

2020-2021

WELCOME NEWSLETTER

ATLANTIC COAST

OPENING OF SCHOOL



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ADMINISTRATION

Principal
Ms. Spaulding

9th Grade Admin
Dr. Smith

10th Grade Admin
Ms. Humphreys

11th Grade Admin
Ms. George

12th Grade Admin
Ms. McMahon

HELPFUL LINKS

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Jacksonville, FL 32256

904-538-5120
<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/achs>

Athletics Page
<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/1924>

For regular updates regarding ACHS activities, events, and policies, check out ACHS on social media at:

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stingray Students and Families:

The 2020-2021 school year is upon us and students will return to campus August 20th + 21st. While our school might feel and look different for this school year due to COVID-19, we are excited to have our students back here at AC. We want all students and teachers to feel safe and prepared for their return to campus; as a result, we have implemented new operational procedures that comply with CDC recommendations:

***School Hours 7:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

It is imperative that students are not dropped off before 6:50.

***Modified Attendance Schedule**

For the first four weeks of school, students who have not opted for full-time Duval HomeRoom courses will participate in a hybrid model of face-to-face and online instruction based on the schedule outlined below:

***9th + 11th grade: 2 days/wk face-to-face classes on Monday and Thursday**

***10th + 12th grade: 2 days/wk face-to-face classes on Tuesday and Friday**

***Virtual instruction will be provided on remaining days via Duval HomeRoom Teams platform**

As of now, 5 day a week face-to-face classes will resume on September 14, 2020. We will continue to provide updates if this plan changes.

***Modified Bell Schedule**

We will now be on a 7-period day with 50 minute classes.

Health and Safety Precautions

*Students and staff will be required to have a temperature check before entering the school.

*Students and staff will be required to wear a mask in common areas and classrooms.

*Students will maintain social distancing in lunch and in the hallways.

While we may face many unknowns this school year, we do know that student achievement cannot fall behind. It is our goal to create a safe environment where students can achieve great success in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities.

Included in this newsletter is first day of school information, dress code, transportation, school counselors' contact information, and the bell schedule. If you have any questions, please call us at (904) 538-5120. Continue to enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we will see you very soon on the ACHS campus.

Educationally Yours,

Zeina Spaulding.

Principal



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ATLANTIC COAST HIGH SCHOOL



TRANSPORTATION

DCPS Transportation Department updates the bus route times and stops at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/9193> throughout the school year. Parents who will be driving their students to school must enter the north side parking lot. Please follow the cones and avoid dropping your student off in visitors' parking lot. Car riders and student drivers should enter the building on the north side entrance. The bus ramp is located on the south side of the school and parents may not pick up or drop off students in this location.

After-school transportation is available. Students need to report to the bus loading zone. Please see link above for transportation routes.

NEW DCPS POLICY: BUS RIDER REGISTRATION

This year, parents/guardians (not students) must log into their FOCUS account in order to register their students to ride the bus.

Once the parent registers their student as a bus rider, the student will be assigned to a bus in approximately 5-7 business days but no earlier than August 4th. At that time, parents can then sign back into Focus to get the specific bus number, bus stop location, and pick-up time.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding bus transportation for your student, please contact:

Dr. Smith
smithm6@duvalschools.org



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Time
1 st period	7:15-8:05
Class change	8:05-8:09
2 nd period	8:09-8:59
Class change	8:59-9:03
3 rd period	9:03-9:53
Class change	9:53-9:57
4 th period	9:57-10:47
Class change	10:47-10:51
5 th period	10:51-12:11
A LUNCH	11:00-11:30
B LUNCH	11:41-12:11
Class change	12:11-12:16
6 th period	12:16-1:06
Class change	1:06-1:10
7 th period	1:10-2:00

SCHOOL HOURS

7:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Please do not drop off students before 6:50 a.m. Students will not be supervised before 6:50 a.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 20, 2020: 9th + 11th grade
August 21, 2020: 10th + 12th grade
Students can access their schedule online through the Focus platform as early as August 12th.
If your student needs assistance finding their classroom, please have them locate a staff member in the courtyard.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Any student that reports to school after the 7:15 bell must report to the Front Office for a tardy. Please see the DCPS Student Progression Plan for examples of excused tardy/absence.

