

ARKANSAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL.

WELCOME PACKET



GO BULLDOGS!

WELCOME TO ARKANSAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL!

SERVING GRADES 9-12

We are excited to have you as part of the Bulldog family! This packet provides important information, guidelines, and resources to help you begin the school year with confidence and success.

LEARN MORE AT [HS.USD470.COM](https://hs.usd470.com)

620-441-2010



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BULLDOG

- 1 RESPECT**
- 2 RESPONSIBILITY**
- 3 PRIDE**
- 4 BELONGING**

USD 470 MISSION

To ensure all students learn and thrive in safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! GO BULLDOGS!

QUICK START GUIDE



IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 19 – Freshman/New Student Orientation**
 - Pick up schedule
 - Tour the building
 - Receive school-issued technology
 - Ask questions and ease first-day nerves
- **August 20 – First Day of School**
- **September 17 – Picture Day**
- **October 6-10 – Fall Conferences**

Find the full school calendar
at hs.usd470.com/calendar.



ATTENDANCE BASICS

Call the office before 9 a.m. to report an absence.

 **620-441-2010**

- Attendance matters every day. Students do best when they are in class on time and ready to learn. Missing school can make it harder to keep up.
- Make on-time attendance a daily habit.
- Reach out if your student needs support.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All ACHS students can receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day.

- Add money to student meal accounts in PowerSchool for any extra items.

Find current menus at
usd470.nutrislice.com/menu



PRO TIP



SALLY

“Sally” the Bulldog is our mascot. Show her respect by not stepping on her outside the main entrance, in the foyer, or at the stadium!

CALENDAR

2025-2026 ARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Calendar subject to change due to unscheduled events.



AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20*	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

*1st Day of School

SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

DECEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JANUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

MAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
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JULY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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No School/No Teachers

No School/Professional Development

No School/Teacher Workday

No School/P-T Conferences

Odd Classes

Even Classes

All Classes

Note: This calendar is subject to negotiations and may be altered at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or school administration at any time.

Created 6/9/2024 and Updated July 17, 2025

BELL SCHEDULE

BULLDOG DAY SCHEDULE (Monday - Tuesday - Friday)

Class Period	Start Time	End Time
1st	7:55	8:41
2nd	8:45	9:37
3rd	9:41	10:27
4th	10:31	11:17
5th	11:21	12:45
A Lunch	11:17	11:47
B Lunch	11:47	12:17
C Lunch	12:17	12:47
6th	12:49	1:35
7th	1:39	2:25
8th	2:29	3:15

ODD/EVEN DAY SCHEDULE Wednesday (Purple - Odd) Thursday (Gold - Even)

Class Period	Start Time	End Time
1st/2nd	7:55	8:41
Advisory	8:45	9:37
3rd/4th	9:41	10:27
5th/6th	10:31	11:17
A Lunch	11:37	12:07
B Lunch	12:09	12:39
C Lunch	12:41	1:11
7th/8th	1:45	3:15





AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

ACHS HOMEWORK CENTER

The ACHS Homework Center offers academic support to students who need help. Students may attend voluntarily or be assigned by staff or parents.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Before School: Monday–Friday, 7:00–7:50 a.m.
- After School: Tuesday–Thursday, 3:26–4:26 p.m.
- Both the Before and After School Programs are held in the ACHS Library.

Attendance is not mandatory; however, regular school behavior expectations still apply.

POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool houses student grades, attendance, schedules, lunch balances, and daily bulletins.

- Parents/Guardians may obtain login information through school offices or the technology department.
- Student and parent logins are separate and secure.
- PowerSchool can be accessed through any browser or the app.

DOWNLOAD CODE: GZZT



PARENT PORTAL



<https://usd470.powerschool.com>

COMMUNICATION

TALKINGPOINTS

TalkingPoints is how our schools share important updates with families. Messages are sent by text or app and can be translated into many languages. Families can reply with questions or comments, making it easy to communicate back and forth. It's a simple way to stay informed and connected with your school.



