



AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT



From the Desk of the Superintendent: Unified as Legacy Builders

Whenever I walk through the halls of our school, I find myself thinking about the future we are creating together. This year, I am focusing on a message that is incredibly close to my heart: **Building a Unified Legacy**. To me, a legacy isn't just something we leave behind in a history book—it's the daily, positive impact we make on our community and the strong, supportive environment we unite to create for our kids.

No one can build a lasting legacy alone. At ACES, our story has always been written by a **unified community**—dedicated staff, supportive families, and engaged neighbors working hand in hand toward doing what is best for our kids. And standing at the very center of our shared success is our commitment to **small class sizes**.

Why Small Class Sizes Keep Us Connected

We all know that small classes completely change the energy of a room. It changes how kids feel, and it changes how they learn. When a classroom population is smaller, it naturally creates a tight-knit, family atmosphere. Friendships form more easily, and every student feels like a valued part of the group—no one gets lost in the crowd.

From a teaching standpoint, smaller classes bring teachers and students closer together. It gives our incredible staff the time and breathing room to truly get to know your child—their strengths, their quirks, and exactly what they need to thrive. That personal connection leads to stronger relationships, better behavior, and higher engagement. Research from the U.S. Department of Education backs up what we see every day: smaller classes lead to real academic gains, especially in those crucial early years. Every single child deserves to learn in a community where they feel known and supported.

Looking Ahead: April 2027 Continuing our Unified Legacy

To keep this tradition strong as our area grows, we need to plan ahead together. This coming **April 2027**, Avenue City R-IX will have a proposal on the ballot for a new construction project designed to protect our small class sizes for generations to come.

If approved by our voters, this project will allow us to guarantee **two classrooms for every single grade from Pre-K through 5th grade**. As a wonderful bonus, this expansion will free up much-needed space in the **middle school annex**, giving our older students more room for enrichment classes.

When it comes to school construction, the natural question on everyone's mind is: *"What is this going to cost me?"* I am proud to share that this is a **"zero-tax-change" proposal**. If our community unites to approve this addition, your tax rate will not change. We can invest in our children's future together while completely respecting your family budget.

Join the Conversation at Back-to-School Night

Building a legacy is a team effort, and your voice matters. When you come out for **Back-to-School Night**, you will see display boards set up showing exactly what this project looks like and how it serves our school family.

Next to the displays, you'll find QR codes. Please take a quick second to scan them with your phone to share your thoughts, ask questions, or leave feedback.

By standing united in our commitment to small class sizes, we ensure that the tradition of a great Avenue City education stays strong for years to come. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and for being such a vital part of the ACES family.



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ACES Library Update

Our ACES Library has a new look to it! We were the recipients of a generous donation of three new wooden book shelves from the Beatty/ Scott family. The shelves are in memory of Mrs. Scott's father, Terry Beatty, and in honor of Ella Scott, who recently graduated from SHS. We feel blessed with this special gift. The shelves were lovingly created by Fred and Lori Woodruff (Woodschott Woodworks) and are a beautiful addition to the library space. Come check them out the next time you are in the building!



Summer Garden Club



Mrs. Atchity, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Wyckoff met with an average of 20 students at the weekly Garden Club during the month of June. We planted vegetables, flowers and herbs. We weeded and watered and watched for growth in our plants. With anticipation, we especially watched for butterfly larvae on our milkweed plants. Each week we covered a different part of gardening including what our plants need to grow and what a young seedling actually looks like, dissected flowers to see how seeds are made and looked at the benefits of ladybugs. With creativity we made lavender soap and tasted some of our produce including radishes, lettuce, spinach and cucumbers. Friendships were made, sun was enjoyed and learning took place.

AVENUE CITY SCHOOL

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REGISTRATION
OPEN**

AUGUST 7-28



Cosby, MO 64436

www.avenuecityschool.org





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Welcome Back from the Avenue City PTO!

