

School Schedule

Doors open: 9:15. Dismissal time: 3:55
Late Start Mondays: 1-hour late start every Monday

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) has up to date district info and school functions. “Like” us on Facebook to receive Chinook updates in your newsfeed. Students bring home Orange Folders Monday and Thursday with information specifically for parents and families. Auburn School District uses the smart phone app ParentSquare extensively and sends emails through Skyward messenger to communicate with parents. Peachjar is an email communication tool used by the district and community partners 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 electronically 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.

Can I speak with the counselor? Our counselor is Melissa Terlaje and Madison McCune. During the day they see students, groups of students and present 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 our counselors through email (mterlaje@auburn.wednet.edu or mmccune@auburn.wednet.edu) or by calling the office for an appointment. They are rarely available on a walk in basis as they are out and around taking care of students and classrooms throughout the school.

What is the best way to speak with the principal? Michelle Drake 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 find a way to address your concern. Another way to communicate with her is directly through email at MDrake@auburn.wednet.edu. She is also available by appointment. To schedule an appointment please contact the main office. Trina Lutes-Johnson is our assistant principal and is always willing to meet with parents. She is available through email (TLutes-Johnson@auburn.wednet.edu) or by calling the main office.

Who do I contact if my child takes medications, has a severe illness, allergies, special diet?:

All medications to be administered at school, severe health concerns, allergies and special diet requests need to be brought to the attention of the health room. Our nurse is Carrie Sasser and she is available by email (Csasser@auburn.wednet.edu). [Medication forms](#) are available online or in the office and must be signed by a healthcare provider and the parents. Health history questionnaires and special diet requests are reviewed yearly by the health room. Our Health Tech Malia Mason is also available by email (MMason@auburn.wednet.edu).

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.edu and navigating to the I'M LOOKING FOR/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. All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch through 2025.

What is Family Access? Family Access (Skyward) allows easy, open lines of communication between the school and home. Students and parents can login to view attendance, grades, schedules, calendars, and menu formation 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 \$200. 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.