

August 28, 2020

Dear East Aurora Families,

Happy new school year! We made it! Just a quick note to be sure you have the information you need for the new school year that begins this Monday. Kudos to all of you who were able to log in to our “trial” run, and thank you to those who offered suggestions for improvement. Your suggestions will help us be ready to begin this new, exciting journey.

K-12 Orientation Days: August 31 and September 1

- As previously planned, the first two days of school, *Monday, August 31* and *Tuesday, September 1*, all students in Kindergarten through grade 12 will attend a one-hour remote Orientation Day.
- Students will log in and connect with their teacher(s) for **one hour** to become familiar with online instruction and connection.
- At the high school level, students will connect remotely for periods 1 & 2, or 5 & 6, depending on their schedule. Note: Preschool students will follow their previously announced Orientation schedule.
- On Wednesday, September 2, all students will follow their Full Remote Schedule (attached) and on our website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Stay tuned for an announcement regarding resource pick up days for grades K through 8.

The “First Week” schedule

Monday, August 31: First Day of School/K-12 Orientation Day (8:30 ELEM, 7:30 MS, 8:25 HS)

Tuesday, September 1: K-12 Orientation Day (8:30 ELEM, 7:30 MS, 8:25 HS)

Wednesday, September 2: Regular Full Remote schedule

Thursday, September 3: Regular Full Remote schedule

Friday, September 4: Regular Full Remote schedule

Monday, September 7: No school; Labor Day

The most important thing to remember:

As we begin full remote learning during a pandemic, I know it will bring both excitement and anxiety. I recognize that things will not be perfect, and that is why we are going slow to start off the school year. We will not rest until every child is able to successfully log into their class by the end of next week.

So much to learn, so many new routines ... it can be stressful. Prepare yourself to be patient with your child, and be ready to be patient with yourself. Hour by hour, day by day, the routine will fall into place. Go slow and go steady, and know that your school is ready to support you.

Thank you to all District 131 students, parents and families for your continued support and patience as we prepare to begin a most unprecedented school year.

Be well,

Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent
East Aurora School District 131

Reach your full potential!