

Welcome Back!

School Resumes at ACS on Wednesday, September 5th

A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Akron Schools Community,

On behalf of the Akron Board of Education, faculty, and staff, I welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. I am fortunate to work with an administrative team, faculty and staff, and community who put children first and continually work toward the goal of graduating students who are well prepared for college and careers.

The success of our students has enabled ACS to achieve the following recognition:

- Akron Elementary is ranked #57 of 214 public elementary schools in WNY,
- Akron Middle School is ranked #12 of 150 public middle schools in WNY,
- Akron High School is ranked #16 of 121 public high schools in WNY, is named a Rewards School by the New York State Education Department and is ranked in the top 500 high schools in our nation.
- Our District is ranked #12 of 96 districts in Western New York and was again recognized as an Honor Roll District.

Safety is a top priority for our District. Over the past few months, our District Safety Committee met to discuss continued improvements to the safety initiatives already in place. The Board of Education agreed with the recommendation of the committee to hire an additional police officer and return to a single point of entry for the entire building during the school day.

In addition to the single point of entry, which is designated as the main entrance near the flagpoles, a visitor management system will be installed. Visitors will be required to have their license scanned and the system will be linked to criminal record checks, as well as the district's information system, to provide any applicable alerts. The system will also print visitor identification badges. While this may cause some inconvenience, it is felt that this added layer of security is necessary. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation and patience.

This newsletter includes many important announcements and reminders as well as the Free and Reduced Price Meal application and guidelines. It also includes a revised Student-Teacher Calendar with a newly added Staff Development Day scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2018.



Kevin Shanley
Superintendent
of Schools

I welcome the opportunity to speak to clubs and community organizations to provide information about our schools. Please feel free to contact my office at 542-5006 or email me at kshanley@akronk12.org.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin L. Shanley

AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2018

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Welcome New Board of Education Trustees

At the July 11, 2018 Akron Board of Education re-organizational meeting, Phillip Kenline and Erik Polkowski were sworn in as new trustees, joining Robert Masse who took the oath in May. Jim Grant was elected president and David Penn was elected vice-president. Trustees Shannon Cinotti and Deborah Forrestel round out the seven-member board.

Robert Masse

Joining the board immediately following the annual budget vote and board member elections, Bob Masse will serve the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2020.



While Bob works as a commercial airline pilot for Frontier Airlines, his life with his family on a small farm in the Town of Royalton where they raise sheep and other animals, influenced him to become extensively involved with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Niagara County, as well as the Niagara County 4-H program. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Cornell Cooperative Extension, chairing or serving on several committees.

Asked about his goals while serving on Akron's school board, Bob said, "My hope is to expand our programs to help students prepare for and discover the many career opportunities available to them on graduation. I am also an advocate for school safety. I look forward to assisting our school in developing a strong security plan to keep our students safe."

Bob and his wife, Carisa, a Special Education teacher in the Cheektowaga Sloan school district, have two daughters attending ACS. Skyler begins her senior year and Shea will be a freshman.

Phillip Kenline

Phil Kenline returns as a Board trustee continuing his quest to keep ACS among the top schools in Western New York. Phil previously served as vice-president and was our representative on the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) Budget Committee.



A retired Command Master Chief with the US Navy, Mr. Kenline was, among many things, charged with providing junior Sailors with educational and leadership opportunities geared toward their professional development. Following retirement, Phil returned to school and earned his BS in Biology and Science Education and now teaches math and science at Saint Stephen School on Grand Island.

Phil has been an active member of the Akron PTA and made annual visits to kindergarten and first grade classes sharing his knowledge and expertise about beekeeping.

Phil and his wife, Emily, live in the Town of Newstead. They have three children, Eric, Kimberly and Marcus, all "beneficiaries of the quality education offered at our district and graduates of Akron Central," he said.

Erik Polkowski

Erik Polkowski welcomes the opportunity to serve the Akron community as a Board of Education trustee. The owner of a small Akron-based construction engineering service firm, Erik also currently serves on the Town of Newstead Planning Board. He has volunteered for Akron Sports, Inc. and the Akron Celebration Committee and serves at his local church. Previously, he has worked as a substitute bus driver for Akron Schools.



During his term on the Board of Education, Erik would like to see expanded opportunities for Akron students that include class offerings, internships, trade schools and service groups. He would also like to build upon the district music and arts programs.

Erik and his wife, Melissa, are parents to a son, Riley, a senior, and their daughter, Emerson, a freshman. Both children have attended Akron Schools since kindergarten.

Dean of Students

Caroline Kos joins the administrative team as Elementary Dean of Students. Kos will soon complete her Educational Leadership SBL/SDL Certificate at Canisius College.

