

# Dakota Hills Middle School

## School Start Information – for the 2023-24 School Year



Below are some important August/September dates for the start of the 2023-24 school year at Dakota Hills

Monday-Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: **8<sup>th</sup> Grade WEB Leader Training** (for 8<sup>th</sup> grade student WEB Leaders only)  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (both days)

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: **6<sup>th</sup> Grade WEB Orientation** (for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students... students only)  
9:00 AM to Noon **Note:** Students should not bring school supplies to this event

- Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to provide transportation to DHMS for both the 9:00 AM start time and then again for pick-up at Noon... please car pool as much as possible.
- WEB activities, a run thru of their daily schedule, locker/combination practice, and Wildcat fun!

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent-Student Afternoon** (for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with parents)  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (this is when students can bring in locker items and move into lockers)

- Students can “move into” their lockers starting at 4:00 PM (or after 6:00 PM)
- Parents and students go to 1<sup>st</sup> hour Green Day (Day A) classrooms by 4:30 PM
- Presentations by teachers: content, courses, expectations, grading, homework, etc.
- Students lead parents through the 1<sup>st</sup>-day schedule: rooms, sequence, **Green Day** classes

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drop-in Visitation Dates</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(locker and “walk around” access)</p> <p>Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>: 11 AM - 3 PM Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>: 3 – 7 PM</p>
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**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: Student schedules are viewable/printable from home on Campus**

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: **Back-to-School Day** (for families that need tech or Campus Parent Portal assistance)

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (all payments and registrations will be handled online via Parent Portal - MyPaymentsPlus)

*For those needing tech assistance or to establish a Campus Portal account, you may come to DHMS from 8 AM to 3 PM.*

All back-to-school forms or tasks can be completed via Campus Portal or downloaded from [dhms.district196.org](http://dhms.district196.org)

Items parents should complete as Back-to-School tasks: can be done at home via Campus, MyPaymentsPlus, PayPAMS:

- LifeTouch portraits: taken during school on Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> (students will cycle throughout the day)
- Online Fall conference sign up links (first given at Parent Night events, later via e-mail prompt)
- Food Service Account Deposits (via payPAMS) • Sport/clubs (via MyPaymentsPlus) • Yearbook (Jostens)
- Ordering and payment for blue/green Eagan Wildcat clothing will occur via a website ([www.spirit-promotions.com](http://www.spirit-promotions.com))

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: **New 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Orientation**

3:00 PM (only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families new to Dakota Hills)

- Support Staff Welcome, Site Tour, Student Schedules, Locker Bay Access, Extra-curricular information

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student and Parent Night** (for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: both events on same schedule)

4:00 to 6:00 PM (4 – 4:30 PM time for locker move-in... time afterward for more locker time and access)

- Students/parents start in 1<sup>st</sup> hour **Green Day** classes at 4:30 PM and walk thru a mini-version of the 6-period day
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers provide parents with subject area information, grading info, class practices, etc.

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>: **First Day of School** (full day 8:20 AM to 3:10 PM, a **Green Day** on student schedules)

8:20 AM to 3:10 PM (note: bus info sent out by postcard via District 196 transportation)

- All bus-ride students should use their standard daily bus stop and pick-up time
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade WEB Leaders to wear their “WEB” shirts and assist 6<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the day

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>: **2<sup>nd</sup> Day of School** (full day 8:20 AM to 3:10 PM, a **Blue Day** on student schedules)

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>: **No School**

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: **No School** (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>: **3<sup>rd</sup> Day of School** (**Green Day** on student schedules)

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: **LifeTouch Portraits** (during the school day)