

# AJHS

2023-2024

Orientation





# Welcome to the 2023-2024 AJHS New Student Orientation

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phone and  
scan the QR  
code to check  
in for today's  
session**





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# Meet Our Administrators



**Ross Reed**  
Principal



**Melissa Baker**  
Assistant Principal  
Serving students A-F



**Kristen Williams**  
Assistant Principal  
Serving students G-M



**Chris Daniel**  
Assistant Principal  
Serving students N-Z



# Meet Our Counselors



**Krystal Pritchett**  
Counselor  
Serving students A-F



**Tyler Grant**  
Counselor  
Serving students G-M



**Donnie Payne**  
Counselor  
Serving students N-Z



**Mona Patterson**  
Student  
Support Counselor



# Staff to Know



**Michelle Williams**  
Receptionist



**Kerri Byrd**  
Registrar



**Emily Mathews**  
Bookkeeper



**Kristen Ferrell**  
Instructional  
Technology Coach



**Katie Rainer**  
Library Media  
Specialist



**Suzanne Beard**  
Nurse



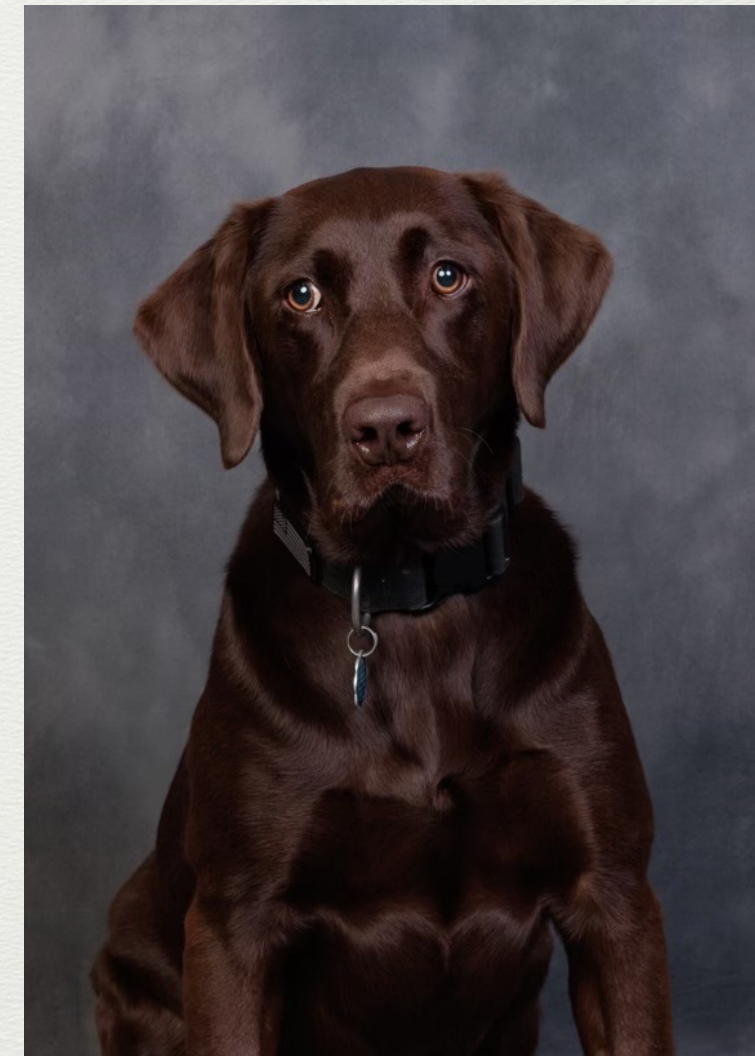
# School Resource Officers



**Roger Belyeu**  
SRO



**Justin Sanders**  
SRO



**Underdog**  
K-9



# AJHS GENERAL INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS



# PowerSchool – Parent Portal

- If you do not already have a **parent account** to keep up with grades, fees, and attendance, please do the following:
  - This **MUST** be done on a computer (not a phone or iPad)
  - 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
    - Support opportunities for parents will be offered during AJHS Curriculum Night on August 29, 2023.



# 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](http://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
- Support opportunities for parents will be offered during AJHS Curriculum Night on August 29, 2023.



# 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
- 93 Certified Teachers, plus Administrators, Counselors, Support Staff
  - 140 Adults on Campus at any given time
- 2 School Resource Officers and 1 K-9 Officer



# Regular Bell Schedule

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## 2023-2024

7:20-8:10	Zero Period	50 minutes
7:50	Students report to 1 <sup>st</sup> 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



# 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English – this course is an alternating day course for the year. It is offered as Core or Advanced.
- Mathematics – Either Geometry with Geometry Lab or Geometry/Algebra 2 with Stats.
- Geometry/Algebra 2 with Stats– 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 Stats 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 available spots for this course during their PE class.
- 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
  - Culinary Arts – 9th grade
  - JROTC – 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 12 – 15. December 14 and 15 are half days.  
**No early exams will be given.**
  - Spring Semester exams are May 20 - 23. May 22 and 23 are half day exams.  
**No early exams will be given.**

\*Final exams are mandatory for all courses.



