



Auburn Junior High School

2022-2023 Orientation



AJHS Orientation



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Ross Reed
Principal



Kristen Williams
Assistant Principal
Serving students A-F



Mallory Kincaid
Assistant Principal
Serving students G-N



Chris Daniel
Assistant Principal
Serving students O-Z

Meet Our Counselors



Krystal Pritchett
Counselor
Serving students A-F



Teresa Hunter
Counselor
Serving students G-N



Donnie Payne
Counselor
Serving students O-Z



Mona Patterson
Student
Support Counselor

Staff to Know



Michelle Williams
Receptionist



Betty Jo Phillips
Secretary



Kerri Byrd
Registrar



Emily Mathews
Bookkeeper



Kristen Ferrell
Instructional
Technology Coach



Katie Rainer
Library Media
Specialist



Stacy Knowlton
Nurse



Suzanne Beard
Nurse

School Resource Officers



Roger Belyeu
SRO



Damien Barry
SRO

AJHS GENERAL
INFORMATION AND
EXPECTATIONS

PowerSchool – Parent Portal

- Create a **parent account** to keep up with grades, fees, and attendance.
 - This **MUST** be done on a desktop (not a phone or tablet)
 - At the beginning of school, your student will receive a handout with your personalized login information.
 - Go to the AJHS homepage and click on Parent Portal under the For Parents tab.
 - Download the PowerSchool Mobile app!
 - Our district code is TZFZ

Schoology – Learning Management System

- All course updates, materials, and information can be found on Schoology.
- Teachers will communicate daily with students through Schoology. It is crucial that students access Schoology to find any and all learning materials.
- Set up a Parent Account on Schoology
 - Go to www.schoology.com
 - Enter a parent code (any of your child's teachers can provide this code)
 - Enter your personal email address
 - Look at notification settings
 - Add additional students to the same parent account

Structure

- Campus configuration
 - Large campus over 27 acres with auditorium, 2 gyms, large cafeteria, new track, and great fine arts facilities.
 - 8th grade and 9th grade
- 1,500 Students with individual needs
- 99 Certified Teachers, plus Administrators, Counselors, Support Staff
 - 140 Adults on Campus at any given time
- 2 School Resource Officers

Regular Bell Schedule

2022-23

7:20-8:10	Zero Period	50 minutes
7:50	Students report to 1 st block or Café for breakfast	
8:15-9:45	First Block	90 minutes
9:50-11:20	Second Block	90 minutes
11:25-1:25	Third Block	120 minutes
	Classes will rotate to lunch based on teacher assignments	
1:30-3:00	Fourth Block	90 minutes
3:05-3:35	Advisory	30 minutes

8th Grade

- Language Arts – daily, all year
- Science and Social Studies swap in January and meet daily during the semester
- Math – daily, all year
 - Advanced Math or 8th grade Math
- Electives - PE (required for all 8th grade students) with Health (incorporated for one 9 weeks) and alternating day for the year.
 - One other elective which will be an alternating day class as well.

9th Grade

- English – this course is an alternating day course for the year. It is offered as Core or Advanced. Typically, it alternates with Career Prep.
- Mathematics – Either Geometry with Geometry Lab or Geometry/Algebra 2 with Trig.
- Geometry/Algebra 2 with Trig – must be in Advanced math as an 8th grader and score high on the Math Placement test. Faster paced with Geometry 1st semester and Algebra 2 with Trig 2nd semester.
- Biology and World History swap in January and meet daily during the semester.
- Advanced Courses for English, World History and Biology – $\frac{1}{2}$ quality point on GPA.

