



Welcome to Avon Grove Charter School

Dear Parents and Students,

Allow us to be the first to say, “Welcome to AGCS!” As a new parent and student to our school community, we want to provide you some information that will help make the transition into your new school community. As you may or may not be aware, AGCS is very unique and operates different than a traditional public school. We believe that our “family feel” separates us from our larger local district schools and provides our students and parents with a fulfilling experience. As a result, our expectations are demanding; however, embracing this culture will lead to an exceptional educational experience.

To assist our families and ensure that we communicate our expectations appropriately, there is a **mandatory new student orientation program on August 13, 2019. It is our expectation that parent(s) and students attend this program.**

8:15am-11:30am: Grades 4-12

Parents are expected to be present for the final hour of their student’s program.

Please utilize the below link to RSVP for the orientation.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7aeuCZcr7cxI7SkMYzugGA0A7riXA7alPs_PYc8BmVpw6kg/viewform?usp=pp_url

AGCS uses Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to communicate to parents, so please feel free to follow us on all three outlets.

Below is some additional information that may answer a few of your questions prior to the start of the school year. We encourage you to read over it at your convenience.

Important Information/Dates:

- Summer work and supply lists available on www.agcharter.org
- Schedules Available on Powerschool - Will be received the date of orientation
- AGCS Office Closed - Monday, July 29th - Friday, August 2nd
- New Student Orientation: Tuesday August 13th
 - 4th-12th graders 8:30am-11:30am
- Meet and Greet with teachers: Wednesday, August 21st
 - 4th-6th Grade 3:00-5:00
 - 7th-12th Grade 5:45-7:45
- First Day of School - Monday, August 26th
- School Closed - Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 2nd



Transportation: Your residing school district will provide you information on transportation. Please contact them with questions or concerns.

Pick-up/Drop-off

- Drop off 7:15am to 7:35am
- Pick-up 2:15pm

PowerSchool: PowerSchool is the Avon Grove Charter School's electronic student information system, where we collect and store student data. The Portal is the "doorway" into our system, giving parents access to information about their children. To gain access to the Parent Portal, you will need the access ID and password provided to you by AGCS. **This information will be shared in August.** Please contact the Main Office with any questions. 484-667-5000

Once you have your ID information, please take a moment to view the tutorial below to learn how to create your account. If you would like additional assistance, please download and reference the [AGCS Parent Portal User Guide](#) which can be found on our website.

Grades 4-6: PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents and students access to information including attendance, assignments/grades, and fee balances.

Grades 7-12: PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, assignments/grades, and fee balances.

We are happy to announce that Parent Portal is now able to support translation into foreign languages.

Schoology:

Schoology is Avon Grove Charter School's Learning Management System (LMS) for grades 4-12. Students and parents can access assignments, resources, and the calendar for each class. It also will provide students and parents with important announcements from teachers, school counselors, and administrators.

Parents and students will each have their own unique login and access code provided by AGCS. Access codes will be emailed to new families close to the beginning of the school year and will be available via the Parent Portal.

Please visit the [school's website](#) for more information about Schoology and how to set up Parent accounts.



Chromebooks:

At Avon Grove Charter School students in grades 5-12 are issued his/her own Chromebook. Students in 4th grade will have access to Chromebooks via classroom carts in all of their core classes. By putting a computer in the hands of every student while at school for grades 4-12, and while at home for grades 7-12, learning can become flexible and personalized for staff and students through connected integration of technology in the learning process.

New students in grades 5-12 will be issued a Chromebook at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. All 5th-12th grade parents must complete the 1:1 Parent Acknowledgement/Permission form and turn in a technology fee to the main office. [For more information on our 1:1 technology initiative visit our website.](#)

Lunch and Breakfast Information:

Lunch Prices

K-8: \$2.75

Grades 9-12: \$3.25

Grades K-12 Reduced: \$.40

Grades K-12 Entrée: \$2.00

Ala Carte Items: \$.75/\$1.00

Breakfast Prices

Grades K-12 \$1.25

Grades K-12 Reduced \$.30

Ala Carte Items: \$.75

Lunch / Breakfast Account

Parents are encouraged to set up a School Café (<http://www.schoolcafe.com>) account to view their students lunch transactions and payments posted to the account.

Free and Reduced Lunch - Applying for free and reduced meal benefits has never been easier! You can now apply, submit, and track your application status from start to finish through your [Schoolcafe](#) account. For more information on using Schoolcafe, please download the [Schoolcafe Instructions Flyer](#).

Medical/Nursing Department Information:

Your child will receive a nurse contact card the first week of school. Please complete and return this card as soon as possible as it provides the nurses with emergency contact information and permission to administer medication during the school day. All students must have proof of up to date immunizations in file with the nurses in order to start school. All students in kindergarten, third, and seventh grades must submit a recent dental exam and students in kindergarten, sixth and eleventh grades must submit a recent physical. Additionally, all students will participate in annual growth and vision screenings.

If you have any questions, please visit our website or contact Holly Verderame at hverderame@agcharter.org.



Contact Information: Please contact us should you have any additional questions and/or concerns.

<https://www.agcharter.org/>

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