

# Alamance Community School

*Find meaning, develop empathy,  
create solutions.*



# ACS Mission

Alamance Community School is committed to helping students become engaged citizens by finding meaning in learning through exploring real-world problems and creating innovative and exciting solutions.



# What is a NC Charter School



# What is an NC Public Charter School?



A charter school is a **TUITION-FREE, PUBLIC SCHOOL of CHOICE** that is authorized by the State Board of Education and operated by an independent non-profit board of directors.

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Charter schools have open enrollment and **CANNOT** discriminate in admissions, associated with any religion or religious group, or charge tuition.

Charter schools must admit any child residing in NC who is qualified to attend NC schools regardless of the school district where the child resides.



# What is a NC Public Charter School?



- A public charter school is **REQUIRED** to participate in the state's accountability program, administer end-of-grade and end-of course tests, and provide data needed for NC School Report Cards.
- State and local tax dollars are the primary funding sources for the charter school - “**the money follows the child**”.  
Funding for the school comes from federal, state, and local taxes.
- Charter schools **DO NOT** receive funds for **CAPITAL** expenses (building a school building, renovations, etc.).





# • About Alamance Community School

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# ACS Administrative & Instructional Leadership Team



- Leslie Paynter, Managing Director
- J. Marquice Miller, Principal
- Stephanie Nowell, Assistant Principal
- Catherine Quick, Curriculum Director
- Erica Moyer, MTSS & Testing Coordinator
- Leslie Jewell, Student Information & Technology Director
- Scott Tribotte, Counselor
- Cindy Gittens, Social Worker
- Chace Simmons, EC Facilitator & Dean of Students
- Sarah Mayle, Math Coach
- Tayloir Ford, Literacy Coach
- Darius Long, Middle School Athletic Director
- Millie Ceparano, Administrative Assistant



# Kindergarten - 8th Grade Campus



Cottage # 1:  
5th & 6th Grade

Cottage # 2:  
7th & 8th Grade



Main Building:  
Kindergarten - 4th Grade



## School Hours



### Wednesdays

8:15am - 1:15pm

*2-hour Early Release Every Wednesday*

### Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15am

### Wednesday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

1:15-1:45pm

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8:15am - 3:15pm

### Morning Carline

7:45 am - 8:15am

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal

3:15-3:45 pm

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# What ACS Offers



## Independent NC Public Charter School

- ACS is an independent charter school
  - ACS is NOT a part of ABSS or any larger district

## School Calendar, Hours, & Inclement Weather

- We have our own academic calendar, set our own hours and make our own independent inclement weather decisions
  - ACS is NOT a part of ABSS or any larger district

## Breakfast & Lunch

- ACS students eat lunch in their classrooms or picnic outside when weather permits
- Students must bring a lunch from home or may take advantage of our Hot Lunch ordering program. *This gives families the flexibility to order favorite foods from local vendors as frequently as they would like, without the commitment of ordering every school day.*
  - ACS DOES NOT have an on-site cafeteria and we do not have a breakfast program



# What ACS Does Not Offer



## Transportation

- Parents/Guardians must arrange their child's transportation or carpool to and from school.
  - **ACS DOES NOT provide bus transportation**

## Library

- ACS has an extensive book room for teachers to check out fiction & non-fiction text sets & read alouds
  - **ACS DOES NOT have a library**



# Middle School 5th - 8th Grade



# Middle School Gym



# Middle School Athletics



Our Middle School Athletics offerings will continue to expand

- For the 2026-27 school year
  - Fall -
    - Boys Soccer
    - Coed Cross Country
    - Volleyball
  - Winter -
    - Boys & Girls Basketball
    - Cheerleading
  - Spring -
    - Coed Golf
    - Girls Soccer



## Advanced Course Offerings



### Math 1 and Spanish 1 via NCVPS

- We offer advanced academic opportunities for 8th grade students.
- Through NCVPS, eligible students may take Spanish I and Math I for high school credit.
- These courses allow students to begin earning credits before entering high school.
- Early credits provide a strong foundation and more flexibility in future course planning.



