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"A community in continuous pursuit of educational excellence for all"

August 12, 2026

Dear Parents and High School Students,

The 2026–27 school year is right around the corner! This letter contains important information to help you and your student prepare for the start of the year. Please read through it carefully. If you have questions, feel free to contact the high school or visit our website at www.isd1.org.

First Day of School & Picture Day

Tuesday, September 8th is the first day of school and also **Picture Day** for all students in grades 7–12. Picture order information is attached to this letter. Flyers will also be available during computer distribution and at Open House.

Class Schedules

Schedules for grades 7–12 will be available via the **Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal** beginning **Friday, August 14th**. To print your schedule, go to the **"Documents"** section and select "Schedule–Full Year."

If your student has an open period or needs schedule changes:

- **Grades 10–12:** Call Mrs. Sander at 218-927-7108 or email msander@isd1.org
- **Grades 7–9:** Call Mrs. Croatt at 218-927-7124 or email scroatt@isd1.org
- **The Guidance Office opens Tuesday, August 25th**.
  ➡️ **Note:** Quarter 1 schedules must be finalized before the first day of school.

Lockers

Locker numbers are found at the bottom of the printed **"Schedule–Full Year"** or in the portal under **"More"**.

- Lockers are randomly assigned and do not have built-in locks.
- Students are **strongly encouraged** to bring a padlock (key or combo) for both their main and PE lockers.
- An extra key or copy of the combination may be stored in the high school office, Locks may be removed by an administrator if access is required and no backup is provided.

Annual Forms

The following forms must be completed each year. Forms are available in the high school office, on the school website under "Parent Information," and at Open House (information below).

- **Annual Health Update and Emergency Forms** *(Required for each student)*
- **Military/College Release Waiver** *(Optional for grades 10–12)*

- **Application for Educational Benefits** *(Optional – helps the district receive support funding)*
  If your family qualifies through SNAP, MFIP, or FDPIR, you do not need to complete the Application for Educational Benefits form.

Lunch Periods & Accounts

This year, **one free breakfast and one free lunch** per student will continue to be provided through federal funding. Additional meals will cost **$3.25** for breakfast and **$5.30** for lunch (for both students and adults)

All lunches will be during Period 4.

4A (11:14-11:41):Grades 10-12

4B (11:59-12:26):Grades 7-9

Lunch Numbers: Your lunch PIN is the same as your student ID. Your Student ID is printed at the top of your schedule and can also be found looking on the Student Profile page in your Infinite Campus account. New students will receive their PIN numbers during Open House.

Lunch Accounts:

- Payments can be made online via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal or given directly to the lunch clerk.
- Instructions: Visit www.isd1.org, click **Lunch Menus** under "ISD1 Quicklinks," or go to this link and click **"Online Food Service Payment Directions."**

Open House & 7th Grade/New Student Orientation (See flyer at the end of this document)

Wednesday, September 2nd 4:00–6:00 PM
Students will be able to pick up their schedules, meet teachers, find lockers, collect school-issued devices, complete annual forms and explore clubs and athletic opportunities.

7th Grade Orientation will be held at **5:00 PM in the auditorium**.

Technology Distribution: MacBook Air (Grades 9–12) & iPad (Grades 7–8)

Students in grades 7 & 8 will use iPads, while students in grades 9-12 will be issued MacBook Air laptops for classroom learning. Before receiving a device, both students and parents must sign the required permission and insurance forms. Additionally, students must pay any outstanding technology or repair fees before a device can be taken home.
Forms are available in the high school office, on the district website under the high school section, or in the Media Center during distribution times listed below. To review the full **MacBook Air/iPad Policy** before completing the forms, visit the High School Quicklinks > MacBook & iPad Information page. A printed copy of the policy is also available in the high school office upon request..

Insurance Costs for the 2026–27 School Year

- MacBook: $50 per device or $25 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch
- iPad: $20 per device or $10 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch

To receive a device, students must:

- Submit a signed "1:1 Parent Permission and Acknowledgment Form" (one per student)
- Submit a signed "MacBook Air/iPad Insurance Policy" form (one per family), including:
  - Payment if purchasing insurance, or
  - A signature indicating you are declining insurance
- Pay any outstanding technology-related fees (check your Infinite Campus Portal under "Fees")

Important: If insurance is purchased after the device has already been issued, it must first be inspected by the technology staff. Devices will **not** be distributed until all necessary forms are signed and fees are resolved. **New students enrolled after September 3rd will be contacted when their device is ready.**

Device Distribution Times (Grades 7-12):

- **Wednesday, August 26:** 1:00–6:00 PM
- **Monday, August 31:** 8:00 AM–1:00 PM
- **Wednesday, September 2:** 3:00–6:00 PM (during Open House)

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

The **Parent Portal** provides access to grades, schedules, lunch balances, immunizations, reports cards and more. Existing users will continue to use the same login. Information about signing up for a parent portal account for all of your K-12 students is available on the school website, in the high school office and at Open House.

