



AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear ARIS Families:

As we quickly approach our first day of school, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a few important reminders.

First Day of School / Morning Drop Off

The first day of school is Thursday, September 5. Be sure to report to have your child report to their bus stop at least ten minutes early each morning. Those that have not yet been assigned a bus, or who need to be dropped off should not arrive to ARIS before 9:00 a.m. Parents/guardians who need to drop their child off at school should...

Drive slowly and cautiously when driving in the parking lot or driveway. In order to ensure a safe flow of traffic, a number of signs are posted to assist you when driving in the front parking area of the school. Please note the following regarding student drop-off, parking, and proceeding through this area:

1. Pulling up to the front of the school for student drop-off when buses are present is prohibited.
2. All traffic within the inner circle of the parking lot must move in a counter-clockwise direction. "One-way" and "Do Not Enter" signs have been posted to designate this direction.
3. Only ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC is permitted along the curb (right-hand side) of the inner circle for student drop-off in the morning. Please pull up to the curb, allow your child to exit your vehicle onto the sidewalk and proceed to the crosswalk. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CROSS IN FRONT OF ANY OTHER VEHICLES OR WALK THROUGH THE PARKING LOT UNATTENDED.** Please wait patiently in this line of traffic and **DO NOT PASS** other vehicles.
4. If you wish to park and allow your child to sit in your vehicle awaiting drop-off, please park along the "outer circle" curb throughout the front driveway. When all buses have departed, you may then pull up directly to the front of the building for your child to safely exit or you can proceed into the inner circle of the parking lot and follow the procedure above.

After School / Departure

If your child is going to be picked up, please note that students will report to the library and will wait there until they are signed out by a parent/guardian. Please note that parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter the school until 3:55 p.m., regardless of weather conditions. Also, please note that students are not allowed to leave the building without a parent/guardian.

Throughout the year, it may become necessary for you to pick-up your child early from school (i.e. doctor appointment). In such cases, please be sure to send a note to school with your child (specifying the early dismissal time which must be by 3:30 p.m.) and have your child bring the note to the main office during homeroom. As previously indicated, early dismissal must take place by 3:30 p.m. or you will need to wait until 3:55 p.m.

Lunch

Lunches will be served on the first day of school. If you would like to replenish your child's Point-Of-Service (POS) account, please visit the Hillsborough Public Schools Website and click on the "Food Services" option, which is located under the SERVICES Tab or by clicking [HERE](#). Families can replenish POS accounts via credit card online or by sending in a check. Checks should be made out to: *Hillsborough BOE*. Please ensure that your child's name is also written on the check.

Chromebooks

If you already picked-up your school issued Chromebook, please be sure to have it fully charged and ready to go for the first day of school. Students develop a routine to charge their Chromebooks each night. Please note that chromebook chargers are to remain at home.

Choice Reading Book

Students should come to school each day with a choice reading book. Please begin this process during the first few days of school.

Backpacks / Drawstring Bags / Cell Phones

Although students are encouraged to have a backpack to help transport school materials to and from school, ARIS follows a "no backpack" rule (which also includes "mini" backpacks) during the school day. Students are, however, allowed to use a drawstring bag (cinch sack) to secure small items that otherwise may be difficult to maintain throughout the day (i.e. water bottle, pencil case, earbuds, snack, choice reading book, computer mouse, eyeglasses). Please note that a drawstring bag should not be larger than the standard 14" x 18" size (width and height).

Cell phones are to remain in the student's locker at all times during the school day and should not be carried in their drawstring bag.

Looking Ahead

For your planning, our [Back-To-School Nights](#) will be on the dates below. More information about our BTSN will be sent in the coming days.

Grade 5: Wednesday, September 18

Grade 6: Wednesday, September 25

Lastly, in an effort to ensure that we have a smooth dismissal on the first day, and each day, please always be certain that your child knows if they should be taking the bus home. For example, students who are enrolled in our "Aftercare" program might only attend a few days a week. In such cases, please be clear with your child on which day(s) they are: (1) remaining at school, (2) taking the bus home, and/or (3) getting picked up. Confirming this information with your child is of the utmost importance, and will greatly serve to help the entire school dismiss on time each and every day.

On behalf of the ARIS faculty and staff, we look forward to a great year! As always, please do not hesitate to contact our main office staff should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Christopher Carey
Principal