The Avenue City PTO is excited to welcome students, staff, and families back for the 2026-2027 school year! As we begin another year of learning, growth, and community, the PTO looks forward to supporting our school through classroom assistance, family events, teacher appreciation activities, fundraising efforts, and opportunities that help enhance the educational experience for all students.

One of the PTO's greatest goals is to create connections between families, teachers, and the community while providing resources and support that benefit our students. Whether it's organizing special events, funding school projects, or promoting school spirit, we are excited for another year of working together to make Avenue City a great place to learn and grow.

As part of our bi-annual officer rotation, Rachel Paulman's first term as PTO President and Taryn Smith's first term as Treasurer have concluded. The PTO would like to propose the following officer slate for the upcoming year: Kim Esley as President, Rachel Paulman as Vice President, and Taryn Smith serving a second term as Treasurer. If anyone has an objection to this proposal or is interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact the PTO at PTO@avenuecityschool.org before the first PTO meeting on September 8th. If additional nominations are received, a vote will be held at that meeting.

Families are invited to kick off the school year with our Back-to-School Pool Party on August 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the Savannah Pool. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new families, and sign up for PTO membership. We will also host our first PTO Meeting and Ice Cream Social on September 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, where families can learn about PTO plans for the year and discover ways to get involved.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming Culver's Fundraiser Nights from 5:00–8:00 p.m. on September 15th, November 10th, February 16th, and April 13th. These events provide a fun way to support Avenue City while enjoying a meal with family and friends.

Finally, keep an eye out for Avenue City spirit wear sales coming soon! We are excited to offer apparel that lets students, families, and community members show their Avenue City pride throughout the year.

For additional event information, updates, and volunteer opportunities, follow the Avenue City PTO Facebook Page. We look forward to another fantastic year and thank you for your continued support of the Avenue City PTO!





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on August 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Avenue City R-IX School, at which time citizens may be heard concerning the property tax rates to be set by the political subdivision. Tax rates shall be set to produce budgeted revenues from local sources. The 2026-2027 fiscal year began July 1, 2026.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change	Percent of Change
REAL PROPERTY				
Residential	\$25,974,830	\$26,756,540	\$781,710	3.01%
Agricultural	\$930,410	\$932,660	\$2,250	0.24%
Commercial	\$1,604,260	\$1,643,160	\$38,900	2.42%
RR Locally Assessed Real	\$41,265	\$23,334	-\$17,931	-43.45%
PERSONAL PROPERTY				
Personal Property	\$8,416,209	\$8,299,490	-\$116,719	-1.39%
RR Locally Assessed	\$41,832	\$19,988	-\$21,844	-52.22%
TOTAL	\$37,008,806	\$37,675,172	\$666,366	1.80%

2026-2027 Projections:

District Assessed Valuation: \$37,675,172

Operating Levy: \$3.2791

Debt Service Fund: \$0.98

Total Levy: \$4.2591

Total Projected General Fund Revenue: \$1,235,407*

Total Projected Debt Service Revenue: \$369,217*

*Revenue projections are based on 100% tax collections. Actual collections are typically between 92% and 95%, so actual revenues will likely be lower. The tax rate is subject to change until September 1, 2026 pending amendments required and/or allowed by the office of the Missouri State Auditor as well as the Board of Equalization.



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It's PE!

Don Lawrence-Physical Education

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to get moving again. We have another fun-filled year planned in Physical Education for our kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Whether you're one of our brand-new kindergarten students or one of our seasoned eighth graders, there's something for everyone this year. We'll be running, throwing, catching, jumping, balancing, playing games, learning new skills, and probably laughing a lot along the way.

One of the things I enjoy most about teaching PE is watching students improve. Not everyone can run the fastest or throw the farthest, and that's perfectly okay. The goal is to become a little better than you were yesterday. We'll work on teamwork, good sportsmanship, respect for others, and learning that effort counts just as much as ability. If you come to class willing to participate and give your best effort, you're already having a successful day.

A few reminders for parents: Please help your child wear tennis shoes on PE days. Flip-flops, Crocs, boots, and slippery dress shoes don't make for very successful athletes! Also, encourage your children to stay active when they're at home. A family walk, shooting baskets, riding bikes, or simply playing outside are great ways to build healthy habits that last a lifetime.

