



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 2024-25 School Year and we are working to ensure a safe environment for students and families.

“Freshman Frenzy” Orientation

We welcome you to our annual Freshman Orientation on August 1st from 9am to 12pm, with lunch provided, or from 5pm to 7pm. Students will have the opportunity to play games, get to know school staff and tour the campus. There will be a Parent University as well. A link and QR code to RSVP will be coming soon.

Anclote High Meet the Teacher/Registration Day is Tuesday, August 6th

AHS invites you to come to campus on August 6th from 9am-1pm or 4:30-6pm. 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 specific course to graduate.

2024 AHS Pledge Drive Fundraiser

We are once again kicking off our Pledge Drive Fundraiser to raise money for our student and staff recognition programs, as well as for student classroom items and technology. Please consider donating and sharing the link. Any amount of money helps! <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/2024ahsple>

Fall Sports Information

Tryouts for all Fall Sports (Football, Volleyball, Swimming, Boys and Girls Golf, Cheer and Cross Country) will begin Monday, July 29th. Information on tryouts will be posted soon on our website, so keep an eye out. You must have your athletic paperwork submitted PRIOR to tryouts! In the meantime, if you have any questions about athletics, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Jennifer Palmer, at jcpalmer@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Fall Coach Contacts:

Football	Jason Schmachtenberger jschmach@pasco.k12.fl.us		
Girls Golf	Amy Howell ahowell@pasco.k12.fl.us	Boys Golf	Anthony Cianci acianci@pasco.k12.fl.us
Volleyball	Michaela Berning mberning@pasco.k12.fl.us	Cheerleading	Nikki Lewis nlewis@pasco.k12.fl.us
Swimming	Jennifer Palmer jcpalmer@pasco.k12.fl.us	Cross Country	Godtime Nimely gnimely@pasco.k12.fl.us

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nominations for Anclote High School’s 2024-25 School Advisory Council (SAC) will take place on Orientation Day. Nominations will also be accepted in the Student Services office until Friday, August 23rd. The SAC meets four times throughout the year on Tuesdays, from 5:00pm-6:00pm, in the Administrative conference room. 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
Registrar’s Office: 246-3007
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

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. Parents may also submit an excused absence on our school website. 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.

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 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. 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 2:30pm. 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 \$40 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 8:15-8:40. 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. All lunches are also **FREE**. Eating areas are available in the patio area located adjacent to the main cafeteria, and the picnic area adjacent to the gym. Students are not permitted to leave for lunch. If an emergency arises, please contact Student Services to make necessary arrangements.

Orientation/Registration August 6th

Don't forget to come get your schedules and pay student fees on Tuesday, August 6th from 9am-1pm or 4:30pm-6pm. Registration/Orientation is a one day event. In the event that you miss the registration date it will be your responsibility to pay school fees via myStudent the first week of school.



AVID Kickoff

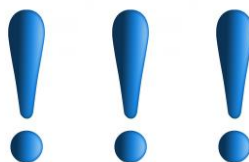
The AVID Kick-off Event will be held on Friday, August 2nd, from 11-1. There will be games and fun for all AVID Students. Lunch will be provided. Stay tuned for location and further details.



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.

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



Class of 2025 Seniors

Attention Class of 2025—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 these selected dates: 11/6, 11/14 and 12/10. You will take both a formal and a personality portrait. The senior panoramic photo will be taken on 1/23/25

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 be issued disciplinary consequences, and the parent will be asked to come in for a conference. Students will be permitted to access personal electronic devices during their lunch period and the 5-minute passing 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 as a result of careless behavior and will not be investigated by staff or the School Resource Officer.

buttocks area. Tops must be long 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.

performance, Anclote High School will 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

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

REP THE SHARK

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

Period 1	8:40 – 9:34
Period 2	9:38 – 10:32
Period 3	10:36 – 11:30
A Lunch	11:34 – 12:04
Period 4A	12:08 – 1:02
B Lunch.	12:32 – 1:02
Period 4B	11:34 – 12:28
Period 5	1:06 – 2:00
Period 6	2:04 – 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 August 26th. The program runs Monday-Thursday, from 3:15-5:00pm . Busing is available. 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

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



The Community Partnership School at Gulfside Elementary connects families with resources that help children be the best learner possible. There are wellness services, such as behavioral health, dental services, medical services, wellness, WIC and more. 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.



Throughout the year at AHS, 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 have backpacks and school supplies for students in need.

Welcome Back from Ms. Moon!

Dear Sharks,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to welcome you back to school for the 2024-2025 school year.

I hope that you are refreshed and ready to start the new year. I am confident that you will have another great year learning and growing.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for being such great students last year. I was so impressed by your demonstration of Respect, Excellence and Pride.

I am looking forward to working with you again this year. I know that we will have a great year together.

Welcome back!

Sincerely, Ms. Moon

IMPORTANT SEMESTER 1 DATES

August

1	Freshman Orientation
2	AVID Kickoff
6	Registration/Orientation
9	ACT Registration Deadline for Sept.
9	SAT Registration Deadline for Aug.
12	First Day of School
24	SAT Test

September

2	Labor Day
12	School Picture Day
14	ACT Test
20	Q1 Progress Report
20	SAT Registration Deadline for Oct.
20	ACT Registration Deadline for Oct.

October

5	SAT Test
11	End of 1 st Quarter
14-15	Teacher Planning Day and Staff PD Day (No School)
17	Picture Make-up Day
18	SAT Registration for Nov.
23	Q1 Report Cards
21-26	Homecoming Week
25	Homecoming Game vs. Dunedin
26	Homecoming Dance
26	ACT Test

November

2	SAT Test
8	ACT Registration Deadline for Dec.
6	Q2 Progress Reports
6	Senior Portraits
14	Senior Portraits
22	SAT Registration Deadline for Dec.
25-29	Thanksgiving Break

December

7	SAT Test
14	ACT Test
10	Senior Portraits
20	End of 2 nd Quarter/1 st semester
12/23-1/6	Winter Break