

PIONEER

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2023 - 2024

Guide for Parents and Students
School Starts Monday, August 28



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PIONEER

HIGH SCHOOL

Pioneer: it means many things. It

means to be the first and to establish, to discover and set the standard. It means to set something in motion, to stir, to create. It means to evolve, to be bold, to be daring. At Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, we embody the word itself: humbly standing on the shoulders of accomplished alumni and educators. Creating an environment of excellence and expectation to forge a path for oneself. We are a conduit for passion, from world-class performing arts to nationally-recognized athletics to exceptional academic programs and clubs. We are a laboratory for life, encouraging exploration in whatever direction one goes. We believe in the diversity of thinking, individual passion and potential, yet we encourage collaboration, teamwork, and community. We are more than a high school,

Bold. Be Be a Pioneer



Non-Discrimination Policy
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No student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, immigration status, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, socioeconomic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, disability or veteran status. The superintendent or designee will handle inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy.

Greetings Pioneer Families,



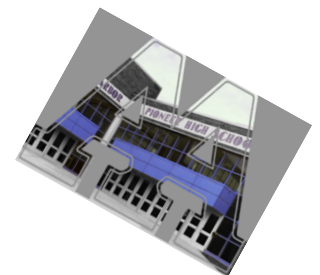
We would like to welcome you to Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. One of the most esteemed high schools in the state of Michigan with a rich tradition of producing students with excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, and myriad other pursuits. We are proud and honored that you have allowed us to partner with you to help create a path for your child's future successes. Pioneer has a plethora of unique offerings which will create many opportunities for every student to forge their own pathway in their post-secondary lives.

It is our goal to assist and guide every student and engage the community to create a wraparound for each student as we are committed to everyone's success. We also believe that all students have a voice and we are preparing them to learn to advocate for themselves and their respective groups appropriately. Our staff and student groups will work collaboratively to create a positive and safe school environment, both physically and emotionally. Student voice and leadership is part of our core beliefs, and we also look forward to working with the voice of the community.

We are excited about what the 2023-24 school year will bring. Our staff is prepared to lead and guide our students to greatness using a culturally responsive and trauma informed approach. Our students are primed and ready to achieve their goals. Let's enjoy this year and thank you for entrusting your child in our care. We consider this to be a great privilege.

Thank you,

Desmond Smith, Principal ([He](#), [Him](#), [His](#))
Principal, Pioneer High School



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR 2023-2024

Tuesday August 15 th	9 th grade	8:00 a.m.	A – Con	Tuesday August 15 th	11 th grade	12:00 p.m.	A – Con
		8:30 a.m.	Coo – Ha			12:30 p.m.	Coo – Ha
		9:00 a.m.	He – La			1:00 p.m.	He – La
		9:30 a.m.	Le – Par			1:30 p.m.	Le – Par
		10:00 a.m.	Pas – So			2:00 p.m.	Pas – So
		10:30 a.m.	Sp - Z			2:30 p.m.	Sp - Z
Wednesday August 16 th	10 th grade	8:00 a.m.	A – Con	Wednesday August 16 th	12 th grade	12:00 p.m.	A – Con
		8:30 a.m.	Coo – Ha			12:30 p.m.	Coo – Ha
		9:00 a.m.	He – La			1:00 p.m.	He – La
		9:30 a.m.	Le – Par			1:30 p.m.	Le – Par
		10:00 a.m.	Pas – So			2:00 p.m.	Pas – So
		10:30 a.m.	Sp - Z			2:30 p.m.	Sp - Z

Monday August 21st - 9th grade Freshman **Orientation** (Main Gym) 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Parents will need to return by 3:00 pm to pick up your student)

MAKE-UP REGISTRATION: Tuesday, August 22nd 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Students will receive a copy of their schedule at registration. A “QR” code will be posted at the time for students to request scheduling assistance from counselors. Counselors will not be available at registration.

All students must report to Pioneer High School to register for the 2023/2024 school year. Students will register according to the registration schedule above. You must be present for your registration at the time and on the date indicated. **Athletics practices or other school activities do not have priority over registration times and dates.** Please pay close attention to the registration schedule in this booklet. You cannot start early or enter the registration line after your scheduled time.

Make-up Registration occurs on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00pm - 8:00pm Please make every effort to attend your REGULARLY scheduled registration. On the first day of school, unregistered students must report to their respective class offices to complete the lengthy registration process. Not registering on time can be disruptive and might lead to lost classroom instructional time.

Obligations for books and other items from last year or previous years must be resolved. Notices containing our best information about your obligations have been emailed to you and your student or are available online via Destiny. Lost books and other unresolved obligations cost PHS thousands of dollars each year, and we try to collect as many of these missing items as we can. All obligations should be cleared before Friday, August 11, 2023. Uncleared obligations may extend the time it takes you to register. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Vazquez at vazqueza@aaps.k12.mi.us

All students must come prepared to have their picture taken. Students should wear clothing befitting the respectful setting of our school. Please do not wear hats, sunglasses or clothing that would contribute to a hostile environment. These pictures will be used in the 2024 yearbook publication.

Class list will be issued at Registration. Counselors will not be available to answer schedule questions but forms will be available. Due to the new Enrollment/registration process, counselors will not have appointments available during Registration. Change requests motivated by teacher preference will **NOT** be honored.

Use the Flagpole entrance to begin Registration. The first registration station is inside the A-Hall corridor. Registrants will pick up their ticket and proceed to the next stations. Please be present and on time. You may not enter early. Immunization and health records must be accurate and current. Lockers will be assigned at Registration. Please make sure that you have completed your registration paperwork in PowerSchool Enrollment **prior** to your registration date.



PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT

The staff of Pioneer understand the value of sharing information about student progress with parents. Therefore, we review the most effective ways of communicating with Pioneer teachers outside the formal parent/teacher conference schedules. Do not hesitate to ask for help from counselors and/ or administrators when you are attempting to contact teachers. This school is large, exciting, and very busy. All of us need to communicate well to increase the chances of success for your student. It is best to find out the preferred method of communication for each teacher. Most teachers prefer e-mail, but some prefer phone messages.

EMAIL. The majority of Pioneer teachers provide their e-mail addresses at the beginning of the school year. E-mail addresses are available on the AAPS web site (a2schools.org), at the General Office, and in each Grade level office. To reduce communication errors, please e-mail teachers so they can have your current and correct e-mail addresses. You should feel free to e-mail your questions throughout the school year.

PERSONAL CONTACT. It is possible to meet with your student's teachers during individual teacher's planning time throughout the year. Such meetings need to be arranged directly with the teacher in advance. Special personal contacts often serve your students well in that the formal conferences have a limited time period of ten to fifteen minutes.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES. At the beginning of the year for year-long courses, and at the beginning of each semester for semester-long courses, teachers distribute information about the course to students and their legal parent/ or guardian. This information, including other written information that comes from various classes and teachers from time to time, must be considered as very important. Please ask for assistance and clarification whenever you need it from teachers, administrators, or other support staff members.

2023 CAPSULE NIGHT

Capsule Night is an opportunity for parents to visit their students' teachers in a group setting and learn about the curriculum, procedures of particular classes, and other important aspects of the student experience at Pioneer High School. Teachers encapsulate their courses of study—thus, the name Capsule Night.

Capsule Night 2023 begins at **6:00 pm** in the auditorium on **Tuesday, September 14, 2023**. At this time, you will meet the administrators and receive a brief report on the state of the school in general. At 7:00 pm parents will begin to follow the same schedule as their students follow throughout the school day. This event is attended by a very large number of people and we hope you will join us. More information will become available prior to the event date.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

2023-2024 CONFERENCE DATES: (see below for conf. details)

Arena Style	September 28 th	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Signup 10/30 11/2	November 2 nd	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Signup 3/5 & 3/6	March 7 th	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences (Arena Style) - Thursday, September 28th, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, we have an "arena-style" conference opportunity where parents can meet with teachers of record to discuss progress and performance. This is a first come, first serve event. Teachers assemble at tables in the large gym, the small gym, and in the cafeteria. Parents line up and speak with the teacher for a few minutes to discuss their students' progress.

Parent Teacher Conferences (Signup) - Tuesday, November 2, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, we have "signup" style conferences. Parents have the opportunity to sign up for conferences online. The portal for sign up online will open on Tuesday, October 31st at 7:30 am and will close Wednesday, November 1st at 11:59 pm.

