

Back2Awesome Notes

2021–2022 School Year



Daily Health Screenings

Students and employees must assess their health before coming to school every day. Use the checklists at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols to make sure that none of the listed symptoms are present.



Masks

Masks must be worn by anyone, regardless of age or vaccination status, inside of any AACPS building. Gaiters are NOT permitted. Details about all practices and protocols for the safety of all can be reviewed at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols.



Transportation Service

All bus riders must wear a mask at all times, regardless of age or vaccination status. The nationwide bus driver shortage will have an impact on AACPS transportation services. To see an up-to-date listing of impacted bus routes, go to www.aacps.org/buses.



New Learning Management System

Teachers and students will start the school year using Brightspace, the new learning management system that will help integrate various learning platforms to provide a more seamless teaching and learning experience. Families will learn more about Brightspace in the weeks to come. www.aacps.org/brightspaceforfamilies



Forms for your convenience

Families will have the option of completing forms online in the Parent Portal to provide convenience and better bookkeeping. www.aacps.org/parentportal

- **Code of Student Conduct Acknowledgement** – parents/guardians will be able to electronically acknowledge their review of the Student Handbook
- **Absentee Notes** – parents/guardians will be able to send absentee notes to notify schools of student absences



Visiting School

Parents/guardians must make appointments for general school business and some meetings may occur in a virtual environment. In instances of emergency or general drop-off of items, please contact the school before arriving.



School Meals

Meals are free for students for the 2021–2022 school year; however, completion of the free/reduced price meal application ensure that AACPS can maintain and meet the needs of students through federal programming. This application also affords families qualification for other programs that could benefit them. <https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/>