## FAQs



- On-site Before & After School Care provided by our outside vendor, Genesis Athletics - fee based. For more information: [BEFORE & AFTER CARE](#)
- Children can bring their lunch or purchase a lunch from the contracted vendors through My Hot Lunchbox. Children eat lunch in their classroom.
- Free & Reduced Lunches are provided for families who complete necessary paperwork and qualify.
- ACS is a school-wide Title I School
- We do not provide Transportation



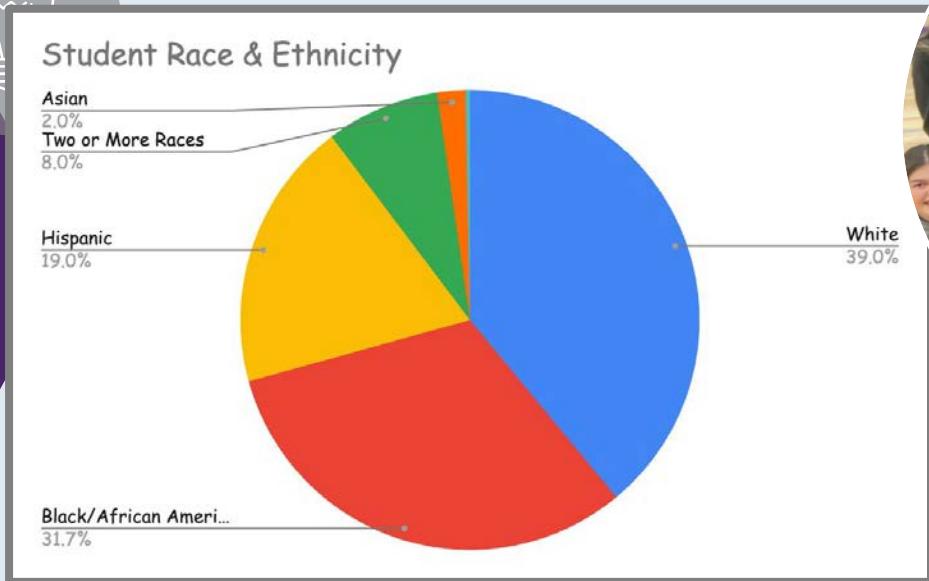
## FAQs



- ACS opened in September 2020 serving Kindergarten - Third Grade
- 2024 - 2025: Kindergarten - Seventh Grade
- 2025 - 2026: Kindergarten - Eighth Grade
- 20 - 22 students per class in elementary and 23 - 25 per class in middle school
- 21st Century Learning Environment with iPads, Chromebooks, and Interactive TVs



# Student Demographics



RACE/ETHNICITY			
African American/Black	31.7%	Hispanic	19%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%	Two or More Races	8%
Asian	2%	White	39%



## Additional Student Demographics



### ADDITIONAL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Economically Disadvantaged 51%

Special Education 15%

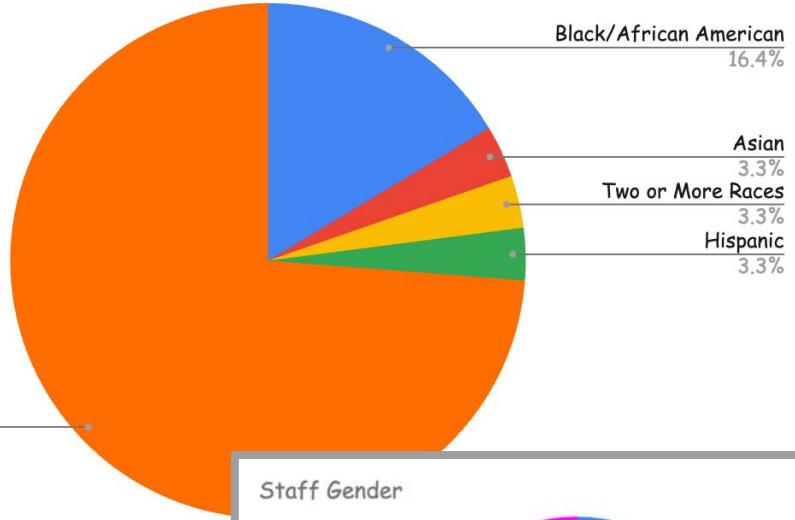
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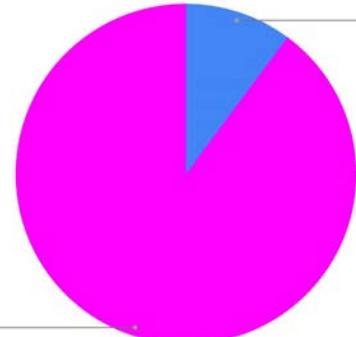
# Staff Demographics



