

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2024-25 academic year at AAST! We extend a warm welcome to both the incoming junior class and the returning senior class. We are thrilled to have you all join us and are excited to witness the amazing possibilities that each of you will achieve. Your journey at AAST will be filled with growth, learning, and opportunities to shine. We look forward to supporting you every step of the way.



Upcoming Events



PICTURE DAY
AUGUST 27 (JUNIORS)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
NO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2

COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 20

SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 8

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 14-15

UNDERCLASSMEN MAKEUP
PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 23

REMINDER:

PARENTS MUST ENTER
CAMPUS THROUGH THE FRONT
ENTRANCE, NOT THE BACK, TO
PICK UP STUDENTS IN THE
AFTERNOONS.

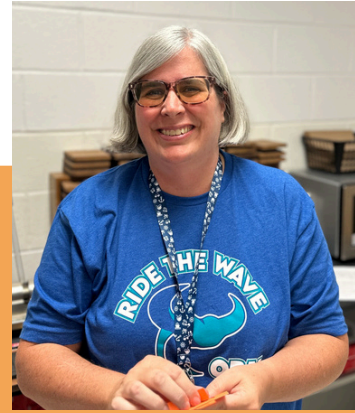
AAST Welcomes New Faculty and Staff



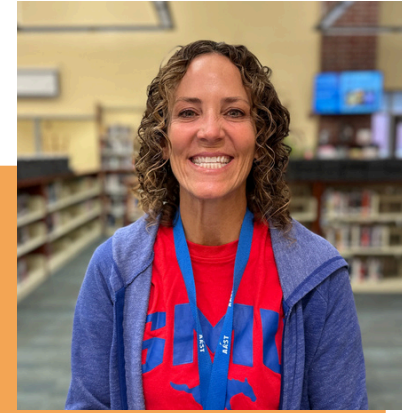
Maddie Flating - Advanced Art
(Long Term Sub)



Lang Kinlaw - Math



Amy Pyles - ESOL



Deniese Cornelison - Pre-Med



Elisha Caudill - Computer Science



Heath Jordan - Global Logistics



Sarah Bell - ELA



Julie Ford - Science

There are many new faces around the koi pond this year as AAST welcomes 8 new faculty and staff members! We're so excited for them to join our already amazing group of educators!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Our SC TSA state president, AAST ET student Addie Morse, carried our state flag across the stage at the opening ceremony at the 2024 National TSA Conference in Orlando! She represented South Carolina and spoke in front of about 9000 people!



AAST and ATA HOSA members traveled to Houston to attend the HOSA International Leadership Conference, competed in their events, networked with healthcare professionals, and attended symposia on various topics!



Thank you to this amazing team of educators who spent the week upskilling their talent at the SREB Making Schools Work conference in Nashville.



AAST Floral Friday



On Fridays, we bloom with #koipride, showing off our flowery finesse in Hawaiian shirts for Floral Friday! 🌺



AAST marked the end of the first school week with a sweet surprise - ice cream for all! It's been a wonderful week, meeting new AAST scholars and seeing familiar faces of returning students!



Please review the **AAST Student Handbook** linked below:
AAST Student Handbook

FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS

All students in Horry County Schools will receive free breakfast and lunch during the 2024-2025 school year as part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program!

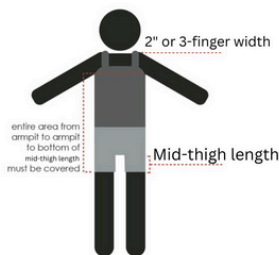


AAST Merch Available Through September 5th

AAST shirts will be available for sale on MyPaymentsPlus until September 5th, 2024. You can purchase short sleeve t-shirts (\$13), crew sweatshirts (\$21), and hoodies (\$26). There is also the option to get one of the school majors/programs on the back.

AAST DRESS CODE

- Hats, hoods, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.
- The possession of all gang related bandanas and beads are prohibited at AAST.
- Blankets, full body suits, pajamas and bedroom slippers are not allowed.
- Tops must have straps of no less than two inches in width (3-finger width).
- Clothing should be worn so underwear is not visible. Pants and shirt must overlap at all times.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times at school.
- Attire (includes clothing, face coverings, hats, shoes, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs) should not interfere with the educational process, cause disruption, or damage school property.
- The entire area from the armpit to the mid thigh must be covered in the front and the back of the body.
- Clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, weapons, sexual behavior, clothing with sexual innuendos, and/or ethnic derogatories is not allowed.
- Items such as spiked jewelry (including body piercing), padlocks, chains, and metal heel plates are not allowed.
- Consequences for violating Dress Code may include the following:
 - Students may call parents to bring appropriate clothing.
 - If no alternative clothing is available, student will go to ISS.
 - Absence or tardy due to dress code violation will be unexcused.



Student dress should be confined to clothing that is reasonable, practical and in good taste for school. School attire should reflect proper decorum, cleanliness, and comfort. The school will make judgments and decisions as needed to preserve the health, safety, and propriety of students. Student cooperation is expected even during Spirit Week and other school related events.

From the AAST Attendance Office

For all of your attendance questions, please see our website at the following link:
[AAST Attendance Office](#)

HCS Cell Phone Policy

In accordance with Horry County School District policy, cellular phones, video cameras, other electronic devices, and any sound-producing devices that are deemed disruptive should be turned off and not visible from

8:15 AM until 2:45 PM.

Cell phones and other electronic devices should remain silent and be out of sight during instructional time unless directed by the teacher. To ensure campus safety, students should not walk the campus or hallways while actively talking on a cell phone or with earbuds in their ears.

2024 YOUNG FILMMAKERS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



AAST had two Top Ten finalists in this prestigious film competition. Congratulations go to Zoey Williams and Yahir Vazquez Alvedanez!