



AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL

A California Distinguished High School

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Informational Packet for Starting School 2020-2021

Dear Amador Families,

I'm not afraid to admit my heart is heavy as I prepare this annual back to school update. We all miss our returning students and we were hoping to meet our new students in person to welcome them into the fold. In fact, New Student Orientation is one of our favorite events to host each year because we get to share about Amador—our culture and traditions, what we value, our unique personalities—so that our new students can feel comfortable and welcome right from the start. It also sets the tone for the year and reminds us that no matter what, we are in it together. Staff and students, freshmen and seniors, athletes, scholars and artists, students with diverse backgrounds, interests, and experiences.

Due to where we currently are with COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our New Student Orientation. When school is able to resume in person, we plan to do a “reset” at that time and host just such an event. Please know that we welcome you wholeheartedly in our hearts!

Also, you will notice in the textbook distribution schedule included later in this document that we have a special time designated exclusively for our new freshmen. While we have other times available as well for family convenience, the exclusive “Freshmen Only” time slot is designed for our students to take in the newness of high school, meet available school staff, and ask questions.

Although we are disappointed that school cannot open as it traditionally always has, I am happy to report that we are all busily preparing for a new school year. Teachers have already been practicing with new technology and ways to engage students while making virtual learning more user-friendly. We are sad, but with the new school year upon us, we are getting more and more excited about getting started with teaching and learning. Unfortunately, no one knows what the 2020-2021 year has in store for us. Regardless, we are ready to focus on our students and their important education. Thank you all for your patience throughout the summer. We have a wonderful school community and I am always so grateful to be able to collaborate with our staff, parents, and students.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Dorris', is written in a cursive style.

Jessica Dorris, Principal Amador High School

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE—IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Currently, in-person services is limited to textbook/materials check out at designated times.
- The school office is not open for drop-in visits. Please call (209) 257-7349 for assistance.
- All staff, students and parents who visit the site must wear face masks and maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times. Wherever posted, please follow markers designating traffic flow.
- All staff, students and parents must be health screened upon arrival on campus, which includes a temperature check and questions pertaining to COVID-19 symptoms. Please park in the office parking lot and follow signs to the designated health screening location before conducting any business on site, including textbook pick-up.

GETTING STARTED

Updating Student Information

Aeries, our student information system, is open for updating. Parents, please log on to update contact information in order to ensure you receive all school notifications. If you need assistance with accessing your student's Aeries account, please contact Megan Nelson at (209) 257-7342 or megan.nelson@acusd.org

Technology Checkout/Distribution

Chromebooks will be provided for all students who need a digital device to access their schoolwork. Additionally, hotspots are available for internet access. This year, we will have AT&T hotspots that will work in any locations that receives an AT&T cell signal. We will also have Verizon hotspots, as Verizon has a stronger cell signal upcountry. One hotspot per residence should provide needed bandwidth for several students. Families with more than one district student may check out a hotspot from any school in which their child attends. Please see the attached Acceptable Use form, which requires a parent signature, and bring the completed form to pick up technology. Printed forms will be available at the school if you cannot print one prior to checkout.

We will be distributing technology for families who need devices and/or hotspots on Wednesday, 8/12 and Thursday, 8/13. Please see the schedule below for more information.

Technology checkout will be curbside in the front office parking lot. Please follow the schedule by your student's last name if possible. We also have an early checkout time to accommodate families' busy schedules. The early time can be used for students in all grade levels and last names who cannot attend at a later time.

Technology Checkout		
Wednesday, 8/12		
Thursday, 8/13		
Grade	Last Name	Chromebook Checkout Time
9-12	A—Z	7:30 am—8:30 am
9-12	A—F	9:00 am—10:00 am
9-12	G—L	10:00 am—11:00 am
9-12	M—R	12:00 pm—1:00 pm
9-12	S—Z	1:00 pm—2:00 pm

Student Schedules

Class Schedules will be available on Aeries at the end of the day on Friday, August 14th. We encourage students to print their schedule and bring it to school during textbook checkout for faster service. Class change requests will be reviewed from August 24th until September 4th. A survey link to request a schedule change will be provided by counselors soon.

Until August 24th, schedule adjustments will be made only to address errors, such as double or missing periods, etc. We appreciate your patience and our counselors will assist as soon as they can.

