



AHS CONNECTS

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Anclote High School

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We are a high-achieving, student-focused community of learners exhibiting passion, commitment and unity. Our goal is to make a difference for our students and the community.

The Anclote High School staff is excited about the 2015-16 school year and looks forward to welcoming back our students. The entire Shark family continuously works hard and is committed to preparing our students for success. As we continue on our journey in preparing students for College, Career, and Life we are focused on providing students with a rigorous and relevant educational experience that maximizes student engagement and is founded in meaningful relationships.

Shark Family Open House

Anclote High School invites families to join us for Shark Family Open House and Title 1 meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:00 – 7:30. Families will begin in the gym where they will receive important information followed by an open format where families can tour the campus. Representatives from various departments, clubs and organizations will have tables set up in the gym for families to learn more about all of the exciting opportunities available for students at AHS.

Pasco County Orientation Day August 18th

Anclote High School invites students and their families to take a tour of the school, pick up course schedules, and pay student fees during Pasco County's Orientation Day, Tuesday, August 18th. All students can pick up their schedules and pay fees in the gym from 8:00-1:30 on Tuesday, August 18th. After paying student fees, students will be able to rent lockers and apply for parking tags. Information on athletics, clubs and extra curricular activities will also be available for students. Staff will be available on this date to assist families in completing the 2015-16 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application for those interested. Schedules will not be available for pick up after this date. Students who are unable to pick up their schedule during this designated time must wait until the first day of school. We look forward to seeing you soon!

School Lunches

The District School Board of Pasco County's policy for free and reduced-priced meals and meal prices was approved for the 2015-2016 school year. A new family application MUST be submitted at the start of each new school year. Families can apply online by visiting the Food and Nutrition Services Department website at <https://www.school lunchapp.com>. Last year's meal eligibility status will expire after the first ten days of school. Go online and complete your application today.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nominations for Anclote High School's 2015-16 School Advisory Council(SAC) will take place Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 18th from 8:00-1:30 in the Student Services office. Nominations will also be accepted in the Student Services office until Friday, August 28th. The SAC meets throughout the year at 7:45 a.m. in the Student Services conference room. Voting for the SAC will take place at Shark Family Night on Wednesday, September 2nd.

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

Anclote High School
1540 Sweetbriar Drive
Holiday, FL 34691

Main Office: 246-3000
Guidance Office: 246-3000
Registrar's Office: 246-3007
Data Entry: 246-3006
Bookkeeper: 246-3004

School Website: <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Student Hours: 7:30-1:40

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

During the past several years the state of Florida has made considerable changes to the graduation requirements for a standard high school diploma. The requirements are different for each cohort (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) and can be viewed at <http://www.fldoe.org/students/>. We encourage parents and students to review the document together to have a clear understanding of the expectations for earning a high school diploma.

General Information

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades. It is also an important quality for success in the job market. All absences are considered unexcused unless the student presents an excused note to the front office within 3 school days of the absence. Students must submit a note signed by a parent/guardian stating student name (first and last), reason for and date of absence, and phone number of parent/guardian to the front office. An excused absence allows the student to make up work at full credit. Following an excused absence, a student will have two school days to request make-up work.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When a student must be released early from school, the student will need to:

- Bring a signed note from home stating the reason for the dismissal, requested release time, and a phone number where the parent/guardian may be reached for verification.
- Present the note to Student Services PRIOR to the start of school. Notes presented just prior to the dismissal time may need to wait for verification before dismissal.
- A parent/guardian or other authorized person must sign out students in Student Services or, in the

case of illness, the clinic.

- Students are to wait in the office until their ride arrives and they have been signed out appropriately.
- Parents are not authorized to give students permission to leave campus without following proper sign-out procedures. Students leaving campus without following sign-out procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

PARKING

Parking in a school lot is a privilege. Students will park only in lots designated as student parking and will display a current parking permit. Vehicles that are not registered or are inappropriately or illegally parked, or parked so as to cause a safety hazard, may be warned, booted, or towed at the owner's expense. Students are not permitted in the parking lot during the school day. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without permission. Students who leave campus without permission will be subject to disciplinary action. A vehicle, upon reasonable suspicion, may be searched for weapons, drugs, or other items which are illegal, or against School Board policy. If any of these items are found in the car, appropriate legal action will be taken and the parking permit will be revoked.

LOCKERS

Lockers with combination locks will be issued through student services during the first week of school to those who pay the locker fee. Students are not allowed to change the locks unless approved by administration. Lockers are issued for the storing of school supplies only, and routine inspection of lockers can be expected. The school is not responsible for items in the lockers. Students who share their locker or who give their locker combination to others will be held responsible for lost/stolen items, including textbooks. All physical education clothing must be kept in P.E. lockers.

LUNCHES

FREE breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria from 7:10–7:25. Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria. Eating areas are available in the main cafeteria, the patio area located adjacent to the main cafeteria, and the picnic area. A Seniors Only area will be located in front of the gym during lunch. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the school day. If an emergency arises, please contact Student Services to make necessary arrangements.