Online Payments

You can make payments for lunch accounts, athletics, activities, and computer insurance through your **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**.

Canvas LMS Parent Access

Students in grades 7–12 use **Canvas LMS** for class materials and assignments.
Parents/guardians can sign up for a **"Parent Observer" account** to monitor progress. If you already have an account, your login will remain the same. Instructions for setting up an observer account are available in the "For Parents" section of the school website. To sign up, visit: https://aitkin.instructure.com/login/canvas

Backpacks & Book Bags

Students may carry backpacks to and from school, but all bags—including purses—must be stored in lockers during the school day for safety.

Cell Phone Policy (2026-2027)

To support a focused learning environment, the following expectations will remain in place:

- **Grades 7–8:** "**Away for the Day**" – Phones must be off and stored throughout the day from 8:20-3:20.
- **Grades 9–12:** Phones may be used before/after school, during passing time, and at lunch. They should not be used during class unless permitted by a staff member.

As always, students needing to contact home may come to the office. Parents may call the office to have a message delivered.

If you have questions about the start of the school year, please contact the high school office at **218-927-7121** or **218-927-7122**.
For schedule-related questions or to make an appointment with a counselor, call Mrs. Sanders at 218-927-7108 or Mrs. Croatt at 218-927-7124 starting **Tuesday, August 25th.**

We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. DeMars, AHS Principal
ldemars@isd1.org 218-927-7113

AHS Open House

Enter through the NW Secure Entrance

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd
4:00pm - 6:00pm
@ Aitkin High School

Come any time during Open House Hours at your convenience.

All students in grades 7-12 and parents are invited to attend!

- find classrooms
- meet AHS teachers & staff
- put school supplies in locker
- MacBook/iPad paperwork & distribution
- 7th graders/new students receive info packet
- Clubs & Athletics info available

7th grade Orientation
@ 5:00pm in AHS Auditorium

Parents & students please plan to attend this meeting

We look forward to seeing you all!

Independent School District No. 1
306 Second Street N.W., Aitkin, Minnesota 56431 218-927-7123

THIS LETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

August 2026

Dear Students:

We are excited that the 2026-2027 school year is about to begin! We hope that you've had a fun, relaxing summer and are ready to start the year strong.

Your class schedule is now available via the Student Portal: please take time to look it over closely. **Make sure you have all the required classes you need. Students in grades 10-12: make sure that you are not scheduled in an elective that you have already taken.**

If you have any concerns or would like to make a change to your class schedule, you need to meet with Mrs. Sander or Mrs. Croatt before the start of the school year. *Very few schedule changes will be allowed on the first day of school!*

Days/Times to meet with Mrs. Sander and Mrs. Croatt to explore schedule change options:

- August 25, 26, 27: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- September 1, 2: Intermittently from 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- September 3: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Please contact your school counselor to set up an appointment, or simply stop in.

We are ready for another year at AHS and look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Meredith Sander
School Counselor Grades 10-12
msander@isd1.org
218-927-7108

Sammy Croatt
School Counselor Grades 7-9
scroatt@isd1.org
218-927-7124

PICTURE DAY:
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO:

Tuesday, September 08, 2026

Aitkin High School

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4 - Fall Rewind Mix Prints
4 - Impresiones mixtas de Retorno Otoñal

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4 - Fall Rewind Mix Prints
4 - Impresiones mixtas de Retorno Otoñal
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Descarga digital de redes sociales

ENHANCEMENTS *Relaces*
Name & Grade On All Pictures
Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones

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C. Favorite* $52.99
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2 - 3x5, 8 - 2x3

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ENHANCEMENTS *Relaces*
Name & Grade On All Pictures
Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones
Basic Retouching *retoque básico*

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D. Ultimate* $59.99
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4 - 3x5, 12 - 2x3

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6 imanes "Más populares"
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4 - Impresiones mixtas de Retorno Otoñal
6 - Background Choice Magnets*
*6 - imanes con elección del fondo**
Social Media Digital Download*
Descarga digital de redes sociales

ENHANCEMENTS *Relaces*
Name & Grade On All Pictures
Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones
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