

Welcome Back! School Resumes at ACS on Wednesday, September 5th

A Message From the Superintendent



Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Akron Central School Community,

On behalf of the Akron Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff, welcome to the 2019-20 school year. I am honored to be the new Superintendent of Schools and am excited to begin a partnership with all members of the Akron school community. Working collaboratively, we will execute the mission and vision of the district while ensuring that every child is provided an engaging, challenging, and relevant instructional program that supports their individual talents, interests and ambitions.

It is well known that Akron is among the top school districts in New York State and has an impressive history of excellence in academics, athletics, and the visual and performing arts. 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. Solid core instruction, an inclusive model of special education service delivery, effective response to intervention plans, and a continuum of supports provided by administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists, and coaches are all key ingredients to this successful formula. We recognize that the positive relationships between the schools, families and our community partners is truly what makes us so special.

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

- Akron Elementary is ranked #57 of 213 public elementary schools in WNY

- Akron Middle School is ranked #13 of 150 public middle schools in WNY
- Akron High School is ranked #17 out of 119 public high schools in WNY. Additionally, our high school has been designated as a Recognition School by the Board of Regents and the NYS Commissioner of Education. This distinction was awarded to the top 562 high achieving, high progress schools in NYS based on academic achievement, growth and graduation rates.
- Our District is ranked #12 of 95 districts in WNY and was again recognized as an Honor Roll District

Wise fiscal planning and sound decision making by the Board of Education and district leadership, has allowed us to provide a robust curricular program and maintain our facilities while being fiscally responsible. As a result, the tax rate for Akron residents has been below the legislated New York State Tax Cap for the past six years. Last March, voters approved a new capital project. Funding for this was realized through State aid and the use of Capital Reserve funds. There was no tax increase to our community. The work on this project will begin this school year. As always, we will maintain the health and safety of our students and staff and seek to minimize the impact on the educational program while areas of the campus are renovated. Areas to be addressed were identified through the building conditions survey and will focus on facility preservation, health and safety, and the replacement of items that have met or exceeded life expectancy. We are always looking to ensure that the community's investment

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Welcome New Board of Education Trustees



Jody Brege

Jody Brege returns to the Akron Board of Education after having served as a trustee two separate times previously. She is dedicated to making sure Akron continues

to provide dynamic and enriched educational opportunities.

"I am extremely proud of our schools' achievements and I hope to help Akron remain one of Western New York's highest ranked districts," she said.

Mrs. Brege works full time at Six Flags Darien Lake as the sales manager. She is a graduate of Attica High School where she was very active in the music program and continues to do the same here at Akron with her involvement in the Akron Music Parents Association. She has also been an active participant in the Akron PTA and as a Girl Scout leader for 10 years, serving as the neighborhood secretary.

Jody and her husband, Daric, a lifelong resident of Akron, reside in the Village. They have two children: Madison who begins her freshman year and Marissa who begins sixth grade in the Middle School.



Heather Cayea

Heather Cayea was sworn in as a Board of Education trustee at the re-organizational meeting held in July.

Mrs. Cayea is an itinerant Teacher of the Deaf for the Orleans-Niagara BOCES, traveling to different school districts in Niagara County supporting K-12 kids with hearing loss. The experience has given her an opportunity to see how different schools function as well as their successes.

"I hope to bring to the school board my experience in education and as a parent of students in elementary and high school," said Heather. "I am also an advocate for students receiving special education services. I intend to support Akron students with the best academic and enrichment opportunities available."

Heather and her husband, Bill, have lived in Newstead for ten years and have four children. Their sons, Bryce, a sophomore, and Luke and Finn, third graders, attend Akron Schools. Their daughter, Ardynn, will begin kindergarten in two years. Heather is involved with the Akron PTA, Cub Scouts and the Celebration Committee, while Bill is president of the Akron Soccer League.

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is properly maintained and accessible to residents. Thus, at this time, a second project is being considered to address needs at the bus garage and athletic fields. As with any project, stakeholders from across the community will have the opportunity to provide input.

This newsletter includes many important announcements and reminders as well as the Free and Reduced Meal application guidelines. It also includes the Student-Teacher Calendar.

I encourage you to stay informed and be involved in any way that you can. I am looking forward to the start of a new school year, the opportunity to deepen my knowledge of ACS, and forming positive and productive relationships with our staff, students, parents, and community members. Please feel free to contact my office at 542-5006 or email me at pmccabe@akronk12.org.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. McCabe

Superintendent of Schools

Welcome Mr. Ricci - New High School Principal



Mr. Brandon Ricci (pronounced "Ricky") joins the administrative team at Akron Schools as High School Principal, succeeding Mr. Joseph Lucenti, who retired after twenty-two years at ACS.

"I am humbled and honored to be the next Principal at Akron High School," said Mr. Ricci, who began work mid-July. "I am thankful to Mr. Lucenti for his guidance as well as grace during our transition and will seek to uphold the pillars of success which he has had for so many years."