AND

Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, we have our final parent/teacher conferences. Parents have the opportunity to sign up for conferences online. The online signup portal will open on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30 am and will close Wednesday, February 28th at 11:59 pm.

Portal Web address: a2pioschedoffice.org



ONLINE RESOURCES & IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

There is an enormous amount of information and useful links at the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Pioneer High School Web addresses. Please "bookmark" and use these often:

Pioneer High School: www.a2pioneer.org
Pioneer Google Calendar: [link on the website](#)

Ann Arbor Public Schools Website: www.a2schools.org
Counseling Website: aapihiccounseling.weebly.com
Band Website: www.aapioneerbands.org
Choir Website: sites.google.com/a/aaps.k12.mi.us/pioneerchoirs
Orchestra Website: pioneerorchestras.squarespace.com
Pioneer Athletics: pioneerathletics.net
PTSO Website: aapioneerptso.digitalptso.com



Pioneer HS:
[@A2Pioneer](#)
Pioneer Athletics:
[@AAPioneerSports](#)
Ann Arbor Public:
[@A2schools](#)
Superintendent:
[@A2SchoolsSuper](#)

PHONE NUMBERS/Emails

Attendance	pioattendance@aaps.k12.mi.us
General Office	994-2120
Athletics Office	994-2151
Book Depository	994-2186
Records Department	994-2133

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT RESOURCES

Parental Involvement — There are many ways for parents to become involved at school. You may wish to chaperone a dance, work with a committee discussing school policy, assist a class secretary or class principal at school, or work at the PTSO student store. We will find a way for you to serve. Remember, the best involvement begins and ends with your assistance in the academic work of your student. Be sure to review all syllabi from teachers. Please note that all parents/volunteers must pass a background check through iChat.

Parent Teacher Student Organization. The PTSO is a large, important parent support group. Its focus is on the entire school. In addition to providing volunteers for various school activities, the PTSO operates a school store that is open during lunch. The proceeds from this store go toward a substantial PTSO Grants program for individual staff members and school programs as well as other expenditures supporting the school throughout the year. Specifically, the PTSO funds a Newsletter which comes out nine times a year. The PTSO Newsletter is an essential source of information for the school community. The PTSO meets most second Tuesdays of each month. Specific information will be available on the website.

Athletic Booster Club. This group meets five times a year. This is a group committed to support and fundraising for the Pioneer Athletic Teams. Some individual sports have separate booster clubsspecific to the sport. Contact the head coach if you wish to participate.

Equity Team. Pioneer High School is involved with the districtwide initiative to bring equity to all students and staff. The school's Equity Committee meets on a regular basis, and all equity-related activities of all academic departments are closely monitored.

Music Groups and Theater Guild. The Pioneer Band Association, the Pioneer Orchestra Parents Society, the

Friend of the Pioneer Choirs, and the Theater Guild are important fundraising and parent support organizations for their respective student groups. Meeting dates vary and may be accessed either on the web or directly from the information given to students by music teachers. The Orchestra Parents Society and the Friends of the Pioneer Choirs generally meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

School Improvement Team. Parents from upper and lower grade levels are members of the Pioneer School Improvement Team. If you are interested, please contact the Building Principal to see if there is an opening.

Ad Hoc Hiring Committees. Another important way parents can support the school is through the hiring process. Whenever possible, we include parents on our employment interview committees. Involvement in this process can have an important, long-term effect on the quality of the school. Speak with any of the administrators and volunteer your services for this opportunity to make a lasting impact on Pioneer High School.

Meetings with Individual Administrators. Parents may call or email to make appointments to see individual administrators as needs arise. Often, we encourage an even larger team meeting to work together in an attempt to solve student problems.

School Activities. Please come and enjoy our school activities. Well-attended drama and music productions are away of life at Pioneer High School. If you have never attended, you are in for a pleasant surprise. There is an always active and vocal parent support group at practically every athletic event, home or away. You will see teachers, students, and administrators, and before long, even if you started by knowing absolutely no one, you will begin to see familiar faces and friendly people. The more we see you and know you, the smaller this school becomes.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL SINGLE SIGN-ON DIRECTIONS

From your internet browser go to the PowerSchool Parent Portal: pschool.aaps.k12.mi.us

Parents/guardians may not log directly into PowerSchool. Instead, each parent/guardian should create an account and then link students to the account using the codes provided to you by your school(s).

If you created an account last year, please continue using it--you do not need to create a new account for this year. If you have created an account in the past but cannot remember your login or password, click the 'Having trouble signing in?' link. Reminder emails will be sent automatically if the email entered matches an existing account.

To create a parent/guardian account, you will enter the following information:

- ☒ **Name** – Your first and last name
- ☒ **Email** – Power School student notifications and correspondence related to your guardian account will be sent to this email.
- ☒ **Desired Username** – Your username will be your unique PowerSchool login. Note: Do not use your email address as a username.
- ☒ **Password** – Passwords must be at least 6 characters long.
- ☒ **Student Access Information** – Information for a minimum of one student. This includes the Parent Access ID and Access Password for each student and your relationship to the student.

Note! the Access ID and password are case sensitive.

Once you have created the account and added your child(ren), click the **ENTER** button at the lower right corner of the screen. You then will be directed back to a login screen where you will use the new login and password that you just created.

Note: If you do not yet have access codes for all your kids, you can create your account with just one student and then add the others later under **Account Preferences**. Contact the school or class office secretary to request a copy of the PowerSchool Parent Access reminder letter. **Pioneer High School prints Parent/Guardian PowerSchool access information on each report card.**

After logging in you will see the main Parent Portal screen. Across the top you will see a tab for your child(ren). On the left navigation bar there are the usual links to screens providing information about grades, attendance, emailing progress notifications, school bulletin, fee balances, and more. Toward the bottom left you will see the District Code of GGFF - use this with the PowerSchool Mobile App for iPhone or Android.

Clicking on *Account Preferences* tab in the left navigation bar brings you to an Account Preferences Profile screen. Here you can change your email, username, or password. Selecting the *Students* tab from the Account Preferences screen takes you to a window where you can add additional children to your account. You will need the web ID and access code for each student you wish to add. If you do not have the account information for one of your kids, you can request it from the school or class secretary. The school will mail a copy of the info to your home address. A list of school phone numbers is available here: www.a2schools.org/ourschools.

If you have trouble setting up your account, you may email psparent@aaps.k12.mi.us for technical support. Additional help documents are also available on the AAPS PowerSchool Resource

2023-2024 TESTING INFORMATION

Information, applications and registration materials are available in the Career Center. Juniors are required, in the month of April 2024, to take the MME (SAT/ACT WorkKeys)

Our school code used to register for testing is available through counselors, Class Offices and the Career Center. All students, including standbys, will upload a photo and provide gender. Photo and gender will be printed on all tickets, rosters, and score reports.

Photo ID Required – Only these forms accepted on test day: Government issued photo ID (such as driver's license), school ID card with photo, school ID letter with photo, notarized statement with photo.

Stringent ID Requirements for Admission: All test centers will be required to print test center rosters showing the name, photo and gender of each student eligible to test at that test center. Students not listed on the rosters will not be admitted. Students must bring BOTH an acceptable photo ID and their ticket with photo. Testing staff will ensure that the student who arrives to test looks like the person in all three photos: ID, ticket and roster. The names and information on the ID, ticket, and roster must match.

Simplified Standby Process: Students who miss the late registration deadline will be required to request standby testing online in advance of test day and must print a standby ticket. Students who want to make a Test Center or Test Date Change after the late registration deadline will be required to request the change online in advance of test day and print a standby ticket. Standbys, including Test Center/Test Date changes, will be listed on a new Standby Roster – no more walk-ins on test day, no more Roster Additions Form to fill out. For more information, please visit the ACT website: <http://www.act.org>

ACT (American College Test): www.act.org

SAT Test Dates and Deadline: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test): will take place on October 11, 2023.

