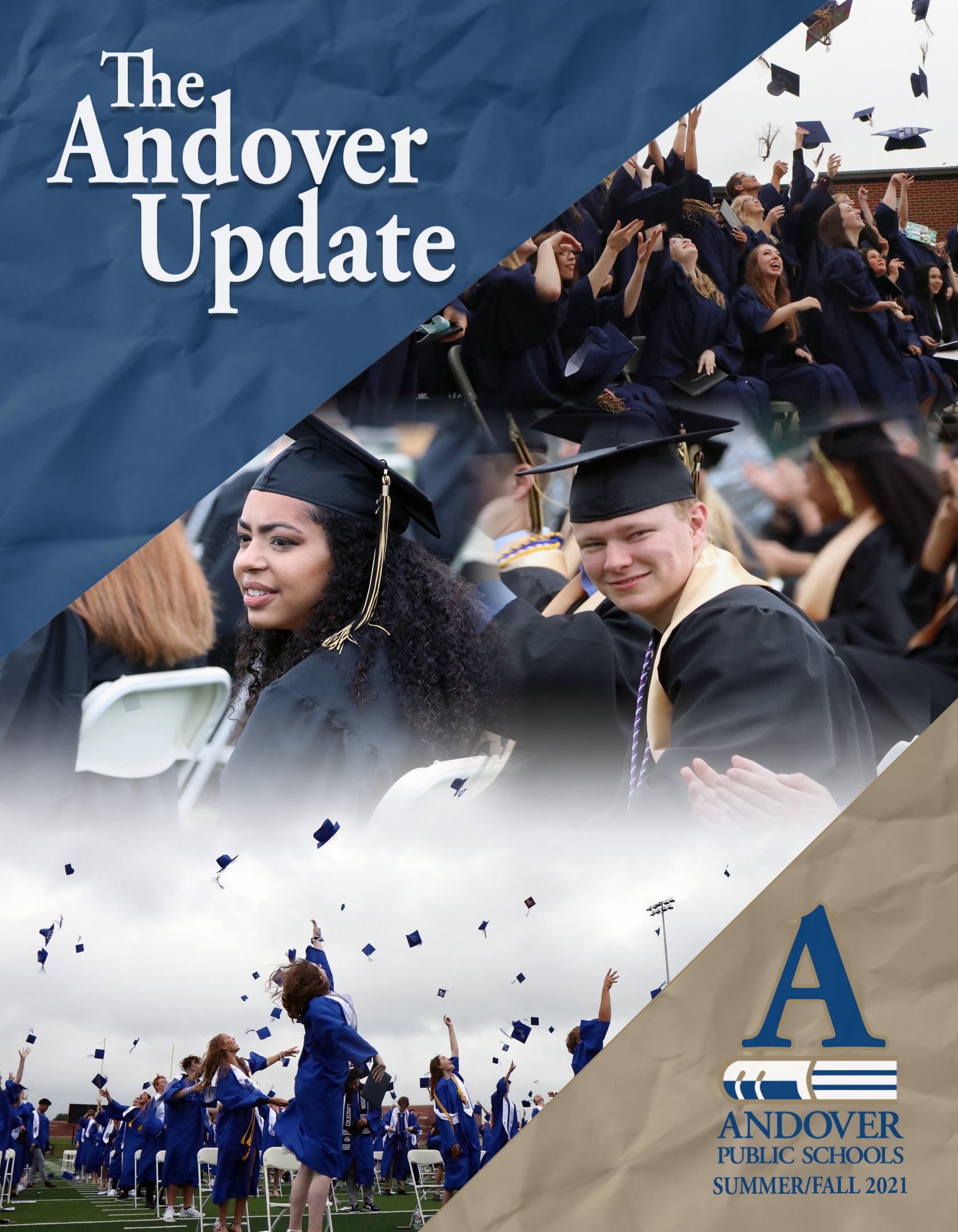


The Andover Update



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Portrait of a Graduate

Academic preparation

- Has skills and knowledge to pursue life goals
- Has real-world experience to succeed after high school

Collaboration and communication

- Works well with others
- Values teamwork

Innovative thinking

- Thinks critically and independently
- Solves problems creatively

Integrity and character

- Has strong work ethic
- Does the right thing

Resilience

- Learns from mistakes and failures
- Adapts to an ever-changing world



Resilience, compassion key to propelling past the pandemic



“Resilience is based on compassion for ourselves as well as compassion for others.”

