

THE SCOOP



IMPORTANT DATES

ACHS Prom

Claridge Hotel
Thursday, June 2, 2022
@ 6:00 pm

Graduation

Atlantic City High School
Boardwalk Hall
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
@ 1:30 pm

Stepping Up Ceremonies

Chelsea Heights School
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
@ 1:00 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School
Complex
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
@ 9:00 am

New York Avenue School
Thursday, June 16, 2022
@ 9:00 am

Pennsylvania Avenue School
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
@ 1:30 pm

Richmond Avenue School
Monday, June 20, 2022
@ 9:30 am

Sovereign Avenue School
Friday, June 17, 2022
@ 10:00 am

Texas Avenue School
Monday, June 20, 2022
@ 11:00 am

Uptown School Complex
Thursday, June 16, 2022
@ 11:00 am

Venice Park School
Friday, June 17, 2022
@ 9:30 am

Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 22, 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. La'Quetta S. Small

Dear Atlantic City Public Schools Staff, Students, Families and Community:

It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. I look forward to working with our school community, engaging with board members, meeting many students, dedicated staff and parents. I take pride in our school district's rich culture and diversity. My commitment to the district is to provide a safe, positive learning environment that will empower students to become creative problem solvers and critical thinkers as I fully embrace this opportunity to lead.

As the superintendent, assuring that our students receive a meaningful education is my top priority. My initial focus is to assess, make necessary adjustments and build upon what Atlantic City School District offers approximately 6,500 students and 1,096 district employees. I expect all students and staff to exhibit Atlantic City PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in Daily Efforts). Doing so will enable everyone to have a successful experience with the Atlantic City Public Schools.

As we continue to strive for excellence in our school district, it is our expectation that everyone who visits our school buildings or offices, feel welcomed, safe and supported. To that end, our schools must maintain and grow a rigorous teaching and learning environment providing every student with a sense of belonging while helping students to develop intellectually, emotionally and socially.

ACBOE 2022-2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Total Budget: \$268,155,750

Local Financing:

- Local revenue sources derived from PILOT revenue and Local Tax Levy account for 29% of the general fund revenue
- The 2022-2023 budget shows its commitment to the residents of this great city by reducing the general fund local tax levy by \$3.5M

State Aid:

- State Aid accounts for 43.2% of the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget
- The Atlantic City School District received an increase in State Aid of \$23M for the 2022-2023 school year

Rating Action:

- Standard & Poor's Global Ratings raised its underlying rating of Atlantic City Board of Education one notch from BB+ to BBB-
- The one-notch financial upgrade reflects the school district's improved available reserve and liquidity position driven by surplus and operating results in the past four fiscal years

The significant upgrade in the ACBOE's rating afforded the school district the opportunity to refinance two bond series. The refinancing produced total debt service savings in excess of seven million dollars over the life of the bonds.

****Taxpayers can expect an annual savings of \$430,000****

MISSION

Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

VISION

All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, lifelong learners equipped for the 21st Century.



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. La'Quetta S. Small, *Superintendent*
 Sherry Yahn, *Assistant Superintendent C&I*
 Celeste Ricketts, *School Business Administrator*
 Michael Bird, *Director of Special Projects & Assessments*
 Gabrielle Caldwell, *Director of Elementary Education*
 Christopher Ford, *Director of Athletics*
 Donald Harris, *Director of Secondary Education*
 Pamela Hennelly, *Director of Student Services & Special Education*
 Atiba Rose, *Director of Operations*
 Diane Saunders, *Director of Human Resources*

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Central Registration

2022-2023 School Year

Preschool Pre-Registration
 Begins March 21, 2022

Kindergarten Registration
 Begins May 2, 2022

High School Registration
 Open Enrollment

For more information and to access the online application, visit www.acboe.org

Operations

The Operations Department is excited about the upcoming school year. We will be very busy in the next few months managing the many enhancement projects that have already begun or are scheduled to begin in our buildings such as:

- Upgrading the Distant Learning Lab at the Atlantic City High School
- New Auditorium seating and carpet at Atlantic City High School and Brighton Avenue School
- Replacing the Main Entrance at Chelsea Heights School and Playground improvements
- Replacing the full roof at the Dr. MLK, Jr. School Complex and the partial roof at the High School
- Various HVAC enhancements at Brighton Avenue School, Uptown School Complex and Dr. MLK, Jr. School Complex
- Upgrades to the PA Systems in all schools

We look forward to the 2022 -2023 school year with anticipation and are hopeful the upgrades and enhancements will increase efficiency and improve the quality of the overall operations of our school buildings.

Special Projects and Assessments

The Atlantic City School District is proud to have a one-to-one technology environment. However, it is not only about the devices. We have innovative approaches to teaching and learning making effective use of devices, digital tools and programs. Our teachers create robust, authentic and personalized learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom anytime, anywhere.

Student Services and Special Education

Project Child Find

Do you have questions about your child's development? Project Child Find is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through 21 years of age. For more information, visit www.acboe.org.

