



SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

AUGUST 2025

Dufur School Website: www.dufur.k12.or.us



Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year!

As summer starts to winddown, it is time to start thinking about the beginning of the school year. Lots of exciting things are happening at Dufur School. Mrs. Kristin Whitley has officially stepped into the role of District Superintendent. Mrs. Tess Welk is joining the administrative team as the new school Principal.

We have some new teachers and staff changes to announce as well! Mrs. Deanna Zalaznik will be teaching mid-level and high school Spanish along with Math classes. Mr. George Peterson will be teaching mid-level ELA classes and high school Economics. In elementary, Mrs. Hannah Hammitt will be teacher one of our two 4th grade classes. Mrs. Melissa Mead will be moving into the role of K-5th SPED Teacher, and Mrs. Lisa Harris will be teaching 6th – 12th SPED. All Dufur families are invited to join us for our “Back to School Night” on August 27th!

Back-to-School Night!

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 p.m.: Dinner – BBQ Outdoor Picnic Tables
- 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Informational Booths – Front Foyer
- 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Classrooms Open for Visitation
- 6:00-6:30 6th grade Orientation (Library)
- 6:30-7:00 9th grade Orientation (Library)
- 7:00-7:30 12th grade Orientation (Library)



If your child has medication that needs to be kept at school, please bring it with you to drop off at the nurse's informational booth, or contact Kamala Malcolm at kamala.malcolm@dufur.k12.or.us.

Board of Directors Meeting

On Tuesday, July 15th, the Dufur School District Board of Directors changed their operations memorandum to state that school board meetings for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The September meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm. This meeting is open to the public and can also be joined online via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting link, agenda, meeting minutes and video archive can be found on the [Board of Directors](#) page on our website.

Fall Athletics

DHS Football, Volleyball and Cheer will officially begin practice on August 18th. Mid-level fall sports will begin in early September. Athletes who are interested in playing should sign-up through FinalForms at <https://dufur-or.finalforms.com/>. Please be aware that athletes need a current sports physical before they are eligible to participate.

The high school Fall Sports Media Day will take place on Tuesday, August 26th. Pat Shortt Photography will be here to take team and individual photos. Watch for the order link to come out the week of August 18th. Mid-level sports photos will be taken at a later date. For DHS sports schedules, visit the [OSAA Dufur High School page](#).

Dufur Mid-Level volleyball and football practices will start on September 3rd. Practices will be held Monday through Thursday, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The volleyball team will practice in the upper gym, and the football team will practice at the Dufur City Park. Football gear will be handed out during "Back to School Night," on Wednesday, August 27th.

Staff In-Service Days

Most of the school staff will return to work on August 25th. The staff will be participating in in-service activities Monday – Thursday this week preparing to welcome students back on September 2nd!

Dufur K-5 PTO

Interested in joining the Dufur K-5 PTO?

Scan here to learn more about how you can get involved! We will also have a booth set up at Back to School Night – Stop by to say hello and find out how you can support our community.



Dufur Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry located at Dufur School is open each Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. All members of the community are welcome when there is a need for food assistance. If you need emergency food assistance, please call the school office at 541-467-2509.

Beyond August...

Sept 1	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 2	School Year Begins
Sept 2	Dufur School Board Meeting
Sept 4-6	Eight Man Classic
Sept 5	No School for Staff & Students
Sept 17	School Picture Day
Sept 20	JWDEF "Jerrifest"
Sep 23	Oregon Lions Student Vision Screening
Sept 26	Staff Development, No School for Students
Oct 3	All School Reunion
Oct 4	All School Reunion
Oct 7	Dufur School Board Meeting
Oct 13	Indigenous People's Day Holiday- No School for Staff or Students
Oct 23	Picture Retake Day



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Superintendent Kristin Whitley

Principal Tess Welk

Dear Dufur School District Families and Community,

August 13, 2025

I am honored and excited to write to you for the first time as Superintendent of the Dufur School District. It is a privilege to begin my 10th year at Dufur School District and to serve this remarkable community, and I look forward to continuing my work alongside our students, families, staff, and community partners to ensure that this school year is one of connection, growth, and achievement.

As we step into a new year together, there is so much to look forward to in the next few weeks:

- **Back to School Night – Tuesday, August 27th, 5–8 p.m.**
Come meet teachers, tour classrooms, and get ready for a great start to the year.
- **First Home Football Game vs. Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Glenwood – Thursday, August 29th, 7 p.m.**
Join us under the lights to cheer on our Rangers!
- **First Day of School – Tuesday, September 2nd**
Let's begin the year with fresh energy and big goals.
- **8-Man Classic Football and Dufur Classic Volleyball Tournament – September 4th–6th**
Celebrate the start of fall sports with a weekend of spirited competition, including our first home volleyball games.

