



**ARCADIA**

— HIGH SCHOOL —

**2024-2025**

**HOME OF THE  
FIREBIRDS**



# **ADMINISTRATORS**

**MR. O'SHEA, PRINCIPAL**

**MR. SABATINO  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**MS. POGHARIAN  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

# **SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

**MS. CODY**

**11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**MS. EDWARDS**

**9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**





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# **DIPLOMA TYPES**

**ADVANCED DIPLOMA (26 CREDITS)**

**STANDARD DIPLOMA (22 CREDITS)**

**APPLIED STUDIES DIPLOMA**

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# DIPLOMA OPTIONS

## Advanced Diploma

English (4 credits)  
Mathematics (4 credits)  
Laboratory Science (4 credits)  
History and Social Sciences (4 credits)  
World Languages (3 credits)  
Health and Physical Education (2 credits)  
Fine Arts or Career and Technical  
Education (1 credit)  
Economics and Personal Finance (1 credit)  
Electives (3)

**Total 26**

## Standard Diploma

English (4 credits)  
Mathematics (3 credits)  
Laboratory Science (3 credits)  
History & Social Science (3 credits)  
Health & Physical Education (2 credits)  
World Language, Fine Arts or Career &  
Technical Education (2)  
Economics and Personal Finance (1 credit)  
Electives (4)

**Total 22**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must EARN 5 Verified Credits by passing both the course and corresponding SOL Test.

Students must complete a CTE Completer and EARN a CTE Certification.

Students must have 40 hours of Community Service by the time they graduate.

*Student who obtain 50 hours of community service will meet one of the requirements for the VDOE's Seal for Excellence in Civics Education.*



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Students must pass the following SOLs to graduate:

Algebra/Geometry (9th Grade)

World Geography (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Biology (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)\*

\*Earth Science (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

English: Reading/Writing (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Failure to pass the SOL will result in the student retaking the course.**







# **PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

From **9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** by accumulating a minimum of **6** credits

From **10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>** by accumulating a minimum of **12** credits

From **11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>** by accumulating a minimum of **16** credits

**Each class passed equals one (1) credit.  
Students must pass their classes and earn credits to be promoted to the next grade level.**

# GRADING SCALE

Grades 9 - 12				
Grade	100 Point Scale	Regular Class 4.0 Scale	Honors Level 4.5 Scale	Dual Enrollment or Advanced Placement 5.0 Scale
A	95 - 100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90 - 94	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83 - 86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73 - 76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	63 - 66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	60 - 62	.70	1.2	1.7
F	0 - 59	0	0	0
F	0 - No work attempted or completed	0	0	0

Students will no longer be given a 50% as a minimum grade.



# GOVERNOR'S EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**ALL FRESHMEN** must fill out, sign, and have their parents sign the Governor's Early College Scholars Agreement form that will be handed out.

Allows eligible high school students to earn at least 15 hours of transferable college credit while completing the requirement for an **Advanced Studies Diploma.**

These forms must be returned by **September 20<sup>th</sup>** to 1<sup>st</sup> block teacher or the guidance department.



# VHSL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

## Fall

Boys & Girls Cross  
Country

JV/Varsity Football

JV/Varsity Volleyball

Competition Cheer  
Sideline Cheer

Theatre

## Winter

Wrestling

JV/Varsity Girls  
Basketball

JV/Varsity Boys  
Basketball

Swimming

Scholastic Bowl

Forensics (Public  
Speaking)

## Spring

JV/Varsity Baseball

JV/Varsity Softball

JV/Varsity Girls  
Soccer

JV/Varsity Boys  
Soccer

Track & Field

# ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in any VHSL Activity or Sport, students must meet the following criteria:

- Pass 3 of their 4 classes from the previous semester (VHSL). Freshmen are exempt from this policy for the Fall 2024 season.
- Have a current sports physical (dated after May 1, 2024) on file.
- Provide proof of insurance.
- Completed concussion and sudden cardiac arrest forms.
- Be a student in good standing.







# ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (NON-VHSL)

- Yearbook
- FBLA - Business
- DECA - Marketing
- FCCLA – FACS
- SkillsUSA – Badger
- Drama
- Rock & Roll Show
- Renaissance Faire
- Chess
- TSA – Technical Drawing
- Music/Guitar
- Marching Band
- Color Guard
- Chorus
- Robotics
- Hi-Y
- BETA
- Many more....

# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Updated ACPS Student Code of Conduct
- Updated Student Discipline Policies – School and Bus
- AHS Student Handbook (On-Line)
- **New ACPS Cell Phone Policy – Not permitted to be used between 7:30AM – 2:30PM**
- Student Attendance
  - Students will “fail due to attendance” after 5 unverified absences (per block).
  - Students will be assigned credit recovery to meet 140 seat hour requirements.
  - Nurse will excuse up to 5 days verified by a doctor/physician per year with proper documentation.
  - After 18 full day absences (VER, OSS, ABS) student will be considered Chronically Absent by VDOE – affects AHS Accreditation.
  - Tardies – Instruction begins at 7:30AM
    - Teachers lock doors at the sound of the bell



# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Vaping – 3, 5, 10 Days OSS
- Marijuana/THC – 10 Days OSS w/ Recommendation for Long Term Suspension
- Disrespectful Behavior
- Disruptive Behavior
- Dress Code
- Language – Appropriate for School
- Restroom Usage – Zones
- Posturing to Fight – 3 Days OSS
- Fighting – 5 Days OSS/10 Days OSS
- Student Drop Off/Pick Up
- Class Dues
  - Freshmen - \$15
  - Sophomores - \$25
  - Juniors - \$35
  - Seniors - \$45



# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Re-Invent Yourself.
- Get Involved.
- Familiarize yourself with ACPS/AHS policies and expectations – “Not Knowing” is NOT an Excuse.
- Get Organized.
- Surround Yourself with Positive People.
- Understand if you fail a course, you will have to re-take it.
- If you don't know, ask some one who does know.
- Get to know your teachers. Let your teachers get to know you.
  
- Anything for the good of the order...





# WORDS OF ADVICE

Remember that you are not alone!! (The administration, faculty, and school counselors are here for your success.)

Do not be afraid to make new friends...

Do not be afraid to ask questions...





# WORDS OF ADVICE

Come to school EVERYDAY and be PRESENT!

ENGAGE with your teachers, the lesson, and your classmates. Be ACTIVE in your education!

Get INVOLVED...sports, activities, clubs!

SURROUND yourself with people who are going to help YOU be SUCCESSFUL!

Have a great year and remember,  
It is ALWAYS a GREAT day to be a FIREBIRD!



**QUESTIONS?**