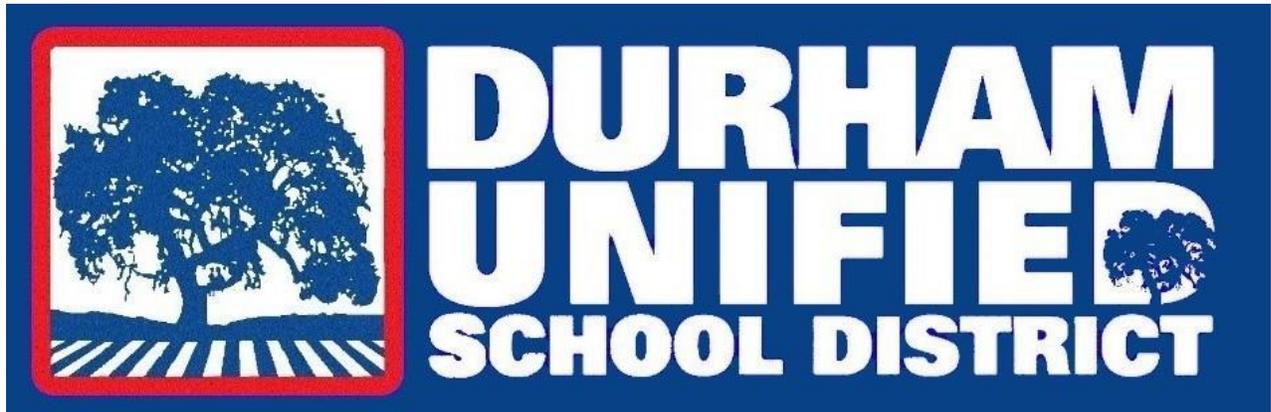


2020-2021

Parent Information Guide



Durham Unified School District

Our Mission:

“To empower each student to achieve his or her potential to be a knowledgeable, productive, responsible citizen who is a life-long learner, and is able to function successfully with integrity in a complex, changing world.”

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School Start Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Welcome to the Durham Unified School District



From the Board of Trustees:

The Durham Unified School District Board of Trustees would like to welcome back both new and returning students, parents and staff. As we enter the 2020-2021 we find ourselves in the middle of a Covid-19 pandemic forcing us to start school in a Distance Learning Model. We remain excited, enthusiastic and confident that our students will set and reach new goals on their academic journey to prepare them for a successful future. Thanks to a caring and dedicated staff working hand in hand with parents and community volunteers this journey will be very beneficial and rewarding to students, parents and staff.

Under direction from the state and county health departments, we will begin the year in Distance Learning. We prefer our students to be in classrooms receiving in-person instruction from our dedicated hard-working staff. We will strive to return our students to campus as soon as the state and county health departments tell us it is safe to do so.

The key to Durham Unified School District's tremendous success is the active and ongoing parental support. We encourage parents, friends and community members to volunteer their time and skills to supplement our limited resources. Student attendance, whether in person or by a virtual online system, is critical to a student's success and will be enhanced by making sure they are encouraged to practice good hygiene, proper nutrition and get plenty of rest. We encourage cooperation and partnerships that include parents, teachers, community volunteers/organizations and staff that will assure we will continue to be successful in our educational endeavors and an ongoing source of pride in our community.

Our entire board takes seriously the responsibilities you have delegated to us to maintain and enhance our students' potential to be knowledgeable, productive and responsible citizens. We encourage parents and citizens to review our policies that guide us as an Administrative Team to accomplish our mission. We encourage you to be actively involved in your children's education by visiting classrooms, volunteering when possible, and meeting when needed with Teachers, Principals and the Superintendent. Our board holds monthly meetings with posted agendas and welcomes your attendance, input and observations. As long as we are in the Covid-19 pandemic, the board meetings are available via the Zoom link at durhamunified.org. As Board members, we are your neighbors and encourage you to contact us with any and all questions, concerns or comments you feel will assist us in reaching our district's goals.

Finally, we thank you for your continued confidence in Durham Unified School District and we are looking forward to working with you to help our students and staff complete another productive, safe and rewarding year.

