

Skyline High School

Family Update 9/11/20

Skyline Family,


Our students and staff are so excited for school to be back in session! The connections we have made this week with each other is just the fuel we all needed to launch us into next week - our full 2020-21 school schedule. We have always known that children truly LOVE learning. It has been so heartening to see what we have always known come to life in our class sessions, and in my home with my own AAPS children, as our students and staff have connected this week.

We have experienced some glitches. Which is surely expected of a full system pivoting as education has in these last few months. I am so proud of our staff and students as they have persisted throughout these challenges. We will continue to resolve these glitches as steadfast as possible. Please know, the full Skyline team continues to be so thankful for our community's understanding, support, and patience as we have navigated these times together.

We remain committed - Skyline students, staff, community, and I - together, to make the 2020-21 school year one of the best school years ever - different, but one that is truly to be remembered.

Your proud principal,
Cory McElmeel
Skyline High School

Our Bell Schedule Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 1 8:30 - 10:15	Block 2 8:30 - 10:15	 Independent Work	Block 1 8:30 - 10:15	Block 2 8:30 - 10:15
Block 3 10:25 - 12:10	Block 4 10:25 - 12:10		Block 3 10:25 - 12:10	Block 4 10:25 - 12:10
Lunch 12:10 - 12:40	Lunch 12:10 - 12:40		Lunch 12:10 - 12:40	Lunch 12:10 - 12:40
Skytime 12:45 - 1:25	Skytime 12:45 - 1:25		Skytime 12:45 - 1:25	Skytime 12:45 - 1:25
Block 5 1:35 - 3:20	Block 6 1:35 - 3:20		Block 5 1:35 - 3:20	Block 6 1:35 - 3:20
Block 7 3:30 - 4:35	Block 7 3:30 - 4:35		Block 7 3:30 - 4:35	Block 7 3:30 - 4:35

Textbook, Supplies and Instrument Distribution

Distributions 4:00 - 8:00 PM in-person (social distancing) @ Skyline

Done by alphabetical order (by last name):

Dates and Times for pickup:

Tuesday, 9/22/2020

Thursday, 9/24/2020

- 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm A - I
- 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm J - R
- 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm S - Z
- 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm All Students

Last Day for Distribution - Friday, 9/25/2020

4:00-8:00 pm - Open to any student still needing to pick up books, supplies

If more time is needed for Instrument pickup, please contact your Orchestra or Band Director .

Directional Mapping will be sent out the week of 9/21/20

Student Attendance Reporting

Students are expected to fully participate in class each day. To ensure student success in reaching the learning targets, we need your support to make sure students are present daily and on time for class. We understand some absences are unavoidable. However, given the structure of the program, missing a week or several days will make it difficult for a student. It is important for students to understand that grades will be issued for all classes this year whether we are virtual or in person.

Parents please call the attendance line and report/excuse student absences.
****It's is not necessary to report absences on fully-asynchronous school days****
Skyline Attendance Line: 734-994-7842

Student Course Schedules

Schedule Review

Please review your child's schedule carefully with them. Schedules were created based on the course requests that students selected in the spring. If one of their primary requests was unavailable, you may see one of their alternate requested classes filling in their schedule.

Schedule Change Requests

If after reviewing the schedule carefully, your child would like to request a schedule change for one of the approved reasons listed below, please have your child complete the [Schedule Change Request Form 20-21](#). Upon submitting an entry in the Schedule Change Request Form, you will receive a receipt of your submission in your email. Please do not submit multiple entries for the same change and do not duplicate the form submission with an email. Counselors will be working as quickly as possible to work through your requests and multiple submissions via form and email will only slow down their ability to fulfill your request. The schedule change deadline for semester 1 is Friday, September 18 at 3:00pm.

Situations to Request a Schedule Change

Approved reasons to request a schedule change:

1. Hole in my schedule (Example: There is a blank space where 4th hour should be)
2. Level change (Example: I have Geometry AC and I need regular Geometry)
3. Double scheduled (Example: 2 identical classes are listed different hours OR 2 different classes are listed during 1 hour)
4. Repeat class (Example: Health is listed but I took Health last trimester and already earned the credit)
5. Missing a graduation requirement class
6. Missing part of an elective (Example: Choir is not on the schedule all year OR the magnet class for semester 2 is not listed)
7. I need to make a hole in my schedule to make room for an A2 Virtual class or CR.
8. I would like to add a 7th hour class (please put the class you wish to take in the section below)

Optional 7th Period

This year, adding a 7th hour class is an option available to all students. 7th hour will begin meeting Monday, Sept. 14 and will meet M,T, Th and F each week from 3:30-4:35. If your child would like to add a 7th hour class to their schedule, they should submit a request through the [Schedule Change Request Form 20-21](#). Listed below are the 7th hour classes available:

Skyline 7th hour classes- available until full:

AP Music Theory(S1 and S2)

Personal Fitness (S2)

Computer Science Principles (S1 and S2)

Economics (S1)

Engineering Design (S1 and S2)

Chemistry (S1)

Health (S1)

7th hour classes at other high schools that may be available to students if space is available:

Art and Design
Personal Fitness
English 10
Precalculus AC
Geometry AC
Jazz Band
Government
French IV AC
Current History

