

CHINOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Schedule

Doors open: 9:15. Dismissal time: 3:55
Office Hours are 8:15 am to 4:45 pm
Phone 253-931-4980, Fax 253-931-4728



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 and Instagram to receive Chinook updates in your social media newsfeed. Students will bring home their Orange Folders each Monday and Thursday with information specifically for parents and families. Teachers and Administrators will use the Remind app 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 the Remind app or email. 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.

Can I speak with the counselor? Our counselor is Melissa Terlaje. 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 (mterlaje@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? Jennifer Davidson is our Principal and is out and about throughout the building and the district during the day. She is available by email (jdavidson@auburn.wednet.edu) and is always willing to meet with parents by appointment. Treena Daniels is our assistant principal and is available through email (tdaniels@auburn.wednet.edu) or by contacting the main office to set up an appointment.

Can I speak with the Family Engagement Liaison? Our FEL is Nolan Moyer. He splits his time between here and Pioneer Elementary School. He is here until 11:50 Monday-Friday, but is available 8:25-4:25 by phone: (253)765-8238 (call/text) or email: nmoyer@auburn.wednet.edu. He can help with things such as finding available resources in the community, answering questions about the school, addressing concerns you have with your child at school, and more. He speaks

English and Spanish but feel free to message him in any language and he will happily translate it and contact you with an interpreter if necessary.

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. Medication forms are available online.

How do I address questions or concerns that happen on the bus? Parents may address concerns that happen on the bus directly with the 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 by 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 6:15-2:15 for parent questions. You can contact the kitchen by email at chikitchen@auburn.wednet.edu. For the school year 2022-2023 student breakfast and lunch is again free. Families are encouraged to complete the free and reduced lunch application as the Pandemic EBT payments go to people who qualify through that program. Here is a link to more information about Pandemic EBT program.

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt>. 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 \$180. The Auburn School District also offers screening activities for all children 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. Another option is the Transitional Kindergarten program for children who will be 4 by August 31, 2023.

Use this QR code to quickly access the district website with all of the above information.

