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General School Information

School Websites

Each school has a website. You can access any school from the main AUSD website under "Schools" in the bar along the top, or you can access your school directly by typing in the initials before *ausd.net*. (For example: Arcadia High School = ahs.ausd.net)

How To Use the School Website

Address and Phone Number - See the bottom left

Calendars - See the Holidays, Minimum Days, Collaboration Days for the year

Teacher Websites (Under **School Info** → **Contact Us**)- Access individual teacher websites

Nutrition Services (Under **Parents**) - View the menu and pay or view your account balance online

Peachjar eflyers (Bottom right) - Access flyers about events taking place at school and in the community

+Site-specific information

Report Absences

- If your child has a fever of 100.0°F or higher, throws up, or has diarrhea, do NOT send him/her to school. Leave a message to report the absence. You can leave a message on the school's general phone number or the dedicated attendance number for the high school (821-1770).
- If you will be away for more than 5 school days, ask the office if an independent study is an option. Generally, 2-3 weeks advance notice is required, except in the case of an emergency.

Please include the following information:

____ Student's First and Last Name
____ Student ID number
____ Date(s) of Absence
____ Reason for Absence
____ Parent's name and phone number

Dress Code

- Several elementary schools have uniforms from Monday-Thursday and “Free Dress” day on Friday. These can be purchased at stores such as *Old Navy*, *Target*, *Sears*, *Kohl’s*, and *Costco*. Top must have collars and sleeves.
 - **Camino Grove** - Tops: red, white, blue (light or royal, not turquoise) or yellow; Bottoms: navy blue, khaki or black
 - **Hugo Reid** - Tops: red, white, or navy blue; Bottoms: navy blue or khaki
 - **Holly Avenue** - Tops: light blue, navy blue, or white; Bottoms: navy blue, khaki or white
 - **Longley Way** - Top: white, light blue or navy blue (ONLY 5th graders may wear red.); Bottoms: navy blue or khaki
- Middle school and high school students have uniforms for P.E. (Physical Education). These are purchased at the school.
- Elementary and middle school students are asked to always wear socks and closed-toed shoes. They may only wear hats outdoors.

Breakfast and Lunch (See “Nutrition Services” on the school webpage under “Parents”)

- View the menu online.
- Pay and/or view your account balance online.
- Elementary students may bring money to the office to add to their accounts. They do not take cash or checks to the cafeteria.
- Middle and high school students may pay with cash in the cafeteria.
- Please do not send food that has to be heated up or deliver food to your child.

Music Programs

Elementary: Students in Grades 4-5 have the opportunity to learn a wind or string instrument. They have one lesson a week and are expected to practice at home each day.

Middle School: Students may select music as an elective and play in the band, orchestra, or percussion line. The band and percussion students march together in parades in the fall. Drill Team also performs in parades.

High School: Students may study an instrument, sing in a choir, or join color guard. They are strongly encouraged to attend Music Camp the week before school starts for essential practice and team building. Mandatory Beginning Marching Camp takes place in the summer before 9th grade for students in band and percussion.

Academic Information

Google Classroom

All students in Arcadia Unified School District have a student number and password (random letters and numbers). These will remain with the student as long as he/she is a student in the District, so it is imperative that your child learns these quickly and DOES NOT share them with anyone else.



Google Classroom can be accessed from home.

Select *Google Chrome*.

Sign in.

email: 5-digit student number @students.ausd.net (notice the “s” on “students”)

For example: 12345@students.ausd.net

password: long password with random letters and numbers

Look for the *Classroom* icon (Green and yellow rectangle with 3 people) at the bottom left side of the screen or in the “waffle” (nine dots next to the email address at the top right side of the screen).

If this does not work, type *classroom.google.com* into the search bar and you can access it that way.

If you have an **iPad**, you need to have the following apps in order to open Classroom and complete assignments: *Google Classroom*, *Google Drive* & *Google Docs*

Power School (www.powerschool.ausd.net)

Middle and high school students and parents use *Power School* to monitor grades on assignments. This is under “Parent/Student Portal” on the school websites. The school office provides the parent login information.

Conferences

- Feel free to contact your child’s teacher at any time. The best way to contact a teacher is through email. All AUSD staff members have an email address that ends with *ausd.net*.
- All elementary parents are asked to attend a conference with their child and teacher in the fall. Some will be asked to attend a conference again in the spring. At these conferences, students will share goals, show examples of their work, and self-assess their progress.
- Elementary and middle school parents should email the teacher directly, but high school parents should call the school at 821-1754 to schedule an appointment with a teacher.

Support Services

School Counselors:

Counselors are members of the education team. They provide valuable assistance to students by helping them achieve their academic goals, develop personal and social skills, and assist them reach their college and career goals.

Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA):

- Membership - ALL families are asked to join to support the organization
- PTSA Calendar (See “Calendars” in the bar along the top) - Learn about upcoming events at school
- Meetings – Monthly meetings are open to all parents
- Volunteering - Volunteer in the classroom, school, and for field trips and special events
- Fundraising
 - Register your grocery store cards (e.g. *Ralphs, Vons, Pavilions*) - A percentage of the sales are donated to the school or club of your choice.
 - Scrip (cash cards/gift cards) - Sold at each school, at the AEF Office, or through the mail.
 - Restaurant Nights - A percentage of the sales are donated to the school or club.

