

Welcome Back! School Resumes at ACS on Tuesday, September 7th

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A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Akron Central Schools Community,

On behalf of the Akron Board of Education, administrators, faculty, and staff welcome to the 2021-22 school year. We are genuinely excited to have students back with us and involved in an engaging, robust learning experience that allows them to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

After over a year of change and disruption, it is only logical that we yearn for a return to more predictable routines and practices. At the same time, we have an opportunity to apply all that we have learned about ourselves, our students, and our programs, to create an even better educational experience for our students. This year, fostering deeper relationships and building personal connections between students and staff will be a priority and we will continue to provide students with a safe, supportive, stable school environment. Helping children to appreciate one another and ensuring that they feel comfortable in school is a shared responsibility and we look forward to working alongside parents and students in this regard. Some children will need time to readjust to the schedule and workload of 5 days per week of instruction and we will work with them to build their academic stamina.

We have invested time and effort into developing plans and programs to provide additional academic and social/emotional support. We welcome to our highly qualified and dedicated staff a new Middle/High School Assistant Principal and a new Director of Interscholastic Athletics, Physical Education, and Health & Wellness. A Health and Wellness teacher for the MS/HS, Academic Intervention Specialists and

Teaching Assistants at the Elementary, Middle, and High School, as well as an Academic Learning Lab in the High School, have been incorporated into our program. Additionally, we are partnering with Best Self Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide a full-time Social/Emotional Health Coordinator who will oversee services to students and families and provide professional development to staff. Pages 3 and 4 give more information on our new staff members and will help to put faces with names and roles.

For a while, it seemed like many of the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic were beginning to ease as infection rates in our area decreased steadily throughout the spring and early summer. But recently, those numbers have increased and schools are warned to guard against the spread of the virus' delta variant. The safety and well-being of students and staff is our number one priority and we remain steadfast in our commitment to ensure a safe campus for all. The District will collaborate with local and state health officials to implement monitoring, prevention, and mitigating strategies that appropriately correspond to infection rate data. As we experienced last year, the guidance from the CDC, NYSDOH, Executive Orders, and ECDOH, as well as the virus itself, are subject to change. We will adapt and modify our operational plans as necessary and will continue to provide regular updates through letters, email, and text messages. Parents are encouraged to notify the District's



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Superintendent of Schools

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AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Central Registrar if they have any changes to their contact information. We thank you again for your continued support and cooperation.

The remainder of this newsletter includes many important announcements, the Free and Reduced Meal guidelines and application, as well as the Student-Teacher Calendar. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

The positive relationships between the school, families, and our community partners are truly what make Akron a special place.

Let's continue to develop these relationships as we look forward to the start of a new school year. Again, please stay informed and be involved in any way that you can. I encourage you to contact my office at 542-5006 or email me at pmccabe@akronk12.org.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent of Schools

About our Board of Education

Voters at the May 18, 2021, Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections retained both Mr. Phillip Kenline and Mr. Erik Polkowski for another three-year term, maintaining all current members of the Board for the 2021-2022 school year.

During the July 15, 2021, re-organizational meeting, Mr. James Grant was re-elected President and Mr. Erik Polkowski was re-elected to serve as Vice President. The remaining trustees are Mrs. Jody Brege, Mrs. Heather Cayea, Ms. Deborah Forrestel, Mr. Robert Masse, and Mr. Kenline.

"The Board is pleased to promote an environment that supports the social and emotional health of our students as the district returns to full-time in-person instruction," said Mr. Grant. "We'll continue to support a varied and rigorous academic and extra-curricular offering that provides every student the opportunity to succeed at Akron and the world beyond."

Board of Education meetings were re-opened to the public last spring when pandemic restrictions were loosened. Meetings are currently being held in the High School cafeteria; dates can be found on the school website. Those attending school board meetings are kindly expected to follow pandemic safety protocols.

Meet Our New Administrators

Mr. Stephen Dimitroff successfully completed his year as Interim High School Principal and was recommended to the Board of Education by Superintendent McCabe and thereby appointed as High School Principal during the May 26, 2021, regular business meeting.

Mr. Dimitroff began his service as the High School Principal in the tenure area of School District Administrator on July 1, 2021.