Your Board of Trustees:

President: Alex DuBose

Clerk: Ed McLaughlin

Trustees: Kathy Horn, Lance Smith and Matt Thorpe



John Bohannon, Superintendent
jbohannon@durhamunified.org

I know it is extremely difficult to enter the school year with Butte County on the state's watch list because of Covid-19 cases, and that we would all prefer to have safe in-person instruction at school. All school districts in Butte County are required to open school in a Distance Learning Model as long as the county is on the watch list.

We have and will continue to work hard to provide the best possible education to our students in Distance Learning and as we are allowed to transition back to in person instruction.

I can't wait for the time all of our Tigers, Panthers and Trojans can safely return to campus for the school year. I know we can't wait to see all of you! I am extremely excited to return to Durham Unified as the Superintendent after graduating from Durham High School 32 years ago!

When families and students return to school you will notice signs thanking the community for passing the Measure X School bond that have helped install new roofs and HVACs this summer. Thank you again to our community, we look forward to the continued implementation of phase I and the planning of Phase II. We must be patient as school construction and improvement takes time, but we can't wait to see the beginning of new construction at the Intermediate School! Keep checking our website for updates.

Durham has always been a wonderful place for our children, and I look forward to working with the staff, students, parents and community members to celebrate our rich history and steer Durham Unified to great new things as we head into the future together.

I believe Durham can deliver the best educational experience possible to our students as long as we work together as a team of staff, students and parents. This means, as your Superintendent, I want to hear from you not only about the things we are doing well, but on what we can do better.

Durham has long been known and thankful for the volunteer support from both parents and community members. Let's work together to continue to provide our best big education to all of our students that walk through our doors in our beautiful campus and community!

Go Tigers, Panthers, and Trojans!!!

Sincerely,

John Bohannon
Superintendent

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Durham Elementary School



Dear DES Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. It was a whirlwind of a year last year and I can't thank our families enough for working in partnership with the school to support our children.

First Day of School: Wednesday, September 2.

For Distance Learning: Please refer to the schedule given to you by your child's teacher.

When In Person:

Start Time: All students: 8:25 A.M.

Dismissal: Tuesday-Friday: TK: 11:45 A.M. **K -5th** 2:50 P.M.

Monday: K- 5th: 1:50 P.M. **Minimum Day Dismissal:** 12:30 P.M.

Despite COVID-19 and the restrictions put upon all schools, I am looking forward to another year of strong, connected, and collaborative partnerships between school and home. How blessed I feel to be at a school that has so many families willing to share their time and talents to ensure our students are successful.

Another huge support network is our Parent/Teacher/Student organization (PTS). This dedicated group of parents has continually supported our students, staff, classrooms, and school garden, among countless other projects on campus. More information about joining the PTS are included in the DES Parent Information Guide and on the PTS bulletin board in our main hallway. Please take the time to read over this Parent Information Guide and check out the DES webpage for more school information: des.durhamunified.org

The Durham Elementary School office will be open beginning on Monday, August 3, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily. The school office number is 895-4695. **Distance Learning supplies will be provided for each student, including a school Chromebook.** *Class assignments will be posted outside in the main entrance windows on Monday, August 17 after 4:00 P.M to allow parents time to work with other families within the classroom to support distance learning schedules. Please note there will be no classroom assignment changes.*

Back to School Night will be conducted on various dates according to individual teachers.

Google Classroom: All teachers will be using Google Classroom and Google Meet to communicate with families. Please be sure you check this regularly once your teacher has set up their class.

Sincerely,

Lisa Atlas
Principal



DURHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2020-2021

Welcome Back DIS Students and Families!

As your principal, it is my pleasure to be the first to welcome you to Durham Intermediate School for the 2020-2021 school year. After the ending of last year, we are looking forward to a new fresh start and look forward to the day when our students can be back on campus. Thank you to our families for your continued support and partnership in educating our students through the school closure. We have been working hard around here to get ready for our new school year in the circumstances that have been handed to us.

The Durham Intermediate School Staff and I are prepared to continue to create a positive learning environment both inside and outside of the classroom for your student. We will remain steadfast to the commitments we have for a quality education. Please know that we value positive and encouraging home to school communication. No matter how this school year looks, our staff is up for the challenge and will be prepared and ready for a collaborative year.