— Author Sharon Salzberg

When our community stakeholder groups gathered in 2018 and 2019 to help create our district’s Portrait of a Graduate, little did they know how much it would resonate two and three years later during a pandemic.

Our Portrait of a Graduate — the skills, traits and attributes we aspire for our students by the time they cross the graduation stage — lists five key areas: academic preparation, collaboration and communication, innovative thinking, integrity and character, and resilience.

While Covid has challenged us in each of these five areas, I want to focus on resilience.

When our schools went fully remote in March 2020, our educators and administrators completely rethought the rest of the school year in a matter of days. While certainly not ideal, we finished the year and found ways to celebrate successes, including teacher parades and caravan graduations. We persevered.

Our educators and administrators spent much of last summer determining the best ways to safely hold in-person school starting in the fall. It wasn’t always easy, we didn’t always agree on the details, and yet our students and educators worked hard to make the year the best it could be. We persevered.

The quote above from Sharon Salzberg shows that the heart of resilience is the realization that struggles are part of life for all of us. Life’s challenges can divide us, but they can also forge deeper connections among us if we understand that we are truly all in this together.

Growth comes from challenges. We develop resourcefulness and new ways to think that lead us from adversity to overcoming obstacles.

We have talked a lot about grace, and specifically showing grace to ourselves, our educators and our students given the stress, anxiety and rapidly changing conditions we all have experienced. We also have talked about what we have learned during this pandemic, and what we might want to carry forward as we begin to emerge from it.

As we look toward the 2021-22 school year, we are optimistic that many things will look different from last year. We expect all students to be in school, in person, the entire year. We expect masks to be optional for those who choose to wear them. We expect regular temperature checks to be a thing of the past. We expect other Covid protocols to subside if not be eliminated.

But for all the things that we hope go away, let’s not lose sight of that grace, that compassion, that is so key to how we treat ourselves and our fellow human beings. That is what is getting us through this pandemic, and it is what will allow us to thrive after it.

Brett Ward

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2020-21 School Year Successes

The 2020-21 school year was full of celebrating the accomplishments of our students and staff.

Here are just a few of the accolades achieved during the year.

AHS, ACHS recognized as among the best in metro, state

We're proud that our high schools have been recognized as being among the best in the Wichita area and in Kansas, according to U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools rankings released this spring:

- Andover Central High School, ranked #1 among Wichita metro schools and #8 in Kansas.
- Andover High School, ranked #3 among Wichita metro schools and #13 in Kansas.

The rankings take into account six indicators on school quality:

- College readiness, based on the proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and/or IB exams.
- College curriculum breadth, based on proportions of

12th grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and/or IB exams in multiple content areas.

- Math and reading proficiency, based on student performance on state-required tests.
 - Math and reading performance, based on whether performance on state assessments exceeded expectations given the school's proportion of underserved students.
 - Underserved student performance, based on how Black, Hispanic and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those who are not underserved in the state.
- Graduation rate, based on the proportion of students who entered ninth grade in 2015-2016 and graduated four years later.



Hoerst

Two Andover educators named Horizon Award winners

Victoria Hoerst, second-grade teacher at Wheatland Elementary School, and Brooke Hernandez, language arts teacher at Andover Middle School, were among the 32 second-year educators who received the 2020-21 Horizon Award from the Kansas State Department of Education. The award goes to excellence among second-year teachers.

Recipients were surprised with the news during a Zoom call from Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education. This was the second consecutive year that Andover had two Horizon Award winners.