FACEBOOK / INSTAGRAM

Our school and district Facebook and Instagram pages share news, photos, and highlights from our schools. These accounts are a great way to see what's happening, celebrate students and staff, and stay connected to our school community. We encourage families to follow along and engage with our posts.



FOLLOW US:

ACHS:
@ARKCITYHIGH

USD 470:
@ARKCITYSCHOOLS



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

26 CREDITS REQUIRED

Students should meet with their counselors regularly to ensure they are on track for graduation. Course changes are limited and based on availability.

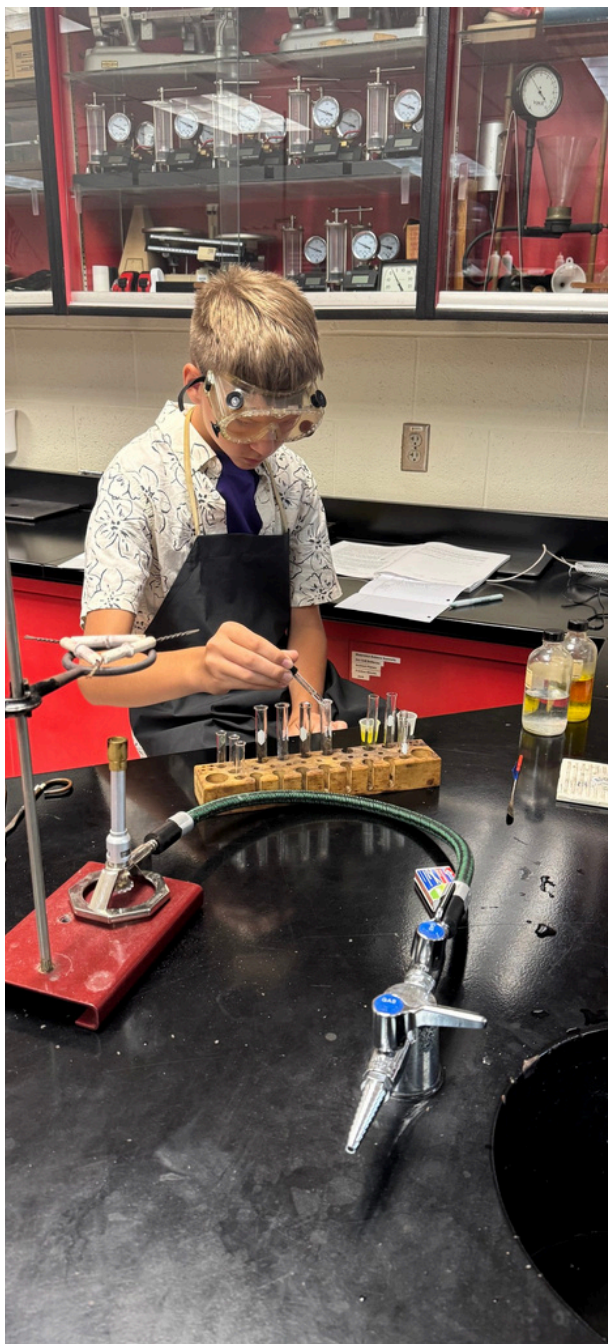
CREDIT BREAKDOWN

- English / Communication (4 Credits)
- Social Studies (3 Credits)
- Math (3 Credits)
- Science (3 Credits)
- Health / PE (1 Credit)
 - Class of 2028+: 0.5 Health + 0.5 PE
- Career & Technical Ed/Financial Literacy (1 Credit)
 - Class of 2028+: 0.5 Financial Literacy
- Fine Arts (1 Credit)
- Electives (10 Credits)
 - Class of 2028+: 9.5 Credits
- STEM (Class of 2028+: 1 Credit)

**FIND ALL OPTIONS IN THE
ENROLLMENT CATALOG**



ADVANCED PLACEMENT AP COURSES



ABOUT

AP exams are administered each May. The district covers the cost of all exams for enrolled students.

