BREAKAWAY ACADEMY®

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE 2026/2027

GRADES 4 - 8

At Breakaway Academy®, our purpose is to provide aspiring student-athletes with direction and focus on reaching their full potential as both students and athletes. Above all else, we promote knowledge, strength, and character for the young people who walk through our doors.

Welcome to the 2026/27 School Year!

There is nothing quite like the energy of the first day of school: students reconnecting with friends, teachers, and coaches, meeting new classmates, stepping into new challenges, and getting back to the routines that help them grow. Our team is looking forward to welcoming every student and beginning another year of learning, athletics, character development, and fun.

At Breakaway Academy, our purpose is simple: to provide student-athletes with the direction and focus they need to reach their full potential as students, athletes, and people. Throughout the year, students will continue to hear important messages from our teachers, coaches, and staff:

- **Give Your Best Effort.** Bring your best to school, athletics, and everything you do.
- **Follow Our School Expectations.** Our expectations provide students with the focus, direction, and structure they need to be successful and create an environment where everyone can learn, compete, and grow.
- **Treat People the Right Way.** We want our students to compete hard, support one another, and understand that how we treat others matters.
- **Have Fun.** School should be an experience students enjoy. We want them to try new things, build relationships, and know they have caring adults in their corner. Some days will be challenging, and that's okay—we're here to help them work through those moments and keep moving forward.

These messages are at the heart of our culture and the experience we want every student to have at Breakaway Academy.

This Back-to-School Resource Guide is designed to be your go-to resource as we begin the year. Inside, you'll find important information about schedules, procedures, communication, uniforms, lunch, academics, athletics, and everything you need to help your child have a successful start.

Thank you for choosing Breakaway Academy for your child's education and athletic development. We're looking forward to all that's ahead.

Sincerely,

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BREAKAWAY ACADEMY CODE OF CONDUCT

Breakaway Academy expects students to conduct themselves in keeping with their levels of development, maturity, and demonstrated capabilities, with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities and the care of school facilities and equipment, consistent with the code of student conduct:

- I will treat everyone with respect.
- I will treat personal, school, and arena property with respect.
- I will create and maintain a positive and safe school environment.
- I will come to school on time and prepared for learning.
- I will act responsibly and accept the consequences for my actions.

DISCIPLINE

Breakaway Academy has no tolerance for transgressions that interfere with the safe learning environment of others in any manner. We believe all children have the right to attend school in a positive, constructive, learning environment. If a student interferes with another's right to learn in a safe, positive environment, that student will receive consequences commensurate with the transgression and may be considered for expulsion.

STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

Our Student and Parent Handbook includes information about policies, practices, and procedures at Breakaway Academy. This handbook is designed to serve as your one source of information to explain our school policies. The handbook can be located on our website under the Parents menu >> All Resources.

ONLINE PARENT RESOURCES

Please take time to visit our website at breakawayacademy.net/parents to access helpful resources under the Parents menu >> All Resources.

Access information like the school calendar, view lunch menus, purchase uniforms, and more. Find quick links to the most commonly used tools: attendance reporting, Monday Mentions, SchoolPass instructions, instructions for accessing Google Classroom, report cards, and student schedules.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The academic calendar can be found on our website under the Parents menu.

To subscribe to Breakaway Academy calendars, including lunch menus, use the instructions linked below:

- Subscribe to Breakaway Academy Calendars

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

We utilize technology platforms that provide excellent communication benefits to you as parents. New family login credentials will be emailed the week of August 31st.

- Google Classroom is used to manage, measure, and enrich learning experiences. Parents may login to your child's Google Classroom for each class to view the daily objective and activities that students perform to reach those objectives.

  To access Google Classrom, use the instructions linked below:

  - Instructions for Accessing Google Classroom

- Educate enables you to view your child's schedule and attendance history; check grades and report cards; view the Family Directory.

- TADS manages online tuition payments, lunch billings, and other fees.

- SchoolPass, our dismissal and athletic flex app, is used to check-in at dismissal and select athletic flex training.

STUDENT CLASS SCHEDULES

Your child's class schedule will be posted in Educate, our academic student-management system, the week of August 31st.

- Instructions for Viewing Student Schedules

SCHEDULE FOR HOCKEY STUDENT-ATHLETES

Academics and off-ice performance training are at our school within Champions Hall. Hockey training takes place at nearby Braemar Arena, Minnesota Made Edina, Minnesota Made Valley View, and Eden Prairie Community Center.