Mr. Ricci holds New York State administration certifications as School Building Leader Professional and School District Leader Professional for Grades K-12, as well as Teacher Certifications as Literacy Specialist Grades 5-12 (Professional) and Social Studies Grades 5-12 (Professional). He most recently served as Assistant Principal for grades 6-12 at Pembroke Central Schools. Previously, he taught ninth grade Global I, eleventh grade U.S. History, and twelfth grade Advanced Placement Government and Economics at Batavia City High School where he also coached the 2014 Section V champion football team.

He is eager to get to know Akron, its families, traditions, staff, and students.

"Change is hard," says Mr. Ricci. "The three most important words for sustaining any change: relationships, relationships, and relationships. Yet relationships take time. My hope is that Akron High School is a place where our students receive a first class education, have opportunities to participate in extra-curricular events and are developed in three key areas: character, relationships and mission. I look forward to meeting you!"

The District is also hiring a Special Education teacher and part-time Occupational Therapist. However, the print deadline for this publication prevented them from being featured here.

NEW for 2019-20

Never Miss the Bus Again with Traversa Ride360™

The Traversa Ride 360™ web and mobile app for Apple® and Android® devices allows parents and students to access their own secure data for bus stop location, route, pick up times and drop off times. Ride 360 is connected to the GPS units on our buses to provide real-time data and updates. Follow the steps below to register and link to your child's information.

Creating your account:

- ➔ Download the "Traversa Ride 360" app from iTunes or Google Play Store
- ➔ Launch the app
- ➔ The first step is searching for the school district
 - ◆ Enter **Akron Central School - NYS**
- ➔ The login screen should appear next
 - ◆ Tap **Register** to create your account
 - ◆ Enter your **email address** (this will be your **Username**)
 - ◆ Create a **Password**
 - ◆ Enter the password again to confirm it is correct
 - ◆ Enter your **First Name**
 - ◆ Enter your **Last Name**
 - ◆ Tap **Submit**
- ➔ After completing the steps above you will receive a confirmation email from Traversa
 - ◆ Click the **link** in the email to complete the registration process.



Connecting your children:

- ➔ Launch the app
- ➔ Login using the **Username** and **Password** you created
- ➔ Select **My Students**
 - ◆ Tap the **+** in the upper right corner
 - ◆ Enter your child's **Student Number** (7 digit number - can be found in the Parent Portal or on a report card)
 - ◆ Enter your child's **Grade** (Enter 0 for kindergarten)
 - ◆ Tap **Find Student**
 - ◆ If the information matches the student will appear and you can tap **Link**
 - ◆ If the student does not appear contact the Transportation Office
 - ◆ Tap **Find Another** to link additional children or tap **Done**

Please contact the Transportation Office at (716) 542-5026 if you need assistance or have questions. Additional resources for Ride 360 can be found at www.akronschools.org/Ride360

If you need assistance accessing the Parent Portal please contact the Technology Office at (716) 542-5045.



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.

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)
- WKBW-TV Channel 7
- WIVB-TV Channel 4
- WGRZ-TV Channel 2

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.



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.



Public Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 29

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.



Akron Schools is always looking to hire for substitute positions including teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers, bus attendants, food service helpers and clerical personnel. Positions are perfect for stay-at-home moms and dads, retirees and anyone who enjoys working with children! Please visit our website at www.akronschools.org/employment.

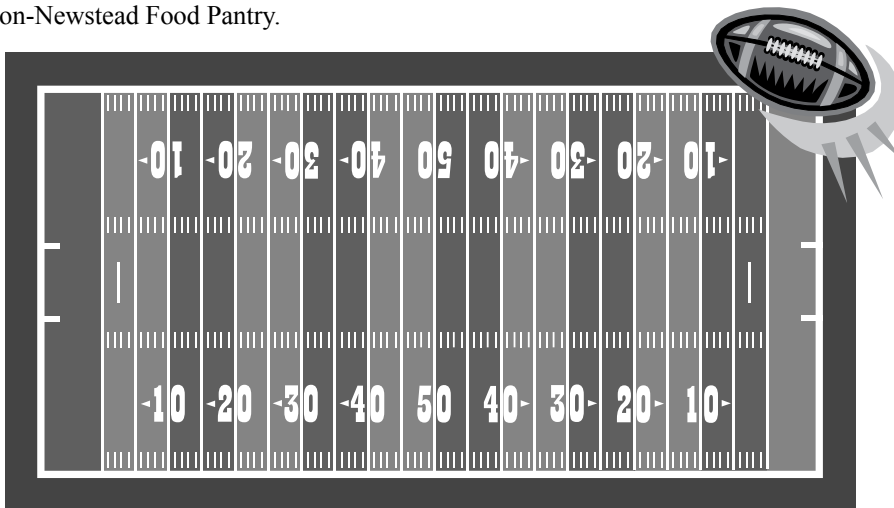
SAVE THE DATE!

Homecoming is October 4th!

