



Owen Lake High School Survival Guide

2022-2023

Welcome to Avon Lake High School!

In this guide, you will find important information to help you best navigate through your years here at Avon Lake High School. Whether you are a freshman, or a new student, or a current student looking for some good info, we hope you find this packet helpful!

Avon Lake High School Website:

<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/highschool>

Avon Lake Counseling Webpage:

<https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/highschool/guidance-department>

Twitter: [@AvonLakeHS](https://twitter.com/AvonLakeHS)

Facebook: [AvonLakeHS](https://www.facebook.com/AvonLakeHS)

Administration

Principal: Mr. Mike May

9th and 12th grade Assistant Principal: Mr. Jeff Vasil

10th and 11th grade Assistant Principal: Mr. Adam Slabodnick

****Your assigned Assistant Principal will remain the same throughout all four years****

School Counselors

Last Names A - E: Mr. Al Skierski

Last Names F - K: Mrs. Erin Grieger

Last Names L - Ri: Mrs. Daryn Archer

Last Names Ro - Z: Mr. Mike Kaminski

High School Staff

To view a list of current staff members, [click here](#)

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Athletics

The Athletics website can be found [here](#).

[Athletic Code Handbook](#)

Mr. Brent Schremp is our Athletic Director. If you are interested in joining a sports team, click here to view the [Coaches Directory](#) for coach names and emails.

[Pay-To-Participate](#)

To participate in a sport, students must pay \$300/year and a family cap of \$400. There are payment deadlines for Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports. If payment in full is not received by the deadline, the student athlete CANNOT participate in practices or contests. Students may pay by check made out to Avon Lake High School, OR through [payschoolscentral.com](#) (see School Fees for more information)

In order for a student to be considered athletically eligible for a sport, each quarter, a student must be **passing 5 academic classes at all times** (Physical Education and Individual Supplemental classes do NOT count toward eligibility) and must maintain at least a 1.5 GPA.

All incoming freshmen playing a fall sport must have earned the above requirements for 4th quarter during their 8th grade year.

Attendance

When a student is absent, parents or guardians are requested to call the Attendance Office (440-930-8296) before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. Students must be in attendance for five (5) full consecutive periods a day to attend any school events on or off school grounds.

An unexcused absence from school and/or class includes: 1. Truancy from classes and school; 2. Student absences without a parental phone call stating the reason for the absence

Missing more than 20 minutes of a class period due to tardiness constitutes an absence. These absences count toward the total accumulated absences. **Disciplinary consequences will begin with the fifth tardy.**

Bell Schedule

The daily bell schedule can be found [here](#)

There are 12 periods every day. Each student will be assigned a lunch period at random: 4/5, 6/7, or 8/9.

Cafeteria/Lunch-Study Hall

Students may pack a lunch or buy. If buying, students can pay with check, cash, or enter their 6 digit student ID at the register. To buy lunch using a school ID, students and parents should visit: MySchoolAccount.com and click *Create Account* in the upper left corner.

Freshmen and Sophomores will eat lunch either 5th, 7th, or 9th period for approximately 23 minutes. Prior to lunch, students will have a study hall in the Competition Gym (the Main Gym) either 4th, 6th, or 8th period for approximately 23 minutes.

Juniors and Seniors will eat lunch either 4th, 6th, or 8th period for approximately 23 minutes. After lunch, students will have a study hall in the Competition Gym (the Main Gym) either 5th, 7th, or 9th period lasting approximately 23 minutes

Your lunch/study hall period is a great time to visit the Counseling Office!

Calendar

[Click](#) to view events for any building in the district

Class Load

Students in the **9th and 10th** grade are required to take a **minimum of 6 academic classes per semester** and **11th and 12th** grade students are required to take a **minimum of 5 academic classes per semester**. Students are reminded to check requirements for athletic eligibility. Please note: Since Individual Supplement and Physical Education Classes are only .25 credits/semester, students taking these classes will have to add an additional class to their schedule.

For students taking a science class that includes a lab, the maximum number of classes students can take with lunch each semester is 7.

Clinic

Located near the Assistant Principals' Office and the Athletic Office. Can be accessed through the Main Office, Assistant Principals' Office, or Counseling Office doors. Students should have a pass from a teacher to enter the clinic.

Clubs

A complete list of ALHS Clubs and Activities as well as advisors can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in joining a club, email the advisor to express your interest and find out when meetings are scheduled

College Credit Plus

College Credit Plus (CCP or CC+) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. Please see page 12 in our [Program of Studies](#) for more information. The legislation for this program requires that parents and students receive counseling regarding the program, and that a letter of intent for the following school year be submitted to the Counseling Office no later than April 1.