AP COURSES OFFERED

- **English:** AP Lang, AP Lit AP Language & Composition, AP Literature & Composition
- **Math:** AP Calculus
- **Science:** AP Biology, AP Chemistry
- **Social Studies:** AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP Government

Note: Students who drop an AP course at the semester are responsible for a \$40 College Board cancellation fee.



ATHLETICS



FALL SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance Line
- Football
- Golf
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Tennis
- Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Dance Line

SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball
- Golf
- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Boys Tennis
- Track & Field



STUDENTS CAN ATTEND MOST ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR FREE WITH THEIR ID.

PAWPALOOZA

Pawpalooza is our annual back-to-school celebration and a fun way to kick off the year with Bulldog Pride. Families, students, and staff gather at Bulldog Stadium to cheer on our teams, enjoy the Snake Dance, hear the ACHS band, and celebrate together. From fall sports previews to activities with our younger students, Pawpalooza highlights the community, tradition, and school spirit that make Ark City special.



THE ARTS

The arts are a key part of life at ACHS. Through music, theatre, and visual arts, students create, perform, and grow while building confidence, teamwork, and Bulldog pride.



PROGRAMS

- Marching Band
- Jazz Band (*by audition)
- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- Men's Choir
- Ark Highs (*by audition)
- Arkettes (*by audition)
- Symphonic (*by audition)
- Women's Choir
- Drama / Theatre
- Drawing
- Painting
- Ceramics
- Creative Writing



CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS



**THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ACHS.
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS HELP STUDENTS EXPLORE
INTERESTS, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, AND GET INVOLVED.**

- AC Players (Drama)
- FBLA
- FCA
- FFA
- GSA
- HOPE Squad
- In-Stitches Crochet Club
- KAY
- Multicultural Student Union
- National Forensics League
- National Honor Society
- SADD
- Scholar's Bowl
- Usherettes
- Spikeball Club



CELL PHONES + LOCKERS



DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT

To help everyone stay focused and connected, Arkansas City High School is a phone-free learning environment. Students secure cell phones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds in district-issued locking pouches from the first bell to the final bell, including passing periods and lunch.



With devices away, classrooms are calmer, learning improves, and students have more time to connect with each other.



Devices may be used before and after school. Families can contact students during the day through the main office.

Our goal is simple: fewer distractions and a better school day for everyone.

[Cell Phone Policy Webpage](#)

HOW TO OPEN YOUR LOCKER

- Turn the dial right three full turns, then stop at your first number.
- Turn left one full turn, passing the first number, stop at your second number.
- Turn right directly to your third number.
- Pull the handle to open.

SCHOOL SUPPORTS

ACADEMIC

- Before and After School Programs
- Cowley College Partnerships
- Career Internship Program
- Graduation Information

RESOURCES

- [School Calendar](#)
- Team Store
- Clothes Closet
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

POLICIES

[Family-Student Handbook](#)



KEY CONTACTS

Our staff is here to support students and families. If you have a question or concern, we're happy to help connect you with the right person. Call the ACHS main office at 620-441-2000, and we'll be glad to help.



