

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



Look at the Week Ahead FOR PreK-3rd Grade Parents

Monday, October 19:

- No new announcements.

Tuesday, October 20:

- PEEHIP Flu Shot Clinic @ 8:30 am
- LIFEWISE
 - E. Allen and McMullen @ 10:20 am
- HOME Middle School Basketball Game vs. Robert Brown @ 5:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Karis Allen! We hope you have the best day!!
- SCHOOL PICTURE DAY @ UCS LYON! BOYS MUST WEAR THEIR TIES!!
- LIFEWISE
 - 2nd Grade @ 9:05 am
 - Dial @ 10:15 am
 - 1st Grade @ 11:00 am
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- Mini Cheer Camp in McConnell Field @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Auditorium
 - Boys Tumble @ 1:00-1:30
 - ALL Girls @ 1:30-2:30

Thursday, October 22:

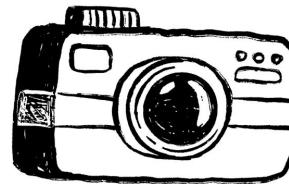
- Bus Evacuation Drills During PE Times
- LIFEWISE
 - E. Allen and McMullen @ 10:20 am
- Mini Cheer Camp in McConnell Field @ 3:30 pm

Friday, October 23:

- FIELD TRIP - Kindergarten to Pumpkin Patch in Chunky, MS
- HOME Football Game vs. JF. Shields @ 7:00 pm (Mini Cheer Camp Performance During Halftime)

PICTURE DAY

October 21st

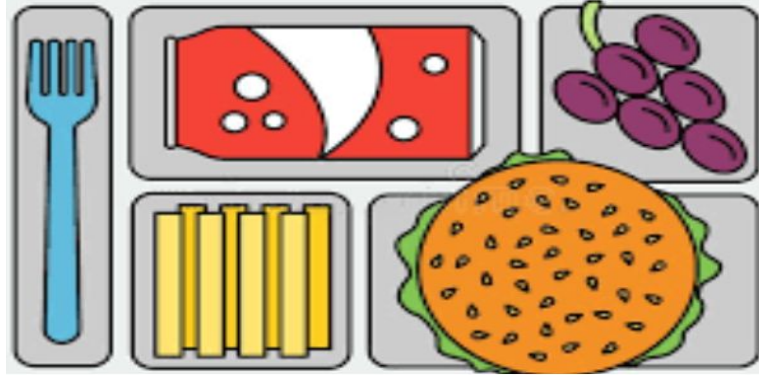


Make sure your student(s) are dressed in their dress uniforms and are ready to show off their best smile!

