BREAKAWAY ACADEMY®

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE 2026-2027

## GRADES K-3

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.

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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 is located on our website under the Parents menu.

## 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, purchase uniforms; access technology platforms; view lunch menus, and more.

Find quick links to the most commonly used tools: attendance reporting, Monday Mentions, SchoolPass instructions, report cards, and more.

## 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

## CLASS PLACEMENT

Your child's class placement with teacher information and Teacher Meet & Greet Signup Genius will be emailed within the next week.

## TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

We utilize technology platforms that provide excellent communication benefits to you as parents. Quick access to these tools can be found on our website under the Parents menu >> All Resources.

- Educate enables you to view your child's schedule and attendance history; check grades and report cards; view the Family Directory.
- IXL facilitates your child's individualized learning.
- TADS manages online tuition payments, lunch billings, and other fees.
- SchoolPass app is used to select daily athletic options.

### Login Credentials

- New family login credentials will be emailed the week of August 31st.

## K-3RD GRADE SCHEDULE

School is in session for grades K-3 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at our school within the Chaska Community Center (CCC). Drop-off and pick-up are at the CCC Arena Entrance. Drop-off begins 30 minutes prior and pick-up remains 15 minutes after.

| K/1st Grade | |
|---|---|
| 8:30 – 9:30 am | Athletics |
| 9:45 – 10:45 am | Athletics |
| 11:00 – 11:45 am | Lunch/Recess |
| 11:45 am – 12:30 pm | Academic Courses: Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Skills (Order varies per class) |
| 12:30 – 1:15 pm | |
| 1:15 – 2:15 pm | |
| 2:15 – 3:00 pm | |
| 3:00– 3:15 pm | Dismissal/Pick-Up |

| 2nd/3rd Grade | |
|---|---|
| 8:30 – 9:15 am | Academic Courses: Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Skills (Order varies per class) |
| 9:15 – 10:00 am | |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am | |
| 11:00 – 11:45 am | |
| 11:45 am – 12:15 pm | Lunch |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Athletics |
| 1:45 – 2:45 pm | Athletics |
| 3:00– 3:15 pm | Dismissal/Pick-Up |

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After School forms will be sent out weekly for the upcoming week's needs. Sign up for the days you need, and pay for the days you use.

## ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent, late, or require early release, please email us. Be sure to include your child's name, grade, and nature of the absence, early release, or late arrival.

**To report a K-3rd grade attendance change, send an email to your child's teacher and copy Sean Bloomfield, our principal.**

## ATHLETIC FLEX OPTIONS

To support student well-being and help prevent burnout, students may occasionally opt out of hockey on any given day with parent permission. Parents choose these daily athletic options on a weekly basis via the SchoolPass app.

In Kindergarten and 1st grade, the options are:

(1) One hour of hockey and one hour of gym
(2) Two hours of gym that provide additional physical activity and directed play.

In 2nd and 3rd grade, the options are:

(1) One hour of hockey and one hour of gym
(2) One hour of gym and one hour of academic/athletic enrichment activities, such as nutrition lessons, supplemental classroom work, additional athletic games, and character development lessons.

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

Selecting Athletic Flex Instructions - must be done by 8:20 am

- Athletic selection in SchoolPass is for use only when your child is present at school and will opt out of hockey.
- If your child will arrive late or leave early, resulting in a hockey absence, report it using our standard attendance reporting method noted in the Attendance section above.

SchoolPass login credentials for new families will be emailed the week of August 31st.

## 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 Students and All Kindergarten 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 us at healthspecialist@breakawayacademy.net, please bring them to the Meet & Greet on Tuesday, September 1st or on the first day of school.

## 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

## BUS SERVICE: AM/PM ROUTES

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.

Contact Colton Witte with any questions about transportation.

## BUS SERVICE: INTERCAMPUS SHUTTLE

For families enrolled in our shuttle service between the Chaska and Eden Prairie locations, drop-off and pickup takes place at the Eden Prairie location.

Below, you'll find important details about where and when to drop-off and pickup your child.

### Morning Drop-Off

- Students must be at school by 8:00 am to catch the shuttle bus.
- Follow the traffic route on the K-3rd Grade Shuttle Drop-Off Map.
- If you choose to wait with your child until the shuttle bus arrives, please park along the west end of the lot, rather than wait in a dropoff lane.

### Afternoon Pickup

- The shuttle bus arrives at approximately 3:30 pm.
- Follow the traffic route on the K-3rd Grade Shuttle Pickup Map.
- Park along the west end of the lot. We recommend backing your vehicle in.
- Once the K-3rd grade shuttle bus has arrived, safely cross the parking lot and the pickup lanes to the bus loading zone.

**New in 2067/27!**

### Entry & Exit Route at Breakaway Academy Eden Prairie

- 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.

