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Supplement
To Avon High School Handbook

Simon Youth Academy at Avon

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General Information

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Mission Statement

*The mission of the school is to **inspire students** with school and community-based partnerships and consistent adult relationships, **engage learners** with direct instruction and individualized student learning plans, and **empower citizens** to graduate on time and take ownership of their future.*

Attendance

Attendance Policy

The State of Indiana and Avon Community Schools place education at the top of their priorities. Students are expected to attend school every day. Learning is a result of active participation in classroom and other school activities. The dialogue between a teacher and the students in a classroom environment can never be effectively duplicated and individual study cannot replace it. Regular daily attendance is the responsibility of the parent and the student and is a critical life skill. Attendance at Avon High School is governed by the Indiana code and the local policy adopted by the Board of School Trustees; students are expected to comply with Indiana State Law regarding attendance. Avon Academy will enforce the attendance policy stipulated in the Avon High School student handbook.

Reporting Student Absence

If the student cannot attend school for the regularly scheduled school day, it is the responsibility of the child's parent to notify the office. Any absences not verified by a parent within 48 hours will be deemed as unexcused. Parents may dial 317-754-3200 and leave an absence 24 hours a day.

When reporting an absence, the parent should give the following information:

1. Their name and relationship to the student
2. The student's name and grade
3. The reason for the absence
4. The date of the absence

Students who are 18 years old or older must still have their parents call in to notify the office of absences unless the student has been emancipated. Emancipation is a legal process requiring proof of self-sufficiency.

Excessive Absences and Truancy

Unless the school has been previously informed of extenuating circumstances, the school may initiate parental communication whenever a student reaches 5 absences. This communication will be by phone call or letter. In the event of additional absences, the school may initiate an attendance contract and/or a Hendricks County Project Attend referral.

Students whose chronic absences result in a failure to earn credits may be returned to Avon High School and lose the privilege of attending Avon Academy.

General Policies

Leaving School Building

If a student needs to leave during the school day:

1. The parent/guardian shall notify the school by telephone of the appointment date, time, and location. Other documentation may be required.
2. The student must check out with the office manager before leaving school.
3. Students who leave campus without permission may serve restitution.

Cell Phone Policy

Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 185 bans “any portable wireless device” during class time. This law went into effect July 2024. It helps to ensure that students are focused on learning at school while minimizing distractions. Cell phone usage is permitted in the hallways and during lunch. During class periods, cell phones should not be seen or heard. Phones may not be on desks or in view and should be silenced. Students who violate classroom cell phone policies will:

1. Receive a warning to stop using the phone.
2. Turn their cell phone in to the teacher until the end of the class period.
3. If a student argues with the teacher, the coordinator will take the phone and call the parent. The phone will remain in her office that day and the next day.
4. Failure to follow the policy may result in the student losing the seat at Avon Academy.

Cafeteria

The Avon Academy Café will be open for breakfast and lunch every school day. Breakfast will be served from 8:20am-8:35am. Students may deposit money into their lunch accounts by check or cash. Students and/or parents may also make deposits through the LINQ Family Portal website or app. Titan ap. (<https://family.titank12.com/>) (<https://linqconnect.com/main>) Free and reduced lunch application can also be found on the Titan LINQ website. Students are expected to either bring a lunch from home or purchase a lunch at the Avon Academy Café. Students may not order lunch for delivery from Door Dash or other delivery services.

Entering AHS

Avon Academy students are not permitted to enter Avon High School without permission unless they are in extra-curricular activities. All other visits must be coordinated in advance through the Academy Coordinator. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Rental Textbooks and Classroom Materials

Under Indiana Code 20-26-5-4(a)(12)(a), school corporations are responsible for providing curricular materials to students free of charge. However, parents/guardians will be held financially responsible for any lost, damaged, or unreturned items, such as books, laptops, and library books. The fees for such items will be reasonable and assessed accordingly.