Counselors

Every student is assigned a counselor freshman year based on last name. This counselor will be the same for all four years of a student's high school career. Counselors are available to discuss academics, college and career exploration, and social/emotional issues. Students may drop in, but appointments are encouraged. IMPORTANT: PLEASE SCHEDULE MEETINGS DURING YOUR STUDY HALLS AND/OR FREE PERIODS

In order to schedule an appointment with your counselor, click the below links:

Allen Skierski (A-E): <https://tinyurl.com/SkierskiGuidance>

Erin Grieger (F-K): <https://tinyurl.com/GriegerGuidance>

Daryn Archer (L-Ri): <https://tinyurl.com/DArcherGuidance>

Michael Kaminski (Ro-Z): <https://tinyurl.com/MrKaminski>

Please visit the [Counseling Webpage](#) for further information.

Detention/Opportunity School/Saturday School

[Click here](#) and go to page 17 for more information. See an Assistant Principal with any questions.

Graduation Requirements

Can be found [here](#).

To graduate, students need:

1. To earn 21 credits in specific disciplines
2. AND earn 2 seals

3. AND earn a minimum score on two End of Course exams: Algebra I and English 10.

[Click here](#) for more detailed information.

Handbooks/Dress Code/Discipline

[Student Handbook](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

Honors Diploma

To view the Academic Honors Diploma Requirements, [click here](#).

ID Cards

After picture day, all students will be issued an official ALHS Student ID card. The card will have student picture, name, and 6 digit ID #. If a student loses their ID, they are to fill out the envelope outside of the Main Office with \$5 and put it in the dropbox for Mrs. Hout- our bursar. Within 24 hours, the student may pick the ID up from Mrs. Ross in the Media Center.

Junior/Senior Pass

Students at Avon Lake High School who have study halls at the beginning or end of the day are eligible to register for Junior/Senior Pass privilege. Junior/Senior pass will only be offered first, second, eleventh or twelfth period. All Junior/Senior Passes are subject to the criteria listed in the student handbook, which include grade requirements, parental permission, and behavior standards. Details about Junior/Senior Pass will be included in the summer newsletter.

JVS

Lorain County Joint Vocational School

Avon Lake students may choose to complete their junior and senior years in high school studying one of several two-year vocational programs at Lorain County Joint Vocational School located in Oberlin, Ohio. Students will receive an Avon Lake High School diploma upon successful completion of the two years at LCJVS. Application to the vocational school begins in the 10th grade. Students should check with their counselor early in the 10th grade about the various course offerings at the JVS, application procedures, and the credit needed. Students can also apply to attend the 9th grade Career Readiness or 10th grade Career Explorations programs at JVS. Please see your counselor if you would like more information on these opportunities.

Lockers

Every student will be assigned a different locker each year. Locker numbers and combinations will be available via PowerSchool when schedules go live each August. Please note- students are permitted to wear a backpack during the school day. Please see the Assistant Principal's office with any questions.

Lost & Found

Lost an item? Head to the Main Office to see if it has been turned in.

Map

Building maps are available in the Main or Counseling Office if you need help finding a specific location

Media Center/The LAKE

Mrs. Denise Ross runs our Media Center (Library). Students may visit the Media Center during a free period as long as they have a pass. Chromebooks are available in the Media Center for checkout.

Naviance

Naviance is an online toolkit for students to help them make informed choices in planning for life beyond graduation. Students should begin to familiarize themselves with this program freshman year. To log in to Naviance, please follow the below steps:

1. <https://www.avonlakecityschools.org/>
2. Hover over "Parents & Students" at top left
3. Click: Naviance- High School
4. (You may have to type in our zip code: 44012)
5. User type: Click "Student"
6. Click **"Continue With Clever"** do NOT try to sign in with username/password!
7. Click "Log in with Google"
8. Student logs in with usual alstudent Gmail address and password

Newsletters

A monthly [newsletter](#) is emailed by the Main Office with important reminders and dates. In each newsletter, there will also be a [link](#) to view the Counselors' Corner monthly newsletter

Parking

The Parking Pass Form can be found [here](#). When applying for a parking permit, a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a parent/guardian signature are required. A fee of \$20 will be charged in PowerSchool on permits purchased first semester, and second semester permits will be \$10. Parking passes can be picked up in the Main Office. Temporary drivers permits will not be accepted and will not be held for future purchase. Please see Mrs. Hout in the Main Office for questions or email her at: laura.hout@avonlakecityschools.org

Each student purchasing a parking permit will be assigned a specific numbered parking space.

Peer Leadership Program

Each year, rising sophomores and juniors may apply to be a [Peer Leader](#) for the following year. The PLP involves Junior & Senior Student Leaders working together to support and mentor ALHS Freshmen and New Students throughout high school. Students wanting to foster a welcoming atmosphere at ALHS and further develop their leadership skills should definitely consider applying in the spring. See Mrs. Archer in the Counseling Office for more information.

PowerSchool/Grades/Schedule

[PowerSchool](#) serves as a student's online gradebook. This program allows parents and students to go online and check a student's progress in each class at any time throughout the school year using a secure login.

