Back To School NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

Arrival/Dismissal

Buses arrive and dismiss at the front driveway of Shute School. Please do not park in this lane during these times.
Car riders pull around to the north side parking lot and loop around the lot for drop off and pick up.

Set Up For Success

- Don't forget to check your child's folder each night.
- Please complete and return all the forms sent home with your child on the first day of school.
- Please get connected with your child's teacher and whatever means they use to communicate.

School Times

Transitional KG-2nd Grade
Regular Schedule (TK-2)8:40-3:15
Half Day Schedule (TK-2)8:40-12:30
Early Dismissal (TK-2)8:40-2:25
**Doors open at 8:25.

Early Childhood
Regular Schedule (ECE AM) 8:30-11:00
Regular Schedule (ECE PM) 12:30-3:00
Early Dismissal (ECE AM) 8:30-11:00
Early Dismissal (ECE PM) 12:30-2:10

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 17: ECE/TK Back To School Night 4:00-5:00
- Aug 17: K-2 Back To School Night 4:00-6:00
- Aug. 19: First Day of School

Office Staff

Principal: Mrs. Davis
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Arnsman
Secretary: Mrs. Coffman
Phone: (309) 427-5500
Email: coffmanb@epd86.org

Breakfast Menu

August 2026 Breakfast

Menus are subject to change due to product availability

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4 *White 1% milk carbs-11* *White skim milk carbs-11* *Chocolate 1% milk carbs-24* *Strawberry 1% milk carbs-22*	5 	6	7
10	11	12 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL		14
17	18	19 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	20 Cereal Pop Tart Pears Juice	21 Cereal Muffin Applesauce Juice
24 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice	25 Cereal String cheese Mandarin Oranges Juice	25 Cereal Cheese Omelet Pineapple Juice	27 Cereal Mini Strawberry Bagels Mandarin Oranges Juice	28 Cereal Long John Applesauce Juice
31 Cereal Yogurt Peaches Juice				

Lunch Menu

August 2026 Lunch

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 *White 1% milk carbs-11* *White skim milk carbs-11* *Chocolate 1% milk carbs-24* *Strawberry 1% milk carbs-22*	4 *Adult Lunch-$4.25*	5 	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19 Chicken Strips Tots Corn Pineapple	20 Pizza Peas Mandarin Oranges	21 Corndog Chips Mixed fruit
24 Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Peaches	25 Cheese Burger Baked Beans Celery Sticks Pears	26 Bosco Stick Green Beans Fresh Broccoli Pineapple	27 Loaded Baby Bakers Carrots Mandarin Oranges	28 Ham Sandwich Chips and Salsa Crunchy Carrots and Ranch Mixed Fruit
31 Chicken Drummies Sweet Potato Fries Corn Peaches				

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

If your child brings a lunch from home, he/she may purchase milk for $.35. Milk is included with purchase of school meal only. Please have students bring breakfast, lunch and milk money to cafeteria during breakfast on the first day of the week clearly marked with students name. Carbs listed for fruit-1/2 cup serving

Shute Superstars



Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the EPD 86 website or EPD 86 app!

Breakfast and lunches for ALL students is free of charge in EPD86!

Please make sure we have all prescribed medicines your child might take during the school day. These will go through Nurse Charlie (309)427-5509.

We love to celebrate students especially on their birthdays! Unfortunately, no outside treats are allowed. We will however celebrate in other ways!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page! (Lincoln Shute Schools District 86)

Attendance Policy





East Peoria District 86 values the importance of students being present at school.

Our goal is to have students in school as much as possible. To encourage student attendance the following limits will be adhered to:

- Each student is allowed **5 days per semester** to be called in as sick, and marked as excused.
- The family must provide evidence from a medical professional, funeral or legal agency for any additional absence called in beyond 5 for it to be marked as excused.
- **After the 5 semester absences,** if **no evidence is provided the absence will be marked as unexcused, even if the parent calls.**
- The new semester will begin in January.

The school day begins at 8:40. Any students arriving after 8:40 will be marked tardy.

Please check the student handbook that is distributed on the first day of school for more information.

Thank you!



Attendance Works

Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at **www.attendanceworks.org** for free downloadable resources and tools!



District86 K-2
Armstrong~Shute~Wilson
Back To School Night
Monday, August 17th

Anytime between 4:00pm - 6:00pm

(You do not need to arrive at the start time of the event. Plan on spending 30-45 minutes.)

Our staff would like to welcome you to school! This will give you and your student(s) an opportunity to drop off supplies, say hello to their teacher, and get any questions answered that you might have to make the first day of school as smooth as possible.

We hope to see all of our students and their families at the event!

Armstrong Elementary 1848 Highview Road (309) 427-5300
Shute Elementary 300 Briarbrook Drive (309) 427-5500
Woodrow Wilson Elementary 300 Oakwood Avenue (309) 427-5550



District 86
ShuteECE/TK
Meet YourTeacher Event
Monday, August 17, 2026

Anytime between 4:00pm - 5:00pm

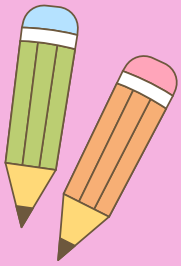
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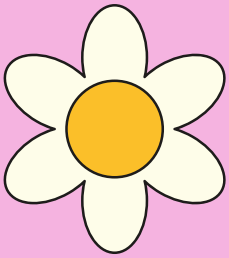
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Shute Elementary 300 Briarbrook Drive (309) 427-5500

A Few Things..



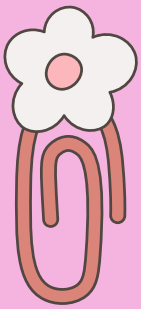
If you ever need any assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Coffman at (309) 427-5500 and she would be happy to assist!



We are always here to help, so don't' hesitate to reach out with any questions.



In accordance with the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, District 86 is required to provide information regarding the Statewide Sex Offenders Database. This database is assessable at www.isp.state.il.us/sor/



If your child will be absent from school, please call Mrs. Coffman at (309) 427-5500. We are required by the state to report attendance.