I have nothing but high expectations for this upcoming school year. My goal is to continue to improve, in all areas, the already amazing school that we have.

I will continue to have an open door policy with all staff, students, and parents. Feel free to contact me at any time.

The Durham Intermediate School Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 2nd. Further information regarding student schedules and supply pick up dates will be communicated as soon as we can.

I know I speak for all of the DIS staff when I say we look forward to the upcoming school year. If there is anything we can do for you or your student, please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help. I look forward to meeting you and your student soon!

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

Lora Fox
Principal
Durham Intermediate School

Durham High School-Home of the Trojans!



Welcome to Durham High School! Whether you are a returning parent or one who is new to our district or school, high school is an important and exciting time in the life of your student! Our goal at Durham is to offer opportunities for all students to begin to realize and achieve their potential. We believe that academics are incredibly important but so is involvement in our other programs. We'd like to mention a few:

- We offer CTE programs that include Manufacturing Technologies, Welding, Agriculture, Floriculture, Graphic Production and our newest **RAP, Recording Arts Program**. These programs not only develop career skills but also leadership and an opportunity to compete at a local, regional and state level with other students with the same interests. (FFA and Skills USA).
- Our classes offered in music performance and visual and digital art are important, as excelling in the arts is rewarding for students, enjoyable for parents and community and may begin a career.
- Our sports program also provides an opportunity for students to experience teamwork, skill building, leadership, and the challenges of competition. Durham Trojans are competitive.
- Our Associated Student Body leadership group also provides an opportunity for students to learn how to give back and provide assemblies and programs for the benefit of the entire student body.

Although this is only a brief listing of some of the programs that are available, **our partnership with Southern Oregon University** to offer transferable dual credit for our AP and Honors courses is certainly a great value to “jump start” students on their way to a college degree while still in high school. Durham also partners with Butte College in some valuable Career and Technical Programs. We urge parents and students to look into and take advantage of these opportunities.

With the help and guidance of student-oriented staff and supportive community we encourage all students to become involved and become a part of something bigger. Taking that first step can easily jump start into a passion, skill, or a career path for a lifetime.

*****Here are a few important events for you to remember*****

Orientation/Registration: Incoming

Freshmen and new students: Welcome! Our school year begins on September 2, with our distance education. If you will be a new student to DHS, regardless of your grade level, we encourage you to make sure to check the Durham Unified web page for information regarding pick-up of your Chromebook and class materials. We also need to make sure we have your correct address, phone number and email so we can contact you. You want to receive information that will help you be successful from day one. As attendance will be on-line to begin the year, we will send out a mailing so students receive their schedule and updated information. At some point we will have an orientation and offer tours of our campus.

Registration: Returning students

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will begin distance education on September 2. Student class schedules will be mailed home along with other important information. It is important that all registration information be updated by checking to see if we have current phone numbers, email addresses and physical addresses for the sake of communication and materials distribution.

First Day of School: September 2, Wednesday, is the first day of distance education. You will receive a class schedule and a time schedule of your on-line courses. You will receive all your classroom supplies ahead of time but will log in with your teachers the first time on September 2. We are putting together an opportunity to meet each of you prior to the end of the first week.

Please feel free to checkout our website or give us a call with any questions you may have before the school year starts and throughout the year. We are excited to meet each of you and look forward to the 2020-2021 Trojan year!

With Regards,

Robbin Pedrett

Independent Study:

K – 12th Grades

Parents of students in grades K-12 should refer their questions about short-term Independent Study to their school's principal. (Term of attendance: minimum of 5 school days.) If at all possible, **please inquire at least 10 days in advance of need to place student.**

Attendance Policy

Consistent school attendance is more directly linked to academic success than any other factor. To that end, we expect all students to attend school daily and arrive to school on time. Additionally, state funding for our schools, and subsequently the programs we can offer our students are based solely on daily student attendance. *The Durham Unified School District expects all students to attend school daily and arrive at school on time.* The State of California provides funding only for each child's actual daily attendance. If a student misses school for any reason, the school will not receive funding for the day missed.