## Staff Race/Ethnicity



## Staff Gender



# Administrator & Teacher Qualifications



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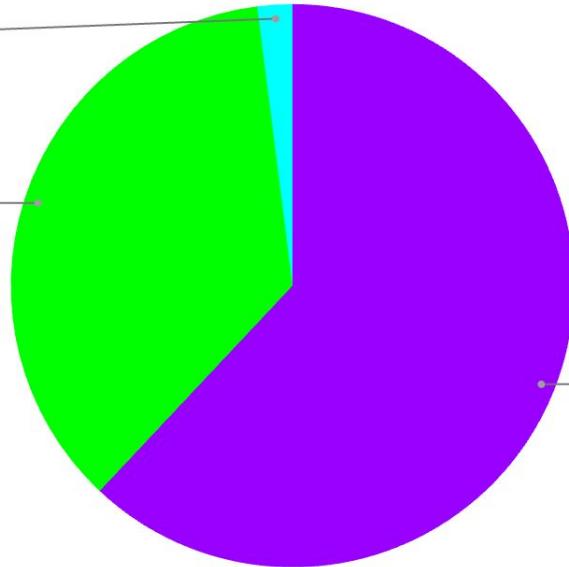
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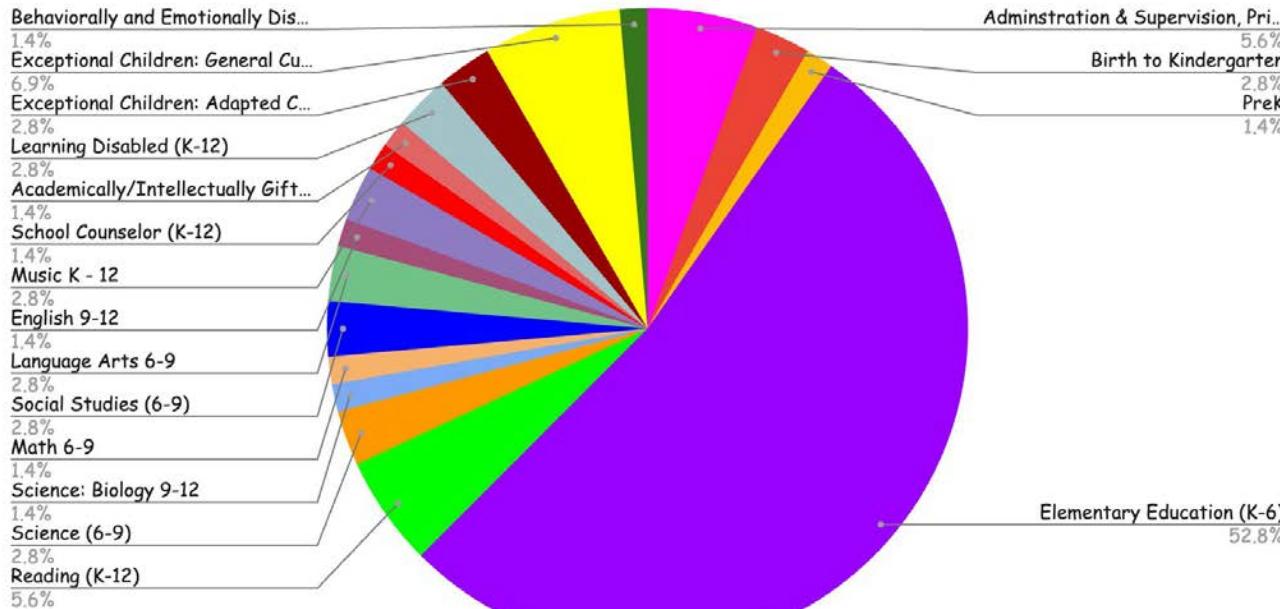
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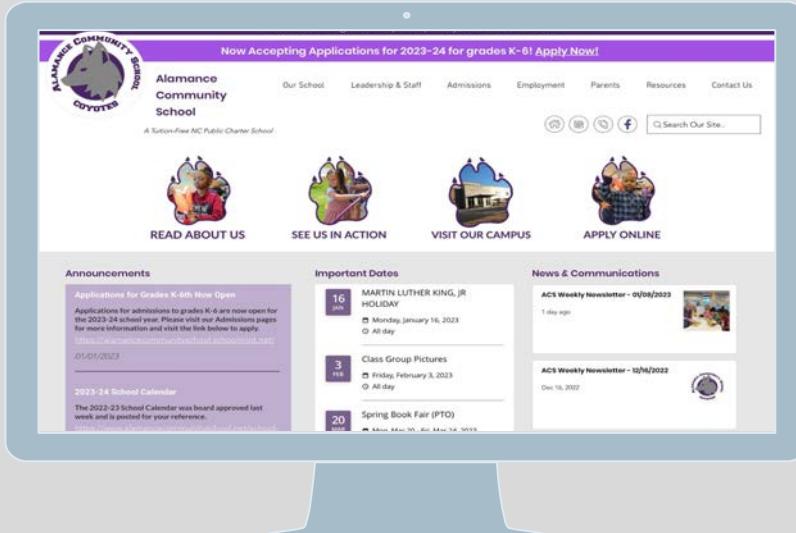
# Administrator & Teacher Licensure

