



Notebook



June 2023

KEY DATES

May 31

Last Day of School for Students

June 1, 1:30 p.m.

Elected Officials Meeting
District Office Boardroom

June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer Meals Kick-Off Event
Veterans Memorial Park
7400 SW 41st Pl.

June 6, 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting
District Office Boardroom

June 7, 1 p.m.

School Board Workshop
(Budget and Rezoning)
District Office Boardroom

June 19

Juneteenth Holiday
Schools/district offices closed

June 20, 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting
District Office Boardroom

**More information at
www.sbac.edu**

District again providing free summer meals

Alachua County Public Schools will once again be providing free breakfasts, lunches and snacks to children 0-18 during the summer months.

The Summer Meals Program, funded by the federal government and operated by the district's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department, is open to any child regardless of family income. The meals will be served at more than 70 sites, including local schools and other locations.

Most sites will be up and running on June 5, with several sites operating through July 21. Information about the schedule is available at www.yourchoicefresh.com or by calling the FNS office at (352) 955-7539.

Children do not have to be enrolled at a particular school or summer program to receive the meals. However, they will need to eat the meal on-site, and families going to schools for meals are asked to check in at the front office.

"Families can take their children to the site that's most convenient for them," said Maria Eunice, Executive Director of the FNS Department. They just show up during the serving times and enjoy a nutritious meal, with no registration required."

Formula, cereal and other foods for infants are available through the program, although families should call the FNS number two days ahead of time to request those items.

An event to kick off the Summer Meals program will be held June 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park off Tower Road (7400 SW 41st Place). It will include free meals for all children 0-18 from the district's On Point food truck, as well as family-friendly activities and participation by a variety of community groups.

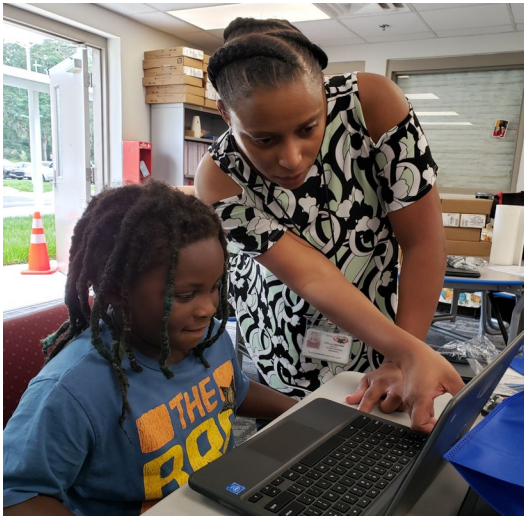
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The School Board designates the following individuals to serve as the district's 'compliance officers' (also known as the Civil Rights Coordinators), who shall also serve as the district's Section 504 Compliance Officers/ADA Coordinators and Title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

Students can keep, get laptops over the summer

Online learning games/activities for students of all ages available on myPortal



Students who received district-issued laptops with free internet connections are being encouraged to keep those laptops over the summer, even if they are not enrolled in summer school. In fact, students don't have to return the laptops until they graduate or leave the district.

Nearly 7000 students received Chromebooks during the last school year. The devices and the internet service are funded by the federal government and are intended to boost student achievement by allowing students to complete homework and access online learning programs at home, including during the summer.

The district offers a wide range of educational games and activities through myPortal, which is available at www.sbac.edu/myportal. Students can use the same user name and password they use to get on computers at school to access those resources.

All district-issued laptops are equipped with the same internet filter as devices at school, which means students cannot access social media or inappropriate content on the device.

Families that haven't yet requested a laptop can get one over the summer by completing an application at www.sbac.edu/ecf. Once they've completed the application a district staff member will reach out to schedule a time for the parent to pick up the laptop at the Sivia Center, located at 3700 NE 53rd Avenue.

Technical support will also be available over the summer by calling (352) 955-6850, ext. 1545 or 1506.

Families encouraged to enroll new students during the summer

Families of students who will be new to the district, returning to a district school after attending school somewhere else or who will have moved to a home in a different school zone within the district are encouraged to register their child during the summer.

The first day of the 2023-24 school year is August 10, but schools will be open during the summer for families that need to register their child. Most weeks during the summer, schools will be open Mondays through Thursdays. Exceptions include the week of the Juneteenth (June 19) holiday, when schools will be open Tuesday through Friday, and the July 4th holiday, when schools will be open from Wednesday through Friday.

By registering during the summer, families can avoid lines and wait times that get longer as school gets closer. They'll also avoid delays in their child starting class.

Students registering ahead of time will also have more course options, particularly in middle and high school.

Late registrations also make it harder for schools and the district to hire and place staff, schedule classes, plan bus routes and complete all the other tasks needed for a smooth start to the school year.

If a child will be entering an ACPS school for the first time, parents should go to their zoned school with documents including the child's birth certificate, proof of a recent physical exam, proof of immunizations and two proofs of their primary residence.

Parents of current students who've moved to a different school zone within the county just need to bring two proofs of residence to the new school.

Current ACPS students who are moving up from elementary to middle or middle to high school do not need to register unless they have switched school zones.

For more information, visit the district's website at www.sbac.edu/zoning or call (352) 955-7700.