

# Dakota Hills Middle School

## School Start Information – for the 2020-21 School Year



Below are some important August/September dates to know for the start of the 2020-21 school year at Dakota Hills

**Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>:** Student schedules are turned on and viewable/printable from home on Campus (no lockers!)

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade New Family Orientation (only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families new to Dakota Hills)

2:00 to 3:00 PM

- Support Staff Welcome, Site Tour, Student Schedules, School Orientation

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:** Virtual Back-to-School Day (for families that need tech or Campus Parent Portal assistance)

3:00 to 7:00 PM

- In-Person assistance for families that need help with Campus, course schedules, Campus Parent Portal
- Lunch account deposits handled online via PayPAMS
- Extra-curricular activity payments via Campus Parent Portal – MyPaymentsPlus
- This is not a time when the school will be available for walking around: media center help only

*For those needing technical assistance or to establish a Campus Portal account, you may come to DHMS between 3 and 7 PM (Media Center) to get tech help.* All back-to-school forms or tasks can be completed via Campus Portal or downloaded from our website. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can print their schedules on August 31<sup>st</sup>, or they will receive their schedules at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade student/parent orientation events on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> (by alphabet, see below).

Informational forms at: [dhms.district196.org](http://dhms.district196.org) (go to “Academics” on the top menu, then “Back-to-School Resources”)

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Parent Events (for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with one parent, see time frames below)

Two sessions facilitated by FLEX Advisors: one session from 11 AM to Noon, a second session from 5-6 PM

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students are invited to attend an online zoom session with their FLEX advisor
- Two zoom sessions will be staged: on at 11 AM and another at 5 PM on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- [FLEX Advisory teachers will send out zoom links to their FLEX groups students and parents](#)
- Items covered will include Schoology resources, A-B-C Group sessions and access, and conferencing information

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Virtual Parent Events (for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with one parent, see time frames below)

Two sessions facilitated by FLEX Advisors: one session from 11 AM to Noon, a second session from 5-6 PM

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students are invited to attend an online zoom session with their FLEX advisor
- Two zoom sessions will be staged: on at 11 AM and another at 5 PM on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- [FLEX Advisory teachers will send out zoom links to their FLEX groups students and parents](#)
- Items covered will include Schoology resources, A-B-C Group sessions and access, and conferencing information

**September 8<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientations, in groups (see below for dates and times, alphabetically by student last name)

- 12:30 to 2:30 PM, plus walk-around time PM for students with one parent (busing provided)...
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students should attend with one parent only (this will help limit group size)
- All students should bring a copy of their student course schedule (printable via your Campus account)
- All students should bring their iPads with them to this event (Schoology information and use will be covered)
- Students that receive bus transport, along with one parent will have a bus option to and from this event. Buses will arrive around Noon at your designated stop to bring students (with one parent) to school: return busses will leave DHMS at about 2:25 PM. (District 196 Transportation will mail out your regular bus stop information)
- The parent (with your 6<sup>th</sup> grader) can drive to school for this event, if desired

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Schedule:

- **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Students last name A - G
- **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Students last name H - O
- **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Students last name P - Z

Session Information:

- Students with a parent go to the FLEX advisor classroom at 12:30 PM: FLEX Advisors will facilitate sessions to cover a welcome, Schoology information, student schedule information, classroom locations, a school site tour, and DHMS hybrid information.
- Lunch is not provided at this event
- Students whose parent cannot attend should still come to school as we want to get important welcome and school start information to students. In particular, DHMS Schoology information will be very important.

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:** First Day of School (Hybrid Group A in school, Group B at home: *Green Day* on student schedules)