

Aue Elementary School  
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School Hours 7:45 am - 3:00 pm  
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Associate Principal: Kimberly Twedt

# Aue Student & Parent Playbook

*We are* **GATORS**



MISSION & VISION

SAFETY & EXPECTATIONS

DRESS CODE

LUNCH & BIRTHDAYS

RECESS & HALLWAY

SUPPORT STAFF

EVENTS & TRADITIONS

# Welcome Gators!

Dear Amazing Aue Families and Students,  
At Aue, we are truly a family. We have been through so much as a campus and continue to strengthen that bond year after year. Our community protects and serves our students and staff. Our mission and vision is to create a dynamic learning environment so that every Gator every day grows in confidence, compassion, collaboration and critical thinking. We will do this by focusing on the whole child as a community of adults who care about what our children become. This little playbook outlines our beliefs and our expectations as we work together to raise each child.

Each part of this playbook will guide our families and help us to ensure that our Gators are protected, safe and secure. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and thank you for all your support.

#WeGotThis #WeAreGators

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# Aue's Mission and Vision

## Aue Mission Statement

Cultivate a dynamic learning experience.



## Aue Vision Statement

Every day, every gator grows in confidence, compassion, collaboration, and critical thinking.

# Aue's Core Beliefs

- We believe that all students can be successful: academically, behaviorally, socially and emotionally
- We believe all students can achieve at high levels
- We believe all students can learn and make progress, regardless of their baseline levels
- We believe all teachers can improve their practice
- We believe if we all work together, we can accomplish anything

# NISD Learner Profile

## Learners will be:

Creators  
Leaders  
Collaborators  
Learners  
Communicators  
Innovators  
Critical Thinkers  
Solution-Finders

# Get Connected

There are many ways to get connected with Aue!

- Join the [PTA facebook page](#)
- Follow these X accounts:
  - @NISDAue
  - @SilberschlagU
  - @KimberlyTwedt
  - @NISD
- School-Wide Emails - make sure the office has your current email
- School-Wide Callouts - make sure the office has your current phone number



# Safety at Northside ISD



Please watch the video above for a message from our Superintendent Dr. John Craft, visit our [Safety First Website](#) and/or refer to the [one-page Safety First Attachment](#) for more information.