As parents, you play an important role in your child's school attendance. We encourage students and parents to work together to make sure that students attend school on time, every day. Please make every effort to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours. Daily attendance ensures that your student receives every educational opportunity available.

- Funding from attendance is used to support our academic and extracurricular programs. You can help ensure that programs continue.
- If your child has a morning medical appointment, please bring your child to school after the appointment.
- If the appointment is in the afternoon, please bring your child to school to attend morning classes.
- Schedule recreational events / family trips during non-school days / hours.
- Contact the site principal about independent study options for planned absences of at least 5 days or more.

Compulsory education laws still require schools to keep track of excused and unexcused absences. Please follow the guidelines outlined below in order to assist us in this process.

If your child must miss school, upon his/her return following a partial day, full day, or extended absence, **parents must notify the school representatives** via written note or some other personal notification of the date(s), length of time, and reason(s) for the student's absence. Failure of the parent to notify school representatives of the reason for absences within a reasonable period of time (3 days) will result in the absence being considered unexcused. Pursuant to the California Education Code and the Durham Unified School District Policies and Procedures, student attendance procedures are: ▪ **Student Tardies**

A student is tardy when he/she arrives to the classroom after the late bell rings. A student is considered habitually tardy to a class when he/she receives 3 or more tardies. Refer to your student's school handbook for site specific policies and requirements.

▪ **Student Absences**

The student will be expected to make up work that was missed within a reasonable period of time after their return, unless the student was suspended from school. Any student absence not excused by school personnel or resulting from suspension will be unexcused. Parents will be notified of attendance problems in a timely fashion so that they can be resolved quickly.

Students may be excused from school for:

- **Personal illness; Medical appt.**
- **Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family**
- **Required court appearance**
- **Observance of a religious holiday**

The State of California defines a truant as:

A student who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days or tardy or absent more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is truant. Ed Code 48260(a). If the truancy problem is not resolved after notification, a referral will be made to the School Attendance Review Board for further action.

Please remember, if you know in advance that your child will be out of school for 5 or more school days, please see your school principal for information on a short-term Independent Study contract. Upon his or her return to school, the teacher reviews the work and the student receives credit for the work performed in place of the work missed in the classroom during the student's absence. **If the work outlined in the contract is complete upon the student's return to school, the student will be counted as present during the days of the contract.** The district hopes that these attendance procedures will help both the school and parent to work together cooperatively toward our common goal of increasing each child's success in school.

From the Health Office

School Nurse: Dona Hildenbrand

Health Technician: Carina Ellis 895-4697 ext. 224

The district employs a part-time school nurse and a full time Health Aide to provide health services to students at all school sites. If your child is unwell during the school day, we will endeavor to contact you or your listed emergency contact. It is important that you keep all contact telephone numbers current by calling the school secretary with changes so we can inform you as soon as possible if your child is unwell or has an accident.

If your child has special medical needs or you have concerns about your child's health, call the school nurse. A plan of care can be developed in conjunction with you, and if necessary your child's doctor, to ensure that appropriate care is given at school.

Immunization Requirements

California state law requires that all students entering 7th grade provide proof of a **Tdap** (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster **and two doses of the varicella** (Chickenpox) vaccine (usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years) by the first day of school, August 19, 2020. The school district is required to exclude any student that does not have either proof of these immunizations, or a medical exemption on file at school.

In addition to the Tdap requirement, incoming 7th grade students who had a valid **personal beliefs exemption** filed before 2016 **need to meet the requirements** listed for children 7-17 years old.

The district participates in the Immunization Registry of Northern California which provides on-line access to immunization records. If your pediatrician/physician is also a participant and you have signed an agreement to share this information we can quickly access your child's immunization records. If you have not signed a release of records at your pediatrician's office you will need to bring copies of the immunization record to school.

If your child has insurance that covers immunizations, please ask your physician to provide necessary immunizations. If your child has Medi-Cal, is uninsured, or has insurance that does not cover immunizations they may be obtained (on an appointment basis) at the Butte County Health Department, Chico Clinic, 695 Oleander Ave. Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exemptions - Medical

- (1) Your child may be exempt because of a medical condition. If so, you must present a written statement from a physician (MD or DO) licensed in California which states:

- a. The specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance of the child for which a licensed physician does not recommend immunization.
- b. Each specific required vaccine that is being exempted.
- c. Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary.
- d. If the exemption is temporary, an expiration date no more than 12 calendar months from the date of signing.

