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Dakota Hills Middle School School Start Information – for the 2025-26 School Year



Below are some important August/September dates for the start of the 2025-26 school year at Dakota Hills

Monday-Tuesday, August 18th and 19th: **8th Grade WEB Leader Training** (for 8th grade student WEB Leaders only)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (both days)

Thursday, August 21st: **6th Grade WEB Orientation** (for all incoming 6th grade students... students only)

9:00 AM to Noon **Note: Students should not bring school supplies to this event**

- Parents of 6th 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 21st: **6th Grade Parent-Student Afternoon** (for 6th 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 1st hour Green Day (Day A) classrooms by 4:30 PM
- Presentations by teachers: content, courses, expectations, grading, homework, etc.
- Students lead parents through the 1st-day schedule: rooms, sequence, **Green Day** classes
- The DHMS nurse will be here and available for drop-off of Rx items or medical needs

<p>Drop-in Visitation Dates (locker and “walk around” access) Aug. 22nd: 11 AM - 3 PM Aug. 26th: 3 – 7 PM</p>
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Friday, August 22nd: Student schedules are viewable/printable from home on Campus

Friday, August 22nd: **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 – Edutrak)

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

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

- iPad protection plan must be renewed each year via Edutrak
- LifeTouch portraits: taken during school on **TBD** (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 Edutrak) • Yearbook (Jostens)
- Ordering and payment for blue/green Eagan Wildcat clothing will occur via a website (www.spirit-promotions.com)

Monday, August 25th: **New 7th and 8th Grade Family Orientation**

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

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

Monday, August 25th: **7th and 8th Grade Student and Parent Night** (for 7th and 8th 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 1st hour **Green Day** classes at 4:30 PM and walk thru a mini-version of the 6-period day
- 7th and 8th grade teachers provide parents with subject area information, grading info, class practices, etc.
- The DHMS nurse will be here and available for drop-off of Rx items or medical needs

Wednesday, August 27th: **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
- 8th Grade WEB Leaders to wear their “WEB” shirts and assist 6th graders throughout the day

Thursday, August 28th: **2nd Day of School** (full day 8:20 AM to 3:10 PM, a **Blue Day** on student schedules)

Friday, August 29th: **No School**

Monday, September 1st: **No School** (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 2nd: **3rd Day of School** (**Green Day** on student schedules)

TBD: LifeTouch Portraits (during the school day).

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