

Welcome Back! School Resumes at ACS on Tuesday, September 6th

A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Members of the Akron Central School District Community,

On behalf of the Akron Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff, welcome to the 2022-23 school year. Throughout the summer, staff members have been engaged in professional development, creating new programs and preparing our campus. We are eager to have students return, ready to learn. Together we have an opportunity to execute the mission of our school district so that each child in our care develops their potential while contributing to the lives and learning of their friends and classmates.

This new school year is an especially exciting time as we emerge from some of the challenges faced the past two-plus years. Our quest to provide students with academic, extracurricular, and interpersonal experiences that will enrich their lives and bring them a sense of joy and belonging as members of our school community is paramount.

Implementation of the 2022-2025 ACS Strategic Plan, advancements in school safety, and further exploration of ways to improve our campus for students and the community through a capital project, are just some of the meaningful initiatives that we will address in the coming school year.

We are continuously seeking to enhance communication between home, school and community. To learn more about the District, please regularly visit our website at akronschools.org. This newsletter introduces our new Board of Education members as well as new staff members, in addition to many important announcements.

The Free and Reduced Meal guidelines and application, as well as the Student-Teacher Calendar, are essential components of the newsletter. Please also note that September 1st and 2nd are Staff Development Days before we'll welcome students on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, for the first day of classes.

We recognize that the positive relationships between the school, families, and our community partners, are truly, what make Akron so special. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to develop these relationships. Please stay informed and be involved! I welcome you to contact my office at (716)542-5006 or email me at pmccabe@akronk12.org.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent of Schools



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AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Meet Our New Board of Education Trustees

During the July 13, 2022, Akron Board of Education re-organizational meeting, Ryan Allen and Kristy Pingitore were sworn in as new trustees, along with Heather Cayea who was re-elected. All three will serve three-year terms. James Grant was re-elected president and Erik Polkowski was re-elected to vice president. Phil Kenline and Bob Masse round out the seven-member board. Meeting dates are found on our website at akronschools.org/boe. We live-stream at youtube.com/c/AkronCentralSchoolDistrict.



Ryan Allen

Ryan Allen welcomes the opportunity to serve the Akron Community as a Board of Education trustee. He is a crane technician for Dematic, a company specializing in automated systems for warehouse spaces, and has lived with his family in Akron for four years, having returned to the region after living in Washington, DC. He has also lived in Vermont and Maine. In each location, he has proudly served as a first responder as an EMT and firefighter and is currently a volunteer firefighter with the Akron Fire Department.

About his new role as an Akron Board of Education trustee, Ryan says, "I pride myself on my ability to keep an open mind, a cool head, and an analytical approach when faced with adverse situations, and find that most things can be resolved by stepping back and pausing to have a conversation as opposed to an argument."

His goal is to create more transparency for the community, parents, students, and staff about what is happening inside the district.

Ryan is the proud father of five children. His girls, Zoe and Sophia, are in second grade at Akron Elementary. He resides in the Village of Akron and enjoys riding his motorcycle in a club with fellow firemen. They use their platform to help various organizations within their townships, participating in community outreach and riding for charitable fundraisers.



Kristy Pingitore

Also joining the board as a new trustee is Kristy Pingitore. Kristy and her husband Anthony operate B+B Door Service, a long-time family-owned local business. Originally from Maine, she has been a resident of Akron since 2004.

Mrs. Pingitore is highly involved with the Akron Chamber of Commerce, currently serving as president and their chairperson for the cruise nights, and is honored to have initiated the Hometown Heroes Banner Program that will feature our local veterans and current service members on light standards throughout the Village. She also works with organizations that bring awareness to the mental health of and the prevention of suicide by veterans or service members.

"It is my goal to open the lines of communication between the parents of this district and the school board that serves it," says Kristy. "Transparency and accountability are key to that change, and I believe I will be instrumental in facilitating that change with my background and vested interest as a district parent."

Kristy is the mother of three ACS graduates and has three children currently attending: Sicily in third grade, Samuel in seventh grade, and Aaron Ziemba, a junior.

Welcome New Administration



Paul Kowalski

In April, Paul Kowalski joined the administrative team as the Director of Technology. He brings many years of experience as a teacher, principal, and technology integrator and hit the ground running at ACS, already instrumental in the completion and submission of the new Technology Plan for 2022-25 and as a member of the committee that helped to develop the new Strategic Plan.

Mr. Kowalski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geological Sciences as well as a Master of Education degree in Earth Science Education from the University at Buffalo. He taught science for 11 years at Clarence and Williamsville schools. He was a member of the Clarence Instructional Leadership Team and was co-coach of the Clarence Middle School National Science Bowl and Clarence High School Science Olympiad teams.

At Canisius College, Mr. Kowalski earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, and later, an Advanced Certificate in School Business and Human Resource Administration from the University at Buffalo. In 2015, he became Middle School Principal and Technology Integrator in the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School District. Mr. Kowalski then joined the Lockport City School District, serving as an assistant principal at the intermediate and elementary levels, and principal at the intermediate level.