Hernandez

Four Andover schools named CKH National Showcase Schools



Four Andover elementary schools have been named National Showcase Schools by Capturing Kids' Hearts.

Meadowlark, Prairie Creek, Robert Martin and Wheatland elementaries were among the 325 schools nationally to receive the honor.

National Showcase Schools are based on key performance indicators, school data, a survey of staff and students, implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts processes, and culture and climate data from each school.

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a systematic program that emphasizes improvement in such areas as creating accountability, self-managing classrooms, strengthening trust between students and teachers, improving school culture and cultivating relational capacity.

ACHS boys, Neugent of AHS win state swimming championships



Coach Allison Craig jumped in to celebrate with her ACHS state champions.

It was a successful year for Andover swimmers.

In February, the Andover Central High School boys won the 5-1A state championship at Shawnee Mission, despite not having an individual champion. It was the Jaguars' first state championship.



Neugent

In May, junior Natalie Neugent of Andover High School won both the 50- and 100-meter freestyle event at the girls' state championship in Topeka. She had been runner-up in both events her freshman year.

Two students named National Merit Finalists

Two Andover Central High School seniors were named National Merit Finalists this year.

Hannah Lee and Kate Paulsen both received the designation, which goes to approximately the top 1 percent of students who take the PSAT.

National Merit Finalist is one of the most prestigious honors provided to senior scholars.



Lee



Paulsen

ACHS Scholars Bowl captures state title



In February, the Andover Central High School scholars bowl team claimed the 5A state championship in De Soto.

The team, coached by Brent Ruggles, consisted of seniors Ryan Austin, Audrey McLemore, Kate Paulsen and Leah Sickman, and juniors Jun Byun and Jacob Norris.

Kneisel recognized as a top CFO in the region



Kneisel

Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer for Andover Public Schools, was named one of the top CFOs in the region by the Wichita Business Journal. Kneisel, who has worked in the district 16 years, was honored for leading fiscal

responsibility efforts, especially during the current \$188 million in bond-funded construction projects. The bond projects have been on time and under the initial budget, which has allowed the district to complete additional projects.

"I am proud that I have the opportunity to support the education of our youth," she says. "I would never have predicted my career would be tied to public education, but I cannot imagine being anywhere else."



Here's what you need to know for a smooth transition into the 2021-22 school year!

- **Online registration:** Online registration opens around noon on Tuesday, July 20. Parents will receive an email that day with directions for how to begin the process.

If you do not have internet access at home, you may access a computer at District Office, 1411 N. Main St., or at your child's school beginning July 20.

- **Fees:** All fees can be paid online through RevTrak, the district's online payment processor. A 4 percent service fee is added for online payment. School-related fees also can be paid at or mailed to your child's school. Transportation fees must be paid at or mailed to District Office, 1411 N. Main St.

- **Free meals for 2021-22:** The U.S. Department of Education has extended its free meal program through the end of the 2021-22 school year. All school meals will be free, though students have the opportunity to purchase a la carte options, where available.

- **Household Economic Survey:** Though meals are free this year, the Kansas State Department of Education is asking all families who would have normally completed a free/reduced meal application to complete a Household Economic Survey. This survey will help determine which students qualify for reduced or eliminated school fees. Also, a portion of our district's funding are tied to the economic status of our families.

- **New students:** Students who have never enrolled at Andover Public Schools should complete the Intent to Register form before July 20. The form can be found at usd385.org.

- **Transportation:** Durham School Services provides transportation services for Andover Public Schools. Transportation is provided at no cost to students who live 2.5 miles or more from their school. Students who live closer than 2.5 miles must pay a fee of \$250 per student, or a maximum of \$350 per family, to ride the bus. Transportation fees must be paid by the first full week of school to continue riding the bus. Please contact Durham School Services at 316-218-4621 if you have questions.

- **Health Office:** Families should have received an email in May asking you to establish a portal in Health Office, our new medical records management tool. If you have not done so, please do so now, or look for more information coming in email. It is important for our schools to have current student health information on record to best meet the needs of your child, especially in a medical emergency.