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## ACS Digital Resource Links -

- ACS Website
- ACS Facebook Page
- Virtual Tour
- Digital Brochure





# Curriculum

Responsive Classroom | Morning Meeting |  
Workshop Model | Project Based Learning |  
Specials | Empathy Initiative



# Responsive Classroom & Morning Meeting



- **Responsive Classroom**

- Promotes optimal student learning and creates a caring community of students and staff. It is a research-based program that shows students learn best when they feel safe, challenged and happy.

The main components of Responsive Classroom are the First Six Weeks of School, Morning Meeting/MS Advisory, Hopes and Dreams, Rule Creation, Guided Discovery and Logical Consequences.

## Morning meetings at ACS include the following:

- Greeting
- Sharing
- Activity/Team Building
- News and Announcements



# Literacy Instruction



## NC Standard Course of Study in Reading

Reading Mini Lessons, Small Group Instruction, Interactive Read Aloud, Phonics & Word Study

**Literacy instruction helps students develop strong reading skills through the use of:**

- Phonics & Word Study
- Mini Lessons
- Small group literacy instruction
- Read Alouds
- Conferencing
- Independent Reading
- Literature Response - writing about reading
- Purposeful Share
- Literacy Workstations
- **Middle School** also uses Reading Reconsidered & Words Their Way



# Writing Workshop



## NC Standard Course of Study in Writing & Writing Mini-lessons

### Students:

- Live, work and learn as writers
- Learn writing craft techniques
- Observe their lives and the world around them while collecting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing
- Apply the skills and strategies they've learned to their own writing projects
- Share writing
- Teacher feedback is given through one-to-one conferences, small group instruction, and includes instructional compliments and teaching

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## Math Workshop



### NC Standard Course of Study in Math

- We will pull from multiple resources to meet these standards:
  - ZEARN
  - Math in Practice
  - Math Talks
  - Math Tasks
  - NC DPI Math Wiki
- Math mini-lessons
- Students rotate through math workstations, including a small guided math group on the students' instructional levels.