**Please note: A government issued photo ID is required for all visitors to the campus.**

**210-397-7233**  
24 Hours • Anonymous  
text: safe@nisd.net

**NORTHSIDE  
SAFE  
LINE**

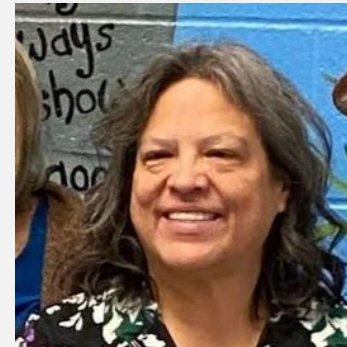
# Our Amazing Office Staff



**Lulu Ramos**  
Attendance Secretary



**Jodie Melver**  
Principal Secretary




**Eva Berg**  
Office Clerk



**Jennifer Agarwal**  
School Nurse

# Gators Have P.R.I.D.E.

## Aue School-Wide Behavior Plan

		 Classrooms & All Learning Areas	Hallways & Stairways	Cafeteria	Restroom	Playground	Arrival & Dismissal
<b>P</b>	<b>Participate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Come to school</li> <li>-Come prepared to learn</li> <li>-Be responsible</li> <li>-Respect the opinion of others</li> <li>-Follow directions</li> <li>-Have a growth mindset</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Face forward</li> <li>-Walk on the right</li> <li>-Walk quietly</li> <li>-Don't run</li> <li>-Keep hands and feet to self</li> <li>-Stay in line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Stay in line</li> <li>-Walk quietly</li> <li>-Talk quietly</li> <li>-Go to restroom before entering cafeteria</li> <li>-Raise hand for help</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be quick</li> <li>-Flush toilet</li> <li>-Wash hands</li> <li>-Take care of needs and leave</li> <li>-No talking or playing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use equipment safely</li> <li>-Use equipment the way it was intended to be used</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Walk directly to your area</li> <li>-Stay in your area</li> <li>-Wait for staff directions</li> <li>-Practice safety</li> </ul>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Listen to and follow directions</li> <li>-Treat others the way you want to be treated</li> <li>-Take care of personal and school property</li> <li>-Be kind and tolerant of others</li> <li>-Work well with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be quiet as other classes are learning</li> <li>-Keep hallway clean</li> <li>-Keep hands off the walls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Listen and follow routines</li> <li>-Eat your own food</li> <li>-Do not share food</li> <li>-Clean up after self</li> <li>-Stay in seats</li> <li>-Sit with feet on the floor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Keep area clean</li> <li>-Give others privacy</li> <li>-Keep hands to self</li> <li>-Conserve supplies</li> <li>-Take care of school property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Play safely</li> <li>-Include others</li> <li>-Take turns</li> <li>-Share</li> <li>-Stay out of tree areas</li> <li>-Respect school property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Respect the space of others</li> <li>-Keep to your own business</li> <li>-Follow staff directions</li> </ul>
<b>I</b>	<b>Integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be on time</li> <li>-Be honest</li> <li>-Speak up for self and others</li> <li>-Take responsibility for your actions</li> <li>-Meet expectations</li> <li>-Complete work on time</li> <li>-Follow the rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Respect posters and work on walls</li> <li>-Be kind</li> <li>-Report issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use good table manner</li> <li>-Be polite to peers</li> <li>-Don't play with food or drinks</li> <li>-Show respect to cafeteria staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Demonstrate self-control</li> <li>-Report inappropriate behavior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be a good sport</li> <li>-Use kinds words and actions</li> <li>-Play fairly</li> <li>-Include others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Keep things in backpacks</li> <li>-Stay seated</li> <li>-Use crosswalks</li> </ul>
<b>D</b>	<b>Determination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Be a team player</li> <li>-Seek help</li> <li>-Stay on task</li> <li>-Don't give up</li> <li>-Demonstrate appropriate grade level behavior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Walk even when you want to run</li> <li>-Greet friends with a wave</li> <li>-Pick up trash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Listen to directions from staff</li> <li>-Stay in seat even if you want to get up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Take care of your needs and get back to class quickly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Line up promptly when you hear the whistle</li> <li>-Have fun</li> <li>-Make good choices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pay attention to your surroundings</li> <li>-Make safe choices for self and others</li> </ul>
<b>E</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Try your best</li> <li>-Challenge yourself</li> <li>-Be positive</li> <li>-Complete assignments on time</li> <li>-Accept and fulfill responsibilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Demonstrate self-control</li> <li>-Be a good role model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Make good food choices</li> <li>-Demonstrate self-control</li> <li>-Be a good role model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Demonstrate self-control</li> <li>-Report supply shortages</li> <li>-Make good choices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Report equipment issues</li> <li>-Give it your best</li> <li>-Choose positive influences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Follow routines</li> <li>-Be a good role model</li> <li>-Seek help when needed</li> </ul>

# Character Counts



Aue is a "Character Counts" campus. We focus on six important traits we call the pillars of character. They are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Teachers can often be heard telling students they are being TRFFCC (terrific) students.

# Attendance

Our school hours are 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM. Students are marked tardy if they are not in the classroom by 7:45. Students are marked absent if they arrive after 9:00 AM.

This year, NISD will automatically generate an Attendance Warning Notice after the 3rd unexcused absence in a 4-week period. There is only a 2 day delay before it is sent out in order to allow notes to be entered. If a student accumulates 10 or more unexcused absences in a 6-month period, they can be referred to the Municipal Court for mediation or prosecution.

A written excuse or email must be sent to school explaining why a student was absent. Please email the teacher and copy our attendance secretary, Lulu Ramos at [maria-l.ramos@nisd.net](mailto:maria-l.ramos@nisd.net).

If your child needs to be taken out of school early, please check him/her out through the front office.

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## Texas Compulsory Attendance Law

Students must attend class **90%** of the school year



### Unexcused & Excused Absences

**ALL** absences count! Students who have **more than 18 total** absences are at risk of failing. Parent/Guardians may also be issued a municipal court warning and possibly pay a fine.