- The 4th and 5th grade rink shuttle departs school at 8:00 am for the rinks. If you're unable to dropoff your 4th or 5th grader directly at the rink, dropoff at school **no later than 8:00 am** to catch the rink shuttle.
- The 8th grade rink shuttle departs rinks and returns to school by 3:40 pm. If you're unable to pickup your 8th grader directly from the rink, pickup at school after 3:40 pm at the Breakaway Academy main entrance.

4th Grade	
8:00 - 8:30 am	Drop-Off at the Rink
8:45 – 9:55 am	On-Ice Hockey Training
10:25 – 11:20 am	Academics/Performance*
11:25 – 11:45 am	Lunch
11:50 am – 3:10 pm	Academics/Performance*
After 3:15 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:15 pm for pickup.	

*Class rotation. Varies per student.
Dropoff: Minnesota Made
Pickup: Breakaway Academy Main Entrance

5th Grade	
8:00 - 8:30 am	Drop-Off at the Rink
8:45 – 9:55 am	On-Ice Hockey Training
10:25 – 11:40 am	Performance Training
11:40 am – 12:03 pm	Lunch
12:03 – 3:20 pm	Academics
After 3:25 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:25 pm for pickup.	

Dropoff: Designated Rinks**
Pickup: Breakaway Academy Main Entrance

6th Grade	
8:00 - 8:25 am	Drop-Off
8:30 – 9:35 am	Performance Training
10:10 – 11:20 am	On-Ice Hockey Training
11:45 am – 12:07 pm	Lunch
12:07 – 3:30 pm	Academics
After 3:35 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:35 pm for pickup.	

Dropoff and Pickup: Breakaway Academy Main Entrance

7th Grade	
8:00 - 8:15 am	Drop-Off
8:20 am – 12:03 pm	Academics
12:03 – 12:23 pm	Lunch
12:50 – 2:00 pm	On-Ice Hockey Training
2:30 – 3:40 pm	Performance Training
After 3:45 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:45 pm for pickup.	

Dropoff: Breakaway Academy Main Entrance
Pickup: Champions Hall Main Entrance

8th Grade	
8:00 - 8:15 am	Drop-Off
8:20 am – 12:07 pm	Academics
12:07 – 12:25 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 1:35 pm	Performance Training
2:15 – 3:25 pm	On-Ice Hockey Training
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Pickup at the Rink

Dropoff: Champions Hall Main Entrance
Pickup: Designated Rinks**

Parent Pickup Reminders

- Do not arrive earlier than your child's designated pickup time.
- Be sure to use SchoolPass to alert us of your arrival.
- If picking up multiple children dismissing at different times, arrive at the latest timeslot.
- 3:20-3:40 pm will see the heaviest congestion—if your schedule permits, arrive a little later to avoid peak time. 3:45-3:55 pm is an alternative.
- All students must be picked up by 4:00 pm.

** *Rink schedules will be emailed prior to the start of school.*

SCHEDULE FOR SOCCER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Academics, performance training, and soccer training are at our school within Champions Hall in Eden Prairie.

4th Grade

8:00 - 8:25 am	Drop-Off
8:30 – 10:25 am	A.A.A. and Performance Training
10:30 – 11:25 am	Soccer Training
11:25 – 11:45 am	Lunch
11:50 am – 3:10 pm	Academics
After 3:15 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:15 pm for pickup.	

5th Grade

8:00 - 8:25 am	Drop-Off
8:30 – 10:25 am	A.A.A. and Performance Training
10:30 – 11:40 am	Soccer Training
11:40 am – 12:03 pm	Lunch
12:03 – 3:20 pm	Academics
After 3:25 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:25 pm for pickup.	

6th Grade

8:00 - 8:25 am	Drop-Off
8:30 – 10:25 am	Athletic Training and Performance Training
10:30 – 11:45 am	Soccer Training
11:45 am – 12:07 pm	Lunch
12:07 – 3:30 pm	Academics
After 3:35 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:35 pm for pickup.	

7th Grade

8:00 - 8:15 am	Drop-Off
8:20 am – 12:03 pm	Academics
12:03 – 12:23 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Soccer Training
2:00 – 3:40 pm	Athletic Training and Performance Training
After 3:45 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:45 pm for pickup.	

8th Grade

8:00 - 8:15 am	Drop-Off
8:20 am – 12:07 pm	Academics
12:07 – 12:25 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Soccer Training
2:00 – 3:40 pm	Athletic Training and Performance Training
After 3:45 pm	Parent Pickup
Please do not arrive earlier than 3:45 pm for pickup.	