In addition to these events, I will be hosting Coffee Chats every Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the school entry, beginning September 5th. These informal gatherings are an opportunity to share what's new in the district, ask questions, and connect about the school and district goals. I warmly encourage you to join me—your voice matters, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Dufur is a special place, and I am deeply committed to building on our traditions while also embracing new opportunities for growth. Thank you for welcoming me into this role. I can't wait to see you at Back to School Night, in the stands at our games, and at events throughout the year.

Here's to a fantastic 2025–26 school year—Go Rangers!

Sincerely,

Kristin Whitley
Superintendent
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2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**AUGUST 2025**

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18	19	20	21	22
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SEPTEMBER 2025

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OCTOBER 2025

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NOVEMBER 2025

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DECEMBER 2025

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JANUARY 2026

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FEBRUARY 2026

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MARCH 2026

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JULY 2026

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IN = In-Service Day—No School for Students**SD** = Staff Development Day—No School for Students**H** = Holiday—No School for Staff or Students**V** = Vacation Day—No School for Staff or Students**NS** = No School for Students & Staff**CF** = Parent/Teacher Conferences**F/L** = First & Last Days of School Year**M/S/T/Q** = Mid Term/End of Semester/End of Trimester/End of Quarter**ER** = Early Release for Students at 1:00 pm = No School for Students**Holidays, Vacations & Important Dates**

Aug 25 to 28.....Staff In-Service Days
 September 1.....Labor Day Holiday—No School
 September 2.....School Year Begins for Students
 September 5.....No School for Staff or Students
 September 26.....Staff Development—No Students
 October 13.....Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday—No School
 (Non-Contract Day)
 October 30.....1st Semester Mid-Term, End Quarter 1
 October 31.....Staff Inservice—No Students
 November 4.....Parent Conferences, 5– 8 pm
 November 6.....Parent Conferences, 5-8 pm
 November 7.....No School Day for Staff & Students
 November 11.....Veterans' Day Holiday—No School
 November 21.....End ML Elective Trimester 1
 November 24-28...Thanksgiving Break
 November 27.....Thanksgiving Day Holiday—No School
 December 12.....Staff Development—No Students
 December 19.....Early Release at 1 pm
 Dec. 22/Jan. 2.....Winter Break—No School
 December 25.....Christmas Day—Holiday observed


January 1.....New Year's Day Holiday—No School
 January 19.....Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—No School
 January 23.....End of 1st Semester/Quarter 2
 January 26.....Staff Inservice—No Students
 February 13.....Staff Development Day—No Students
 February 16.....Presidents' Day Holiday—No School
 March 6.....End of Mid-Level Elective Trimester 2
 March 13.....Staff Development Day—No Students
 March 23-27.....Spring Break—No School
 April 2.....2nd Semester Mid-Term, End Quarter 3
 April 3.....Staff Inservice—No Students
 April 24.....No School for Staff or Students
 May 8.....Staff Development Day—No Students
 May 22.....No School for Staff or Students
 May 25.....Memorial Day Holiday—No School
 May 30.....High School Graduation @ 11 am
 June 4.....End of S2/Q4/T3/SY, Early Release @ 1pm
 June 5.....Staff In-Service—No School

Grading Period End Dates

Quarter 1/Semester 1 Mid-Term.....October 30, 2025
 Trimester 1.....November 21, 2025
 Quarter 2/Semester 1.....January 22, 2026
 Trimester 2.....March 6, 2026
 Quarter 3/Semester 2 Mid-Term.....April 2, 2026
 Quarter 4/Semester 2/Trimester 3.....June 4, 2026

School Year Summary

Days in Session.....161
 In-Service/Staff Development Days.....13
 Holidays.....7
Total Days.....181



Dufur School

2025-26 Supply Lists

Kindergarten

Please, no name on supplies unless specified

- 1 backpack with child's name (at least 9"x 12")
- 2 pkgs. of crayons
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 liquid glue
- 1 set of headphones (with child's name, not earbuds or wireless)
- 1 pkg. of 10 ct. Crayola washable markers
- 3 pkgs. #2 pencils (reg. size)
- 2 pkg. pencil-top erasers
- 1 pair of children's scissors (no name on scissors please)
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 box of 12 ct. color pencils
- 3 canisters disinfectant wipes (will ask for more throughout year)
- 1 pair of PE tennis shoes (to be left at school)
- 1 old oversized shirt to be used as a paint shirt
- Snacks for whole class once a month

