

Hello Yellow Jacket Nation!

We are excited to start the 2025-26 school year! Please see the items below as we begin to prep for the new school year.

- **Registration (REQUIRED ACTION**):** Registration documentation will be online at <https://avondaleschools.powerschool.com/public/> beginning on Monday, August 11, 2025 to update and digitally sign your students' emergency cards and support documents. **Students will not be able to access their schedules or attend classes until this vital safety information is collected.**
 - If you need help accessing the Parent Portal, please contact robin.bovensiep@avondaleschools.org.
- **Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:** We will not have an in-person registration for 10-12th graders. Schedules will be released by Friday, August 22nd through the [PowerSchool Portal](#), if your parents/guardians/caregivers have completed the on-line registration information. **The building will be open to 10th-12th grade students from 12:30-2:30pm on Monday, August 18th to come in and purchase parking permits.**
- **Freshmen:** [Registration/Orientation](#) will take place on Tuesday, August 19th from 9-11 am. Students will have the opportunity to find their classes, engage in team-building activities, and learn important information about how to be successful at Avondale High School. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Information for the 25-26 school year will be available as well as an opportunity to meet your student's principals. Note that students will need to be picked up at 11:00 am. There will be an Informational Meeting for 9th grade parents/guardians/caregivers on Wednesday, August 27th, at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium.
- **New/Returning Students to Avondale High School:** Since our registration is online (except for Freshmen), we would like to welcome any new/returning students, and their families, that would like to walk the building on Monday, August 18th, from 12:30-2:30 pm. We cannot guarantee that schedules will be released by this date.
- **Schedules:** Will not be released until August 21st. Schedule changes will be accepted through the first five days of school (ending on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 2:30 pm) for the following reasons:
 - Students should **ONLY** request a schedule change if the schedule contains errors, the student has already taken the class, for medical reasons (i.e. PE), when a teacher initiates a schedule change based on his/her assessment of a student's skills, or due to other extenuating circumstances that are approved by a counselor or administrator.
 - Change requests submitted for items such as lunch changes, teacher changes, etc. will not be accepted.
 - Honors and Advanced Placement classes cannot be changed.
 - If there are extenuating circumstances (i.e. injury that makes PE impossible), please communicate with your student's counselor.

- Note: Any year-long class (as designated in the [curriculum guide](#)) will not be able to be dropped or switched at the semester mark.
- **Pictures:** All pictures will be taken September 12, 2025.
- **First Day of School:** The first day of school is August 25th, 2025 and will be a ½ day. Please see the schedule below (the regular schedule is also attached):

AHS ½ Day Schedule – Non-Exam Day

1st Hr – 7:22 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

2nd Hr – 7:50 a.m. – 8:13 a.m.

3rd Hr – 8:18 a.m. – 8:41 a.m.

4th Hr – 8:46 a.m. – 9:11 a.m.

5th Hr – 9:16 a.m. – 9:39 a.m.

6th Hr – 9:44 a.m. – 10:07 a.m.

7th Hr – 10:12 a.m. – 10:33 a.m.

- **District Calendar:** Here is the [District Calendar](#).
 - Note: We do not have school on August 29th and September 1st.
- **Homecoming:** Homecoming Week 2025 will take place from Monday, September 22nd - Saturday, September 27th and this year's theme is Broadway. The parade and football game will be on Friday, September 26th. The dance will be on Saturday, September 27th, at the high school.
- **Tech/Textbook Distribution:** We will be distributing these items during the first couple of weeks of school.
- **Handbook:** The handbook can be found [here](#).
- **Curriculum Night:** Curriculum Night is currently on September 10th from 6:30pm-8:30 pm. There will be information coming in the following weeks regarding details.
- **Senior Parent Night:** Senior Parent Night will occur on September 10th from 5:30-6:15 pm (prior to Curriculum Night) in the high school auditorium.
- **Yearbook Distribution:** If you have not yet picked up your 2024-2025 yearbook, yearbooks can be picked up the first couple weeks of school from Ms. McLaughlin in room D15.

- **Parking Passes:** Parking passes will be available during the 10th-12th grade Open House on Monday August 18th from 12:30-2:30 and in the main office after the start of the school year. See the attached [document](#) for the application and review the [Vehicle Operation Code](#). After the first week of school, we will begin to monitor the parking lots for cars without parking passes. Note that students may only park in their assigned spot and no students may park in the staff lot.

- **Standards Based Grading:** We will be following these [grading protocols](#) for the 25-26 school year.

- **Attendance, Cell phones, Behaviors, Safety, and School:** It is our goal to create a one-of-a-kind educational experience for your child. An experience that pushes your student to excel, offers a safe place that fosters curiosity, and a diverse community to connect with. In order for that to happen, we need your support and partnership in the following areas:
 - It is imperative that your students not only attend school everyday (for all hours), but also actively participate in their learning. This will allow our teachers and staff to see, adjust, and push their learning, as well as, your students to own their learning.
 - In order to be active participants in their learning, they need to be focused in what they are engaging in, this means that we need to limit the distractions. We will be continuing the practice of not allowing cell phones in the classes or hallways when class is in session ([cell phone letter](#)). We ask that you discuss, and practice, this with your student. Our goal is to have them fully present for learning.
 - Safety is paramount for a successful learning space. We have spent a lot of time making sure that our students are safe and we understand that safety protocols, at times, may present an inconvenience. We ask for your cooperation following the protocols and complying with requests made by Avondale High School personnel, as well as, our safety team regarding school safety. We will continue to adapt our protocols as situations arise. We ask that you converse with your students about appropriate behaviors, letting others know about issues that your students witness, and taking an active role in creating the culture and environment they want to be a part of.
 - As we, together, make up the Yellow Jacket Nation, we look forward to partnering with you in setting, and upholding, high expectations for our students that will lead to exceptional futures!

- **Clubs and Athletics:**
 - **Fees & Notes** for clubs and athletics can be found [here](#).
 - **Student-Athlete Handbook** can be found [here](#).
 - **Final Forms** is our new student-athlete information system. All parents need to create a profile and upload a valid MHSA sports physical to their child's profile. A student must be enrolled in FINAL FORMS in order to try out. The link for Final Forms can be found [here](#).
 - The **Athletic Schedules** can be found [here](#).
 - **Fall Athletic Tryout information** can be found [here](#).