Freshmen Shindig

Incoming Freshmen – Class of 2019 – join us at AHS on Tuesday, August 11th for your first Shark event from 8:30 – 12:00 in the Shark Zone. Get a head start familiarizing yourself with the campus by participating in activities following an opening general session. We will be finishing the event off with pizza!

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

AHS will begin integrating the AVID system this year in grades 9 and 10 through the AVID Elective. Simply, AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. For additional information on AVID – check out their website <http://www.avid.org/>.

Class of 2015 Seniors

Mark your calendars Seniors! Gigante Productions will be on campus Friday, September 4th and September 18th to take Senior portraits. Be sure to schedule your appointment at the Yearbook table during Orientation Day.

Order your cap and gown today through Herff Jones at www.herffjonesstpete.com.

Student Expectations

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are expected to follow the district electronic use policy. It is the expectation of Anclote High School that all electronic devices remain off and out of sight during class unless authorized for classroom educational purposes, as determined by the teacher. In addition, students will be permitted to access personal electronic devices during the lunch period. Students are responsible for electronic devices brought from home and are encouraged to secure all personal devices. The school is not responsible for lost/stolen items as a result of careless behavior and will not be investigated by staff or the School Resource Officer.

DRESS CODE

Students and parents are encouraged to review the District School Board of Pasco County's Rules of Dress and Appearance in the Student Code of Conduct. The following are common violations and should be reviewed with students prior to the start of school.

- tops must have strap/sleeve of at least three fingers in width
- shorts and skirts must be of modest length (modest length will be considered at the end of a student's fingertips when arms are at their sides, in a relaxed position)
- blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the

right and left armpit (this includes, front, back, and sides of garments)

A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Failure to do so, or repeated violations, will result in a discipline referral.

FOOD/DRINKS/HATS

Parents and students are reminded Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the school day. If an emergency arises please contact the front office to make necessary arrangements.

Anclote High School is a hat free campus. As stated in the District Code of Conduct, students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities as determined by the principal.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGE

In an effort to support the significant roll attendance plays in academic performance, Anclote High School will be enforcing a Loss of Privilege

system whereby students lose the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities and/or events based on attendance and discipline. These include but are not limited to field trips, dances, special events, club activities and participation in athletics and interscholastic extracurricular activities. Interscholastic extracurricular activities are those organized student activities between, among or within schools that are carried on outside the curriculum or regular course of study in school. These activities may involve displays of talent that include, but are not limited to, sports, speech, debate, and fine arts interscholastic competitions or festivals and career and technical student organization activities. If a student has 5 unexcused absences in any one course/period within a quarter the student may lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities until the end of the following quarter. In addition, students with a Level 2 or Level 3 discipline referral will be placed on the LOP list and remain until appealed to the grade level administrator.

Parents are asked to review these expectations with their students prior to the start of the school year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNICATION: STAY CONNECTED

At Anclote High School we understand the importance good communication plays in the successful education of our students. It is our goal to communicate with parents in a variety of formats, including newsletters, eSembler, School Connects, and our school website. In order to assist us in this process, please be sure to update your contact information as changes occur. Parents can contact Anclote High School's data entry operator at 246-3006 to change or verify contact information.

ESEMBLER

The best method of communication is through the use of eSembler where families can monitor student academic progress as well as attendance. eSembler also provides a convenient way to email teachers with questions or concerns. Once school starts visit Anclote High School's website at <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us> for directions on how to set up an eSembler account and stay connected to your student's performance.

Class Schedule

Period 1	7:30-8:30
Period 2	8:35-9:25
Period 3	9:30-10:20
(A-Lunch 10:25-10:55)	
Period 4A	11:00-11:50
Period 4B	10:25-11:15
(B-Lunch 11:20-11:50)	
Period 5	11:55-12:45
Period 6	12:50-1:40



Welcome Back Sharks!

A message from the principal ...

I look forward to the start of the 2015-16 school year and welcoming back our Sharks. I am especially excited about bringing the AVID system to AHS this year. In addition, families will begin to see evidence of our rebranding initiative with Varsity Brands after being selected as a VIP school. The Principal's Leadership Team, consisting of members of the Class of 2016, will play an integral role in this process and set the standard for Shark Pride and Spirit, while leaving a legacy for future Sharks.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with the most up to date information regarding the opening of school and any changes you should be aware of as you transition back into the school schedule. Families are encouraged

to access the school website where important information is posted on a regular basis. In addition, I send out a weekly message on Sundays through our School Connects system.

Communicating effectively with families is a priority for the staff at Anclote High. To meet that goal, it is important all contact information is accurate for our students. Now, and as the school year progresses, any changes to this information should be updated through the data entry operator at 727-246-3006.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 2nd to join us for our Shark Family Open House from 6:00 - 7:30.

Go Sharks!

August

18 Orientation Day
24 First Day of School

September

2 Shark Family Night
4 Senior Pictures
7 Labor Day
17 Picture Day
18 Senior Pictures
25 Progress Reports

October

12-16 Homecoming Week
26 Teacher Planning Day
28 PSAT Testing

November

2 Report Cards
20 Progress Reports
23-27 Thanksgiving Break

December

21-1/4 Winter Break

January

14 End of Semester 1
15 Teacher Planning Day