



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE

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A Message to Families and Community Members Regarding the 2025-2026 4K Program:

Beginning with the 2025-2026 School Year, the School District of Auburndale will be expanding our 4-year-old kindergarten program from two days a week to five days a week. This change will provide for increased social development, learning letters, numbers, colors, shapes, sounds, speech, routines, and consistency in learning. This change will also allow parent(s) to establish a normal work/school schedule for a five day work week. The extended time will allow the 4-year-old students increased opportunities in music, art, and physical education. Weekly library time, exposure to books, and daily read alouds will be stressed as we navigate through the school year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in our breakfast and lunch programs and receive a snack with local milk daily.

We are hearing rumors in the community that the change from two days to five days will come at the expense of families who will be asked to pay for “daycare” in the afternoon while their child is still in school. This is not an accurate statement nor has it ever been discussed or considered. This is free and is part of our educational programming available for students and parents.

The school day will be structured in a way that the majority of the required learning of important sounds, letters, words, numbers, etc. will be occurring in the mornings and the afternoons will be more learning through exploration, play, music, art, and physical activities.

Parents who feel strongly that their child should only attend on a part-time basis may elect this option however they need to pick up their child around lunchtime each day. The exact time has not yet been established. Bus transportation will be provided for those attending ALL day 4K only to and from school. Lunch and quiet time will be part of each day’s routine as well. Class sizes will remain the same and there will be aide support in each classroom as is currently.

Registration for this new program will begin in February 2025. More details and information to come!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Elementary Principal, Andrew Scharenbroch, at ascharenbroch@aubschools.com or by calling the elementary office at 715-652-2812.