Dress Code: Clothing and Appearance

The staff at Avon Academy is committed to preparing students to be empowered citizens. Students who come to school dressed in a manner which is inappropriate for a work environment will be counseled and expected to correct their attire.

Authority for Student Discipline

Teachers, administrators, and other staff members have the authority to take customary and reasonable measures to maintain proper control and discipline among students placed under their care and supervision.

Student Parking

Students may park in front of Avon Academy. When parking in front of the school, enter through door one and wait to be buzzed into the building. Students must have a valid Academy parking pass to park in the lot.

Health Services

Avon Academy does not have a nurse on staff.

Prescription Medication

Students are to bring any and all medication to the clinic at the start of the school day. Only those medications that are medically necessary during school hours or written in an IEP will be administered during the school day. Prescription medication must be sent in the original container with the original prescription label intact and be accompanied by a complete Prescription Medication and Hold Harmless Release Form. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-33-8-13, a student with an acute or chronic disease or medical condition may possess and self-administer emergency medications while on school grounds or off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event. A primary care provider must provide written authorization on the Prescription Medication and Hold Harmless Release Form in order for the student to self-carry medication. All medication forms are valid for one school year.

Over the Counter Medications

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, and Tums are available and stocked in the clinic. These can be given at the discretion of the school staff, to any student who has permission from parent/guardian. Parent/guardian permission to allow your student to have stocked medications is provided in SchoolCare. Any additional over-the-counter medications (including cough drops) will be kept in the clinic and must be supplied by the parent. Over the counter medications must be accompanied by an Over the Counter medication form signed by parent/guardian. All medication must be in the original unopened container and will be given according to the directions on the bottle and dosage administered appropriate for the age and weight of the student. If the dosage exceeds recommendations, written permission must be granted from a primary care provider. All medications administered at school must be approved by the FDA, no homeopathic or herbal medications will be administered. Over-the-counter medications sent into school will be kept until the end of the school year unless directed otherwise.

Transporting Medications

Students may transport non-controlled substance medications to and from school with written authorization as long as they are brought directly to the clinic and school staff, and not removed from personal possessions prior to that time. At the end of the year, if indicated on the authorization form, any unused medications may be sent home with the student. If authorization is not granted and the medications are not picked up by a parent or guardian, they will be properly disposed of the day after the last day of student attendance. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-33-8-13, Medications that are listed as controlled substances, including narcotic pain medications and many ADHD medications, are not permitted to be carried or transported by any student in the Avon Community School Corporation and must be delivered directly to the school staff. Any remaining medication may be picked up directly by a parent/guardian, after the medication has been counted by the school staff, and the parent/guardian to verify the amount being returned to the parent/guardian.

Academics

Mastery Grading and Grading Scale

At Avon Academy, once a student has shown proficiency or improvement on a standards-based task, that is considered mastery and the student may move on to the next task.

Academy Grading Scale

A 93% and above	C 73% - 76%
A- 90% - 92%	C- 70% - 73%
B+ 87% - 89%	D+ 67% - 69%
B 83% - 86%	D 63% - 66%
B- 80% - 82%	D- 60% - 62%
C+ 77% - 79%	F Below 60%

Commencement

No student may participate in AHS graduation exercises unless, at the time of exercises, all requirements of graduation have been met.

Graduates must notify the staff at Avon Academy of the intent to participate in graduation when completing graduation forms following the completion of the last required credit. Students choosing not to participate may pick up their diploma at Avon Academy after the scheduled graduation date. Graduates must attend graduation practice exercises if going through the AHS commencement ceremony.

Avon Academy will hold its own commencement ceremonies. Academy students may participate in both Academy and AHS ceremonies if eligible and if desired.

Athletics

Students participating or planning to participate in extra-curricular activities at Avon High School must have future placement at Avon Academy approved by their assistant principal of Avon High School. Students enrolled in Avon Academy who then express an interest in participating in athletics, may have as a condition of their continued placement at Avon Academy, additional conditions as required by the home high school administration and/or IHSA established rules, guidelines, and intentions.

