



Audubon Community School District

Welcome Back- 2026–2027 School Year

Dear Audubon CSD Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Audubon administrative team, welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and memorable summer. We are excited to welcome our students back and begin another year filled with growth and opportunities.

At Audubon Community Schools, our mission remains unchanged: to provide a quality education in a positive, equitable, and respectful environment that prepares every student to become a lifelong learner and responsible citizen. Everything we do is centered on creating the best possible opportunities for our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

As we begin another school year, Mr. Trevor Miller is honored to continue serving as the shared Superintendent for Audubon and Exira-EHK. This partnership continues to provide valuable operational-sharing resources that allow both districts to invest in the people and programs that directly benefit students while remaining fiscally responsible.

This summer also brought important discussions regarding the future of our athletic programs. After thoughtful consideration, community meetings, and valuable input from students, parents, coaches, staff, alumni, and community members, both school boards approved additional athletic sharing opportunities with Exira-EHK. These discussions were led by a committee represented by both districts. These decisions were made with one goal in mind—providing sustainable and competitive opportunities for our student-athletes while ensuring they have the chance to participate and compete at the appropriate level.

It is important to emphasize that these partnerships are strictly athletic sharing agreements. They do not involve whole-grade sharing, school consolidation, building closures, or changes to our academic programming. Our commitment to providing an outstanding educational experience for every Audubon student remains as strong as ever.

The 2026 Iowa legislative session also brought several changes that schools across the state will be implementing this year. These updates include expanded opportunities for students participating in career and technical education, changes to 8th-grade athletic eligibility, new provisions regarding student behavior and classroom removal, and additional requirements intended to strengthen student learning and promote positive school environments. As guidance continues to be released by the Iowa Department of Education, we will keep our families informed and implement these changes in accordance with state expectations and best practices.

As many of you know, there have also been some leadership changes for the upcoming school year. Mr. Miller will serve as the 5–12 Principal in addition to his role as Shared Superintendent. While Mr. Miller is in the district, he will oversee the secondary building, conduct staff evaluations, lead parent meetings, and focus on district leadership and long-range planning.

Mr. Sean Birks will continue serving as our Assistant Principal and Activities Director. He will oversee student discipline, assist with staff evaluations, coordinate our activities and athletic programs, and lead the secondary building on the days Mr. Miller is serving in Exira-EHK. This leadership structure will be similar to how we successfully concluded the 2025–2026 school year.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Nicki Olsen as our new Elementary Principal. Mrs. Olsen brings a passion for students and learning, and we are excited to have her leading our elementary school following Mr. Sam Graeve's well-deserved retirement. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to Audubon Community Schools and wish him the very best in retirement.

As always, communication and teamwork will remain priorities as our administrative roles continue to evolve.

As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact any member of our administrative team. Thank you for your continued support of Audubon Community Schools.

Go Wheelers!

Sincerely,

Nicki Olsen	Elementary Principal
Sean Birks	Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Trevor Miller	Superintendent/5-12 Principal