(2) Under State Law SB277, that became effective on January 1, 2016, exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for school entry in California. Personal beliefs exemptions that are on file for a student already attending school will remain valid until child reaches their next immunization checkpoint (i.e.: 7th grade). At this point, either a medical exemption or completion of vaccination requirements for the student's age range will be required in order to attend school. For example, if a student had a personal exemption on file, when he/she enters 7th grade the exemption will no longer be valid. At that point, the immunization requirements for students 7-17 years old must be met, or a medical exemption must be submitted.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact your [local health department](#).

Communicable Disease Control

As required by the Education Code, whenever there is good reason to believe that a student is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the student shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until the school authorities are satisfied that the condition does not exist.

Medications at School

A student may need to take medication during the school day. The goal is to ensure that medication is safely administered to a student within the requirements of state law.

1. Talk to your child's doctor about making a medicine schedule so that your child does not have to take medicine while at school.
2. If your child has to take medicine while at school, the district must receive written authorization from you **AND** the child's health care provider that details the method, amount, and time schedule by which the medication is to be taken. Medication Authorization forms are available at each school site or download from <http://durhamunified.org/departments/health-services/>.
3. Written authorization is required for both prescription **AND** over-the-counter medications.
4. State law allows students to carry and self-administer asthma inhalers and other emergency medication with written permission. Please contact the health office for complete information on self-administering medication at school.
5. As parent/guardian, you must supply the school with all medicine your child must take during the school day. You or another adult must deliver the medicine to school, except medicine your child is authorized to carry and take by him/herself.
6. Each medicine must be in a separate container labeled by a pharmacist (for prescription medication) or the original bottle for over-the-counter medicine.
7. Pick up all discontinued, outdated or unused medicine before the end of the school year.

For information on student rights related to medication administration assistance, visit the California Dept of Education web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/fp/>

Emergency Treatment for Anaphylaxis

California Education Code 49414 authorizes school districts to provide epinephrine auto-injectors to trained personnel to use to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction. Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe allergic response triggered by insect stings, foods, medications, latex materials, exercise, or in rare cases by unknown causes. This is a life-threatening allergic condition requiring immediate treatment. Administering epinephrine to students during a medical emergency may help to insure the student's health and safety at school. Therefore, the school board has adopted a policy for calling 911 and giving lifesaving epinephrine to students in need of such treatment.

This policy states that a credentialed, licensed school nurse or trained, unlicensed school staff, under the supervision of the school nurse, may administer epinephrine in the form of an *Epipen* during a severe, lifethreatening allergic reaction. The *Epipen* rapidly delivers a pre-measured, sterile, single dose of epinephrine by direct injection through the skin. ***If parents/guardians do not wish their child to receive this treatment in the event of a sudden anaphylactic reaction, they must so indicate in writing to the school nurse within two weeks of the beginning of school.*** For further information on the district policy and procedure contact the school nurse.

Oral Health (Dental) Assessment Requirement

California law, Education Code Section 49452.8 requires that a child entering kindergarten have an oral health assessment by May 31 of that school year. The law specifies that the assessment must be performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional. Contact the school health office to obtain the required form.

CHDP Requirement

California law requires a health examination sometime during the 18 months prior to entering first grade **but within 90 days of attending first grade.** This requirement is often referred to as the CHDP physical (Child Health & Disability Prevention). Obtaining a physical examination before entering kindergarten, when immunization boosters are needed, provides an opportunity to take care of both requirements at the same time. Contact the school health office to obtain forms or information about the CHDP program.