M-STEP 11 (Testing Window): April 8 – May 17, 2024

ACT WorkKeys April 11th

PSAT Testing: April 11, 2023

PSAT Testing: April 17, 2023

SAT w/Essay: April 17th, 2024

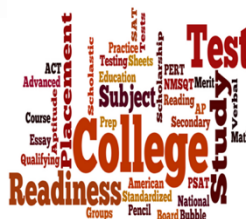
AP (Advanced Placement Examinations): May 6th - May 17th, 2024

Important Websites:

www.collegeboard.org

www.michigan.gov/mde

www.khanacademy.org/test-



Michigan Merit Examination
MME

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR AT THE TEST CENTER

You will be dismissed and your answer document will not be scored if you are found:

Filling in or altering ovals on a test or continuing to write the essay after time has been called on that test

- Looking back at a test on which time has already been called
- Looking ahead in the test booklet
- Looking at another examinee's test booklet or answer document
- Giving or receiving assistance
- Having another person test under your name
- Using a prohibited calculator
- Using a calculator on any test other than the Mathematics Test
- Sharing a calculator with another examinee
- Using any device to share or exchange information at any time during the tests or during breaks (all electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off from the time you are admitted to test until you are dismissed after testing concludes)
- Attempting to remove test materials, including test questions or answers, from the test room by any means
- Using highlight pens, colored pens or pencils, scratch paper, notes, dictionaries, or other aids
- Not following instructions or abiding by the rules of the test center
- Exhibiting confrontational, threatening, or unruly behavior
- Creating a disturbance or allowing an alarm or phone to sound in the test room ACT may confiscate and retain indefinitely any electronic device, including a cell phone, used in violation of this list of prohibited behaviors. Examinees who are dismissed due to prohibited behavior forfeit their registration for that test date. There are no options for refunds or appeals in situations involving prohibited behavior.

Cheating hurts everyone – if you see it, report it

Students who don't do their own work put honest students at a disadvantage. Whether it's using a cheat sheet, copying someone else's work, or sending another person to take the test, we all feel cheated when someone tries to game the system.

Every examinee deserves the chance to show what they have learned. ACT has designed its testing procedures to give you and other honest students an equal opportunity to demonstrate your own academic achievement on a fair and equal playing field.

If you suspect that someone is trying to take unfair advantage or encounter anything else out of the ordinary, please report it to ACT. **You can make an anonymous report about test security concerns by calling the ACT hotline number (1-877- 777-7296) or through our security website.** Keep the ACT fair. Report cheating.

Why We Do This

Our test security procedures are designed to ensure that examinees have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic achievement and skills, that examinees who do their own work are not unfairly disadvantaged by examinees who do not, and that scores reported for each examinee are valid.

ADMINISTRATORS

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Jodi Bullinger	Dean (9 th Grade)	bullinge@a2schools.org

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Records Office	Brenda Martinez-Rivera	piorecords@a2schools.org
Counseling	Kahtie Lee	phscounseling@a2schools.org
Finance	Kelly Elam	elamk@a2schools.org



There is a strong correlation between academic success and student involvement in activities. We invite all students to seek groups of activities appropriate to their various personalities and interests. While this list is up to date as of print, please be sure to check the website for the most accurate list and more specific information regarding each club and when they meet. Some clubs change staff advisors so please check the website for updates



SAMPLE CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

ANIME CLUB
BSU
CHESS CLUB

PROJECT PERIOD
PIONEER RED CROSS
PIONEER PRIDE

WOMEN OF TOMORROW
INTEREACT CLUB
ART CLUB

MEDICAL SCIENCES
ART CLUB
CODING CLUB

New clubs form each year. Any group of students can form a club so long as the membership and content of the club activities are appropriate. Clubs offer an opportunity to make friends with persons of like mind and interest, and clubs can help make a large school seem smaller.

Pioneer Athletics - Head Coach Directory

Athletic Office: (734) 994-2151
 Athletic Fax : (734) 994-2172
 Strength & Conditioning - Brandon Webb
 Athletic Trainer - Meghan Mahoney

Athletic Director : Eve Claar
claar@aaps.k12.mi.us
 Athletic OP : Maureen (Mo-Jo) Murrett
murrettm@aaps.k12.mi.us

Please contact coaches directly for try-out and practice times, questions, and locations

Women Men FALL SPORTS

Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email	Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email
Cheer	Aug. 7 734-972-0446	Erin Wojciechowski erin_10@ymail.com	Cross Country	Aug. 7 734-417-7390	Don Sleeman reagan.sleeman@gmail.com
Cross Country	Aug. 7 734-330-8160	Nancy Boudreau nboudre@bgsu.edu	Football	Aug. 7 503-545-2254	Calvin Griggs calvingriggs17@gmail.com
Equestrian	Aug. 7	Julie Fleming (Skyline) judgejulia33@aol.com	Soccer	Aug. 7 734-478-2388	Jon Sundermann towhedz1@gmail.com
Field Hockey	Aug. 7 734-646-4507	Jane Nixon nixon@aaps.k12.mi.us	Tennis	Aug. 7 734-223-0259	Tom Pullen kjpullen@msn.com
Golf	Aug. 7 734-904-5197	Bill Lyle bill.lyle@kapnick.com	Equestrian	Aug. 7	Julie Fleming (Skyline) judgejulia33@aol.com
Swim & Dive	Aug. 7 734-320-3151	Stefanie Kerska skerska@umich.edu	Rowing	Aug. 21 240-736-9712	Scott Menoch headcoach.pioneerrowing@gmail.com
Volleyball	Aug. 7 616-893-3939	Allison Boone Green a2pioneer Volleyball@gmail.com	Water Polo	Aug. 7 734-355-3351	Don Packard packard@aaps.k12.mi.us
Rowing	Aug. 21 248-736-9712	Scott Menoch headcoach.pioneerrowing@gmail.com			

Women Men WINTER SPORTS

Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email	Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email
Bowling	Nov. 13 650-504-0176	Marti Marshall itram0814@gmail.com	Bowling	Nov. 13 650-504-0176	Marti Marshall itram0814@gmail.com
Basketball	Nov. 20 734-747-1232	Tyrone Hicks tyrone.hicks@mac.com	Basketball	Nov. 13 734-845-1310	Rich Marion rmarrion04@gmail.com
Cheer	Nov. 13 734-972-0446	Erin Wojciechowski erin_10@ymail.com	Ice Hockey	Oct. 30 734-604-7519	Drew Collins A2coachdrew@gmail.com
Figure Skating	Nov. 6 832-859-0667	Claire Mifsud clairemifsud16@gmail.com	Swim & Dive	Nov. 20 734-320-3151	Stefanie Kerska skerska@umich.edu
Ice Hockey	Oct. 30	OPEN	Wrestling	Nov. 13	John Fisher fisherj@aaps.k12.mi.us
Synchro Swim	Nov. 20 734-395-8899	Alice Seipelt alice.seipelt@gmail.com			

Women Men SPRING SPORTS

Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email	Sport	Start / Cell	Head Coach / Email
Lacrosse	March 11 734-904-5354	Zach Maghes zmaghes@gmail.com	Baseball	March 11 734-262-0022	John Knorr johnnyk5954@yahoo.com
Rowing	March 11 248-736-9712	Scott Menoch headcoach.pioneerrowing@gmail.com	Golf	March 11 734-904-5197	Bill Lyle bill.lyle@kapnick.com
Soccer	March 11 734-904-5198	Siobhan Norman siobhanenorman@gmail.com	Lacrosse	March 11 734-645-9682	Alan Keicher keicher4@hotmail.com
Softball	March 11 734-646-1603	Kim Waddell kwaddell12@yahoo.com	Rowing	March 11 248-736-9712	Scott Menoch headcoach.pioneerrowing@gmail.com
Tennis	March 11 734-223-0259	Tom Pullen kjpullen@msn.com	Track	March 11	Don Sleeman reagan.sleeman@gmail.com
Track	March 11 734-330-8160	Nancy Boudreau nboudre@bgsu.edu			
Water Polo	March 11 734-276-6400	Will Hart a2phspolo@gmail.com			

ONLINE INFORMATION

AA Pioneer Athletic Website : www.pioneerathletics.net

Twitter : follow @AAPioneerSports

Please contact coaches directly for try-out and practice times, questions, and locations

All sports follow MHSAA rules

Student Achievement Team - The Student Achievement Team at Pioneer High School convenes as necessary to support the needs of individual students with academic, behavioral, attendance, substance abuse, and/or emotional concerns. The team is typically comprised of the student, parents/ guardians, guidance counselor, teachers, and a building administrator. When appropriate, a representative from the special education department, such as a teacher consultant, school psychologist, and/or school social worker, may also be included. The team utilizes a problem-solving process to: 1) review information to identify/analyze the concern, 2) generate ideas to help the student be more successful in school, 3) implement a plan of supports, and 4) collect data to monitor progress. Interventions are designed to include classroom/school accommodations, as well as student and parent responsibilities. Based on data collected and reviewed, the team may recommend an evaluation (for a Section 504 Plan and/or special education eligibility), as well as referrals to appropriate resources within the school or community. Parents and staff members may request a Student Achievement Team meeting through the student's counselor.

