



February 5, 2026
Eighth Grade Parent Night

Welcome Parents and Students!

APHS

Administration Team



Mr. Skiba
Principal



Ms. Foster
9-10 Assistant Principal



Mr. Laura
11-12 Assistant Principal



Mr. Victor
Athletic Director/Clubs & Activities Director

High School vs. Middle School

- ▶ More Students
- ▶ Grades, credits, & attendance count
- ▶ More athletic and social options
- ▶ More academic options

Tips for Success

- ▶ Regular school talk at home
 - ▶ Parent Connect
- ▶ Stay informed
- ▶ Keep us informed
- ▶ Ask your teachers
- ▶ Be mindful of mental health
- ▶ When in doubt, check it out

Dress Code

- ▶ Sweatshirts with hoods are allowed but hoods must be down
- ▶ No forward billed hats
- ▶ No book bags, athletic bags, or over-sized purses similar to a book bag etc. will be allowed in classrooms. These items must be in your locker.
- ▶ Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- ▶ No short shorts, no volleyball shorts, no cheer shorts, no running shorts, and soffe-like shorts are not permitted.
- ▶ No items of clothing which have obscene, vulgar, or sexual statement or pictures, or which promote alcohol, violence, tobacco, or illegal substances.

- ▶ Underclothing should not be visible, including bra straps and boxer shorts.
- ▶ Swimwear for P.E should be school appropriate

Possible Consequences for Dress Code violations

1. Warning/change clothes
2. Detention
3. Suspension

Administration reserve the right to assess clothing for appropriateness to the learning environment and address it accordingly.

Attendance

- ▶ Parents/Guardians or emergency contacts can call to excuse an absence
- ▶ If you are more than 10 minutes late, it is an absence
- ▶ If you are out for a doctors appointment, please provide documentation and the absence will be coded as “Documented”.
- ▶ Excused absences still count towards your total absences for the year. Documented absences do not.
- ▶ 10th absence = 1st attendance letter
 - ▶ Parent contact
- ▶ 15th absence = 2nd attendance letter
 - ▶ Parent Contact
 - ▶ Student Interview
 - ▶ Meet with Officer Knudsen and/or administration
 - ▶ Advised on truancy letter being filed with Wayne County
- ▶ 20th absence = Truancy charges filed

Jag Responsibility Center (JRC)

- ▶ Supervised by Ms. Heiler
- ▶ Teacher recommended or student volunteered
- ▶ Student check-in and think-out space
- ▶ Checks in with parent
- ▶ Consequences given
 - ▶ Detention
 - ▶ Work detail : Lunchroom Behaviors
 - ▶ Referral to administration

Academic Resources for Student Success

Learning Lab

- ▶ During School Hours
- ▶ Quiet Space
- ▶ Supervised by staff member
- ▶ Place for students to go to have a quieter or smaller environment to work on assignments or assessments.
- ▶ Place that students can go to receive additional help/support on academic assignments/assessments.

Jag Study

- ▶ After School
- ▶ Media Center
- ▶ Supervised by 2 teachers
- ▶ Monday - Thursday 2:45-4:45 pm
- ▶ Place students can attend to study, gain additional help, makeup assessments/assignments, complete homework

Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Minimum of 22.0 credits
- ▶ Students must meet Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements as well
- ▶ Each course passed equals 0.5 credits
- ▶ Credit is earned at the end of each semester
- ▶ If a student were to pass every course they would earn 6.0 credits per year

Academic Credits

English Language Arts

- ▶ 4 years of ELA or 8 semesters are required for graduation
- ▶ Freshmen will take either
 - ▶ ELA 9
 - ▶ Honors ELA 9
 - ▶ This Course Will Consist of:
 - ▶ Reading:
 - ▶ Including 1-2 novels each semester
 - ▶ Personal reading
 - ▶ Writing:
 - ▶ Narrative, argument, and other non-fiction

Science

- ▶ 3 years of Science or 6 semesters are required for graduation
- ▶ Biology or
- ▶ Honors Biology
 - ▶ A required courses for graduation.

Social Studies

- ▶ 3 years of Social Studies or 6 semesters are required for graduation
- ▶ Economics (1 semester)
 - ▶ Review of Macro and Micro topics
 - ▶ World economy overview
 - ▶ Current events
- ▶ AP Human Geography (1 Year = 2 semesters)
 - ▶ Same as above
 - ▶ 2nd semester includes geography portion
 - ▶ Option to take the AP test for possible college credit
 - ▶ Honor Point awarded
 - ▶ Passing this course also satisfies the Personal Finance graduation requirement

Mathematics

- ▶ Algebra 1
 - ▶ a majority of incoming students will take this course
- ▶ Geometry or Honors Geometry
 - ▶ If your child took Algebra 1 at the Middle School and earned credit
- ▶ 4 Math Credits are Required for Graduation
 - ▶ Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2 are the state graduation requirements, plus one math/math related credit senior year.

