



Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2021-2022



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

Merkle's Mental Health Moment - October Bullying Prevention Month

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October is National Bullying Prevention Month, providing an opportunity for adults to learn how to support both those who are victims and those who execute bullying behaviors. Bullying is considered a serious, and often tragic, national public health problem that affects more than [1 of 5 school-aged students](#). Students who experience bullying have an increased risk of depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement and dropping out of school. This month provides a great opportunity for us to [stop bullying and promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion](#). Learn how you can help:

- [StopBullying.gov](#)
- [National Center on PBIS: Bullying Prevention](#)

Roll Up a Sleeve with APS

The [Roll Up a Sleeve family vaccination campaign](#) includes clinics during the school day for students and after-school clinics from Summit County Public Health for families and those wanting booster shots. The next family vaccination clinic will be on Oct. 11 from 4-7 p.m. at Buchtel CLC. To locate other vaccination sites in Ohio, [use this tool](#).

Warnings against destructive in-school TikTok challenge

Superintendent Christine Fowler Mack wants APS families to be aware of a popular social media "challenge" on TikTok. The "challenge" encourages students to steal or vandalize school property such as soap dispensers, paper towel holders and electronic whiteboards and post the content on TikTok. To prevent future occurrences, the superintendent [released a statement](#) discussing the issue and possible consequences for those involved.

APS seniors are eligible to participate in Dream Day

College & Career Academies of Akron is hosting [DrE³am Day for all APS seniors](#) on Oct. 14. The day is intended to help seniors plan their futures by enrolling in college, enlisting in the military or getting started in their career. Community partners will be available to review scholarship essays, resumes and cover letters and teach students how to dress professionally on a budget. More information will be announced at individual schools.

Attend the Diversity Career Fair

The Akron Urban League will be hosting a Diversity Career Fair on Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 440 Vernon Odom Blvd. The event is in person and will include networking opportunities with recruiters and hiring managers, on-site interviews and free resume reviews. Masks and registration are required. [Learn more and register](#).

Provide feedback in the ESSER Funds survey

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) help to safely reopen schools and support students impacted by COVID-19. To help the district appropriately plan and allocate resources provided through the funds, [please provide feedback in this form](#).

APS GEAR UP Partnership Program to provide financial assistance for postsecondary education

The APS GEAR UP Partnership Program is designed to support and increase the number of low-income students who participate in postsecondary education. Federal funds, in the form of seven-year grants, will allow APS to support students from grade seven through high school and provide college scholarships to low-income students. Funds will also be used for postsecondary education services, such as providing financial aid information, encouraging enrollment and providing scholarships. [Learn how the grant will support education services at APS](#).

Attend a free Trunk or Treat event

Christ Child Society and First United Methodist Church of Akron are hosting a drive-through Trunk or Treat event Oct. 23 from 2-3:30 p.m. at 263 East Mill Street. The event is for children ages 2-12. Children are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Registration and masks are required. [Register here](#). Contact Brandy Draper for questions or more information at 1umcbrandy@gmail.com.

APS *plus* After-Hours Support for students and families

APS *plus* After-Hours Support assists students and families with K-12 tutoring and academic support, family support services, social-emotional urgent support, technology and Google Classroom troubleshooting. Hours will be **Monday through Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be closed on holidays**. Call 330.761.7943 for assistance. For more information, visit akronschools.com.

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 \(ODE\)](#)
- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [United Way 2-1-1 Resource Referral](#)

Forms and downloads

- [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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- YouTube [@Akron Schools](#)