Parent Pickup Reminders

Grades 4-7:

- Drop-off: Breakaway Academy Main Entrance
- Pickup: Champions Hall Main Entrance

Grade 8 Only:

Drop-off / Pickup: Champions Hall Main Entrance

Important:

- Do not arrive earlier than your child's designated pickup time.
- Be sure to use SchoolPass to alert us of your arrival.
- If picking up multiple children dismissing at different times, arrive at the latest timeslot.
- All students must be picked up by 4:00 pm.

See next page for explanation of Academic and Athletic Academy (A.A.A.) and Athletic Training

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

If your child will be absent, late, or require early release, please email us.

To report a 4th-8th grade attendance change, send an email by 8:20 am to attendance@breakawayacademy.net

- Be sure to include your child's name, grade, and nature of the absence, late arrival, or early release.
- Tip: Enter the above email address as a contact in your phone for easy reference in the future.

ATHLETIC FLEX OPTIONS

To support student well-being and minimize burnout, students may occasionally opt out of hockey or soccer, with parent permission, and participate in Athletic Flex instead. These structured activities promote physical and mental development. Parents choose these daily athletic options on a weekly basis via the SchoolPass app.

Athletic Training: 6th-8th grade students have nearly two hours of instructor-led activities that focus on mobility, sport mindset, nutrition, mental toughness, and opportunities to try various sports.

Academic and Athletic Academy (A.A.A): Students in 4th and 5th grade may occasionally opt out of hockey or soccer for the same reasons as our older students, but their time will be structured a little differently. They will rotate between a variety of athletic and academic enrichment activities, called Academic and Athletic Academy.

To make your child's Athletic Flex selection, use the SchoolPass app. Instructions are linked below:

- Selecting Athletic Flex - Must be done by 8:20 am
  - Athletic Training / A.A.A. selection in SchoolPass is for use only when your child is present at school and will opt out of hockey or soccer.
  - If your child will arrive late or leave early, resulting in a hockey or soccer absence, send an email notification to attendance@breakawayacademy.net.

For future reference, SchoolPass instructions can be found on our website under the Parents menu >> All Resources.

DROP-OFF AND PICKUP PROCESS

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pickup Times

All grades have different drop-off and pickup times. Refer to the hockey or soccer schedules on pages 6 and 7.

- If dropping off multiple children who start at different times, arrive at your group's earliest start time.
- If picking up multiple children who dismiss at different times, arrive at your group's latest pickup time.

Parking Lot Traffic Pattern

Follow the grade-specific traffic routes on the maps below to keep students safe and traffic flowing:

Morning Drop-Off

- 4th Grade Hockey Students drop-off directly at Minnesota Made
- 5th Grade Hockey Students drop-off directly at designated rinks*
- 6th & 7th Hockey Students Grade Drop-Off Map
- 8th Grade Hockey Students Drop-Off Map
- All Soccer & General Sports Students Drop-Off Map

Afternoon Pickup

- 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Hockey Students Pickup Map
- 7th Grade Hockey Students Pickup Map
- 8th Grade Hockey Students pickup directly at designated rinks*
- All Soccer & General Sports Students Pickup Map

*We use multiple hockey rinks for some grades. Rink assignments for 5th grade morning drop-off and 8th grade afternoon pickup will be shared separately.

New in 2067/27!

New Entry & Exit Route for Afternoon Pickup

- Only right turns entering or exiting the parking lot via Washington Avenue are permitted between 3:00 - 4:00 pm.
- No left turns in or out of the parking lot are allowed between 3:00 - 4:00 pm.
- Review the Entry & Exit Route Map for a visual guide.

Afternoon Pickup Procedure

- Upon arrival, enter an appropriate lane as noted on the route maps above and remain in your vehicle.
- Use the SchoolPass app to indicate you are onsite. Refer to page 11 for step-by-step SchoolPass instructions.
- After you make selections in SchoolPass, a notification will be sent to our staff, and your child will be released once class, performance training, or soccer training is finished.

DROP-OFF AND PICKUP PROCESS (CONT.)

Pickup Expectations

- Only right turns entering or exiting the parking lot via Washington Avenue are permitted between 3:00 - 4:00 pm. No left turns in or out of the parking lot are allowed during afternoon pickup. Review the Entry & Exit Route Map for a visual guide.
- Do not arrive before your assigned pickup time. If you happen to arrive early, wait in an available parking space or along 69th Avenue—not in a pickup line.
- If you need to come inside, please use a parking space. Do not leave your vehicle unattended in a pickup line.
- If picking up multiple children who dismiss at different times, arrive at your group's latest pickup time.

