



# WINGS WEEKLY

ALBUQUERQUE AVIATION ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 14, 2025



See something on the Edgenuity Dashboard that doesn't look right? Hoping to change the days you attend? The **ONLY** way to have changes made to your schedule and/or courses is to

complete a Course Change Request Form. Form was in your back to school folder, available at the front desk or ask a teacher for a form. Turning in a form **DOES NOT** guarantee a change, but administration will consider all changes and email the student with details.

Please Note: Schedule changes will only be considered during the first two weeks of school. The final deadline to request schedule changes is Friday, August 15th.

High School: The last day to drop an elective course without an F is 10/3/2025.



## Heads Up!!!

**Students- remember to bring your headphones. You cannot hear your lessons if you don't have them, so it's critical to bring them.**

### Best Practices for a Successful Day at School:

- Charge your Chromebook**
- Bring a pencil and paper for notes**
- Get a good night of Sleep**
- Eat a good breakfast**

## 2024-2025 Testing



### Scores Are In!



**If your student was in middle school or 11th grade last year, their testing scores will be sent home in a white envelope during homeroom next week. Please be sure to ask your child about it so you can review their results together.**



**This week's progress goal is 12% by Friday.**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SALE

SAVE 25%

SHOP NOW

USE CODE: SCHOOL25



SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/106538

FREE SHIPPING ORDERS OVER \$100

Get The BEST DEALS From Your Official Store

- T-shirts
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- Polos
- Headwear
- Backpacks
- Drinkware
- And More...



School Lunch



Please send a lunch with your student daily. Albuquerque Aviation Academy does not currently have a food program. We are still waiting to hear back from the state on funding to help get the necessary equipment and construction to get make that a possibility but have not received anything to date! Vending machines are available.

Important Dates to Remember:



- 8/15/2025 @ 2:00 Governing Council Meeting
- 9/1/2025 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- 9/4/2025 @ 5:30-7:00 Open House
- 9/8 & 9/11 Picture Day
- 9/19/2025 @ 2:00 Governing Council Meeting

Sleepy?!?!  
 Parents and Students,  
 please make sure you are getting to bed and getting lots of rest!  
 We don't allow students to sleep in class, so it's best to get to bed early for these early mornings!



# August Spirit Week

## 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mon  
18th

Roll out of bed (Still adhere to AAA dress code)

Tue 19th

Dress as your favorite super hero or villain

Wed  
20th

Twinning Day- dress as a fellow student/peer

Thur  
21st

Sports Team Fit

Fri 22nd

Western Day- wear your best western fit

Kick off the school year right, and show your school spirit!

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# Drop Off & Pick Up

## Do's & Don'ts

Help Keep Our School Safe, Respectful, and Running

Smoothly!



**DO:**

- **Be Patient – We're all in this together. A few extra minutes of kindness goes a long way.**
- **Line Up Properly – Follow the traffic flow and stay in the car line. Cutting the line puts others at risk.**
- **Use the Designated Loading/Unloading Zones ONLY – That's where students should get in or out of vehicles.**
- **Stay in Your Car – Staff will assist as needed. Staying in your vehicle keeps the line moving.**
- **Have Kids Ready – Backpacks, lunches, and goodbyes should be ready before you pull up.**
- **Drive Slowly – Students are everywhere. Please drive like your own child is walking by.**
- **Pay Attention – Put the phone away. Eyes up, hands on the wheel.**
- **Pull all the way up to drop off or pick up. Students can walk to you and allow others behind you to load/unload at the same time.**
- **Be a Good Example – Your behavior models respect and safety for all students.**



**DON'T:**

- **Do NOT Park in a Parking Spot to Drop Off or Pick Up – Please stay in the car line. Your child will meet you in the loading zone.**
- **Do NOT Park or Sit Along Ventana Road – This causes unsafe conditions and blocks the flow of traffic.**
- **Do NOT Block the Gate Before 7:30 AM – Staff need access. If you're early, wait on Ventana.**
- **Do NOT enter the parking lot before 7:30. Staff will be entering but be respectful and stay outside the gate until then.**
- **Do NOT Get Out of Your Car in the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Line – This causes delays and safety hazards.**
- **Do NOT Use Your Phone – Stay focused. Distracted driving in a school zone is dangerous.**
- **Do NOT Speed – Slow and steady keeps everyone safe.**
- **Do NOT try to talk to staff at this time. They have to focus on their job at hand and keeping all safe!**
- **Do NOT Argue with Staff or Try to Bend the Rules – Procedures are in place to protect all students.**

Let's work together to create a smooth, respectful, and safe experience for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!



## AVIATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Every student has the opportunity to be a part of the Aviation Program at ABQ Aviation and progress through the Pilot Progression Path (PPP.)

Our Aviation Program is like a "funnel." Everyone can join, but how much each student progresses is largely up to them. This requires a lot of hard work, and even more self-initiative.

\* **ITA (Into to Aviation)** This is our initial (prerequisite) aviation class. All high schoolers are welcome. You must earn a B in ITA to progress to FOA (ITA is required prior to FOA.)

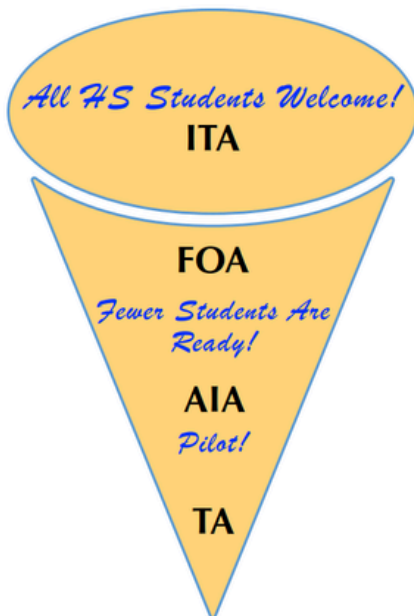
\* **FOA. Fundamentals of Aviation.** This class is to prepare students to pass their FAA Knowledge Exam (required to become a Private Pilot.)

\* **AIA. Advancement in Aviation.** This class is for students who have passed their FAA Knowledge Exam, and are now part of our Flight Team. The deadline to join AIA is 1st semester senior year. Otherwise, you will not be able to earn your private pilot certificate.

\* **TA.** Aviation Teacher's Assistant. When students earn their airplane and/or drone pilot certificate, these new pilots may become an Aviation TA the following semester.

\* **Drones.** In this class we work diligently to learn everything needed to pass the FAA Remote Pilot Knowledge exam and become an FAA Certified Drone Pilot. You should only take this class if you're 16 yo, or will become 16 yo during or soon as the semester ends.

\* **LTA.** Lighter-than-Air (Hot Air Ballooning). This class is available starting in 9th grade as a Friday morning elective. aviation option, with as much hands-on experience as possible (with



hopes of actual balloon time, although this part of the program is still in progress.)

### NOTE:

1. You must stay on track in Edgenuity. If you fall more than 10% behind in Edgenuity at any time, your pilot progress will pause until you are back on track in Edgenuity.
2. If you have any disciplinary action against you during the Pilot Progression Path (in any class or at any time,) your progress will pause as we reconsider your continuance in the program.
3. You must earn at least a B in FOA 1st semester to continue to FOA 2nd semester.
4. You can take FOA for a maximum of 2 semesters.
5. You must earn at least an A in FOA and pass the FAA exam to take AIA.
6. You must take AIA by 1st semester senior year to earn a pilot's certificate.

### Pilot Progression Path (PPP)

1. Sign up for a Young Eagle's flight. This will give you a free flight experience to see if you like it enough to work really hard to progress along this path. Click on the following link, and it will walk you through the steps (<https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/free-ye-flights>.) The local events fill up fast, so click on that first step and start checking for dates so you can register. All of the rest hinges on going to that first event. Here's the link for dates for our local chapter: <https://eaa179.org/YoungEagles/>
2. Once you take your Young Eagle's flight, you can get an EAA Student Membership for free. This will give you access to take Sporty's Learn to Fly Course - a \$249 program - for FREE. You can start this at any time.
3. After you've completed 3 volumes of the Sporty's Course, you can (through your EAA membership) get a free flight lesson. Del Sol Aviation (at the Sunport) is a participating partner.
4. Continue going through the Sporty's Private Pilot Program. When you are finished, Sporty's will endorse you to take the FAA written exam. However, **before** you do this, contact us.

\* After completing Sporty's, students would give us their Sporty's completion certificate and knowledge exam endorsement. They would then take practice exam(s) at ABQ Aviation (arranged with us.) When any student achieves  $\geq 90\%$  and is  $\geq 15$  yo, they can take their knowledge exam.