



Home of the Vikings

ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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“Expanding our R.E.A.C.H: Resiliency, Empowerment, Advocacy, Character, and Humility”

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Dear Vikings,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Our team has been working diligently to ensure that this upcoming year is a great success. This year, we will be *“Expanding our R.E.A.C.H: Resiliency, Empowerment, Advocacy, Character, and Humility”* in every way!

We are excited to announce new courses, initiatives, and projects at Atlantic City High School, beginning this school year:

- **New Courses** - Advanced English 2, 20th Century Women Writers Honors, US Gov't & Politics Honors, Writing about Social Issues, Earth Science Honors, Forensics Academic, ESL Workplace Readiness, Yearbook, Orchestra Honors, Social Media, History of Film (LRC), Psychology (ICR), Mythology, Intro to College Math (ICR), Resilience and Character Development (ICR), Transformative Student Voice (ICR), Beyond High School (ICR)
- A new Teen Center
- A new Social Emotional Learning Lab (opening in October)
- A new Digital Implementation Learning Lab (opening in October)
- New seating and flooring in the auditorium (project beginning October 31)
- An updated school website with our school calendar of events:
<https://www.acboe.org/achs> Please check the website regularly!
- Social Media- Please follow us to stay informed!
 - Instagram ([@atlanticcityhighschool](https://www.instagram.com/atlanticcityhighschool))
 - Facebook ([Atlantic City High School](https://www.facebook.com/AtlanticCityHighSchool))

At Atlantic City High School, our mission is to support each student's intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth by aspiring to empower lifelong learners to acquire fundamental competencies and contribute to the global community through respect, inclusion, and excellence.

For us to accomplish our mission, we need the help of ALL stakeholders! We invite you to join our Parent Advisory Committee.

ACHS Parent Advisory Committee Meetings:

(All meetings will begin at 5 pm in the library)

- ◆ Wednesday, October 19, 2022
- ◆ Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- ◆ Wednesday, February 1, 2023
- ◆ Wednesday, April 5, 2023

As we prepare for the first day of school, there are several things that must be shared to ensure a safe and productive school year.



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First Day of School:

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The first two days are early dismissal days. Students will follow the half-day schedule, and students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm.

Schedule & Calendar

Beginning September 8, 2022, students will follow the full-day schedule. We will utilize the rotating block bell schedule. Students will be permitted in the school building at 7:15 am, and the homeroom bell will ring at 7:40 am. Please encourage your student to both arrive at school and report to each class on time.

The normal school day hours are 7:40 am - 2:15 pm, and buses will depart by 2:25 pm. Please see the enclosed documents (bell schedule and rotation days) or visit our website.

[ACHS Bell Schedule 2022-2023](#)

[ACHS Block Rotation Schedule 2022-2023](#)

[ACPS District School Calendar 2022-2023](#)

Attendance:

Frequent absences from regular classroom-learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. Students will be held accountable for all unexcused absences. The high school guidance counselors and chronic absenteeism team will become involved when students incur chronic unexcused absences.

1. Students are required to bring in documentation of absences from a parent/guardian, doctor (medical), funeral home, court, or other institutions to the Guidance secretary.
2. When a student has acquired between 11 to 20 unexcused absences, the student will be required to attend credit completion to satisfy the attendance requirement of the class or classes involved. **If a student does not attend credit completion, they will be at a loss of credit status.**
3. **When a student has acquired 21 or more unexcused absences, the student will be at a loss of credit status.**
4. When a student is late three times it will count as an unexcused absence.

*****When a student acquires a total of 35 excused or unexcused absences, the student will be at a loss of credit status. *****

Dress Code Policy:

General Rules



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- Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed in their appearance
- Students are expected to avoid extremes in appearance that are disruptive or distracting that the reaction of other pupils is beyond normal control
- Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated

Inappropriate Content for Clothing

- Obscenities or vulgarities in words or pictures
- Drug, alcohol, or gang-related references
- Harassing or biased words or pictures related to race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation
- Undergarments should not be visible (boxer shorts, bras, panties, etc.)
- Pajama tops and/or bottoms, sleep bottoms, and/or slippers
- Midriffs (abdomens or lower backs) should not be visible
- Cleavage should not be visible
- Tube tops, halter tops, and single-strap tops are not permitted
- Spaghetti strap tops can only be worn with another shirt over them
- Shirts that are sheer and/or expose the torso (without another shirt worn under them) are not to be worn
- Extremely short tops, shorts, or skirts are not allowed; appropriate shorts and skirts are at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at the student's side
- Ripped jeans with rips above the knee are not permitted
- Extremely tight/form-fitting articles of clothing are not to be worn (spandex, lycra, etc.)
- Articles of clothing with tears, rips, or slits that expose skin not normally visible under the other guidelines of this dress code are not allowed
- Hats, hoods, and head coverings are not to be worn in the building
- Hats promoting sex, drugs, racial slurs, and ethnic intimidations, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, and violence are always prohibited
- Offensive or insulting haircuts are not permitted
- Bandanas, wave caps, and "do-rags" are not permitted

Note: Religious beliefs may require students to cover their heads

Smoking, Vaping, Dabbing and Use of Tobacco or Marijuana:

The use of electronic smoking devices is not permitted on school grounds. Any student seen smoking, vaping, or selling tobacco or drugs of any kind will be subject to disciplinary action.

In addition, any student that appears to be under the influence will result in a mandatory medical examination, a drug and alcohol screening, and medical clearance before returning to school.



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Parent Portal Access

This is a web-based system that grants a parent/guardian immediate access to their child's records. The information that is available on your child includes daily attendance, course schedule, class attendance, interim reports, and grades. The system also provides the parent/guardian with the ability to contact their child's teacher(s) through email. All parents/guardians of newly registered students will be mailed their log-in information

To access the system:

1. Go to <https://acboe.powerschool.com/public/>
2. Enter the parent/guardian username and password
3. Upon logging in, your child's picture will appear; underneath their picture is a menu on the left will give you information pertaining to your child.

For log-in help contact the Guidance Office (343-7300 Ext. 2427).

Important Dates:

Freshman Orientation- August 30, 2022 (3:15 pm to 4:00 pm)

Back to School Night- September 29, 2022 (6:00 pm to 8:00pm)

We welcome all our students and staff back to school, and we look forward to working with and establishing a relationship with all Viking stakeholders. We are here to provide our staff, students, and families with the highest level of support as we journey through this school year together. May this year be our best year yet!

Viking Pride, Viking Strong!

Mrs. Constance Days-Chapman, Principal