



Dakota Hills Middle School

School Start Information – for the 2026-27 School Year



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School

Important August/September dates for the start of the 2026-27 school year at Dakota Hills

Thursday, August 6th: **Launch of Online Back-to-School Resources** at dhms.district196.org

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 information, forms or tasks can be completed via Campus Portal or downloaded from home

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 **September 9th** (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)

Wednesday-Thursday, August 19th and 20th: **8th Grade WEB Leader Training** (for 8th grade student WEB Leaders only)

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (both days)

Tuesday, August 25th: **6th Grade WEB Orientation** (for all incoming 6th grade 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 if possible.
- WEB activities, a run thru of class schedules, locker/combo practice, and Wildcat fun!

Tuesday, August 25th: **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

Wednesday, August 26th: **Student schedules are viewable/printable from home on Campus**

Thursday, August 27th: **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

Thursday, August 27th: **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

Monday, August 31st: **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 via e-mail from 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

Tuesday, September 1st: **Second Day of School** (**Blue Day** on student schedules)

Friday, September 4th: **No School**

Monday, September 7th: **No School** (Labor Day)

LifeTouch Portraits: **Wednesday, Sept. 9th** (during the school day)

LifeTouch Portrait Re-takes: **Wednesday, Oct. 21st**

Back-to-School Help
Parents/Guardians can call DHMS at 651-683-6800 or come to school for tech assistance between 8 AM and 3 PM from August 10th to 21st

Visitation Dates

(locker and “walk around” access)

Aug. 28th: 8 AM – 6 PM

Aug. 29th: 8 AM – Noon

Note:

The main office and tech support are closed during visitation hours