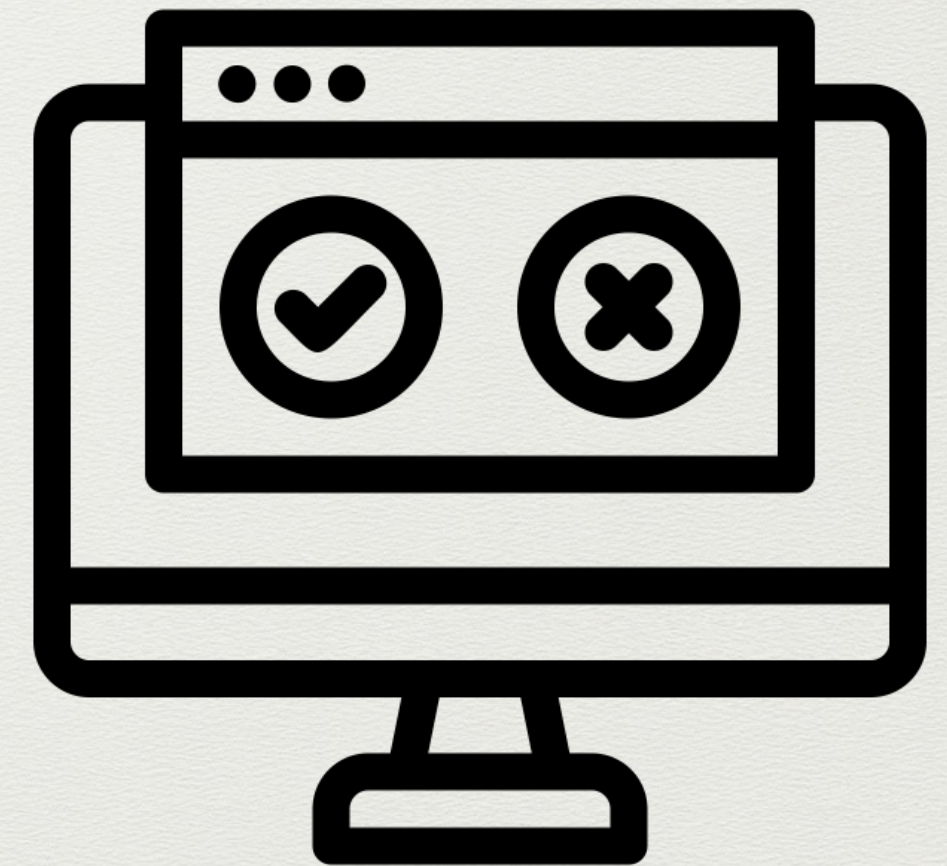
Electives

- Physical Education – required for all 8th graders
- Weight Training – students must sign up for this course in their PE class. Available for 8th and 9th grade students who sign up.
- Health – required for all 8th graders
- Fine Arts (Band, Choir, Theater, Art)
- Foreign Language (Spanish and French)
- ACCESS Courses for 9th grade students (8th grade can take Intro to Computer Science via ACCESS)
- Career Preparedness - 9th grade
- Career Technical
 - Including Culinary Arts – 9th grade
 - ROTC – 9th grade
 - Project Lead the Way – Introduction to Engineering Design (9th) and Robotics(8th)

Final Exams

- Final Exam Schedule for all classes
 - Fall Semester exams are December 13th – 16th. December 15th and 16th are half days. **No early exams will be given.**
 - Spring Semester exams are May 22nd – 25th. May 24th and 25th are half day exams. **No early exams will be given.**

*Final exams are mandatory for all courses.



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Attendance Policy

The Auburn City Schools Attendance Policy will still be in effect and may be referenced in the student handbook starting on page 18.

Excused Absences

- Illness of the student
- Death in the immediate family
- Inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life and health of the student as determined by Auburn City Schools
- Legal quarantine
- Emergency conditions or extenuating circumstances as determined by the principal
- Religious holidays, upon receiving prior approval from the student's principal
- Events where students are representing AJHS, ACS, or the Alabama High School Athletic Association
- Administrative absence upon receiving prior approval from the student's principal

Unexcused Absences

- Any absence that does not fall under the category of excused absence is recorded as an unexcused absence. Any student with five unexcused absences may be referred to Early Warning Court in the proper court of jurisdiction. In addition, absences are unexcused for the following:
 - Student and parent fail to provide the excused absence written statement with required information to school officials within three days of the student's return to school.
 - The student has been suspended.
 - Travel athletic teams/sports or any other unsanctioned event. Teams that do not fall under the AJHS, ACS, or the Alabama High School Athletic Association will not be excused.

Check-Ins / Check-Outs

- Check-ins or check-outs must be processed through the school's office. **No check outs will be processed after 3:00 pm.**
- A **valid physical, state-issued, photo ID is required** to check out a student.
- Any person checking out a student must be on the student's approved pickup list in PowerSchool
- Appointments not of a critical nature should be scheduled for times and days when school is not in session.
- Check-ins/outs are considered excused for the same reasons as excused absences. An unexcused check-in/out will be considered a tardy. Excessive check-in/outs may result in a home visit by the ACS Attendance Supervisor.