# 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



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## 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.
- **OUTSIDE FOOD IS NOT 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, airdropping, 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 23 and/or Auburn Junior High School's Student Handbook pages 12-15 for the complete list of dress code guidelines and consequences

1. Clothing should fit properly and be the correct size for the student.
2. Any article of clothing, apparel, or personal accessory (including hair style) depicting violence, drugs, alcohol, firearms, weapons, tobacco, mutilation, sexual reference, gang affiliation, illegal behavior, language or symbols that could be considered suggestive, offensive, or obscene will not be permitted.
3. Undergarments must be worn as intended and in compliance with other provisions of the dress code; undergarments should not be visible.
4. Transparent garments must be worn with opaque apparel underneath to maintain required coverage (this includes see-through fabric, rips, holes, and tears.)



# Dress Code

5. Jewelry and accessories that interfere with the safe learning environment are not permitted (heavy metal chains, spikes, etc.)
6. Sunglasses, hats, hoods, or head covering (including bandanas, scarves, wraps, etc.) are not to be worn in school buildings except as related to medical needs, religious practices, or as a component of a school uniform (CTE, band, athletics.)
7. Pajamas should not be worn in school. (This includes sleep pants and onesies.)
8. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, slippers, shoes with cleats, shoes with wheels are not permitted.



# Dress Code

## 9. Shirts/Tops:

- a. must have sleeves with a minimum of two-inch width (2”) on shoulder
- b. must not be low cut, off the shoulder, or racer back
- c. must overlap with pants/bottoms to conceal abdomen/waist - including during activity
- d. crop tops, exposed midriff, or bare sides are not permitted

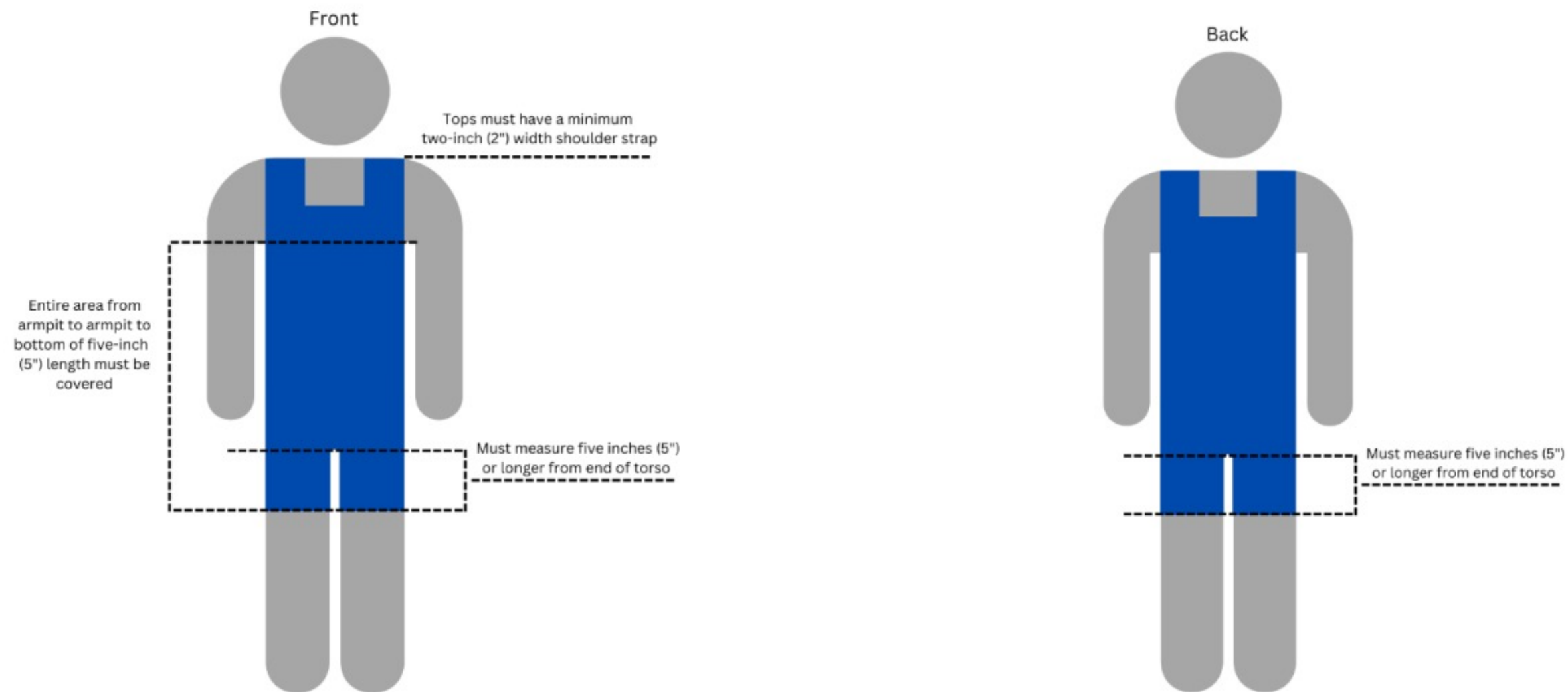
## 10. Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses:

