

Apollo High School

Weekly Newsletter

AUGUST 7, 2026

Welcome to Apollo High School. We are glad you are here!

Each week we put out the weekly newsletter for Eagle families to stay up to date on the things that are going on at 2280 Tamarack Road. We will have a weekly letter from the Principal, District & School Information and Upcoming Events, Club/Team Highlights, Student Highlights and more!



FROM THE DESK OF MR. MASON HEAD

Greetings, Eagle Family,

I cannot begin to illustrate what a joy it has been to welcome our students back this week. I know every adult in our building would agree with the statement that it was wonderful having them back and seeing them again in our hallways and classrooms.

To those who are new to Apollo, welcome; to those who are returning, welcome back. My sincerest hope is that the first two days have been exciting and have invigorated you for the great year we intend to have.

I want to give a shoutout to a few specific groups and people who have represented Apollo well recently:

- Apollo High School Band was invited to play at the annual Opening Day for DCPS.
- Apollo Air Force JROTC was a part of the opening ceremonies at Opening Day.
- Senior Blakely Wethinton was one of the emcees for Opening Day.
- Apollo had four students recognized by Owensboro Parent in this year's installment of 18 Under 18.
 - Kaylee Booker
 - Kassi Hirt
 - Aubrey May
 - Blakely Wethinton

Eaglepalooza, our annual back-to-school summer event was yet again a success. The building was alive with activity and visitors for the duration of the six-hour event. Students and families, we want to thank those of you who were able to make it for taking the time to visit with us on this day. If your student is an underclassman, Eaglepalooza is an annual event held at Apollo High School. The event is typically in late July, and we send communications out in May and early summer.

On a final note, while this week marked the return to school for students, the adults in the building have been hard at work for the last several weeks, some longer. In addition to Eaglepalooza, Apollo played host to several events this summer. I would be remiss if I did not give a particular shoutout to a few of those groups. Ms. Misty Berry and the Front Office Staff are a one-of-a-kind group who ensure that our building operates smoothly. Our custodial staff is second-to-none. They have gone above and beyond this summer both in typical back-to-school preparations and in ensuring that the best version of Apollo was seen by our many guests this summer. Guidance achieved their typical standard in helping all students with all things scheduling and transitioning to school. Finally, all the faculty and staff at Apollo have gone about their summer work in such a way as to ensure that Apollo was in tip-top condition and ready to receive our students this week. For that, I thank them.

Best and most sincerely,

Mason Head

BLAKELEY Wethington

12TH GRADE • APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL

Creativity, leadership and service come together naturally for Blakeley Wethington, a student whose impact can be seen throughout Apollo High School and the Owensboro community.

An academically driven senior, Blakeley is pursuing Daviess County Public Schools' prestigious Honors Diploma while challenging herself through honors and Advanced Placement coursework. Her commitment to excellence extends far beyond the classroom, where she has become a leader in numerous organizations and activities.

Blakeley serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Apollo yearbook, preserving memories and telling the story of her school through photography and design. She is also a leader in Apollo's DanceBlue program, Student Council and the Wendell Ford Statesmanship Academy. As a member of the varsity cheerleading team, she proudly serves as the school mascot, bringing energy and school spirit to countless events. During the summer of 2026, Blakeley was selected to attend the prestigious Governor's Scholars Program, one of Kentucky's highest academic honors for high school students.

Known for her artistic talent, Blakeley often spends her free time designing banners and decorations that celebrate students, teachers and school events. Behind the camera, she captures meaningful moments with a photographer's eye and a genuine love for preserving memories.

Whether she's leading a service project, decorating the halls of Apollo or encouraging those around her, Blakeley approaches every opportunity with kindness, creativity and integrity. Her ability to inspire others while quietly making her school a better place reflects a servant's heart and a leader's mindset. Those qualities, combined with her academic excellence and artistic gifts, make Blakeley a remarkable young leader with a lasting impact on her school and community.



18 under 18

AUBREY May

11TH GRADE • APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL

Leadership comes naturally to Aubrey May, but what sets her apart is her desire to use those skills to help others succeed. As a junior at Apollo High School, Aubrey has already established herself as one of the region's outstanding student leaders through Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

As a freshman, Aubrey stepped onto a stage in front of more than 700 students to campaign for Region 2 Treasurer. Her confidence, authenticity and professionalism earned her the position, and her peers reelected her for a second term the following year. In that role, she helps plan regional conferences, leads leadership sessions for fellow students, manages financial records and serves as treasurer for Apollo's local FBLA chapter.

