



AHS CONNECTS

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

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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 to begin the 2026-27 School Year!

“Freshman Frenzy” Orientation

We welcome you to our annual Freshman Orientation on July 30st from 9am to 12pm, with lunch provided. Students will have the opportunity to play games, get to know school staff and tour the campus. There will be a Parent University from 9:15-10:30am in the media center. A link and QR code to RSVP will be sent to the email of incoming freshman families, posted on the website, and social media.

Anclote High Meet the Teacher/Registration Day is Friday, August 7th

AHS invites you to come to campus on August 7th from 9am-1pm. On this day, you can pay school fees and receive student schedules. Information about athletics, clubs, organizations, community assistance and more will also be available for families. Please note that this date is reserved for counselors to take care of new student registrations and they cannot meet students regarding schedule changes at this time. Student schedules are subject to change and will also be given out to students on the first day of school. A list of students and their first period classes will also be posted throughout our campus on the first day of school. There will be no schedule changes unless students already have credit for a course or if they need a course to graduate.

Fall Sports Information

Tryouts for all Fall Sports (Football, Volleyball, Swimming, Boys and Girls Golf, Cheer and Cross Country) will begin Monday, July 27th. Information on tryouts will be posted soon on our website, so keep an eye out. You must have your athletic paperwork submitted & **APPROVED**, PRIOR to tryouts! **Remember that incoming freshmen and students (grades 10-12) that are new to athletics must have an EKG done. We will offer \$20 EKGs on campus on 9/15, but that is after tryouts. AFC Urgent Care in Holiday offers a Physical & EKG combo for \$45 and July 25th there is a free Physical Event at River Ridge High School.** In the meantime, if you have any questions about athletics, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Riana Barber, at rbarber@pasco.k12.fl.us

Physical form: https://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/files/EL2_022426_%281%29.pdf

Transportation form: https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/is/forms/mis_166.pdf

Fall Coach Contacts:

Football: Jason Schmachtenberger jschmach@pasco.k12.fl.us	Girls Golf: Amy Howell ahowell@pasco.k12.fl.us
Cheerleading - Belinda Green belinda041080@gmail.com	Volleyball: Cora Burnett cburnett@pasco.k12.fl.us
Cross Country: Christen Barabash cbarabas@pasco.k12.fl.us	Swim: Lisa Collins lcollins@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boy's Golf: TBA (Please Contact AD with Questions)	

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents and Guardians please consider joining our SAC committee! Nominations will be accepted in the Student Services office until Friday, August 21st. The SAC meets four times throughout the year on Tuesdays, from 5:00pm-6:00pm, in the administrative conference room or via TEAMS. Please click on the form below to submit your nomination: <https://forms.office.com/r/5rdb8aYRmf>

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

1540 Sweetbriar Drive
Holiday, FL 34691

Main Office: 246-3000
Guidance Office: 246-3009
Data Entry: 246-3006
Bookkeeper: 246-3004
Clinic: 246-3005

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 www.fldoe.org/students/



General Information

ATTENDANCE

All absences are considered unexcused unless the student presents an excused note to the front office **within 3 school days** of the absence. Parents may also submit an excused absence on our school website or myStudent. The note must be 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. The student is responsible for asking the teacher(s) for tests, assignments, and related work that were missed due to an absence. Students will be given a minimum of two (2) calendar days per day or class period of absence to make up all tests, assignments, and related work. Students between 14 and 18, who accumulate fifteen unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days may face suspension of their driver's license or have their application for licensure denied. Please see page 18 of the Pasco Schools Student Code of Conduct for what is considered an acceptable excused absence reason.

EARLY DISMISSAL

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

- 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 9:30 am. 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 students out 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, and that privilege may be revoked if necessary. Students will park only in lots designated as student parking and will display a current paid parking permit. Vehicles that are not registered, inappropriately or illegally parked, or 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 without permission. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without permission or to grab lunch. Students who leave campus without permission will be subject to disciplinary action. The student parking lot gate will be locked during the school day starting at 9:00am and will be unlocked at 2:30pm. If a student needs to leave early, they must sign out in order to have the gate unlocked. Parents can

begin to line up for after school pick-up at 2:45pm. 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. Students must take the "Safe Behind the Wheel" course on the school website before a permit will be issued. Parking passes are \$50 for the year.

LOCKERS

Lockers with combination locks will be issued during the first week of school to those who pay the locker fee. 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 the content of their locker, such as lost/stolen items, including textbooks. All physical education clothing must be kept in P.E. lockers.