As always, we have just three major goals in Physical Education:

- Goal #1 — MOVE!
- Goal #2 — HAVE FUN!
- Goal #3 — BE NICE TO EACH OTHER!

If we accomplish those three things every day, the rest usually takes care of itself.

Looking forward to a great year!

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
IMMUNIZATION
REMINDER**

FOR PK-8 STUDENTS IN MISSOURI

A healthy student is a ready student!
Make sure your child is up to date on required immunizations
before the first day of school.

BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- CHECK**
your child's immunization record.
- SCHEDULE**
any needed vaccination with
your healthcare provider or
local health department.
- SUBMIT**
an updated immunization record
to the school office if your child
has received new vaccines.

**IMPORTANT FOR
INCOMING 8TH GRADE STUDENTS!**

Missouri requires:

- Tdap**
(Tetanus, Diphtheria
& Pertussis)
- MCv**
(Meningococcal
Vaccine)

Students must meet Missouri
immunization requirements
or have appropriate
documentation on file
before attending school.

**Thank you for helping keep our
school healthy and ready for a great year!**

QUESTIONS?

- Contact your child's healthcare provider
- Contact your local health department
- Contact your school nurse or school office

**HEALTHY
KIDS
SUCCEED!**



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SUMMER BOOK CLUB- CELEBRATES USA250!

This summer, approximately 30 students participated each week in the ACES Summer Reading Program as we celebrated America's 250th Birthday. Throughout the summer, students explored our nation's history through a variety of hands-on activities and engaging presentations. They learned about the history of baseball while touring Phil Welch Stadium and even enjoyed a game of wiffle ball on the field. Students stepped back in time by learning and playing traditional games such as marbles, checkers, and nine squares. The students prepared for Independence Day with an important firework safety presentation, and explored the spirit of early American adventure by trying their hand at gold panning, knot tying and cracking open geodes to discover the treasures hidden inside. The program concluded with a patriotic 250th birthday craft session that allowed students to celebrate America's milestone in a creative way.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our presenters for sharing their time, knowledge, and enthusiasm with our students. Thank you to the Andrew County Museum, the Brown Family, Justin Palmer and Schneitter Fireworks, Art Attack Studio, Kathy Ridge, the Pony Express Prospector's Club, St. Joseph Mustangs, and Rolling Hills Library. We also appreciate the families and students who participated throughout the summer and helped make this year's Summer Reading Program a wonderful success.



Need a Ride for the School Stride? 🚌

Got questions about bus routes or transportation for the new year? We've got you covered! Give First Student Bus Company a call at **816-273-0041 (Option 1 for Dispatch)**. Just let them know you're in the **Avenue City ACES** district and share your home address—they'll give you your pick-up and drop-off times.





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Board of Education Meeting Highlights

A brief description of the highlights of the board meetings from April 2026 to July 2026 is listed below. The minutes of each board meeting is posted on the school webpage under **Board of Education Meeting Information**.