***Boys need to wear their ties for their picture.**

UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch



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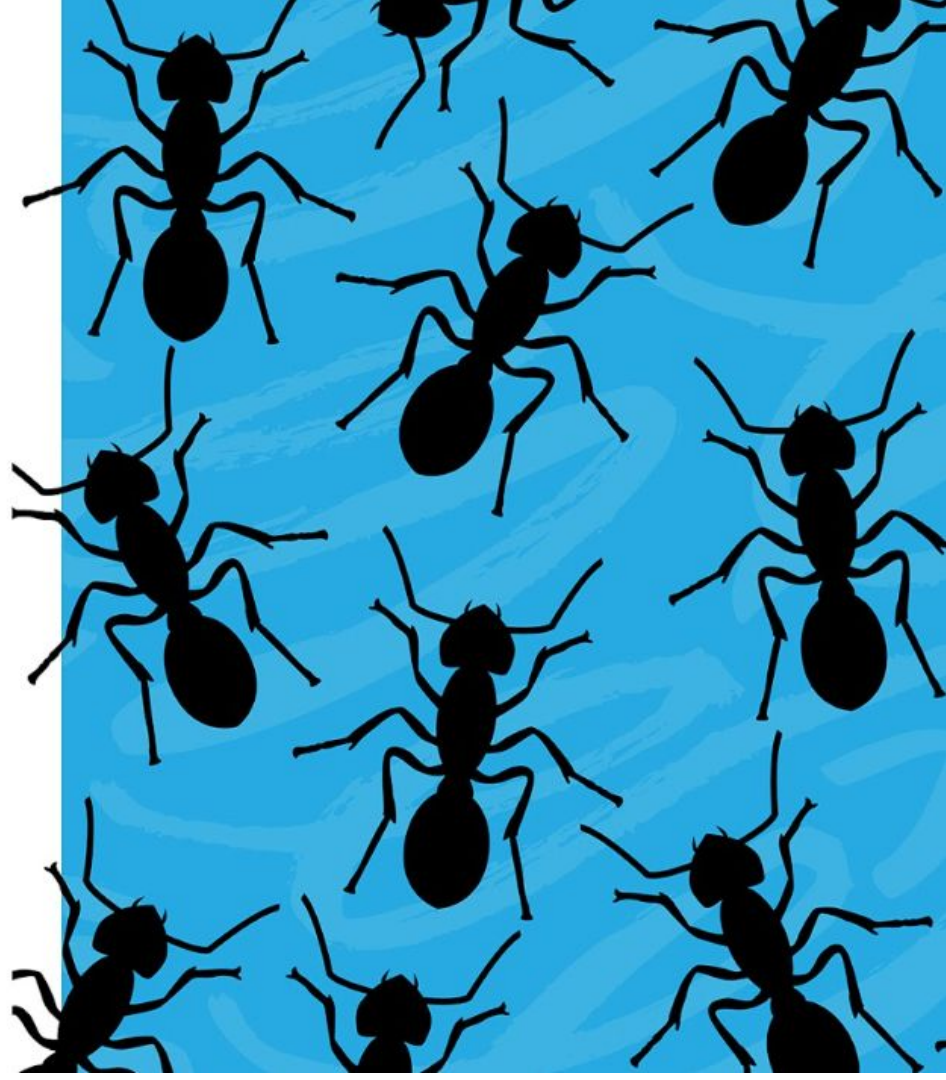
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INTEGRITY

Choosing to be truthful in
whatever you say and do



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Integrity OCTOBER 2026

SAY IT:

Integrity: Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- How does it make you feel when someone isn't truthful with you?
- How does it make you feel when someone is truthful, even when it is hard?

ASK A KID:

- Have you had someone tell you a lie recently? How did it make you feel?
- Can you think of a time you told a lie? How did that make you feel?

SEE IT:

Read the following quotes and have each family member pick their favorite. Tell each other why it is your favorite and what it means to you.

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish others." — Mark Twain

"The time is always right to do what is right." — Martin Luther King

"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad." — Abraham Lincoln

"Honesty is the best policy. If I lose my honor, I lose myself." — William Shakespeare

"Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either." — Albert Einstein

BE IT:

As a family, create a quote about honesty, truthfulness, and integrity. Decide why it is important, how it supports the family, how it improves your life and others' lives, and the positive impact it has on the world. Once you have a quote that summarizes the importance of integrity, write it on a poster and hang it where the whole family can read it every day. When you are in a situation that calls for honesty and integrity, remember your family quote and proceed with integrity.

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Before you can lead
someone where they need
to go, you need to know
where they are.

That's why it helps to understand what's changing....physically, mentally, relationally, culturally, emotionally, and morally.

The more you know them, the more they will...

- Know they matter.
- Believe they can win.
- Feel like they belong.
- Decide what they should do.

Remember, if you don't know who you are talking to, you can't really expect them to listen.

So don't miss it. The better you understand who your kids are now, the better they'll understand who they're meant to be.

RED RIBBON WEEK 2026

RED RIBBON WEEK is the nation's largest and longest running drug-use prevention campaign. Each year during the last week of October. The mission of RED RIBBON WEEK is to lead and support our nation's families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug-free young people.

At UCS Lyon, our students will learn about making healthy choices now rather than in the heat of the moment later during Mrs. Meadows' classroom PATH lessons.