Mr. Kowalski resides in the Town of Newstead with his wife, Julie, a teacher at Clarence Middle School, and three daughters, Hannah, Jenna, and Kayla, who attend Akron Elementary. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys spending time together with his family, gardening, and growing fruits and vegetables.



Kurt Helmich

Akron Schools welcomes Mr. Kurt Helmich as its new Director of Facilities. After successfully completing his civil service exam, his career at educational institutions began with South

Buffalo Charter School and the Alexander Central School District before joining the team at Akron in June.

Kurt is a graduate of SUNY Cobleskill with a degree in Outdoor Recreation Management. He worked in landscaping for several years before becoming a residential and commercial construction foreman and then an owner-operator of a remodeling business. He's a handy guy to have around and has already demonstrated strong leadership.

"The job is diverse – and intriguing," says Kurt. "I enjoy being challenged with new and different situations that need to be overcome. It has been a pleasure to meet so many great people in my short time here at ACS thus far, and I look forward to building many more wonderful relationships."

Welcome New Faculty

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



Jordan Bookbinder
HS Math
Long-Term Substitute
BS University of Buffalo
MS Medaille College



Ryan Carberry
HS Physical Education
BS Canisius College
MS Grace College



Nicole Johnson
HS Guidance Counselor
BA University of Buffalo
M. Ed. University of Buffalo



Colleen Logan-Bruce
Pre-K Long-Term Substitute
BS & MS SUNY Buffalo
State College



Riley Lucarelli
MS Physical Education
BS Canisius College
MS Ed Canisius College



Cailin Regan
Grade 4
BS University of Buffalo
MS SUNY Buffalo
State College



Kristy Warren
Kindergarten
BA SUNY Fredonia
MS Canisius College



Jennifer Vespa
Speech Therapist
BA University of Buffalo
MA University of Buffalo

Additional New Hires:

The District is also hiring a MS Native American Home-School Counselor, a MS Special Education Teacher, and a HS Academic Learning Center teacher.

Meet our Central Registrar

Madison Machelski
Central Registrar



Miss Madison Machelski, an Akron graduate, became the District's new Central Registrar in March. She is charged with registering all new students to the district including those entering kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is held in late winter each year; parents should check the website for dates and more information.

Miss Machelski is also responsible for taking applications for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program and she supports the Office of Special Education.

Her office is located in H195 across from the District Office. She can be reached at (716)542-5039.



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

IMPORTANT LINKS:

2022-23 School Safety Plan: akronschools.org/SAVEManual
2022-25 Strategic Plan: akronschools.org/StrategicPlan



Bus Safety Tips & Reminders

- 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.

Chromebooks: Charging & New Devices

It's time to locate and charge Chromebooks! Students in grades 6 through 12 should make sure they have their device charged for the first day of school.

Students in grades 8, 9 and 12 should plan to bring their devices AND chargers to school on the first day to be exchanged for new Chromebooks as part of the replacement cycle.

Chargers **MUST** be returned with the Chromebook to avoid a replacement fee of \$20. Students will not receive the new device until the old device and charger is returned.

Grades 1, 4 and 5 will also receive new devices as part of the replacement or rotation cycle.

Students issued a new device can expect to receive a new case, too.

Any other elementary Chromebooks will be available for students in their classroom, housed either in a charging cart or in a case.

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 the 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.

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

Any questions regarding the Chromebook program may be directed to the Technology Department at (716) 542-5045 or by email at akronitdept@akronk12.org.



Health Office Reminders

- **All students entering Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 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 are required to have two vaccinations for Varicella (chicken pox).
- 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 September 30th!

A school and community favorite, Homecoming brings friends, family, and alumni together to celebrate the Orange & Black! Planning for Spirit Week is nearly complete; the in-school events lead up to the Homecoming day festivities for which the community can join in the fun!

The Akron Tiger Marching Band heads up the parade beginning at 5:00PM with “Professional Sports Teams” themed class floats, the homecoming court, Athletic Wall of Fame inductees and other tiger-spirited groups, plus – our local fire trucks!

The Athletic Wall of Fame induction ceremony draws alumni to the homecoming events each year. This year’s inductees include Ron Eulenberg for the “Eye of the Tiger” Award for his tremendous support and contributions to Akron Athletics; Carl Patterson ’74 who excelled in football, basketball and baseball; Dawn Albrecht Keppler, a field hockey and track standout from the Class of 1981; Nick Cummings ’08 for his feats on the baseball, basketball and football teams; and Scott Johnston of the Class of 2009 who shined in football, wrestling and lacrosse and helped to put the Tiger Lacrosse program on the map in the league and Section VI.

The Tiger football team will take on the Cardinal O’Hara Hawks in a non-league contest at 7:30PM. Admission is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry.



Community Use of School Facilities

The facilities at Akron Schools 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 are 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 canceled or their organization no longer needs to utilize the reserved space.