### Medical Appointments

Appointments must be at the **start** or **end** of the school day to be counted as **HEALTH** and not as an absence. If the student is out the **entire day**, they are absent.



### Why do I need to send a note?

If a student's attendance case is sent to court, a committee will take into consideration how many absences were excused and unexcused.



### Tardies

Students who arrive after 9am are considered **ABSENT**. **This does not mean your child should stay home.** Staying home will make your student fall behind by missing an entire day of instruction.



### Communication

If your child is ill and will be out of school for **more than 1 day**, please inform your child's classroom teacher. They should be your first line of communication.



### Special Circumstances

Every student's situation is different. If there are barriers keeping your student from being at school, reach out to your campus. There are resources and people to help.





# Attendance

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY!

*Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve higher levels than student who do not have regular attendance.*



### CHRONIC ABSENCES: 18 OR MORE DAYS A SCHOOL YEAR

- Excused or unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn
- Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks can add up to 18 days in a year



### WARNING: 10-17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them 2 days behind their classmates



### GOOD ATTENDANCE: 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time



## What families can do



**Find out what day school starts** and make sure your child has the required shots.



**Build regular routines** for bed time and the morning.



**Talk about the importance of regular attendance** and about how your child feels about school.



**Don't permit missing school** unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.

**Avoid medical appointments and extended trips** when school is in session.

**Keep a chart** recording your child's attendance at home. At the end of the week, talk with your child about what you see.

**Develop back up plans** for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help

**Seek support** from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.



# Arrival

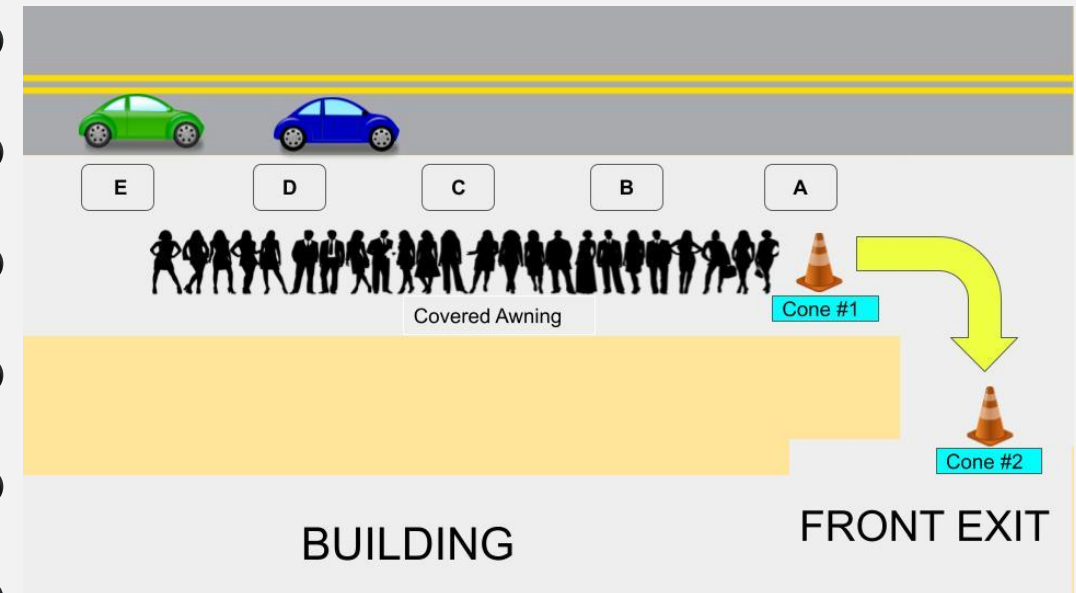
- Aue doors open at 7:00 am for student arrival.
- 1st-5th grades should sit in the hallway outside of their classroom door. If they are eating breakfast at school, then they should go to the cafeteria first and then report to classrooms.
- Students in Kindergarten will go to the cafeteria to sit and wait for their teachers. Later in the year, they will sit in the hallway outside of their classroom door.
- Students are tardy after 7:45 am and must report to the office to get a tardy slip. Students will give this tardy slip to the classroom teacher.
- **During the first week of school, parents may walk students to their classrooms. After the first week, parents will drop off students at the front door or bus loop doors for safety reasons.**
- **Please park in the designated parking spots only and use the crosswalk when going from the parking lot to the school and vice versa.**