BREAKFAST

FREE breakfast is served daily to all students in the cafeteria from 8:20-8:40. Breakfast will close promptly at 8:40, except for those students riding a late bus. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time to get breakfast. Eating areas are available in the patio area located adjacent to the main cafeteria, and the picnic area next to the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to leave for lunch. If an emergency arises, please contact Student Services to make necessary arrangements.

Orientation/Registration August 7th

Don't forget to come get your schedules and pay student fees on Tuesday, August 7th from 9am-1pm. Registration/Orientation is a one-day event. If you miss the registration date it will be your responsibility to pay school fees via myStudent the first week of school.



Yearbook Sales

Pre-Order your yearbook on the school website under "school fees" starting in July for \$70. Early bird pricing will only last for a few months & prices will continue to increase over the course of the year. Journalism is also looking for business sponsors and people interested in personal ads for the yearbook. If you have questions each out to Ms. Howell at alhowell@pasco.k12

Important Sporting Reminders

All physicals must be submitted on athleticclearance.com prior to participation. In order to participate in sports, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or above. Don't forget incoming freshman and students (grades 10-12) new to athletics need an EKG on file.

Be checking social media and your email for summer workout times!

Follow us on Facebook @AncloteAthletics and Twitter @shark_sports22 for the latest info!

Class of 2027 Seniors

Attention Class of 2027—it's senior portrait time! To be included in the yearbook for your senior year, your photos must be taken by Gigante Productions. You may book your appointment at the studio, or you can book an appointment at our school on 9/21, 10/5, or 11/2. You will take both a formal and a personality portrait. The senior panoramic photo will be taken in January or February (will announce).

Use the link below to book your appointment online:
<http://www.giganteproductions.com/senior-packages-samples>

Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to book limited "Portrait Session at School" appointments.

Student Expectations

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are expected to follow the updated district electronic use policy. **It is the expectation of Anclote High School that all electronic devices remain off and out of sight during class.** If this policy is not followed, students will have their phones removed and kept in the front office for parent pickup. Students will be permitted to access personal electronic devices during their lunch period. If a student needs to speak with a parent, or a parent needs to speak with their student, school phones can be utilized. 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 because of careless behavior and will not be investigated by staff or the School Resource Officer.

enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.

- Shirts must have sleeves or straps and extend to the waistband of pants/shorts/skirts/or other bottoms.
- Students may not have exposed undergarments, which would include any and all portions of a student's underwear or bra.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear, which would include shoes and sandals. All footwear must have a sole that affords traction and protection to the foot. Socks (when worn alone) and "house" or "bed" slippers are not permissible.

Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into appropriate attire and their clothing will be taken until the end of the day. Failure to do so, or repeated violations, will result in further discipline action.

be enforcing a Loss of Privilege (LOP) system whereby students may 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. 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. Please ensure you know where your student stands before purchasing items for an event, such as prom dresses.

DRESS CODE

Students and parents are expected to review the District School Board of Pasco County's Rules of Dress and Appearance in the Student Code of Conduct.

<https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/page/conduct>

- Students must wear opaque (not see through) clothing that has fabric on the front, back, and on the sides of the body extending from under the arms to cover the entire chest, entire genital area, entire buttocks area, and must extend below the buttocks area. Tops must be long

FOOD AND DRINKS

Parents and students are reminded that 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. This includes parent drop-off of restaurant food or UberEats, etc. deliveries. If an emergency arises, please contact the front office to make necessary arrangements.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGE

To support the significant role attendance plays in academic performance, Anclote High School will

REP THE SHARKS

All students on our campus will daily show **RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, and PRIDE**. These values will be displayed on campus, in the classroom, and at athletic events.

Please visit the link below for the Pasco County Schools Student Code of Conduct. There have been some changes for the upcoming year.
<https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/page/conduct>

STAY CONNECTED

Twitter: @AncloteSharks
Facebook: @ahssharks20
Instagram: ahs_sharks

Parents can contact Anclote High School's data entry operator at 727-246-3006 to change or verify contact information.

myStudent

The best method of communication is through the use of myStudent where families can monitor student academic progress as well as attendance. Once school starts, visit Anclote High School's website at <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us> for directions on how to set up a myStudent account.