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, misconduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. For more information, visit www.acboe.org.

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SEASHORE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

313 E. Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ

Seashore Leadership Academy is an engaging and rigorous program serving middle school and high school students in Atlantic City and surrounding Atlantic County, who need a structured and focused school environment to help improve their behavioral, social, and academic aptitude. The program excels at engaging students in their education by helping them overcome the often-significant trauma in their lives that results in behavioral, social-emotional and academic challenges.



Students are currently receiving in-person instruction in Galloway!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Please click on the links or scan the QR Code below to learn more about the exciting summer programs being offered by the City of Atlantic City Recreation Department and the Atlantic City Board of Education.

[Atlantic City Recreation All Sport Camp, Summer Camp & Adult Recreation](#)

June 27th - July 28th (Monday-Thursday)

[Whelan's Whales Swimming Program](#)

June 28th - July 28th (Tuesday & Thursday)

[Atlantic City Recreation Flag Football League](#)

June 24th - August 5th



[ACBOE Summer Elementary Rowing Program](#)
(Contact Kendall Williams at kwilliams@acboe.org)

Atlantic City Boathouse

July 5th - July 28th (Monday-Thursday)



Email your questions, concerns, and acknowledgements to WebMaster@acboe.org



Fredrick P. Nickles
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are cordially invited to participate in the
3rd Annual
Fredrick P. Nickles
Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 9, 2022

7:00 AM Check-In
8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Proceeds benefit the Atlantic City Education Foundation, which supports public schools in Atlantic City by providing student scholarships, teacher mini grants, public forums, recognition events and a variety of other community activities.

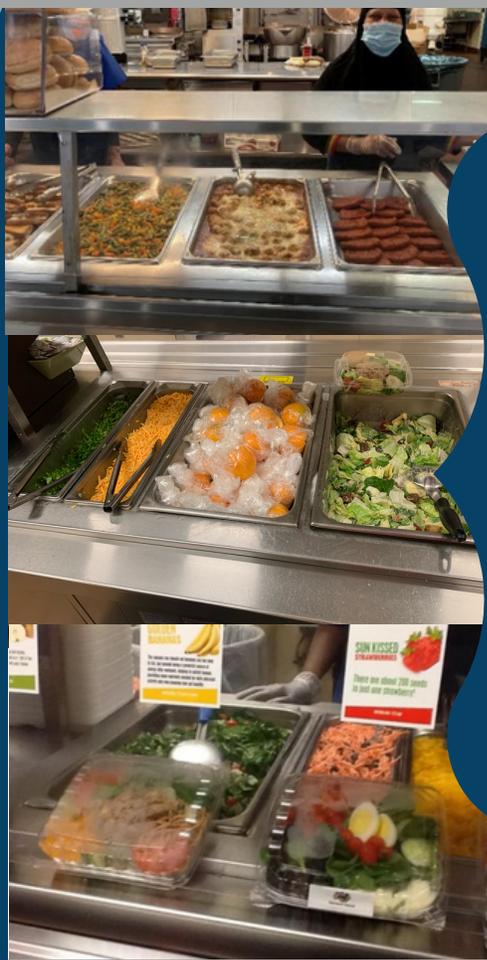
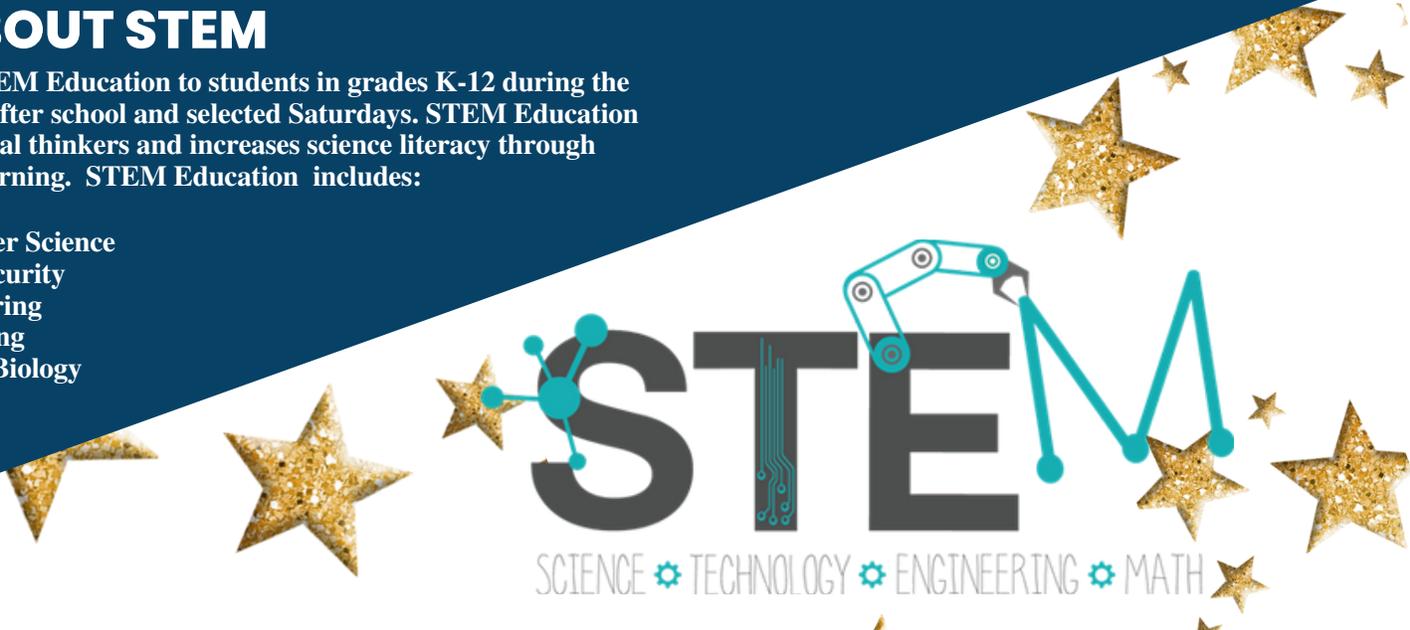
Contact Teya Williams (609) 343-7200 Ext. 5010