### GroupMe for Intercampus Shuttle Riders

- 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 GroupMe using the following link: K-3rd Grade Shuttle GroupMe

## CHROMEBOOKS OR LAPTOPS

- New K-3rd grade students are provided a school-issued Chromebook during the first week of school.
- Returning K-3rd grade students should bring their school-issued Chromebook with charger.
- Students have the option to leave their Chromebook at school overnight. Our secure Chromebook cart locks and provides charging outlets, so devices can be safely stored and fully charged for the next school day.

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, gym, and/or school bus. Should students choose to bring them, they are checked in and out each day.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Families have the choice of utilizing our school supplies package or providing your own supplies.

### School-Provided Supply Pack

We provide a comprehensive school supplies package for a flat fee billed via TADS, our online payment system. The cost is $90 for K-3rd grade students.

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.

There are just a small number of items you may need to supply in K-3rd grade:

- Pencil case, if desired
- Headphones compatible with the school-issued Chromebook (All grades)
  Tip: Headphones with a 3.5mm jack are compatible with Chromebooks.

### School-Provided Supplies Sign Up

To verify whether you've signed up for school-provided supplies, check your TADS account under Billing for the "school supplies" charge.

### Self-Provided Supplies

If you choose to purchase your school supplies, the supply lists are available below:

- K/1st Grade Supply List
- 2nd/3rd Grade Supply List

## LUNCH

Students may bring their own healthy lunch or select optional hot lunch provided by Cy's Grill in downtown Chaska.

- Each meal includes entree, servings of fruit, vegetable, and carton of milk.
- Families make their selections monthly via a Google Form.
- If interested in September hot lunch, watch for the September Order Form sent via email the week of August 24th.
- If your child hasn't signed up for the hot lunch on a particular day, please make sure they bring a packed lunch from home. We do not have extra meals on hand.
- 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.
- All meals are $8.00 each plus tax and processing fee.

## 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.

## WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle (labeled with his or her name) to school and the rink. The drinking fountains and water bottle refill stations are open throughout the building so students can refill as needed.

## 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 warmer 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 not 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 HOODIES, PANTS, JOGGERS, JACKETS, & HATS.**

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

## Gym

*Students are expected to wear the following uniform for Gym:*

- Red or blue performance shirt or black or gray UNRL Stride shirt - all with the Breakaway Academy logo**
- Black performance shorts with the Breakaway Academy logo**
- Gray or black fleece joggers with the Breakaway Academy logo may also be worn.

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

- 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

**REMEMBER TO LABEL HOODIES, PANTS, JOGGERS, JACKETS, & HATS.**

**Black or gray UNRL Stride Shirt with Breakaway Academy logo are retired and no longer available for reorder. Students are permitted to continue wearing them for gym only.

## HOW TO ORDER ADDITIONAL 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 Jackets and Spirit Wear

- There are ordering windows in the fall for Breakaway Academy hockey 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

Please coordinate with your child's teacher on acceptable treat choices for birthday celebrations.

## GAME DAYS

Students are divided into grade-level teams and compete each Friday in the BA Cup competition. Famiies are welcome to attend.

At the end of the regular season, teams are seeded and participate in a playoff to determine the BA Cup Champions.

## 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.

Returning K-3rd grade students with saved BA Bucks from last school year must exchange them for new BA Bucks.

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 Mrs. Roane.

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 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.

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 each student 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.

### Coin Challenge

This is a fun competition between grades to inspire our students to raise money for a local charity.

### Clothing Drive

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

### Food Drive

Grades K-3 host a food drive in November. All collections are donated to the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska to help those in need in our community.

### 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.

### Responsibilities

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.

### Ambassadors Needed

We are seeking Ambassadors for K-3rd grade. This is the perfect role for someone who wants to get involved in the school, volunteer, help build family and community involvement. To sign-up, please contact Heather Baranivsky.

## 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 MEET & GREET

We will host a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, September 1st. This gives students and parents an opportunity to meet staff, see classrooms, and get to know other families at Breakaway Academy.

Watch for a SignUp Genius link sent via email within the next week.
Slots are 10 minutes each and your chance for a brief meet and greet with your child's teacher.

- **K-3rd Grade Open House**
  Tuesday, September 1st
  3-7pm
  Chaska location

## 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 red BA jersey and BA hockey socks for hockey pictures.

- **K-3rd Grade Picture Day**
  Tuesday, September 29th
- **K-3rd Grade Hockey Picture Day**
  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:**
Sean Bloomfield, Principal

**Athletics:**
Brian Saintey, Director of Hockey Operations
Riley Wood, Lead Physical Education Teacher

**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*

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

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

**Founders**:
Andy Brink, School Administrator
*Academics, Athletic Training Programs, Personnel, School Operations*

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

## 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