"Section 504" Plans - Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) permit students to receive accommodations in the completion of their school work. A student 504 plan must begin anew when a student comes to a new school. Parents/guardians of students who are new to Pioneer must initiate a new Achievement Team process by contacting the student's counselor.

Special Education Services - Students with current special education certification who are new to Pioneer should contact the student's counselor for further direction. An Individualized Education Plan carries over from one school to the next—for at least thirty days—but the school and the Special Education Department must be made aware of the plan.

Counselors - Counselors are available throughout the school year to work with students on problems both at school and, when appropriate, outside of school. Our school counselors are dedicated to assisting students and helping all of the students here at school. This is their responsibility, and students need to feel comfortable seeking help from their counselors.

Attendance - Attendance at school is mandatory, and parents may be held legally accountable for their students' attendance problems. **Regular, focused attendance at school has been shown over and over by researchers to be closely connected to student success.** At Pioneer High School, we work with students, parents, community advocates, and various government and private agencies to help students do the right thing: come to school and be successful.

Alternative Placement - No school is perfect for every single individual. This could be the case for your student. The last thing we want is for students to suffer quietly and anonymously. Sometimes school officials come to believe that Pioneer High School is not working for one or more individuals, and we work with students and their families to effect a change that results in a better educational opportunity. Often, it is the families or individual students themselves who come up with alternative ideas that may lead to more promising educational and social results.

The Pioneer Learning Center - is an after school educational enrichment program offered at Pioneer High School. The mission of the Pioneer Learning Center is to offer a structured learning environment for all students that also supports struggling and reluctant students learn the skills necessary for academic achievement in addition to providing specific subject-based tutorial assistance. While students in need are the focus of this supplementary program, the Pioneer Learning Center is open to all Pioneer students. The program is designed to provide a constructive educational environment for students after school in an effort to enhance an already strong positive academic culture within the Pioneer community as a whole.

Dual Enrollment and Split Enrollment - Referred to elsewhere in this pamphlet, students may have the option of taking some classes here at Pioneer and others at one of the other schools or even a local college or university. Please contact your counselor for more information about alternative enrollment possibilities. There are also Community Resource (CR) classes and distance learning alternatives.

Administrative Action - Often it is necessary for students to be removed from school temporarily for health, safety, disciplinary, or other reasons. Having a student go home does not mean that they have done anything wrong, but it still may be in a student's best interest to do so at the time. Sending a student home is a last resort, and the administration will work closely with students and their families to avoid this eventuality.



PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL 2023- 2024

CLASS BELL SCHEDULE



REGULAR		
START		END
8:00	1st hr	8:58
9:05	2nd hr	10:05
10:12	3rd hr	11:10
11:17	4th hr LL Class	12:15
11:10	Early Lunch Juniors Seniors	11:37
11:44	4th hr EL Class	12:42
12:15	Late Lunch Sophomores Freshmen	12:42
12:49	5th hr	1:47
1:54	6th hr	2:52
2:59	7th hr	3:57

EARLY RELEASE		
START		END
8:00	1st hr	8:27
8:34	2nd hr	9:01
9:08	3rd hr	9:35
9:43	4th hr	10:09
10:16	5th hr	10:43
10:50	6 LL	11:17
10:43	Early Lunch	11:13
11:17	Late	11:47
11:20	6 EL	11:47
11:54	7th hr	12:21

EXAMS							
DAY	START	PERIOD	END	DAY	START	PERIOD	END
TUE	8:00	1	9:40	THU	8:00	4	9:40
	10:00	7	11:40		10:00	5	11:40
WED	8:00	2	9:40	FRI	8:00	6	9:40
	10:00	3	11:40		10:00	Make Ups	11:40

ASSEMBLY BELL		
START	PERIOD	END
8:00	1	8:47
8:53	2	9:40
9:46	3	10:33
10:39	4	11:26
11:32	Lunch	12:02
12:08	5	12:55
1:01	6	1:48
1:54	Pep Assembly	2:51
2:57	7	3:44

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2023

8/15 9th Grade Registration | 8:00 am – 11:00 am
8/15 11th Grade Registration | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
8/16 10th Grade Registration | 8:00 am – 11:00 am
8/16 12th Grade Registration | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
8/21 Freshmen Orientation 11:00 – 3:00 pm
8/22 Make-up Registration | 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
8/25 PHS Home Football game
8/28 First Day for Students - Full Day
8/29 Freshman Welcome Week
8/31 Class Meeting. | 2nd, 3rd, 5th, & 6th hrs.

September 2023

9/1 **NO SCHOOL for students & staff**
9/4 **LABOR DAY - No school for students & staff**
9/8 Drop/Add/CR Deadlines
9/13 Senior Parent Meeting
9/13 Capsule Night Introduction | 6:30 pm
9/13 Capsule Night | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
9/14 Wagon Gate
9/15 ***Rosh Hashanah
9/16 ***Rosh Hashanah
9/17 ***Rosh Hashanah
9/22 **1st Q. Interim Marking Period Ends**
9/24 ***Yom Kippur
9/25 ***Yom Kippur
9/27 **Early Release Day/Professional Development Day**
9/28 Parent Teacher Conferences (Arena Style) | 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

October 2023

10/4 **Count Day**
10/5 Fall Orchestra Concert | 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
10/6 Pep Assembly
10/6 PHS Home Football Game
10/7 Home Coming Dance til 11:30 pm
10/11 11th – PSAT NMSQT
10/11 Fall Choir Concert (Time)
10/13 **Fall Break NO SCHOOL**
10/16 **Fall Break NO SCHOOL**
10/27 **1st Quarter Marking Period Ends**

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

10/28 All Hollows Band Concert / 7:30 pm

10/31 **Early Release Day**

10/31 P/T Conferences Sign Up Online

November 2023

11/1 P/T Conferences Sign Up Online

11/2 Parent Teacher Conferences | 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

11/7 **ELECTION DAY – NO SCHOOL for students**

11/9 TG Opening Night Presents "Adams Family" | 7:00 pm

11/10 TG Presents "Adams Family" | 7:00 pm

11/11 TG Presents "Adams Family" | 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

11/12 TG Presents "Adams Family" | 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

11/17 Senior Pictures Due

11/22 **No School**

11/23 **THANKSGIVING BREAK - No school for Staff & Students**

11/24 **No School**

11/27 School Resumes

December 2023

12/1 **2nd Quarter Interim Ends**

12/6 Early Release Day

12/7 Winter Orchestra Concert | 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Schreiber Auditorium

12/14 Winter Band Concert | 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

12/20 Winter Choir Concert | 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

12/25 **WINTER BREAK - No School for students & staff 25th - 29th**

January 2024

1/1 **WINTER BREAK - No School for students & staff 1st - 5th**

1/8 School Resumes

1/15 **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – No School for Students**

1/16 1st hr. & 7th hr. Exams – ½ Day - EXAM WEEK

1/17 2nd hr. & 3rd hr. Exams – ½ Day - EXAM WEEK

1/18 4th hr. & 5th hr. Exams – ½ Day -EXAM WEEK

1/19 6th hr. & Make Up Exams, (scheduled w/ Teacher)

1/19 End of 1st Semester

1/22 1st Day of 2nd Semester

1/26 Class Meeting (9th 10th 11th 12th)

1/26 TG Winter Play 7:00 pm

1/27 TG Winter Play 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Schreiber Auditorium

1/28 TG Winter Play 2:00 pm

1/29 School Theatre Guild Performance Play TBD

1/31 Early Release Day for All Students

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 2024 Black History Month

- 2/7 Incoming 9th Grade Curriculum Night
- 2/8 **COUNT DAY**
- 2/10 Future Stars*2023
- 2/12 NAAPID Day
- 2/16 **MID WINTER BREAK - No school for students & staff**
- 2/19 **MID WINTER BREAK - No school for students & staff**
- 2/20 **MID WINTER BREAK - No school for students & staff**
- 2/27 Choir Night @ Hill Auditorium
- 2/28 Orchestra Night @ Hill Auditorium