Once students arrive on campus, they may not leave without permission. If a student needs to leave school, a parent or legal guardian must check their student out in the front office. If the student is a driver, the parent or legal guardian can call student services to release the student from the school. Students will not be allowed to leave school the last 30 minutes of school.



STUDENT DRIVERS + RESULTS OF TRUANCY

Schools are required to report students with 15 or more unexcused absences in a 90-day period to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the loss of driving privileges and suspension of license. Any minor who fails to satisfy attendance requirements at school will be ineligible for driving privileges.



PARKING DECALS

Parking decals will be sold during lunch, and before or after school. Students can purchase a decal from Student Services, which is located in the Media Center. The cost will be \$50 (CASH ONLY). The following documentation will be needed in order to purchase the permit:

- *Student Parking Registration Form 2020-2021 with parent signature
- *Vehicle Registration
- *Proof of Insurance
- *Drivers License

LOCKER RENTALS

Students can rent a locker before or after school. Lockers will also be for rent during both lunches. The lockers cost \$5 (CASH ONLY). Students are not allowed to share lockers with any other student. Any questions should be directed to Student Services.

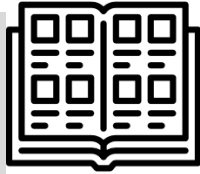




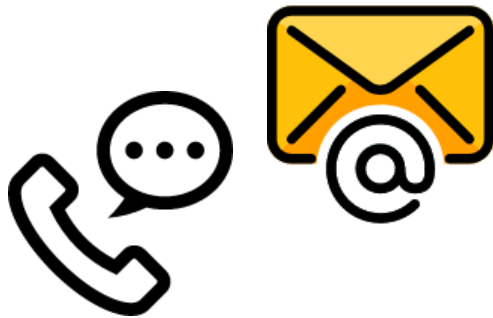
STUDENT IDS

Students must have a student ID on them at all times during school. Students will receive their 2020-2021 ID during the first few weeks of school. Student IDs are required to receive school lunches, hall passes, and tardy slips. If students need to replace their ID, the cost is \$5.

YEARBOOK SALES



The 2020-2021 Atlantic Coast High School Yearbook is now on sale for a discounted price of \$75! This price will only last until September. Orders can be placed online at YearbookOrderCenter.com using school code 10665. In-person payments may be made to the yearbook sponsor before or after school. All in-person payments must be made in cash -- checks will not be accepted.



DROPPING OFF FOOD

As part of our COVID-19 safety protocols, we are trying to minimize contact in the front office. Please do not drop off food for your student during school hours.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please make sure that your contact information is correct in Focus. The school sends out weekly phone call updates on Sundays. We also will send important updates throughout the week via email and phone. Email your updated contact information to ashleyl1@duvalschools.org



SCHOOL COUNSELING TEAM

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DID YOU KNOW?

*We can provide interpreters for our ELL parents during parent conferences.

*If your student has ESE accommodations, he or she may apply to the College Board for testing accommodations when taking the PSAT and /or the SAT. If you are interested in obtaining information regarding test accommodations, please contact your student's counselor or the Testing Coordinator, Ms. Menard at menardr@duvalschools.org.



GRADING SCALE

A=100-90

B= 89-80

C= 79-70

D=69-60

F=59-0

ACHS HOSTED SAT + ACT DATES

SAT - 8/29

ACT - 9/12

SAT - 9/26

SAT - 10/3

ACT - 10/24

SAT - 11/7

SAT - 12/5

ACT - 12/12

ACT - 2/6

SAT - 3/13

ACT - 4/17

SAT - 5/8

SAT - 6/5

ACT - 6/12

ACT - 7/17

TESTING INFORMATION

An important milestone for those with college plans is taking and passing the right college entrance tests. The ACHS School Counseling Department can help students with registration for the SAT & ACT.