Pickup Tips

- Always pull forward as much as possible when in pickup lines.
- Remember, when exiting the lot during afternoon dismissal, only right turns are permitted. No left turns allowed.
- 3:20-3:40 pm will see the heaviest congestion - if your schedule permits, arrive a little later to avoid peak time. 3:45-3:55 pm is an alternate.
- Share this info with grandparents, nannies, or anyone authorized to pickup your child.
- Grade 7, Soccer and General Sports Students:
    - When picking up at the Champions Hall main entrance, pull forward beyond the Champions Hall doors and form a line along Rhody's deck.
    - To help keep traffic moving, consider using an available parking space when the pickup line is long instead of waiting in the pickup line.

Safety Reminders

- Do not cut through parking spaces to enter the outbound exit lane.
- Yield to buses entering at approximately 3:25 and 3:40 pm.
- Follow the directions of the Parking Lot Attendants.
- Drive slowly and watch for pedestrians.

DISMISSAL USING SCHOOLPASS

Upon arrival at school for dismissal, enter a pickup lane as shown on the maps linked on page 9. Use the SchoolPass app to alert us you are in the pickup line.

Follow the SchoolPass instructions linked below:

- SchoolPass Dismissal Instructions
- Moving to Another Carpool - must be done by 2:45 pm

SchoolPass Early Pickup Mode

Sometimes parents are in SchoolPass "Early Pickup" mode. This happens if the app is open before you arrive—geofencing won't trigger, and we won't get your arrival notification.

To fix, follow the steps below:

- Fully close down the app by following the video instructions below.
  - Closing Apps on an iPhone
  - Closing Apps on an Samsung
- Repeat daily as necessary.

SchoolPass Troubleshooting

- For the best experience, use the SchoolPass app—not the web version.
- If you have trouble in the pickup line, ask a parking lot attendant for help.
- Refreshing the app usually fixes issues—fully close and reopen it using the video instructions above.

Early Dismissal

The SchoolPass dismissal alert is not for use with early dismissal.
For early dismissals, you must come inside and sign your child out.

8th Grade Dismissal at Rinks (Hockey Student-Athletes Only)

The SchoolPass dismissal alert is only available for dismissal from school or Champions Hall. If picking up at the rink, please text or call your child to notify them you have arrived.

TRANSPORTATION

AM/PM Bus Service

Our dedicated bus service provides transportation to and from designated locations, as well as between our Chaska and Eden Prairie locations.

If you need to sign up for the bus service, you can still sign up using the Transportation Sign-Up Form.

Final bus routes and times will be shared the week of August 31st with families who signed up for the bus service.

GroupMe for AM/PM Bus Service

We use GroupMe to communicate daily.

- Drivers use it to alert parents before departing each stop.
- Parents use it to alert the driver of student absence.
- Join the approprate GroupMe using the following link:
  - K-3rd Grade Intercampus Shuttle GroupMe
  - North Route GroupMe (Maple Grove, Plymouth, Wayzata)
  - South Route GroupMe (Lakeville, Prior Lake)
  - East Route GroupMe (Woodbury, Eagan)
  - West Route GroupMe (Victoria, Shorewood, Minnetonka)

Rink Shuttle Service

Hockey student-athletes are transported to and from hockey training at nearby Braemar Arena, Minnesota Made Edina, Minnesota Made Valley View, and Eden Prairie Community Center.

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- The 8th grade rink shuttle departs rinks and returns to school by 3:40 pm. If you're unable to pickup your 8th grader directly from the rink, pickup at school after 3:40 pm at the Breakaway Academy main entrance.

CHROMEBOOKS OR LAPTOPS

- New students who selected the technology package that includes a Chromebook are provided the device during the first week of school.
- Returning students should bring their school-issued Chromebook, if applicable, or provide a personal computer for use at school. Don't forget to charge it before school begins.

We utilize Google accounts to monitor, track and administer usage. These accounts are accessed using breakawayacademy.net credentials issued during the student's onboarding process.

MOBILE DEVICES

Student cell phones, smart watches, or other mobile devices are not to be used during school hours, including but not limited to use in the classroom, locker room, turf, and/or school bus. Should students choose to bring them, they are checked in and out each day.

If students need to contact their parent/guardian, they must receive permission from a teacher, coach, or staff member to use their device while at the front desk.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We provide a comprehensive school supplies package for a flat fee billed via TADS, our online payment system. The cost is $90 for 4th-8th grade students. No sign up required. The school supplies fee has already been applied to your TADS account.

