

The Andover Update



**BACK
TO
SCHOOL
INFORMATION**
SUMMER/FALL 2023



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Portrait of a Graduate

Academic preparation

- Has skills and knowledge to pursue life goals
- Has real-world experience to succeed after high school

Collaboration and communication

- Works well with others
- Values teamwork

Innovative thinking

- Thinks critically and independently
- Solves problems creatively

Integrity and character

- Has strong work ethic
- Does the right thing

Resilience

- Learns from mistakes and failures
- Adapts to an ever-changing world



Reflecting on the good happenings in our schools



**Brett White,
Superintendent**

Dear USD 385 Parents,
Patrons, Staff and
Community Members,

The 2023-24 school year is quickly approaching! It is my privilege to begin my seventh year as Superintendent of Andover Public Schools, and my 23rd year in the district. In the rush of life, we don't always take time to show gratitude and reflect on

all the "good things" happening. We have so much to be thankful for in our district. Andover Public Schools provides an extraordinary education to our students. Some of the hallmarks of our district include:

- Academic excellence through the rigorous, engaging courses offered
- Highly-trained, caring educators and staff members who are committed to the success of students
- Award-winning teachers, administrators and staff members who go above and beyond to make a difference for students
- Top-notch students who enjoy challenges and strive to excel
- Families who are involved and believe in the importance of high-quality public education
- Support from the community that enhances learning for students and creates meaningful partnerships
- Many opportunities for students to be involved and thrive in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- A climate of high expectations that is imbedded in the culture of the district
- First-class facilities that enhance the learning experience for students and staff, including \$188 million in bond projects completed in the past six years

We are committed to achieving our Portrait of a Graduate vision in Andover Public Schools, where every graduate leaves high school:

- Academically prepared for post-secondary success, a career in the military, or chosen careers in the workplace
- With the skills to communicate and collaborate effectively
- With the ability to think innovatively
- Possessing the integrity and character to be a contributing member of society
- With the resilience to persevere and overcome challenges

For our returning families, we look forward to seeing you in August. If your family would like to learn more about the Andover district, we would love to visit with you and give you a tour of our schools. Have a wonderful 2023-24 school year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett White". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brett White
Superintendent

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

SPARK AWARD

Stacey Ryan, instructional coach

GOLD KEY AWARD

Credit Union of America

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Robin Anderson (AMS)
Natasha Brokschmidt (Cottonwood)
Cary Conover (AHS)
Stacia Kaylor (ACMS)
Andrea Lehning (ACHS)
Gary Merritt (eCademy)
Allison Perry (Robert Martin)
Becky Routh (Prairie Creek)
Troy Smith (Meadowlark)
Theresa Walker (Wheatland)
Amy Winter (Sunflower)

BRIGHT RED APPLE AWARD

Maggie Carney (Cottonwood)
Cole Hurley (AHS and ACHS)
Kristen Keene (AMS)
Kiara O’Dea (AHS)
Brianna Oglesby (Prairie Creek)
Beth Seals (Sunflower)
Emily Son (Robert Martin and Wheatland)

SCHOOL BELL AWARD

Jarrod Clutter (Cottonwood)
Alice Collins (District)
Annelise Collins (eCademy)
Shana Mann (AMS)
Delphie Ortega (Sunflower)
Amy Schoonover (Prairie Creek)
Saylis Sengvilay (Meadowlark)

HELPING HAND AWARD

Ann Currier (eCademy)
Natalie Daugherty (Sunflower)
Heather Haug (Meadowlark)
Carrie Lindeman (Cottonwood)
Karen Maskell (Wheatland)
Craig Noah (ACHS)

TO VIEW AWARD CRITERIA AND PAST RECIPIENTS, VISIT USD385.ORG/OSA.

NOW HIRING



Custodians

Help us provide a quality education for students by caring for some of the best school facilities in the state!