Health Screenings

As required by the Education Code, health screening for vision and hearing are provided for students. The screenings are conducted in accord with the standards established by the State Department of Education and are under the supervision of the school nurse. ***Please notify the school nurse in writing if you do not wish to consent to screening examinations of your child.***

Safety

The Durham Unified School District is dedicated to the safety of all of our students and staff. In order to meet these needs, a District Safety Committee meets during the year to address the specific needs of each site as well as the District as a whole. Our safety plan meets the criteria put forth by local safety agencies and the California State Department of Education. Our partners include the Butte County Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire/ Butte County Fire District, Butte County Health Department, California Office of Emergency Services, Butte County Office of Education, parents, teachers, and students. We encourage your participation on this committee to ensure the safety of our entire community.

Volunteers / Visitors and Check In / Out Procedures

We welcome volunteers and visitors to each of our school sites and encourage you to come as frequently as your schedule allows. At the same time, we want to make sure that we know who is on each campus at any given moment.

Please follow these procedures when volunteering or visiting a school campus:

- * *Check in with the school office and obtain a volunteer / visitor badge each time you volunteer or visit prior to proceeding to the classroom.*
- * *If you need to check a student in or out of school during the day, please go to the office first and obtain the appropriate check out slip or admit slip.*

We take campus safety and security very seriously and take pride in maintaining a safe and secure campus for all students and staff. Please understand that these procedures are in place to support your child's wellbeing while at school.

From Food Service Office

Food Service Manager: Debbie Slightom
530-895-4697 ext. 235

Once again a new year begins and we look forward to having you back at school. Your food services staff hopes you had a great summer and that you are looking forward to an exciting school year. Our goal is to provide students with healthy meals that allow the students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the day.

Durham Unified School District Meals during Virtual Learning:

Durham Unified School District will be serving Grab and Go meals during this time. Each day we will be providing a lunch and breakfast for the next morning. Meals are available to enrolled students K-12. We will be providing meals at three pick-up sites from 11:00-12:30. Students or parents may pick-up the meals at the high school cafeteria window, Butte Valley MHP 2920 Clark Road, Butte Valley or at Nelson, CA.

Meals are free to all free and reduced students. Below are the prices for paid meals. All students have an account and listed below are the different options to put money on your account. **We encourage all families to fill out the application. It is confidential and not shared with the sites or the district.**

Durham Unified School District encourages parents/guardians to apply free and reduced meals for those that qualify or that think they may qualify. Applications are included in this packet, posted on the website and are available from any school office or cafeteria. Free and Reduced applications may be submitted at any time during the year if their household income or size changes. Applications may be submitted at the elementary or high school cafeteria or emailed to dslightom@durhamunified.org See below for more information.

Prepayment for Meals Is Best:

We have a computerized point of sale payment system (NutriKids). Students have their own account based on their student ID number. Students may also pay at the time of their meal service. We are now offering two options to make prepayments. Prepayments may be paid at any time by sending in a check or cash to the cafeteria or using our new on-line MySchoolBucks. Information for MySchoolBucks is attached. Please include your student's full name on the check. If there is any money left on your students's account at the end of the school year, it transfers over to the new school year. Refunds for withdrawals or graduating students are as follows; a written request or email to the Food Service Manager (dslightom@durhamunified.org) for a refund must be submitted. Students who are graduating at the end of the year may transfer their funds to a sibling's account or donate to a student in need.

Elementary Breakfast -Lunches:

Students in grades K-5 may purchase breakfast with milk for \$1.50 lunch with milk for \$2.90.

Intermediate / High School Lunches:

Students 6-12 may purchase breakfast for \$1.75 and lunch for \$3.30 milk included with both.

Menus:

Menus will be posted on each school website. The Durham Unified School District website will post all menus.

Free/Reduced information:

Information regarding free or reduced-price meals is attached. Please complete the application and return it as soon as possible. Note: A new application is required each year. If you have received a letter for the 2020-21 school year, you do not need to fill out an application. Please check to make sure that all of your children are included in your letter. You may deliver the application to your school office or mail to: Durham Unified School District Attn: Food Services Department, P.O. Box 300, Durham, CA 95938. Note: Temporary approval based on last year's eligibility is effective only through October 13, 2020

For questions regarding school nutrition services, please contact Ms. Slightom, Food Service Manager, at 530-895-4697, ext. 235. You may also use email to contact Ms. Slightom: dslightom@durhamunified.org.