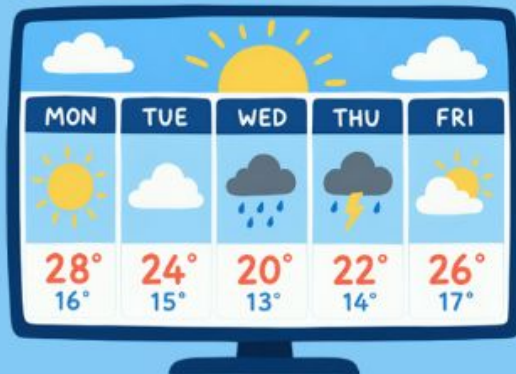
In honor of a special guest UCS Lyon will have during this week, our theme this year is

No Drugs in Our Forecast!

Please see the graphics on the next slide for our daily themes / dress-up opportunities.



Red Ribbon Week at UCS Lyon
October 26-30, 2026



UCS Lyon Red Ribbon Week Days



Monday, October 26

Wear sunglasses and a hat if you want shine; wear rain gear if you want rain.

Tuesday, October 27

Wear cold weather accessories.

Wednesday, October 28

Wear twisty / twirly clothing (spirals, swirls, tie-dye, etc.) or wear black (like the color of the sky during a bad storm).

Thursday, October 29

Dress like **JAMES SPANN!**
Wear a white shirt, tie, and suspenders!

Friday, October 30

Wear your favorite color or all the colors of the rainbow



UCS Volleyball 2026

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Aug 20	@ Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 21	@ Breakthrough JV: 5:30 / V: 6:30
Aug 27	Millry JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 24	@Millry Varsity: 4:00 vs. Wash Co 5:00
Aug 29	Varsity Tourny @ Demopolis		
Aug 31	@ Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 28	Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00 SENIOR NIGHT
Sept 1	Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 29	@ Linden Varsity: 5:00pm
Sept 3	RC Hatch Varsity: 5:00	Oct 6	Varsity TriMatch @ South Lamar 4:00 vs South Lamar 5:00 vs. Hillcrest
Sept 8	V vs. Linden 5:00 V vs. Breakthrough 6:15		
Sept 14	@ Pickens Varsity: 5pm	Oct 8	Varsity TriMatch @ ACA vs. ACA 4:30 vs. Brookwood 5:30
Sept 15	@ RC Hatch Varsity: 5pm	TBD	Area Tournament

Home Games

Away Games

2026 UCS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



@ HUBBERTVILLE 8/21



@ GREENSBORO 8/28



SWEET WATER 9/4



@ KEITH 9/11



FRANCIS MARION 9/18



ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN 9/25



@ RC HATCH 10/2



LINDEN 10/9



BREAKTHROUGH 10/16



JF SHIELDS 10/23

PLAYOFFS START
11/6

All Games are 7 pm Kickoff

2026 UCS JR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



HOLY SPIRIT 8/31



@ SWEET WATER 9/8



@ PICKENS ACADEMY 9/14



SWEET WATER 9/21



@ HOLY SPIRIT 9/29



PICKENS ACADEMY 10/5

All Games are 6 pm Kickoff

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS

2026

UCS LYON AND UCS SMITH
STUDENTS MAY PAY \$1 ON
THESE SPECIFIED SPIRIT FRIDAYS
TO WEAR A UCS T-SHIRT AND
JEANS OR DRESS TO THE SPIRIT
THEME. THE MONEY COLLECTED
SUPPORTS OUR UCS
CHEERLEADERS.

Spirit Day Guidelines

If students choose to dress according to the theme, all outfits should be school appropriate.

- Shirts must have sleeves, must fully cover the midriff, and cannot contain vulgarities.
- Shorts/skirts must be at least finger-tip length.
- Toy props cannot be brought to school.
- No face coverings, masks, hoodies, or extreme costumes allowed.