- **Questions?** Visit usd385.org/register, contact your child's school, email info@usd385.org or call 316-218-4660.

Important upcoming dates

June 7-July 20: PowerSchool not available to parents.

July 20: Online registration opens around noon. Parents will receive an email with instructions for how to begin registration.

Aug. 2: Last day to register and be guaranteed transportation during the first two weeks of school. Otherwise, the first day for guaranteed transportation will be Aug. 27.

Aug. 4: Transportation information available to parents through PowerSchool.

Aug. 11: First day of school, grades 1-6, 9 and new students to USD 385 in grades 7-8 and 10-12.

Aug. 12: First day of school, grades 7-8 and 10-12.

Aug. 16: First day of school, kindergarten.

Aug. 17: First day of school, Early Learning Services.

Aug. 27: Students who signed up for transportation after Aug. 2 are guaranteed transportation.

Aug. 27: Final deadline for online registration; accounts will be deactivated for those who have not completed registration.



Progress as promised

Construction is nearing completion on \$188 million in bond-funded building projects approved by Andover voters in May 2017

By next summer, all construction is slated to be finished on projects that improved or replaced nearly every facility in the district. Through partnerships with SJCF Architecture, Hutton Construction and Icon Structures, the district has kept these projects under budget and on time. In fact, the district's stewardship of funds has allowed for additional projects to be completed during this process.

Here is an overview of what remains:



AQUATICS CENTER
The Andover Public Schools Aquatics Center, which will be attached to Andover High School, is on track to be completed for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. The eight-lane pool and diving well will be filled for use beginning in August. The improvements also include a new weight room and athletics entry for AHS.



TROJAN STADIUM
A new track at Trojan Stadium will be complete for the 2021-22 school year. The visitor restroom facility is nearly complete, and bleachers will be installed in the next few weeks.



DISTRICT OFFICE
A new District Office is under construction where the old District Office was razed at 1432 N. Andover Road. This will house both District Office and Technology staff, as well as a Board of Education/professional learning space. The facility is expected to be complete in summer 2022.

Building success

Here are the bond-funded construction projects already completed.

Spring 2018



New turf baseball and softball fields open at AHS and ACHS.

Fall 2018



Classroom additions, new playgrounds and secure entries added to five elementary schools.

Fall 2019



New additions, renovations open at ACHS.

Fall 2020



New AHS, new Meadowlark Elementary, Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies, Jaguar Stadium and Andover Public Schools Tennis Complex open. Also, classroom additions at AMS and ACMS open.

Fall 2021



Andover Public Schools Aquatics Center to open. Resurfaced track and visitor facilities to be completed at Trojan Stadium.

Summer 2022



New District Office to open.

A milestone year

Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies offers students career exploration, experiences during successful inaugural year

More than 1,000 internship hours.

More than 800 hours of paid engineering work.

Many career plans solidified and altered.

The Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) is making a significant impact both for Andover students, and for the greater Wichita workforce.

CAPS allows juniors and seniors at Andover High School and Andover Central High School the opportunity to learn professional skills, build their business network, gain job-shadowing and internship experience, and set their path toward next steps after high school.



A pilot program was launched during the 2019-20 school year. A new building at 13th and 159th streets opened in 2020.

The program, part of the national CAPS Network, featured five strands this year, with 92 students. In 2021-22, the same strands will enroll 162 students.

“We expected Andover CAPS to resonate with our district’s families,” says Brian Gregoire, CAPS director. “But the interest among students, and business partners, is growing faster than we ever expected. We have already guided many students on their career paths, either propelling them toward a career interest, or just as importantly letting them figure out what they don’t want to do. CAPS is going to be life-changing for generations of Andover students.”

We're here to help,
every step of the way



From the first day of elementary school to that walk across the graduation stage, The Foundation for Andover Schools provides resources to ensure our students get their best possible education. Join us in supporting our educators and students at FundAndoverSchools.org.





