



Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2020-2021



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thurs., Sept. 17, 2020

Merkle's Mental Health Moment:

Dr. Erich Merkle, Pupil Adjustment Program, Office of Special Education, Akron Public Schools

With the intersection of the pandemic's impact on our educational experiences, broad community discussions about social justice issues and American politics, among countless other social issues affecting our youth, students have had to find inner reserves towards resilience, leadership, and citizenship. In doing so, they also had to develop understanding about viruses, grief, racial injustice and how the American political system is or is not working for them. [Education Week offers a thoughtful series of essays and videos on how students have navigated these paths to find strength, character, and growth.](#)

Attendance

Just a reminder that attendance does count in remote learning. Teachers will be actively taking attendance using three tracking methods: daily interactions or check-ins with the teacher to acknowledge attendance (primary method), assignment completion and digital logins to Google Classroom/digital instructional. *Please note, if your child is ill and unable to participate in remote learning, you still need to call the school to report the student as absent. When calling your school to report the absence, be sure to include a reason for the absence.*

Dress for Success

The Akron School Board voted July 27 to suspend the normal dress code policy pertaining to uniforms for this school year. This means uniforms are not required for remote learning. However, students are still expected to dress appropriately for online learning. If you wouldn't be allowed to wear an outfit to school during non-uniform days, it isn't appropriate for remote learning.

Technical resources and support available for students

The district is committed to ensuring that all students and families are able to learn in a remote environment. APS is providing a variety of technical support resources and tutorials for students and parents who may be having issues accessing online lessons and remote learning. Families needing support should first contact their teacher. If additional assistance is needed, they can contact the building technology coordinator, refer to our [online resources and tutorials](#) or complete a [Help Desk form](#).

Imagination Library provides free books to young children

The Ohio Governor's Office, in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, is working to ensure every student enters kindergarten ready to succeed by putting more books in the hands of Ohio's children. When you sign up for the program, your child will be mailed a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book every month he or she is enrolled from birth until five years of age. [Enroll now!](#)

Learning support from area agencies

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio, Akron Area YMCA and The Salvation Army of Summit County are offering learning support for Akron Public Schools students during the school day. All programs will help students engage in remote learning and are designed to help parents during working hours. Tutoring, personal assistance and some meals will be provided.

Akron Area YMCA

Cost: \$170/week for members, \$190/week for non-members. Scholarships available. Title XX accepted.

Locations throughout the Akron area. Hours vary by location from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For students in grades K-5

[Registration information](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs Learning Centers

Cost: Free – Registration is required, and space is limited.

- Steve Wise Club, 889 Jonathan Ave., Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (ages 6-12)
- Eller Teen Club, 888 Eller Ave., Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. (ages 13-18)

[Download the registration form](#) or visit the Steve Wise Club to pick up an application.

The Salvation Army of Summit County

Cost: \$85/week per child – enrollment is limited and preferences will be made for working families

Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Call 330.762.8481 for location information, to enroll and discuss eligibility

Student meal pick-up for all children ages 18 and younger

Student meals (breakfast and lunch) are available at all APS neighborhood schools from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday-Friday. No meals will be served at Ott, Essex, Stewart, Early College, NIHF STEM, STEM HS, I PROMISE or Miller South. These students may come to other neighborhood schools.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

All the resources below have clickable links for your convenience.

General resources

- [Akron Summit County Library](#)
- [APS Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
- [APS District Website](#)
- [APS Family Resources](#)
- [APS Learning 2020-21 Google Site](#)
- [Get 2 School/Stay in the Game](#)
- [Ohio Department of Education \(ODE\)](#)
- [Parent and Caregiver Resources](#)
- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [United Way 2-1-1 Resource Referral](#)

Forms and downloads

- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)
- [Help Desk Form](#)

Educational and mental health resources

- [5 Things Parents Can Do to Support Learning at Home](#)
- [9 Tips for Parents Navigating Online Learning](#)
- [22 Remote Learning Tips for Parents](#)
- [CDC: Help Children Learn at Home](#)
- [Online Learning Tips for Families](#)

APS social media

- Facebook [@akronpublicschools](#)
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