If students choose to wear jeans and a UCS t-shirt, jeans may not have any rips, tears, holes, or frays. Jeans may not have any words or phrases on them. Jeggings are not allowed at UCS Smith.

PK-3rd Grade female students who choose to participate may wear a UCS Cheer uniform.

If students choose not to participate, they must be in dressed in a regular uniform.

HANDLE HUBBERTVILLE

Aug 21

Saddle up in your best Western attire! Cowboy hats, western boots, flannel button ups, etc.

RAID THE RAIDERS

Aug 28

Wear gold, glitter, or anything that looks like treasure as UCS takes the treasure of a win.

BLAZE THE BULLDOGS

Sep 4

Wear RED from head to toe to light up the stands.

ON A BEAR HUNT

Sep 11

Break out your favorite camo gear and join us as we track down the bears.

HOCO

Sep 18

Our 2026 Homecoming theme will be announced very soon!

THROWBACK THE EAGLES

Sep 25

Travel through time by dressing in your favorite decade.

TAME THE BOBCATS

Oct 2

Wear leopard print, zebra stripes, khaki, or zookeeper gear.

RED, WHITE, & BEAT THE PATS

Oct 9

Show your patriotic pride in red, white, and blue

THE LAST RIDE

Oct 16

Celebrate Senior Night with your favorite NASCAR or racing gear.

PINK OUT THE PANTHERS

Oct 23

Wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness and cheer on the Blazers.



The Second Annual Miss Hunt & Gather Pageant is coming up. Get your applications in by 10/18/26.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfr8PtBiPjkjpdfCBQ9GgKHFJWYVwIObfmQ8z0FyWWj3qKYlw/viewform?usp=dialog>



Alabama Department of Public Health
Influenza Vaccine Administration Form

PATIENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Gender
Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Age	
Street Address	Phone		
City	County	State	Zip
School			

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION FOR DEPENDENTS

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Patient ☐ Parent ☐ Legal Guardian ☐ Other	
Street Address (if Different)	City	State	Zip
Phone	Emergency Contact		

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Provider (check one): ☐ Humana ☐ MEIB ☐ PEEHIP ☐ LGB			
Group Number		Insurance Policy Number or Medicare Number	
Card Holder Name	Last	First	Card Holder Date of Birth
Relationship to Patient ☐ Self ☐ Parent ☐ Legal Guardian ☐ Spouse ☐ Other			

VACCINATION AND HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION

Has the patient ever received a flu vaccination?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the patient have long-term health problems with: • Heart Disease • Lung Disease • Asthma • Kidney or Liver Disease • Metabolic Disease, such as Diabetes • Anemia and other Blood Disorders	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the patient have any life-threatening allergies, including a severe allergy to food (including eggs), a vaccine component, or latex? If YES, please list:	☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the patient ever had a severe reaction after a dose of influenza vaccine?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the patient had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS)?	☐ Yes ☐ No

I have read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) about the influenza virus and vaccine. I understand the benefits and risks of the influenza vaccine. I give permission for the above named patient to receive the vaccine indicated. I authorize billing insurance for the vaccine provided. I have also received notice of my privacy rights, and I have been given an opportunity to review a copy of the Alabama Department of Public Health "Notice of Privacy Practices." I understand this information is available upon request, as well as available for review at the time of vaccination. I understand this consent form is effective for six months from date of signature and any health changes to the child will be reported to the school nurse.