Principal
Ryan Taylor



Asst. Principal
Adam Dorsey



Asst. Principal
Sarah O'Rear



Athletic Director
Aaron Bucher



Dean of Students
Sarah O'Donnell



Registrar
Linda Enderud



Safety Coordinator
Eric Burr



Nurse
Ashley Monroe



Lunch Cards
Shelly Simpson



Tech Support
Ben Whitener

COUNSELING TEAM



Michala Taylor

Students with
Last Names A-D



Jordan McDowell

Students with
Last Names E-K



Chad Hopkins

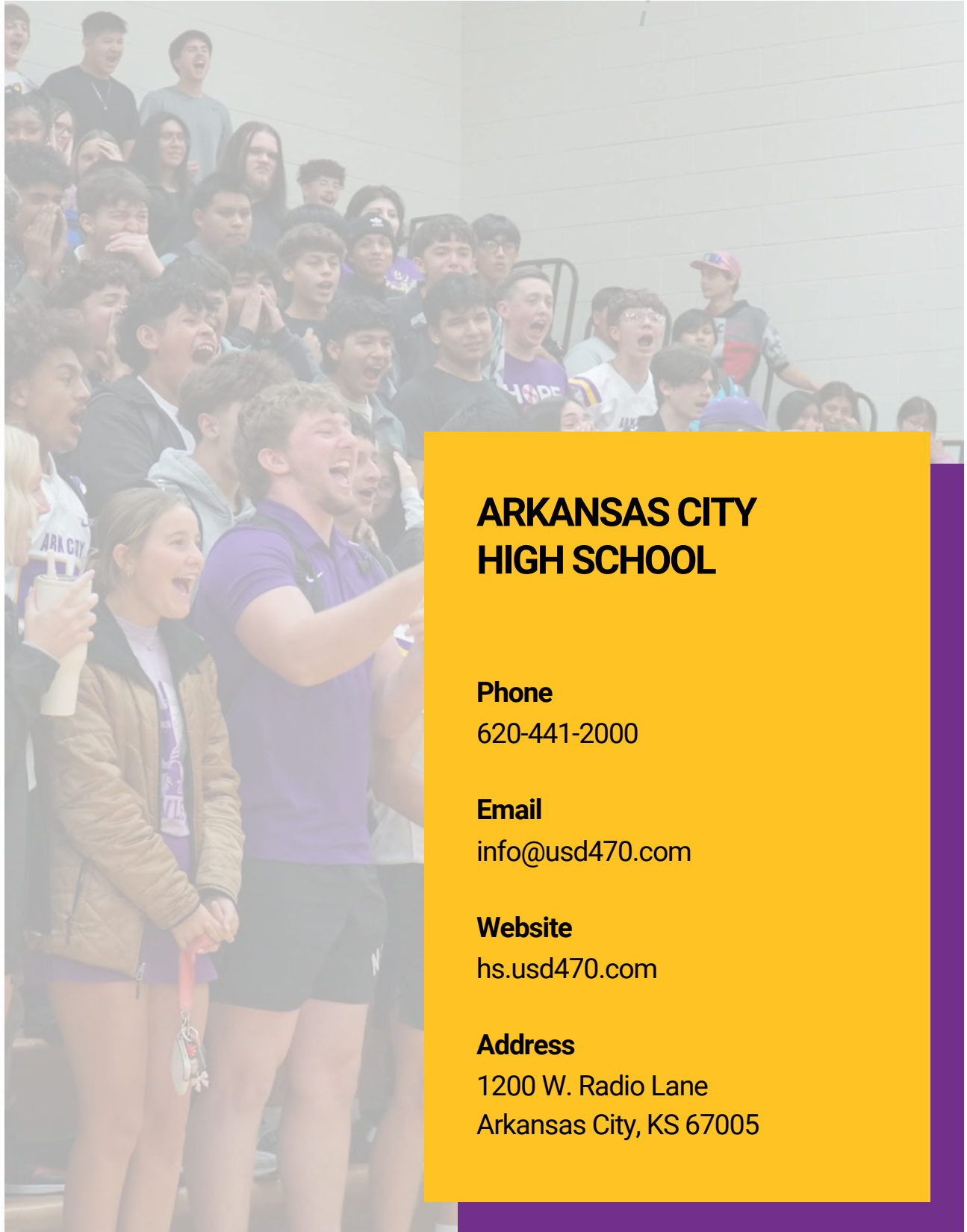
Students with
Last Names L-Q



Dustin Atkins

Students with
Last Names R-Z

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