Here are some of the program highlights this year for each CAPS strand:



Medical

All Medical I students left CAPS certified in CPR and First Aid. Next year, returning CAPS students will have the opportunity to explore phlebotomy and EKG certifications. Students volunteered their time to help with Covid vaccination clinics through the Butler County Health Department. Also, students continued to grow their personal network by volunteering at the Wichita Open golf tournament in partnership with the KU School of Medicine.



Business and Marketing

Students hit the ground running this year. They aimed to help clients stay relevant as more people sheltered in place. Students worked with a first-time book author to help market and brand the initial launch and sale of the book. Other students met weekly with Roxy's on the River to help create a marketing and relevance strategy during COVID.



CAPS Create

This is a strand intended to address career interests not covered in other strands. CAPS Create students flew airplanes; designed and created their own clothing lines; sat in on judges' chambers; designed, created and instructed lesson plans in elementary classrooms; and experienced many more opportunities.



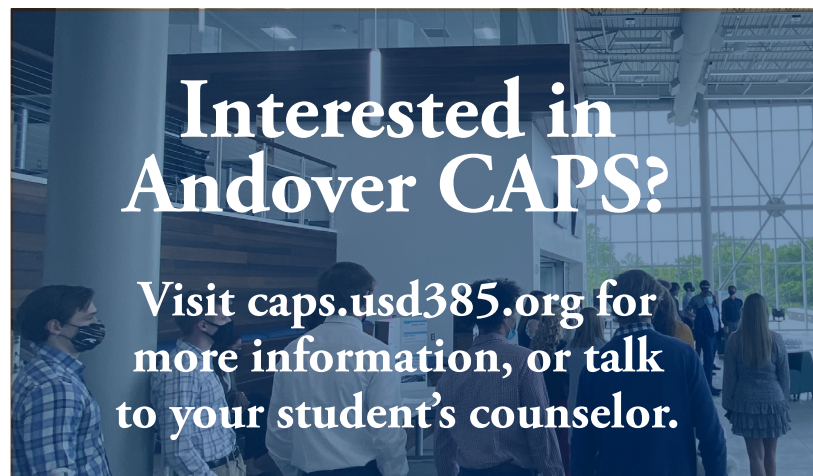
Veterinary Medicine

CAPS veterinary students gained nearly 400 hours of experience working with CountrySide Pet Clinic and the Kansas Humane Society. This has led to CAPS students getting employment and the needed hours to apply for veterinary school.



Engineering

Engineering students have gained more than 800 hours of paid experiences, leading all CAPS strands. Students explored varying engineering fields daily. From novice to expert students of all levels experienced successes in engineering where the learning was tailored to each student's interest and skill set. Creations included a 3-D printed prosthetic duck bill, robotic can crusher, portable soccer kick board and baseball bat end table. These creative students were applying their skills daily!



5 Steps to help students prepare for a more ‘normal’ school year

You’ve no doubt heard someone say, “Things are moving back to normal!” But after more than 15 months, “normal” feels like a distant memory. With several weeks until school resumes, what can we as parents do to help ease our kids back into “normal” while preparing them for a more typical school year?

Here are five suggestions:

1. Develop a schedule with your child, and help them anticipate changes to it.

Consider a set bedtime and wake-up time, even if it’s very different from the school year! This helps kids anticipate what’s next. On Sunday, sit with your child and discuss the activities they have that week. While a younger kid won’t remember he has T-ball on Tuesday at 5:30, he will understand he has things to do and to be ready. If you always go to swim lessons at 10 but they’re canceled, make sure your child is prepared and consider an alternate activity. This helps kids prepare for the very scheduled school day that will resume in August.

2. Set a goal.

Maybe it’s to read five books, or make 50 loops around the park before the first day of school, or pass the driver’s test, or grow a watermelon. Any goal that can be tracked is good. It helps kids develop patience, see the value of steps towards a goal, understand a step back doesn’t mean it’s over, and the importance of working hard for what you want. In a year where so much was dictated to kids, this gives them a chance to see how much of their world they can control, and guides them toward setting academic and school goals for the fall.



