WELCOME

KINDERGARTENERS!

Class of 2039

WILDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WILDER WOLVES

Welcome to Wilder Elementary

Home of the Wilder Wolves

Student Focused

At Wilder, it is our mission to provide learning environments where connections, values, and challenge are part of every student's educational experience. We teach a curriculum that is rigorous, engaging, and helps students to build strong peer connections.

We strive to provide individual learning experiences for all our students to allow them to be actively engaged in classrooms where every student knows they are cared for and respected. Using MTSS, PBIS, and UDL, we focus on supporting the "whole child".



Family Focused

Research has consistently shown that family and community engagement is key to increasing the academic success and positive connections that students have at school.

At Wilder, we consistently plan and implement strategies to engage our families in authentic and culturally responsive ways. Our staff and teachers work together with families to ensure that they have the support they need to help their children, not only succeed, but find joy in their learning experience.



Community Focused

Our robust PTSA has many opportunities for parents and families to volunteer and directly impact the many enrichment programs offered to our students. This work complements the work of our teachers as well as volunteer at the many family events that bring our tight-knit community even closer.

Student participation in our drama, art, and music classes, running club, watershed and salmon project, math development, and many other programs enrich the education experience for our students and helps build student and community relationships. At Wilder, our community makes this an amazing place to be.



Learn more about Wilder Elementary

phone - (425) 936-2740
website - wilder.lwsd.org
PTSA website - wilderptsa.net

Lake Washington School District | 2026-27 Calendar FINAL

Lake Washington School District

August 2026

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Important Dates

Aug. 24-28	LEAP Days
Aug. 31	First Day of School (grades 1-12)
Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Kindergarten Family Connections
Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Half-Day Elementary Conferences
Sept. 3	First Day of School for Kindergarten**
Sept. 7	No school - Labor Day
Sept. 8	First day of Preschool
Sept. 9	1.5 hrs. early release schedule begins
Sept. 15	First Day of SNAPS
Oct. 13-15	Preschool Conferences - No Preschool Programs
Oct. 16	No school – LEAP Day
Nov. 3	Last Day 1st Quarter (Secondary)
Nov. 10	Secondary Grades Due
Nov. 11	No school – Veterans Day
Nov. 25	Half Day
Nov. 26-27	No school – Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 13	Elementary Grades Due
Jan. 18	No school – MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 22	Last Day 1st Semester (Secondary)
Jan. 26, 28-29	Half-Day Elementary Conferences
Jan. 26-29	Preschool Conferences - No Preschool Programs
Feb. 1	Secondary Grades Due
Feb. 11-12	No school – Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 15	No school – Presidents Day
March 12	No school – LEAP Day
April 2	Last Day 3rd Quarter (Secondary)
April 9	Secondary Grades Due
April 12-16	No school – Spring Break
May 25-27	Preschool Conferences - No Preschool Programs
May 28	No school – LEAP Day
May 31	No school – Memorial Day
June 1	School Closure Make-up Day (If needed)
June 4	Last Day of SNAPS
June 9	Elementary Grades Due
June 10	Last Day of Preschool
June 16	Half-Day – Last Day of School (K-12)
	Last Day 2nd Semester (Secondary)
	Secondary Grades Due
June 17	School Closure Make-up Day (If needed)
June 18	No school: Juneteenth (Observed)
June 21-23	School Closure Make-up Days (If needed)

Key

■ No School ☐ Half Day ☐ First/ Last Day

* Check Important Dates Section

Wednesday early release schedule:

90 min. early release - elementary students

105 min. early release - secondary students

LEAP=Learning Enhancement Academic Planning

Calendar is subject to change. School year may be extended due to inclement weather.

**Staggered start for Kindergarten - schools will provide details.

Updated 4/2026

IMPORTANT LWSD WEBSITES TO KNOW!

District: www.LWSD.org **Wilder Elementary:** www.wilder.lwsd.org **Wilder PTSA:** www.wilderptsa.net

Each of the sites below can be reached through www.lwsd.org/students-families/for-students-and-families

ParentSquare

Lake Washington School District uses the ParentSquare platform to simplify school communications and provide options for families for how they want to receive information.

