

AJHS

2024-25

Orientation



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Ross Reed
Principal



Melissa Baker
Assistant Principal
Serving students A-F



Brittney Luckie
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
Secretary



Kerri Byrd
Registrar



Summer Maddox
Receptionist



Nicole Cannon
Bookkeeper



Kristen Stuart
Instructional Technology
Coach



Katie Rainer
Library Media
Specialist



Erin Bolton
Nurse



Suzanne Beard
Nurse

School Resource Officers



Roger Belyeu
SRO



Justin Sanders
SRO



Underdog

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 first** (not a phone or tablet)
 - A handout with instructions for setting up a Parent Portal account can be obtained by reaching out to your child's counselor.
- 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.
- 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 of over 27 acres with auditorium, 2 gyms, large cafeteria, 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 and 1 K-9 Officer

Regular Bell Schedule

2024-2025

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
 - Both math courses will take a Math Placement test in late April or early May to determine most appropriate 9th grade math course.
- 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.
- Mathematics – Geometry with Geometry Lab, Geometry/Algebra 1, or Geometry/Algebra 2 with Stats.
- Geometry/Algebra 1 – NEW THIS YEAR! Fast paced with Geometry 1st semester and Algebra 1 during 2nd semester. Students scored in this qualifying range on Math Placement test or finished Math 8 with a 93 average or higher with teacher recommendation.
- 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 – ½ 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)
- Yearbook and Broadcasting
- Foreign Language (Spanish in person; French, German, et al. in ACCESS for 9th grade only)
- ACCESS Courses for 9th grade students
- Career Preparedness - 9th grade
 - All 9th grade students will take the Work Keys Test in late April.
- Career Technical
 - Including 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 16 – 19. December 18 and 19 are half days. **No early exams will be given.**
 - Spring Semester exams are May 19 - 22. May 21 and 22 are half day exams. **No early exams will be given.**

*Final exams are mandatory for all courses. If a student is absent for an exam, they will be required to make it up in a timely manner.

Attendance Policy

The Auburn City Schools Attendance Policy will still be in effect and may be referenced in the ACS Parent and Student Handbook starting on page 20.

Excused Absences

- Illness of the student - **ONLY COVERS 5 DAYS!**
- 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.

ADD/EDIT FOR 25-26

- EMPHASIZE THAT WE DO NOT EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR TRAVEL BALL PRACTICES OR GAMES – DO NOT ASK – THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR THIS RULE – SCHOOL IS IN!

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. If someone is not on your student's pick-up list, they will not be allowed to check them out.
- 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. However, that opportunity lasts 5 days, not weeks or months.
- 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.
- **Walk & Bicycle**
 - Bicycle racks are located by the Fine Arts entry and the 800 building entry


Transportation: Buses

- ACS Transportation:
334-887-4915
 - Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right! Students can be removed for a period of time.
- Download the "Where's The Bus?" App for up-to-date locations of ACS buses


Auburn City Schools



Allows bus-riding households to know precisely when their student's school bus arrives at their stop.



Available On Your Smartphone

 **WheresTheBus**
Bus Rider App

FREE Rating ★★★★★

 **Download App**

The advertisement features a large smartphone graphic on the right displaying a yellow school bus with its door open and a student boarding. The background is a light blue gradient with dark blue geometric shapes in the corners.

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. A la carte items will be available at a cash line that will not provide change. If a student purchases an a la 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. Breakfast at AJHS costs \$2.
- At lunch, students will sit with their class at assigned tables.
- School lunch is \$3
- Free and Reduced lunch applications are available on the ACS website under For Parents.
- **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 and lanyard around their neck from the time they arrive on campus until they depart campus. Students may remove their identification during PE.
- Student ID badges that are altered by putting stickers, ink, or whose picture is unrecognizable will have their badge confiscated.
- Damaged, lost, or altered badges, will result in students having to purchase a new badge for \$6 through MySchoolBucks (link on homepage under the ID Badge announcement) or exact change each morning before school in the media center.
- 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.
 - off school grounds that references a particular student at school or at a school function.
 - physical and verbal bullying will not be tolerated.
- Any bullying incident should be reported to the AJHS administration promptly. (Jamari Terrell Williams Bullying Prevention Act (Act 2018-472))

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 24-25 and/or Auburn Junior High School's Student Handbook pages 7-8 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:

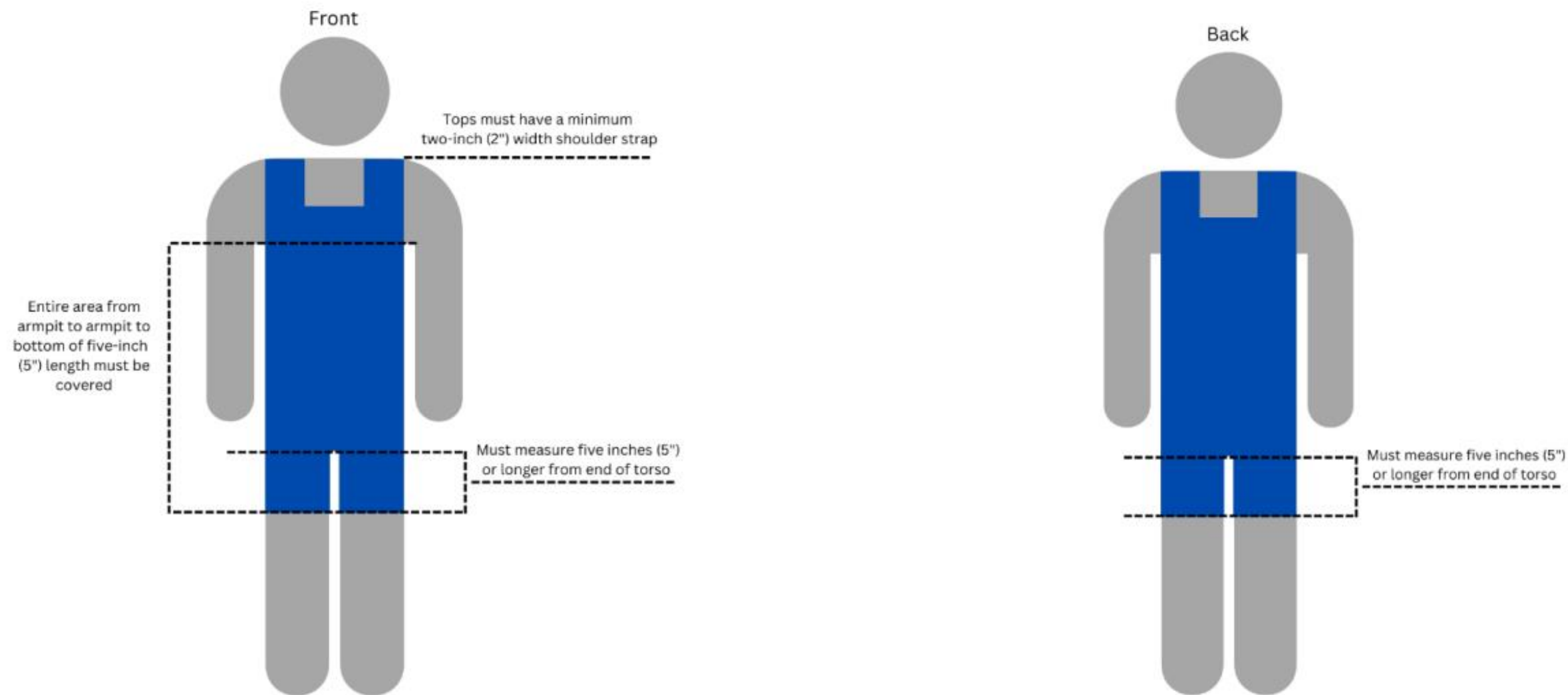
- a. must have sleeves with a minimum of two-inch width (2") on shoulder
- b. must not be low cut, off the shoulder, or racer back
- c. must overlap with pants/bottoms to conceal abdomen/waist - including during activity
- d. crop tops, exposed midriff, or bare sides are not permitted

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
- e. this applies when students are wearing backpacks as well.

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.



Get Involved at AJHS!

- AJHS Diversity Council
- AJHS Lettering Club
- Artcidents (art club)
- The Auburn Edition (literary magazine)
- AJHS Ambassadors
- Be Kind Club
- Birthday Bunch
- Campus Beautification & Horticulture
- Drawing Club
- Friends of Baptist Hill
- L.E.G.O.S.
- MUSE (Music Enrichment)
- Peer Tutors
- Recycling Club
- Science Club
- Student Council

Clubs & Teams that meet outside advisory:

- FCA
- Campus Life
- AJHS COLORS
- Mountain Bike Club
- Lacrosse
- Alabama Junior Academy of Science
- Auburn Competitive Anglers
- National Junior Honor Society
- Robotics

PTO – Help Give Back

Join our PTO

- 2024-2025 President – Kristin Barron
- PTO provides support to teachers and students through grant opportunities
- All funds go directly to AJHS classrooms
- PTO announcements are shared through AJHS social media