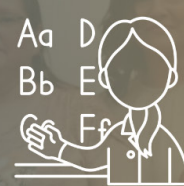
- Full-time and part-time available
- Competitive wages, benefits, retirement contributions, vacation and sick leave



Paraeducators

Become a valued part of our instructional team!

- Positions available in early childhood, elementary, middle and high school
- Flexible schedule
- Paid universal leave and holidays



Substitutes

Enjoy a flexible work environment while working with top-notch students and staff.

- Work as many or as few days a month as you'd like
- Choose a work schedule that fits into your lifestyle

To apply, visit usd385.org/jobs or scan the qr code.



Andover USD 385

2023-24 District Calendar



2023

July

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August

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September

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October

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30	31			

November

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December

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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

2024

January

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
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22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February

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26	27	28	29	

March

M	T	W	T	F
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April

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22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May

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20	21	22	23	24
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June

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28

- School not in session
- All schools closed - Teacher professional learning
- All schools closed - Teacher flex work day
- All schools closed - Conference credit day
- All schools closed - Parent/Teacher daytime conferences
- Registration begins
- End of Quarter

This calendar may be altered at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or the administration. The policies of the Board of Education of USD 385 prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion and sex in all programs and activities of the district. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of age is prohibited in employment. Equal Opportunity Employer. **Adopted by the Board of Education 12/12/2022.**

July	18	Online registration begins
August	2-3	New teachers report
	4	Flex work day
	7	All teachers report
	10	First day, grades 1-6, 9 and new students to USD 385 in grades 7-8 and 10-12
	11	First day, grades 7-8 and 10-12
	15	First day, kindergarten, Pre-K and Early Learning
September	1	Professional learning day
	4	Labor Day
	25	Professional learning day
October	11	End of first quarter
	12	All schools closed; parent/teacher conferences
	13	Morning flex work day
November	6	Professional learning day
	20-24	Thanksgiving break
December	20	End of second quarter; dismiss two hours early
	21	Morning flex work day
	22-Jan 2	Holiday break
January	3	Professional learning day
	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February	16	Professional learning day
	19	Conference credit day
March	7	End of third quarter
	8	Morning flex work day
	11-15	Spring break
	29	Professional learning day
April	22	Professional learning day
May	9	eCademy graduation
	12	AHS and ACHS graduations
	22	Last day for students; dismiss two hours early
	23	Morning flex work day
	27	Memorial Day

1st quarter: 42 student days
 2nd quarter: 42 student days
 3rd quarter: 43 student days
 4th quarter: 46 student days



REGISTRATION

INFORMATION

Student registration for the 2023-24 school year is right around the corner! This is your opportunity to:

- Provide or update information about your student(s)
- Pay fees
- Arrange transportation, if necessary

Here's what you need to know for a smooth transition into the 2023-24 school year!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration opens around noon on Tuesday, July 18. Parents will receive an email that day with directions for how to begin the process. New this year: Parents/guardians will be asked to upload proof of residency when completing registration for all students.

If you do not have internet access at home, you may access a computer at the District Office, 1432 N. Andover Rd., or at your child's school beginning July 18.

NEW STUDENTS

Students who have never enrolled at Andover Public Schools should complete the Intent to Register form before July 18. The form can be found at usd385.org.

FEES

All fees can be paid online through RevTrak, the district's online payment processor. A service fee is added for online payment. School-related fees also can be paid by check at your child's school. Transportation fees must be paid at District Office, 1432 N. Andover Rd

FREE/REDUCED

Families who meet certain income requirements are eligible for free or reduced meals and fees. To apply, please find the free/reduced application at usd385.org or visit Support Services, 202 W. Market in Andover.

TRANSPORTATION

First Student provides transportation services for Andover Public Schools. Transportation is provided at no cost to students who live 2.5 miles or more from their school. Students who live closer than 2.5 miles must pay a fee of \$250 per student, or a maximum of \$750 per family, to ride the bus. Transportation fees must be paid by the first full week of school to continue riding the bus.

