



Weeks Middle School

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A Focal Point of Pride for the Southside

Dear Weeks Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is sure to be one we will not soon forget. We look forward to welcoming you and your family next week.

Orientation- The first day of school: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – Student report to Advisory Teacher

In order to ensure each child has an equal chance to all school information and staff and to limit possible Covid virus transmission, the first day will be spent orienting students to everything they need to know about school and how to be successful. Students will learn about their schedule, their teachers, the building, get to know their Advisory teacher and class, school expectations and daily procedures. Staff will direct students to their first hour class (Advisory) and students will stay with their Advisory class the entire day for team building, collaboration, and ease of learning. Due to this opportunity we will not have an open house or meet the teachers before school starting.

Student attendance hours:

Class starts 8:30 AM and ends at 3:25 PM
Building hours are from 8:00 AM -3:45 PM each day

Student Entry to Building:

Students will enter through doors indicated below:

6th grade – Main Entrance
7th grade – East Entrance
8th Grade -West Entrance

ID cards:

Students will need their ID cards each day, especially to ride the bus.

Drop off and pick up:

Drop off and pick up students in the west parking lot, by the playground. Please do not use the east parking lot due to traffic and narrow spacing. On the occasions you need to enter the school, please park in the visitor spots in the east parking lot.

Schedules:

Students will receive their schedule on the first day of school, in their advisory class. Students can review their schedule in Infinite Campus and through the parent portal. If there is an issue with the schedule please email: Brianne.Schwarck@dmschools.org

We will have an A/B day calendar for the elective/wheel classes. 1st day will be classified as an A day, but we will be in Advisory instead. Thursday, August 26th will be a B day.

Supplies:

This year, we are asking that families provide the following items for the first semester grades 6-8:

6 spiral notebooks pencils pens 6 pocket folders

Backpack – we will not be using lockers at the beginning of the year

Water Bottles – Strongly encouraged

Masks - Optional

Lunch times:

6th grade - 11:28 am 7th - 10:28 am 8th - 12:28 pm

Bus schedules:

DART and DMPS are experiencing staff shortages. Route information and details should be available by August 24th, at the latest in your parent portal or your student's portal. Please look under the transportation tab to get bus information for your student.

Computer passwords:

All student passwords were reset to their eight digit birthday.
For example, March 3, 2008 = 03032008.

Activities:

Student activity opportunities will be shared on the school website. There are several opportunities for students to participate in activities at Weeks. Details for sign up dates will be sent in Messenger and available on the Weeks school website. <https://weeks.dmschools.org/>

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Mekisha Barnes
Principal, Weeks Middle School

Legend

Non-instructional day
 Non school day

Period Schedules

A Day
 B Day

July						
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Default number of instructional minutes per day:
 Total number of instructional days this year: **168**
 Total number of instructional minutes this year: **0**

2021-2022 Student School Calendar

July 2021						
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Des Moines Public Schools	
Aug. 25	First Day of School
Sept. 6	No School; Labor Day
Sept. 24	No School; PD day
Oct. 28	No School; Conferences
Oct. 29	No School; PD day
Nov. 1	No School
Nov. 2	No School; Election Day
Nov. 24	No School
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 10	No School; PD day
Dec. 22-31	Winter Break
Jan. 14	End of 1st Semester
Jan. 17	No School; MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 18-19	No School; PD Days
Jan. 20	Second Semester Begins
Feb. 14	No School; Conferences
Mar. 8	ACTs for 11 (No School K-10, 12)
Mar. 14-18	Spring Break
Mar. 21-22	No School; PD days
Apr. 22	No School
Apr. 25	No School; PD day
May 30	No School; Memorial Day
June 1	Last Day of School (Early Release)

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	Holiday
	No School
	Conferences
	ACTs

Bell Schedule

Period	Time	
1	8:30-9:26 (56)	
2	9:29-10:25 (56)	
3 6 th and 8 th class 7 th Lunch/Advisory	10:28-11:25 (57) 7 Blue Lunch 10:28-10:52 (24) Advisory 10:55-11:25 (30)	10:28-11:25 (57) 7 Silver Advisory 10:28-10:58 (30) Lunch 11:01-11:25 (24)
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6	1:28-2:24 (56)	
7	2:27-3:25 (58)	