



ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings Raiders,

We look forward to welcoming over 2,200 students to Raider Nation tomorrow for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year! Our faculty worked hard all week preparing for an amazing opening and we are ready for a great first day.

This communication includes important information on the following topics:

- ❖ Mask Requirement and Covid-19 mitigation strategies
- ❖ Required attendance in 5th Period **Advisement** for **ALL** students on Monday, 8/9 from 12:09-12:39.
- ❖ Expectations for Mornings at AHS
- ❖ Bus Information & Expectations for Afternoon Dismissal at AHS
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Please read the information below carefully to be fully prepared for a successful start to the 2021-2022 school year!

Mask Requirement and Covid-19 mitigation strategies:

Because the city of Alpharetta has a Covid-19 rate of infection that exceeds 100 per 100,000 residents, FCS will require all AHS students, personnel, and visitors to wear masks until such time as the rate of infection drops below 100 per 100,000.

All AHS students and staff will be required to wear masks starting Monday, August 9th.

Please access the FCS website for more information regarding FCS Covid-19 protocols: [Student Health Services / COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates \(fultonschools.org\)](https://www.fultonschools.org/Student-Health-Services/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Updates)





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At AHS, we will continue to implement Covid-19 mitigation strategies. First and foremost, please do not send your child to school if he/she is feeling ill and exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19. Students, please do bring your own water bottle and individual hand-sanitizer. Students and staff should wash their hands often throughout the school day and clean their personal space at the end of each class period. We will continue with one-way hallways and stair wells. We have added a lot of outdoor seating, so we encourage students to social distance as much as possible before school and during lunches. Students will be allowed to remove their masks when they are eating and drinking during lunch. Additionally, students may find a space alone outside at least 6 feet away from others for a mask break during their lunch period. We have a lot of space so encourage your child to socially distance. As teenagers, we must depend on our students to keep themselves as distanced as possible.

This year, we will be allowing our juniors and seniors to leave for Anchor Time starting the first week of school as soon as they have signed waivers returned so that we have fewer students on campus for our lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please be certain to get those forms signed and returned tomorrow so we can make those schedule changes and get juniors and seniors on track for graduation off campus quickly for Anchor Time and lunch. (A separate communication with the waiver form will be e-mailed home to juniors and seniors today).

Required attendance in Advisement for ALL students Monday to remain enrolled at AHS:

Please remember that ALL students must report to advisement during 5th period on the first day of school Monday, August 9th. This is the time period we will take official attendance and determine which students will need to be withdrawn from school. **All students must be in their 5th period advisement classroom promptly at 12:09pm – 12:39p.m. so that we may take a school wide attendance count.** Each advisement teacher is expected to take attendance only of every student physically sitting in their advisement classroom for our official enrollment count. *If a student is not physically in advisement on Monday for the physical attendance count, that student will be withdrawn from AHS.*

Please note that All students includes: students enrolled in Dual Enrollment college courses, students enrolled in GAVS and FVS virtual courses and students with off-campus Internships. Essentially, if you are a student enrolled at AHS, even if all your classes are off campus classes, we must see you in advisement on Monday at 12:09pm or you will be withdrawn from AHS. This is so that we may complete our required official enrollment count to determine whether we are staffed appropriately for the 2021-2022 school year.

Any student with an extenuating circumstance that prohibits being in advisement (such as a Covid-19 quarantine) must reach out to Dr. Kersey directly kersey@fultonschools.org





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Expectations for Monday Morning & Mornings at AHS:

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for students. Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. will not be allowed to enter any AHS building. Students arriving after 7:30 a.m. but before 8:15 a.m. must go directly to the cafeteria or back patio for supervision. At 8:15 a.m., the bell will ring to release students from the cafeteria to walk to their 1st period classroom.

Starting Wednesday, students who have an appointment with a teacher or who are attending help sessions are allowed to go to that classroom. Students are allowed to go to their lockers before school. Students may not stand around in the hallways or sit in any areas socializing in the morning prior to 8:15 other than the cafeteria, the outdoor back patio and the grassy stairs. **Moreover, all students must remain seated in the cafeteria in the morning before the 8:15 a.m. bell rings.** Students who prefer to stand must go outside on the patio outside the cafeteria.

Bus Information and Expectations for Afternoon Dismissal:

The AHS school day ends at 3:30. Busses begin leaving our campus promptly at 3:35 each day so students must be sure to exit their 8th period classroom quickly and go directly to their bus each day. Each year on the first day of school, we have many students who do not know their bus number and consequently end up missing the bus. Students will often tell us that they “forgot” the bus they rode in the morning or that they “only ride the bus in the afternoon.”

Please partner with us to ensure that your child knows his/her bus number. You may access the FCS transportation website here to determine your child’s bus number. You will have to enter your home address to get accurate bus information. This link will also provide bus route information, as well as, bus pick up/drop off times.

<http://edulogweb.fultonschools.org/livewq/webquery/>

All students must be off the AHS campus by 4:00 p.m. every day. Walkers, riders and drivers must plan to exit campus promptly each day. **Students are not allowed to hang out with friends on our campus after school. Moreover, students may not wait around for parents to get off work in the evenings before getting picked up from AHS.**

If a student has an afternoon appointment with a teacher, the student is allowed to be with that teacher for supervision but must have a plan to be picked up promptly once the afterschool meeting has concluded.