HEALTH OFFICE

Health Office: Parents/guardians will receive an email with instructions for how to update their students' health records through the Health Office portal. It is important for our schools to have current student health information on record to best meet the needs of your child, especially in a medical emergency.

QUESTIONS?

Visit usd385.org/register, contact your child's school, email info@usd385.org or call 316-218-4660.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

June 12-July 18 - PowerSchool not available to parents.

July 18 - Online registration opens around noon. A district-wide email sent from PowerSchool Registration will let parents know registration is open.

July 30 - Last day to register and be guaranteed transportation during the first two weeks of school. Otherwise, the first day for guaranteed transportation will be Aug. 28.

Aug. 4 - Transportation information available to parents through PowerSchool

Aug. 10 - First day of school, grades 1-6, 9, and new students to USD 385 in grades 7-8 and 10-12

Aug. 11 - First day of school, grades 7-8 and 10-12

Aug. 15 - First day of school, kindergarten Pre-K and Early Learning

Aug. 28 - Students who signed up for transportation after July 30 are guaranteed transportation.

Sept. 1 - Final deadline for online registration; accounts will be deactivated for those who have not registered.



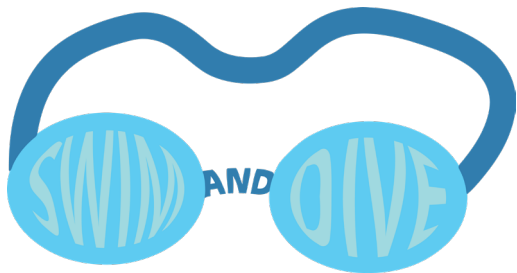
BACK-TO-SCHOOL **CHECKLIST**

By Alysia Rich, family engagement consultant

School is still a few weeks away, but there are several things you can do now to help ensure your family is ready to go in August.

- Purchase school supplies
- Designate a place to keep all information from schools (print and digital) so you can refer to it as needed
- Have young children practice opening lunch box/items and backpack on their own
- Sort clothing and make a plan to purchase new items as needed
- Schedule any necessary medical/dental appointments prior to first day
- Organize a family calendar to mark days off of school, conferences, etc.
- Create/update a place and system for collecting school work and papers
- Plan with your children what they will do for lunch
- Become familiar with the school/district websites
- Ease worries/fears by frequently discussing the school year with your child
- Create a space for studying
- Ensure children are aware of how they will get to/from school and develop a system for changes (children thrive on routine and knowing what to expect, so plan for the unexpected!)
- Begin practicing routines at least two weeks before school begins

news in brief



AHS wins state swimming, diving events

Andover High School swimmers won two event titles en route to a third place finish at the 5-1A State Swimming and Diving Championships May 20 in Topeka.

Senior Emma Todd won the diving championship for the Trojans. The 200 medley team of sophomores Mari Griffin, Sophia Mandanis, Kiersten Elliott and Marisa Scholl also took the state championship.

The team is coached by Bethany Bastian.



Emma Todd



Kiersten Elliott



Mari Griffin



Sophia Mandanis



Marisa Scholl



High school athletes capture 3 track & field state titles

Three Andover Public Schools track and field athletes captured state titles Saturday, May 27, at the Kansas State Track and Field Championships in Wichita.

ACHS swept the pole vault competition. Bryce Barkdull, left, vaulted 17-1, besting his brother Ashton's state meet record set last year. Reagan Housley, right, vaulted 11-6 to win the girls competition.

Meanwhile, McKinlee Walker, center, won the girls 100 meter hurdles, posting a time of 14.44, nearly a second faster than her nearest competitor.





AHS students win speech, drama championships

AHS sophomore Annie Nguyen and senior Nabaa Al-Amood, each won state championships at the 5A State Speech and Drama Championships.

Annie won for oratory speaking, and Nabaa won for impromptu speaking.

The team is coached by James Harris.