"Spending nearly a decade serving this wonderful community has been nothing but an honor and a privilege," said Mr. Dimitroff, who began his career with ACS in the fall of 2012 as Assistant High School and Middle School Principal and Athletic Director.

"Akron is a very special place and I am continually humbled by its extraordinary students, staff and families. We will continue to work together to provide the very best experiences possible for our students as we emerge from this pandemic stronger and more resilient than ever. Go Tigers!"

He looks forward to continuing to strengthen the work of the administrative team.

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Mrs. Mary Fial joins the ACS administrative team as Assistant Principal for the Middle and High Schools.

Mrs. Fial earned bachelor's degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies and English Literature with a minor in Psychology, as well as her Master's degree in Special Education, from D'Youville College. She has a Certification of Advanced Studies as School Building/School District Leader from Buffalo State College.

She was a Special Education teacher in a self-contained 8:1:1 classroom with the Sweet Home Central School District. Prior to that, Mrs. Fial was an Intensive Therapeutic 6:1:1 teacher for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES and taught at Baker Hall of OLV Human Services.

"During my first year at ACS, my goal is to establish and nurture positive and productive relationships with members of the Akron Middle and High School family in order to better understand the history, norms, values and traditions of the school community-at-large," stated Mrs. Fial. "It will provide me with an opportunity to collaborate with the leadership team to establish priorities based on a shared sense of our school's strengths and areas of need, opportunities and aspirations, as well as a vision and action plan for the success of each student's future."

Mrs. Fial resides in Cheektowaga with her husband, Jeff, and two children, Harper, 6, and Hudson, 3.

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Stephen Dimitroff



Mary Fial

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Welcome New Faculty

Akron Schools is pleased to welcome several new faculty members.



Anna Bargnesi
Grade 5 Long-Term
Substitute
BS Buffalo State College
MS Buffalo State College



Jennifer Burden
HS Math Long-Term
Substitute
BA SUNY Geneseo
M.Ed. University at Buffalo



Danielle Burns-Heim
HS English AIS
BS Buffalo State College
M.Ed. Buffalo State College



Samantha George
MS Phys. Ed. &
Health Education
BS SUNY Cortland
MS SUNY Cortland



Amanda Hooper
MS Math AIS
BS Daemen College
MS Buffalo State College



Chandra Jagielo
Kindergarten
BS Buffalo State College
MA Buffalo State College



Joy Kelley
HS Teacher Asst.
BA Alfred University
M.Ed. University at Buffalo



Megan Kiss
High School English
BA SUNY Fredonia
MS SUNY Fredonia



Alex Kostek
ELEM Teacher Asst.
BS Buffalo State College



Jessica Krauss
Grade 2
BS Medaille College
MS Medaille College

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Mr. Christopher Schiumo (pronounced “Skew-mo”) also joins the administrative team as the District’s Director of Interscholastic Athletics, Physical Education, and Health/Wellness.

Mr. Schiumo earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Health & Physical Education from Canisius College. He earned his Master’s degree in Sport Management: Sport Administration from Liberty University. He is currently finishing his School District Leader certificate from Canisius College.

He was Athletic Director and taught Physical Education at West Valley Central School District. Prior to that, he taught Health, Physical Education, Personal Fitness, Driver’s Education and Adapted Physical Education at South Lakes High School in Fairfax, Virginia. He also taught Health and Physical Education with the District of Columbia Public Schools. Mr. Schiumo has experience coaching baseball, basketball, soccer, and track and field.

“My focus each and every day will be on how we can serve our student-athletes at the highest level while staying true to Akron’s mission statement,” said Mr. Schiumo. “The Athletic Department will focus on the complete success of our students and will continue to explore ways to support these student-athletes to reach their full potential. I am so excited to begin supporting our athletes, our families, our coaches, and the community of Akron!”

Mr. Schiumo resides in Clarence Center with his wife Stephanie, and children, Olivia, 3, and Anthony, 1, and two dogs.



Christopher Schiumo



Ryan Levy
HS Social Studies
BA Stony Brook University
MS College of Staten Island



Molly Milleville
Kdg. Long-Term Substitute
BS Niagara University



Chad Smith
MS Teacher Asst.
BA SUNY Brockport
MS SUNY Brockport



Kevin Wartinger
MS Health
BS SUNY Brockport
MA Canisius College

The District is also hiring a MS Spanish teacher, HS/MS School Psychologist, and Elementary Teacher Assistant. We also welcome Brenda Blair and Christi Dukat to the Food Service Dept., and Sandra Janson as a Sr. Clerk Typist.