The flat fee covers nearly all essential school supplies that your child needs for their classes from the first day of school until the end of the year and all those extra general items, like tissues, paper towels, wipes, copy paper, and dry-erase markers.

Items you must supply:

- Pencil case, if desired
- Headphones compatible with the school-issued Chromebook or personal computer. (All grades)
  Tip: Headphones with a 3.5mm jack are compatible with Chromebooks.
- Chromebook or laptop, if not utilizing the school-issued device. (Grades 4-8)
- TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (Grades 6-8)

LUNCH & A LA CARTE OPTIONS

Lunch

Students may bring their own healthy lunch or select optional lunch provided by Rhody's Craft House, the restaurant/cafe in Champions Hall.

- Choices include a hot entrée, cold meat and cheese sandwich, or peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
- Each meal includes entree, servings of fruit, vegetable, and a carton of milk.
- All meals are $8.00 each; a second portion of the entree is $3.50; a second side is $2.00; a second carton of milk is $1.00.
- Bottled drinks and snacks are sold separately.

A La Carte Options

Snacks and drinks are available for students to purchase a la carte at Rhody's Craft House.

- Rhody's offers snacks, beverages, and meals to the public during regular business hours. For students, purchases are limited to before or after school and their designated lunch period only.
- We recommend setting parameters with your child about the a la carte items you allow them to purchase.
- Students are not permitted to buy items for other students.
- A strong emphasis on choosing healthy snacks is taught and reinforced frequently throughout the school year.

Lunch Orders & Payments

- Families make their selections monthly via a Google Form.
- If interested in September hot lunch, watch for the September Lunch Order Form sent via email the week of August 24th.
- Lunch fees are charged in the event of an absence unless a cancellation is received one week in advance.
- Lunch money does not need to be preloaded to your account. Lunch fees are processed through TADS, our online payment system, at the end of each month and due on the 15th of the following month.
- Tax and processing fee apply to all charges.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Please be mindful of students with peanut, tree nut, or other food allergies before sending lunch or snacks to school. Talk with your child about the importance of proper handwashing. Students should always wash their hands with soap and water after eating, especially after consuming foods containing peanuts or tree nuts.

HEALTHY SNACK IDEAS

Eating with intention is something to be mindful of as part of developing an athlete and student of character. Fresh fruit and vegetables with dips that provide protein are an ideal snack choice for athletes.

The best options for snacks are found outside the aisles of prepackaged foods at the grocery store. These are colorful items and may need some prep at home prior to bringing them to school. Consider including your child in food prep to help reinforce the lifestyle choices that it takes to foster an elite body and mind.

Fruits and Vegetables

Apples
Bananas
Berries
Broccoli
Cantaloupe
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery Sticks
Cucumbers
Grapefruit Cups
Grapes
Honeydew
Oranges or Clementines
Sugar Snap Pea Pods
Watermelon

Other Snacks Options

Applesauce Pouches or Cups
Beef Jerky
Canned Fruit with No Added Sugar
Cheese Sticks, Cubes, or Babybel
Cottage Cheese and Fruit
Dried Fruit
Granola Bars (Clif, ZBar, Kind, Lara Bar)
Greek Yogurt and Fruit
Whole Grain Crackers and Cheese
Half Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread
Meat and Cheese Roll Ups
Hummus with Pita Chips or Veggies
Mini Bagel and Cream Cheese
Organic Protein Bars
Raisins
Whole Grain Pretzels
Brands: Popchips, Popcorners, Skinny Pop, Terra, Whole Grain Sun Chips

UNHEALTHY FOODS

The goal of a snack or lunch is to provide energy in the middle of the day or before and after exercise. Food is fuel and it should have a purpose.

To reinforce this, only healthy snacks are allowed at Breakaway Academy. If a snack is deemed unhealthy, the student will be asked to put it away.

The following food and drink are not allowed at Breakaway Academy:

- Candy
- Cookies
- Doughnuts
- Snack Cakes
- Unhealthy Potato Chips
- Soda Pop/Energy Drinks

The Breakaway Academy uniform consists of the following dress standards for *Academics:*

Academics

Students are expected to wear the following uniform to class:

- Red or blue polo shirt with Breakaway Academy logo
- Black or gray UNRL polo shirt with Breakaway Academy logo is also acceptable.
- Khaki or black UNRL Performance pants with Breakaway Academy logo
- Non-Breakaway Academy khaki pants are also acceptable.*
- Non-Breakaway Academy khaki shorts or skirts are acceptable during warm weather.*
- Blue or red UNRL Sublimated hoodie with Breakaway Academy logo
- Red or black UNRL Crossover hoodie with Breakaway Academy logo
- Jackets with the Breakaway Academy logo may be worn during colder weather.