Grades 6-12 Physical Education Uniform

The physical education uniform consists of either royal blue nylon or royal blue cotton shorts and a gray T-shirt. We consider the uniform attractive, practical, and inexpensive. Further information will be sent home with students the first week of school.

Shoes

Following is a list of helpful hints in purchasing the proper shoes for physical education:

- Buy shoes that fit snugly.
- Wear the same type of sock that you plan to wear during P.E. when trying on shoes.
- Avoid shoes with relatively flat thin soles and all nylon uppers. These shoes offer very little support and will break down in activities that involve cutting or side-to-side movement.
- Avoid cleated all turf shoes as this particular shoe is not allowed for PE.

From the office of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation

MOT Manager: Eric Kolstad 530-895-4679

Transportation Information, Applications and Bus Schedule

Attached with the Parent Information Guide are the following documents: ▪ Application: Home to School Transportation

- Application for Free/Reduced Home to School Transportation

Bus Fees

As is the policy in neighboring districts, fees for student transportation to and from school will be in effect again during the 2020-2021 school year. The fee is \$275 per year for each student, round trip, for up to two students per family. No additional fee will be charged for more than two students per family. No fee or a reduced fee will be charged for families below certain income levels consistent with current law. Fees may be paid annually or by the semester (\$137.50 round trip). Books of 10 passes (one way) are available for \$13.00 for the casual rider. One way passes are available at half the round trip price. Refunds are not issued unless the student withdraws from the district for non-disciplinary reasons.

If your child needs to ride a bus other than the one he/she would normally ride or does not ride the bus but has purchased a one-day pass to ride home with a friend, they will need to bring a note from their parent or guardian. In these cases, students will be transported on a space available basis. We do not transport students within minimum walking distance unless space and time is available. These distances are ¾ mile (grades K-3), one mile (grades 4-8), and 2 miles (grades 9-12).

The deadline for turning in all applications and necessary paperwork to your student's school office for the 2020-2021 school year is September 25, 2020.

We would like to have all paperwork processed and passes issued as soon as possible. You may mail your application with your check payable to "DUSD" to: **Attn: Heather McCune, P.O. Box 300, Durham, CA 95938.**

You may call **Greg Ballinger, Transportation at 895-4679** if you have any questions. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Reminder: PLEASE do not park in the fire lane during drop off/ picking up your child. Remain a safe distance from the buses. Vehicle traffic near our buses creates a serious safety hazard.

PTS (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization)

Involvement with PTS in Durham has many advantages including demonstrating your interest in your school and your child's education. The meetings are informal and allow you an opportunity to get to know other parents and to become better acquainted with your school's staff and principal. There are three PTS groups in DUSD. To find out more about meeting times and places, please refer to your site newsletter.

Asbestos

In 1988-89 the district contracted with a certified firm to inspect all facilities for asbestos-containing materials. The asbestos abatement was completed during the 1989-90 school year. Our management plan has been fully approved by the State of California. Both the report and plan are available for review in each school office. All district facilities are inspected on a regular basis as required by law. This includes 6-month visits, as well as 3-year re-inspections. In addition, all employees involved in maintenance and custodial tasks have received asbestos awareness training.

Please be assured that the safety of our students is our highest priority. We will continue to carefully monitor this issue and inform parents and staff of any changes. If you have any concerns, please contact Manager of MOT, Eric Kolstad at 530-895-4679 x264.

CALPADS & CSIS PARTICIPATION

This district is participating with the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) and California School Information Services (CSIS) Program. This is an electronic transfer of student data for state reporting to the California Department of Education and to districts or public postsecondary institutions to which the student is transferring or applying for admission. All data maintained by CALPADS & CSIS is in compliance with federal and state privacy and confidentiality requirements.

The benefits of participation to the student and parent are that student records can be transferred much more promptly, and that information about student assessment and academic placement will be available at the time of transfer. Parents have the right to inspect student information maintained by the CALPADS & CSIS programs. Please contact Tracey Strick at 895-4697 x247 or tstrick@durhamunified.org to initiate this procedure request.