Mid-August, schedules will "go live" in PowerSchool. Students and parents may access what a student's schedule will look like for the upcoming year, including courses, teachers, and classroom numbers. See Schedule Changes for more information

Printing

Students can select the PIN option on a school printer and use their 6 digit student ID number to print. Select the ID number screen at the printer to log in. There are envelopes outside of the Main Office if you would like to add more money to your account to be able to make more copies.

Program of Studies

The ALHS [Program of Studies](#) is an extremely useful document critical in helping students map out their four years of classes, and includes the following information:

- 9-12 Course Offerings with Program Descriptions including course fees
- Requirements for Graduation
- Curricular Choices including Honors, AP, JVS, Summer school, College Credit Plus, and the TEE program, etc.
- Procedures including schedule changes, grading scales, athletic eligibility, junior/senior pass, etc.

Schedule Changes

Please note: the Counseling Office does **NOT** change lunch periods.

The *Class Drop Deadline* is always **10 days after the first day of class**. After that, no changes can be made. After students have selected courses, schedule changes will **only** be made based on the following:

- a) ACADEMIC MISPLACEMENT (an error was made in placement due to incorrect evaluation of ability scores, past grades, etc.)
- b) TECHNICAL ERROR IN THE SCHEDULE PROCESS (incorrect course code keyed into computer)
- c) CHANGE IN THE MASTER SCHEDULE (class is closed or changed)
- d) RESCHEDULING OF A FAILED COURSE
- e) RESCHEDULING NEEDED AFTER SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES ARE COMPLETED

School Fees

Please visit payschoolscentral.com to view and pay for school fees. School fees are also available for viewing on PowerSchool. Please see Mrs. Hout in the Main Office for questions or email her at: laura.hout@avonlakecityschools.org

School Newspaper

[The Spectrum](#)

Click above to view our monthly newspaper. Mr. Arra is always looking for writers to contribute- see him with questions!

Summer Reading List/Summer Assignments

[Summer reading lists and AP assignments](#) are posted each June

Teacher Aides

Some teachers may allow for students to aid in their classes. Each teacher may have two student aides per period, each semester. If you are interested in aiding, let that teacher know and he/she will fill out a Google form to be approved by administration. Student aides are supervised by the teacher in their assigned areas and are not permitted to go to lunch during their aiding period. Please note: The maximum number of volunteer hours you can earn then will be 15 per semester per period unless an extenuating circumstance is adequately provided by the supervisor to justify more.

Testing:

PSAT 8/9, 10, 11

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the [PSAT](#) each October. The purpose of the PSAT is to prepare you for the SAT- a college entrance exam. When you test your Junior year, you take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST) and are automatically considered for the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#), which can result in Scholarship money.

SAT

All 11th grade students will take College Board's [SAT](#)- free of cost- in March. The best way to prepare for the SAT is to [link](#) your College Board account with [Khan Academy](#). This will give you free, individualized practice exams based on your PSAT strengths and weaknesses. See your counselor if you have trouble logging in to your College Board account.

Advanced Placement

[Advanced Placement](#) (AP) Exams are standardized exams designed to measure how well you've mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course. Most AP courses have an end-of-year paper-and-pencil exam, but a few courses have different ways to assess what you've learned—for example, AP Art and Design students submit a portfolio of work for scoring.

AP testing occurs the first two weeks of May. For students taking the exam, there is a fee of approximately \$95/exam. Depending on your AP exam score, you may be eligible to earn college credits. [Click here for more information.](#)

End of Course exams (EOCs)

Also called Ohio State Tests (OSTs)

Each year in April, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take End of Course exams in various subjects. These exams are necessary to fulfill graduation requirements.

Testing will be at the end of each year, when students finish the following courses:

Algebra I

Biology

English 10/ELA II

Geometry

American History

Government

(bolded exams: students MUST take these, including any students transferring into the district)

If students do not reach a minimum score, they will have an opportunity to retest the following December or in subsequent years. For more resources, [click here](#).

Tutoring

If you are struggling academically, National Honor Society (NHS) students are available to help with peer tutoring. Please let Mr. Schofield or your counselor know if you need help and are interested. Peer Leaders are also available to help.

There is a district tutoring list- please see the Counseling Office for more details.

Volunteering

Community Service is **not** a graduation requirement. However, it is strongly encouraged and can serve as a great character and resume builder. Students may earn the Community Service Graduation Seal by completing 30+ hours of Community Service. Students may also earn the Community Service Honor Cord by completing 45+ hours of community service (due April 1 of senior year). [Click here for more information](#) on how to log and submit hours. See Mr. Arra for more details.

Work Permits

[Click here](#). Contact Mrs. Jennifer Jannuzzi in the Main Office with questions:
jennifer.jannuzzi@avonlakecityschools.org