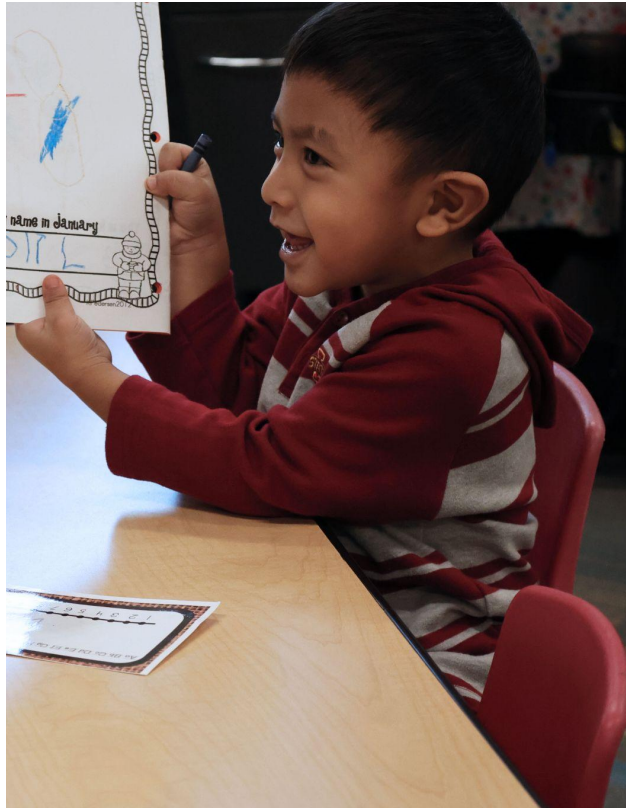




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Welcome to Ankeny Schools





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Welcome & Introductions



Andrew Burg
Abbie Grove
Elementary



Mark Moss
Ashland Ridge
Elementary



Brandon Hargens
Crocker
Elementary



Shane Mathis
East
Elementary



Laura Ryan
Heritage
Elementary



Kristin Barber
Northeast
Elementary



Kate Cisney
Northwest
Elementary



Ben Muller
Prairie Trail
Elementary



Suvada Kuburas
Rock Creek
Elementary



Erin Adair
Southeast
Elementary



Joel Martin
Westwood
Elementary



Sheila Schmidt
Terrace Learning
Center



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Ice Breaker

Add in the Chat

- What grade will your child be attending?
- Greatest hopes for your incoming student for preschool, transitional kindergarten, or kindergarten?



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Ice Breaker

Add in the Chat

- What, if anything, are you nervous or worried about?



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Purpose

Tonight, we will discuss:

- The Ankeny Experience
- Information to support families as they begin preparing for preschool, transitional kindergarten, or kindergarten



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The Ankeny Experience



PBIS and
Leader in Me
are used to
teach students
pro-social
behaviors and
leadership &
life skills.

Registration Procedures

Registration Information:

- **Link to Registration Information** on the Website: <https://www.ankenyschools.org/registrar/>
- **2025-2026 registration** opens on Friday, February 7
- **Proof of child's age**, such as a copy of a birth certificate, passport, etc.
- **Proof of residency**, such as rental agreement, utility bill, or proof of ownership of the home. Needs to include parent's name and a current date.



Important Dates to Remember

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|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Friday, February 7 8:00 AM | Friday, March 28 | Sunday, June 1 | Week of June 9 | Jumpstart Dates | Tuesday, August 12 8:00 am | Tuesday, August 19 4:00 to 6:00 pm | Monday, August 25 | Tuesday, Sept 2 |
| Online registration begins | TK student building assignments shared with families | Registrations Due Late registrations will not be considered until all other placements have been made.* | Notification of building assignments will be made to families.* | <i>Students attend school, meet teachers, and get any worries out of the way in order to set the first day of school up for success.</i> | Notification of classroom assignments. Posted to Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. | Meet the Teacher Night All students and parents | First Day of Elementary School | First Day of Preschool |

*Per board policy #501.05 - Student Building Assignments



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What's the difference between these three experiences?

- Preschool
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Kindergarten



Kindergarten Health Requirements (forms due to building nurse by July 1, but can be uploaded during registration)

- Certificate of Immunization or Exemption Certificate
- Dental Screen or Exemption Certificate
- Vision Screen

Recommended:

- Physical Examination



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AM Sample Day in the Life

7:30 – Buildings Open (breakfast is available for all students)

7:45 – Students head to their classroom

7:55 – The day begins with classroom morning meetings

8:15–9:15 – Literacy Instruction

9:15–9:45 – Recess

9:45–11:00 – Literacy Instruction (writing included)

11:00–11:20 – Lunch

11:20–11:50 – Recess



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PM Sample Day in the Life

11:50-12:30 - Math

12:30-1:15 - Specials (Art, Digital Learning, Guidance, Music, & PE)

1:15-2:00 - Math

2:00-2:45 - Science/Social Studies

2:45-2:55 - Closing Classroom Meeting



Elementary School Information

School Supply Lists

PTO Websites offer pre-packaged supplies for purchase.