World Languages

- ▶ Two years (4 semesters) OR
- ▶ 1 Year of World Language PLUS another year of World Language or 1 Year in CTE (Career Tech Education) or Visual Performing & Applied Arts (VPAA)

- ▶ Available Courses:
 - ▶ French 1 or Spanish 1
 - ▶ Spanish 2 (If you took Spanish 1 in Middle School)

Health/Physical Education

- ▶ Health
 - ▶ One semester is required
- ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ One semester is required

Personal Finance

- ▶ Typically taken sophomore year if not taking AP HUG or AP Business with Personal Finance
 - ▶ One semester is required

Electives

Business Education

- ▶ Business Education
 - ▶ Personal Finance
 - ▶ Creative Coding through Games & Apps
 - ▶ Computer Applications
 - ▶ Digital Multimedia 1 - Web Design
 - ▶ Digital Multimedia 2 - Video Production

Visual Arts

- ▶ Art Exploration
- ▶ Design Foundations
- ▶ Drawing Foundation
- ▶ Ceramics

Music

- ▶ No experience necessary
- ▶ Concert Band, Marching band, Choir, Guitar
- ▶ Music Teacher
 - ▶ Mr. Sims
sims@appublicschools.com

Woodworking/ Construction Trades Program

- ▶ Intro Woodworking
- ▶ Cabinet Making
- ▶ Furniture Making
- ▶ Home Repair
- ▶ Design and Structure

Engineering

- ▶ Introduction to Engineering (Project Lead the Way)
- ▶ Principles of Engineering (If IE taken in middle school)

Auto

- ▶ Small Engines
- ▶ Auto Electrical
- ▶ AUTOS 1

Drafting/CAD/ Architecture

- ▶ Drafting
- ▶ CAD
- ▶ 3D Design CAD 1
- ▶ Architecture 1 & 2
- ▶ Tradigital Studio



Counseling Department



Mr. Behta
(A-F)



Mrs. Gribble
(G-M)



Mr. Morang
(N-Z)



Mrs. Weaver
School Social Worker



Mrs. Waddell
School Social Worker

Counseling

- ▶ Counselors will support your students:
 - ▶ Academically
 - ▶ Creation of their Education Development Plan (EDP)
 - ▶ Class Selection
 - ▶ College/Trade/Military Applications
 - ▶ Navigate through Challenges
 - ▶ Socially & Emotionally
 - ▶ General Support
 - ▶ Problem Solving

Counseling

- ▶ If you have any questions for the counseling department, you can access the Counseling Department Website at
 - ▶ [https: APHS Counseling Department - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.aphs-counseling.com)
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Allen Park High School Clubs and Activities

- ▶ APAW
- ▶ ART CLUB
- ▶ Marching BAND
- ▶ BOOK CLUB
- ▶ CHOIR
- ▶ COLOR GUARD POM
- ▶ DRAMA CLUB
- ▶ INTERACT CLUB
- ▶ JAGUAR JOURNAL
- ▶ GIRL UP
- ▶ LINK CREW
- ▶ STAR
- ▶ MOCK TRIAL
- ▶ MODEL UN
- ▶ NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- ▶ PRISM
- ▶ ROBOTICS CLUB
- ▶ SCIENCE CLUB
- ▶ STUDENT COUNCIL
- ▶ WOMEN OF TOMORROW
- ▶ Christian Club
- ▶ Cooking Club
- ▶ Manga & Anime
- ▶ GIRLS GROUP
- ▶ Esports
- ▶ FIBER ARTS/YARN ARTS
- ▶ D&D/Board Games
- ▶ Christian Club
- ▶ Archery Club
- ▶ SADD

Sports At APHS

- ▶ Fall Sports: Football, Sideline Cheer, Girls Swimming, Volleyball, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys Tennis, Boys Soccer, Girls Golf
- ▶ Winter Sports: Competitive Cheer, Boys Swimming, Boys & Girls Basketball, Hockey, Boys & Girls Wrestling, Boys & Girls Bowling
- ▶ Spring Sports: Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys & Girls Track, Lacrosse, Esports, Girls Flag Football (club sport) , Boys Volleyball (exploratory)
- ▶ All APHS athletic try-out dates, schedules, athletic physical forms, online registration, etc. can be found at the athletic website:
<https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/allen-park-high-school-athletics>
- ▶ All athletes must have an athletic physical on file and have the online athletic registration completed before he/she may try-out or participate in athletics. (Physical must be done on or after April 15, 2026 to used in 2026-2027 school yr.)

Important Dates to Remember

- ▶ 9th Grade Orientation/JAG Day: **Week of August 27 8am - 2pm**
- ▶ First day of school: September 8th, 2026
- ▶ Course Request: March 11th and 18th

Student Tours

- ▶ Stem Lab
- ▶ Multiplex
- ▶ Woodshop
- ▶ Autoshop
- ▶ Gym
- ▶ Main Office
- ▶ Media Center

- ▶ Student Shop
- ▶ Computers/Accounting
- ▶ Math Department
- ▶ English/Special
Education/Social
Studies/Foreign Language
- ▶ Home Repair/CAD
- ▶ Science Department