With ParentSquare you can:

- Receive messages from the school via email, text, or app notification
- Choose to receive information as it comes or via a daily digest
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Reply to staff directly from a post
- Message teachers and staff directly
- Receive notifications from small groups
- Sign up for parent-teacher conferences
- Sign forms, permission slips and more all from your desktop or mobile device

SKYWARD

LWSD uses Skyward for all pertinent family and student information.

With Skyward, you can check:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Student information
- Schedules
- Test scores and Academic history
- Bus Information
- Health information
- Complete your Online Student Information Verification
- Use Online Payments button to pay for fines, class fees, sports registrations
- Use Online Payments button to purchase items available at each school

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

Skyward also gives you access to My School Bucks, which is the online portal to pay for school lunches.

With My School Bucks you can:

- Monitor your student's meal history
- Set up recurring/automatic monthly payments
- Set low-balance alerts

Wilder Elementary Attendance Policy & Procedures

Attendance

Attendance Matters. Every Student. Every Day. Attendance is a critical building block for student learning. If students are not present, they cannot engage in learning.

- The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction notes, "Students that miss just 2 days a month for any reason, are more likely to not read at grade level, and more likely not to graduate."
- Did you know? When learning foundational reading skills, the typical student required 4-14 repetitions, with some needing 14-40. Missing school interrupts this.
- Completing missed assignments without instruction and interaction does not duplicate learning.
- Quizzes, tests, projects, group activities, partner tasks, and more cannot often be made up.
- Student report cards note absences & tardies and can include missing scores noted because of absences and/or missed classes.

*Please consult the district calendar to plan vacation during scheduled school breaks. District Calendar

Tardies

Being late interrupts learning for all students. It is impactful to the student who is late and to the learning in the classroom. To ensure your student is on campus and ready for the day, they should be here at Wilder no later than 8:35am.

**Parents/Guardians – please model responsibility and timeliness as an important life skill for students to practice at this age.*

Excused and Unexcused Absences

Each day, student absences and tardiness will be recorded for each class period. Students may be excused from attendance subject to approval by the student's parent and the school principal or designee based on valid excuse criteria outlined in regulation 3122P. If a student is chronically absent, the school principal shall have reason to consider that further absences may have an adverse impact on the student's educational progress and therefore that further absences shall not be considered excused until a conference is held to develop a plan to support the student and that the student is in compliance with such a plan.

How to excuse your student from school

If your child is going to be absent **or** late to school, please notify the school using **one** of the following ways and include the student's name and reason for their absence.

1. Email the attendance secretary at WilderESAttend@LWSD.org **and** your student's teacher.
2. Call the attendance line and leave a detailed message at (425) 936-2741.

Due to the volume of calls and emails each day, the attendance office does not return phone calls or send confirmation emails. There is no need for you to call the main office to confirm.

How to request an early departure from school

If you are planning to pick your child up early from school, please notify the school using one of the following ways and include the student's name, date & time of pick-up, and if they will be returning to school.

1. Email the attendance secretary at WilderESAttend@LWSD.org and your student's teacher.
2. Call the attendance line and leave a detailed message at (425) 936-2741.

**If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason, we are here to support you and work with you towards possible solutions. Please do not hesitate to contact us to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's attendance.

Parent Square Attendance Notification

If a family has not notified the school of a student's absence or late arrival by 9:50am, an attendance notification will go out to the family. Daily notifications go out after 10am. If you receive a notification, please reply with a response and the attendance secretary will update your students' attendance.