Mrs. Kos earned a Bachelor of Science in both Childhood Education and Special Education from St. John Fisher College as well as her Master of Science in Literacy Education, Birth to Grade 12. She received numerous awards including Most Outstanding Special Education Student and the Excellence in Literacy Education Award.



Most recently, she has worked for Mount St. Mary Academy as the Academic Learning Center Coordinator and as a Special Education teacher. She has also held several leadership positions and coached softball and soccer. Previously, she taught grades 1 and 4 at Greece Central School District and the Rochester City School District. More accolades, including Most Outstanding Teacher and the Joanne Champion Granger Excellence in Teaching Award, made Mrs. Kos the top pick for the position here at ACS.

"I am so excited to join the Akron staff as we work to build on the many current successes and continue to grow into the future," said Mrs. Kos. "The community atmosphere has been so welcoming already, and I look forward to all that is to come."

New Director of Transportation



The retirement of long-time Transportation Supervisor John Wideman created the opening for Mark Alexander to join the staff at Akron as the new Director of Transportation. Mr. Alexander has worked in public education for the last twenty years as a teacher and an administrator, most recently with the Oakfield-Alabama School District. He earned his Bachelor and Master’s degrees at SUNY Brockport and his administration certification at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

As an administrator at Oakfield-Alabama, Mr. Alexander supervised the transportation department, developing a passion for student transportation that motivated him to obtain his CDL and the credentials to be a bus driver, while building rapport with the drivers entrusted to the safety of the district’s children.

“I look forward to serving the Akron community by continuing to provide safe and enjoyable transportation for all students,” he said.

Mr. Alexander lives in Oakfield with his wife, Jenna, and their mini lop bunny, George. They enjoy traveling and spending time with family.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

Following several retirements and resignations, ACS welcomes many new faces to our faculty and staff! While most of the faculty members pictured are brand new to the District this year, several were hired during 2017-18 as long term substitutes and subsequently hired for permanent positions.



Laura Boeing
Grade 3
BA Canisius College
MS Buffalo State College



Anthony Buono
Grade 5
BS Buffalo State College



Emily Drum
Kindergarten
BS Niagara University
MS Niagara University



Gabriela Foster
Elementary Special Education
BS Buffalo State College
MS Buffalo State College



Kelsey Redden
Grade 3
BS Buffalo State College
MS Canisius College



Samantha Smith
Math, Teacher Assistant
BS Medaille College
MS Medaille College



Danielle Whiteside
Grade 5
BS Buffalo State College
MS Buffalo State College



Jenna Ziewicki
Universal Pre-Kindergarten
BS Buffalo State College
MS Buffalo Stage College



Michaela Korczynski
Middle School Literacy
BS Buffalo State College
MS Buffalo State College



Molly Bilinski
Elementary/MS Social Worker
BA St. John Fisher
MSW University of Buffalo



Laura Hervey
High School English
BA Allegheny College
M.Ed. Buffalo State College



Nicole Santoro
High School Spanish
BA SUNY Fredonia
M.Ed. University of Buffalo



Kathryn Welnowski
High School Guidance
Counselor
BA SUNY Fredonia
MS Canisius College



Tristan Payne
Micro Computer Technology
Support Specialist
AS Niagara County
Community College

Parent Portal for All Students



The Parent Portal, a web-based application for parents of students at all grade levels, except Universal Pre-K, allows the parent/guardian to access their child's grades, attendance, class schedule and other information pertaining to academics as relevant to the grade level. Report cards are no longer mailed home unless requested through HS Student Support Services, the Middle School Office or the Elementary School Office.

Parents are encouraged to access the portal regularly.

To recover a lost username or password for the Parent Portal, please contact the Instructional Technology Office at 542-5045. A letter will be mailed home as passwords cannot be disclosed over the phone.

Community Use of School Facilities

The Akron Central School District's facilities are available for use by community organizations. Scheduling priority is given to academic and extra-curricular school activities. Organizations must submit a Facilities Use Form to the District Clerk, Mrs. Roxanne Rebmann, at the District Office, Room H193 of the High School. The form and additional information about using school facilities is available on the school website at www.akronschools.org/facilities. Proof of insurance must also be submitted as indicated on page two of the form.

Organization leaders requesting use of the facilities are asked to be mindful that many organizations request the use of facilities and considerable time is spent scheduling the building as well. Leaders are asked to please contact the District Office if their scheduled event is cancelled or their organization no longer needs to utilize the reserved space.

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

Please Obey Campus Parking Restrictions

For the safety of our students, staff and visitors to Akron Central Schools, it is important that parking restrictions be obeyed so that emergency vehicles and emergency personnel have access to the school building, surrounding athletic fields and other venues.

Signage and road paint throughout the campus indicate "NO PARKING – FIRE LANE" areas. The Akron Police Department will enforce the parking rules and ticket violators who have illegally parked their cars.

