

The General News

August 15, 2025

Upcoming Dates



August 21 - Open House 5:00-7:00

September 4 - PTA 7:00

September 13 - The General Jog 8:00AM



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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
231 S. CONSTITUTION DR
AURORA

**MEET
TEACHERS**

**FOOD FOR
EVERYONE!**

RAFFLES!



OPEN HOUSE

School Spirit



**WASHINGTON
GENERALS**

20% Off Grand Opening Sale. No min. | Code **SPIRIT20**

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HERE**



OFF AND AWAY

CELLPHONES, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, AND OTHER
ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE OFF AND AWAY, ALL DAY.

STORE IT SAFELY:



Backpack



Locker



Purse

To avoid interrupting classes,
students will be notified
through Schoology Message
if an item is dropped off for
them during the school day.





Attendance Guide

2025 - 2026

We believe that all students can learn and thrive in our schools when they attend each day. According to the State of IL:105ILCS5, students ages 6-17 must attend school. This guide is to help you understand the district expectations surrounding attendance. If a student is absent from school, excused and unexcused, it is considered a Non-Attendance Day as the student has missed instruction.

Important Attendance Words To Know:

Non-Attendance

This refers to any day, class period and/or period of time that a student is not in attendance at school and includes both excused and unexcused absences.

Chronic Absenteeism

This refers to absences that total 10% or more of school days of the most recent academic school year, including absences with and without valid cause ... - 105 ILCS 5/26-18

Chronic Truancy

A student is "Chronically Truant" if they missed 5% or more of the previous 180 school days without a valid cause.

Excused Absence*

Absences that fall under the excused category and that have been communicated to the school.

Unexcused Absence**

Absences that do not fall under the excused categories will be considered unexcused and any absence that has not been communicated to the school.

Nudge Letter

Quarterly letters sent home that detail the number of non-attendance days a student has accumulated.

Tardy

Students arriving to school or class after the tardy bell.

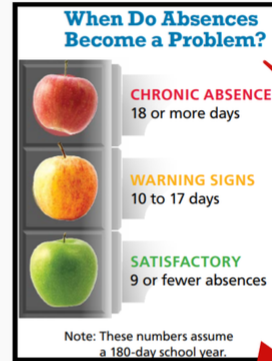
What you can do?

Communicate with the School

- Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your student.
- Ask for help from school officials, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge.
- Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences.
- Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes.

Herget Middle School
1550 Deerpath Rd.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5006
Attendance: 630.301.5230

Jefferson Middle School
1151 Plum St.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5009
Attendance: 630.301.5300



Why it matters?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

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North Aurora, IL 60542
Main: 630.301.5010
Attendance: 630.301.5345

Washington Middle School
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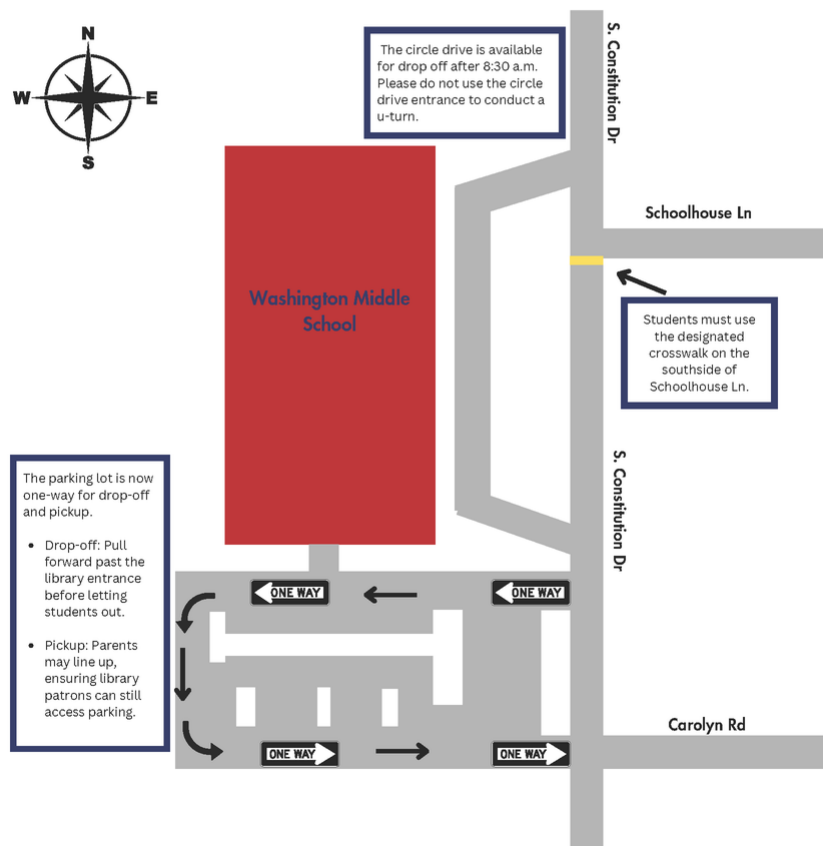
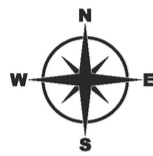
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Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Plan



To ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal, please follow these guidelines:

- Use the provided map to follow the one-way traffic flow.
- Form a single pick-up line without blocking open library parking spaces.
- Students must use the Constitution crosswalk—do not prompt them to cross elsewhere.
- Please park alongside the curb on Constitution when picking up your child.



Weekly Words of Wisdom:

The expert in anything was once a beginner.

– Helen Hayes

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

REMEMBER TO CALL THE **ABSENCE LINE** IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL



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Middle School Calendar & Bell Schedule



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