

WELCOME TO



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Class of 2029

YELLOWJACKET
HIVE

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Mr. Wilson: Principal (Shown in image)

Ms. Ossewaarde: Social Worker

Mr. Essenmacher: Hub and Media Specialist

Mr. Ratliff and Mrs. Howard: Assistant Principals

Officer Chris: Security

Mrs. Lewinski: Support Staff

Ms. Reyes, Chaves, and Dallaire: Counselors





PHONE POLICY

1. Phones/earbuds/headphones are expected to be put away PRIOR to entering the class.
2. Silence your phone and keep it in their backpack/bag/pocket while in class.
3. Leave your cell phone in the classroom when using a pass - except to leave the building (teacher will have a designated location for phones).
4. Students are not allowed to use their cell phones in the hallways when class is in session (bell to bell). This includes when students are entering late or leaving early.

Your cell phone **WILL** be taken if you do not follow these rules.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

Once a student hits five absences in a class, both the student and parent/guardian will get a reminder about attendance expectations. If a student racks up 10 or more absences (whether excused or unexcused) in one class during a semester, they'll be put on an Attendance Contract for that class, which needs to be signed and sent back to the Assistant Principal. If a student violates the contract, they may **LOSE CREDIT** unless they pass a proficiency test for the course.



School-sponsored activities, religious holidays, suspension from school, documented chronic or serious illness, documented bereavement, documented court appearances, other documented circumstances approved by administration. Are not counted toward the attendance contract.



TARDINESS POLICY

A student who arrives 10 minutes or more after the class bell rings is considered an unexcused absence unless a parent reports the tardiness. Otherwise any arrival to class after the bell is considered an unexcused tardy. Two tardies in one day will equal a lunch detention in the auditorium w/ Mrs. Lewinski the following day. If a student is late or fails to show up at lunch detention they will have an hour's worth of after school detention.



DRESSCODE

All students at Avondale need to dress correctly, otherwise severe punishments may be taken. Violation of the dress code includes:

- Clothing showing cleavage
- Sagging pants/showing underwear
- Clothing with profanity or pornography
- Crop tops with an uncovered belly button or belly button covered by pants
- Any clothing distracting the learning process

SPORTS REQUIREMENTS



A sports physical must be uploaded into Final Forms before the first day of practice/tryouts. Physicals from the previous academic school year are considered valid for the upcoming academic year provided they were dated April 15 or later. Otherwise you're generally in the clear for sports!

EXTRACURRICULARS

Avondale offers many after school events, some major ones include the Theater Program, Sports such as Swim and Dive, as well as Robotics.



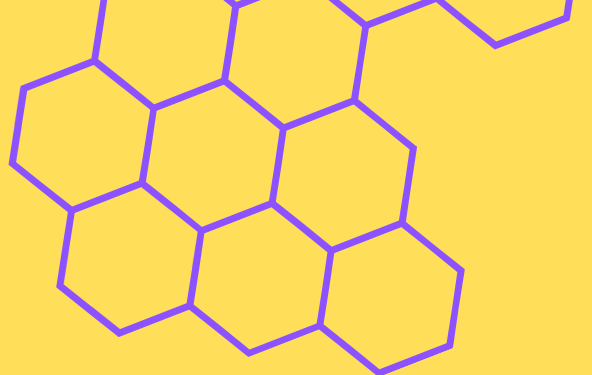
If you're looking for a social outing, you can also join Circle of Friends, which is a socialization and support group

There's also OTECH, which is a in-school program which allows students to get firsthand experience in fields like health science, culinary arts, and cosmetology





EVENTS



Arguably, the best part of the experience at Avondale is the events. We start the year with homecoming, which consists of a popularity contest for all grades (which crowns the homecoming court).

Then we have the powderpuff: a juniors vs. seniors flag football game where the girls play and the boys cheer.

Next is caring and sharing, where we as a high school give back to the community. There's also the junior and senior prom.

Finally, springfest, a time to reflect on the year and celebrate our senior class as they graduate.



AVERAGE DAY AT THE YELLOWJACKET HIVE

You'll arrive at 7:00 AM for the start of your classes

Your first block will be at 7:22

Your second block will be at 8:17

Third block is at 9:12

Fourth at 10:07 am (OTECH members will leave during this block)

Fifth and Lunch 11 :05 am

Sixth at 12:39 pm

Seventh at 1:33 pm

Classes end at 2:22 pm. Then you go home or to extracurriculars! Have fun!





TIPS

1.) Be sure you make it to class on time.

As the tardy policy states, No one is allowed to be more than 10 minutes late for first hour and 5 minutes late for all the other hours. If you get 2 tardies in the same day, you get a consequence so make sure to be at school by at least 7:00

2.) Do your classwork AND homework in school.

If you do after school practice for sports, marching band, or clubs, that would mean your day would end a lot later in the day which means not much time to do your homework. So what I do, is get my classwork/homework done in Highschool Transition which is kind of like a study hour.

3.) Have fun.

AHS has a lot of fun after school activities and freshman year is one of the most important years in your life so enjoy it. Make new friends, join a sport or a club just have fun.



Credits needed to graduate

English=4 credits

Mathematics=4 credits

Science=3 credits

social studies=3.5 credits

Health & PE= 1 credit(Health=1/2 credit. PE=1/2 credit)

World language=2 credits

Visual, performing, & applied arts=1 credit

career and technical Education= 1 credit

Electives=6.5 credits

Core Class Credits

English:

- English 9 OR Honors English 9 (1 credit)
- English 10 OR Honors English 10 (1 credit)
- English electives or AP language & composition (1 credit)
- English electives or AP literature & composition (1 credit)

Social Studies:

- U.S. History OR Honors U.S. History(1 credit)
- Civics OR AP government (1 Credit)
- Economics OR Honors Economic (1 credit)
- World History OR AP World History (1 credit)

Math:

- Algebra 1 (1 credit)
- Geometry OR Honors Geometry(1 credit)
- Algebra 2 OR Honors Algebra 2(1 credit)-
- Math elective OR AHS (1 credit)

Science:

- Biology(1 credit)
- Chemistry OR Physics (1 credit)
- Two science electives OR Counselor-approved career & Technology Education Program (1 Credit)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HIVE?