ALL ABOUT STEM

We offer STEM Education to students in grades K-12 during the school day, after school and selected Saturdays. STEM Education creates critical thinkers and increases science literacy through hands-on learning. STEM Education includes:

- Coding
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering
- Gardening
- Marine Biology
- Robotics



Halal food is offered in Atlantic City Public Schools. Sodexo, our food service company, secured a vendor who provides the largest variety of Halal products to meet the demand.



2021-2022 ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

Dr. LaKecia Hyman
Principal
Texas Avenue School



Kendall Williams
Vice Principal
Atlantic City High School



ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATORS AND SERVICE PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR





Atlantic City High School
Constance Days-Chapman, Principal
Dr. Sheree Alexander, Vice Principal
Jason Grimes, Vice Principal
Samantha Sickler, Vice Principal
Kendall Williams, Vice Principal

Kerri Harvey

Midhat Siddiqui





Chelsea Heights School
Kenneth Flood, Principal
Tracy Singer-Allen, Vice Principal

Angela Buckbee

Regina Gordan





Brighton Avenue School
Dorothy Bullock-Fernandes, Principal
Tracy Singer-Allen, Vice Principal

Lynne Lohr

Tracee Oliver





Dr. MLK, Jr. School Complex
Jodi Burroughs, Principal
Cherise Burroughs, Vice Principal

Timothy Jones

Kareema Jones





New York Avenue School
James E. Knox, Jr., Principal
Cornelio Sabio, Vice Principal

Randi Gupton

Brittany Amato





Pennsylvania Avenue School
Lina Gil, Principal
Erica Woody, Vice Principal

Jason Lantz

Joseph Bochniak





Richmond Avenue School
Shelley Williams, Principal
Shontai Harris, Vice Principal

Penelope Kelly

Carla Stanley





Uptown School Complex
Dr. Ananda M. Davis, Principal
Moria Barnes, Vice Principal

Stephen Hilton

Kierra Walker





Sovereign Avenue School
Medina Peyton, Principal
Nicole Williams, Vice Principal

Alice M. Carcelli

Shannon DePersenaire





Texas Avenue School
Dr. LaKecia Hyman, Principal
Bohdan Christian, Vice Principal

Danielle Newsome

Julie Craig





Venice Park School
Jodi Borroughs, Principal
Cherise Burroughs, Vice Principal

Carol Deebold

Faye Khabir

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US. 24 HOURS. 7 DAYS A WEEK.



Access via school Clever account or QR code



Begins July 5th - July 28th Monday-Thursday

SUMMER SCHOOL

Contact your child's teacher or the school's main office to enroll.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

For more information, contact your child's teacher or Child Study Team.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

The mission of the Atlantic City Board of Education Youth Sports Program is to build future leaders by providing boys and girls of all backgrounds an environment to develop confidence, character and the skills needed to achieve their fullest potential in becoming productive, community-minded, responsible adults.

The vision of the Atlantic City Board of Education Youth Sports Program is all boys and girls in our community can embrace diversity through sports. By participating in an activity or sport of their choosing, they will develop the necessary skills, sportsmanship and sense of unity within an encouraging atmosphere. This positive environment, will complement their intellectual and athletic abilities. The structure of our programs will serve as an extension of the classroom. Youth sports provide life-long memories and invaluable lessons concerning values and virtues.

The goals of the program are:

- To provide a safe, fun and competitive sports environment.
- To increase parental and community involvement.
- To build a sense of pride within our schools and community.
- To support the development of social, physical and emotional health through sports.

The program will also serve as a feeder system for Atlantic City High School's sports program.



Jason Lantz
Elementary Extracurricular Athletics Coordinator



ACHS Golf Team

ACHS HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