# Project Based Learning



- At ACS Project Based Learning is an integral part of our philosophy and mission.
- Students are presented with interesting, relevant and meaningful problems to solve.
- Students complete 3 projects per year/ 1 per trimester.
- We follow the NC Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) and the Essential Standards in Science and Social Studies to determine each project.
  - NC STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY



# Guidance



Visit Mr. Tribotte's [Virtual Office](#)

Social Emotional Learning or SEL is a fundamental skill that is a focus at Alamance Community School. We follow the NC Guidance Essential Standards to support students in their cognitive, career, and personal/social development.

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Students receive classroom guidance instruction on a variety of topics to meet their needs, including: empathy, feelings/emotions, self esteem, and much more!

Small groups and individual short term counseling are offered in addition to whole group instruction.



## Empathy & Service Initiative

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- 10 - 15 minutes of empathy &/or purposeful service will be built into each day
- All grade levels and classes will integrate community building and empathy into their Project Work.
- Empathy & Service Projects may include making a Buddy Bench, starting a recycling program, collecting food for a local food pantry, & making cards for veterans



## K - 4th Grade Specials & Middle School Electives



**ACS offers five specials for K - 4th Grade  
PE, Art, Music, STEM, & Global Connections**

- Students rotate through and attend each special one time per week.

**Middle School Students** are able to choose from a wide variety of elective offerings, such as Musical Theatre, Lego Robotics, PE, Horticulture, and Spanish.





# • Other Program Features



## Genesis Before & After Care Program and 4-H



ACS provides a fee based on-site before and after school care program option through a 3rd party vendor, Genesis Athletics, for our families.



Alamance Community 4-H opened its charter in the fall of 2022 under Evelyn Krieley's (Genesis Athletics) direction. They are currently offering programs based on registration. They also offer summer camps in June.



## Student Council & Ambassadors



### Student Ambassadors & Student Council:

The ACS Student Ambassador & Student Council Program is for students in 4th Grade and up.

ACS Ambassadors & Student Council Representatives are highly responsible and respectful students who represent and serve our school.



## The Arts, Summer Camps, and PTO



**Summer Camps:** During the month of June, we offer free and fee-based summer camp options.

**Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO):** ACS has an active PTO that plans multiple Family Nights and fun events throughout the year. They also provide numerous ways for our families to volunteer their time and service.





# Applications, The Lottery & Questions



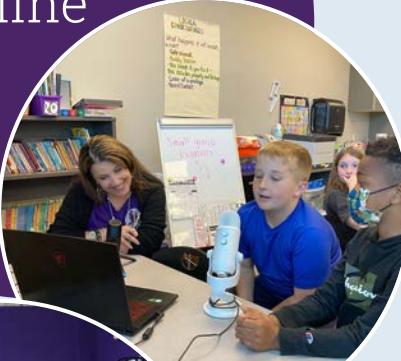
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# Applications & Lottery Timeline



- **January 1, 2026** – Online admission application opened in SchoolMint 38
- **February 28, 2026 at 11:59 pm** – Admission application closes for those who wish to be included in the lottery
- **March 5, 2026 at 9 am** – Admission lottery held for the public (Members of the public may attend via Zoom). Initial admission offers made. Each applicant will receive a notification by email or text, whichever method you indicate on your application, at the completion of the lottery, notifying them of their admission offer or position on the waitlist.
- **Thurs, March 5, 2026** - Following the lottery, full registration packets will be available on SchoolMint to families that accept an Offer of Admissions
- **Thursday, March 12, 2026** - Due date to accept offered lottery seats. If you have not accepted the offer by Thursday, March 12, you risk forfeiting your child's spot.
- **Thursday, March 26, 2026** - Registration Registration Deadline. All registrations must be completed by this date or risk your admissions offer being rescinded.





