

Arts Academy Update 09/21/2022

FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES AND PARENT RESOURCES

- To ensure continued enrollment at the Academy, returning students **must complete** the Back-to-School information updates at [Family Information Gateway](#). This will allow families to provide addresses, contacts, medical updates, and other essential information.
- All families should complete the Household Information Form application available at [Meal Magic Portal](#)
- On our website, there is information on the [Parent Resource](#) Page that will assist families with communicating with the Academy's staff.
- We recommend that all families register using our online payment provider [E Funds for Schools](#)
- All students will have access to Microsoft Office.com and should use that to communicate with teachers and staff.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules are posted in Unified Classroom.

All schedule change requests turned in by Monday, September 19th will be addressed before the end of this week. Unfortunately, not all requests can be implemented, but we will do our best to honor your requests.

If your student has questions regarding their schedule after this week, they should email Mrs. Burrage rburrage@artsacad.net

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Arts Academy in the Woods is a Community Eligible Provider (CEP) school. This means that the state of Michigan allows us to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost for all our families.

To remain a provider, we need to have the Household Information Reports completed in the Meal Magic portal. Completion of this form may also provide your child/family with additional state-provided benefits that are based on financial needs.

To access the report, please go to our website under Current Families and find Food Services. Click on the Household Information Report and you will be taken to the Meal Magic Family Portal. Choose the option to Apply for Benefits.

Thank you so much for your help!

School Picture Updates

Picture day was part of orientation on **September 1**.

Our school picture vendor is [Lifetouch](#). Families can visit the LifeTouch website for details on ordering and viewing.

School Name: Arts Academy in the Woods

Picture Day Dates: Thursday, September 1

Picture Day ID: EVT3QNP3W

- Visit mylifetouch.com for Online Picture Ordering.
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Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Friday October 21

Yearbook and Senior Picture Information

There is updated information regarding this year's Yearbook on the [Yearbook Info](#) page of our website [Yearbook Info - Arts Academy in the Woods Arts Academy in the Woods](#)

School Messenger

Our school participates in the SchoolMessenger program. This allows us to text essential information to wireless devices.

This requires all parents/guardians to actually "opt in" to the program, rather than having us just set it up automatically.

For a recipient to receive messages via SMS text, you need to have a valid wireless number and an opt-in confirmation receipt sent from the wireless device.

Each mobile device must be opted-in separately.

We will be holding an Opt-In campaign from now until October 1, 2022.

If you receive a request from SchoolMessenger Communicate short code 67587, please respond Y to opt in to this service.

Recipients that wish to receive text messages need only ensure that their number(s) are on record and that they have sent a "Y" or "yes" via text message to short code 67587.

Dress Code Reminders

As we start the school year, there have been a few incidents of students expressing confusion regarding our dress code. Although we have a relaxed environment and

dress code, we do have a dress code. Our dress code was written by our students and Board of directors and is intended to be fair and minimally restrictive to all our students. Please remind your student of these expectations.

From the Code of Conduct:

Dress Code (Updated 09/12/2016)

While fashion changes, the reasons for being in school do not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process or presents risk to him/herself or others, he/she may be removed from the educational setting and asked to change clothes or be sent home. This is at the discretion of the principal and or his/her designee.

Personal Grooming

All students attending Arts Academy in the Woods shall be clean, neat and well groomed. Personal grooming shall be completed prior to entering the classroom.

Clothing

Students may not wear anything that is emotionally or physically harmful to themselves or others. All clothing shall be neat and clean. Slogans and designs shall be in good taste. Clothing will be considered to be in poor taste if it:

1. is obscene, libelous, indecent or vulgar
2. advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law
3. has the potential to be insulting or harassing
4. incites fighting or presents a likelihood of disrupting school or a school event

The following attire is NOT TO BE WORN IN SCHOOL:

5. Midriffs or crop tops
6. Pants worn significantly below the hips
7. See-through or low cut shirts without an undershirt beneath
8. Low-cut tank tops, such as those with very low-cut necklines or very low-cut armholes
9. Sunglasses (non-prescription) (Students must have a doctor's note to be allowed to wear sunglasses inside the school)
10. Slippers or house shoes
11. Coats may only be worn at the discretion of the teacher and/or administrator
12. Skirts or shorts must be long enough to cover private areas at all times.

Students officially representing the Arts Academy in the Woods in outside activities or events shall always dress according to the standards set by this dress code.

Violators may be reported by any student, teacher, administrator or the principal to the principal or designee.

To cover other situations, if not covered by the above guidelines, the following policy will be used: attire that has the potential to distract from the teaching and/or learning situation of the students shall not be allowed.

Any student found in violation of the dress code statement will be required to change clothing. If no change of clothes is available, parents will be called and a request made for suitable clothing. More than one violation of this code may result in detention and/or suspension from school.