



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what is going on at my child's school?

Every Thursday, administration will send out a Weekly Newsletter called the "Wings Weekly" via email. This newsletter will also be available on our website. If you are not receiving those newsletters, please reach out to the front desk and make sure that we have your correct email address! You will not want to miss this information!

Can I drop off my student at Albuquerque Aviation Academy?

Yes, students may be dropped off and picked up using the Ventana Rd Gate. Drop off in the morning can begin at 7:30 am. Students will be supervised by a staff member outside from 7:30 am – 7:45 am. At 7:45, middle school students go to the gym and high school students go to the lunch room until class begins at 8:00 am.

The Ventana Rd Gate will open at 3:00 pm in the afternoons for parents to begin lining up for pick-up. Please do not come before 3:00 pm!

Is there any transportation available?

Yes, we have 3 buses that run various routes across the city. The bus schedule is available at our website, under Academics. Buses are first come, first serve. We do our best to be able to provide transportation for everyone who wants to use it, but if the bus fills up, parents will need to take their student to the school. We are also trying a couple of new stops this year to help families, but may have to adjust bus stops as the year progresses.

Do students have to ride the bus both ways?

No, students can ride in the morning and/or afternoon based on availability.

How does it work with in-person classes and Edgenuity?

Edgenuity is our core curriculum (think of it as the text book). Some teachers use each and every piece of Edgenuity and others use Edgenuity and classroom projects/assignments. Generally, all core classes begin their in-person session with a mini-lesson (approx. 30 min) that focuses on what the students are learning at that time in Edgenuity (that is why it is important for students to stay on track). The rest of that block time is given to students to work on Edgenuity, ask the teacher questions and get help, take unit tests, etc.

Students are expected to work in Edgenuity 35-40 hours per week.

What are the Friday electives?

Friday electives are optional in-person electives available to all students. A sign-up sheet will be sent via newsletter for students to sign up for a variety of classes (ex: chess, drama, art, Aviation History, Intro to Aviation and so many more). For middle school, these are just elective classes for additional opportunities they may not have in school. For high school, most (not all) electives can provide a small elective credit that is used towards graduation.

Introduction to Aviation (9th grade only or students new to Albuquerque Aviation Academy) is the first step to the flight program and is ONLY available to take during Friday electives. There will be one class for semester one and one class during semester two.

Can students take electives on Edgenuity?

Middle school students cannot take electives on Edgenuity. Their electives are built in and include social emotional learning, PE, and SMART Lab.

High school students can and should take Edgenuity electives. For most 9th graders, their electives are built into their schedule and include PE and SMART lab so additional electives are not required. For 10th-12th

graders, they should take at least 2 Edgenuity electives per semester but that can vary if the student is taking Aviation courses, Friday electives, or dual-credit courses. Students should work with their homeroom teacher to make sure that they are on track with all of their classes, including electives.

What are the requirements for students to be in Aviation program?

Students can sign-up and take available aviation courses that are available at their grade level. In order to be on the flight team, students must have passed their Knowledge Exam AND be passing and on track in all of their Edgenuity courses and meet the FAA requirements (discussed in aviation classes). Students must also demonstrate good moral character and not have disciplinary issues to be on the flight team. If you have any questions regarding the Aviation program, please reach out to our flight instruction, Dr. Lauren Chavez at lchavez@samsacademy.com.

What is the cost to be in the Aviation program?

For most students, the only costs are the Knowledge Exam (currently \$175.00), medical exam (for most students this is free with our flight instructor but certain medical conditions may require additional medical clearance) and the final flight check (currently \$500.00).

What is the difference between “Actual” grade and “Relative” grade in Edgenuity?

The Actual grade is the grade students have received on the work they have done. It does NOT take into account any missing assignments or assignments that have not been completed.

At the end of the semester, the Relative grade is the grade that will be used for report cards. That takes into account any missing assignments (0%), missed tests (0%), and the work that the student may not have gotten to.

For additional information and videos, check out:

<https://help.imagineedgenuity.com/hc/en-us/articles/360043037074-Video-Library->

Can I volunteer at Albuquerque Aviation Academy?

Yes, we do not have a formal volunteer program at this time, but if someone would like to start something up, please reach out to administration!

Albuquerque Aviation Academy's sports programs often have opportunities to volunteer.

All volunteers must pass an Albuquerque Aviation Academy FBI fingerprint background check at their expense (\$59.00/ good for 2 years). For more information on background checks, please check with the front desk.

What will the orientation day look like?

Students in the assigned grades will begin with an assembly in the gym and then move to their homeroom class. There they will receive their schedule, email and Edgenuity logins. They will then go from class to class to meet their teachers and learn about various aspects of our school. Make sure your student brings a lunch!

There is a parent orientation meeting each of the days at 2:30 pm in the lunchroom.

Buses will be running during Orientation days.

8:00 am – 3:30 pm on their assigned day.

Wednesday, August 2nd - 6th and 7th grade

Thursday, August 3rd – 8th and 9th grade

Friday, August 4th – 10th -12th grade

What kind of sports do you have and can middle school participate?

Currently, we have 3 basketball teams (middle school, JV and Varsity) and Archery. They are both available to all students. We are hoping to also add Volleyball this year and Soccer in the future. More information on teams will come out in the weekly newsletters.

What do Student Led Conferences look like?

Families will sign up with their homeroom teacher for a conference time during one of those days. There is not in-person learning those days, but students are expected to be working on their classwork in Edgenuity.

What is the dress code?

Student dress and grooming is to reflect high standards of personal conduct. School personnel shall have discretionary authority to assure that each student's attire promotes a positive, safe and healthy atmosphere within the school. Student dress may not present a health or safety hazard, violate municipal or state law, or present a potential for disruption to the instructional program. Attire and accessories, which advertise, display, or promote any drug, including alcohol or tobacco, sexual activity, violence, disrespect and/or bigotry toward any group are not acceptable.

Do students have lockers?

No, since we do not have textbooks and Chromebooks are used for every class, there is no need for a locker. We highly encourage students to have a backpack so that they are not having to carry their Chromebook as families are responsible for any damage or loss.

What safety measures are in place and what kinds of drills will we have?

Albuquerque Aviation Academy prides itself on taking into consideration the safety needs of our students. The campus is fully gated and gates are to remain closed except during pick-up and drop-off times. In addition, the school uses state of the art security cameras with facial recognition to detect any potential threats. All doors on campus remain locked and warnings are provided to administrators when doors are left open. All visitors must enter and sign in through the front office and a visitor badge must be visible at all times.

In the first four weeks of school, students will participate in at least two fire drills, an active shooter training (provided with cooperation of the NM State Police), an evacuation drill and a lock-down drill. POMS (insurance provider) will also be providing an age appropriate barricade training for students during the school year. Additional drill will happen throughout the school year as required by PED.

If you ever see something suspicious, report it to administration immediately!

Do you have a JROTC?

We do not have a JROTC program, but we do have a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) unit that meets on campus on Thursdays from 4:00-6:30. More information on joining will come out in weekly newsletter.

What is the average class size?

We try to keep our classes around 24 students in each class.