



July 28, 2022

Dear ACP Parents and Students,

We are very excited to see you next week as we start school on August 3, 2022, at 8 a.m. Please arrive early as we will start the day with a welcome assembly in the courtyard.

A few important things for you to know as we start the year. Our focus is on strong academics, engagement, and relationships. We have some exciting new things happening this year!

- School picture day is Thursday, August 4th. These pictures will be used to make student ID's. Students will be expected to always wear their ID at school.
- Our Back to School Social is Thursday, August 11th from 6-7:30 p.m. This will be a meet the teacher, ice cream social with games and a Title 1 parent meeting. Please plan to attend this important family event.
- We are expanding our sports offerings this year to include football, volleyball, basketball, and softball. If your student is interested in participating, please talk to Coach Freas at our back-to-school night on Aug 11th.
- Our grading policy has been modified to be 4-point standards-based scale rather than the traditional A-F scale. Students will earn a 0-4 based on their work in mastering the standards and activities in class. Our handbook explains it more but a 4 would equal 90-100% mastery, a 3 is 80-89%, a 2 is 70-79%, a 1 is 60-69%, and a 0 would be below 59%.
- We will have monthly family events and additional activities for the community. In August, we have our Meet-the-Teacher Ice Cream Social/Title 1 parent night. We plan to have a Homecoming Dance for students in September, a fall Festival in October, our annual Thanksgiving Feast in November and much more each month!
- Please fill out the free/reduced lunch form. Even if we don't have a lunch program, this is the way that we get federal funding for our school. It is important that we get it back for every student.
- Our website has moved, and we will be spotlighting students, showing school year photos, and much more. Please go to www.acparizona.org and bookmark it as a favorite. On our website, in the resources tab, is a link to the parent/student handbook. Please read and review this. <https://acparizona.org/parent-and-student-resources/>
- Additionally, we have a school Facebook page – look for Academy with Community Partners High School and like us so you get notifications of our school events and activities.
- Teachers will give our students supply lists at the beginning of each block. These will be the usual school supplies like notebooks, binders, folders, pencils, etc. We will have a school store that has some supplies that students can purchase for a minimal cost, or you can get these supplies at your local stores.

To make sure that our students are in class ready to learn, there are a few procedures that will be strictly enforced to make sure that our focus is on school and learning.

- Students need to be in class ready to learn by the time the bell rings. When the warning bell rings, they need to head to class, not wait for the 2nd bell. If students are tardy, they will be sent to work-based detention during break time. Students who are more than 20 minutes late will serve detention and be required to attend Friday school to make-up. Students missing more than 2 class sessions (or being more than 20 min late) will not get credit for the course unless it is made up in Friday school.
- Cell phones/electronics will be collected during class and will be given back at lunch and at the end of the day. If you have an emergency and need to reach your student, please call the main office at (480) 833-0068.
- Break times are for 20 minutes (AM 9:30-9:50 and PM 1:30-1:50). It is expected that students use this time to use the restroom, fill up their water bottles, and socialize with other students. We ask that students take care of these things before class, during breaks, at lunch, or after school rather than leaving class to do so. It is expected that high school students can wait 70-90 minutes to use the bathroom rather than disrupting class and losing learning time. If your student has a medical condition that needs an exception to this, please call the office so we can speak about the medical documentation needed to start a 504 plan. Thank you for your support in supporting our school in making learning a priority and helping our students achieve academic success.

We are looking forward to a great school year with you! See you on Wednesday, August 3rd for our first day of school!

ACP Administration

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