April 9, 2026 ☐ Review and Adoption of Benefit Package for Employees ☐ Review of Program Evaluation: Technology ☐ Submit 2026-2027 Career Ladder Plan ☐ Approval of Summer Gym Floor Maintenance ☐ Selection of Architectural Engineering Firm for 2027 Bond Issue ☐ Approval of English Language Arts Curriculum and Materials ☐ Approval of Technology Infrastructure Items ☐ Purchase of Technology Equipment ☐ Adoption of Change to 2025-2026 School Year Calendar ☐ Approval of Replacement of Garbage Disposal ☐ Approval of Funds for United States Semiquincentennial Celebration	May 12, 2026 ☐ Consideration of Continuation of Contractual Agreement with Area Cooperative of Education Support ☐ Engage with Andrew County for School Resource Officer ☐ Discussion of Changes of Memorandum and Agreement for Mental Health Counseling Services ☐ Discussion of Upcoming Bond Issue/Construction Project 2027 ☐ Approval of Front Landscaping Bids ☐ Approve Adoption and Resolution of the Andrew County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
June 11, 2026 ☐ Approval of Payment of Career Ladder 2025-2026 ☐ Post 2026-2027 District Handbooks ☐ Designate Authorized Representative of the District ☐ Approval of 2026-2027 Food Service Prices ☐ Examine and Adopt the 2026-2027 Budget ☐ Approval of Salary Schedule and Salary Proposal for Returning Staff ☐ Increase Short and Long Term Substitute Pay ☐ Increase of District Mileage Reimbursement Rate ☐ Approve 2026-2027 Alternative Methods of Instruction Plan ☐ Post Updated Board Policies for Input ☐ Gather Input on Avenue City R-IX Comprehensive School Improvement Program District Goals ☐ Approval of Sped Track - Special Education System ☐ Discussion of Upcoming 2027 Bond Issue Design and Construction	July 9, 2026 ☐ Conflict of Interest Policy/Regulation ☐ Set 2026-2027 Tax Rate Hearing ☐ 2025-2026 Budget Finalization ☐ Approve Amended FY 27 Budget ☐ Transfer of District Funds to Capital Projects Fund ☐ Adopt Suggested Policies ☐ Post Policy/Procedure 6400 for Community Input ☐ Adopt Comprehensive Improvement Program District Goals ☐ Update on April 2027 Bond Issue and Construction Project

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Avenue City Elementary** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.75**; lunch costs **\$3.55**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can get FREE OR REDUCED PRICE meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the **Food Stamp Program/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, the **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** or **Temporary Assistance/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$568
2	40,034	3,337	770
3	50,542	4,212	972
4	61,050	5,088	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	1,983
For each add'l person add	+10,508	+876	+203

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Avenue City School District**.

3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Avenue City School District 18069 Highway 169 Cosby, MO 64436**.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Avenue City School District (816) 662-2305** immediately.

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.



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9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Avenue City School District 18069 Highway 169 Cosby, MO 64436**

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

11. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

13. We are in the military. Do we REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? Contact **Avenue City School District 18069 Highway 169 Cosby, MO 64436, (816) 662-2305 to receive a second application.**

15. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for the Food Stamp Program/SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-855-373-4636.

If you have other questions, NEED AN APPLICATION, or need help, call **(816) 662-2305**.

Samantha Morrow
Administrative Assistant
Avenue City School

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- Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Adopted Calendar

2026-2027 School Calendar

August 2026						
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Aug 3-17	Staff 1 Flex Work Day
Aug 18-20	Staff PD Days
Aug 24	First Day of School - Early Out
Aug 25	Early Out
Sept 7	No School - Labor Day
Sept 18	No School - Staff PD Day
Oct 19	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 29	Early Out - PT Conferences
Oct 30	No School - Staff Comp Day
Nov 2	No School - Staff PD Day
Nov 25	Early Out
Nov 28-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 18	End of 2nd Quarter
Dec 21-31	No School - Winter Break
Jan 1	No School - Winter Break
Jan 4	No School - Staff PD Day
Jan 18	No School - MLK Jr Day
Feb 12	No School - Staff PD Day
Feb 15	No School - Presidents' Day
March 12	End of 3rd Quarter
March 19	Early Out - PT Conf if needed
March 22-26	No School - Spring Break
May 21	Early Out
May 24	End of 4th Quarter
May 24	Last Day of School - Early Out
May 25-28	Weather Make-Up Days

Weather Make-Up Days:

ESD #1 - May 25

ESD #2 - May 26

ESD #3 - May 27

ESD #4 - May 28

ESD #5 - May 24

ESD #6 - May 21

 No School
 Early Out 12:50 pm
 No School - Staff PD Day
 End of Quarter
 Weather Make-Up Days

February 2027						
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Quarters

Q1 - October 19 (39 days)

Q2 - December 18 (40 days)

Q3 - March 12 (46 days)

Q4 - May 24 (46 days)