Service is equally important to Aubrey. Through the Red Cross Club, she has volunteered with Toys for Tots, March of Dimes, the Heart Walk, the Alzheimer's Walk, DanceBlue, blood drives and the local animal shelter. Her commitment to giving back reflects a genuine compassion for both people and animals.

Aubrey's leadership has earned her recognition as an Outstanding Local Chapter Officer and the Region 2 recipient of Kentucky FBLA's "Who's Who" award. She also excels academically, taking Advanced Placement, honors and dual-credit courses while balancing numerous extracurricular commitments.

Whether she's leading a conference, organizing a service project or challenging herself in the classroom, Aubrey consistently demonstrates integrity, confidence and a heart for serving others. Her dedication to leadership and community makes her an outstanding representative of Apollo High School.



18 under 18

KAYLEE Booker

9TH GRADE • APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL

(nominated by Burns Middle School)



Some leaders command attention with their words. Others earn respect through the way they treat people. For Kaylee Booker, leadership begins with kindness.

After completing eighth grade at Burns Middle School, Kaylee has become known as a student who leads with encouragement, compassion and a genuine desire to help others succeed. She maintains a high standard of academic achievement while balancing leadership roles in Student Council and competing as a student-athlete on the softball field.

As a member of Student Council, Kaylee has helped organize initiatives that promote gratitude, positivity and school spirit, creating opportunities for students and staff to feel appreciated and connected. She consistently looks for ways to include others, offering encouragement and making those around her feel valued.

On the softball field, Kaylee demonstrates the same work ethic and team-first attitude that define her leadership in the classroom. Whether celebrating teammates' successes or working through challenges together, she understands that great leaders build others up.

Teachers and classmates describe Kaylee as someone with a caring heart, a contagious smile and a positive attitude that brightens every room she enters. She leads not because she seeks recognition, but because serving others comes naturally to her. Through her character, dedication and unwavering kindness, Kaylee has made a lasting impact on her school community and serves as an example of what leadership truly looks like.

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KASSI Hirt

12TH GRADE • APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL

Kassi Hirt has never been afraid to step into roles where expectations are high. In fact, she has built her high school career by proving that leadership, discipline and determination know no boundaries.

Now a senior at Apollo High School, Kassi is on track to graduate with the school's prestigious Honors Diploma while taking on one of the most demanding leadership schedules in the building. As Corps Cadet Commander of Apollo's JROTC program, she leads by example with professionalism, integrity and unwavering commitment. She also serves as Drill Commander, Kitty Hawk Commander, overseeing the JROTC tutoring program, and Academic Team Commander, mentoring fellow cadets both inside and outside the classroom.

Kassi's accomplishments within JROTC have earned statewide and national recognition. She was named her school's Top Performer two consecutive years, outperforming both male and female cadets, and received the Top Marksman of the Year award. Her excellence continued beyond her school, where she excelled in highly competitive leadership seminars at the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and MCOLS Leadership Camp.

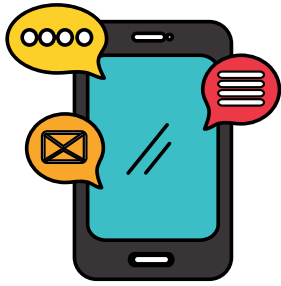
Outside of JROTC, Kassi serves as captain of the Apollo Archery Team, operates a successful lawn care business serving 16 clients, and stays physically and mentally strong through CrossFit training.

Her leadership also extends nationally through the Civil Air Patrol, where she was selected as the National Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year from more than 33,000 cadets across the country. She is currently pursuing her pilot's license, continuing to challenge herself in new ways.

Whether she's leading cadets, managing a business or pursuing ambitious personal goals, Kassi consistently demonstrates that excellence is earned through hard work, resilience and the confidence to lead. She is a powerful example of a young woman breaking barriers and proving that leadership is defined by character—not stereotypes.



Attention!



HOUSE BILL 208

CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Students are prohibited from using cell phones or other personal electronic devices during the school day unless specifically authorized by a school staff member for instructional purposes only. Students may not be on social media sites during the school day unless instructed to by a school staff member for instructional purposes only. All devices must remain turned off and stored out of sight during the school day, including between classes, unless permission has been granted by a teacher, administrator, or other authorized staff member.