Make-Up Work

- Students are expected to make up work for absences. Students will be given five days to make up missed work. It is the student's responsibility to contact teachers to initiate all make-up work.
- Students are encouraged to establish systems by which they can contact other students in their respective classes to get class assignments and homework in case of absence.
- Checking teachers' Schoology pages and related links should enable students to stay current with assignments in their classes.
- When checking PowerSchool for student grades, please be aware that you may see a 1 or a 0 for a grade.
 - 1 = the student has the opportunity to make up the assignment
 - 0 = this is the final grade for the assignment

Transportation

- **Personal Vehicle**
 - Drop off at 7:50am
 - Pick up at 3:35pm
 - 8th grade drop off/pick up: 800 parking lot. Entry off South Dean Road.
 - DO NOT PICK UP OR DROP OFF STUDENT ON TERRACE ACRES.
 - 9th grade drop off/pick up: Fine Arts parking lot off Samford Ave.
- **Bus: ACS Transportation: 334-887-4915**
 - This is a privilege, not a right! Students may be removed for a period of time.
- **Walk & Bicycle**
 - Bicycle racks are located by the Fine Arts entry and the 800 building entry

Arrival Procedures

- Parents are encouraged to drop off students no earlier than 7:50 am as our teachers are not on campus prior to that time.
- Students that want to eat breakfast will report immediately to the cafeteria upon arrival. Students will remain in the cafeteria until they are released to first block. Students that do not eat breakfast will not be allowed in the cafeteria.
- Students that do not go to breakfast should report directly to their first block class and are not permitted to gather in groups in common areas.

Breakfast/Lunch/Cafeteria

- MySchoolBucks will be used to put money in all child nutrition accounts. Ala carte items will be available at a cash line that will not provide change. If a student purchases an ala carte item that costs \$2.00 and the student presents a \$5.00 for the purchase, the change will roll into the student's lunch account.
- Students must have their student ID to enter the cafeteria and purchase meals.
- We will serve breakfast in the cafeteria from 7:50 - 8:10. Students that want to eat breakfast will report immediately to the cafeteria upon arrival. Students will remain in the cafeteria until they are released to first block. Students that do not eat breakfast will not be allowed in the cafeteria.
- At lunch, students will sit with their class at assigned tables.
- Free and Reduced lunch applications will be available July 26th.
- **NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS PERMITTED IN THE CAFETERIA.**

Student ID Badges

- Students will be issued an Auburn Junior High School Identification Badge and lanyard. Students will be required to properly wear this form of identification around their neck from the time they arrive on campus until they depart campus. Students may remove their identification during PE.
- Damaged, lost, or altered badges, will result in students having to purchase a new badge for \$5 through My School Bucks ([link on homepage](#)).
- Consequences for not having ID Badge are in the Auburn Junior High School Student Handbook.

Bullying/Harassment

- Bullying occurs when one or more students threaten, harass, or intimidate another student through words or actions including direct physical contact such as hitting or shoving, verbal assaults such as teasing or name calling, or socially isolating or manipulating a student:
 - on the school grounds at any time;
 - off school grounds at a school function, activity, or event, or en route (school bus) to and from school or school-sponsored activity.
 - physical and verbal bullying will not be tolerated.
 - Any bullying incident should be reported to the AJHS administration promptly. (Alabama State Code, Act No. 2009-57 Student Harassment Prevention Act)

Electronic Devices

- Cell phones should not be used on campus unless permission is given by the current classroom teacher.
- Audio/video equipment such as radios, Bluetooth speakers, headphones, earbuds, video games (and their components), and electronic equipment should not be used on campus unless permission is given by the current classroom teacher or AJHS staff for use at a particular time and for a specific purpose.
- The school will not be held responsible for the devices if lost, stolen, or damaged.
- If devices are used on campus and/or in a classroom without permission or in an inappropriate manner, the devices may be taken up and turned into the office for a parent to pick up.
 - Recording or taking pictures without consent will result in disciplinary actions

This policy and consequences can be found in the AJHS Student Handbook.

Dress Code

District Wide Grades K-12 Guidelines

Please see the ACS Parent and Student Handbook pages 22-23 and/or Auburn Junior High School's Student Handbook pages 12-15 for the complete list of dress code guidelines and consequences

- Clothing must be in good taste for the age and maturity of student, safe, and not a distraction to others. Clothing should fit properly.
- Any apparel that may be distracting or displays immoral or illegal behavior in the classroom (as deemed by the school administration) is not permitted.
- Undergarments must be worn in an appropriate manner and not be visible.