# Dismissal

- Your child's safety is very important to us. We will not change your child's dismissal routine without written permission from you. A verbal request from your child will not be accepted. A written note, e-mail or a call to the office, before noon, is needed when your child has a change in his/her dismissal routine.
- The same applies when your child attends any extracurricular activities after school such as tutorials, scouts, club meetings, or after school programs.
- Caution: If using email to inform teachers of changes in dismissal, please be aware that substitute teachers do not have access to teacher emails. So if you do not get a response to your email from the classroom teacher, please call the school 210-397-6750.
- **Please park in designated parking spots only and use the crosswalk when going from the parking lot to the school and vice versa.**

# Rainy Day Dismissal

- Parents who walk up to retrieve their child during a rainy day dismissal will line up behind cone #1. \*see diagram
- Please have your neon green information sheet with your child's name/grade/teacher's name in hand. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you while you are waiting in line.
- Hold up your green sheet and someone will come with a walkie-talkie to announce your child's name.
- After your child's name has been announced over the walkie-talkie, line up behind cone #2 and wait for your child to exit the building. \*see diagram



# Student Dress Code

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to school each day.

- Shorts and skorts may be worn at all levels. In grades three through five, they should be no more than four inches above the top of the kneecap.
- In grades three through twelve, skirts, dresses, and culottes must be no more than four inches above the top of the kneecap. There should not be a cut or slit in the clothing that extends beyond the four inch limit. These requirements also apply to school uniforms.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn; footwear which has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastics or similar materials are specifically prohibited.
- Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional colored, multi-colored or spiked or Mohawk hair styles are not permitted.
- Headwear must not be worn in buildings.
- Eyeshadow, lipstick and mascara are not appropriate in elementary school. Lipgloss is permitted.

# Student Dress Code

- Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or which cause distraction are not acceptable. Specifically, oversized clothing, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see-through garments are not permitted.
- Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing are prohibited.
- All pants are to be full length (Capri pants should be no less than four inches below the bottom of the kneecap) and worn at the waist (no "sagging" or "bagging"). Tight fitting pants (e.g., tights, Spandex, bicycle pants) are also prohibited. Cut-offs and intentionally frayed pants are also prohibited.
- Body piercing jewelry is prohibited except for rings, studs or other traditional jewelry worn in the ear. Tongue rings and tongue studs are not permitted.



# Cell Phones, Smart Watches & Electronic Devices

- HB 1481 Legislative Update-Personal Communication Devices
- This year **all personal communication devices** to include SMART watches, personal tablets, and cell phones must be kept in backpacks and out of sight throughout the instructional day. The instructional school day is: 7:45 AM-3:00 PM
- After one warning, a student will be asked to remove his/her SMART watch, or place the cell phone or tablet in his/her backpack. After a second warning, the teacher will call the parent to let him/her know. If asked a third time, the cell phone/ SMART watch, or digital table will be taken and the parent will be asked to pick it up from the front office.
- **The school is not responsible for personal technology items brought to school.**
- **New 7/31/25**

# No Pets on Campus

For the safety of all, pets or animals of any kind are not allowed on campus at anytime, including dismissal. This is a district expectation due to allergies, unforeseen aggression, and such.

# Lunch with Students

Parents may come to school to have lunch with their children Monday-Friday outside in the amphitheater. **A government issued photo ID is required to be on campus.** Students may not invite friends/classmates to join them for lunch outside. Students must remain with parents in the amphitheater and may not play on the playground or black top areas. Running and chasing others is not acceptable and is a safety concern. Please clean up all trash and keep the area clean for all to enjoy. Students must promptly rejoin their class when their designated lunch time ends.