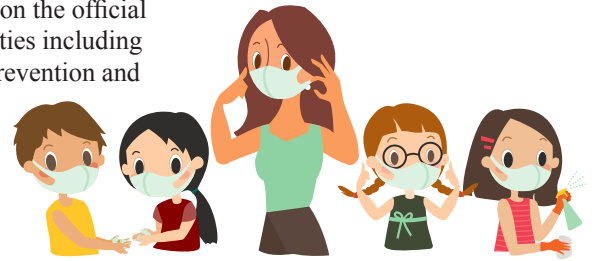
Bus Safety Tips & Reminders

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

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

General COVID-19 Safety Information

The Akron Central District relies on the official guidance issued by health authorities including Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Erie County Department of Health, to develop and implement all of the necessary health and safety protocols to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and any variants.



We recognize that governmental entities, such as the Department of Health, have jurisdiction over the District on health-related matters and may mandate COVID-related measures that the District will be legally obligated to follow.

The District has analyzed the guidelines issued by health authorities and plans for multiple layers of prevention are in place. These include community monitoring, vaccination promotion, screening testing, increased ventilation, handwashing, encouraging sick people to stay home, cleaning and disinfection, and wearing of masks.

As the District has done throughout the pandemic, we will work with employees, students and their parents in response to anyone providing medical documentation indicating that a medical condition prevents him/her from wearing a mask, or requires some other accommodation.

We are committed to working proactively to support the health and safety of all students, staff and visitors. We will monitor the effectiveness of all COVID-19 prevention strategies and make adjustments based on the data available and the current circumstances within our schools and community, and with the guidance of health authorities.

Our protocol and procedures, which are subject to change, will continue to be communicated to parents through automated calls or text messages, as well as from our website. The safety protocol will be explained to all students, staff and visitors while also being reinforced through daily practice.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Homecoming is October 1st!

Sorely missed last year due to the pandemic, we are pleased to announce ACS Homecoming festivities will be held Friday, October 1, 2021. Organizers are planning Spirit Week which will culminate with Homecoming day events for which the community is invited to join the fun! The Akron Tiger Marching band leads the parade beginning at 5:00PM with "TV Show" themed class floats, the homecoming court, Athletic Wall of Fame inductees and other tiger-spirited groups, plus the local fire trucks!



The Athletic Wall of Fame induction ceremony draws alumni to the homecoming events each year. This year's inductees include Mr. Nick Abraham for the "Eye of the Tiger Award" for his tremendous support and contributions to Akron Athletics; the 1990 softball team who earned a trip to the NYSPHSAA state championship; Mr. Kenneth Stoldt for his service as a coach and administrator; and individual athletes Robbyn Peterman Robnett '93, who excelled in field hockey, softball, and basketball; and Austin Mietz, a football, basketball and baseball star from the Class of 2013.

The Tiger football team will take on the Wilson Lakemen at 7:30PM. Admission is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry.

Business Class Selling Alumni Shirts

The Business Department at ACS begins its 5th year partnering with Akron Market on Main (AMOM) to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities that have included product development, marketing, management, customer service, and finance that go along with owning and operating a business.

Last spring, students worked through the product development process to create an alumni shirt. They learned the history of the Tiger mural that was painted on the HS gym wall during the summer of 1979 by Linley Logan '80, with the help of Louis and Michelle Nanni ('80 and '82). Nearly forty-two years later, Lily Enfield '21 digitized Linley's painting for use on the alumni shirt.

The students are very excited to unveil the design and take your pre-order! For more details and to place your alumni shirt order, go to <http://akronmarketonmain.com/akron-alumni-shirts>. Orders will be ready in time for Homecoming!

Profits made through this partnership fund the yearly AMOM Business Education Scholarship.



Community Use of School Facilities

Akron Schools is pleased to make its facilities available again for use by community organizations now that many pandemic restrictions have been lifted. However, safety is one of the District's top priorities. Should state and county health departments impose restrictions again, our District will alert the community of changes to the use of facilities through our website and the local newspaper.