For Questions  
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# School Schedule



## School Hours



### **Wednesdays**

8:15am - 1:15pm

*2-hour Early Release Every Wednesday*

### **Morning Carline**

7:45 am - 8:15am

### **Wednesday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal**

1:15-1:45pm

### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**

8:15am - 3:15pm

### **Morning Carline**

7:45 am - 8:15am

### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday Afternoon Carline Pickup/Dismissal**

3:15-3:45 pm

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Mon, Tues,  
Thurs, &  
Fri Daily  
Schedule

	7:45 - 8:15	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:45	3:00	3:15
<b>K</b>	Arrival, Workstations, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG - Calendar, Weather, Etc.	MATH AM	Phonemic Awareness 8:45-9:40 55 min	Specials 9:40 - 10:25 45 min	Recess 10:25 - 10:55	ELA 10:55 - 12:15 1 hour 20 min	Lunch 12:15 - 12:45	MATH 12:45 - 2:00 1 hr 15 min	Science/Social Studies 2:00 - 3:00 60 min	ELA PM MTG 3:00-3:15																			
<b>1st Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	ELA 8:35 - 10:35 2 hours	Specials 10:35 - 11:20 45 min	Recess 11:20 - 11:50	ELA 25 min	Lunch 12:15 - 12:45	MATH 12:45 - 2:00 1 hr 15 min	Science/Social Studies 2:00 - 3:00 60 min	ELA PM MTG 3:00-3:15																				
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	ELA 8:35 - 11:00 2 hours 25 min	Recess 11:00 - 11:30	Specials 11:30 - 12:15 45 min	Lunch 12:15 - 12:45	MATH 12:45 - 2:00 1 hr 15 min	Science/Social Studies 2:00 - 3:00 60 min	ELA PM MTG 3:00-3:15																					
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	ELA AM Mtg 8:15-8:35 20 min	Specials 8:35-9:30 55 min	BLOCK 1 9:30 - 11:30 2 Hours	Recess 11:30 - 12:00	Lunch 12:00 - 12:30	BLOCK 2 12:30 - 2:30 2 Hours	INTERVENTIONS & ENRICHMENT																						

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<b>4th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	Morning Meeting 8:15-8:30 15 min	Period 1 8:30-9:30 60 min	Period 2 9:30 - 10:30 60 min	Period 3 10:30 - 11:30 60 min	Period 4 11:30 - 12:30 60 min	Lunch 12:30 - 1:00	Recess 1:00 - 1:30	4th Grade Specials 1:30 - 3:00 1 hr 30 min	Done By Lela/ES PE & 3 MS Elective Teachers *Spanish *Music (A or C) & *STEM	Closing Meeting																			
<b>MS - 5th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	ELA AM Mtg 8:15-8:30 15 min	Middle School Electives 8:30 - 10:00 1 hr 30 min	Period 1 10:00 - 11:00	Period 2 11:00 - 12:00	Lunch & Recess 12:00 - 12:45	Period 3 12:45-1:45 60 min	Period 4 1:45 - 2:45 60 min	INTERVENTIONS																					
<b>MS - 6th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	ELA AM Mtg 8:15-8:30 15 min		Period 1 10:00 - 11:00	Period 2 11:00 - 12:00	Lunch & Recess 12:00 - 12:45	Period 3 12:45-1:45 60 min	Period 4 1:45 - 2:45 60 min	INTERVENTIONS																					
<b>MS - 7th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	ELA Advisory 8:15-8:30 15 min	Period 1 8:30-9:30 60 min	Period 2 9:30 - 10:30 60 min	Middle School Electives 10:30 - 12:00	Lunch & Recess 12:00 - 12:45	Period 3 12:45-1:45 60 min	Period 4 1:45 - 2:45 60 min	INTERVENTIONS																					
<b>MS - 8th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	ELA Advisory 8:15-8:30 15 min	Period 1 8:30-9:30 60 min	Period 2 9:30 - 10:30 60 min		Lunch & Recess 12:00 - 12:45	Period 3 12:45-1:45 60 min	Period 4 1:45 - 2:45 60 min	INTERVENTIONS																					