To comply with HB 208, social media access is restricted on the DCPS OpenWifi and on student district devices. The blocked sites include but are not limited to TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and Discord.

SB 181 - TRACEABLE COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with Senate Bill 181 and KRS 160.145, the Board of Education will designate a traceable communication system to be the exclusive means for District employees and volunteers to communicate electronically with students. (Effective June 27, 2025) Exclusive means this is the ONLY system that can be used for communication with students. A district employee or volunteer, unless authorized, shall not communicate electronically with a student:

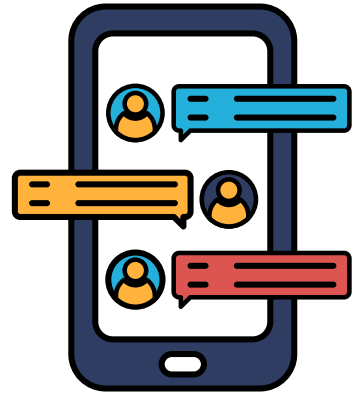
1. Outside of the traceable communication system designated by the Board; or
2. Through an unauthorized electronic communication program or application.
 - a. This shall not restrict any electronic communications between a student and their family member who is a District employee or volunteer.
 - b. Family members are defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters.
 - c. This applies to all DCPS student and staff communication, regardless of whether it is professional or personal.

DCPS Communication Tools Approved for Use with Students

Daviess County Public Schools is committed to using safe and secure methods for communicating with students. Approved platforms for communication with students for school-related communication are:

- Rooms: Our district-provided platform is designed for two-way communication among schools, teachers, parents/guardians, and high school students.
- Google Workspaces: Our district's digital productivity suite includes, but is not limited to, Gmail, Classroom, Docs, Slides, and Sheets.

GoTo: Our district-provided phone system for voice calls



HB96 - Moment of Silence

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 96 regarding a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day. Each school must have a moment of silence or reflection at the start of the school day. The law requires the following:

- The moment of silence or reflection shall be at least one minute but not exceed two minutes.
- Students are to remain seated and silent and without distracting others, so each student may decide if they want to pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity. Whatever activity a student selects must not interfere or distract from other students' choices.

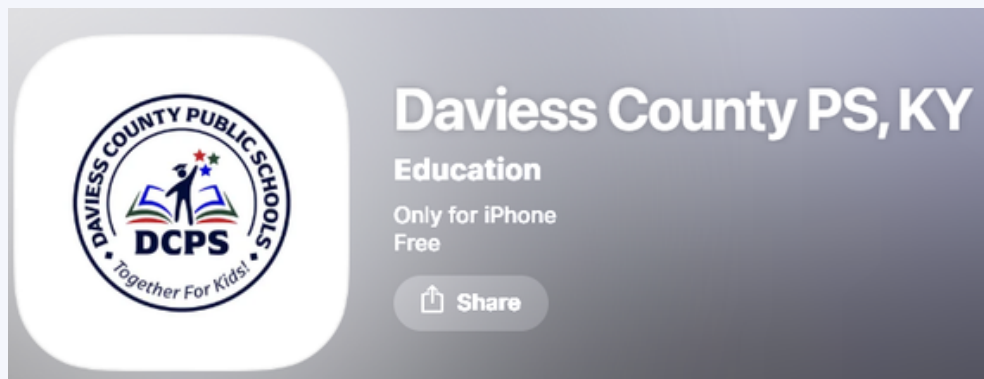
During the Moment of Silence, school rules still apply. Students are expected to act in accordance with all school rules during the Moment of Silence. Students who act outside of the confines of the school rules will be met with disciplinary action.

For more information,
please see the Student Handbook.