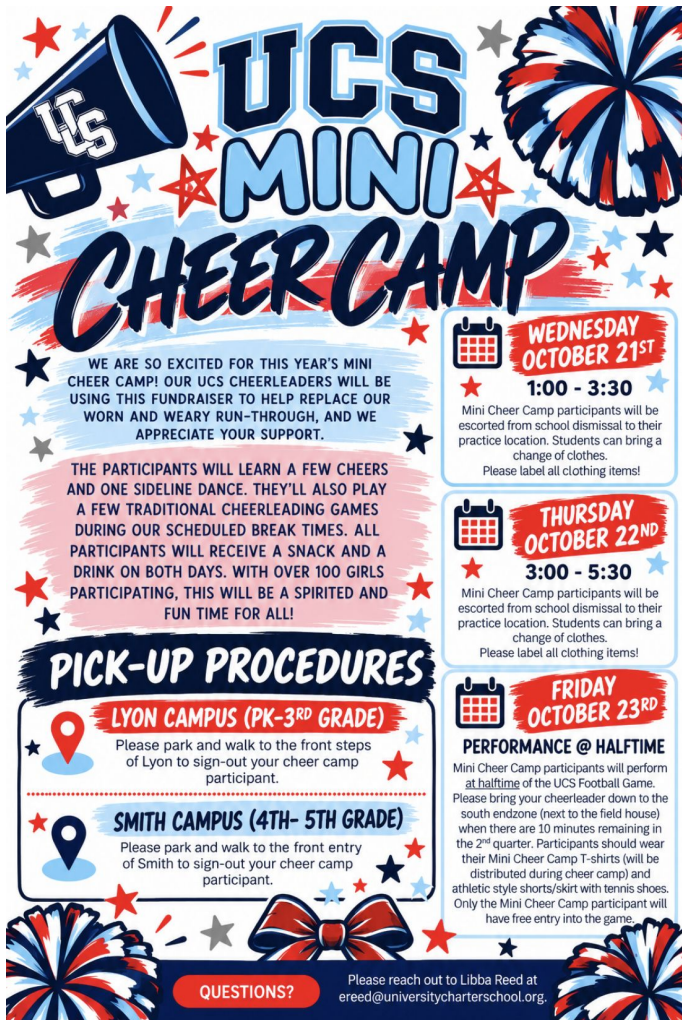
Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 14, or if receiving vaccination at school clinic regardless of age) _____ Date _____

(FOR CLINIC USE ONLY)

Date Vaccine and VIS Given	Type and Date of VIS	Clinical Site	County Code	NCES #
Vaccine Given: ☐ FLUARIX ☐ OTHER: _____				
Site Type: ☐ WELLNESS ☐ COUNTY CLINIC	Manufacturer	Lot Number	NDC # 38160-6725-52	Site of Injection LA RA
Nurse Signature	Date		Route IM	

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There will be a PEEHIP Flu shot clinic at UCS on 10/20/2026. The clinic will be at the Lyon campus from 8:30-10am, and will be at Smith campus from 11-12:30pm. **This is for students and staff with PEEHIP insurance only!** If your student is covered under PEEHIP and you would like for them to get a flu shot, please contact Nurse Kristen at kbeard@universitycharterschool.org or [205-754-3443](tel:205-754-3443) for a consent form. Thank You!



UCS MINI CHEER CAMP

WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR'S MINI CHEER CAMP! OUR UCS CHEERLEADERS WILL BE USING THIS FUNDRAISER TO HELP REPLACE OUR WORN AND WEARY RUN-THROUGH, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN A FEW CHEERS AND ONE SIDELINE DANCE. THEY'LL ALSO PLAY A FEW TRADITIONAL CHEERLEADING GAMES DURING OUR SCHEDULED BREAK TIMES. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A SNACK AND A DRINK ON BOTH DAYS. WITH OVER 100 GIRLS PARTICIPATING, THIS WILL BE A SPIRITED AND FUN TIME FOR ALL!

PICK-UP PROCEDURES

LYON CAMPUS (PK-3RD GRADE)
Please park and walk to the front steps of Lyon to sign-out your cheer camp participant.