Textbook Distribution

Amador High Beginning of the Year Important Events				
DATE	GRADE	LAST NAME	TIME	EVENT
Monday, August 17 th	10 th – 12 th	A – J	1:00 – 2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class schedules distributed (also available on Aeries to print) Textbook checkout Counselors available to correct scheduling errors only
		K – Z	3:00 – 4:30	
	9 th	A – Z	5:00 – 6:30	
Tuesday, August 18 th	9 th – 12 th	A – I	12:30 – 2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class schedules distributed (also available on Aeries to print) Textbook checkout Counselors available to correct scheduling errors only
	9 th – 12 th	J – P	2:00 – 3:30	
	9 th – 12 th	Q – Z	3:30 – 5:00	
	9 th – 12 th	A – Z	5:00 – 6:30	<p><i>Reserved for students who cannot attend earlier in the day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class schedules distributed (also available on Aeries to print) Textbook checkout Counselors available to correct scheduling errors only
Wednesday, August 19 th	9 th – 12 th	A – I	8:30 – 10:30	<p>Last Chance Technology and Textbook Checkout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chromebook and hotspot checkout Class schedules distributed (also available on Aeries to print) Textbook checkout Counselors available to correct scheduling errors only
	9 th – 12 th	J – P	11:30 – 1:30	
	9 th – 12 th	Q – Z	1:30 – 3:30	

Attending Class/Accessing Classwork

Teachers will use Google Classroom to provide students with classwork that can be completed in our remote setting. Distance Learning enrolled students will also have daily live instruction provided each morning. Instructions for logging on to a virtual session will be provided through Google Classroom. Virtual Independent Learning enrolled students will have access to the same instructional assignments within the Google Classroom. Virtual Independent Learning enrolled students will work with each teacher to ensure they are able to access all materials necessary to complete assignments independently. Google Classroom codes will be printed on each student’s class schedule so that students can join their scheduled classes and access curriculum.

The schedule below pertains to distance learning enrolled students. However, it is strongly encouraged that Virtual Independent Learning students join any scheduled meetings they can. Similarly, Virtual Independent Learning students should set a schedule to make adequate progress in their classes.

ACUSD High School Distance Learning: Student Schedule							
Every Wednesday				Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday			
				Monday/Thursday: Students Attend Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 Tuesday/Friday: Students Attend Periods 2, 4, 6, 8			
Independent Work Time	9:00	10:50	110 min	1st/2 nd —Live Instruction	8:30	9:15	45 min
HERD Outreach—Live Instruction*	11:00	11:20	20 min	Break	9:15	9:30	15 min
Lunch	11:20	11:50	30 min	3rd/4 th —Live Instruction	9:30	10:15	45 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours Independent Work Time** 	11:50	1:40	110 min	Break	10:15	10:30	15 min
				5th/6 th —Live Instruction	10:30	11:15	45 min
<p>*HERD Outreach is a special weekly virtual meeting for students to obtain important school information, receive teacher support, and talk with classmates. Students will be placed in a group with the same teacher for the duration of distance learning.</p> <p>**Scheduled office hours for additional help, teacher attendance accounting, student intervention/support</p>				Break	11:15	11:30	15 min
				7th/8 th —Live Instruction	11:30	12:15	45 min
				Lunch	12:15	12:45	30 min
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Hours (by appointment) Independent Work Time 	12:45	1:45	60 min

Connecting Students with School

Each week we will have a HERD Outreach period, similar to a homeroom. The purpose of this class period is to share weekly announcements and to have additional contact with a teacher for extra support. Also, this class will be designed to give our students a chance to talk with classmates in a less formal classroom setting. This is new, so let us share the questions that we expect will come up:

Is this a graded class?

You will not receive a grade and it will not appear on your transcript.

Do I have to attend?

Attendance will be taken daily and this class will provide you with important information and updates that may not be shared in other classes. If you cannot attend a virtual session, please check in with your teacher through email or office hours to catch up on anything you might have missed. Your teacher would also like to know you are doing well and are making progress in your classes.

Our Class Advisors will also create Google Classrooms for grade-specific information. Please watch for an announcement and join your class virtually for important updates.

Office hours are another way that students can connect with their teachers, counselors, and administrators. Students are encouraged to email the staff member they would like to meet with virtually. School staff will typically respond within 24 hours.

Welcome back to school! If you have any questions that we haven't answered, please feel free to contact us. The contacts below will help connect you to the staff member who can best answer your questions.

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