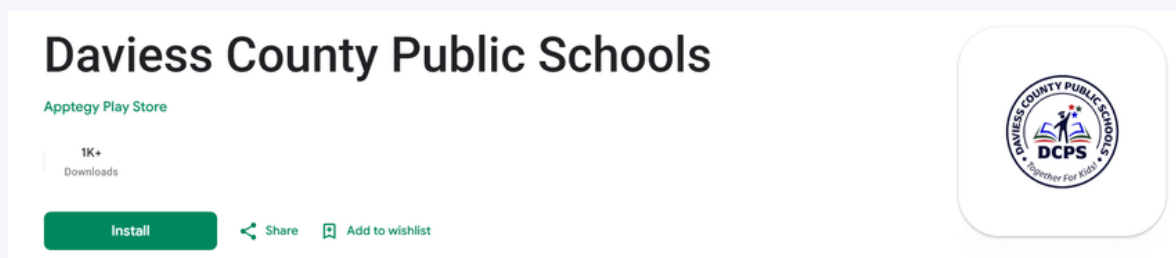
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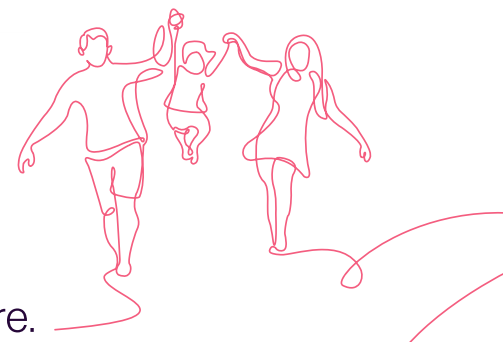
When you first log in, use your email or cell phone number, you do not have a password yet.... click on “sign in with code”, then if you signed in with your email, it should send you a code to that email. If you used a cell phone number, it should send you an SMS message with the code.

HAVING TROUBLE SIGNING UP, SEND AN EMAIL TO
MISTY.BERRY@DAVIESS.KYSCHOOLS.US.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR STUDENT(S) NAME,
YOUR NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER.

Quick Start Guide for Families

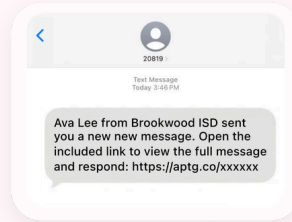
→ Your one place for school messages, updates, and more.



Login to stay connected

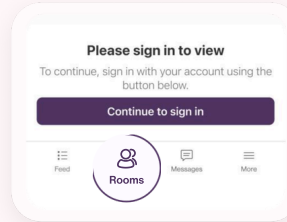
You are already enrolled to begin communicating with your district and school. You can access communication and district updates from your district app, mobile web, or browser.

To login for the first time, you can:



A Login from a Message:

- 1 When a staff member sends a message to you, it will trigger a text notification to your phone. You can then click on the link, enter the code that's sent for verification, and access the web version.



B Login from School App

- 1 Download your district branded app
- 2 Enter your personal email or phone number. You will then receive a verification code via text or email to get in.

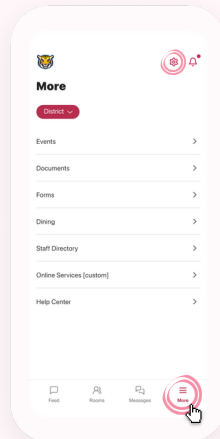


C Login from a text/email invitation:

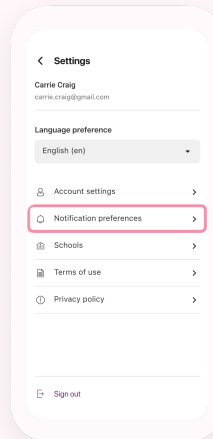
- 1 Tap the link to open the invite
- 2 Download the app
- 3 Enter your personal email or phone number. You will then receive a verification code via text or email to get in.

Set Notification Preferences

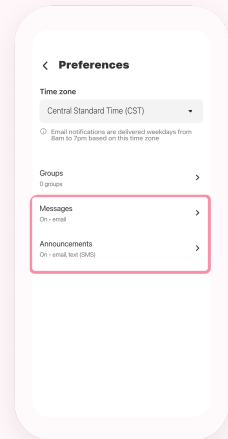
Once you are logged in, you can choose how and when you receive updates.



- 1 Open your school app, tap "More" and select the settings icon.



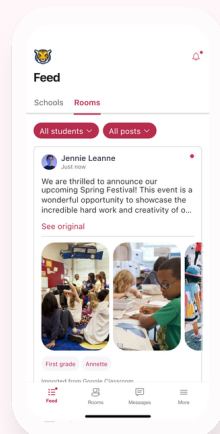
- 2 From settings, select "Notification preferences".



- 3 In "Preferences" select "Messages" and "Announcements" to customize your preferences for notifications for each.

Get Started

With your district mobile app you can stay connected, easily and securely.



