

School Schedule

Doors open: 8:55. Dismissal time: 3:40

Late Start Mondays: 1 hour late start on Mondays starting September 24, 2018

CHINOOK ELEMENTARY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I be notified of school activities?: Parents are notified of all school activities through multiple ways. The website (www.auburn.wednet.edu) is always up to date with district and school functions. “Like” us on Facebook to receive Chinook updates in your newsfeed. Students will bring home their Orange Folders each Monday and Thursday with information specifically for parents and families. Teachers will use occasionally apps (Blooms) to communicate with parents. Peachjar is an email communication tool used by the district to distribute “electronic” flyers.

What do I need to do if my child is staying home sick or has an appointment?: If your child will miss school please call the school at 253-931-4980. If we have not heard from a parent regarding an absence by 9:45 when the daily attendance data is collected you will receive an automated phone call regarding the absence. Good attendance matters!

What is the best way to speak with my child’s teacher? Each teacher has only 30 minutes before and after school to speak with parents. They also have a 30 minute lunch and a 45 minute planning session. A good way to contact a teacher is to use e-mail. Our teachers emails are listed on the Chinook website (www.Auburn.wednet.edu/Chinook) and navigate to the OUR SCHOOL/STAFF DIRECTORY/ CHINOOK STAFF DIRECTORY. You can always call the office and leave a message for the teacher. Teachers are now using all varieties of parent-communication apps such as Blooms and other ways to communicate with parents.

Can I speak with the counselor? Our counselor is Jesse Rodriguez. Her hours are 7:40-4:10. During her day she sees students, groups of students and presents anti-bullying and social lessons to each classroom. If you have a concern about how your child is adjusting to school or any other concerns you may contact her through email (jrodriguez@auburn.wednet.edu) or by calling the office for an appointment. She is rarely available on a walk in basis as she is out and around taking care of students and classrooms throughout the school.

What is the best way to speak with the principal? David Pogson is our assistant principal and is willing to meet with parents anytime. He is available through email (dpogson@auburn.wednet.edu) or by contacting the main office. Jennifer Davidson is our principal at Chinook. During the day she is constantly on the move throughout the building and the district office making sure students and staff are safe and learning. If you have an urgent matter please contact the office and we will help address your concern. Another way to communicate with her is directly through email at jdavidson@auburn.wednet.edu. She is available by appointment. To schedule an appointment you contact the main office.

Who do I contact if my child needs medications at school? All medications to be administered at school need to go through the health room. Blank forms are available online or in the office and must be signed by a healthcare provider and the parents.

How do I address questions or concerns that happen on the bus? Parents may address concerns that happen on the bus directly with transportation office. Their phone number is 253-931-4938. Parents can also access bus routes and times at the school website www.auburn.wednet and navigating to the QUICK LINK area/FIND SCHOOL AND BUS ROUTE.

Who do I speak to about my child's lunch account The kitchen is open from 6:00-2:00 for parent questions. You can contact the kitchen by email at chikitchen@auburn.wednet.edu. You can pay through cash or check at the kitchen or main office. To put money on a child's lunch account online <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/Page/411>. To apply for free or reduced lunch visit <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu> and navigate to FOR FAMILIES/FAMILY ACCESS and log into Skyward Family Access. While your application is being processed your student will need to bring lunch from home or pay full price for meals. Breakfast is \$1.50, lunch is \$2.75. The child nutrition office (253-931-4972) can answer questions about the free or reduced lunch application process.

What is Family Access? Skyward's Family Access allows easy, open lines of communication between the school and home. Students and parents can login to view attendance, grades, schedules, calendars, and mealtime information (free or reduced lunch application and make payments). Sign in to family access on the school district website by navigating to FOR FAMILIES/FAMILY ACCESS.

Does Chinook have a preschool? There is a preschool for children who are three years old. Peer model preschool is 4 times a week (Tuesday-Friday) for 2.5 hours a day and costs \$150. The Auburn School District also offers screening activities for all children ages living in the school district, who are suspected of having a disability. For further information or to make a screening appointment for children, please contact the Student Special Services office at (253) 931-4927.