Dress Code Examples...

- Clothing that is not able to provide coverage to undergarments and private body areas at all times, and during activities, is not permitted. This includes clothing with rips, tears, or holes that expose underwear or private areas of the body.
- Students must not wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner (examples: clothing that is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at the sides, sheer or see-through clothing, etc.).
- Students cannot wear jewelry or accessories that distract other students or interfere with the learning environment. Items such as heavy metal chains, spikes, etc., are not permitted.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, slippers, shoes with cleats, and shoes with wheels are not permitted.

Dress Code Examples...

- Hoodies, hats, caps, bonnets, and toboggans will not be worn on campus.
- Dresses, skirts, biking shorts, and shorts (front and back) must conform to the 4-inch rule. No slits or leg openings can be higher than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap whether the student is standing or sitting.
- Leggings, biking shorts, yoga pants, joggers, and other tight-fitting spandex or lycra-based pants must be worn with an acceptable top that comes to the wearer's mid-thigh on all sides.
- Students may not wear pajamas, pajama pants, onesies, or loungewear.
- Pants or jeans with holes must follow the four-inch rule.

Inappropriate Tops

Appropriate Tops

Boys



Girls



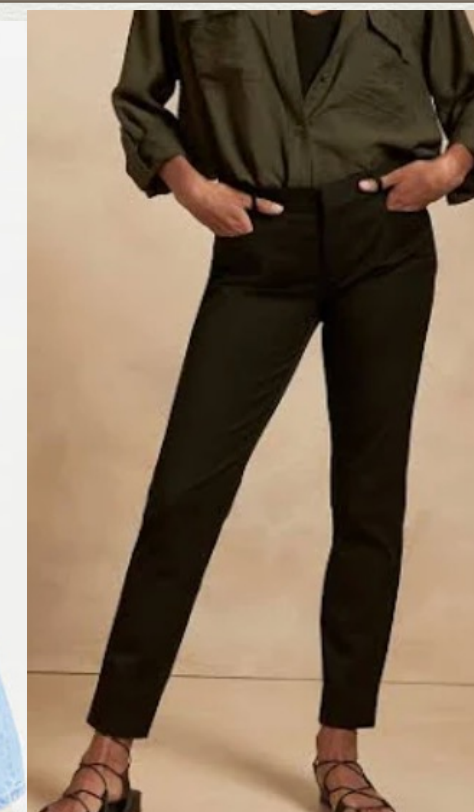
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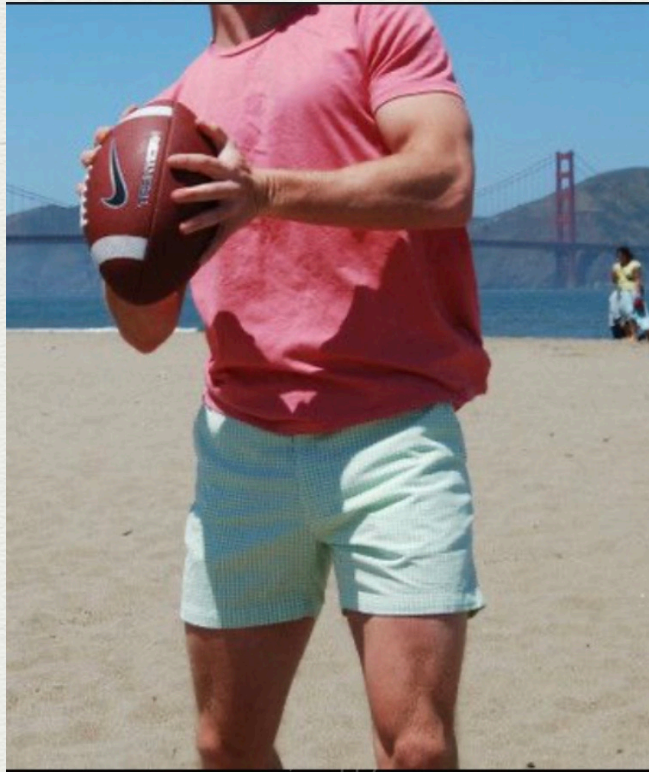
Girls



Inappropriate Shorts

Appropriate Shorts

Boys



Girls



Inappropriate Dresses & Skirts

Appropriate Dresses & Skirts



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Inappropriate Headgear

Appropriate Headgear

Boys



Girls



Get Involved at AJHS!