Browse Feed

Stay connected with district and school updates and news.

View Rooms

See announcements, materials, and class info for each class, group or team for your child.

Send Messages

Read, reply, and send messages to your child's teachers and other staff at the school.

Explore More

Access events, menus, forms, and more for your district.



Need help?

Visit info.apptegy.com/rooms-central or contact your school.



One Place for Every Conversation

Rooms is your school's official communication tool, built to make it easy to stay informed and connected. Located right inside your school's app, it brings together teacher updates, announcements, and one-on-one messages in a secure, easy-to-access place.



Message Teachers & Staff

Receive messages from your child's teacher, coaches, and other staff members, directly in one place. Messages are easy to read, reply to, and send. The centralized inbox makes it easy to stay organized, even if you have multiple children.



Never Miss an Update or Reminder

Teachers can share class announcements, reminders, and materials. View all announcements, or filter by child or class to always stay informed.



Receive Text Notifications

You will automatically get a text message when there's a new message. Just tap the link to view the update in your school app or mobile web browser.



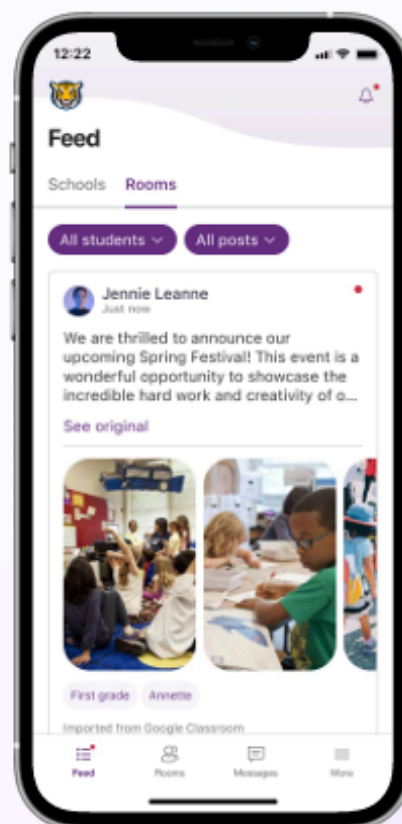
Communicate in your Language

Rooms will automatically translate messages based on your preferred language. Making it easy to communicate, no matter the language.



Count on Safeguards

Rooms includes built-in safety and moderation tools that help ensure all communication stays safe and secure.



Get updates, your way!

Rooms, now gives you the flexibility to choose how and when you receive messages and announcements.

You can be notified by:

- Push Notifications from your school app
- Email Notifications sent to your inbox
- SMS Text Messages sent to your phone