- a. must be worn at the waist level and fit properly
- b. garment must cover upper thigh and measure five inches (5”) or longer from end of torso in front and in back; length is measured when standing
- c. apparel must be appropriate for student participation in all school activities
- d. rips or tears must be below 5” from end of torso unless concealed by material beneath holes



# Dress Code

Diagrams: These visual aids are provided as a simple reference for understanding the dress code. The basic tenets of the dress code include coverage of opaque material over the areas of the body shaded below.

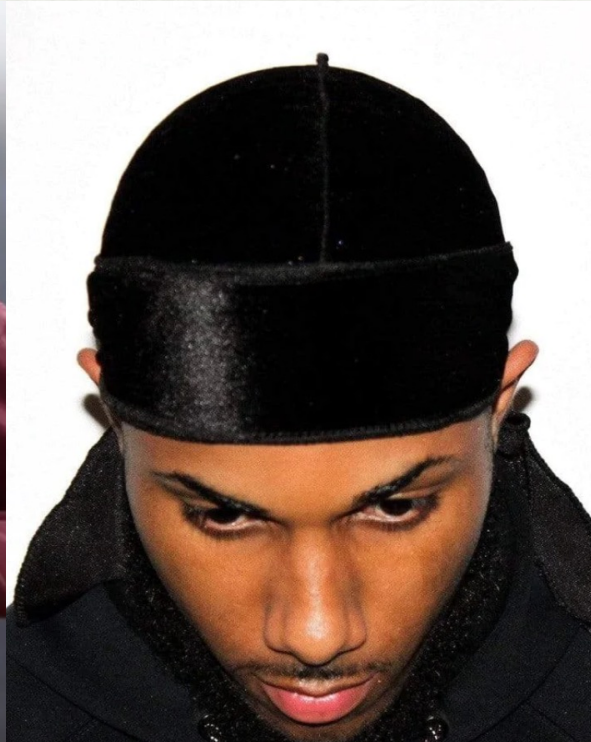




# Inappropriate Headgear

# 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
- Ambassadors
- Drama Club
- Tiger Tales (Yearbook staff)
- Active Minds
- What's Up, AJHS? (Broadcast team)
- 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**

- 2023-2024 Co-Presidents – Susan Cowart and Marissa Stevens
- PTO provides support to teachers and students through grant opportunities
- All funds go directly to AJHS classrooms



# Upcoming Dates

- **Schedule Pickup on July 27** – AJHS Cafeteria
  - 9th grade from 9:00 – 11:00 AM
  - 8th grade from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
    - IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED REGISTRATION, YOU WILL NOT GET A SCHEDULE. WE WILL NOT BE TAKING REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ON 7/27 DUE TO SCHEDULE PICKUP.
- **Meet the Teacher – August 4**
  - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
  - Please have access to your schedule.
- **Curriculum Night – August 29**
  - 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 Thursday, August 10 through Tuesday, August 15. **Payment must be received by Wednesday, August 19**, for your student to receive their iPad during distribution.
- **2023-24 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

Where can you find us?



Twitter @AuburnJrHigh

Celebrate AJHS



Facebook Auburn Junior High

Announcements for Parents



Instagram @auburnjrhighschool

Announcements for Parents



[www.auburnschools.org/ajhs](http://www.auburnschools.org/ajhs)

Dates & Information

Always call the school (334-887-4970) or email your student's counselor if you have questions about a post.



# Learners Permits and Proof of Enrollment

[Learn More](#) +



## Upcoming Events

📅 **May 23**

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Medication Pick-Up

📅 **May 24**

8:00 AM - 12:35 PM  
Exam Day

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Medication Pick-Up

📅 **May 25**

Last Student Day  
8:00 AM - 12:35 PM  
Exam Day

Announcements:  
Semi-permanent information on  
registration, policies, etc.

Upcoming  
Events:  
Dates &  
Deadlines--  
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more info

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## Announcements

### + Student Registration

The returning student registration window for the 2023-2024 school year continues through May 1.

[Click here for more information on the ACS homepage for new and returning students.](#)

## Tweets from @AuburnJrHigh

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**PRESERVING HISTORY<sup>100</sup>:**

[@AHSAuburnTigers](#) & [@AuburnJrHigh](#)

students presented "An Evening in Baptist



# MySchoolBucks

- All fees and school-related purchases will be made through MySchoolBucks.
- To create an account:
  - [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://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.



An app version is available for iOS and Google devices



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