Annie Nguyen and Nabaa Al-Amood



Craft named Principal of the Year

Leslianne Craft, principal of Andover Central Middle School, was named Area 3 Principal of the year by the Kansas Principals Association.

“Ms. Craft is a visible, hands-on principal who cares deeply about the students and staff at Andover Central Middle School,” says Brett White, superintendent. “She maintains high expectations for all, and is extremely dedicated to the success of students and staff at ACMS. She is an outstanding model of highly effective leadership for her colleagues across the state.”

Ms. Craft has served as ACMS principal since 2021.



AHS Theatre Troupe wins Jester Awards

Congratulations to the Andover High School Theatre Troupe for winning three Jester Awards:

- Outstanding Program Design - Shelby Norton
- Outstanding Orchestra Direction - Madison Schmoll
- Outstanding Supporting Performer - Maisy Blanton

These awards are given annually by Music Theatre Wichita.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Ronnie Price,
Andover mayor

Andover Community,

Andover has a lot to look forward to and by the time this message comes out, we will have enjoyed multiple KEYN concerts in the park, Taco Fest, Corvette Blitz, the Police and Fire Community Cookout and so many more wonderful events. There are more Movies in the Park to take place in July, August and

October. Andover Central Park is also hosting Food Truck Fridays throughout the summer and fall. Be sure to check andoverks.com for exact dates on all of the upcoming events.

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Greater Andover Days. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Heritage." The Heritage continues to make good progress and will host events at its location on Thursday night to kick off GAD. Stay tuned on the City's Facebook pages for more information on the schedule lineup. The committee has added tons of new activities to this year's festival!

We had a wonderful celebration on April 29 in Central Park, marking one year since the Andover tornado came through our community. So much progress has been made in the neighborhoods and in Central Park. The Long-Term Recovery Committee has awarded just under \$280,000 to survivors of the tornado. If you were affected and are still needing help, please call 2-1-1 as soon as you can.

The new fire station and 13th Street Sports Park are coming along nicely and we are excited to see major progress by 2024. There will be a grand opening for the new fire station on Thursday, April 18. The Lodge renderings in Central Park were revealed in April, too, so be sure to stop by the park and see those!

The City of Andover launched a new and improved website. Be sure to visit andoverks.com to keep up with everything going on in our community.

Enjoy your summer, please stay hydrated, and do not overdo it in the heat.

Stay healthy, happy and safe.

Ronnie Price, Mayor

City of Andover

Greater Andover Days

Celebrating our Heritage

Join us at Greater Andover Days:
Thursday, Sept. 28 – Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Saturday, Aug. 5:** Burger Battle
- **Sunday, Sept. 10:** Shakespeare in the Park
- **Tuesday, Sept. 19:** Newspring Church Concert
- **Saturday, Sept. 23:** Ballet in the Park
- **Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1:** Greater Andover Days

Free movies in the park

Bring your chairs, blankets and snacks to watch movies on the big screen.

Movies in the Park



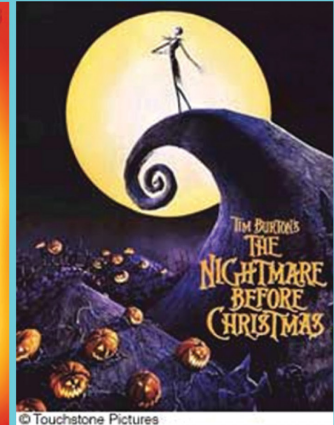
June 25



July 30



August 27



October 22

All movies start at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings
at the Capitol Federal Amphitheater®

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Join us for our open house!

CURRENT & FUTURE GRIZZLY ENROLLMENT:

Visit with admissions, advisors for enrollment, reps from financial aid, set up payment plans, and take placement testing!

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Learn about degree and certificate programs, take a campus tour, and sit in on an info session or two! (Parent Session, Financial Aid)

Hot dogs, chips, drinks and sno cones!

Can't make it but want more information? Office of Admissions: 316.322.3255



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