March 2024 Women's History Month

- 3/5 P/T Conferences Sign Up Online
- 3/6 Early Release Day
- 3/6 P/T Conferences Sign Up Online
- 3/7 Parent Teacher Conferences | 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
- 3/7 Concerto Concert 7:00 pm Schreiber Auditorium
- 3/10 *****Ramadan**
- 3/11 *****Ramadan**
- 3/16 Bands in Review
- 3/19 Choral Cavalcade
- 3/23 Science Fair (TBD)
- 3/25 **SPRING BREAK - No School for students & staff 3/25 – 3/29**
- 3/29 **3rd Quarter Marking Period Ends**

April 2024 M-STEP 11 (Testing Window) April 8th – May 17th

- 4/1 School Resumes
- 4/1 **4th Quarter Marking Period Starts**
- 4/5 Pre-Bubbling
- 4/9 *****EID AL-FITR**
- 4/10 *****EID AL-FITR**
- 4/11 ACT WorkKeys, PSAT Testing
- 4/17 PSAT Testing
- 4/17 SAT w/Essay Testing
- 4/22 *****Passover**
- 4/23 *****Passover**
- 4/24 *****Passover**
- 4/26 **4th Q. Interim Marking Period Ends**
- 4/28 *****Palm Sunday Orthodox**
- 4/30 **Early Release Day for All Students**

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

4/30 Transition Day "8th Grade Extravaganza"

May 2024 AP Testing May 6th – 17th

5/2 PTG Presents "Mean Girls" 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/3 PTG Presents "Mean Girls" 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/6 Senior Class Meeting

5/7 **NO SCHOOL for students (Election Day)**

5/10 Senior Prom | 6:00 pm University of Michigan

5/11 WESO

5/15 **Early Release Day for All Students**

5/18 TG Presents "Student Production" 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/19 Picnic Pops

5/20 Senior Cedar Point Field Trip

5/21 Spring Choir Concert 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/22 Spring Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/23 Spring Band Concert 7:30 pm Schreiber Auditorium

5/24 *7th hr. Senior Exams (tbd)*

5/27 **MEMORIAL DAY - No School for students & staff**

5/28 *6th /5th hr. Senior Exams (tbd)*

5/29 *4th /3rd hr. Senior Exams (tbd)*

5/30 *2nd /1st hr. Senior Exams (tbd)*

5/31 *Senior Clap Out / Class Photo/Survey/Cap & Gown Pick up*

5/26 **4th Quarter Interim Marking Period Ends**

5/26 Commencement Ceremony | 6:00 pm Eastern Michigan University

5/26 All Senior All Night Party 10:30 - 3:00am

5/28 Picnic Pops

June 2024

EXAM WEEK

6/6 Pioneer High School Graduation

6/10 1st & 7th hr. Exams – ½ Day - EXAM WEEK

6/11 2nd & 3rd hr. Exams – ½ Day - EXAM WEEK

6/12 4th hr. & 5th hr. Exams – ½ Day - EXAM WEEK

6/13 6th hr. & Make Up Exams, (scheduled w/ Teacher) Last Day of School

6/13 **End of 2nd Semester**

COUNSELING CONTACTS

COUNSELORS

994-4434

Connie Akins	Counselor <i>Rising Scholars</i>	994-2131	akinsc@a2schools.org
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Sara Vance	Counselor	994-2149	vance@a2schools.org
Helena Solano	Counselor	994-2146	solanoh@a2schools.org

PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students must follow their current schedule as is.

Attending a class that does not appear on your schedule may jeopardize your attendance and grades. No schedule change will be made unless there is a conflict or for reasons as listed below:

1. Omissions (class is missing from schedule)
2. Attendance at summer school
3. Dual enrollment at college or university
4. Split enrollment at another Ann Arbor high school
5. Testing out
6. Class failure
7. COE placement

Request for a change that is not listed above must be submitted, in writing, to the scheduling principal. The letter should state the desired change, provide rationale, and be signed by both parent and student.

WEBSITE: aapihicounseling.weebly.com

GRADING STANDARDS

GRADING – Grades are determined by measurable assessments of student mastery across content areas and are used as a means of reporting student mastery and achievement relative to curriculum objectives. Grades are determined by student performance and maintained and calculated by classroom teachers. Each teacher will communicate the components of grading and the calculation of grades at the beginning of each course based on the Pioneer High School grading scale. Grades are a measure of academic performance and are used as a means of reporting achievement relative to curriculum objectives. Grades are determined by classroom teachers and are based on a variety of factors. Each teacher will discuss the components of grading and the calculation of grades at the beginning of the school year. All teachers use the Pioneer High School grading scale.

INCOMPLETE GRADES – A student receiving an “incomplete” for a grading period has six weeks into the next marking period to convert the incomplete mark to an earned mark. If the student fails to complete the work necessary to receive a grade, then the incomplete mark will be changed to a failing grade or whatever grade the student earned up to that point.

MAKE-UP WORK – It is extremely important that students make up any and all class work or homework assignments missed due to absence. Assignments made and/or quizzes/tests given during an absence should be made up upon returning to school. The student is responsible for conferring with the teacher to arrange a make-up schedule. Due to end of semester grade finalization requirements and reporting deadlines, make-up work may cease to be accepted within a reasonable time prior to the end of semester to allow teachers to calculate final grades.

LATE WORK – Pioneer students are expected to complete and submit all assigned work, even when submitted late. It is the student's responsibility to report any outside factors that may prevent them from completing an assignment on time and make arrangements with the teacher to turn the work in later. Reasonable requests from students who communicate their unusual circumstances will be considered. Teachers have the right to waive the late penalty for circumstances brought to their attention immediately (or ahead of time). Due to end of semester grade finalization requirements and reporting deadlines, late work may cease to be accepted within a reasonable time prior to the end of semester to allow teachers to calculate final grades.

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL GRADE SCALE

Grade	Range	Gr Book Value	4.0 Scale	AP/AC 4.0 Scale
A+	100	100	4	4
A	93-99	96	4	4
A-	90-92	92	3.67	4
B+	87-89	89	3.33	3.67
B	83-86	86	3	3.33
B-	80-82	82	2.67	3
C+	77-79	79	2.33	2.67
C	73-76	76	2	2.33
C-	70-72	72	1.67	2
D+	67-69	69	1.33	1.67
D	63-66	66	1	1.33
D-	60-62	62	0.67	1
E	0-59	59	0	0



ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Students are expected to be in class, punctual, and prepared to participate in the learning process every day. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential if students are to make use of the educational opportunities in high school.

Attendance Law

Michigan's Compulsory Attendance Law states that students must attend school from age 6-18 years of age.

Excused Absences is when a parent/guardian has notified the school within the required timeframe as to the reason and length of time the student will not be attending.

- **Parent(s) / guardian must email the attendance line at pioattendance@aaps.k12.mi.us within 48 hours to excuse all absences and tardies.**
- Parents(s) /guardian must provide one of the valid reasons (as listed below) for their student's absence or tardy.
- Students have the responsibility to notify and make the appropriate arrangements with his/her teachers due to any absences

Definitions

Parent/Guardian may excuse an absence for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness
2. Illness of an immediate family member
3. Death of a family member or close friend
4. Verified medical or dental
5. Verified legal proceedings
6. Emergency removal for administrative reasons
7. Suspension from school
8. Approved school-sponsored or school-related activity
9. Emergency childcare
10. Exceptional or unexpected transportation difficulties
11. Observance of a religious holiday
12. Other activities approved by school administration
13. Pre-excused family travel/college visits

Late Arrival or Tardy (excused/unexcused) is when a student arrives to class after a scheduled school bell

- Students have a responsibility to arrive on time.
- An excused tardy is when a student arrives to class after a scheduled bell with an acceptable written excused pass from a teacher and/or support staff member.
- An unexcused tardy occurs when a student arrives after the bell rings without an acceptable excuse.

Truant means a student who has ten (10) or more unexcused absences per school year. A student should be counted as truant only once in a given school year. Once a student is deemed truant, they will be monitored by a counselor or by a building level administrator.

Unexcused absences are excessive absence from school or a class for an extended period of time without permission. Unexcused absences are those absences where the student fails to attend class and the parent or guardian has not notified

the school in accordance with the required attendance procedures.

- Upon the 10th unexcused absence, Truant Liaison Officer is directed to contact parent/guardian.
- On the 15th day of unexcused absence, the Truant Liaison Officer makes a home contact and determination to proceed with proper notification to Juvenile court.
- Once a student is deemed truant, they shall be monitored by a counselor or by a building level administrator.