SMITH CAMPUS (4TH- 5TH GRADE)
Please park and walk to the front entry of Smith to sign-out your cheer camp participant.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST
1:00 - 3:30
Mini Cheer Camp participants will be escorted from school dismissal to their practice location. Students can bring a change of clothes.
Please label all clothing items!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND
3:00 - 5:30
Mini Cheer Camp participants will be escorted from school dismissal to their practice location. Students can bring a change of clothes.
Please label all clothing items!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
PERFORMANCE @ HALFTIME
Mini Cheer Camp participants will perform at halftime of the UCS Football Game. Please bring your cheerleader down to the south endzone (next to the field house) when there are 10 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter. Participants should wear their Mini Cheer Camp T-shirts (will be distributed during cheer camp) and athletic style shorts/skirt with tennis shoes. Only the Mini Cheer Camp participant will have free entry into the game.

QUESTIONS? Please reach out to Libba Reed at ereed@universitycharterschool.org.

Parents of Mini Cheer Camp Participants,

Please review the attached information regarding next week's 2026 Mini Cheer Camp. Our Varsity and Middle School Cheerleaders are honestly so excited to work with your girls, and we're ready to see their performance on Friday night. NOTE: The Mini Cheer Camp participants will perform at **halftime** of the Varsity game on October 23rd. This is a change from what was previously communicated, so we want to ensure you see this information now. We will also send out this information several times next week.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

PTA Fundraiser 2026

COKE SALES FAQ's



WHAT?

Cases of 24, 20 oz drinks \$29.50 ea
Or 12 ct, 10 oz TUM E Yummies \$14.00 ea

WHEN?

Money & ORDERS DUE Nov 4

Delivery tentative on Nov 18th

WHO?

ALL UCS Students, Prek-12th Grade

HOW?

Complete Order form,
Pay with Cash or Check to UCS PTA



QUESTIONS, email:
UCSPTA@universitycharterschool.org

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LIVINGSTON PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT OUT TRUNK OR TREAT

A COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING
SAFETY, CONNECTION & FUN!



DATE:
**OCTOBER
23RD, 2026**



TIME:
5:30 P.M.



PARADE LOCATION:
**DOWNTOWN
LIVINGSTON**



EVENT LOCATION:
**JAYCEE
PARK**

Come join us for some food and fun !



★ **THANK YOU TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS & FIRST RESPONDERS!** ★

livingston first baptist church

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30 – Doors open for kids/students

5:45 – Dinner served

6:10 – Classes Start

7:00 – Kids Dismissed

JOIN THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL **PTA!**



**Join
Today**



There is no obligation to volunteer your time -
but your membership makes everything we do possible!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PTA MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE
DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS FOR FALL
FESTIVAL! JOIN NOW!



SCAN HERE
to sign up as a
Volunteer for the
upcoming Fall Festival
October 29



PTA Volunteer Spotlight

**Join us in saying
"THANK YOU"
to our
September
Volunteer of the
Month**

**VERONICA
TRIPLITT**





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NEED SOME GEAR?



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REP YOUR SCHOOL. SHOW YOUR PRIDE. | GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!

Don't forget to check out the UCS BSN Sideline store. There's a great variety of spirit wear to add to your collection. New items are added throughout the year. Grab some gear and show your Blazer Spirit!

**[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE
BSN SIDELINE STORE](#)**



UCS Blazer Boosters **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Join now for the 26-27 school year

Individual All-Sports Pass: \$100

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for 1 person

Family All-Sports Pass: \$200

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for family (*only members of the household*)



Individual



Family



Help **Child Find** Locate Children with Disabilities

What Is **Child Find**?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

How Does **Child Find** Work?

Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

Why Is **Child Find** Important?

It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ Hearing Impairment | ■ Speech and Language Impairment |
| ■ Deaf-Blindness | ■ Visual Impairment |
| ■ Intellectual Disability | ■ Specific Learning Disabilities |
| ■ Multiple Disabilities | ■ Autism |
| ■ Orthopedic Impairment | ■ Traumatic Brain Injury |
| ■ Other Health Impairment | ■ Developmental Delay |
| ■ Emotional Disability | |

For more information about **Child Find**,
contact your local school system, local
coordinating council, or call

(205) 652-3848

Ages 3-21

1-800-543-3098
Birth through 2



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