

ALTOONA AREA JUNIOR HIGH Parent / Student Information

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Return to School Plan Beginning February 16th or 17th A / B Schedule

On February 16, students of the Altoona Area Junior High School, will shift back to a hybrid learning model. This learning model will tentatively continue until April 9. The hybrid schedule will be divided into two groups as occurred in November; Students returning traditionally will attend in person classes every other day at AAJHS. On days they are not attending AAJHS they will be receiving live virtual instruction via their Chromebook by logging into their Google Classrooms every period throughout the day.

A Schedule:

- Students whose last names begin with the letters A – K
- A Schedule students will begin traditional school on the **17th**
- Group “A” will attend Mondays, Wednesdays and every other/opposite Friday (see attached Calendar)

B Schedule:

- Students whose last names begin with the letters L – Z
- B Scheduled students will begin traditional school on the **16th**
- Group “B” will attend Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other/opposite Friday (see attached calendar)

Flexibility will continue to be provided for students with siblings with different last names. If there is a need to change groups, please contact the grade level office.

You may elect for your child to remain in the virtual model. All virtual and hybrid students will follow the same bell schedule five days a week. See schedule below.

Daily Bell Schedule

6 th	7 th	8 th
1 st 7:35 - 8:20	1 st 7:35 - 8:20	1 st 7:35 - 8:20
2 nd 8:25 - 9:10	2 nd 8:25 - 9:10	2 nd 8:25 - 9:10
3 rd 9:15 - 10:00	3 rd 9:15 - 10:00	3 rd 9:15 - 10:00
4 th 10:05 – 10:50	4 th 10:05 – 10:50	4 th 10:05 – 10:50
5 th 10:55 – 11:40	5 th 10:55 – 11:40	Lunch: 10:55 – 11:25
6 th 11:45 – 12:30	Lunch: 11:45 – 12:15	5 th 11:30 – 12:15
Lunch: 12:35 – 1:05	6 th 12:20 – 1:05	6 th 12:20 – 1:05
7 th 1:10 – 1:50	7 th 1:10 – 1:50	7 th 1:10 – 1:50
8 th 1:55 - 2:35	8 th 1:55 - 2:35	8 th 1:55 - 2:35

Bus Dismissal: 2:35 PM

Walker Dismissal: 2:40 PM

Private Transportation (Pick up at Railroaders Museum): 2:40 PM

Special Education

Students who are in self-contained Life Skills Support (Ms. Haynal, Mrs. Kifer, Mrs. Arthur), Autistic Support (Mrs. Cox or Miss Smithmyer) or Multi-Disability Support classroom (Mr. Soellner) will return on **February 8** for five day week in-person instruction. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's Special Education Services, please contact Erica LaMantia (See contact information above), Special Education Supervisor. If you have questions or concerns regarding Special Education Evaluations or Re-Evaluations, please contact Kayla Mantini, School Psychologist, at 814-946-8252.

School Pictures

Provine Pictures will be taking school pictures on February 24 and 25. More information coming soon.

Arrival / Dismissal

Traditional Students

Arrival:

- Arrival time: 7:20 - 7:35 AM
- No students will be permitted into the building any earlier than 7:20 AM
- Bus students will enter through the main entrance on 7th Avenue
- Walkers can enter the building via the main entrance or the 8th Avenue doors.
- Private transportation / Parent drop off 8th Avenue ONLY.
- Grab-and-Go breakfast will be provided at no charge.
- Students will report directly to first period.
- First Period will begin at 7:35 AM

Dismissal:

- Bus students will be dismissed at 2:35 PM
 - Yellow buses will be located on 6th and 7th Avenue
 - AmTran buses will be located on 8th Avenue
 - Bus stickers will be on the back of student ID's who are eligible to ride district transportation
- Walkers and Private Transportation will be dismissed at 2:40 PM.
 - Private Transportation (parent transport) students will be dismissed to the Railroaders Museum parking lot.

Virtual Students

Arrival:

- Students will follow the bell schedule (see above) for each period on scheduled school days:
 - Login no later than 7:35 AM daily.
 - Students will be expected to remain online for live instruction throughout all eight periods
 - All classes will be synchronous (live) with the exception of physical education.
- Contact the grade level office if you are late or absent:
 - 6th Grade office 814-381-7541
 - 7th Grade office 814-381-7531
 - 8th Grade office 814-381-7521
- Students experiencing issues with devices throughout their virtual learning or any login/password concerns should be **reported to any classroom teacher**. Teachers will report the concern and then our technology department will be in contact to troubleshoot the issue.

Dismissal:

- Day ends at 2:35 PM

Attendance

When your child is late or absent, parents please notify the grade level principal's office. Indicate your child's name and reason for absenteeism. Submit / email a written parental or doctor's excuse within 3 days of school. **DAYS WITHOUT AN EXCUSE WILL RESULT IN ILLEGAL ABSENCES FOR YOUR CHILD.**

Grade 6 – Phone: 381-7541

Fax: 381-7504

Email: jnegri@aasdcats.com

Grade 7 – Phone: 381-7531

Fax: 381-7503

Email: juppole@aasdcats.com

Grade 8 – Phone: 381-7521

Fax: 381-7502

Email: asavino@aasdcats.com

Technology Issues

Students experiencing issues with devices throughout their virtual learning or any login/password concerns should be **reported to any classroom teacher**. Teachers will report the concern and then our technology department will be in contact to troubleshoot the issue.

Skyward Family Access

Skyward Family Access is the system for parents to monitor and participate in their child's education while staying in touch with teachers. As a parent, you can view student attendance, grades, upcoming assignments and other important information. Students have their own accounts to check grades, complete on-line assignments and more. You have access to your student's information in a format that meets your needs, at a time that meets your schedule. Skyward is a powerful tool that provides opportunities to enhance communication between the school and parents. Should you not remember your username or password, please contact the **appropriate grade level office** for assistance, see telephone numbers in the header of the newsletter.

COVID / Safety Measures

- Parents should complete a wellness check prior to sending their child(ren) to school.
- If your child is symptomatic, please keep them home and contact the grade level attendance secretary
- Masks are required at all times while on school property and on buses / vans
- Daily temperature checks will be completed by homeroom teachers
- Social distancing protocols will be followed as often as possible.
- Mask breaks will be permitted when social distancing is possible as directed by the teacher.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in both the classrooms and the hallways.
- Teachers will provide students opportunities to wash their hands / sanitize throughout the day.
- During lunch the cafeterias will be at 50% occupancy.
- Class changes will have staggered dismissal times.
- Students will be permitted to utilize their lockers at the beginning and end of the day, as well as, before and after lunch.
- Students will not be required to wear / change into gym uniforms
- All shared classroom equipment / materials will be sanitized.
- Students are permitted to carry clear water bottles as no water fountains will be available