If your student has a planned absence of 3 or more days

If a family has prior knowledge that their student will be absent, they may seek the absences to be excused. The school administrator will review requests and determine if the absences meet the specific criteria outlined in 3122P. For absences longer than 3 school days, families may be asked to meet with an administrator to create a shared understanding of the reason for the absence and academic impacts. By submitting a request, families acknowledge missed instructional time and that teachers are not required to provide work in advance. After returning, students are responsible for working with teachers to understand missed content and demonstrate progress within their courses. Please fill out the Extended Absence Form and drop it off to the front office **or** email it to WilderESAttend@LWSD.org. Forms need to be submitted *1 week prior* to the student's planned absence. After 10 planned absences, all others will be marked unexcused unless approved by the principal.

School Attendance Required by State Law

- State law requires children from age 8 to 17 to attend school.
- Children that are 6 or 7 years old, who are enrolled in school, must also attend school.
- Youth who are 16 or older may be excused from attending school if they meet certain requirements.

If your child is going to be absent, please contact your school's attendance office. *The complete truancy statute RCW 28.225.010 can be found here.

School's Duties Upon A Student's Absences

- If your child has three **unexcused** absences in **one month**, state law (RCW 28A.225.02) requires the school to schedule a **conference** with you and your child.
- In elementary school after **five excused** absences in **any month**, or **ten** or **more excused** absences in **the school year**, the school district is required to contact the family to schedule a **conference**. A conference is not required if your child has provided a doctor's note or pre-arranged absence in writing, and plans are in place, so your child does not fall behind academically.
- **Attendance Letters** will be posted in Family Access for students that meet the following thresholds for *unexcused absences*: 3 in 30 calendar days (run twice a month) and 7 & 15 in a school year (run twice a month).
- If your child has **seven unexcused** absences in **any month** or **fifteen unexcused** absences within the **school year**, the school is required to **file** a **truancy petition** with the Juvenile court, alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.10, the mandatory attendance laws. You and your child may need to appear in Juvenile Court. *Wilder's Truancy Requirements can be found here.

Did You Know?

- Attending school on time, all day, every day will give your child the best chance of graduating from high school.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing on average just 2 days a month, whether excused or unexcused, makes it more likely that your child will not meet academic standards in math and reading by third grade.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of high school graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

What You Can Do

- Do not let your child stay home unless they are truly sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.
- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session.
- Keep track of your child's attendance. Missing more than 9 days, excused or unexcused, could put your child at risk of falling behind.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine as well as finishing homework and packing backpacks the night before.
- Have a back-up plan in place with family members, neighbors, or other parents to get your child to school in case something comes up. *Helpful information about school attendance can be found at: www.attendanceworks.org

Portions of this letter are attributable to Attendance Works http://www.attendanceworks.org/ & the Washington State Legislature http://leg.wa.gov

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2026 - 2027

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- 1 plastic supply box (8.5" x 5" x 3" inches)
- 1 plastic poly-folder (2 pocket)
- 1 box regular Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 box Crayola markers (broad line style)
- 3 highlighters (multi-colored)
- 3 black Flair pens
- 2 dozen Ticonderoga #2 pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 1 scissor, kids Fiskars
- 18 Elmer's glue sticks (.28 oz. - small size)
- 1 small, handheld pencil sharpener (case for shavings)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- *1 pack of baby wipes*
- *1 bottle of foam soap*
- *1 roll paper towel*
- *1 box of facial tissues*

2026-2027 Important Kindergarten Dates

June 3 - Kindergarten Round-Up

- Students and families register via Sign-Up to meet the kindergarten teachers and learn more about the kindergarten classroom.

August 26 - Teacher Assignments

- Teacher assignments will be posted in Skyward

August 27 - Open House & Kindergarten Curriculum Night

- Wilder Open House: 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Kindergarten Curriculum Night: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

August 31 - September 2 - WAKids Family Connection Meetings

- Families meet individually with their kindergarten teacher to share information about their child.

September 3 and 4 - Staggered Kindergarten Start Days

- Students will be assigned to either A group or B group and students will attend school accordingly on either 9/3 or 9/4

September 8 - Kindergarten First Day for ALL Students!

- All kindergarten students will start school in their classrooms

September 11 - PTSA Carnival

- Family welcome back to school event!