PARENTS

School Supply List

[Home](#) / [Parents](#) / [School Supply List](#)

At the beginning of the school year, students need to bring a set of school supplies for their classwork. If you are unable to purchase these supplies, please see your school counselor.

Preschool

- 1 each backpack – big enough to fit papers – no wheels
- 1 change of clothes

Optional Items – NOT Required:

- 8 each *Elmers* glue sticks – purple
- 1 each bottle of *Elmer's* glue
- 1 each *Crayola* watercolor paints – 8 primary colors
- 1 each box of *Crayola* crayons – 24 count
- 1 each box of markers – *Crayola* Pip-Squeaks short markers
- 1 each plastic folder (no prongs)
- 1 each 1.5 inch white binder with clear view pocket on front
- 1 each *Expo* dry erase markers -4 pack
- 1 each play dough – 4 pack – *Play-doh* brand




Elementary School Information

- **Website:** [Transportation](#)
- **Provider:** [First Student Inc.](#)
- **Your child is eligible** for a bus if...
 - Live two miles or more from their elementary or middle school
 - Live in what is considered as a hazard zone
- [Address Look-Up Tool](#)

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Transportation

Home / Parents / Transportation



First Student Bus Barn: [515.965.9615](tel:515.965.9615)

Is my child eligible for bussing?

The Ankeny Community School District partners with [First Student, Inc.](#) to provide student transportation services for eligible students. Students are eligible for transportation if they:

- Live two miles or more from their elementary or middle school
- Live three miles away from their high school



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Elementary School Information

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The screenshot shows the website for the Ankeny Heritage Elementary PTO. The header includes navigation links: HOME, DONATE, VOLUNTEER, EVENTS, TURKEY TROT FUN RUN, and More. Below the navigation is a banner for the East Elementary PTO featuring a pencil graphic and a photo of the school building. Below the banner is a Facebook post for the Northwest PTO, which includes a photo of the Northwest Elementary school building and a profile picture of the PTO with 500 likes and 544 followers.

PARENTS
PTO

Home/ Parents / PTO

Each Ankeny Elementary School is supported by a Parent-Teacher Organization. To get involved, please click on the website of your PTO below:

- [Ashland Ridge PTO](#)
- [Crocker PTO](#)
- [East PTO](#)
- [Heritage PTO](#)
- [Northeast PTO](#)
- [Northwest PTO](#)
- [Prairie Trail PTO](#)
- [Rock Creek PTO](#)
- [Southeast PTO](#)
- [Westwood PTO](#)



Elementary School Information

- Website: [Before and After School Program](#)
- The Before & After School Program (B/ASP) is a safe, fun, hands-on enrichment program for students in Transitional Kindergarten (TK)–5th grade.
- Before school, after school, on breaks, & over the summer

Before & After School

Home / Before & After School

Now Hiring for Immediate Openings!

Join a positive team with year round employment opportunities & make a difference in the lives of children & families each day!

Competitive pay, flexible schedules, and gain classroom experience!

Opportunities for advancement & retention bonuses!

For more information and a link to the application, [click here](#).



Elementary School Information

Kindergarten Jumpstart

- August dates
 - Your child's school will communicate the date
- Purpose
 - Provide students an early opportunity to experience their school and meet their teachers before the first day
 - Provide parents an opportunity to hear about your child's kindergarten experience



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What is TK?

Transitional Kindergarten...

...is designed for students who would benefit from a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten.

...gives children additional time to develop the necessary social and academic skills to be successful in school.

...is an option for students who turn 5 by September 15.



TK Student Experience

- Mirrors the elementary calendar
- Attend five days a week
- Class size: approximately 20:1 student to teacher ratio
- Length day from 7:55-2:55
- Five specials (art, digital learning, guidance, music, and PE)



Curriculum & Instruction

- TK students are reported to the State Department of Education as kindergarten students to receive state funding. Therefore, TK is considered a retention year and students are required to participate in statewide kindergarten assessments.
- **Prioritized Kindergarten Iowa Core Standards**
 - Kindergarten math, literacy, and social emotional standards, are taught at a developmentally appropriate pace, allowing students to build readiness skills



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TK In-Person Parent Meeting

Feb. 5 In Person Parent Meetings

Date: Wednesday, February 5

Session 1: 8:00–9:00 AM

Session 2: 12:00–1:00 PM

Session 3: 6:00–7:00 PM

Location: 406 SW School St, Ankeny, IA –
Cottonwood Conference Room



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What's Next?

Online registration opened February 7, 2025 at 8 a.m. Please follow the instructions on the district website, <https://www.ankenyschools.org/registrar/> to complete the enrollment process using Ankeny Schools online registration.

We ask that families complete an online application and submit the required documentation by *no later than **June 1, 2025.***