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 26th

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.



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

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.

Get those Chromebooks Charged!

With the exception of grades pre-k and kindergarten, Chromebooks were not collected from students in June. Now is the time to locate Chromebooks and chargers! Please make sure that students are charging their Chromebooks prior to the start of school on September 7, 2021.

Devices needing repairs should be brought to the Technology Department in room M212. Parents are reminded that charges for repairs are for the cost of parts only, up to \$100; there is no charge for labor as per the Chromebook Agreement. Chromebooks are an integral part of a student's education at every grade level. Repairs are important to keep devices in working order so that students are prepared each day.

Akron Schools will begin its sixth year of its 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Students in grades 1, 5 and 9 will be receiving a new device and case during the first week of school. Last year, the pandemic disrupted supply deliveries and some students who received new Chromebooks last spring, did not receive a new case. As soon as those cases arrive, we will work to distribute them.

Parents and students are reminded that troubleshooting tips are available on the school website at www.akronschools.org/techsupport.

Any questions regarding the Chromebook program may be directed to the Technology Department at (716)542-5045.

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 well as to register student-athletes for interscholastic sports. Report cards are no longer mailed home unless requested through HS Student Support Services, the MS Office or the Elementary 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.

Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2021-22 School Year



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

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

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

2021-2022 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	\$ 23,828	\$ 1,986	\$ 993	\$ 917	\$ 459
2	\$ 32,227	\$ 2,686	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,240	\$ 620
3	\$ 40,626	\$ 3,386	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,563	\$ 782
4	\$ 49,025	\$ 4,086	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,886	\$ 943
5	\$ 57,424	\$ 4,786	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,105
6	\$ 65,823	\$ 5,486	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,532	\$ 1,266
7	\$ 74,222	\$ 6,186	\$ 3,093	\$ 2,855	\$ 1,428
8	\$ 82,621	\$ 6,886	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,178	\$ 1,589
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,399	\$ 700	\$ 350	\$ 324	\$ 162

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Akron Board of Education

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

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ___ R ___ D ___

2021-2022 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"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

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

Name: _____ CASE # _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

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

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

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

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

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Food Services Director, Akron Central School, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, New York 14001. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (716)542-5027. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

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

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, 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: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint> 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 2021-22 Student/Teacher Calendar



Retrieval Days/In Order-If Needed
4/11, 4/12, 4/13, (2/18)

SEPTEMBER 2021				
M	T	W	T	F
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OCTOBER 2021				
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NOVEMBER 2021				
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JANUARY 2022				
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- September
 - 1-3 Superintendent Conf. Day - Staff Only - No Students
 - 6 Labor Day - No School
 - 7 First Student Day
- October
 - 11 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School
 - 22 High School Staff Conference Day PM Only
High School Students Only Dismissal 11:30AM
- November
 - 11 Veterans' Day - No School
 - 23 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30PM
 - 24 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30AM -
No Students
 - 25-26 Thanksgiving Recess - No School
- December
 - 24-1/2 Winter Recess - No School
- January
 - 3 School Resumes
 - 17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
 - 25-28 Regents Exams
 - 31 Grading/Record Keeping Day - No Students
- February
 - 17 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30PM
 - 18 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30AM -
No Students
 - 21-25 Mid-Winter Recess - No School
- March
 - 18 Superintendent Conf. Day - Staff Only - No Students
- April
 - 11-18 Spring Recess - No School
- May
 - 30 Memorial Day - No School
- June
 - 15-23 High School Regents
 - 20 Observance for Juneteenth - No School
 - 21 Last Day of Attendance for Elementary -
Elementary Students Only Dismissal 11:30AM
 - 23 Last Day of Attendance for Middle School
 - 24 Rating Day - No Students
 - 24 Graduation

Adopted 3/10/21

FEBRUARY 2022				
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MARCH 2022				
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JUNE 2022				
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Legend

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

COVID-19 Safety Protocol Applies to All Visitors

FOR COVID-19 SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS & PROTOCOLS
go to www.akronschools.org/COVID19

Although we are discouraging unnecessary visitors to our school at this time to protect students and staff, Akron Schools will continue to use a single point of entry to the building for the 2021-22 school year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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