BELL SCHEDULE

****AHS will have a rotating bell schedule next year with an additional 25min in one class period per day, AHS also has an additional 5min for 1st period for the school news****

Period 1	8:40 – 10:00
Period 2	10:04 – 10:54
Period 3	10:58 – 11:48
A Lunch	11:48 – 12:18
Period 4A	12:22 – 1:12
B Lunch.	12:42 – 1:12
Period 4B	11:52 – 12:42
Period 5	1:16 – 2:06
Period 6	2:10 – 3:00

EARLY RELEASE

BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:40 – 9:14
Period 2	9:18 – 9:52
Period 3	9:56 – 10:30
Period 4	10:34 – 11:08
A Lunch	11:12 – 11:42
Period 5A	11:46 – 12:20
B Lunch	11:50 – 12:20
Period 5B	11:12 – 11:46
Period 6	12:24 – 1:00

After-School Academic Support

AHS will be offering the Extended School Day program for students after school throughout the year. This program is available for all students who are either behind in credits, or need additional assistance with their academic coursework, and will start on September 8th. The program runs Monday-Thursday, from 3:15-5:00pm. Busing is available upon request. If a student wishes to participate, they must reach out to their grade level counselor, who can arrange transportation, if needed. Until transportation is established, students will need a ride home.

Volunteers Needed!

AHS is looking for parent/guardian volunteers for athletic and after-school events. We also need parent members for the Student Advisory Council. SAC has a budget, meets regarding school issues, and provides both volunteer and monetary support to events at AHS. There is an update to the volunteer application this year. Volunteers must go through a background check, including fingerprinting. If you are interested in becoming an approved volunteer, please either reach out to our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Jessica Bowen at jbowen@pasco.k12.fl.us or visit <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/hreq/page/volunteer>

Community School is now at AHS!



ANCLOTE HIGH SCHOOL



By the end of summer, the Community Partnership School at Gulfside Elementary is moving to AHS! This connects families with resources that help children be the best learners possible. There are wellness services, such as behavioral health, dental services, medical services, wellness, WIC and more right here at Anclote High! There is also access to a variety of community services such as, a community market that offers a clothing closet, a food pantry and more. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. Please don't forget that we have a variety of resources for our students, including a clothing closet where students can find clothing and hygiene products. Thanks to Marjorie's Hope, we also have backpacks and school supplies for students in need. If you need assistance, please reach out to the AHS office or email Community School Program Coordinator Mary Stevens-Wehnes marsteve@pasco.k12.fl.us

Welcome Back from Ms. Moon!

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year at Anclote High School, I want to remind every student and family that success begins with confidence in your own potential. At Anclote, we live by our mantra—*Respect, Excellence, and Pride*—and these values will guide us as we continue to grow together. I encourage each student to believe in their ability to achieve academically, build meaningful relationships, and pursue their goals with determination.

IMPORTANT SEMESTER 1 DATES

August

July 27	Fall Sports Tryouts Begin
July 30	Freshman Orientation
7	Registration/Meet the Teacher
13	First Day of School
14	ACT Registration Deadline for 9/19
15	Free Physicals @AHS 9-12 & \$20 EKGs
7	SAT Registration Deadline for 8/22
22	SAT Test
28	SAT Registration Deadline for 9/12

September

2	School Picture Day
7	Labor Day- No School
11	ACT Registration Deadline for 10/17
12	SAT Test
18	Q1 Progress Reports
18	SAT Registration Deadline for 10/3
21	Senior Portraits on Campus

October

3	SAT Test
5	Senior Portraits on Campus
5-9	Homecoming Week
7	School Picture Make-Up Day
9	Homecoming Game vs. Gibbs
9	End of 1 st Quarter
10	Homecoming Dance
12	Teacher Planning Day- No School
16	Q1 Report Cards
17	ACT Test
23	SAT Registration Deadline for 11/7
28	Early Release Day- 1pm Dismissal

November

2	Senior Portraits on Campus
6	ACT Registration Deadline for 12/12
7	SAT Test
20	Q2 Progress Reports
20	SAT Registration Deadline for 12/5
23-27	Thanksgiving Break- No School

December

5	SAT Test
12	ACT Test
18	End of 2 nd Quarter/1 st semester
12/22-	Winter Break- No School
12/31	

January

TBA	Senior Panoramic & Club Photos
1	Winter Break- No School
4	Teacher Planning Day- No School
5	Students Return from Winter Break
11	Q2 Report Cards/ S1 Grades Post
18	MLK Jr Day- No School