EXCUSED ABSENCE PROCEDURE

When reporting an absence, email

pioattendance@aaps.k12.mi.us and leave the following information:

1. Student's name
2. ID Number
3. Grade Level
4. Date(s) and time(s) of absence
5. Reason for absence
6. Your name and relationship to the student

Make-up Work

Teachers must allow students to make up work due to excused absences. Students are expected to take the initiative in asking teachers for make-up work. Any work that is not made-up in accordance with these procedures will receive no credit.

- Students have the right to receive make-up work and credit for work that is missed due to excused absences
- Students shall be granted one day (1) to complete and turn in make-up work for every one (1) day of excused absence.

ABSENTEEISM LEVELS OF CONCERN/INTERVENTIONS

Level I of Absenteeism Concern

A student will activate level I concern and intervention if the student has in any class period:

- 7 consecutive days of unexcused absences
- 7 non-consecutive days of unexcused absences within a 45-day period, or
- 7 unexcused late arrivals/tardies in 45-day period

First Level administrative action may involve a parent and/or student meeting for a discussion of student achievement, his/her unacceptable behavior and a mutually agreed upon plan for dealing with similar situations in the future and including items listed under the Action Level 1 in the Rights & Responsibilities for Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents, Guardian Handbook. Counselors shall contact parent via email, letter, or phone call to notify parent of absenteeism patterns and possible negative impacts.

Level II of Absenteeism Concern

A student will activate level 2 concern and intervention if the student has in any class period: Additional unexcused absences

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2 times in the next 30 days or 3 additional unexcused absences in the next 3 months, additional interventions will be implemented.

Second Level administrative action will involve a parent meeting for a discussion of student achievement, his/her unacceptable behavior and a mutually agreed upon plan for dealing with similar situations in the future and including items listed under the Action Level 1 in the Rights & Responsibilities for Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents, Guardian Handbook. Truant Officer shall contact parent via email, letter, or phone call to notify parent of absenteeism patterns and possibly negative impacts.

Level III of Absenteeism Concern

A student will activate level III concern and intervention if the student has in any class period accumulated 15 or more unexcused absences AND absenteeism continues to persist after Level I and Level II interventions. The student is considered to be persistently chronically absent and their social, emotional, and academic success are greatly compromised.

Third Level administrative action will involve a parent meeting for a discussion of student achievement, his/her unacceptable behavior and a mutually agreed upon plan for dealing with similar situations in the future and including items listed under the Action Level 1 in the Rights & Responsibilities for Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents, Guardian Handbook. The Truant Liaison Officer will make home contact and determination to proceed with proper notification to Juvenile court.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- The Class Principals or Deans must pre-approve absences for family travel/college visits to allow for make-up privileges. Families are expected to completely fill out a "Request for Extended Absence" form and turn it in at the

class office in advance. Once an extended absence is approved, the student has the responsibility to make the appropriate arrangements with his/her teachers.

- When leaving school during your scheduled school hours, student must check out at the General office.

ATTENDANCE RESPONSIBILITY

The Student's Duty: A student's attendance report will reflect academic achievement. Absence from school is the greatest single cause of poor achievement. A missed class cannot be duplicated. Each student must be in the classroom when the bell rings. Students must make arrangements with the teacher to make up work within a reasonable period of time. Students must work with teachers, and identify assignments that can be completed during pre-planned absences. When necessary, students must obtain, fill out, and submit an extended absence form to the grade level principal. **NOTE:** Eleventh and twelfth grade students may apply for an off-campus Identification Card to be used during the lunch period on designated off-campus lunch days. All others are to remain on campus. Ninth and tenth grade students may not leave campus during lunch or visit the parking lot.

The Parent's Duty: Parents must report excused absences to the Attendance Office email within 48 hours of the absence.

The Teacher's Duty: Teachers are required to implement the district and Pioneer High School Attendance Policies. Teachers will work with guidance personnel, administrators, and parents in an effort to solve attendance issues. Teachers are required by law to record accurate attendance records and review attendance information.

The Administrator's Duty: The administration must maintain attendance records, review these records, and notify parents/guardians when attendance problems arise.

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

NO FOOD DELIVERIES TO PIONEER OUTSIDE OF CLASS FUNCTIONS.

1. Pioneer is a closed campus and all students are required to remain on campus until they have completed their scheduled day. A student may only leave early after signing out in the General Office with parent/guardian permission. Students will not be called out of classes for the first or last five minutes of class or during passing. Students will also not be called out of class after 2:30 pm.
2. The parking lots as well as all school grounds are off limits for all students during the school day, including passing periods, breaks, lunch, and class time. The only exception is the picnic area outside the commons during lunch only or when supervised by school personnel.



DANCE GUIDELINES



SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The sponsoring school organization is responsible for making appropriate and timely arrangements with the Administrator in charge of student activities for dance approval. All requests for dance sponsorship must be approved by the Administration. The sponsoring organization is also responsible for dance decorations, clean up, DJ booking, chaperones, security, etc. Dance themes, arrangements, and decorations must meet administrative approval.
2. A minimum of 30 chaperones (a combination of staff members and parents) must be present before, during, and after each dance. A chaperone orientation session must take place prior to the dance.
3. School rules, policies, and guidelines will be enforced during all school dances. Headwear is optional.
4. Homecoming dances will be from 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm. Doors will close at 10:30 pm. Prom is an exception. Informal dances will be from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
5. The sponsoring organization of Homecoming must presell tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door. Sales will continue until the last school day prior to the dance. Count information is to be given to the administration two days prior to the dance. Ticket presale is encouraged for Prom and other informal dances.
6. Adult sponsors must review Pioneer Revenue Accounting procedures with the Finance Secretary prior to each event. Adults (only) may pick up a cash box for the event.
7. The sponsoring organization must make proper arrangements for adequate coat checks. All those attending the dance are encouraged to leave valuables at home.
8. If the courtyard is used, the sponsor must properly fence the area and position chaperones throughout.
9. Dance arena lighting will be determined and adjusted at the discretion of School Officials. In general, perimeter lighting will be on while the lights over the dance floor will be off unless circumstances warrant otherwise. At no time will all the lights be off.

DANCE ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

- A. Non-Pioneer students may not attend informal dances. Non-Pioneer students may attend formal dances (i.e. Homecoming and Prom) if accompanied by a Pioneer student. Each Pioneer student may bring ONLY one date. Split enrollment Pioneer students (i.e. Pioneer/Community, Pioneer/Pathways etc.) Community and Pathways students may attend all Pioneer dances.
- B. Pioneer students must fill out a guest registration form if they wish to invite a non-Pioneer student to a formal dance (i.e. Homecoming and Prom). Registered guests must be high school students (or non-high school students who are no older than 20 years of age).
- C. All Pioneer students must bring their current Pioneer ID. All registered guests must show proper identification (School ID, Driver's License, etc.) at the door.
- D. Students not choosing to adhere to school rules, policies, and guidelines may be removed from the dance and may be disciplined in accordance with the Student Rights & Responsibilities handbook.

SPECIFIC DANCING GUIDELINES

- A. No 'dirty' dancing
 - You may not bend over, place your hands on the floor, or wrap your legs around another person.
 - Students may not pull dresses above the thighs or wear trousers below the waist. The exposure of private parts is strictly prohibited.
 - No groping.
 - Students may not dance in a manner that simulates sexual acts. Grinding and/or sandwich dancing will not be allowed.
- B. No dangerous dancing
 - Students may not "bang" bodies or body parts against another student, objects or school property.
 - Body passing is prohibited.
 - Students may not engage in flips or other dangerous dance moves.
- C. Dance Removal
 - Students may be removed if they are rude to chaperones, non-compliant with reasonable requests, or engage in a verbal or physical fight, or refuse to abide by Pioneer's and Ann Arbor Public Schools' guidelines, policies, and rules.
 - If a student is suspected of being under the influence or in possession of illegal substances, school and/or police intervention will occur. Please note that a student suspected of being under the influence of alcohol may be given a Breathalyzer or sobriety test. Disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

NOTE: Failure to abide by these dance guidelines, Ann Arbor Public Schools' Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook, or other school policies may result in removal from a dance or similar activity as well as additional disciplinary consequences.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS GUIDELINES

Holiday observances of major significance to a religious group are indicated on the calendar by three stars (***).