- The Auburn Edition (literary magazine)
- MUSE (Music Enrichment)
- Artcidents (art club)
- Peer Tutors
- Tiger Pride
- Recycling Club
- FBLA
- Hal Moore Leadership Academy
- Student Council
- Youth in Government
- Drama Club
- Tiger Tales (Yearbook staff)
- Active Minds
- What's Up, AJHS? (Broadcast team)
- Science Olympiad
- FCA
- Campus Life
- Auburn COLORS
- Mountain Bike Club
- Lacrosse
- Alabama Junior Academy of Science
- Auburn Competitive Anglers
- National Junior Honor Society
- Peer Buddies
- Birthday Bunch
- Chess Club

PTO – Help Give Back

Join our PTO

- 2022-23 Co-Presidents – Susan Cowart and Marissa Stevens
- PTO provides support to teachers and students through grant opportunities
- All funds go directly to AJHS classrooms
- Follow [Auburn Junior High School PTO](#) on Facebook to stay up-to-date!

Upcoming Dates

- **Schedule Pickup on July 28th** – AJHS Cafeteria
 - 9th grade from 9:00 – 11:00 AM
 - 8th grade from 1:30 – 3:30 PM
 - IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED REGISTRATION, YOU WILL NOT GET A SCHEDULE. WE WILL NOT BE TAKING REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ON 7/28 DUE TO SCHEDULE PICKUP.
- **Meet the Teacher – August 5th**
 - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
 - Please have a copy of your schedule with you.
- **Curriculum Night – August 18th**
 - 6:00 – 8:00 PM

IPAD ORIENTATION

Vision Statement

ACS will infuse information and communication technologies as well as digital learning resources into a vibrant learning community that promotes inquiry, analysis, and creativity as a catalyst for positive universal impact.



iPad Form and Fee (MySchoolBucks)

- **The iPad form and fee can be found on MySchoolBucks**
 - QR Code: scan the code below to access it on your phone!
- **The iPad User Agreement must be signed before payment can be submitted.**
- iPads will be distributed through math classes on **Thursday, August 11. Payment must be received by Wednesday, August 10**, for your student to receive their iPad during distribution.
- **2022-23 Replacement Costs:**
 - Broken/cracked screen - \$100
 - Case replacement - \$100
 - Charger replacement - \$38
 - Re-format due to policy violations - \$15



Troubleshooting

- **Complete a digital work order (on the AJHS homepage)**
 - Complete a digital work order and take your iPad to the tech room (room 216) and leave it with one of our school technicians.
 - Work orders can be found on the AJHS website and as a shortcut on the iPad main screen.
 - For issues that require a longer stay with the tech, a loaner device will be provided.
- **Damaged iPad? You will see Ms. Ferrell in room 201.**
 - Any fee incurred from damage or lost items will be noted in PowerSchool. Payment for these fees can be paid on MySchoolBucks.