# Cafeteria Expectations

- Use the restroom and wash hands prior to lunch.
- Students will walk when entering the cafeteria.
- Students bringing lunch that do not need to make a purchase, will go directly to the table and sit in the assigned seat.
- Students purchasing only snacks or milk will go to the front of the line.
- Students purchasing a complete lunch will stand in a single file line while waiting to enter the food area.
- Students will stand on "waiting spots" when they enter the food area.
- Students will not enter the food area if there is no spot available.
- Once lunches are obtained, students will sit in their assigned seat until dismissed.
- Students will sit in chairs with both feet in front of them facing forward.

- Students will need permission to leave their seat by raising their hand.
- Students will use good table manners. Students will keep hands and feet to themselves.
- Sharing food and drinks is not permitted.
- Students will use inside voices.
- Students will be dismissed from their lunch table two minutes prior to teacher pickup time.
- Students will use the clean up procedure:
  1. Stand up and push in chairs.
  2. Clean up all trash and check the floor.
  3. Walk around the table in a circle and throw away the trash.
- Students will line up on the tape in straight line
- **Students will only take sealed food or drinks from the cafeteria when lunch is over.**
- Parents will eat with students in the amphitheater at the picnic tables regardless of the weather.
- **Please visit the [NISD Child Nutrition Website](#) for information regarding: Menus, Pricing, Free & Reduced Meal Information and much more.**

# Student Birthdays

- If parents want their child's birthday recognized in the classroom, **please contact the teacher prior to purchasing school birthday treats for the class**; due to student dietary restrictions and allergies, teacher discretion will be used.
- Parents have the option to send in **store-bought treats** (ex. Cupcakes, donuts, cookies, etc. are acceptable), purchase **ice cream in the cafeteria**, or send in **goodie bags**. **You may include wrapped candy in the goodie bag, but we will distribute it at the end of the school day.**
- Birthdays will be acknowledged at the end of the day without parent attendance to minimize the loss of instructional time.
- Balloons/flowers are not allowed per Northside's Parent and Student Handbook
- Teachers can pass out birthday invitations for off-campus parties but all students must be included or all boys or all girls.

# Lunch, Supplies & Snacks

- Best practice is to send lunches and supplies with students in their backpacks before school begins.
- On the rare occasion that lunches need to be sent once the school day has started, **please drop off at the front office at least 30 minutes prior to your child's lunch start time.**
- **Students that do not have a lunch at the start of their lunchtime will get a tray from the cafeteria.**
- **Lunch deliveries can only be made by the parent/guardian of the student. DoorDash, GrubHub, or any other delivery service will not be accepted.**
- Check with classroom teachers about snacks.



# Recess Expectations

**Students will demonstrate the pillars of character at recess:**

<b>Trustworthiness</b>	Play fairly with others.
<b>Respectfulness</b>	Show respect to classmates, teachers, and school property.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Use equipment properly and show self-control.
<b>Fairness</b>	Play by the rules, share and take turns. Be a team player.
<b>Caring</b>	Be kind, helpful forgiving and include others.
<b>Citizenship</b>	Help to keep our school clean

# Hallway Expectations

**Students will demonstrate the pillars of character in the hallway:**

<b>Trustworthiness</b>	Take care of your needs and get back to class quickly and quietly..
<b>Respectfulness</b>	Walk quietly as other classes re learning.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Use self-control and follow teacher directions.
<b>Fairness</b>	Take turns when using school facilities.
<b>Caring</b>	Be kind and greet friends with a Gator wave.
<b>Citizenship</b>	Keep hallway clean and keep hands off the wall.

# Nurse

## COVID-19

NISD Health Services continues to monitor the local Covid-19 cases and will make policies in response to surges or declines in Covid cases in our area. Please contact Nurse Agarwal for the latest information regarding Covid-19 protocols or visit

<https://www.nisd.net/schools/health>

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

If students have existing condition (allergies, chronic disease, etc) please bring in a doctor's note stating what the disease is and it will be kept on file.. These doctor's notes will be taken into consideration should students come to the clinic not feeling well. These notes will be good for one year.