The following apply:

- School district employees may not schedule any of the following during these (three star) holidays.
- Major exams
- Reviews for major exams
- Standardized tests
- Tryouts; for example, teams, plays
- One-time or major events (proms, graduation ceremonies, homecoming, elections, test simulations, etc.)
- School district employees shall schedule interscholastic athletic games in a manner that minimizes conflict with holidays designated as three stars. Scheduling of an athletic event on a three-star holiday must be reviewed by the Superintendent or designee. Board members will be notified well in advance when there is a conflict.
- Interscholastic athletic practices are allowed. School district employees may arrange for students to participate in one-time or major events on three-star holidays if the scheduling of these events is not controlled by our employees. Scheduling of such events must be approved by the building principal and the Superintendent or designee.

Teachers should be sensitive to the scheduling of quizzes longer than ten minutes on holidays designated by three stars (***).

Students will probably be with their families or at a place of worship in observance of these holidays. They will not be in school and/or not have time available to do the required homework. Absence to observe these holidays should be excused, and make-up privileges should be the same as the make-up privileges offered to a student who has an excused absence due to illness.

Ramadan Guidelines - When possible, avoid major exams during "Ramadan." If not possible, attempt to schedule them early in the day and after the end of the first week when the students are adapted to fasting. Be sensitive to the fact that fasting students may need to avoid strenuous physical activities.

Other significant religious observances are indicated by two stars (**). The following applies:

- Students might observe this holiday by spending time with their family and/or at a place of worship. They might not be in school and/or not have time available to do required homework. Such an absence should be excused.
- Make-up privileges should be the same as those offered for an absence due to illness.

DUAL ENROLLMENT



Historically, school districts have allowed their students to attend courses at local colleges or universities, in addition to their own high school, in an effort to meet student needs and interest. This is called "dual enrollment."

Effective April 1, 1996, Public Act 160 created the Post-secondary Enrollment

Options Act which directs school districts to assist students in paying tuition and fees for courses at Michigan public or private colleges or universities, if all of the following conditions are met:

- Student is classified as grade 11 or grade 12.
- Student must meet the requirements for an endorsed diploma in all subject areas as assessed by the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). Other coursework options such as computer science or foreign language not offered by the school and fine arts programs are allowable with approval by the school counselor.

- Student must be enrolled in both the school district and post-secondary institution during the local school district's regular academic year and must be enrolled in at least one high school class.
- The college courses must not be offered by the district. The college courses cannot be a hobby/craft or recreation course, or in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education.

School districts are required to pay the lesser of: the actual charge for tuition, mandatory course fees, materials fees and registration fees **OR**

the state portion of the students' foundation allowance, adjusted to the proportion of the school year they attend the post-secondary institution. Parents are responsible for the remainder of the fees associated with dual enrollment courses.



Please review this information with your parent/guardian. If you believe you are eligible for dual enrollment, that you qualify for tuition and fee support, and you wish to participate, contact your counselor.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Buy your 2024 Omega (yearbook) early and SAVE!

Yearbooks will be on sale for a special price of \$70.00 during August registration through September 30th. To guarantee your copy of the 2023/24 Omega, order online at YearbookForever.com or simply bring cash or a check made payable to Pioneer Omega to our table at registration. Additional information may be found at PioOmega.weebly.com.

After September, the cost progressively increases. Buy your yearbook early!

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

HRIImaging.com will take school pictures for the 2023/2024 Omega during August registration. Dress appropriately and bring your best smile and don't forget to complete the order form found in the summer mailing.

Seniors

Let's make this year your best year yet! Arrange for your senior portraits now! All senior portraits must be:

- Color or black and white (the yearbook is all color, so most students choose color.)
- Full face and shoulders, no hands
- No hats or extra objects
- All pictures will be cropped so that they are head and shoulder shots
- Suggested - no spaghetti straps or strapless dresses/ tops as they often do not crop well

Please submit your photo through YearbookForever.com. We will use the name listed on the master list of students unless otherwise notified to use a PowerSchool preferred name. See directions on PioOmega.com.



If you prefer to use HRIImaging.com for your portrait, they will be available during August registration to take your senior picture/school ID. This is the picture that will be used if no other photo is submitted. If you do not want to be pictured, you must let the Omega know in writing.

Senior pictures are due by Friday, November 17, 2023. There are no guarantees that your picture will be included if it is received after that date.

Please note that it is each student's responsibility to check the proofs posted in the C3 office and on the website in January to make sure that their picture, name and signature are correct. Any errors should be reported directly to the yearbook office in C-214.

Parents

Senior Tributes are a very successful method for families to express love, admiration or just say "Congratulations" to their graduating seniors and close friends. Tributes are available in four sizes and they are due by February 10, 2024. Details can be found on the flyer enclosed in the summer mailing or at PioOmega.weebly.com. Tributes can be designed and ordered through YearbookForever.com.

Yearbook website: pioomega.weebly.com

FINES AND OBLIGATIONS

District provided materials are expected to be returned to the school in satisfactory condition. These materials include such items as: textbooks, library books, calculators, band and orchestra music/ instruments, and other tools loaned to students during the academic year. If school personnel determine materials to be in unsatisfactory condition upon its return, the school has the right to collect an amount equal to the replacement of the material.

Alternative arrangements can be made for the collection of replacement value of the item. Until collection is complete, this is considered an outstanding fine or obligation, which must be resolved before the end of the school year.

At **NO TIME** will a student be denied access to educational facilities or resources directly related to the free and appropriate

public education of that student pending the resolution of outstanding fines or obligations.

Materials include, but are not limited to:

- Textbooks
- Supplies and books from the media center
- Musical scores (sheet music)
- Musical instruments
- Reference publications
- Maps
- Films, slides, photos
- Computers and computer software and other electronic media
- Recorders, projectors, cameras
- Calculators
- Any district property that is on loan to the student

Definition of “Satisfactory Condition”

Textbooks or other materials that are returned in comparable condition to the time they were issued to the student, allowing for ordinary wear. **Who makes the decision on the condition of returned material?** The principal or designee who is responsible for issuing or collecting the material is responsible for making the determination on the condition of the material based on replacement costs and depreciation.

Procedure for issuing material:

- All issued materials will be inscribed with a unique identifier.
- The unique identifier, condition of material, date issued and name of student will be recorded.
- Student will sign and date receipt for material indicating agreement of the condition of the material.
- A copy of the document signed by the student will be sent to the parent/guardian.

Procedure for return of material/item

- Students and parents are informed of the procedure to return the material.
- All materials should be returned to the issuing or designated staff member, if possible.
- The staff member receiving returned material will record condition of material.
- Student will sign and date receipt indicating return of material and a copy will be mailed home with the final report card.

Determining and resolving obligations

- If district material is returned and it is determined to be damaged, or beyond reasonable wear, fees will be assessed and student and parent notified in writing.
- Fees for unreturned books or other materials will be based on replacement cost and on depreciation or age of the item.
- The price list and depreciation schedule will be made available in the school's main office.
- Principal is responsible for notifying the student and parent in writing that fees are owed.
- Parents should be informed that the final report card will be held for pick up from the school until the obligation is met or arrangements are made to meet the obligation.
- Outstanding obligations must be resolved by June 30 of the current school year.

Alternative arrangements to meet the obligation

- If materials are not returned or are returned in unsatisfactory condition, the principal may:
 - Seek an agreement with the parent or student to reimburse incrementally over an agreed upon period of time.
 - Accept a modified reimbursement due to hardship.
 - Accept a reason given for non-return or non-payment involving hardship or other special circumstance.

BOOK DEPOSITORY/OBLIGATIONS

Students that have outstanding obligations (can be last year or previous years) should clear them by August 13, 2022, to avoid delays during registration. Notices containing the most recent information in our system about any obligations have either been mailed home or are available online via Destiny. Remember that every item has an assigned number. The exact item with the exact number needs to be returned to clear the obligations. To clear your obligations, please email vazqueza@aaps.k12.mi.us and elamk@aaps.k12.mi.us to set up an appointment to bring in the missing items and/or money order (cash or check). Obligations include; textbooks, as well as music department items, media center books and materials, athletic items, and/or items borrowed from teachers. Obligations clear after August 11th, 2023 may extend your time at registration. Lost books and unresolved obligations cost Pioneer thousands of dollars each year, so we try to collect as many of these missing items as we can. Administrators will be available to handle disputes and appeals regarding obligations. No appeals will be considered if the dispute has lasted over multiple semesters. Please take your obligation notices seriously and bring back all books and other supplies borrowed from the school. Calculators often present big problems. Remember that a student must return the exact same calculator or other item that has been checked out.