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

Orange Shirts raise awareness for “Every Child Matters”

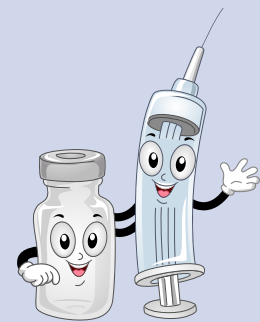
The winning designs by Sierra Winter ’22 and senior Hannah Martin for a t-shirt contest have been combined to create an orange t-shirt to raise awareness for the “Every Child Matters” local movement. Orange Shirt Day is an international event recognized by the U.S. and Canada on Friday, September 30, 2022, meant to bring awareness, recovery, and reconciliation for the atrocities at Residential Schools against Native American people and their children.



Students from the Intro to Business class have set up an online store through the Akron Market on Main collaboration for work-based learning, to offer the specially designed t-shirts at cost for a limited-time pre-sale event. Pre-sale orders must be placed at https://akronmarket.org/akron_market/home no later than Friday, September 9th, to receive the special offer. This is not a fundraising event, but part of a project to help build awareness!

Shirts will be available for pick-up at the Akron Market on Main or at the school store during the last week of September, in time for September 30th Orange Shirt Day, and the school’s Homecoming festivities. Additional shirts, in limited quantities, will also be available at retail price at the Akron Market on Main during the last week of September.

For additional information about the shirt sale, please contact Mrs. Karen Saeli at ksaeli@akronk12.org. To learn more about the “Every Child Matters” movement, visit orangeshirtday.org.



Public Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday, October 27th

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
- Spectrum News

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. 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 (716)542-5045. A letter will be mailed home as passwords cannot be disclosed over the phone.

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.

Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2022-23 School Year



Lunch - High School/Middle School	\$2.60
Lunch - Elementary School	\$2.35
Breakfast - High School	\$1.75
Breakfast - Middle School	\$1.55
Breakfast - Elementary School	\$1.35

Family ID

The Athletic Department has implemented a new on-line registration program, FamilyID, for interscholastic sports. If you have not already done so, please visit www.akronschools.org/FamilyID to register for Fall 2022 sports. Deadline is September 9th for those still planning to play on modified teams!



Parking Restrictions

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.

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 \$1.35 for Elementary students, \$1.55 for MS students, and \$1.75 for HS Students. Lunch costs \$2.35 for Elementary students and \$2.60 for MS and HS students. 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: **Kerry Gates, Cook Manager, Akron Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, NY 14001 or (716)5452-5027.**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Mr. Timothy Dunham, Liaison for Homeless Children or Youth, at (716)542-5077 or tdunham@akronk12.org** to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at (716)542-5027 if you have questions.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a **FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL** application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Mrs. Cynthia Tretter, Hearing Official (Child Nutrition Program), Akron Central Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, 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.**

2022-2023 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Reduced Price Eligibility Income Chart

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
*Each Add'l person add					

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 ____

2022-2023 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: Kerry Gates, Cook Manager, Akron Central Schools, 47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, NY 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 (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 Kerry Gates, Cook Manager, 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 FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (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 FDIPIR 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 FDIPIR 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 FDIPIR 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:

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| (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 2022-23 Student/Teacher Calendar



Retrieval Days/In Order-If Needed (6/20,
6/21 Elementary Only), 4/3, 4/4, 4/5

SEPTEMBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F
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28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2022				
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JANUARY 2023				
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2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September

1-2 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students
5 Labor Day - No School
6 First Student Day

October

10 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School
21 High School Staff Conference Day PM Only
High School Student Only Dismissal 11:30AM

November

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

24-25 Thanksgiving Recess - No School

December

26-1/2 Winter Recess - No School

January

3 School Resumes
16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
24-27 Regents Exams
30 Grading/Record Keeping Day - No Students

February

16 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
17 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30 am-
No Students

20-24 Mid-Winter Recess - No School

March

17 Superintendent Conf. Day -Staff Only - No Students

April

3-7 Spring Recess -No School

May

29 Memorial Day - No School

June

14-22 High School Regents
19 Juneteenth - No School
20 Last Day of Attendance for Elementary-
Elementary Students Only Dismissal 11:30AM
21 Last Day of Attendance for Middle School
23 Rating Day - No Students
23 Graduation

BOE Approved 3/16/2022

FEBRUARY 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
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MARCH 2023				
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APRIL 2023				
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MAY 2023				
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JUNE 2023				
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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

Single Point of Entry for all Visitors to ACS

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

- All visitors will enter the building through the main entrance, Door #53, 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 allows 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.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 30th – 6th Grade Orientation 6:00PM AUD

Wednesday, August 31st – Mandatory Freshman & New HS Student Orientation
9:00-11:00AM AUD

Wednesday, August 31st – Mandatory Parent-Freshman & New HS Student Orientation
6:00PM AUD

Tuesday, September 6th – First Day of Attendance Gr. 1-12

Tuesday, September 6th – Kindergarten Parent-Student Orientation 9:30AM MPR

Thursday, September 22nd – Elementary Open House

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