## MEDICATIONS

Medications (both over the counter and prescription) will only be accepted in the clinic if they are accompanied by a doctor's order/action plan. These orders/plans are good for one year. You can find the link to the student-specific medical forms that must be completed and signed by both a parent AND a physician at <https://www.nisd.net/schools/health>

## STUDENT ILLNESS

If students wake up feeling sick, please keep them home. If students vomit overnight or have a temperature greater than 100.0 overnight, please keep them home. Students can return to school when they have been without a fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours without the use of any medication.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

All students must have up-to-date immunizations before August 19, 2024 (first day of classes). Please verify with Nurse Agarwal or with your doctor to make sure all immunization records are current and turned in to the school.

## QUESTIONS

Email Nurse Agarwal at [jennifer.agarwal@nisd.net](mailto:jennifer.agarwal@nisd.net) or call 210-397-6759.

# Nurse

## **MEDICATION UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

Effective August 1, 2024 the Board of Nursing requires that **ALL medications** in schools (both over the counter and prescription) must be accompanied by a signed doctor's order in order for the nurse to give that medication at school. This includes oral and topical medication (such as cortisone or other 'itch' creams, antibiotic ointment, orajel, cream or gel with lidocaine, sting relief pads, antibiotics, eye drops, etc). ***If I do not have a current SIGNED order from a physician (no matter what the medication is), I am not authorized to give it to your student.***

Please do not send your student to school with ANY medication (Over the Counter or Prescription). This includes vitamins, gummies, cough drops, cough drop lollipops, cough syrup, Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, topical creams and lotions, essential oils, etc. This is to ensure the safety of your student and the safety of other students. If you wish for your student to take ANY medication at school (over the counter or prescription), then the medication must be turned in to the nurse in its original packaging accompanied by an order signed by the physician.

# Librarian

- All students visit the library once per 6 day rotation for lessons and book checkout.
- Students may also check out books as needed most mornings from 8:00 am-10:00 am.
- The library is open on Tue-Fri for after school checkout from 3:00-3:15 (parents must be present with students).
- The PTA purchased a book vending machine that will be utilized for reading incentives.

# Librarian

- The library will sponsor a book fair the weeks of Nov. 17th-21st and March 16th-20th
- Library volunteers are needed for book check-in, shelving books, making copies, reading incentives, book fairs, and special projects.
- Contact Aue librarian Deanna O'Marah to volunteer by email at [deanna.omarah@nisd.net](mailto:deanna.omarah@nisd.net) or by phone at 210-397-6784.



# Counselors

- Aue school counselors are committed to providing support to all students to ensure success in the areas of academic development, career development, and personal/social development leading to the formation of a confident, well balanced, successful individual. In doing so, students are better prepared to become independent, productive, and self-actualized adults.
- Our goal is for all students to begin to feel successful and proud of themselves in both school and life.
- Aue Counselors teach skills-based lessons that help students develop life-long skills competence.
- Aue counselors provide small group and individual counseling to intervene on behalf of students whose immediate concerns impact their social, emotional, personal, or educational development.
- Aue counselors guide students as they learn to plan, manage, and monitor their own social, educational, and emotional development.
- Reach out to counselors at [melody.pena@nisd.net](mailto:melody.pena@nisd.net) and or call 210-397-6750.

# Discovery Team

- Discovery classes include:
  - Music
  - Art
  - PE (physical education)
  - STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)
- Aue students attend PE class every other day.
- Aue students attend music, art, and STEM on a six day rotation.
- Discovery classes are critical for brain development, and offer a wide variety of social and academic benefits to our students.
- Students will receive grades in music, art, and PE.
- Reach out to our Discover Team at:

Music	Art <a href="mailto:darci.magee@nisd.net">darci.magee@nisd.net</a>
PE <a href="mailto:anthony.bennett@nisd.net">anthony.bennett@nisd.net</a>	STEM <a href="mailto:mark.hernandez@nisd.net">mark.hernandez@nisd.net</a>

# Grades, Report Cards & Progress Reports

- Students will earn grades that reflect their learning.
- When students are absent, they are expected to complete missing assignments in a timely manner.
- Progress Reports will be available in HAC (Home Access Center) at the midpoint of each grading period.
- Report cards will be available in HAC one week after each grading period.
- Parents should routinely monitor student grades in HAC.
- The practice of providing paper copies of reports cards and progress reports has been discontinued.
- For additional parent information visit <https://www.nisd.net/parents>

**Click the icons to  
access the HAC or  
Schoolology website.**

 Home Access Center

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# Parent-Teacher Conferences

- All classroom teachers will schedule fall conferences to discuss each student's progress.
- Additional conferences may be scheduled upon request throughout the school year. Please call or email your child's homeroom teacher to request a conference.