Acceptable Use



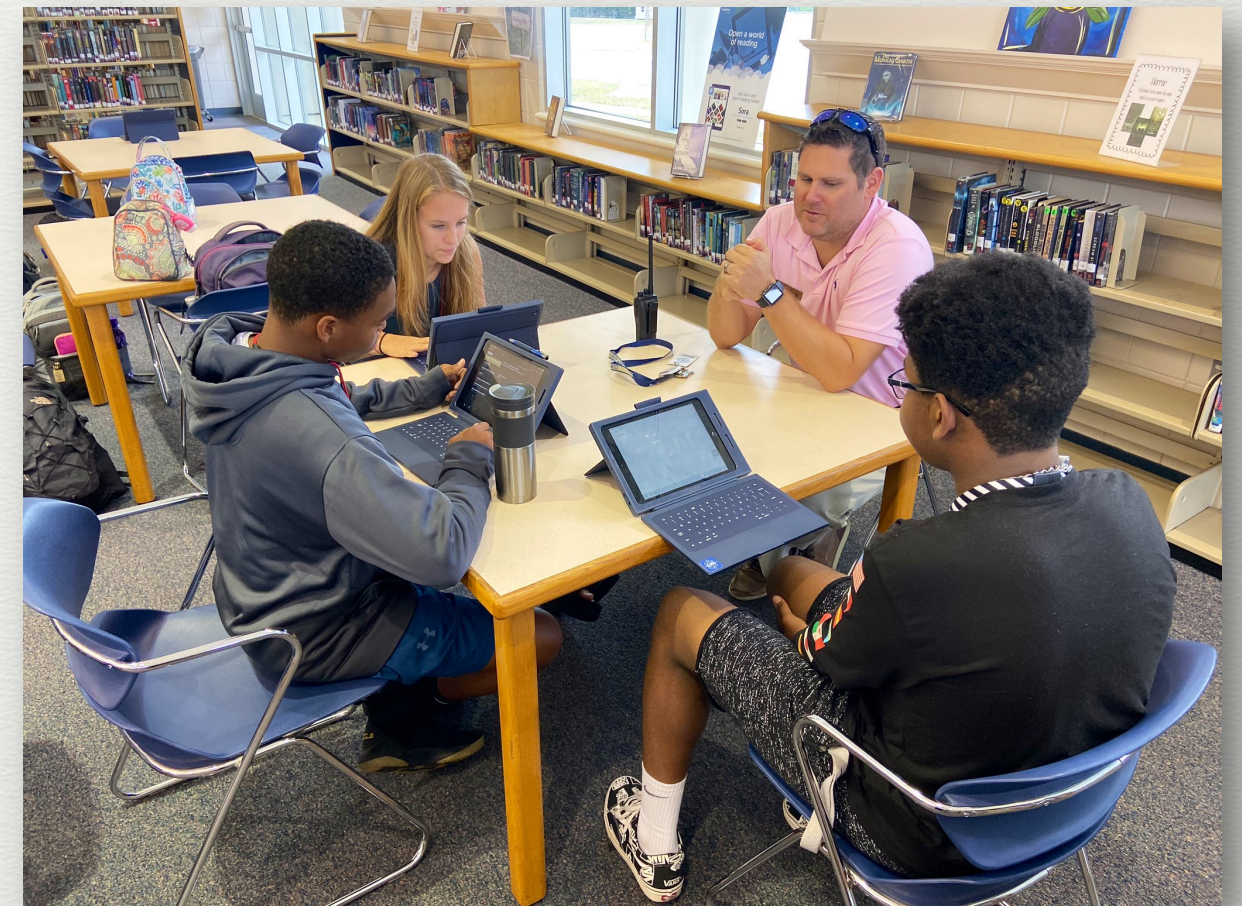
- Students are expected to use the iPad and other technology hardware, software, and computer networks including the internet as defined by the *Student/Parent iPad Agreement*.
- Access to the Auburn City Schools network is a privilege and not a right.
- The use of any network services at ACS must be in support of education and research and in support of educational goals and objectives of Auburn City Schools.

iPad Expectations

- **Use Microsoft OneDrive to save all your files**
- **No loaning or borrowing iPads.**
 - If your iPad is in the tech, students will use classroom iPads.
 - Do not sign into another student's iPad
- **Web Filters**
- **No bypassing the network or hotspots**
- **Social Media, Gaming, Music, etc.**



OneDrive



Responsibilities



- **Charging units**
- **Airdropping files/photos**
- **Transporting iPads**
- **Network Etiquette**
- **Saving files properly**
- **Adhering to Acceptable Use Guidelines**

General Information

- AJHS is not a “bring your own device” campus. All students will have an iPad and that is the device all teachers expect to see in their classroom.
- Charging your iPad at home is KEY!
- Fix problems as soon as you notice them. Ms. Ferrell, Mr. Spengler (our main IT technician), and Mrs. Rainer are all here for you, so don't be afraid to ask for help with your iPad if an issue comes up.
- Take care of the iPad and the case!

Stay Connected Online

- AJHS Website
- Facebook
 - [Auburn Junior High School](#)
 - [Auburn Junior High School PTO](#)
- Twitter - @AuburnJrHigh
- ACS Instagram - @auburncityedu
- Schoology



MySchoolBucks

- All fees and school-related purchases will be made through MySchoolBucks.
- To create an account:
 - www.myschoolbucks.com
 - Set up account and add your student(s)
 - Direct links to different fees will often be available on the school's website and social media outlets.



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