Michelle Adler
is the Social/Emotional Learning Teacher Leader for Andover Public Schools.

3. Monitor screen time.

Many of our kids spent more time than usual on screens over the last 15 months. Now it’s time for a digital detox. Decide on a limit with your child and help them work into it and out of it. Help your child understand how a timer will work, and then show them your expectations for getting off the device. Are they expected to immediately shut down when the timer goes off – even if they’re in the middle of a game? Or can there be a five-minute warning so they can ease off? Can they watch whatever they want, or does one session need to focus on more academic content? Technology is a part of life in schools and home; teaching kids how to use it strategically can happen in both places.

4. Read.

Read aloud, read with a parent, read as part of a book club...it’s all good. Nothing develops readers like reading, and the best place to practice is in the safety of someone who loves you even when you mispronounce words, read slowly or ask questions.

5. Practice social skills.

With masks and social distancing, some of our social skills took a hit. Now is a great time to remind kids of an inside voice and an outside voice. Masks made many of us yellers! Now it’s time to recognize we don’t have to talk loudly all the time. Practice proper eye contact, good manners, and when to say “excuse me.” Remind kids to smile at one another and offer a greeting. Go out to eat and review table manners. Many kids will not pick up these habits without practice and being cued. Starting now helps them ease back into “normal” and develops the soft skills employers find so crucial.

We love summer, but fall will be here before we know it. Little tricks and tips like these can help ease your child back into “normal” while preparing them for school. And a prepared student makes August better for everyone!

Andover USD 385

2021-22 District Calendar



2021

July					August					September				
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July	
20	Online registration begins

August	
2-3	New teachers report
5	Flex work day
6	All teachers report
11	First day, grades 1-6, 9 and new students to USD 385 in grades 7-8 and 10-12
12	First day, grades 7-8 and 10-12
16	First day, kindergarten
17	First day, Pre-K and Early Learning

September	
6	Labor Day
27	Professional learning day

October	
13	End of first quarter
14	All schools closed; parent/teacher conferences
15	Morning professional learning; afternoon flex work day

November	
8	Professional learning day
24-26	Thanksgiving break

2022

January					February					March				
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December	
17	End of second quarter; dismiss two hours early
20	Morning flex work day
20-Jan 2	Holiday break

January	
14	Professional learning day
17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February	
18	Professional learning day
21	Conference credit day

March	
10	End of third quarter
11	Morning professional learning/afternoon flex work day
14-18	Spring break

April	
15	Professional learning day

May	
2	Professional learning day
12	eCademy graduation
15	AHS and ACHS graduations
20	Last day for students; dismiss two hours early
23	Teacher flex day
30	Memorial Day

- School not in session
- All schools closed - Teacher professional learning
- All schools closed - Teacher flex day
- All schools closed - Conference credit day
- All schools closed - Parent/ Teacher daytime conferences
- Registration begins
- End of Quarter

This calendar may be altered at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or the administration. The policies of the Board of Education of USD 385 prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion and sex in all programs and activities of the district. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of age is prohibited in employment. Equal Opportunity Employer. **Adopted by the Board of Education 2/8/2021.**

1st quarter: 44 student days
 2nd quarter: 41 student days
 3rd quarter: 45 student days
 4th quarter: 43 student days

District honors key contributors with Outstanding Service Awards

Dozens of deserving educators, staff members, volunteers and a local business received Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards during the annual recognition of people and organizations that make Andover Public Schools a better place to learn and work.

This year's Spark Award went to Kellie Bamford, district lead nurse, and Donna Ray, substitute coordinator, who worked nonstop to help keep our

schools open during the pandemic.

This award goes to someone who plays an instrumental role in the district; exudes energy, enthusiasm and excellence in all their endeavors; and is an inspiration to others and significantly impacts students and the district.

