

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back, Koi Family!



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August 18 - August 22, 2025



Welcome to the 2025-26 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



CLASS MEETINGS
AUGUST 25

PICTURE DAY JUNIORS
AUGUST 26

CLUB RUSH
AUGUST 28, 11:00 AM

BLOOD DRIVE
AUGUST 29

LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 1, NO SCHOOL

**BIOMED WHITE COAT
CEREMONY**
SEPTEMBER 4, 5:30 PM

SIC & CTE ADVISORY DINNER
SEPTEMBER 18, 5:00 PM

COLLEGE APP DAY
SEPTEMBER 26

SENIOR PICTURE MAKEUP DAY
OCTOBER 7

ED OP DAY
OCTOBER 8

FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 13-14

**FALL HONOR SOCIETY
INDUCTION**
OCTOBER 16, 6:00PM

JUNIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 22

BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 24

SPIRIT WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 30, 5-7PM

New Faces @ AAST!

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!

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MS. BETHANY MARTIN,
ML TEACHER



MR. ZACHARY CRUSE,
SPED TEACHER

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MS. LISA POSTON,
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH



MS. KATHY MIRANDA,
ASST. CAFETERIA
MANAGER

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MS. TAMMY GULLEGE,
SECRETARY



MS. AMBER MARSHALL,
GUIDANCE

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MS. KIMBERLY HERNES,
CHEMISTRY



MS. THERESA CALDWELL,
MATHEMATICS



AAST was represented at the TSA National Conference in Nashville, TN!



In Case You Missed It...

AAST HOSA members traveled to Nashville to attend the HOSA International Leadership Conference. They 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 New Orleans. We had six educators present at the conference this year, sharing what makes AAST so special.

First Day Ice Cream

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!



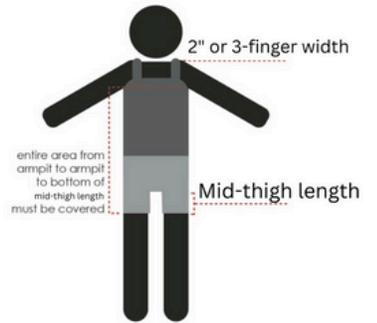
Please review the AAST Student Handbook linked below: [AAST Student Handbook](#)

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.

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