



Notebook

April 2023



KEY DATES

April 4, noon

Report cards available in Family Access

April 4, 6 p.m.

School Board meeting District Office

April 5, 1 p.m.

School Board workshop District Office

April 6, 1 p.m.

School Board workshop (spot rezoning) District Office

April 10, 1:30 p.m.

Joint Meeting with Alachua County Commission District Office

April 11, 10 a.m.

School Board special meeting (spot rezoning) District Office

April 18, 6 p.m.

School Board meeting District Office

April 26, 2 p.m.

Kindergarten Roundup (elementary schools with kindergarten students)

More information at www.sbac.edu

Public invited to take part in focus groups

The district's Parent Academy is hosting a series of focus groups aimed at getting public input on such topics as attendance, behavior and core curriculum.

Parents, students, employees and other citizens are welcome to attend. The schedule is:

March 29, 6-7:30 pm, Idylwild Elementary School (4601 SW 20th Terrace)

April 11, 6-7:30 pm, PAM@Loften High School (3000 E. University Ave.)

April 25, 6-7:30 pm, Kanapaha Middle School (5005 SW 75th Street)

May 9, 6-7:30 pm, Santa Fe High School (16213 US 441, Alachua)

More information is available at www.sbac.edu/parentacademy.

Magnet placements to be e-mailed first week in April

Families who applied for their student to attend an academic or career tech magnet program in the 2023-24 school year will be receiving an email notification about their student's status during the first week of April.

Parents of students who have received a seat in a magnet program will have to submit their acceptance by the date included in the email. Otherwise their seat will be made available to other students.

A waiting list will be established for eligible students who may not have received a seat in a magnet program. Families who did not submit an application during the first round will have another opportunity to apply for open seats in mid- to late-April. If eligible, their student would be placed on the bottom of the waiting list for their requested program.

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 (for employees); Dr. Toni Griffin, 352-955-7671, ext. 1610, griffints1@gm.sbac.edu or Donald Reed, 352-955-7671, ext. 1661, reedd@gm.sbac.edu (for students).

Annual Kindergarten Roundup event set for April 26

Incoming kindergarten students and their families are invited to attend this year's Kindergarten Round-Up to learn about their new school and meet the staff.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at all elementary schools that serve kindergarten students.

Families who aren't sure what school their child will be attending can call the Office of Student Assignment at (352) 955-7700 or visit www.sbac.edu/enrollment. That website includes information about how to enroll a child in school, including an incoming kindergartener, and a link to the

online enrollment form. Families will be able to begin that process on April 26.

After completing the form and before school begins on August 10, families will need to provide to their child's school copies of the child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of a physical exam conducted in the last year, and two different proofs of residence in the parent's name.

Parents are encouraged to submit this information well before August 10. Schools are open during the summer break.

Free after-school tutoring includes state math test prep



The district's free, online after-school tutoring/homework help program is now offering additional support for students who will be taking the Algebra 1 or Geometry end-of-course (EOC) exams required for graduation by the state of Florida.

The tutoring will be offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. through May 11. A schedule outlining the topics that will be covered in each session is available at bit.ly/eoc_tutoring or through the QR code shown to the left.

Help in other subjects is available for students in kindergarten through 12th grade Mondays through Thursdays. No preregistration is required. Just visit www.sbac.edu/tutor to log on.

Deadline to apply for college savings program is April 30

Families have just a few more weeks to enroll in a Florida Prepaid College Savings Plan that will allow them to save on tuition and fees for public, private, trade and technical schools nationwide.

The deadline to enroll in a risk-free plan that suits your budget is April 30. The plans allow for flexibility even for families who aren't yet sure what their child will be doing after graduating from high school.

To learn more about and enroll in a Florida Prepaid College Savings Plan, visit <https://bit.ly/3Hs4jQs>.

An advertisement for Florida Prepaid College Savings Plans. The background is a dark red color. In the top left corner, there is a yellow clock face. In the top right corner, there is a yellow outline of a dollar bill. The text 'FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS' is written in white, with 'FLORIDA' and 'PREPAID' in a larger font. Below this, the phrase 'The clock is ticking!' is written in a yellow, cursive font. At the bottom, the text 'Enroll by April 30 to lock in the cost of college tuition - starting at just \$45/month.' is written in white.