Thank you for putting safety first and refrain from parking in fire lanes or other restricted areas.



School Closing Information

Occasionally, it is necessary to close school in case of weather conditions or other emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of students. The Superintendent of Schools makes this decision based on information from the Director of Transportation and in consultation with the State Police who monitor road conditions. Every effort is made to make the decision as early in the morning as possible.



When Akron Central School is closed, Akron school buses will not transport any students, regardless of the school they attend. When schools are closed, all activities are cancelled within the building and all sport trips and field trips are also cancelled. Due to child care issues, school will normally dismiss at regularly scheduled times, even in the event of bad weather. Only the most extreme conditions warrant the early dismissal of students. The decision may be made, however, to cancel after-school activities.

Should an urgent situation occur, the District will send an emergency message to affected households through an automated notification system. Because power outages may affect the reliability of the automated system, emergency information is also released to the following radio and television stations:

WBEN (930 AM) WIVB-TV Channel 4
WKBW-TV Channel 7 WGRZ-TV Channel 2

Chromebook Update

Akron Schools is entering the third year of four in its 1:1 Chromebook device rollout with funding through the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act. Students in kindergarten, third grade and fifth grade will be receiving Chromebooks for the first time this fall. Parents of students in those grade levels should be watching for the Chromebook Agreement Form to be sent home with their child, then sign and return the form to their child's teacher.

Chromebooks that were collected from students in June will be re-distributed during the first and second week of school. Chargers were not collected; parents and students should be sure they have located the charger at home to be ready to charge the device in daily preparation for school use.

Replacement chargers are available for \$20.00, payable in the Business Office, Room E151.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

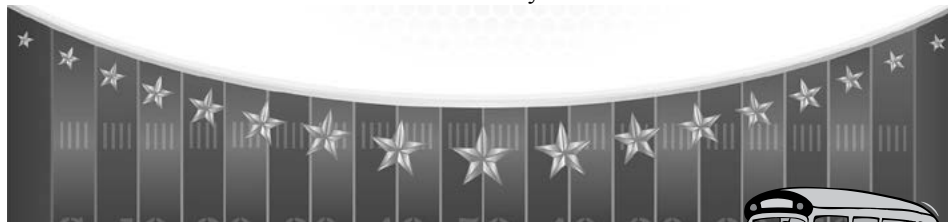


Homecoming is October 12th!

The annual ACS Homecoming festivities are planned for Friday, October 12, 2018! The community is invited to join in the fun! The Akron Tiger Marching Band leads the parade beginning at 5:00PM with themed class floats, the homecoming court, Athletic Wall of Fame inductees, and other groups, plus the local fire trucks!

The Athletic Wall of Fame induction ceremony will begin at 6:00PM in GYM 1. Inductees include the 1976-77 Boys Swim Team who were Niagara-Orleans and Sectional Champions, Dennis Frey of the Class of 1991 who was a three sport athlete in football, basketball and track, Nicole Lobur from the Class of 2011, a standout in soccer, swim and track, and Jeremy Rushok, Class of 2012, who holds seven school track records and made two trips to the State championships for cross country. Additionally, Johnathan Fiebelkorn, Class of 2018, will join the elite members of the Wall posthumously for his outstanding athleticism as a wrestler, earning three trips to the State Wrestling Championship.

The evening's homecoming varsity football game pits the Tigers against the Gowanda Panthers at 7:30PM. Admission is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry.



Bus Safety Tips



- 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.
- Sit in assigned seat and remain seated. Talk quietly and keep 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.



Public Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday,
September 20, 2018

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.

Child Find

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of an Early Intervention Program or Pre-school Special Education services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

To receive an Early Intervention Program or Special Education, children must meet eligibility guidelines according to the IDEA. IDEA requires all states to have a "comprehensive Child Find System" to assure that all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located, identified, and referred.

If you believe that your child may be a child with a disability or in need of support services, please contact Mr. Timothy Dunham, Director of Special Education, at (716) 542-5077.

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

Online Sports Registration

New for 2018-19, Akron Schools has developed an online registration form for all students participating in modified, JV or varsity interscholastic athletics. Parents must register their student via the Parent Portal. Additionally, a current sports physical must be on file in the Health Office prior to the start of any sports practices. The NYS Required School Health Examination Form, available on the Parent Portal or the school website, should be used for all newly scheduled physicals with your physician.

Most JV and varsity teams began practices on August 13th. Modified teams will begin practicing on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Online registration for the 2018-19 winter sport season will open on October 1, 2018 and on February 1, 2019 for the Spring 2019 season.

Questions regarding the new process may be directed to Mrs. Wendy Pazderski, Athletic Secretary, or to Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, Athletic Director, at (716) 542-5088. For help accessing the Parent Portal, parents can contact the Technology Office at (716) 542-5045.