This year's Gold Key Award went to Andover Drug. The award, which goes to an individual, business or community/civic organization that has

made outstanding contributions to the district, recognizes Andover Drug's efforts to provide two Covid vaccine clinics to Andover Public Schools staff. This allowed approximately 175 staff members who hadn't previously been vaccinated to become protected. Andover Drug was easy to work with, flexible, efficient and professional.

View more Outstanding Service Award honorees at usd385.org/osa.



Ray and Bamford



ACHS teacher Nicole Kallenbach receives her Covid vaccine from Andover Drug.

Expanded summer learning opportunities address learning gaps

Andover Public Schools is offering several learning opportunities this summer, expanding students' opportunity to catch up after an unusual and sometimes difficult school year. Offerings include:

- Credit recovery for high school students who have failed courses. This was offered in June.
- Better Together Summer Academy for elementary students and Reach for the Stars Summer Academy for middle school students, both of which were in June. These programs focused on math and reading instruction and were offered to students who were identified as struggling in those areas.

The academies had student-to-teacher ratios of approximately 11:1, and breakfast, lunch and transportation were provided at no cost to families.

- Jump Start in late July for students at Cottonwood and Prairie Creek elementaries (both Title I schools) who attended the Better Together Summer Academy. This will help students who need extra math and reading assistance an opportunity to get a great start to the school year.

Much of the cost of these programs will be funded through federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

Schools resuming redesign plans after pandemic pause

After Covid upended the 2019-20 school year and presented challenges during 2020-21, educators throughout Andover Public Schools are resuming their work to re-imagine education for the 21st century.

School redesign, part of the Kansas Can School Redesign Project through the Kansas State Department of Education, will allow educators and other stakeholders to examine the current status of our schools, explore ways to address shortcomings and try out new ways of delivering education to best meet the needs of students.

“In many ways, much of what we’ve been doing in education during the pandemic is redesign,” says Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs. “We’re looking forward to learning from those lessons, assessing where we are as schools, and moving forward with new ideas to improve education on behalf of our students.”

The re-design process is based on four pillars:

- Student success skills
- Personalized learning
- Community participation
- Real-world application

This will be a redesign planning year for Wheatland and Sunflower elementary schools. Prairie Creek Elementary School and Andover eCademy will continue their planning that was interrupted during the 2019-20 school year, and will launch new initiatives mid-year.

Meanwhile, this will be an “ascent” year for Robert Martin, Meadowlark and Cottonwood elementary schools, as well as Andover Central Middle School. These schools will begin measuring the success of initiatives launched during 2019-20.



**The Foundation
for Andover Schools**

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Foundation looks to ramp up in 2021-22

After a year of minimal activity during the pandemic, the Foundation for Andover Schools is looking to ramp up fundraising in its quest to support educators and students.

The Foundation has been providing grants to teachers since its founding in 1997 but didn’t last year due to Covid. Those will resume this school year with two grant cycles totaling \$77,000 for educators. In its 24-year history, the Foundation has distributed more than \$1.3 million to the district.

The Foundation also is researching what makes schools great. With the district’s guidance, leaders will identify educational opportunities to take our schools to the next level.

Funding these opportunities, above and beyond what is possible through state funding, is key to the Foundation’s mission.

This fall, The Foundation will hold its first-ever Giving Week, which will replace the calling campaign it used to do. This will be the primary Foundation fundraiser for the year.

If you have a heart for philanthropy and a desire to help, please reach out and consider supporting our schools and community through The Foundation for Andover Schools. You can learn more at FundAndoverSchools.org.

ICYMI: Videos from the 2020-21 year



Here are a few of the videos you might have missed this school year on the Andover Public Schools YouTube channel:

- An airman (left) from McConnell Air Force Base returned home after a year away to surprise his children at Robert Martin Elementary School.
- Cottonwood Elementary School students gathered more than 1,000 boxes of cereal to donate to the Andover Community Food Bank. But before they delivered them, they set up an epic domino-style chain reaction throughout the halls of the school.

- Graduating seniors at Andover High School visited some of their former teachers to present Life Impact Diplomas in May. These diplomas are a way for students to recognize educators for the difference they have made in their lives.