The following are <u>not</u> acceptable uniforms for class:

- Performance shirts, including UNRL Stride shirts
- Performance gym shorts
- 60/40 fleece joggers
- Any shorts or skirts that are not khaki in color
- Any non-Breakaway Academy hoodies, shirts, pants, or jackets.

*Non-Breakaway Academy khaki pants, shorts, or skirts are not available in the Online Uniform Store. Must be purchased separately.

REMEMBER TO LABEL PANTS, JOGGERS, HATS, AND JACKETS.

The Breakaway Academy uniform consists of the following dress standards for *Athletics:*

Performance Training

Students are expected to wear the following uniform to Performance Training:

- Red or blue performance shirt or black or gray UNRL Stride shirt - all with the Breakaway Academy logo**
- Black performance shorts or the red/blue UNRL Sublimated shorts with the Breakaway Academy logo**
- Gray joggers with the Breakaway Academy logo may be worn during colder weather.
- The Breakaway Academy soccer uniform is also acceptable.

The following are <u>not</u> acceptable uniforms for Performance Training or Soccer Training:

- Any non-Breakaway Academy performance shirts, shorts, pants, or hoodies
- Breakaway Academy red or blue polo shirt
- Breakaway Academy khaki or black UNRL Performance pants
- Any khaki pants, shorts, or skirts
- Any hats, stocking caps, or jackets

On-Ice Hockey Training

Students are expected to wear the following uniform to On-Ice Hockey Training:

- Breakaway Academy red or white jersey
- Breakaway Academy hockey socks
- Breakaway Academy hockey bag
- Hockey gear, including neck guards

Soccer Training

Students are expected to wear the following uniform to Soccer Training:

- Breakaway Academy red or blue Nike performance shirt
- Breakaway Academy black Nike performance shorts
- Nike socks in blue
- The performance training uniform is also acceptable.

REMEMBER TO LABEL PANTS, JOGGERS, HATS, AND JACKETS.

**Black or gray UNRL Stride Shirt and red/blue UNRL Sublimated shorts with Breakaway Academy logo are retired and no longer available for reorder. Students are permitted to continue wearing them for performance training only.

HOW TO ORDER UNIFORMS

Our Online Uniform Store is open select periods throughout the year. Orders are processed at the end of each ordering period and deliver 2-4 weeks *once the order window closes.*

Find the link to the Online Uniform Store on our website under the Parents menu.

ORDERING OPPORTUNITIES

Order Windows

#1	September 1st - 15th
#2	November 1st - 15th
#3	January 1s - 15th
#4	March 1st - 15th
#5	May 1st - 15th
#6	July 1st - 15th

*Due to lengthy production times, the UNRL Sublimated Hoodie is only available for ordering during the September, January, and July order windows.

Delivery times are estimates; timelines may be delayed due to industry factors. All items are considered custom-decorated; all sales are final. No returns or exchanges on personalized items.

We accept exchanges on hockey socks. Hockey socks must be new and unworn to qualify for an exchange. We also sell hockey socks during regular school hours. Inquire at the front desk in Eden Prairie or email Kristy Nutter for details.

Hockey/Soccer Jackets and Spirit Wear

- There are ordering windows in the fall for Breakaway Academy logo hockey and soccer jackets.
- We also offer spirit wear available for online purchase during the same ordering window schedule above. Find the link to the BA Fan Shop on our website under the Parents menu. (Note: Spirit wear is not an acceptable uniform item and may not be worn to school.)
- A select variety of hats and t-shirts may be purchased at the front desk of the Eden Prairie school. Inquire at the front desk for more info.

Contact Info

- For questions about orders, contact Mike Nelson with Athletic Outfitters.
- For general uniform questions, contact Jessica Martin.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Healthy snacks are permitted if your child wants to bring a birthday treat to share with classmates. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher. Healthy ideas include mini bagels, fruit kabobs, pretzels, popcorn, baked crackers, or granola bars. No donuts, cupcakes, or junk food.

GAME DAYS

Hockey Student-Athletes

On hockey game days, students play either full-ice 5-on-5 games or small-area games, depending on the training phase and time of year. Team standings are kept, teams are seeded, and participate in playoffs.

Game Day schedules for 2026/27 are as follows:

- Tuesdays: 7th grade and 8th grade
- Wednesdays: 4th, 5th, and 6th grade

At the end of the school year, we host the Hegenes Cup Championship, an annual hockey tournament honoring one of our founding members, Gary Hegenes.

