



# Notebook

March 2024



## KEY DATES

March 29

Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday

April 2; 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting  
District Office Boardroom

April 4

Report Cards available in  
Family Access

April 10; 9 a.m.

School Board Workshop  
District Office Boardroom

April 13; 9 a.m. - noon

Teacher Job Fair  
Gainesville High School

April 16; 7 p.m.

School Board Meeting  
District Office Boardroom

April 23; 6 p.m.

Joint Meeting with  
Hawthorne City Commissioners  
Hawthorne City Hall

April 24; 2 p.m.

Kindergarten Roundup  
(all elementary schools serving  
kindergarten students)

April 29; 6 p.m.

Joint meeting with Board of  
County Commissioners  
District Office Boardroom

More information at  
[www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)

## Magnet program notifications going out March 25

Families who applied for their student to attend one of the district's academic or career-tech magnet programs will be notified by email on Monday, March 25 whether or not their child has been offered a seat.

Families will be notified of their child's status through the email they included on their magnet application. For each magnet program they requested, they will be informed whether they've been offered a seat, are ineligible for that program, are on a waitlist, or are considered 'waitlist inactive'—meaning their child was admitted to a magnet program they had ranked as a higher choice.

If their child has been offered a seat in a magnet program, families must log in to the magnet system by Monday, April 1 to accept that seat. Families only have to take action if their child has been offered a seat. Complete instructions for accepting a seat will be included in the notification email.

Offers will continue to be made throughout the spring and summer as seats become available. Those offers will also come to the email addresses the family included in the application.

### The 2024-25 school year calendar is here!

The calendar for all ACPS schools that will be on a standard 10-month schedule for the 2024-25 school year (all schools except Metcalfe and Rawlings elementaries) has been approved. It's available online at [www.sbac.edu/calendars](http://www.sbac.edu/calendars).



*Alachua County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability (Section 504/ACA), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, genetics or legally-protected characteristics in its educational programs, services or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.*

*The School Board designates the following individuals to serve as the district's 'compliance officers' (also known as the Civil Rights Coordinators), who shall also serve as the district's Section 504 Compliance Officers/ADA Coordinators and Title IX coordinators.*

*Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding discrimination or harassment may be sent to: Alisha Williams, 352-955-7713, [williamsar@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:williamsar@gm.sbac.edu) (for employees); Kimberly Joy, 352-955-7676, ext. 1670, [joykm@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:joykm@gm.sbac.edu) (for students).*



## Annual Kindergarten Roundup set for April 24

Incoming kindergarten students and their families will have an opportunity to visit their new schools and meet school staff during the upcoming Kindergarten Roundup, which is set for April 24 at 2 p.m. at all schools that serve kindergarten students.

Families will also be able to start the online enrollment process for their incoming kindergartener on that date. The link to the enrollment application and a list of the documents needed to complete the registration process is available at [www.sbac.edu/enrollment](http://www.sbac.edu/enrollment). Families are encouraged to enroll their children well before school begins on Monday, August 12.

Parents who aren't sure what school their child will be attending can visit the enrollment website or call the Office of Student Assignment at (352) 955-7700.

## Free parent coaching, support available to ACPS families

Alachua County Public Schools continues to offer free parent coaching for any ACPS family through its partnership with the national Cook Center and ParentGuidance.org.

The free service includes weekly calls with a dedicated coach and 24/7 app messaging with a response within 24 hours when needed. Families can also access other tools, including a variety of helpful videos and other content.

To sign up for parent coaching, go to <https://cookcenter.info/coaching>.

The Cook Center also provides free monthly webinars for all ACPS families. Those webinars are focused on mental health and related issues. They are typically held the final Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. and are available in both English and Spanish. Fliers about the webinars are posted on the ACPS website at [www.sbac.edu/parentacademy](http://www.sbac.edu/parentacademy). Notices are also sent to parents through the Skylert parent notification system, emailed fliers distributed through the Peachjar platform and through the district's social media pages.



## Families can sign up now through April 30 to save on college costs

**Risk-free**  
college plans  
starting at  
**\$34/month.**

Lowest plan prices  
in 10 years!

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Families have until April 30 to enroll their child in the Florida Prepaid College Program and save money on college tuition and fees by locking in costs for less. Monthly prices are now at their lowest level in 10 years.

Prepaid plans are guaranteed by the state, can be used at public and private colleges, trade and technical schools in and outside of Florida, and can be refunded or transferred to another family member.

To learn more and enroll, visit <https://bit.ly/3HxjRli>.