What it means to be a yellow jacket in Avondale High School could be different for everyone. It could mean being responsible, understanding, and participating in school activities, being a problem solver and being strategic, flexible, communicative, listening actively, open-minded, and self-aware it's about being apart of a community



However, being a yellow jacket is a little different for everyone. Here are some responses from current 9th graders, some of which opted to talk about how they keep up with homework instead.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HIVE? - ROSE

Being a member of the hive means being proactive, responsible, and participating in school events like homecoming, prom, football games, assemblies, and events held by the school, because showing school spirit is a good way to be a yellow jacket. It's also about being a community. Because extra curricular activities involve team work and to make sure everyone has a good time during them you have to work and help each other to succeed.



WHAT DID YOU THINK AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL WAS GOING TO BE LIKE? - ROSE

I thought Avondale high school was going to be a lot worse than it actually was. I was worried about the work load, the teachers, how many more students there were. But it's like your first day at middle school. It's scary for like the first 2 days but after that it feels like you've been here forever. People will say things like "In high school they will make you do twice as much work as you're given now." or "The teachers are much more strict in the High school." However, that's not completely true. From what I've experienced the work load isn't that much different from what we were given in middle school. Plus instead of a 30 min "round up" you get an hour long class that although yes you are still given tasks you still have plenty of time to work on any other work.

HOW DO YOU KEEP UP WITH HOMEWORK? - RENNY

I try to finish all of my work in class and whatever I don't finish I do at home.

CLUBS I PARTAKE IN

Theatre Club, Lights Crew
Magic: The Gathering Club

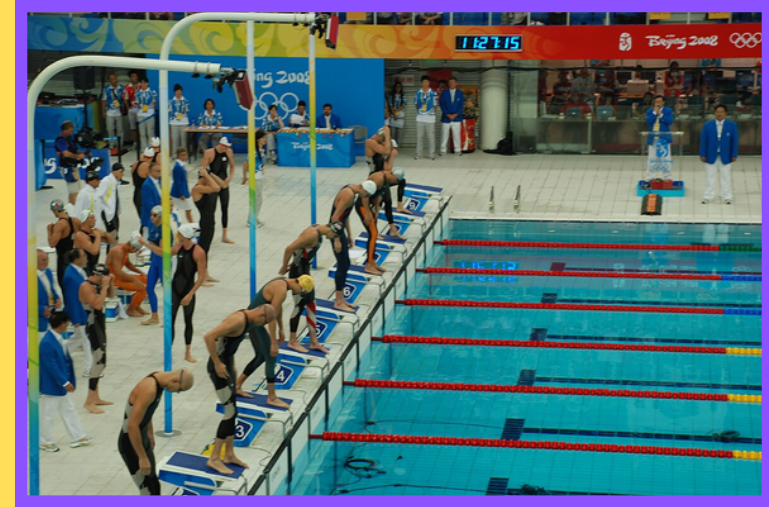


WHAT DID YOU THINK AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL WAS GOING TO BE LIKE? - RENNY

I thought it would be like how high school is portrayed in the movies- Chaotic with fights, stolen items, and kids being shoved into lockers. However, I quickly learned that it is nothing like that at all.

HOW DO YOU KEEP UP WITH HOMEWORK? - LUCI

Well like most people I have a lot of extracurricular activities including band and swim so what I do is I do my homework at school. For instance, high school transition I get all my homework done in that hour because my teacher gives us extra time to finish homework.



WHAT DID YOU THINK AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL WAS GOING TO BE LIKE?

I thought high school would be a lot scarier and there would be a lot more homework but it turns out that you get the same amount of homework as you would in middle school and you get a whole hour of study time to finish homework if you have extracurriculars.



I want to be a veterinarian when I grow up

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HIVE? - ALEXIS

Ignore my friend's hand in this photo pls!

I think being a member of the Avondale Community means being involved. I've been in the district all my life: from a small start at Woodland Elementary, to transferring to the GATE program, to eventually going here. I think it means being a proud member of the community and being actively involved in school events like Homecoming. But being a yellowjacket doesn't just mean participation in my eyes, I think it means that you have to exhibit some certain traits: like kindness for others and helping support people through their toughest times. Because like real yellowjackets we all need to work together for our goals to succeed.



WHAT DID YOU THINK AVONDALE HIGH SCHOOL WAS GOING TO BE LIKE? - ALEXIS

Well, since I attended GATE from 2nd to 8th grade, I'd heard quite a lot about what was going on at the other middle school and the highschool. Gate was quiet, sheltered, and if you disobeyed the rules the teachers would be on you like hounds. It was a really disorienting experience to hear a kid loudly shout curse words across the gym for the first time without seeing the teacher pull out a punishment form. Really, the kids in my grade at GATE acted like AHS was a place you'd get mind-controlled by evil kids from the main middle school. The exact opposite happened; I had quickly found some new friends on the first week, had a great time in my classes and lunch, and overall I'm still trying to build relations with some of my fellow students!

PS. We don't have advisory anymore. (Big Sad)



THANK YOU
FOR
LISTENING!



ENJOY
YOUR TIME
AT
AVONDALE!