First Grade

- 1 big box of crayons
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 backpack
- 1 box of facial tissue
- 1 pencil/crayon box
- 1 pair of scissors (Fiskar child's size)
- 1 pkg. of pencil-top erasers
- 1 box of markers
- 1 pkg. of colored pencils
- Headphones
- 1 canister of disinfectant wipes
- 1" three-ring binder with see-through front pocket
- \$10.00 scrapbook fee (once for all year/not each month)
- Snacks for whole class once a month

Second Grade

- 1 box of facial tissue*
- 3 canisters of disinfectant wipes*
- 12 - #2 pencils*
- 10 glue sticks
- Backpack
- 1 pencil/crayon box
- 1 pair scissors (Fiskar child's size)
- 1 box crayons
- 1 box of colored pencils*
- 1 box of markers
- Headphones
- 1 pkg. pencil top erasers
- PE shoes
- 1 plain spiral notebook
- 1 pocket folder
- 1" three-ring binder with see-through front pocket
- 1 small pencil sharpener
- 3 ultra-fine point Sharpies
- 1 pkg. dry erase markers

** Class use - no names please*

Third Grade

- 12 - #2 pencils*
- 1 small pencil sharpener
- 1 box of large markers
- 1 pkg. of glue sticks*
- 1 pencil/crayon box
- 1 box of thin markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 pkgs. of pencil-top erasers*
- 2 pink erasers
- watercolors
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 pair of P.E. shoes
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 ruler (English & Metric)
- 1 box of facial tissue*
- Spiral bound notebook (1 subject)
- Ear buds/headphones
- Backpack

**Class use - no names please*

P.E. Shoes are REQUIRED for all grades. Please provide your child with either clean tennis shoes or new inexpensive tennis shoes.

Fourth Grade

- Backpack
- 1 pkg. thin dry erase markers*
- A 1-1/2" three-ring binder
- 1 pkg. of dividers for the binder
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pkg. glue sticks*
- 1 pkg. of pencil-top erasers*
- 1 pkg. of color pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 set of ear buds or headphones
- Plastic water bottle
- 1 pair of P.E. Shoes
- 24 - #2 pencils*
- 1 pencil/crayon box
- 2 pink erasers*
- 1 pkg. notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook

**Class use - no names please*

Fifth Grade

- 1 set of earbuds or headphones
- water bottle to stay at school
- Backpack
- 3 boxes of individually wrapped snacks (we are a peanut-free classroom)
- 1 pair of P.E. Shoes
- supply box
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 ruler, with metric and standard measurements
- 1 protractor
- 2 boxes of facial tissue*
- 1 spiral notebook
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 pkg. highlighters*
- 2 regular tip black Sharpies
- 2 fine tip black Sharpies
- 2 canisters/packages of disinfectant wipes
- 2 pink erasers*
- 1 pkg. of pencil-top erasers*
- 1 red ink pen
- 1 blue ink pen
- 1 small pencil sharpener
- 1 pkg. glue sticks*
- 24 - #2 pencils*
- 1 pkg. of dividers with labeling tabs
- 2" three-ring binder
- 1 pkg. fine tip dry erase markers*

**Class use - no names please*

Sixth - Eighth Grades

- Backpack
- 8 separate one-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 2 pink erasers
- 3 highlighters of three different colors
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 small bottle of liquid glue
- 1 pkg. of colored pencils
- 48 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 pkg. note cards
- 1 ruler (English & Metric)
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 pocket folder each for Science & Ag
- College-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pair of ear buds or headphones
- PE clothes, shoes and lock
- Personal or school-issued laptop or Chromebook
- lock for locker

High School Supplies

General Supplies

- Pocket Folders
- 48 Ticonderoga pencils
- 8 1/2"x11" spiral notebooks
- Personal or school-issued laptop or Chromebook
- Student Planner (9th Grade)
- 2 boxes of Facial Tissue
- highlighters

Construction

- pocket folder
- 1 spiral notebook, college ruled, lined
- 1 box (16) #2 pencils

Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry students

- Scientific calculator
- Compass
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Scissors

Agriculture

- College-ruled notebook paper
- 4" 3-ring binder for Ag 1 & Plant Science
- Welding: leather shoes, long sleeve cotton shirt, jeans, metal marking soap/silver streak metal mark

P.E. Shoes are REQUIRED for all grades. Please provide your child with either clean tennis shoes or new inexpensive tennis shoes.