Mark your calendar for the annual ACS Homecoming Celebration planned for Friday, October 4, 2019! Dig out your Akron jacket, put on the face paint and join in the fun! The parade, led by the award-winning Akron Tiger Marching Band, will begin at 5:00PM featuring class floats for this year's "Holidays" theme, the homecoming court, Athletic Wall of Fame inductees, other tiger-spirited groups, and the local fire trucks! Following the parade, the Class of 2020 is hosting Food Trucks in the front bus lot!

The Athletic Wall of Fame induction ceremony will begin at 6:00PM in GYM 1. Four individuals will be inducted this year including Kierstyn Sturmer of the Class of 2012 who was a standout field hockey, basketball and softball player, Emily Tanski '04 who played soccer, swam for the Tigersharks and vaulted for the track team, Daniel Klonowski '04 who was exceptional on the gridiron, the wrestling mats and the baseball diamond, and Michael Dean, Class of 2000, who made stellar contributions to the football and basketball teams.

The Tiger football team will take on the Bears from Cheektowaga-Sloan's JFK High School at 7:30PM. Admission is free at the gate with a non-perishable donation to the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry.



Chromebook Update

Akron Schools is entering the fourth and final year of its 1:1 Chromebook device rollout with funding through the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act. Students entering fifth grade will be receiving Chromebooks for the first time this fall. Parents of students in that grade level 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.



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.

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.



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

Required Parent Alcohol & Drug Awareness Presentation

A Parent Alcohol & Drug Awareness presentation will be made on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 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. Brandon Ricci, High School Principal, Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, Assistant HS/MS Principal or Mr. John Jablonski, Athletic Coordinator at (716) 542-5030.

Removal of Religious Exemption

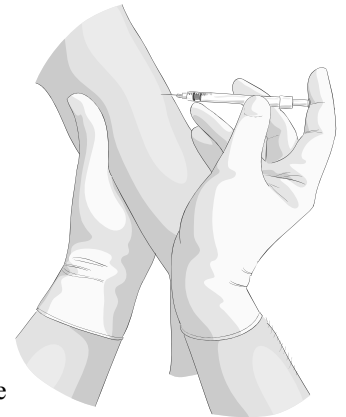
On June 13, 2019, Governor Cuomo signed into law legislation removing the religious exemption from immunization requirements effective immediately.

What did the new law do?

As of June 13, 2019, there is no longer a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated against measles and other diseases to attend either:

- public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), or
- child day care settings.

Students with religious exemptions who will be returning to school on September 4, 2019, need to begin the immunization process as soon as possible. In order to continue attendance, proof must have been received of the first dose in each immunization series and documentation provided to the school with a schedule of age appropriate appointments for all required follow-up vaccine dosages no later than August 12, 2019. If this information was not received by the school within the time periods specified, these students will not be allowed in school. Please contact the central registrar's office for more information.



Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2019-20 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. **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals 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.**
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 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, 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.**

**2019-2020 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	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,177	\$ 682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

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 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 _____

F ___ R ___ D ___

2019-2020 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"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<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: 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.

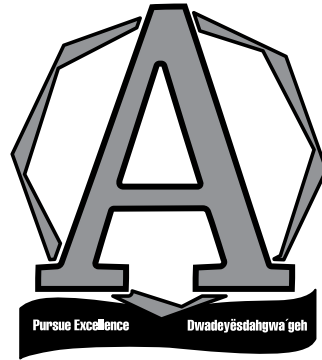
To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested 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 2019-20 Student/Teacher Calendar

Retrieval Days/In Order-If Needed: 5/22, 4/17, 4/16, 4/15, 4/14



BOE approved: 3-20-19

SEPTEMBER 2019				
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				

FEBRUARY 2020				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
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OCTOBER 2019				
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MARCH 2020				
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NOVEMBER 2019				
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APRIL 2020				
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MAY 2020				
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JANUARY 2020				
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JUNE 2020				
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22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- 9/2 Labor Day- No School
- 9/3 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
- 9/4 First Student Day
- 10/14 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No school
- 11/1 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
- 11/11 Veterans' Day - No school
- 11/26 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- 11/27 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30am-
No Students
- 11/28-29 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- 12/23-1/1 Winter Recess - No School
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/20 Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
- 1/21-1/24 Regents Exams
- 2/3 Grading/Record Keeping Day - No Students
- 2/13 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
- 2/14 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30am-
No Students
- 2/17-21 Mid-Winter Recess - No School
- 3/20 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
- 4/10-4/17 Spring Recess -No School
- 4/20 School Resumes
- 5/19 Annual School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
- 5/22-5/25 Memorial Day - No School
- 6/17-6/25 High School Local/Regents Exams
- 6/24 K-8 Last day of student attendance
- 6/25 Regents Exams Only
- 6/26 Graduation/ Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only

Legend

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

Single-Entry for All Visitors

Akron Central School will continue to use a single point of entry to the building for the 2019-20 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 at the front of the school near the flagpoles.**
- **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.**
- **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 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 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 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