Students involved in athletics and/or clubs may stay afterschool as long as they are with their team or club being supervised by a coach or teacher. **Students may not hang out at school waiting for an evening activity to begin.** For example, a student may not hang out after school to wait for a 7:30 football game to begin. Students must exit our campus at 4pm and then come back at 7 for the game. Students who consistently are found to be on our campus unsupervised by a coach or teacher will be





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considered loitering and will be subject to both disciplinary and legal consequences. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter as we strive to keep our campus safe and secure for all students.

Safety & Security: All Students Must Wear Picture ID at all times while on AHS campus:

Alpharetta High School prioritizes student safety and security and recognizes that continued evaluation of safety processes and procedures is essential for our continued growth. At AHS, we require photo ID badges to be visibly worn by all students throughout the school day.

During ELA classes on 8/11 - 8/13, students will have their yearbook photo taken and be issued their student ID on site. Members of the 11th and 12th grade classes will be photographed on Wednesday, 10th grade on Thursday, and 9th grade on Friday. Students must keep up with their ID and wear their ID every day. Lost IDs require \$5.00 to reprint and QR codes are located throughout the school to request a replacement ID.

Once students receive their AHS-issued student IDs and have turned in a signed waiver/consent form, students will be able to pick up off campus privilege stickers beginning on Wednesday, 8/11 through Friday, 8/13, during each lunch period in the cafeteria or on Saturday, 8/14 from 9am-12pm in the front entrance of the main building. For students wishing to pick up their off-campus stickers after the first week of school, please listen for an announcement from Dr. Kersey.

For a reminder on how to submit your waiver/consent form for off campus privileges, please click  [HERE](#) or reference the attached instructions page.

Class Schedules and Enrollment Count Information:

Parents and students, please remember that student course schedules are tentative during the first 10 days of school and updates may be provided daily. Please be patient with us as we balance classes and make schedule adjustments for necessary schedule changes only.

Our current enrollment is about 60 students over the FCS projections used in February to determine our staffing allocations for the upcoming school year. As such, many of our classes are over class size limits right now. During the first 10 days of school, our Superintendent and other district leaders monitor the enrollment numbers of all FCS schools closely and make staffing adjustments accordingly at the 10th day of school. I will communicate with you if we anticipate any major shifts in our staff and Master Schedule.





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Important Information for Students with Off Campus Classes:

Students taking Dual Enrollment (College), GAVS Virtual, FVS Virtual, and students with Off-campus Internships, please read these important expectations regarding where to report and for returning signed waivers.

All students with Off-campus classes must complete and return the relevant attached waiver/s Monday in order to receive permissions to have off campus courses as well as receive the required *Dual Enrollment Sticker, Virtual Course Sticker and/or Flex Schedule Sticker* to be placed on the student's required photo identification.

Directions on how to complete and upload waiver attached:

- **All students with any Off Campus 1st period course:** If you have an off -campus course 1st period, you **do not** report to AHS tomorrow morning for 1st period. Please be certain you have uploaded your signed waiver and report to school when your first AHS class begins.
- Students taking Virtual Courses off campus or Dual Enrollment Courses off campus during 2nd – 8th periods who have not uploaded your signed waiver, **you will have to stay on campus in the media center during that period until your waiver is signed and returned.**
- Students taking Virtual Courses off campus or Dual Enrollment Courses off campus during 2nd – 8th periods who have uploaded your signed waiver will have to stop by the cafeteria to pick up your week 1 temporary pass for off campus privilege at the beginning of the period you have an off campus class. Students will not be able to leave campus without the signed waiver on file and this temporary pass. Stickers will be provided during lunches starting Wednesday that will replace the temporary pass.
- Students taking Work Based Learning/Peer Facilitation courses should report to the auditorium during the period you have Work Based Learning to see Ms. Leslie Cole. Students with off campus internships received a waiver via e-mail from Ms. Cole. Please remember to return that waiver so you may earn your privilege to leave campus. Assistant Principal Errol Dice and Ms. Cole will be your contacts for Work Based Learning off campus privileges.

Lockers:

All students may purchase lockers for \$15.00 during both lunches in the hallway outside the cafeteria starting Monday, August 9th. You may pre-purchase lockers online by accessing OSP on our website. Students will be required to show receipt and photo ID in order to receive your locker.





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Parking:

Any student who won a 2021-2022 year-long parking spot in the lottery, did not pick up a pass and plans to drive to school Monday, August 9th must arrive early at 7:30 a.m. You must park in the visitor's lot, come to the front office to see Ms. Funk with your receipt of parking purchase and then go back out to your car and move to your assigned spot by 8 a.m. No student cars may remain in visitors beyond 8 a.m. Also, do not ever park in any student parking space that is not assigned to you or in any faculty spot. Violation of this will result in losing parking privileges and a violation will incur a \$75 boot removal fine. If you cannot arrive at 7:30am Monday, then do not drive; wait to drive until you receive your sticker and assigned spot.

Please keep in mind that if you only had your learner's permit when you entered the lottery, you must redo the parking application on the website below and wait for an email from Ms. Decaminada with instructions prior to payment.

Parking website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/7392>

I am looking forward to another year of Excellence in Academics, Arts, Athletics and Altruism in Raider Nation! Thank you for your support and your attention to the important beginning of year details, processes and expectations. Go Raiders!

With Raider Pride,



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