# Wednesday Early Release Daily Schedule

ACS K-3 Wednesday Daily Schedule

	7:45 - 8:15	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:15
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	Math 8:30-9:30		Recess 9:30 - 10:00		ELA 10:00 - 11:30		ELA 10:00 - 11:30		Specials 11:30 - 12:15		Specials 11:30 - 12:15		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Social Studies/ Science 12:45 - 1:15		Social Studies/ Science 12:45 - 1:15	
<b>1st Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	Math 8:30-9:30		ELA 9:30 - 10:30		ELA 9:30 - 10:30		Specials 10:30 - 11:15		ELA 11:15 - 11:45		Social Studies/ Science 11:45 - 12:00		Lunch 12:00 - 12:30		Recess 12:30 - 1:00		Social Studies/ Science 1:00 - 1:15		Social Studies/ Science 1:00 - 1:15	
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Arrival, Workstations, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	Math 8:30-9:30		Specials 9:30 - 10:15		ELA 10:15 - 11:45		ELA 10:15 - 11:45		Recess 11:45 - 12:15		Recess 11:45 - 12:15		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Social Studies/ Science 12:45 - 1:15		Social Studies/ Science 12:45 - 1:15	
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MATH AM MTG	Specials 8:30-9:15		Block 1 9:15 - 10:45		Block 1 9:15 - 10:45		Recess 10:45 - 11:15		Block 2 11:15 - 12:15		Block 2 11:15 - 12:15		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Lunch 12:15 - 12:45		Block 2 Cont'd 12:45 - 1:15		Block 2 Cont'd 12:45 - 1:15	

**4th - 8th Early Release Wednesdays**

	7:45 - 8:15	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:15		
<b>4th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	Period 1 w/ Advisory 8:15-9:15 60 min				Period 2 9:15-10:05 50 min				Period 3 10:05-10:55 50 min				Period 4 10:55-11:45 50 min				Lunch & Movement 11:45-12:20 35 min		4th Grade Specials 12:20 - 1:15 Students dismiss from 4th Grade Specials 50 min				
<b>MS - 5th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MS Advisory 8:15 - 8:30	MS Electives 8:30 - 9:25 55 min				Period 1 9:25 - 10:15 50 min				Period 2 10:15- 11:05 50 min				Period 3 11:05 - 11:55 50 min				Lunch 11:55 - 12:20 25 min		Period 4 12:20 - 1:15 55 min			
<b>MS - 6th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	MS Advisory 8:15 - 8:30	MS Electives 8:30 - 9:25 55 min				Period 1 9:25 - 10:15 50 min				Period 2 10:15- 11:05 50 min				Period 3 11:05 - 11:55 50 min				Lunch 11:55 - 12:20 25 min		Period 4 12:20 - 1:15 55 min			
<b>MS - 7th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	Period 1 w/ Advisory 8:15-9:15 60 min				Period 2 9:15-10:05 50 min				MS Electives 10:05-11:00 55 min				Period 4 11:00 -11:55 55 min				Lunch 11:55 - 12:20 25 min		Period 4 12:20 - 1:15 55 min				
<b>MS - 8th Grade</b>	Arrival, Progress Monitoring, & Interventions	Period 1 w/ Advisory 8:15-9:15 60 min				Period 2 9:15-10:05 50 min				MS Electives 10:05-11:00 55 min				Period 4 11:00 -11:55 55 min				Lunch 11:55 - 12:20 25 min		Period 4 12:20 - 1:15 55 min				



## Current 2025 - 2026 School Calendar

## 2026-27 School Calendar

### Important Elements of Our School Calendar

- School Begins in Early to Mid August
- Early Release Wednesdays for Professional Development
- Fall Break ~ Early October
- Winter Break ~ Mid-December - Early January
- Spring Break ~ Mid-April
- School Ends in Late May





# Thanks! Any questions?

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