD 437 schools
- Positions with flexible hours where you can pick your days to work
- Positions that allow you to work only during school hours or at night

OPENINGS FOR:

- Teaching Positions
- Paraeducators
- School Bus Drivers
- Food Service Workers
- Lunch Aides
- Custodians
- Secretarial Positions
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