The PSAT will given to all students in grades 9-11 free of charge on October 14th.

The SAT and/or ACT must be taken for entrance into a college or university as well as to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship program. Please check with the website for information, cost of the test, and online registration at www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

THE MANTA OFFICE

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TARDY POLICY



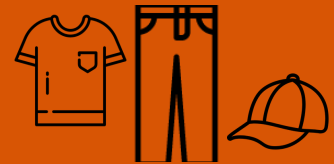
A student should make every effort to be in classes on time. An unexcused tardy exists when a student is not in his/her seat when the bell rings. Excessive unexcused tardies will be subject to disciplinary actions. Student drivers with 3 or more tardies to first period in an 9 weeks will have their driving privileges suspended or revoked.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES



Possession of a wireless communication device is not an infraction of the Code of Student Conduct. However, it is an infraction of the Code of Student Conduct when the possession of a wireless communication device *disrupts the educational process*. This includes the unauthorized use of a wireless communication devices to capture images or recordings without permission during school hours and/or the unauthorized use on school buses in the absence of an emergency concerning safety-to-life issues (defined as a bus accident, mechanical breakdown which delays the normal route, and/or thirty (30) minutes or more in a route delay). Also, please keep in mind the school is not responsible if your child's phone is lost or stolen.

DRESS CODE POLICY



Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. The waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments shall not be worn below the hips. Clothing which is not worn appropriately, is not properly fastened, is suggestive, or has tears that reveal or expose body parts, has printing with words or pictures that have a sexual connotation will not be permitted. All trousers, including oversized or low-hanging trousers, must be worn and secured at waist level. Underwear, midriff and back may not be exposed. If belts, suspenders, and straps are worn, they shall be worn in place and fastened.

ATTENDANCE POLICY



If a student has at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar day period, the student's primary teacher shall report the student's attendance to the principal. The principal shall, unless there is clear evidence that the absences are not a pattern of non-attendance, refer the case to the school level Attendance Intervention Team (AIT). Please see the DCPS Student Progression Plan for more details on the attendance policy.

ATLANTIC COAST ATHLETICS



9TH GRADE ELIGIBILITY

A first-year high school student, entering the 9th grade for the first time, and who was regularly promoted, is academically eligible during his/her first semester of high school attendance. After the 1st semester of 9th grade, the student must have a 2.0 GPA to continue to be eligible.

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS

A middle/junior high student must have 2.0 GPA, or the equivalent of a 2.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, at the conclusion of each semester. A high school student must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, at the conclusion of each semester to be academically eligible during the next semester (§ 1006.15(3)(a)1, F.S.).

Final grades previously earned by the student from another school shall not be converted using the scale in Bylaw 9.4.2.

-- FHSAA Handbook

MEET THE COACHES

Please visit the directory page for each sport.
<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/6214>

ATHLETIC DOCUMENTS

If your student needs to complete the necessary paperwork for athletics eligibility, please access the following link:
<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/1924>



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CLUBS, CLASS OFFICERS, & STUDENT GOVERNMENT

During the first month of school, we will be announcing the different clubs offered here at ACHS and the requirements to be a club member. Clubs will meet during the school day. Class officers and student government representatives will be nominated and elected during homeroom within the first nine weeks of classes. If you have leadership qualities, consider running for office.

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION

A date for the ACHS Class of 2021 Graduation has not yet been announced. Keep an eye on the school website for updates.

HOMECOMING 2021

The homecoming football game will be held October 16th in the ACHS Football Stadium. Details about the homecoming dance will be announced on the Morning Rays!

OPEN HOUSE

At this time, Open House dates have not been announced by the district. Once we receive our assigned time, we will post the date on our school website.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Did you know that when you involved in your child's education, their grades and attendance will increase dramatically? Join PTSA, volunteer during the school day, attend a performance or a sporting event. You hold the key to your child's future success here at Atlantic Coast High School.