Soccer Student-Athletes

Students play weekly games on Fridays and the school year wraps up with the Sivongsay Cup competition, named after our soccer coach, Tommy Sivongsay.

BA BUCKS

Students have opportunities to earn BA Bucks as rewards for demonstrating good character, exceeding academic expectations, overcoming athletic challenges, and more. BA Bucks are used to purchase items from the BA Store. They are a privilege and may be taken away if misused.

The BA Store accepts many types of donations - sporting event tickets, experiences, hockey memorabilia, or gift cards - just to name a few. If you'd like to donate any items to the BA Bucks Store, please contact Heather Baranivsky, Breakaway Foundation Director.

The BA Store is funded in part by the Breakaway Foundation, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID # 81-1768029.

MONDAY MENTIONS

We love recognizing current student success on our social media channels through a campaign called "Monday Mentions." We give shoutouts for academic and athletic achievement or for demonstrating high moral character.

To submit a Monday Mention, complete the Monday Mentions Submission Form by **9pm on Sunday** to be featured the following day.

For future reference, the Monday Mentions Submission Form is found on our website under the Parents menu. Tip: Bookmark the link on your phone and/or computer for easy reference in the future.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on our social media sites so you see the Monday Mentions and other great activities taking place at Breakaway Academy.

Be sure to like and double tap a few posts to help us stay in your news feed and show your love for our students by making positive comments, too.

You can find us here:

- Facebook: Breakaway Academy
- Instagram: Breakaway Academy
- TikTok: Breakaway Academy
- Twitter: @BrkwyAcademy
- YouTube: Breakaway Academy Official

At Breakaway Academy, students have many opportunities to participate in various charitable acts throughout the school year. Following is a sampling of our favorite charitable contributions.

Service Learning Projects

The Service Learning Program is a meaningful opportunity for students to connect with a specific non-profit organization throughout the school year.

Each grade level will complete multiple service projects to help support the mission of their chosen charity. The year-long charity relationship builds a connection and sense of community.

BA Brick Cup Charity Hockey Tournament

Held on the Monday after Thanksgiving Break, we celebrate the BA Brick Cup, a charity hockey tournament for Squirt/10U players. We also welcome 6th, 7th, and 8th grade volunteers to assist with game day operations. Funds raised are donated to the winning grade's service-learning charity partner.

Character Week

Held during Valentine's Day week, Character Week at Breakaway Academy is a fun, themed week where students celebrate our core values with daily dress-up and special activities. It also includes a charitable act to encourage kindness and giving back.

Coin Wars

Students participate in Coin Wars during the Kindness and Charity Character unit in December. This is a fun competition between grades to inspire our students to raise money for their service-learning charity partner.

Clothing Drive

Grades K-8 participate in a winter clothing drive in November to help those in need of cold weather items.

Hockey Equipment Drive

Grades K-8 participate in a hockey equipment drive to support the 8th grade service-learning charity partner, DinoMights, a local non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hockey to everyone.

BREAKAWAY ACADEMY PARENT AMBASSADORS

Our Parent Ambassador Program is a parent-led organization with one goal - to foster a feeling of community and enrich the experience for students, parents, and staff at Breakaway Academy.

The Ambassador Team coordinates special events, like Back-To-School gatherings for each grade, parent social events, holiday class parties, organizes holiday gift donations, or any key grade level activities or times that we need helping hands. This team also plays a role in coordinating our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Party with a Purpose.

The Ambassador Team is led by Heather Baranivsky, Breakaway Foundation Director and alumni parent, with oversight from school administration. Feel free to contact Heather Baranivsky for more info, ideas, suggestions, or to get involved.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We host several unique fundraising events each year, each designed to engage our community in meaningful ways and support our students' growth.

Shopping Events

Throughout the year, several local businesses host shopping events benefiting the Breakaway Foundation. Details and updates are shared ahead of each event to keep our community connected and involved.

Party with a Purpose

Our largest fundraiser of the year, Party with a Purpose, brings parents and friends together to make a positive impact on the student experience at Breakaway Academy. The next event will be held September 25th, 2026.

Family & Friends Golf Scramble

Taking place the first Monday in August, this 18-hole golf scramble is a fun, family-friendly event designed to create lasting memories while supporting the Breakaway Foundation.

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & ORIENTATION

We will host Open House and Orientation events on Wednesday, September 2nd for grades 4-8. This gives students and parents an opportunity to get schedules, meet staff, and get to know other families at Breakaway Academy.