Contract Days

Student Days 171

Staff PD Days 7

Flex Day (Aug) 1

Comp Day (Oct) 1

Contract Days 180





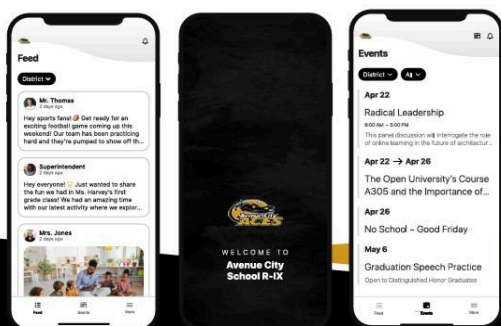
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2026

- 7** 26-27 On-Line Enrollment Opens
- 10 & 11** New Student Registration
- 11** PTO Back to School Pool Party
- 19** Prek Back To School Event
- 20** Kindergarten - 8th Grade Open House
- 24** 1st Day of School / Early Dismissal
- 25** Early Dismissal

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Student Lunch	\$3.55
Breakfast	\$1.75
Extra Milk	\$0.65
Adult Lunch	\$4.75

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Back to School Essentials

Use QR Code to view 2026-2027 School Supply List





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Residency Verification

Parents or guardians of students entering Kindergarten, 3rd, or 6th grade for the 2026–2027 school year are required to update and verify their residency within the Avenue City School District. Residency verification may be completed by submitting a rental agreement, utility bill/deposit receipt, or other district approved document to the district office. All documentation must be received no later than August 25, 2026. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the district office.

Thank you,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Avenue City R-IX School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Avenue City R-IX School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Avenue City R-IX School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Avenue City R-IX School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at Avenue City R-IX School District Central Office during regular school hours.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.



AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Chase Holcumbrink, Principal



Dear ACES Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you’ve had a summer filled with rest, fun, and time with loved ones. As we near the first day of school and teachers start coming back into the building, I can feel the excitement increase and I look forward to beginning this new year with all of you.

As always, our staff has been working diligently this summer to prepare for an exceptional year ahead. Many have attended workshops and various training sessions, planned lessons for new classes, added and improved classroom space, and found new ways for students to grow and connect. We can’t wait for you and your students to engage in the new school year.

As we begin a new school year, we’re eager to introduce new opportunities that will inspire learning, foster growth, and support the well-being of every student. We’re also thrilled to welcome several outstanding new staff members whose enthusiasm, expertise, and fresh perspectives will strengthen our school community. Our district is committed to maintaining smaller class sizes and our addition of staff members allows our teachers to provide more individualized instruction, increase student engagement, and better meet the unique learning needs of every student.

A strong partnership between home and school is key to student success. We’re continuing to prioritize communication through multiple platforms, including our Facebook page and School Status Connect. Please ensure that notifications for these apps are turned on to get the most up to date information. We look forward to sharing information about new activities and opportunities that will bring parents and guardians into the building to see their students learn.

It’s an honor to serve this community, and I’m grateful for the trust you place in our team each year. We’re ready to partner with you to make this a school year full of learning, growth, and meaningful experiences.

Let’s make it a great one—together!

With excitement,

Chase Holcumbrink
Avenue City Principal

“Flying High to nurture successful and productive citizens!”



AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT



ACES Back to School Night!

PRESCHOOL

August 19, 2026 6-7pm

K-8th Grade

August 20, 2026 6-7pm

***** Middle School Student/Parent Meeting

August 20, 2026 5:45pm

**New This
Year!**

Meet Your Teacher

Drop Off School Supplies

New Student Registration
August 10th & 11th
9am to 3pm



Questions?
Contact the Office
816-662-2305 or
cholcumbrink@avenuecityschool.org





AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACES New Staff!

DEANNA MATHEWS - PARENTS AS TEACHERS

I am a retired educator with 27 years in public education, with the majority as a first-grade teacher before concluding my career as a school counselor. The greatest rewards were helping young students discover the joy of reading and building meaningful, lasting relationships.