Consequences of unresolved obligations

- Students will be prohibited from participating in non-educational, extracurricular activities such as athletics, performing arts, etc.
- Parents of 12th grade students (seniors) with outstanding obligations will be notified in writing that their student is prohibited from participating in senior activities such as prom and graduation ceremonies unless the obligation is resolved prior to the time of the events.
 - NO student shall miss instructional time nor will a student's grade be affected due to outstanding obligations.
 - Unresolved obligations can be appealed to the appropriate level administrator.

Payments — Payments for additional services, fees, fines, and obligations must be in the form of cash, check, or money order. Please make checks and money orders payable to Pioneer High School.

BUS ROUTES AND INFORMATION

FOR AAPS BUS ROUTES:

Please visit www.a2schools.org for AAPS bus routes. For the most accurate and up-to-date route information, please visit the website listing at www.a2schools.org. Bus routes will be available and posted to the AAPS website in late August and updated online as needed.

STUDENT PARKING POLICY

A \$50.00 parking permit fee is required for proper vehicle registration (or \$25.00 if purchased in Second Semester). Seniors will be able to purchase parking permits first, followed by juniors. No parking passes will be issued to Freshmen or Sophomores. Administration reserves the right to remove parking permission at any time. Parking permit fees are not refundable.

Student Parking Requirements:

- Students must read and understand the Pioneer High School Student Parking Policy
- Students must register their vehicle and purchase a Pioneer Parking Permit each year
- Students must affix Pioneer Parking Permit to lower driver's side windshield
- Students must park in legal parking spaces in the student parking areas only
- Students must obey all posted traffic signs on campus
- Students must keep parking areas clean and free of debris
- Students may not go to the parking lot or to cars during the day without permission
- Students must not tamper with other vehicles parked on campus
- Students who drive irresponsibly will forfeit their on-campus driving privileges and may be ticketed
- Students are responsible for the security of their vehicles, including the contents

Student Parking is NOT permitted in the following areas:

- The flagpole entrance drive
- The clock tower entrance drive
- The Media Center entrance drive
- The athletic training and custodial delivery areas
- Any of the six (6) faculty/staff parking areas
- On the grass
- On athletic fields
- On sidewalks or in fire lanes



Note: The City of Ann Arbor traffic ordinances are in force on school property at all times. Violators, unregistered or unauthorized vehicles may be ticketed or towed at owner expense.

PIONEER SCHOOL RULES

Parking: Students may not go to the parking lot or to cars during the day without prior permission from an administrator, unless they are leaving at the end of their scheduled classes. This includes leaving to get a book or other items from a car.

Harassment/Sexual Harassment: It is a violation of Federal and State of Michigan Laws and of this policy for any student of the Ann Arbor Public Schools to sexually harass a student or a staff member by speaking or acting in any of the ways defined by the AAPS District's Rights and Responsibilities handbook. Any conduct, which violates this rule, will result in immediate disciplinary action.

Fighting/Assaults: Self-discipline is the ultimate goal for each student. Those few students who misbehave and interfere with their own and others' learning and teaching must be prepared for the consequences of their action. The consequences for misbehavior are described in five levels of action. The consequences for misbehavior are described in five levels of action in the Student Rights and Responsibilities booklet.

Off Campus: Students may not leave the school campus without proper administrative authorization. Prior permission to leave the campus must be obtained from parents and reported to the grade office in accordance with the attendance policy. Students leaving school because of illness must check out through the clinic and the nurse will contact parents and excuse the student's absence.

Cellphones, iPods, Photographic Devices, Smartwatch, iPad/Tablets, Electronic Devices, and Other Equipment: **DO NOT BRING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL. PHS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.**

- ▶ **Cellular Phones, iPods, Photographic Devices, etc.** Cell phones must be turned off in all instructional settings (classrooms, labs, outdoor classrooms etc.) during the day. Cell phones may be used before and after school hours and/or during passing time. School personnel reserve the right to confiscate cell phones when they interfere with instruction. All items will be taken to the student's administrator for parent pick-up. If a student refuses to give up the electronic device, a behavioral referral will be written for insubordination. Photos and videos may not be taken at school without proper authorization.
- ▶ **Electronic Devices**—Students are prohibited from carrying pocket pagers, laser pointers, or other such devices in school. Personal radios and CD players are not allowed in the building.
- ▶ **Other Equipment**—Students should only bring to school what is necessary for their schoolwork. Items confiscated by staff members may be kept until parents can pick them up. Contraband will not be returned. Items such as water guns, water balloons, or similar items are prohibited on school property and buses. Skateboards and roller skates/blades are not to be brought into the school building. Inappropriate items will be confiscated.

Identification: Students must give their name and/or show their ID card when requested by any staff member. Lost cards should be replaced immediately. Replacement cards can be obtained in the General Office for \$10.00.

Unauthorized Areas: Students may not be in unauthorized areas of the building, school grounds, or parking lot during school hours.

Behavior: Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward others including students, school personnel or school visitors will not be tolerated.

Collection of Unauthorized Materials: School administrators and teachers may collect materials that students are prohibited from possessing during the school day, for example, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, radios and tape recorders, beepers, laser pointers and other electronic devices. Students will be informed how they may reclaim impounded items.

Use of Tobacco: No one is permitted to smoke or use tobacco products (includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers) on school property or at any school-sponsored event. Students smoking and/or using other tobacco products in school or at a school-sponsored event will result in a one (1) day in-school suspension for the first offense, two (2) day, out of school suspension for the second offense and three (3) day, in-school suspension for the third offense. Repeated violations will result in suspension from school. Public Act 314, the "Youth Tobacco Act," prohibits a minor (person under 18 years of age) from possessing, smoking, or chewing tobacco in all public places. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$50.

Student Supervision: Students are under the supervision and authority of all AAPS employees, and are expected to comply with all reasonable requests.

Vandalism: Writing, defacing, marking and/or painting on any part of the Pioneer building, including lockers, desks, chairs and educational materials are prohibited. Students are subject to a maintenance fee to defray the costs of cleaning, repair, or replacement.

Sales: The selling of any food, products, or tickets for any school event as a part of fundraising activities must be coordinated with and be approved by the Administrator in charge of fundraising prior to the start of the activity.

Falsifying Information: Students who falsify or forge bus passes or excuses for absences, or any other school prepared forms shall be disciplined as per the appropriate provision of the discipline policy.

Undue Display of Affection: Undue familiarity and excessive display of affection between students is discouraged, and any

repetition after counseling and guidance will result in parent/guardian involvement and/or disciplinary action.

Toys: All gambling paraphernalia (dice, cards, etc.), water guns, water balloons or similar items are prohibited on school property and buses. These items will be confiscated and returned to parents/guardians only.

Skateboards, etc.: The use of skateboards, scooters, bicycles, electric bicycles, and roller skates/blades anywhere within Pioneer High School is prohibited. Skateboards, roller skates/blades, bicycles or charging scooters are not to be brought into the school building.

Thrown Objects: The throwing of snowballs or other objects on or about the Pioneer building and property is prohibited. This includes throwing snowballs at school buses and other vehicles.

Study Halls: When students are assigned to study halls (e.g. – no substitute teacher available) they are expected to follow the established rules, which pertain to appropriate conduct in the study hall. Study hall is considered a class and students are to report to study hall. All students must have study materials and refrain from disturbing others.

Students are to remain in study hall for the duration of the period unless given permission to leave by the teacher/staff in charge.

Lunch Behavior: The following rules pertain to student behavior during the lunch periods:

- Enter only at the appropriate entrance.
- Form and maintain a single line at each service area.
- Do not "cut" in front of another person in line.
- Avoid loud and boisterous conversations, yelling, etc.
- Remove all trays, paper, cups and cans promptly from the table after eating so that the area will be suitable for use by other students

In addition:

No object, no matter how small, is to be thrown.

Certain areas are off-limits during lunch times. Students who enter an off-limits area during lunchtime will be considered loitering and dealt with accordingly?

Students involved in disruptive behavior will result in disciplinary action (i.e. service detention).

Right of Privacy: Students possess the right of privacy of person as well as freedom from unreasonable search and seizure of property. The individual's right, however, is balanced by the schools' responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its students. All lockers are the property of the school. A student's locker and/or its contents may be searched by building administrators without prior permission in order to uphold the safety and security of pupils and personnel in accordance with Act 451, Section 380.13

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