4th-8th Grade New Student/Parent Orientation

- 3:00 - 3:45 pm - 7th and 8th Grade
- 3:45 - 4:30 pm - 5th and 6th Grade
- 4:30 - 5:15 pm - 4th Grade*

5th-8th Grade Open House for Returning Students

- 5:15 - 6:30 pm

*All new and returning 4th grade students should attend the 4th grade Orientation session from 4:30-5:15 pm.

JERSEY DAY

Friday, September 11th is Jersey Day. This long-standing Breakaway tradition is a fun way to kick off the new school year and connect with classmates over favorite teams and sports. Students may wear a jersey representing their favorite team or player, paired with standard uniform bottoms.

PICTURE DAY

Students wear their red or blue collared uniform shirt with Breakaway Academy logo for picture day. They wear their Breakaway Academy red jersey with hockey socks for hockey pictures and red or blue performance shirt with black shorts for soccer/general sports pictures.

4th-8th Grade School Portraits

- Tuesday, September 15th

4th-8th Grade Sports Picture Day

- Dates to be announced

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

What better way to kick off a new school year than a great night out with the Breakaway Academy community. Party With a Purpose is September 25th, and it's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new families, and enjoy a fun night together—all while supporting the Breakaway Foundation and the student experience at Breakaway Academy.

After dinner and the program, the fun continues with a just-for-fun Casino Night, so gather your friends and get ready to Bet on Breakaway Academy!

Save the date now, and watch for more details on tickets and auction items.

CONTACT PERSONNEL

ACADEMICS

Joyce Thomas, Director of Education
- *Oversees the development and execution of curriculum.*
- *Identifies and assists students with academic struggles.*
- *Promotes professional and academic growth of staff.*

Gretchen Stramel, Dean of Students
- *Inputs academic student and teacher scheduling and class placement.*
- *Processes student report cards, transcripts, and records.*
- *Organizes supervision and assistance for teachers and students.*

ATHLETICS

- Nick Mattson, Director of Hockey Operations
- JP LaFontaine, Director of Hockey Operations
- Andrew Roper, Director of Performance Training Operations
- Tommy Sivongsay, Director of Soccer Operations

Teachers and Coaches:
- You are welcome to contact teachers and coaches directly via email.
- Email addresses consist of firstname.lastname@breakawayacademy.net.
- Contact info can be found on our website, under About, then select Staff.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Emily Campbell, Multimedia Specialist
- *Photography and Video Production, Social Media*

Heather Hansen, Health Specialist
- *Health Services, Attendance*

Kristy Nutter, Administrative Assistant & Receptionist
- *General Questions, Attendance, Administrative Support*

Jessica Martin, Director of Communications & Community Relations
- *Communications, Social Media, Uniforms, Events, Breakaway Foundation*

Colton Witte, Director of Operations & Technology
- *School Operations, Billing, Tech Support, Transportation, Lunch*

Andy Brink, Founder and School Administrator
- *Academics, Athletic Training Programs, Personnel, School Operations*

Dave Snuggerud, Founder and School Administrator
- *Academics, Athletic Training Programs, Personnel, School Operations*

REQUIRED FORMS FOR GRADES 4-8

If you have not yet completed the required forms, please review and complete as needed.

START OF SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't done so yet, please take this short questionnaire to help us better serve your child's individual needs.

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Please complete the Transportation Reimbursement Form - if you haven't done so yet. This allows Breakaway Academy to receive reimbursement from the State of Minnesota. This funding plays an important role in helping us keep our bus service costs affordable.

- This form is required for every student, both new and returning, regardless of whether you use the Breakaway Academy bus service.
- Print, complete, and email to gretchen.stramel@breakawayacademy.net

HEALTH FORMS

- All New Students are required to complete the Health Information Form.
- Returning Students with any changes in health history should complete the Health Information Form so we have updated info on record.
- New and Returning Students: If your child requires prescription meds during school hours, please complete the Prescription Medication Consent Form.
- An immunization record is required for New and Returning 7th grade students.
- If a child's parent or guardian wishes to be exempt, based on their beliefs, from one or more immunization requirements, the parent may submit a statement to this effect, signed by the submitting person and notarized.
- If you have not yet emailed completed forms and/or immunization records to our health specialist team at healthspecialist@breakawayacademy.net, please bring them to the Open House/New Family Orientation events on September 2nd or on the first day of school.

TRANSPORTATION

If you need to sign up for the bus service, you can still sign up using the Transportation Sign-Up Form.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH SELECTIONS

Check your email on August 24th for the September lunch order form.