School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Annually each school and district in the State of California is required to produce a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). This document provides information including overall academic performance, student demographics, curriculum & instructional materials, facilities, staffing and financial well-being of each of our schools and our district. Durham Unified School District (DUSD) provides a link to this report on its website (www.durhamunified.org). You may also request that a copy be sent to you. Please call the district office at 895-4675 x227 to request a copy.

Pesticide Use

Information on pesticides and pesticide use may be accessed at www.cdpr.ca.gov . If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of MOT at 895-4690 x 233. EC§ 17612

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 requires that all schools provide parents or guardians of students and employees with annual written notification of expected pesticide use at school sites. Durham Unified School District may use any or all of the following pesticides/herbicides at school sites during the 2020-21 school year:

Name of Pesticide	Active Ingredient(s)	Name of Pesticide	Active Ingredient(s)
Arrow 2 EC	Clethodim	Spectacle	Indaz flam
Barricade	Prodiamine trifluoromethyl	Spectricide	Triazicide
Dimension	Dithiopyr	Speed Zone	Dicamba
Esplanade	Indaz Flam	Surflan	Oryzalin
Ranger Pro	Glyphosate	Tal Pirid	Bromethalin
Goal Tender	Oxyflorfen	Suspend	Pyrethrin
Hydro Pills fertilizer	Ammonium nitrate potassium sulfate	Tribute	Foramsuflron Halosufluron
Merit	Imida cloprid	Weed Whacker	Mecoprop-p Dichlorprop-p
Milestone	Carboxylic Acids	Weedar 64	24D Amine
Phostoxin	Aluminum Phosphide	Wilco Ground squirrel bait	Dipacinone Indanione
Pre-M	Pendimethlin		
Rose Food – systemic	Diethyl-disufoton		

Warning signs will be posted 24 hours in advance and 72 hours after the application of a pesticide in the area intended for treatment. If the district intends to use a pesticide that is not included above, written notification will be distributed to parent/guardians and employees 72 hours prior to application.

Individuals who desire written notification of individual pesticide application at a school site may register with the Durham Unified School District by sending a letter to:

Durham Unified School District, P.O. Box 300, Durham, CA 95938.

This letter must include the individual's mailing address and the specific school site.

Notification of Parent Rights

School districts are required by the California Education Code to notify parents in writing of certain rights and responsibilities they have under the Education Code. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Notification of Parent Rights is printed separately and included with this packet.



FOR YOUR CONVEINANCE...

1. Fill forms, sign electronically and submit, sending them back to the school secretary.
2. Fill forms electronically, print, sign and return them to the school secretary.
3. Print forms, fill out and return them to the school secretary.

If you are unable to fill out and/or print the forms, they are available at the school offices.

To Submit forms: Choose your student's appropriate school site.

Adobe apps are available for both Apple and Android. They make it possible to fill out the forms on an Apple or Android device and send them back to the school secretary.

2020-2021 School Schedules

Durham Elementary	
TK	8:25 - 11:45
Kindergarten Grades 1-5	8:25 – 2:50

Minimum Days Early Dismissal Times

Elementary School	12:30
Intermediate School	12:40
High School	12:45

Durham Intermediate	
Period 1	8:45 - 9:40
NUTRITION BREAK	9:40 - 9:50
Period 2	9:55 - 10:45
Period 3	10:50 - 11:40
LUNCH	11:40 - 12:20
Period 4	12:25 - 1:15
Period 5	1:20 - 2:10
Period 6	2:15 - 3:05

Please remember that buses make only one run on minimum days. If only one or two School sites have a minimum day, the buses will run on the normal schedule for the remaining school site(s).

Collaboration Days (Mondays) Dismissal Times

Elementary School	1:50
Intermediate School	2:00
High School	2:00

Durham High	
Period 1	7:55 – 8:45
Period 2	8:50 – 9:40
NUTRITION BREAK	9:40 – 9:50
Period 3	9:55 – 10:45
Period 4	10:50 – 11:40
Period 5	11:45 – 12:35
LUNCH	12:35 – 1:15
Period 6	1:20 – 2:10
Period 7	2:15 – 3:05

Every Friday, we will have Professional Development Collaboration Days. This collaboration will allow teachers a block of time to work together to analyze and improve their classroom practices.

June 11th is the Last Day of School