# Homework

- Research has found that homework given in elementary school has little impact on student achievement. The Cooper study, one of the most comprehensive homework research projects, found virtually no relationship between homework and achievement for elementary students. Findings did show that homework can academically benefit middle and high schoolers, *but not elementary students*. Homework for elementary school students should be minimal and assigned with the aim of building self-regulation and independent work skills. Any more than this and homework may no longer have a positive impact.
- NISD's Student/Parent Handbook under Elementary Policies and Procedures:  
*"Specific Homework Policies are set at each campus. Parents are asked to help their child by providing the time, place, cooperation and encouragement needed to complete assignments."*

# Homework Guidelines

- Homework may be assigned at the teacher's discretion.
- Homework is not graded
- All Aue students are expected to read nightly (to self or with a parent) for a minimum of 20 minutes.
- Special projects relating to the curriculum may require work to be completed at home. Adequate time will be given to complete these assignments.



## Reports Cards: Reading & Language Arts on NISD Report Card

The NISD Elementary Report Card will no longer contain guided reading levels. Instead, parents will be provided with MAP Growth Reading assessment data three times during the school year via an individualized student MAP Family Report. The report will provide families with information on how their child is achieving and growing in the area of reading. The MAP Family Report will also provide information on how the data can be used to help your child and contain suggested questions parents may use to guide conversations with the classroom teacher.

We understand that guided reading levels have been part of the NISD report card for many years. We are hopeful that the MAP Family Report will provide parents with deeper, more meaningful information that shows how their child is progressing in reading.

For more information about the MAP Growth Assessment, please visit:

[https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/  
What is MAP Growth](https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/What-is-MAP-Growth) video for families



# Aue PTA

- The **Parent-Teacher Association** is a cornerstone of our school. Through its generous involvement with students, scheduling of functions and continuous support of faculty and staff, the PTA is an invaluable partner.
- **Please join the Aue PTA.** We hope for 100% membership from parents and teachers. Membership dues help fund field trips, academic programs, reading and behavior incentives, school benches and picnic tables, and so much more.
- The PTA sponsors several **fundraising events** and we hope that all families will participate. All funds raised by the PTA go directly back to the school to benefit our students.
- Our **Gatorfest** fundraiser is Fri, February 27th at Aue from 3:30 pm-7:00 pm. We will have an online auction as well as a live auction! Many fun family activities are planned for this event.
- Our **Fun Run** will consist of a "glow run" indoors this year. It's on Fri, October 24th during the school day.
- Please consider **volunteering** this year. If you have any questions, please email [auegatorvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:auegatorvolunteers@gmail.com). Remember, you also need to complete a background check at [NISD Volunteer Background Check Website](#)  
Please use this QR code to sign up to volunteer at Aue!



# Easy Ways to Support Aue

## Box Tops

- Download the Box Tops app on phone or device
- Set preference to Aue Elementary
- Look for Box Tops logo on participating products
- Scan your receipt with 14 days of purchase
- Earn cash for Aue Elementary

## Spirit Nights

- PTA will host spirit nights at local dining places throughout the year
- Eat in or carry out and restaurants will donate a portion of the night's profits to Aue Elementary
- Spirit Night dates will be announced throughout the school year