Required Parent Alcohol & Drug Awareness Presentation

A Parent Alcohol & Drug Awareness presentation will be made on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30PM in the Edward Allen Auditorium. Additionally, a presentation regarding cell phone safety will be conducted. The presentation is for ADULTS ONLY.

Parents of freshmen or transfer students, who are already scheduled for the Freshman Orientation that same evening, as well as parents of modified sport athletes and students intending to participate in high school sports or extra-curricular activities, including semi-formal or prom, are required to attend. (With exception to parents of freshmen and transfer students, parents who have attended this presentation in the past need not attend.)

Any parent or adult community member is also welcome to attend.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Joseph Lucenti, High School Principal, Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, Assistant HS/MS Principal or Mr. John Jablonski, Athletic Coordinator at (716) 542-5030.

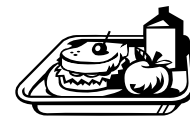
Staff Development Day Added September 21 – No School For Students



The Board of Education revised the 2018-19 Student-Teacher Calendar during the August 1, 2018 Special Business Meeting. Friday, September 21, 2018 is now a scheduled **Staff Development Day** with **no students in attendance**. Please refer to the newly revised calendar printed on Page 11 or found on the school website.



Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2018-19 School Year



Lunch – High School/Middle School	\$2.35
Lunch – Elementary School	\$2.10
Breakfast – High School	\$1.30/\$1.40 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/\$1.40 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. Reduced price is **\$0.25** for breakfast and **\$0.25** for lunch.

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.**
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. 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 can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
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 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, NY 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.**

**2018-2019 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	\$ 22,459	\$ 1,872	\$ 936	\$ 864	\$ 432
2	\$ 30,451	\$ 2,538	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,172	\$ 586
3	\$ 38,443	\$ 3,204	\$ 1,602	\$ 1,479	\$ 740
4	\$ 46,435	\$ 3,870	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,786	\$ 893
5	\$ 54,427	\$ 4,536	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,047
6	\$ 62,419	\$ 5,202	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,201
7	\$ 70,411	\$ 5,868	\$ 2,934	\$ 2,709	\$ 1,355
8	\$ 78,403	\$ 6,534	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,016	\$ 1,508
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,992	\$ 666	\$ 333	\$ 308	\$ 154

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 that is not complete cannot be approved. 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. 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.

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

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. 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 certification 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

Date Withdrew _____

F ___ R ___ D ___

2018-2019 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
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<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"/>
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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: 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, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, NY 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, audiotape, 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, (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 2018-19 Student/Teacher Calendar



Retrieval Days/In Order-If Needed: April 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 2019

BOE approved 3-21-18
Revised 8-1-18

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

M	T	W	T	F
27	28	29	30	31
3	4	5	6	7
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FEBRUARY 2019

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OCTOBER 2018

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MARCH 2019

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APRIL 2019

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DECEMBER 2018

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MAY 2019

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JANUARY 2019

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JUNE 2019

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- 9/3 Labor Day - No School
- 9/4 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
- 9/5 First Student Day
- 9/21 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
- 10/8 Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day - No school
- 10/29 Superintendent Conf. Day - Staff Only - No Students
- 11/12 Veterans' Day Observance - No School
- 11/22-23 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 11/29 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- 11/30 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30am - No Students
- 12/24-1/1 Winter Recess - No School
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/21 Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
- 1/22-25 Regents Exams
- 1/28 Grading/Record Keeping Day - No Students
- 2/14 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- 2/15 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30am - No Students
- 2/18-22 Mid-Winter Recess - No School
- 3/11 Superintendent Conf. Day - Staff Only - No Students
- 4/19-4/26 Spring Recess - No School
- 4/29 School Resumes
- 5/21 Annual School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
- 5/27 Memorial Day - No School
- 6/17 High School Local/Regents Exams Begin
- 6/24 K-8 Last Day of Student Attendance
- 6/25 Regents Exams Only
- 6/26 Superintendent Conf. Day
- 6/28 Graduation

Legend

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

Return to Single-Entry for All Visitors

Akron Central Schools will return to a single point of entry to the building beginning September 5, 2018.

The Board of Education and Safety Committee have implemented a new system for visitors to the district between the hours of 7:45AM and 3:30PM as follows:

- All visitors will enter the building through the main entrance at the front of the school near the flagpoles.
- A School Resource Officer (SRO) 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 SRO for scanning to the Visitor Management System; visitors must sign in.
- The driver's license will be kept with the SRO 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 SRO 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 SRO 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 2:00PM.

The District appreciates the cooperation and support of all visitors as we re-institute these procedures designed to improve the 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.

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

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Main District Phone - 542-5010
District Office - 542-5006
Business Office - 542-5020
High School - 542-5030
HS Guidance Office - 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