

Day Students Q & A

Is my student required to be at school on Saturday?

As a day student at a boarding school, much more time is spent on campus than would be at a day school. We will have classes and Saturday commitments.

Is there an option to have my child not participate in afterschool activities?

No. We view the afternoon activities that happen from an estimated time of 3:45-5:45 as part of the academic day. The boarding school experience is about educating the whole child so that time is as important as the time in class. Please refrain from setting up lessons, appointments, etc. consistently during this time. That will have a negative impact on your child's experience.

Can my student eat meals on campus?

Yes. We encourage students to come for breakfast and stay for dinner.

Who do I contact if my student is not attending school or will be late due to an appointment?

A parent or guardian must email or call the health center if the child is ill and not attending school. healthcenter@ashevilleschool.org. before 8:30am. The parent or guardian can email the Student Life Office if a student will be out for other reasons studentlife@ashevilleschool.org.

When does my day student have to be off campus?

Day students will need to be off campus on academic nights by 8:00pm and non academic nights by 10:30pm. There are exceptions to this if there is a convocation or games that go later.

Are evening convocations required?

Yes. We will have occasional evening convocations and seated meals. These will be required for all students.

Is Sunday Chapel required?

No. Sunday Chapel is required for boarders only, but day students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What if my child is assigned to Saturday or Sunday work detail, study hall or "weekend checks" due to earning demerits? Do day students have to attend even if there are no classes?

Yes. As members of this boarding school community, we expect day students to serve their time for earning demerits even on non-academic weekends.

Do we have classes/ commitments on days like Memorial Day, Martin Luther King Day etc.? Yes. We do have classes when most day schools are closed. Due to the nature of a boarding school, we don't often have the small, one day off holidays. Please check the calendar closely before making plans.

Will school be closed for inclement weather?

This will happen very, very rarely since we are a boarding school. However, the safety of your child is our utmost concern. Day students and their families are encouraged to make your own decision for your child to stay home if you feel it is unsafe to drive.

Will my child have their cell phone with them throughout the day if I need to call?

No. Cell phones will be required to stay in their locker during the academic day and during athletics. You may not be able to get in touch with your child during this time, but you are welcome to call the general duty phone number 828-712-5536 if you need to get in touch with your child immediately. Also, students will be able to use their phones in the designated day student locker/ lounge area. If they are found using outside of the space it may be confiscated for a 24-to-48-hour period.

Can my student drive to school?

5th and 6th formers are allowed to drive to school, but they must have their car registered and have the sticker displayed. Students are also asked to park in their assigned park spaces, drive 15 miles per hour on campus, not drive during the academic day or drive boarding students across the street (ATS) when they sign out. If any of these rules are broken, the day student may lose driving privileges.