Look for more videos during the 2021-22 school year!

Summer events return to Capitol Federal Amphitheater®

After having to cancel the 2020 Summer Concert Season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Capitol Federal Amphitheater® is excited to bring back the Summer Concert Series to Central Park.

“Each year, we try to bring in artists from a variety of genres,” said Event Director Katie Cork. “Rock, Red Dirt, Pop, and Contemporary Country, we’re hoping there’s something for everyone this year!”

Rock artist Daughtry kicked off the season July 10. If you weren’t able to make it to out to that one, make sure you mark your calendars for Aug. 6 and Aug. 28 because you won’t want to miss these fantastic musicians.

Red Dirt fans will be excited to hear that on Friday, Aug. 6, Casey Donahew will be coming to the big stage in Andover. This concert will also feature a special performance by Texas native Kyle Park.

The 2021 Summer Concert Season will wrap up on Saturday,

Aug. 28 with two-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat and special guest Tenille Arts.

Tickets for the August shows start at \$25 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online at www.capedamphitheater.com.

The Capitol Federal Amphitheater® will also be holding our Free Movies in the Park, sponsored by Evergy®. Bring out your chairs, blankets and movie snacks and come enjoy some shows on the big screens. All movies begin at 7 p.m.

New to the venue this year, Music Theatre of Wichita has been using the Capitol Federal Amphitheater® stage for some of its performances and they have terrific attendance. There’s still time to catch a show as Sept. 15-19 with performances of the summer-lovin’ favorite “Grease.” There’s still time to catch a show: the summer-lovin’ favorite “Grease” will be performed Sept 15-19.

Upcoming Events

July 24
FREE Movie in the Park
The Little Rascals

August 6
Casey Donahew
with Kyle Park

August 14
FREE Movie in the Park
Remember the Titans

August 28
Colbie Caillat
with special guest Tenille Arts

Sep 15-19
Music Theatre of Wichita
Grease

September 25
FREE Movie in the Park
Wonder Woman

October 16
FREE Movie in the Park
Nightmare Before Christmas

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Many streets in Andover are getting a facelift



Starting in May, the City of Andover began rehabilitating certain streets in Andover. The work on these streets generally consists of milling the existing asphalt-paved surface and replacing the asphalt surfacing using new material.

In some locations, complete removal of the pavement will be required and will result in a longer delay in access to properties. During 2021, a total of 12 miles of streets in Andover will have improvements. For streets not receiving complete rehabilitation, crews will be sealing cracks as necessary. This project is part of the City's long-term street rehabilitation plan and the \$2 million used is funded by the dedicated street maintenance 1-percent sales tax. We appreciate your patience as we make these repairs.

Yorktown Parkway is also getting some attention, not in street repairs but in the addition of landscaping. Special attention is also being given to the entrance to Central Park from Yorktown Parkway with the construction of an archway and lighting across the entrance road.

2022 budget, public hearing notice

The City of Andover's 2022 budget will be discussed with the potential for adoption during the City Council meeting on Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. City Council meetings are held at City Hall, 1609 E Central, in the Council Chambers. Proposed 2022 budget documents will soon be available at www.andoverks.com including links to each department's 2020 budget presentation.

Did you know?

Did you know the City of Andover has a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board? This board is comprised of members of the public, City staff, and a City Council representative. It meets monthly to discuss recommendations to the governing body for the beautification of City parks and public open space and recreational opportunities for the greater Andover community. Recently, this group has been reviewing community needs and assessment information and has been working with a consultant to develop the Andover Parks and Recreation Playbook (Master Plan) for the next 10 years in Andover. This plan is anticipated to be adopted by the City Council in the near future.



The recycling and preferred trash hauler rates will be increasing.

The new rates will be effective

August 1st, 2021.

Curbside Trash Service Rates Per Month:

July 2020	August 2021
\$10.87	\$11.19

Curbside Recycle Service Rates Per Month

July 2020	August 2021
\$4.69	\$4.90



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