



What's Up, Wildcats?



Welcome back!

Greetings Wildcat Families!

Can you believe school begins next week? I hope you have had a wonderful summer full of friends and family and you are geared up for this upcoming year.

We are super excited to welcome students back to campus. In keeping with our Winning Culture values, we expect our students to show up prepared for success every day. Please read and be prepared for the following reminders for a strong start.

Key Reminders for a Strong Start:

- ✓ **Be Prepared to Learn**
 - Students should arrive each day with charged devices (as applicable), necessary materials, and a mindset ready for learning.
 - Attendance and punctuality matter — please ensure students arrive on time and are present for all classes.
- ✓ **Follow School Rules**
 - All students are expected to adhere to the DUSD Student Handbook, which outlines important rules.

✓ **Dress for Success**

Please review our dress code policy before the first day. Students should come to school dressed appropriately.

✓ **Stay Connected**

Families are encouraged to regularly check Parent Square and Parent Square, and our school media for important updates, grades, and upcoming events.

We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is essential for student success. Thank you for reinforcing our expectations at home and helping ensure your student starts the year ready to succeed.

Can't wait to see you next week!

Lisa Parachini -
principal 



Upcoming Events

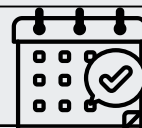
Freshman
Orientation -
July 30, 7:15-12:15

First Day of
School - July 31,
7:15am

Open House -
Aug 5, 5:30

Picture day -
Aug 12

Club Rush Week
- Aug 4-8



BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ!

Q: What supplies are needed for the first day?

A: *Students will only need writing utensils and paper for the first day. Teachers will share any specific items requested for their class. If assistance is needed to obtain those items, please reach out to the teacher and they will be able to assist. Students will be issued a Chromebook to use.*

Q: Where do I get my schedule?

A: *Schedules will be available next week. Students will also get a printed copy of their schedule on the first day.*

Q: What is the first day procedure?

A: *When students arrive on campus they will find their first period teacher on a list. They will receive their schedule then.*

Q: How do I pay for lunch?

A: *Money can be added to accounts online through SchoolCafe on www.dysart.org. Free and reduced lunch applications can also be accessed there. Email nutrition@dysart.org or call 623.876.7075*

Q: What is Ms. Parachini's favorite Starbucks order?

A: *Simple - iced Americano in the summer and hot Americano in the winter (light splash of ½ & ½ to round it out). And of course pumpkin spice when fall hits just right! (Just checking to make sure you're paying attention)*

Q: How do I know if I can take the bus and where my bus stop is?

A: *Check out the bus stop locator on www.dysart.org and enter your address. The site will tell you if you are eligible for bus transportation and where your bus stop is.*

Q: How do I access Parent Portal?

A: *You can access and update parent portal online at www.dysart.org. Under the Parent Portal tab you will be able to access the mandatory student update which is required to be completed each year. Student access to technology may be impacted if not completed.*

Q: How do I change my schedule/lunch?

A: *Schedule changes are only made in instances of error or if a course is no longer needed. Teachers and lunches are set to ensure a balanced schedule. Please see previous post regarding this request.*

Important Reminders



- Arizona has a new law regarding **cell phones** in schools. DUSD's cell phone policy support this law. Student cell phone use during instructional times is prohibited.
- **Dress code** remains the same and will be enforced starting from day one. Please be aware of guidelines when shopping for back-to-school.
- **Attendance matters!** Please communicate when your student is in need of being absent. State law allows 10% absences for the year. Exceeding that amount could be cause for loss of credit impacting graduation.
- Check us out on **social media:** [@willowcanyonhs](https://www.instagram.com/willowcanyonhs)





Did you know...

Every year Willow Canyon reviews student and teacher performance, survey feedback and other forms of data to help guide our course for the following year. We use this information to set goals that align with our mission, vision and values. Collectively, these drive all that we do to ensure a Winning Culture.

Mission - Vision - Values - Goals

MISSION: To provide a safe learning environment where students *WIN* everyday—mastering rigorous academics through strong *work ethic*, *innovative thinking*, and *noble character*.

VISION: Willow Canyon sets the standard as a premier high school relentlessly pursuing excellence and a winning culture.

VALUES: Winning Culture

Goal #1

Willow Canyon will achieve a 1.0 growth score from Aspire to ACT (baseline .8 ELA, .86 math)

Willow Canyon will increase AzSci proficiency rates by 1% and/or be above state average.

Goal #2

All collaborative teams at Willow Canyon will implement PLC processes with fidelity with focus on student learning, collaborative culture/collective responsibility and results driven, as evidenced in the PLC self assessment on identified shifts.

Goal #3

Willow Canyon will increase the quality of relationships and communication between staff, students, families and community as indicated on DUSD annual survey.



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