REGULAR SCHEDULE

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Monday, Tuesday, Friday

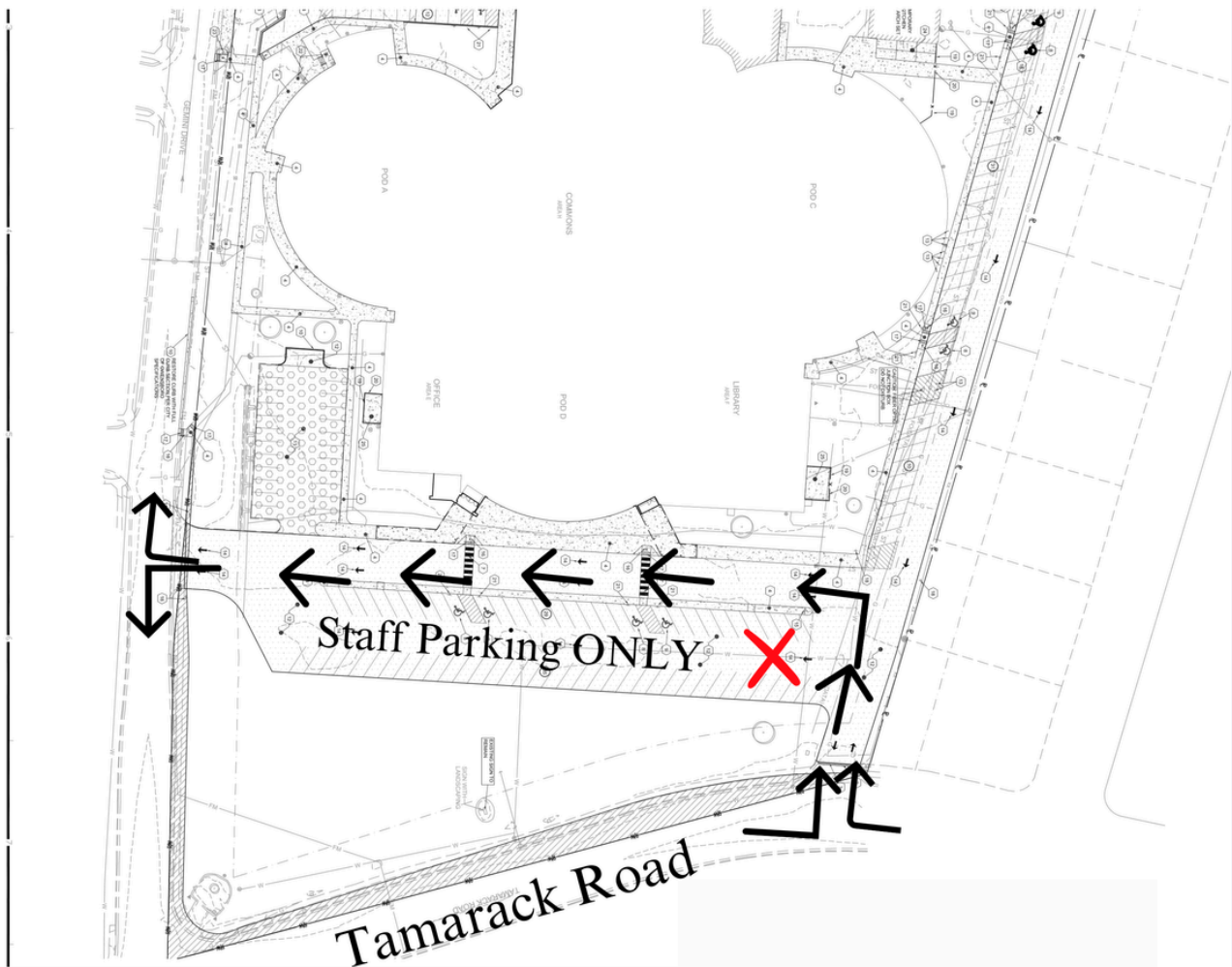
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2 nd Period		9:03 - 9:47
3 rd Period		9:52 - 10:36
4 th Period		10:41 - 11:25
5 th Period		11:30 - 12:47
	A	11:30 - 12:00
	B	12:17 - 12:47
6 th Period		12:52 - 1:36
7 th Period		1:41 - 2:25
8 th Period		2:30 - 3:15

Wednesday, Thursday

W	TH		Time
1	2		8:10 - 9:42
3	4		9:47 - 11:11
5	6		11:16 - 1:09
		A	11:16 - 11:46
		B	12:39 - 1:09
Flex Time			1:14 - 1:44
7	8		1:49 - 3:15

STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL



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Follow the route above for the safety
of all students & families.



BUS INFORMATION



Start Using the App Today

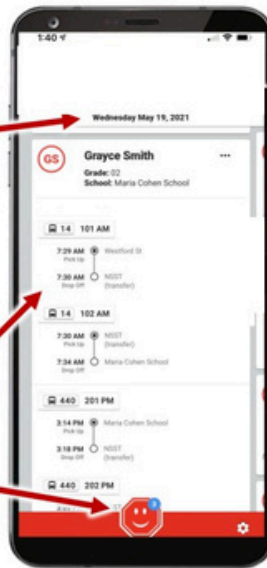
1. Activate your subscription
 - An invitation email will be sent from the Transportation Department
2. Install the Stopfinder app
3. View your student's schedule & share your student's schedule with caregivers
4. Receive notifications on bus delays



See each student's schedule for any day of the year

Vehicle, Trip and Stop information, including transfer trips and alternate site stops

Access announcements, forms, and messages



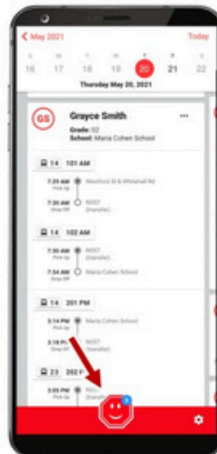
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Kids First!



