



AUBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2900 Waukegan
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
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Dear Auburn TK and Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Auburn Elementary and the 2025-2026 school year!

This is such a special time for your child — a year full of new friends, new routines, and so many “firsts” in their learning journey. I am thrilled to welcome you into our Auburn Eagle family and can't wait to see the growth, joy, and confidence our kindergarteners will build together this year.

This letter includes important information to help you feel prepared for the start of school. Please take a few minutes to read it carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We're in this together!

First Day of School for TK & Kindergarten

We know the very first day is a big milestone for both children and parents, so we make it extra special — and a little slower-paced — to help our youngest learners feel comfortable.

Monday, August 25th (Half Day — Dismissal at 11:45 AM)

- **One parent/caregiver is *required* to attend with their TK or Kindergarten student** on the first day.
- Please arrive at **8:45 AM** and enter through the **main entrance**.
- If you have older children, drop them off first or allow them to ride the bus before parking.
- Parents will stay with their child for orientation activities, which will wrap up around **11:00 AM**.

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Kindergarten Gentle Start Schedule

To help our Eagles transition smoothly, we have a staggered start for the first week:

- **Monday, August 25** - First Day for *all* K-5 (TK/Kindergarten with parent present)
- **Tuesday, August 26** - *Only* TK & Kindergarten students with last names **A-M** attend
- **Wednesday, August 27** - *Only* TK & Kindergarten students with last names **N-Z** attend
- **Thursday, August 28** - *All* TK & Kindergarten students attend together

Teachers will greet students outside the main entrance each morning.

Meet the Teacher & Popsicles with the Principal

Thursday, August 21st | 3:00-4:30 PM Teachers will be available to meet with families until **4:00 p.m.** Principal Byas will be available to connect with families until **4:30 p.m.** Bring your child to meet their teacher, drop off supplies, peek at their classroom, and then join me on the playground for popsicles. This is a wonderful way to ease first-day jitters (for both kids *and* grown-ups)!

Additional Back-to-School Details

School Hours

- Full Days: 8:32 AM - 3:39 PM
- Half Days: 8:32 AM - 11:45 AM
- Doors open for all students at 8:20 AM
- Doors open for Busy Bee approved students **ONLY** before 8:20 AM

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Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Attendance

Call the office by 8:30 AM if your child will be absent: **(248) 537-6510** (leave a voicemail if calling before school hours).

Medication

If your child needs medication during the school day, a doctor's medication form is required. All medication must be in the original container and stored in our clinic.

Transportation

Please click on the link to see bus route information and times (subject to change).

[Auburn 2025-26 Bus Routes](#). This information will be posted to the district website during the week of August 18, 2025. Families will be notified once routes are available. Please arrive at your stop 10 minutes early the first few weeks. A parent/responsible adult must be at the stop for pickup. Transportation questions? Call **(248) 537-6050**.

Free School Meals Program

At this time, all students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2025-26 school year, as approved in prior budgets by state legislators. While final state budget decisions are still pending for 2025-26, meals remain free until a time we are informed otherwise. To help ensure this important support continues, we encourage all families to complete the Education Benefits Form at avondaleschools.org/familyportal. Submitting this form not only helps protect funding for school meals, but also supports a variety of programs and services for your child and school community. Lunch service for TK & Kindergarten begins Tuesday, August 26.

Emergency Contacts

We can only release students to adults listed in PowerSchool (18+ with ID). Please double-check your emergency contacts in Power School before school starts.

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Immunizations

All TK & Kindergarten students must have updated immunizations or a waiver on file before the first day. Students without records cannot start school. Questions? Call the Oakland County Health Department at **(248) 858-1305**.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Please click on the link for Auburn's Arrival Process & Map: [Arrival Process & Map](#)

Please click on the link for Auburn's Dismissal Process & Map: [Dismissal Process & Map](#)

Please review these processes so we can keep things safe, smooth, and stress-free for everyone.

School Supply Lists

Suggested school supply lists for elementary students are available on Auburn's school website [Auburn K-5 School Supply List](#).

Registration & PowerSchool Updates

Online registration opens for returning students on **August 11, 2025**. Families must complete registration by **August 22, 2025**, which includes:

- Verifying or updating contact and medical information
- Signing handbook and technology agreements

For the full district calendar, visit: [2025-26 District Calendar](#)

Sincerely,

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