# Events and Traditions

Date	Event
Aue 7	Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:00
Aug 11	First day of school 7:45-3:00
Aug 25	Wear <b>Red</b> - Kinder Color Day
Aug 26	Wear <b>Orange</b> -Kinder Color Day
Aug 27	Wear <b>Yellow</b> -Kinder Color Day
Aug 28	Wear <b>Green</b> -Kinder Color Day
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Parent Night (PTA meeting @ 5:00, Grades 1,3,5 @ 5:30, Grades K,2,4 @ 6:00)</b>
Aug 29	Wear <b>Blue</b> -Kinder Color Day
<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>School Holiday-Labor Day</b>
Sept 2	Wear <b>White</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 3	Wear <b>Black</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 4	Wear <b>Pink</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 5	Wear <b>Green/Blue</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 8	Wear <b>Purple</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 9	Wear <b>Brown</b> -Kinder Color Day
Sept 10	Wear <b>Black</b> /Grandparents Breakfast (A-M)
Sept 11	Grandparents Breakfast (N-Z)/Willies Spirit
Sept 17	Wear <b>Patriotic Attire</b> -Constitution Day

Sept 18	Individual Pictures
Sept 20	Aue Community Clean Up
Sept 24	Watch Dog Kick off 6:00PM
Oct 9	Desserts & Discussion-Early Literacy K/1 6:00
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>School Holiday/Teacher Planning Day</b>
Oct 14	APEX Fundraiser begins
Oct 22	Picture Retakes
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>APEX Fun Run Obstacle Course Day</b>
Oct 26	Red Ribbon Week Begins (More details will be sent later)
Oct 29	Bike Rodeo
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>School Holiday/Staff Development Day</b>
Nov 7	Square 1 Art Fundraiser Begins
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony 8:00
Nov 14	Fall Ball 6:00-8:00 pm
Nov 17	Turkey Gram Sales Begin
Nov 17	Book Fair Week in Library
<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break No School</b>
Dec 1	School Back in Session
Dec 11	Christmas Musical & PTA Meeting 5:00
Dec 15	Grinch Day
Dec 16	Animal Day

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Date	Event
Dec 17	Tacky Holiday Dress Up Day
Dec 18	Crazy Hat, Hair, & Socks Day
Dec 19	Class Winter Parties & Pajama Day
<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>Winter Break No School</b>
Jan 6	School Back in Session
<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>School Holiday-MLK Day</b>
Jan 23	100th Day of School
Jan 29	Group Picture Day
Jan 29	STEM Night 5:30-7:00
Feb 9	Valentine Gram Sales Begin
Feb 13	Valentine's Day Class Parties
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>School Holiday/Staff Development Day</b>
Feb 25	Spring Individual pictures
Feb 27	Wear Western Attire-NISD Rodeo Day
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Gatorfest Fundraiser 3:30 pm-7:00 pm</b>
Mar 2	Wear Red or Blue-Dr. Seuss Week
Mar 3	Wear Crazy socks-Dr. Seuss Week
Mar 4	Wear a college shirt-Dr. Seuss Week
Mar 5	Wear a hat-Dr. Seuss Week

Mar 6	Wear Green - Dr. Seuss Week
Mar 7	Aue Community Clean Up
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Spring Break No School</b>
Mar 17	School Back in Session
Mar 17	Book Fair Week
Mar 26	Desserts & Discussion 6:00pm - BARK
<b>April 3</b>	<b>School Holiday No School Good Friday</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>School Holiday No School Easter break</b>
Apr 7	Wear animal print-Week of the Young Child
Apr 8	Wear vacation attire-Week of the Young Child
Apr 9	Wear sports attire-Week of the Young Child
Apr 9	Reader's Restaurant-Kinder 5:00pm
Apr 10	Dress as a superhero/book character-Week of the Young Child
<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>STAAR Reading Test for Grades 3-5</b> <b>Campus Closed to Visitors</b>
Apr 15	Wear <b>Purple</b> Attire-Military Kids Day
<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>STAAR Science Test for Grade 5</b> <b>Campus Closed to Visitors</b>

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Date	Event
<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>School Holiday-Fiesta</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>STAAR Math Test for Grades 3-5</b> <b>Campus Closed to Visitors</b>
Apr 30	Great Book Giveaway
May 7	Spring Musical & PTA Meeting 5:00
May 15	Fandango Party 8:00 am-12:00 pm
May 14	Kinder Beach Performance 6:00pm
May 20	End of Year Class Celebrations
May 21	Last Day of School: 9:00 AM 5th Grade Promotion and Kinder Picnic at 11:00 AM

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# Thank you!

Please see the [NISD Elementary Handbook](#) website for additional information.