Health
English 9
English 11AP
Geometry
Theater Production
Government AP
World History
Beginning Drawing

Counselor Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns other than a schedule change request, please reach out to your child's counselor. Counselor contact information is listed below:

Heather Schimmel
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Tiffany Kincaid
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Fall Athletic Update

A letter from the Superintendent was sent out on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 2020 emphasizing the following:

- Golf, cross country and boys tennis will continue as is, though with the additional EO for masks to be worn at all times
- Soccer and Field Hockey will begin with competitions on Monday Sept. 14th with masks.
- Crew and Equestrian will continue as is until their associations make adjustments
- Volleyball and Swim & Dive will be able to go indoors starting Monday, Sept. 14th and begin competitions with masks.
- Football will continue practicing and will start their season in week 5 when they host Pioneer on the 25th with masks

Additional Information:

- There will be NO spectators at any AAPS home events
- There will be NO marching band
- When traveling to an SEC away event, each athlete will be allowed 2 tickets, and your team will be required to submit a google sheet with the names of those for the tickets (as actual tickets will not be handed out).
- Before traveling to an away event please check the host school's website for spectator allowance.
- We will post any information we receive from our opponents.

Food Distribution

- Fall Food Distribution will continue on a Monday & Thursday schedule.
- **NEW:** Starting Monday, September 14th, pick-up times will be from 11:30-3:00pm and 4:30-6:00pm at Skyline.
- These meals are intended for children up to 18 years old and any child with special needs up to 26 years old. AAPS will distribute these meals to children, and parents/guardians.
- AAPS Food Service Hotline – If you have food allergy needs or cannot make it to a pick-up location please call 734-994-2265.
- [Food Service / Free & Reduced Meal Application](#)
- Additional details on food distribution and food assistance and be found - Linked [HERE](#)

<https://www.a2schools.org/Page/15641>

AAPS Technology Distribution

Please remember that all AAPS students will have the opportunity to receive a district-provided device to support remote learning for our Fall 2020 virtual start. At the high school level this will be a chromebook. Following is information on how to attain your child's district-provide device.

For internet access support, please complete the [20-21 Student Mobile Hotspot Request Form](#)

Device distribution will continue.

- Drive-through, pick-up location for Skyline students is our district office @ Balas Administration Building (2555 South State St.).
- Please read the instructions and complete the following steps below to be assigned a time to pick up your device.

District Device Issuance Instructions:

Returning Students:

1. In advance of picking up any district technology, please complete the AAPS 1:1 Form - Linked [HERE](#)
 - a. If you cannot complete this form online, please call 734-997-1222 or email family_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.us
2. Your student's online registration (InfoSnap) info 2020-2021 must be completed before arrival. Change of Address proofs will also be collected during these events, if applicable.
3. In addition to receiving your student's tech devices, families who have not yet done so may drop off devices that were distributed last school year or for summer learning.

New Students:

1. In advance of pickup of any district technology, please complete the AAPS 1:1 Form - Linked [HERE](#)
2. Families that still need to submit InfoSnap or Immunization paperwork must be ready to submit this paperwork when you arrive at technology distribution
3. If you cannot complete this form online, please call 734-997-1222 or email family_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Additional details on district technology distribution can be found - Linked [HERE](#)

Resources for Families in Need

Get Help: Community Resources for Students and Families

Looking for support or assistance with food, housing, health care and more? [The AAPS Community Resource page](#) lists free resources available to students and families. [Visit the Community Resource Page today](#). This page is frequently updated.

SNAP/EBT Benefits

If you have recently lost income and need assistance with food, you may be eligible for a benefit through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides a monthly benefit on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card (known as the MI Bridge Card) that can be used to buy food at grocery stores, [farmers' markets](#) (see attached), and any food store with the USDA sign "EBT Accepted."

If you are eligible, you could begin receiving benefits within 30 days. The card is mailed to your house and benefits are uploaded each month directly on the card. Applying is quick and confidential. If you have general questions or want more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges or call 888-544-8773.

Yearbook Distributions and Sales

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION, SALES, AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

DISTRIBUTION: Yearbooks purchased by last year's freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be available for pick up during registration on September 22, 24, and 25.

SENIOR PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK SALES: You can purchase the 2020-21 yearbook and upload your senior photos (deadline is Friday, November 6) using the link:

<https://www.yearbooknerds.com/skyline-high-school>

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS: This year, we are asking that students upload an individual headshot for our class photos section. This can be taken by a parent or friend, or a fun selfie. The only requirement is that we can see your face :) This will be for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. You can upload these, along with any other photos (sports! events! students in masks!) using the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/skylineyearbookphotos>

Skyline Virtual Orientation

Do you have a lot of questions about the upcoming school year? Our Virtual Orientation Guide likely has your answer.

The Skyline Virtual Orientation guide contains links that will lead you through our Fall 2020 virtual orientation process. This guide has been made available to support our students and families in learning all about what's new at Skyline High School this Fall as we implement our Ann Arbor Public Schools Re-Imagine Learning Plan. The guide is geared toward new families. However, with all that is new this year we highly suggest ALL families review this information fully.

A PDF of this guide with active links is attached [HERE](#) for your convenience

**Please Look for
Testing Information for SAT12 and SAT PSAT/NMSQT 11th
Graders to be shared next week**