I am a proud mother of three and "Mee-maw" to two wonderful grandsons who bring so much joy to my life. I live on a small row crop farm, where I enjoy tending to my flowers, reading a good book, and traveling whenever I can.

Serving my community has always been important. For 17 years, I served as the Clinton County 4-H Leader and cherished every opportunity to help develop leadership skills, confidence, and lifelong values in youth of our community.

I am looking forward to creating relationships and making connections with the families of Avenue City as the Parents As Teacher Educator.



LEXI SWEARINGIN - 5TH GRADE

I am excited to be joining the Avenue City School District as the new 5th Grade Math & Science teacher! This is my fifth year in teaching. I am looking forward to meeting my students and learning alongside them! My favorite subject is math and my passion is math intervention!

My new favorite is being "Mom" to baby Jasper.

My favorite part of teaching is watching my students make connections and seeing lightbulb moments happen every day.

Go ACES!



AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACES New Staff!

LAUREN MCLAUGHLIN - 3RD GRADE

This year, I will be teaching 3rd grade Math, Science, and Writing. This will be my 4th year teaching and my first year in 3rd grade! My favorite part about teaching is creating fun, engaging, and memorable learning experiences for my students. I am so excited to get to know each of my students, celebrate their growth, and begin building our classroom family together. I look forward to an amazing year filled with learning, laughter, and new adventures!



SAMANTHA MORROW - SECRETARY

I am so excited to be joining ACES as your new secretary! I have spent the last 10 years being a stay-at-home mom and am eager to restart my career. I was born and raised in St. Joseph and graduated from Central in 2003. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from MWSU. My education along with 15 plus years of paralegal and secretarial experience will help me keep the front office running smoothly. I am passionate about providing a welcoming environment for all children and their families.

Outside of school I love doing puzzles, shopping, running, traveling, and spending time with my family. My husband, Brent, and I have been married for 11 years. We have 5 children and 2 dogs! I look forward to meeting everyone and supporting the students, families, and staff this upcoming school year!

CODI SPAFFORD - 1ST GRADE

I am transitioning from my career as a paraprofessional for the last 11 years in early childhood and special education to begin my first year as a teacher in first grade. I married my husband 3 years ago and we have a blended family of two girls, 18 and 13 and one boy, who will be a 7th grader at Avenue City. My inspiration to become a teacher came from working as a para in early childhood special education where I fell in love with working with students and cooperating teacher suggested I go back to school to complete my degree because as she said I was a natural in the classroom. I live everyday and instill in my children a very simple yet strong motto, "We/I can do hard things." This motto is something that will be seen in my classroom and I am excited to share with my students.





AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACES New Staff!

KENDALL DAVISON - SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

I'm the district speech-language pathologist, serving pre-K through eighth grade. This will be my eighth year in education. My husband, Levi, and I have a baby boy who we adore.

To me, the best part of being a SLP is getting to build close relationships with students while also supporting the whole building. It's the best of both worlds! My motto is "progress over perfection."



BROOKE BYERGO - M,W,F PRESCHOOL

I am beyond thrilled to be moving into my new role as the Pre-K teacher. As a mother of four, my husband and I enjoy spending time outdoors with our children, particularly while raising cattle and running our beef store.

I bring a strong educational background into this new role, holding two degrees and a master's in the field. My past teaching experience has equipped me with valuable insights to bring into the Pre-K classroom.

ALYSSA SMITH - PARAPROFESSIONAL

I am excited to be joining the ACES team as a paraprofessional this year! My husband and I have been married 14 years this coming October and have three children, Bentley (5th), Raylinn (3rd), and Seyller (1st). I am in the stage of life where my hobbies include chauffeuring my kids to whatever activities, practices, or games that they have going on. If I do find some free time, I enjoy being outside, gardening, taking care of our goats and chickens, spending time with family and friends, bible study and teaching dance at the studio my girls dance and where I grew up dancing. After being a stay at home mom for the last several years, I am excited for this next chapter and stepping into this new role as a paraprofessional!





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