

Welcome Back! School Resumes at ACS on Tuesday, September 8th

FOR COVID-19 SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN, go to www.akronschools.org/COVID19

A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Akron Central School Community,

On behalf of the Akron Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff, welcome to the 2020-21 school year. This is an exceptional time for our school community as we strive to fulfill our goal of providing all students with a high quality, enriching educational experience while also ensuring that the appropriate health and safety protocols associated with COVID-19 are fully implemented. The complexities associated with reopening schools, necessary changes to the teaching and learning environment, and the degree of uncertainty surrounding the health crisis will impact all of us. Yet we are fortunate and can take solace in the knowledge that this community has previously demonstrated true strength, exceptional collaboration, and will, undoubtedly, rise to the challenge once again this school year.

The safety of every person at ACS is our number one priority. This past summer, collaborative teams spent countless hours analyzing guidance documents provided by the NYS Department of Health, the NYS Education Department, and other sources. The outcome of this effort was the District Reopening Plan which can be found on our website. This is a working document that will be revised and improved upon based on additional recommendations, evidence of best practice, and input from stakeholders. Parents are encouraged to read the plan, help their children understand the new requirements, and work with teachers and building principals throughout the school year. Regular and frequent updates to families are essential. The District will continue to use the automated phone and text messaging system. In addition, informational updates will be posted on the District website at www.akronschools.org/COVID19. Through personal

responsibility and a mosaic of effort, we must work together to protect the health and safety of all students, staff, and visitors.

The success of our students has enabled ACS to achieve the following recognition from the *Business First* publication:

- Our District is ranked #12 of 96 districts in WNY
- Akron High School is ranked #16 out of 121 public high schools in WNY
- Akron Middle School is ranked #13 of 150 public middle schools in WNY
- Akron Elementary is ranked #50 of 213 public elementary schools in WNY

These results reflect the district-wide culture in which expectations are high while structures are in place to help all students reach them. As evidenced by the recently released NYS School Report Card, all Akron schools are in “Good Standing” and proficiency rates are consistently above the state average.

This past summer, construction began on the voter-approved capital project. The timing of the school closure allowed for work to begin ahead of schedule. The areas addressed had been identified through the building conditions survey and focused on facility preservation, health and safety, and the replacement of items that have met or exceeded life expectancy. All exterior site work, including sidewalk repair, exterior stairs, and retaining



Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent
of Schools

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AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Our Board of Education

The Board of Education has maintained their schedule of workshop and business meetings throughout the COVID-19 pause this spring and summer. While either video conferencing from their homes or assembling at the school for socially distanced live-streamed meetings, their role continues to be fundamental to the decisions made for our school.

During the July 7, 2020 re-organizational meeting, Mr. James Grant was re-elected to lead the Board as President and Mr. Erik Polkowski was re-elected as Vice President. District Clerk, Mrs. Roxanne Rebmann, once again administered the oath to both men. The Board Trustees include Mrs. Jody Brege, Mrs. Heather Cayea, Ms. Deborah Forrestel, Mr. Phillip Kenline and Mr. Robert Masse.

We thank each of them for their insight, dedication, and resolve to guide Akron Schools forward, particularly through the unprecedented disruption the COVID-19 pandemic has created for the traditional educational setting.



James Grant,
President



Erik Polkowski,
Vice President

Dimitroff named Interim HS Principal

Mr. Stephen Dimitroff has been named Interim High School Principal following the unexpected resignation of Mr. Brandon Ricci. Mr. Dimitroff has been with Akron Schools since September 2012 as the Assistant Middle and High School Principal and Athletic Director.



Stephen Dimitroff

He earned his Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Cortland, his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and his administrative certificate in Education Leadership and Supervision from Canisius College.

"I am honored and humbled to be your High School Principal," said Mr. Dimitroff. "As a servant leader, I look forward to this opportunity to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create the best high school experience possible for all of our students. ACS is truly a special place and I am proud to be part of a district where the tradition of excellence is demonstrated in so many ways. Go Tigers!"

Mr. Dimitroff resides in Clarence with his wife, Joleen, children Alexis and Andrew, and stepchildren, Sierra and Kylie.

A Message From the Superintendent

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walls, has been completed. In addition, approximately 65% of the roof was repaired and a new roof coating was established. The remaining 35% of the roof is still under warranty and is in good condition. The elementary office, health office suite, and business office renovations resulted in needed mechanical improvements, improved health and safety features, and greater functionality of the spaces. New restrooms have been created near the performance gym and provide improved building security as well as convenience. More work is scheduled to take place during recess periods throughout the school year and in the summer of 2021.

This newsletter includes many important announcements; particularly, a student drop-off/pick-up map that will inform and help facilitate our re-entry plan, COVID-19 requirements, and other reminders. The Free and Reduced Meal guidelines and application as well as the revised Student-Teacher Calendar are also included. PLEASE NOTE: A newly added Staff Development Day on Thursday, September 3rd, with the first day of school now scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020, are just two of the changes, so please review it carefully.

I recognize that the positive relationships between the schools, families, and our community partners are truly what makes Akron so special. I look forward to the start of a new school year and the opportunity to continue to develop these relationships. Please stay informed and be involved in any way that you can. I welcome you to contact my office at 542-5006 or email me at pmccabe@akronk12.org.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick D. McCabe

Patrick D. McCabe

Welcome New Staff

Akron Schools is pleased to welcome several new faculty and staff members.



Courtney Sanville
Music Teacher,
Grades 4-12 Strings
Bachelor of
Music in Music
Education –

James Madison University
Masters in Education,
Music K-12 – SUNY Oswego



Brendon G. Bardo
Music Teacher,
MS/HS Band
Bachelor in Music
Education –
SUNY Fredonia

Masters in Trombone
Performance –
University of Akron



Katelyn Gibson
Elementary Long-
Term Substitute
Bachelor of Arts
in Education,
Childhood &

Special Education 1-6 –
Niagara University
Master of Science in Teaching
English to Speakers of
Other Languages K-12 –
Canisius College

Additionally, Gloria Cinotti has joined the Buildings & Grounds staff as a Senior Clerk Typist, Emily Kenline is a Principal Clerk Typist in the Middle School Office, and Melissa Garverick is a Principal Clerk Typist in the Elementary Office.



General COVID-19 Safety Protocol

New building protocol and procedures have been established in an effort to help maintain proper social distancing and minimize any potential spread of the coronavirus. The protocol and procedures will be explained to all students, staff, and visitors while also being reinforced through daily practice. More detailed information is available in the District Reopening Plan at www.akronschools.org/reopeningplan.

- **Students, staff and visitors will be required to wear face masks during arrival, dismissal and while navigating the building. Students and staff will be required to wear masks while riding in school buses.**
- **Students, staff and visitors will be required to have their temperature checked when entering the building. Designated entry locations for students and visitors are indicated on the map on pages 4-5. Visitor protocol is listed on page 12.**
- **Students riding school buses will have their temperature checked prior to boarding the bus. They cannot board if their temperature exceeds 100 degrees. Parents will be notified immediately and should be available to make necessary arrangements for their child.**
- **Signage will be posted throughout the building to reinforce 6-foot social distancing.**
- **One-way traffic flow required in hallways during transitions.**
- **Locker usage will be staggered by cohort and kept to a minimum.**
- **Students must report directly to designated areas and not congregate in hallways.**
- **All classrooms will be equipped with desk protective dividers, extra masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes.**

Link to your bus with Traversa Ride360™

Traversa Ride360 is the web and mobile app introduced last year that allows parents and students to access their own secure data for bus stop location, route, pick up times and drop off times. The mobile app works with Apple and Android devices and connects with the GPS units on our school buses to provide real-time data and updates.

If you didn't launch the app last year, what are you waiting for? You'll never miss the bus again with Traversa Ride360! Please go to www.akronschools.org/Ride360 for step-by-step instructions for creating your account and connecting your children.

Please contact the Transportation Office at (716)542-5026 if you need assistance or have questions.



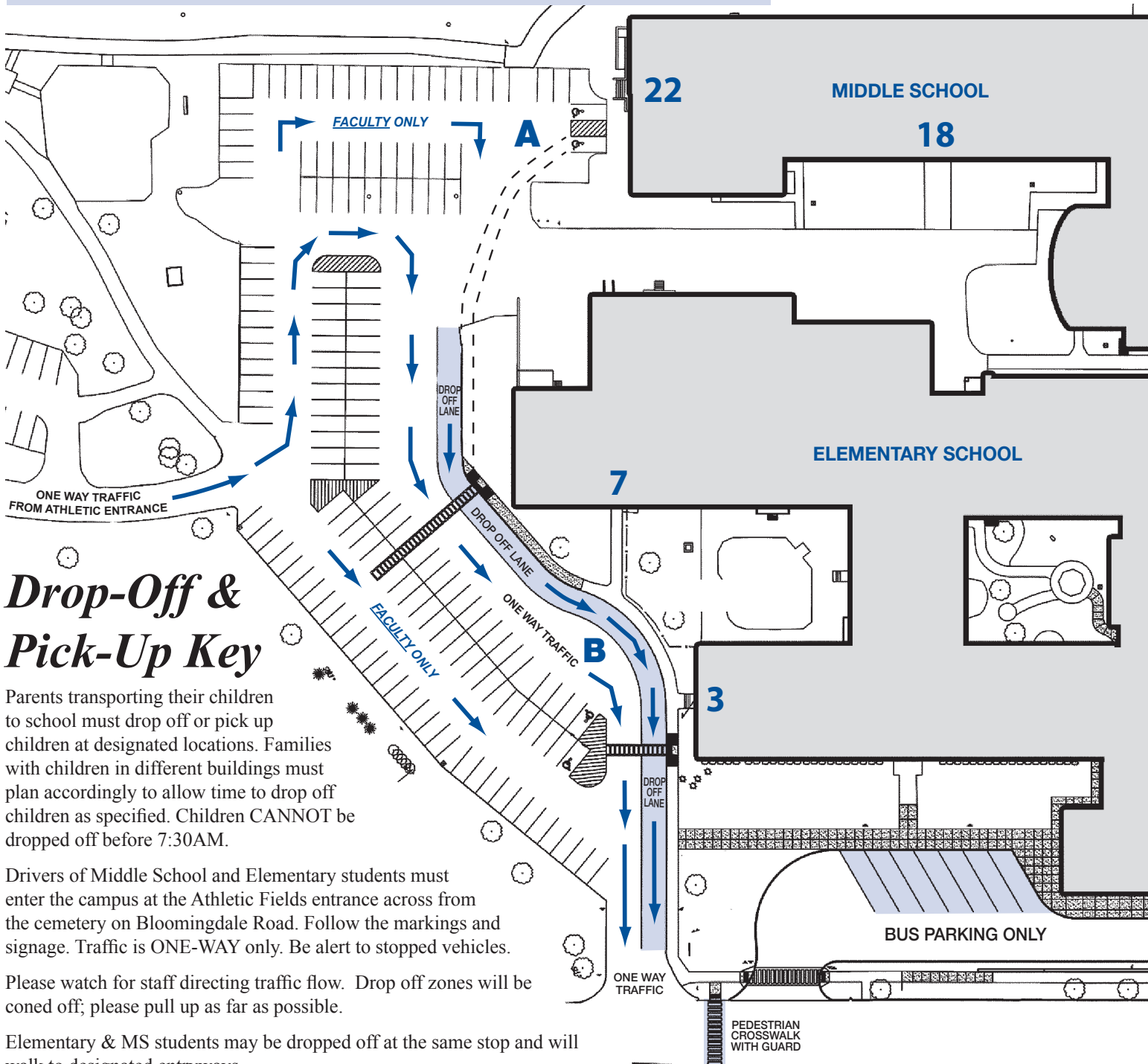
Bus Safety Tips & Reminders

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Stand at least 15 feet from the road and wait for the driver to signal to cross.
- Look both ways before stepping on to the road and cross 10 feet in front of the bus.
- One student per assigned seat; however, same household students may be seated together.
- Remain seated at all times. Talk quietly and keep your hands to yourself.
- Backpacks should be placed on the floor near student or on lap.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Make sure your child knows and recognizes their bus number.
- Upon return home, look both ways before stepping off the bus.
- Walk 10 steps in front of the bus and wait for the driver to signal to cross.
- If the driver sounds the horn, stop and go back where you came from.
- Go immediately up your driveway; do not stop to get mail or garbage cans.
- Drivers are reminded that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its lights flashing whether on or off roadways.



Questions or concerns about bus safety should be directed to Mr. Mark Alexander, Director of Transportation, at (716) 542-5026.

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Drop-Off & Pick-Up Key

Parents transporting their children to school must drop off or pick up children at designated locations. Families with children in different buildings must plan accordingly to allow time to drop off children as specified. Children CANNOT be dropped off before 7:30AM.

Drivers of Middle School and Elementary students must enter the campus at the Athletic Fields entrance across from the cemetery on Bloomingdale Road. Follow the markings and signage. Traffic is ONE-WAY only. Be alert to stopped vehicles.

Please watch for staff directing traffic flow. Drop off zones will be coned off; please pull up as far as possible.

Elementary & MS students may be dropped off at the same stop and will walk to designated entryways.

Location A:

Middle School drop-off/pick-up

DOOR 22 near the MS Cafeteria is entrance/exit for Middle School students ONLY, including Middle School Walkers. Students should exit or enter their vehicle from the car door opening toward the building.

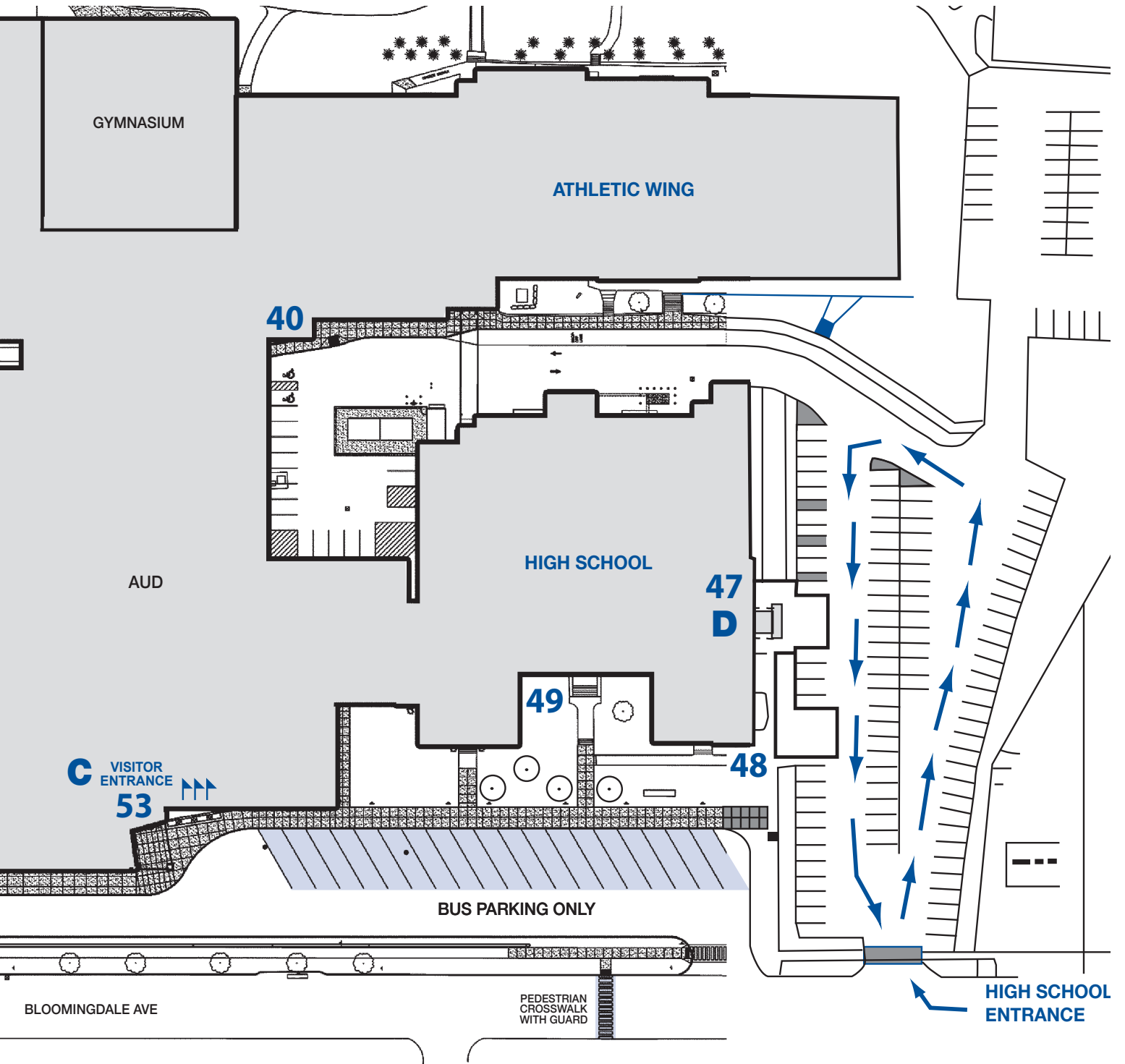
Follow one-way traffic past the Elementary building for child drop-off or pick-up, or to exit on Bloomingdale Avenue.

Location B:

Elementary School drop-off/pick-up

DOOR 7 near the Elementary Gym is entrance/exit for Elementary School students ONLY, including Elementary Walkers. Students should exit or enter their vehicle from the car door opening toward the building.

Follow one-way traffic to exit on Bloomingdale Avenue.



Location C:

Bus Rider drop-off/pick-up

DOOR 53 main entrance near the flagpoles is entrance/exit for MS & ELEM bus riders ONLY. Elementary students will use entry doors on the left, while Middle School students will use entry doors on right.

High School students enter/exit at DOOR 49, near the HS café.

NO OTHER VEHICLES are allowed to enter the front bus loop during morning drop-off or afternoon dismissal.

Location D:

High School drop-off/pick-up

DOOR 47, HS Flower Pot entrance, is for entrance/exit of High School students ONLY, including High School Walkers.



Health Office Reminders

- **All students entering Grades 7, 8, 9 & 12** must have the meningococcal vaccine to start school! 12th grade students may require a booster depending on when the child received the initial vaccine.
- New York State mandates physical examinations and BMI (body mass index) for **all new entrants and students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.** We are also requesting a dental certificate for students in those grade levels as well. The NYS Required Health Examination Form is available at www.akronschools.org/physical
- Students entering 6th Grade are required to have the Tdap immunization with documentation from their private physician.
- Students entering Kindergarten and 6th Grade are now required to have two vaccinations for Varicella (chicken pox). The student must have written documentation from their private physician verifying that they had the chicken pox; if not, the student must be immunized. Documentation from the physician is required.
- A lead level with documented results is required for all students entering Pre-Kindergarten.

Please send all documentation to:

HEALTH OFFICE
Akron Central Schools
47 Bloomingdale Avenue
Akron, NY 14001

Limits to Use of Community Facilities

Safety is one of the District’s top priorities. While it has customarily allowed the use of the District’s facilities by community organizations, to enhance the safety of all, we will not permit outside organizations to use the school building through the end of November. At that time, the District will reassess the county and state recommendations for COVID-19 and public safety.

We look forward to the day that we can open our doors up and welcome the community back into the facilities. We appreciate the many organizations throughout the community and all that they do for our children.

Please contact Mrs. Rebmann, District Clerk, with any questions at (716)542-5006.

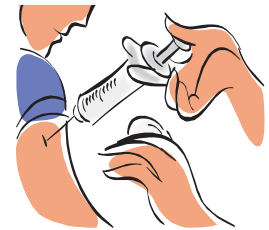
Public Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday, October 22nd

3:00PM – 6:00PM

GYM 3

adjacent to the HS upper parking lot



Wegmans Pharmacy will administer vaccinations to those 2 years of age or older. Insurance plans accepted include Blue Cross of WNY, Independent Health, Univera, Medicare, Fidelis and most regional and national plans.

Chromebook Update

The Chromebooks that were collected in June have been updated, cleaned and evaluated for repairs. These devices will be returned to students the first week of school. Parents and students should be sure they have located the charger at home and be ready to charge the device in daily preparation for school use. If a charger was inadvertently returned with a Chromebook in June, we will make our best effort to return those along with the student’s Chromebook. If you still need a charger, please have your student notify their homeroom teacher or the building main office and one will be provided.



Akron Schools enters its fifth year of its 1:1 Chromebook initiative with funding through the New York Smart Schools Bond Act. This is the first year that devices for designated grade levels in the rotation process will be replaced. When the new devices are delivered, we will collect old devices from grades K, 1, 5, and 9 and assign new devices to those students.

Any questions regarding the Chromebook program may be directed to Mr. Douglas Dailey at (716) 542-5045.

Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2020-21 School Year



Lunch – High School/Middle School	\$2.35
Lunch – Elementary School	\$2.10
Breakfast – High School	\$1.30/\$1.50 extra large
Breakfast – Middle School	\$1.30
Breakfast – Elementary School	\$1.20

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Akron Central School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.20 for grades K-5, \$1.30 for grades 6-8 and \$1.30/\$1.50 extra large for grades 9-12**; lunch costs **\$2.10 for grades K-5 and \$2.35 for grades 6-12**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Food Services Director, Akron Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, NY 14001 or (716)542-5027.**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Mr. Timothy Dunham, Liaison for Homeless Children or Youth, at (716)542-5077 or tdunham@akronk12.org** to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **(716)542-5027** if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Mrs. Cynthia Tretter, Hearing Official (Child Nutrition Program), Akron Central Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, New York 14001, (716)542-5020 or ctretter@akronk12.org.**
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009.**

2020-2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines For Free And Reduced Price Meals Or Free Milk
Reduced Price Eligibility Income Chart

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal, State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

Akron Board of Education

Nondiscrimination Statement: Please refer to page 10 for the explanation of what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ___ R ___ D ___

2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call (716)542-5027, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: Food Services Director, Akron Central Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, New York 14001

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults) Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- ____-____ I do not have a SS#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

- SNAP/TANF/Foster
- Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____
- Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid _____

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Food Services Director, Akron Central School, Akron, New York 14001. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (716)542-5027. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Akron School System 2020-21 Student/Teacher Calendar



Retrieval Days/In Order-If Needed
4/9, 4/8, 4/7 (2/12)

Approved 3-4-20
Revised 7-29-20

SEPTEMBER 2020				
M	T	W	T	F
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

September
1-3 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
4 No School
7 Labor Day - No School
8 Fist Student Day

FEBRUARY 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

OCTOBER 2020				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October
12 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School

November
11 Veterans' Day - No school
24 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
25 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30 am-
No Students

MARCH 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2020				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

26-27 Thanksgiving Recess - No School

December
24-1/1 Winter Recess - No School

January
4 School Resumes

APRIL 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER 2020				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

February
1 Grading/Record Keeping Day - No Students
11 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
12 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30 am-
No Students

MAY 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

JANUARY 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

15 President's Day - No School
16-19 Mid-Winter Recess - No School

April
2-9 Spring Recess -No School

May
31 Memorial Day - No School

June
16-24 High School Regents
23 K-8 - Last Day of Attendance
24 Superintendent Conf. Day-Elementary/Middle Schools
24 HS-Last Day of Regents Exams
25 Rating Day/Graduation - No Students

JUNE 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Legend

- Holiday/Recess - No School
- Parent Teacher Conference
- Superintendent Conf. Day-No Students
- Grading/Record Keeping Day
- Rating Day

A full-color version of this calendar with legend can be viewed from the "Quick Links" section of the website homepage.

COVID-19 Safety Protocol Applies to All Visitors

**FOR COVID-19 SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN, go to
www.akronschools.org/COVID19**

Although we are discouraging unnecessary visitors to our school at this time to protect students and staff, Akron Schools will continue to use a single point of entry to the building for the 2020-21 school year.

Implemented by the Board of Education and the Safety Committee, the system for visitors to the district between the hours of 7:45AM and 3:30PM is as follows:

- **All visitors will enter the building through the main entrance, Door #53, at the front of the school near the flagpoles.**
- **Visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing while navigating the building. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout the building.**
- **A School Safety Officer (SSO) will be stationed at this location to greet and admit visitors.**
- **A communication system will allow visitors to state their name and purpose of their visit prior to entrance.**
- **Once permitted through the exterior set of doors, visitors must present a driver's license to the SSO for scanning to the Visitor Management System; visitors must sign in.**
- **Visitors will be required to complete a COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire and have their temperature taken.**
- **The driver's license will be kept with the SSO until the visitor returns to sign out.**
- **A visitor identification sticker will be printed and must be worn at all times while in school or on school grounds.**
- **Once signed in, the SSO will direct visitors to the appropriate office to finish the sign in process before proceeding to their destination.**
- **When the visit is complete, all visitors must first sign out in the appropriate office before returning to the SSO at the front entrance to sign out, return the visitor identification sticker and retrieve their driver's license.**

PLEASE NOTE: Vehicles must be moved from the front bus loading area by 1:45PM.

The District appreciates the cooperation and support of all visitors as we continue to use these procedures designed to improve the health and safety of all students, staff and visitors.

Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or designee. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules of public conduct on school property as contained in the Code of Conduct and adhere to the protocol established for minimizing COVID-19 transmission.

Questions regarding the procedures may be directed to the Superintendent's Office at (716) 542-5006.

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Business Office - 542-5020
High School - 542-5030
HS Student Support Services - 542-5035
HS/MS Nurse - 542-5036
Middle School - 542-5040
Elementary School - 542-5050
Elementary Nurse - 542-5056
Central Registrar - 542-5039
Educational Services - 542-5060
Special Education - 542-5077
Athletic Office - 542-5088
Instructional Technology - 542-5045
Building & Grounds - 542-5025
Bus Garage - 542-5026
Food Service - 542-5027
District Fax - 542-5018