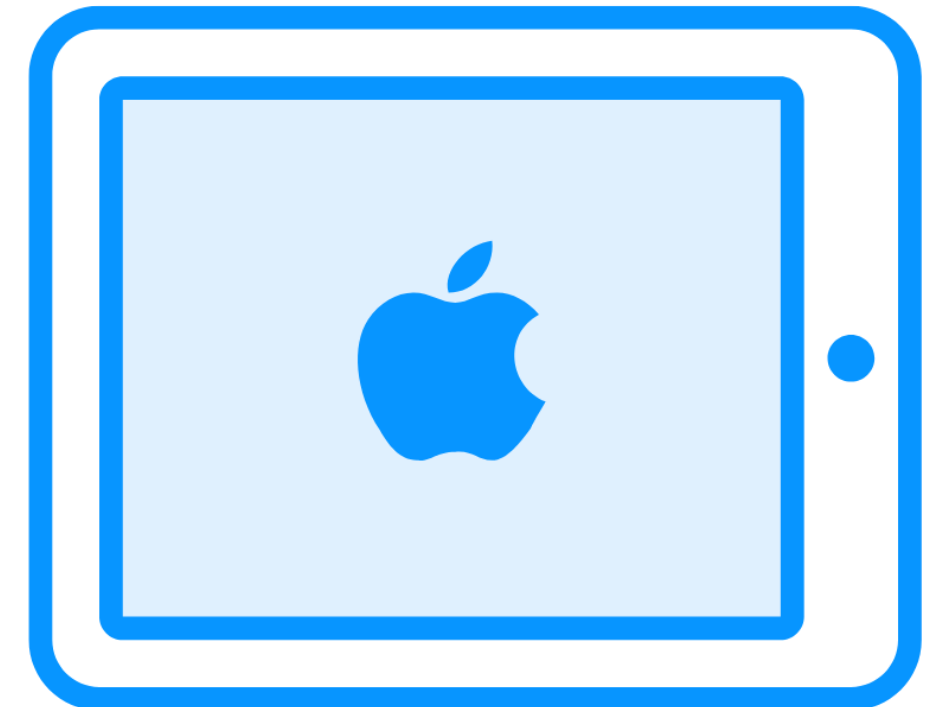
Upcoming Dates

- **Schedule Pickup on July 31 – AJHS Cafeteria**
 - 9th grade from 9:00 – 11:00 AM
 - 8th grade from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
 - IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED REGISTRATION, YOU WILL NOT GET A SCHEDULE. WE WILL NOT BE TAKING REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ON 7/31 DUE TO SCHEDULE PICKUP.
- **Meet the Teacher – August 6**
 - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
 - Please have a copy of your schedule with you.
- **1st Day of School – August 8**
- **Curriculum Night – August 27**
 - 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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IPAD INFO

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- The iPad form and fee can be found on MySchoolBucks
- iPads will be distributed through math classes Tuesday, August 13 through Friday, August 16.
 - Payment must be received by Friday, August 9, for your student to receive their iPad during distribution.
- **2024-25 Replacement Costs:**
 - Broken/cracked screen - \$100
 - Case replacement - \$100
 - Charger replacement - \$38
 - Re-format due to policy violations - \$15



The logo features the words "TECH" and "HELP" in a bold, blue, blocky font with a white outline. The text is centered within a light blue, cloud-like shape.

TECH HELP

- **Fix problems as soon as you notice them!**
 - Mr. Spengler, Mrs. Stuart, and Mrs. Rainer are all on campus to help!
- **iPad not working?**
 - Head to the AJHS website and fill out an IT helpdesk ticket.
 - Make sure to take your iPad to our IT tech, Mr. Spengler in room 216
- **Damaged iPad?**
 - Come by and see Mrs. Stuart in the media center.

DEVICE CARE

- **ALWAYS** keep you iPad in the case.
- When you are not using your iPad, keep it in your backpack.
- **Protect your screen!**
- **Charge your iPad daily!**

DEVICE CARE

- Always know where your iPad is.
- Never loan your iPad to a classmate
- Keep food and drinks away from your iPad.
- Keep your iPad case free of stickers and pen marks



**BE
KIND**

**Use your iPad for
School-related
activities.**

**Spreading rumors, taking videos
and/or pictures of others,
airdropping files are all actions
that are unkind and will lead to
discipline consequences!**

"I will use my iPad in ways that are appropriate, meet ACS expectations, and are educational."

-ACS iPad User Agreement

"I will use appropriate language when using emails, journals, wikis, blogs, or other forms of communication."

-ACS iPad User Agreement



Stay Connected

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Celebrate AJHS



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Announcements for Parents



Instagram @auburnjrhighschool

Announcements for Parents



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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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.](#)

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PRESERVING HISTORY¹⁰⁰:

[@AHSAAuburnTigers](#) & [@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
 - 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