Booster Clubs (Parents Helping Parents):

(Look Under “Parents” in the top bar on the Arcadia High School website and under “Parent Involvement Activities” on the Foothills Middle School website.)

- Booster Clubs are groups of parents and students committed to the promotion of mutual understanding and participation in school district, PTSA, and activities at each school site. Members provide a wealth of information about the schools and community and exchange cultural ideas. There are Booster Clubs for athletics, music, and cultural groups.
 - **Arcadia High School Booster Club** (athletics) www.apacheboosters.com
 - **Arcadia Music Club** www.arcadiamusic.org
 - **Chinese Parents Booster Club** www.arcadiachineseparents.org
 - **Hispanic Parents Booster Club** See AHS.net under “Parents” along the top bar
 - **Korean Parents Booster Club** <http://arcadiakpa.blogspot.com/>

Arcadia Educational Foundation (AEF) - See main AUSD website

- The Arcadia Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1981 to raise funds for the District. It is administered by parent and community member trustees who represent the interests of each of Arcadia's 10 public schools.
- AEF runs the annual summer school program.
- AEF runs the scrip program and has a link to Amazon.com where a percentage of the sale is donated back to Arcadia schools.

Community Services

FREE Supervised Elementary Playgrounds (also known as “Rec”)

- Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. during the school year.
- Sign up with the Arcadia Recreation Department counselors at the picnic tables.

FREE Supervised Middle School After-School Program at the Arcadia Public Library (aka “Teen Zone”)

- Students may drop in and participate in various activities hosted by the Recreation Department.
- Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on AUSD or Library holidays.

Arcadia Public Library

20 West Duarte Road (on the corner of Santa Anita and Duarte)

- Hours: Monday-Thursday from 10am-9pm, Fridays & Saturdays from 10am-6pm
- You will need an Arcadia Public Library card. It is free. Applications are available at the front desk in English and Chinese. You will need photo ID for proof of address (such as a Driver’s License).
- There are a wide variety of programs available through the Library. These include:
 - **Children: Book Buddies** program for 4-8 year olds where teenager volunteers read to them each week; **Summer Reading Programs**; **TumbleBook Library** for audio books that highlight the sentence being read and educational video clips; **Homework Help**
 - **Teens: Teen Activities** including movies; **Homework Help**
 - **Adults: English Conversation** classes for adults on Monday mornings; **English Language** referral list; **Classical Music Concerts**; **Homework Help** which includes resume/cover letter assistance and writing labs.

Arcadia Community Center (and Recreation and Community Services Department Office)

365 Campus Drive (in the tip of the triangle between Huntington and Campus at Holly Ave.)

- Access the online version of “The Peacock Buzz,” the City of Arcadia Recreation, Library, and Museum Activities brochure.
- Sign up for a wide variety of classes and activities for all ages at the Recreation and Community Services Department office. Many classes are held in the Community Center and at Dana Middle School Gym.

Arcadia PAC (Performing Arts Center)

188 Campus Drive (at Arcadia High School)

- Attend a variety of events at the 1,150 seat theater.
- Events include school theater productions, music concerts, and dance performances, and a wide range of professional guest speakers, and musical and dance performances.

Local Sports & Clubs

The schools offer various sports and service clubs and there are several community organizations that provide opportunities for students of all ages to get involved.

Soccer: AYSO Region 2 <http://www.ayso2.org/registration.html>

- The soccer season is in the fall, but registration takes place in the spring. Watch PeachJar flyers for registration information.
- Practices take place during the week and games on the weekends at local parks and fields in the area.

Baseball (boys):

Santa Anita Little League <http://www.santaanital.org/Default.aspx?tabid=563012>

Arcadia American Little League <http://www.aallbaseball.org/default.aspx>

Arcadia National Little League
<http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=615419>

Arcadia Junior & Senior League
<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=arcadiajuniors>

Sierra Madre Pony Colt League <http://sierra-madre-pony-league.siplay.com/site/>

- Membership in Santa Anita Little League, Arcadia American Little League and Arcadia National Little League registration is determined by home address.
- The baseball season is in the spring, but registration takes place in the fall. There is also a Fall Ball option. Watch PeachJar flyers for registration information.
- Practices take place during the week and games are on weekdays and on the weekends at local parks and fields in the area.

Softball (girls): Arcadia Girls Softball Association <http://www.arcadiasoftball.org/>

- The softball season is in the spring, but registration takes place in the fall. There is also a Fall Ball option. Watch PeachJar flyers for registration information.
- Practices take place during the week and games are on weekdays and on the weekends at local parks and fields in the area.

Service Organizations:

Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts have troops at each elementary school. Older troops meet at local churches. Watch PeachJar flyers for more information.

Girl Scouts: Office is at 101 Wheeler Ave., Arcadia.

http://www.girlscoutsla.org/pages/about/join_girl.html

Boy Scouts: Office/store is at 3450 E Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena.

<http://www.scouting.org/>

Bilingual Resources

Registration Tutorial for Chinese Families

<http://a.ivwen.com/qnep2k> - Remember to hit play on the top of the video.

Bilingual English-Chinese website on Learning English and Succeeding in American Schools

www.achievalearn.com

- This website helps Chinese-speaking families understand how to learn English and the shift to Common Core State Standards.
- Videos explain the stages of second language acquisition and English language learning strategies and common issues facing ELD students.
- The website also has parenting strategies for supporting students.