DCPS Transportation Department
270-852-7080



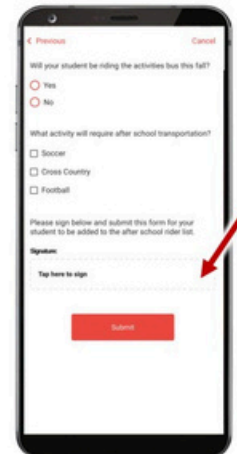
Secure communication through the Stopfinder Message Center. View announcements, message responses, and forms.



Tap Stoppy to view messages, read announcements, and submit forms



Unread messages will appear with a red notification badge



Sign and submit forms through Stopfinder

At this time DCPS will only be using Stopfinder Announcements

Stay in the know!

APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE



Visit the AHS Website for lots of informaton. Links for many types of things such as Team Pages, credit requirements, schedules, Faculty/Staff names & emails, News Articles, upcoming events, student handbook, Spirit Store Shop, etc.

If there is something you want to see on the website, please contact Misty Berry at misty.berry@daviess.kyschools.us

Apollo High School YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

2026-2027



ORDER ONLINE!

Order your yearbook today
using the link below:



<https://dcps.io/z95Gvg>



PREFER TO PAY WITH CASH OR CHECK?

- ✓ Students can pick up a paper order form in Room 410, or email Ms. Hoover for additional information.
- ✓ Checks should be made payable to **Apollo High School**.
- ✓ All cash and check orders must be submitted to the **front office** or **Room 410** to Ms. Hoover.

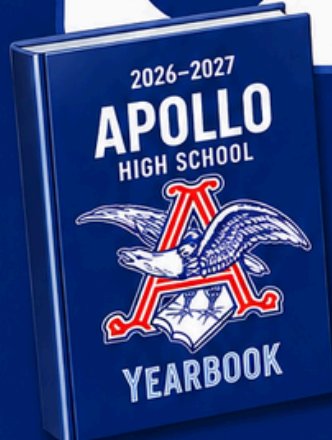


HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Ms. Payton Hoover



payton.hoover@daviess.kyschools.us



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AND CAPTURE THE MEMORIES OF
THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!



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Yearbook designs will vary.

**KEEP OUR
CAMPUS
CLEAN**



**DISPOSE OF
TRASH
PROPERLY**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss
20 DAYS a year.

They will miss
30 HOURS of math
over the school year.

They will miss
60 HOURS of
reading & writing
over the school year.

They will miss over
1 YEAR of school by
graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss
40 DAYS a year.

They will miss
60 HOURS of math
over the school year.

They will miss
120 HOURS of
reading & writing
over the school year.

They will miss over
2 YEARS of school by
graduation.



Weekly Calendar

Apollo High School



August 9 – August 16

Morning Hall Duty 7:50 - 8:05	
Back Parking Lot	Johnson, M
Dome	Baker
Connector (Entrance)	Johnson, H
Connector (300's)	Shelton
Common Area	Bullington
Common Area	Newton
900's Landing	Brown, T
Cafeteria	Johnson, K
Cafeteria	Goffinet

Morning Bus Duty 7:30 - 8:05	
Bus Drop Off	Thomas
Car Rider Line	Dilback
Connector (Entrance)	Vandiver

Afternoon Bus Duty 3:15 - 3:50	
Attendance Lobby	Murphy
Dome	Jarboe
Bus Pick-Up (Outside)	Mann
Car Rider	Hoover, P

Sunday, August 9:

- KFL Jamboree - Stadium - 12-6

Monday, August 10: 8 Period Day

- B Golf @ Ben Hawes GC - 4:00
- B Soccer (JV/V) vs Henderson Co - 5:30/7

Tuesday, August 11: 8 Period Day

- G Golf @ Ben Hawes GC - 4:00
- Daviess Co Farm Bureau - Café - 5:00

Wednesday, August 12: Homeroom Schedule

- Lead Teacher Mtg - Rm 405 - 3:30

Thursday, August 13: Project Gemini Schedule

- Bus Evacuations - Bus Loop - 8:30
- B Soccer (JV/V) vs OHS - 5:30
- VB (V) Host Quad Scrimmage - 5:30

Friday, August 14: 8 Period Day

- FFA WLES AG Day - 8:00
- Leadership Team Mtg - FOCR - 9:05
- FB (V) @ Caldwell Co - 6:00

Saturday, August 15:

- B Soccer (JV/V) vs Caldwell Co - 5:30

Sunday, August 16:

- NO EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR