Welcome

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Athens

TVCC

MURCHISON FOUNDATION

PINNACLE

Alumni Association

2024-2025

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Athens INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TVCC TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Participating In Novel Networking And Challenging Learning Experiences

Athens High School Administration

Mr. Jason Iglehart - AHS Principal, jiglehart@athensisd.net

Mr. Tony Sikes - 12th Grade Assistant Principal, tsikes@athensisd.net

Mrs. Emily Siemens - 11th/10th Grade Assistant Principal, esiemens@athensisd.net

Mr. Miles Brown - 9th Grade Assistant Principal, mbrown@athensisd.net

Mr. Zach Tappan - CTE Coordinator, ztappan@athensisd.net

Mr. Bryan Gorka - PINNACLE Dean, bgorka@athensisd.net

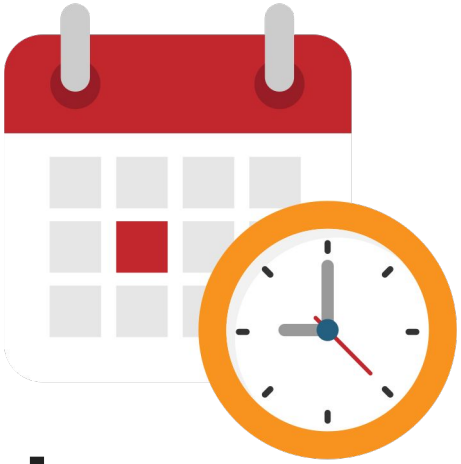
Athens High School Counselors

12th Grade –Mrs. Andi Patterson, apatterson@athensisd.net

11th Grade- Ms. Kim Tutt, ktutt@athensisd.net

10th & 9th Grade - Mrs. Madison Hope, mhope@athensisd.net

PINNACLE - Mrs. Julie Fowler, jfowler@athensisd.net



Schedule Change Requests

Forms are available the first week of school. You must fill out a request form to be turned into Mrs. Fowler the first week of school. Requests will not be accepted after the first week of school. *Some requests may not be approved.

Counselors will reach out to you if you have filled out a form.

PINNACLE ECHS Staff

Mrs. Buchholtz, Alg. I & Alg II - kbuchholtz@athensisd.net

Mr. Burks, APUSH, APWH, APEH - jburks@athensisd.net

Coach Carroll, Geometry - acarroll@athensisd.net

Dr. Ellis, Honors and AP Biology - dellis@athensisd.net

Mrs. Gardner, DC Ready/ Pathways - jgardner@athensisd.net

Coach Haresnape, Sr. Pathways - dharesnape@athensisd.net

Mrs. Huffer, Honors English I/ II - ahuffer@athensisd.net

Mrs. Nicholson, TVCC Liaison - jnicholson@athensisd.net

Mr. Schmitz, Honors Chemistry - rschmitz@athensisd.net

Mr. Turner, Pathways - dturner@athensisd.net

Mrs. Westmoreland, Edmentum/ Pathways - dwestmoreland@athensisd.net

Athens High School Support Staff

Receptionist –Mrs. Chairez, schairez@athensisd.net

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School Secretary - Mrs. Manis, cmanis@athensisd.net

AP/ Counselor Secretary - Mrs. Nieto, knieto@athensisd.net

PINNACLE Secretary - Mrs. Rodarte, nrodarte@athensisd.net

Attendance Secretary - Mrs. Bridger, cbridger@athensisd.net

Nurse - Mrs. Bledsoe, vbledsoe@athensisd.net

SRO - Officer Harris, zharris@athensisd.net

Get Involved!

Athens High School Clubs and Organizations

Boy's Athletics: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Tennis, Track & Field, and Trainers.

Girl's Athletics: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Trainers, and Volleyball.

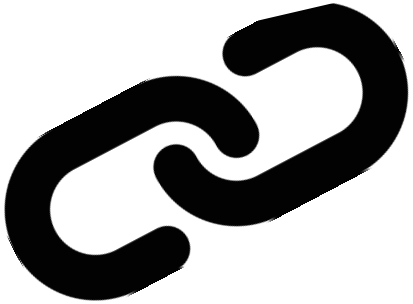
Skills USA: Audio Video Production, Construction, Criminal Justice/ Law Enforcement, Graphic Design, Health Science, and HVAC

Clubs & Organizations: BBQ, Dungeons & Dragons, FBLA, FCCLA, Fishing Team, FFA, Hornet Hive, Journalism/ Yearbook, Key Club, NHS, and Student Council

UIL Academic: Math, Science/ Robotics, and Speech/ Debate

Fine Arts and Spirit: Art, Band, Cheer, Choir, and Drill Team

Helpful Links:



Athens High School Website

AHS Academic Handbook

AHS Student Handbook

Beyond the Buzz - Counseling

PINNACLE Events & Trips

July	August	September	October
Prep Camp 7/17-18	8/08- Welcome Back- (HT) Community Partners 8/14 08/15 Alumni guest (HT) 08/29 celebration (HT)	Community Partners 9/4 9/11 Alumni Guest(HT) 9/26/ Celebration (HT)	10/09 Alumni Guest (HT) Community & Partners 10/16 Fr Texas A&M 10/17 Jr A&M Commerce 10/17 10/24 Celebration (HT)
November	**December**	**January**	**February**
11/06 Alumni Guest (HT) Community Partners 11/13 11/21 Celebration (HT)	12/04 - Alumni Guest (HT) Community Partners 12/11 Soph UNT **TSI Cultural Blitz** 12/18 1st day before last day before break **Celebration Day** 12/19 HT **PINN fun day -** 12/19 2nd half of last day prior to break	Community Partners 1/15 Fr Austin College Jr UT-Tyler 01/23 Alumni Guest(HT) 01/30 Celebration (HT)	Community Partners 2/12 02/13- Alumni Guest (HT) 02/27 Celebration (HT)
March	**April**	**May**	**June**
Community Partners 3/5 03/12 Alumni Guest(HT) 03/27 Celebration (HT)	04/09 Alumni Speaker Community Partners 4/16 04/24 Celebration (HT)	Community Partners 5/7 Alumni Guest HT 05/08 Soph SFA 5/20 AP Exams/ Bridge Camp TSI EOY Blitz 5/27 Celebration Day 5/29 PINN fun day - 2nd half of last day prior to break	

Mandatory Student/ Parent Meetings

Sophomores: Tuesday, August 13th 5:30 Auditorium

Seniors: Tuesday, August 20th 6:00 Large Lecture Hall

Juniors: Tuesday, August 27th 5:30 Auditorium

PINNACLE T-Shirts will be handed out to students through these meetings. If a parent or family member is unable to attend they will need to email me of their absence. All PINNACLE students are expected to attend with their family member.

Student achievement is a team effort. The partnership between the school, student, and family is the key which drives to success.

PINNACLE Academic Expectations

To earn the TVCC Associates of Arts degree, your student must earn and maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA). <u>This is a "C".</u>

9th Grade:
- Learning Frameworks

10th Grade:
- Spanish 1 (Fall) and Spanish 2 (Spring)

11th & 12th Grade: *Full Load*
- 12 College Hours (4 Classes - Fall)
- 12 College Hours (4 Classes - Spring)

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PINNACLE Core Teachers:

Mrs. Buchholtz - Algebra I & II

Mr. Burks - AP World History, AP US History, & AP European History

Mrs. Huffer - Honors English I & II

Mr. Schmitz - Honors Chemistry

Mr. Turner - 9th & 10th Grade Pathways

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The AHS Way

Athens High School "Common Area" Practices, Procedures, and Expectations

Chromebooks

**Only AHS issued Chromebooks can be used on campus.*

PINNACLE students will check out chromebooks and receive IDs on Monday, August 5th.

- No stickers on Chromebooks.
- You are simply borrowing them.
- You are responsible for damages and/or lost devices and charges.

When you check them out from the library, please report any damages immediately.

Repairs start @ $60, Chargers are $35.

Tutorials/ MANDO

Tutoring is offered 4 days a week in the MANDO room from 4:30 to 6:00. Students can receive peer tutoring or support from core teachers during this time. If you need assistance in a specific subject then you can select to attend tutoring on that teacher's assigned day. **Monday/ Mr. Burks. Tuesday/ Mrs. Buchholtz. Wednesday/ Dr. Ellis. Thursday/ Mrs. Huffer.**

Mandatory Tutorials - "MANDO"

Any student who is failing a class on their progress report, report card, or TVCC grade check will be required to attend mandatory tutorials ("Mando") one day per week. It is the student's responsibility to check the Mando list.

Mando Rules:

- Students need to be present for Mando by 4:45 to receive attendance credit and must stay until 6:00. Students who must leave early do not receive credit unless approved by Administration.
- No outside food or drink. Students may bring snacks from home, as is the AHS lunch policy.
- No cell phone use is allowed unless given permission by a Mando teacher.
- Students are not allowed to leave the campus and return to Mando.
- Students may be asked to leave Mando if they are disruptive to the learning environment and will not receive credit for attendance.

Cell Phone Policy: Yondr Bag

PINNACLE students will issued a Yondr bag on **Monday, August 5th.**

The Yondr bag will be the student's property to keep up with throughout the year.

- For damaged Yondr bags that need replacing, students will be required to pay a $20 replacement fee.
- 1st offense - 2 Days of ISS, no fee, & phone picked up by parent/guardian.
- 2nd offense (+) - 2 Days of ISS, + $15 fee, & phone picked up parent/guardian.

Students are required to lock their phones upon entering the building and unlock when exiting. Students are able to leave their phones in their car.

***PINNACLE students will have access to their phone on the TVCC campus for safety communications. But, cell phones should remain in their Yondr bag. Students will only work on their AHS assigned Chromebook. AHS's cell phone policy will be enforced at TVCC.**

Dress Code

***Dress Code will be enforced at TVCC**

1. IDs must be worn and visible at all times in the building.

2. Must wear Polo shirt M, Tues, Wed: Only navy, black, or maroon. On Thursday you may wear an Athens Spirit T-Shirt.

3. Pants, shorts, & skirt colors: Navy, black, gray, and khaki. Shorts & skirts MUST be knee-length. No leggings/tights can be worn (pants need pockets).

4. You may not wear a hood in the school building.

5. Half-zips must be one of the 3 approved colors.

6. Jackets must be unzipped.

Dress Code
Continued...

**Dress Code will be enforced at TVCC*

Safety First!

Male students must be clean shaven.

All students must maintain a "natural" hair color.

Nose rings are against District policy. Clear spacers will be allowed.

Policy will begin being enforced on Monday, August 12th.

Reminders for Student IDs

You are required to wear your ID every day.
Do not cover or deface your name or picture.

If you forget your ID, you will be given a temporary sticker ($1)
Stickers must be visible.

If you lose your ID, you will be required to purchase a new one for $10.

PINNACLE Students will be given two ID warnings. On the third warning they will be assigned after school detention.

AHS is a Closed Campus

- Safety first
- Students shall not leave campus, unless for TVCC or work release
- No lunch drop off by parent, guardian, or family member

Visitors

- All visitors/guests will have badges or temporary stickers once they are checked in through the office.
- Please do not open outside doors for anyone, all guests and visitors will need to be checked in by the front office staff.

AHS Hall Pass procedures

Students use E-Hall Pass in order to request restroom privileges during class time.

“10-10 Rule” Students are not allowed to leave the classroom during the first 10 minutes or the last 10 minutes of class.

Students will have 7 E-Hall passes per 9 weeks. Please use them wisely.

To see how to create a pass, watch this video from E-Hall Pass.

Hallway Behavior Reminders:

- Walk with a purpose! Point A to Point B.
- ID's must be visible at all times
- Cafeteria water machines are not to be used during class time.
- Refrain from profanity
- No PDA

AHS Tardy Policy

- Students should be on time to class each day.
- When you are not in the classroom for your scheduled class, a tardy will be issued.
- Students will be issued a tardy slip by the administrator or closest office
- 1 tardy = 1 before/after school detention
- Consequences will increase if tardys become a concern

After School Detention/ ISS

- Detention may be assigned for any behavior that has caused students to lose instructional time. Example of such behaviors are class misbehavior, sleeping, or tardiness.
- Mrs. Huffer's classroom will be the detention room. Students will remain silent as they rewrite notes, study, work on class assignments. Mrs. Risko will run the detention.
- A student removed due to misbehavior will be assigned ISS.
- A PINNACLE student serving ISS should go directly to the ISS room when on the AHS campus. A lunch will be provided for all students in ISS and one will be waiting when students return from TVCC. Teachers have been provided with a **TVCC bus schedule and tardy times**. A student tardy to ISS will be assigned further consequences.

Texas Law & Vapes

Under Texas Law starting in 2023, any student caught selling, delivering, possessing, or using an electronic cigarette -or any part of such device on or within 300 feet of school property or at a school-related activity, must be placed in DAEP.

Texas Education Code Chapter 37.006(a)(2)(C-2)

Dual Credit/ PINNACLE

Bus/ Shuttle Schedule

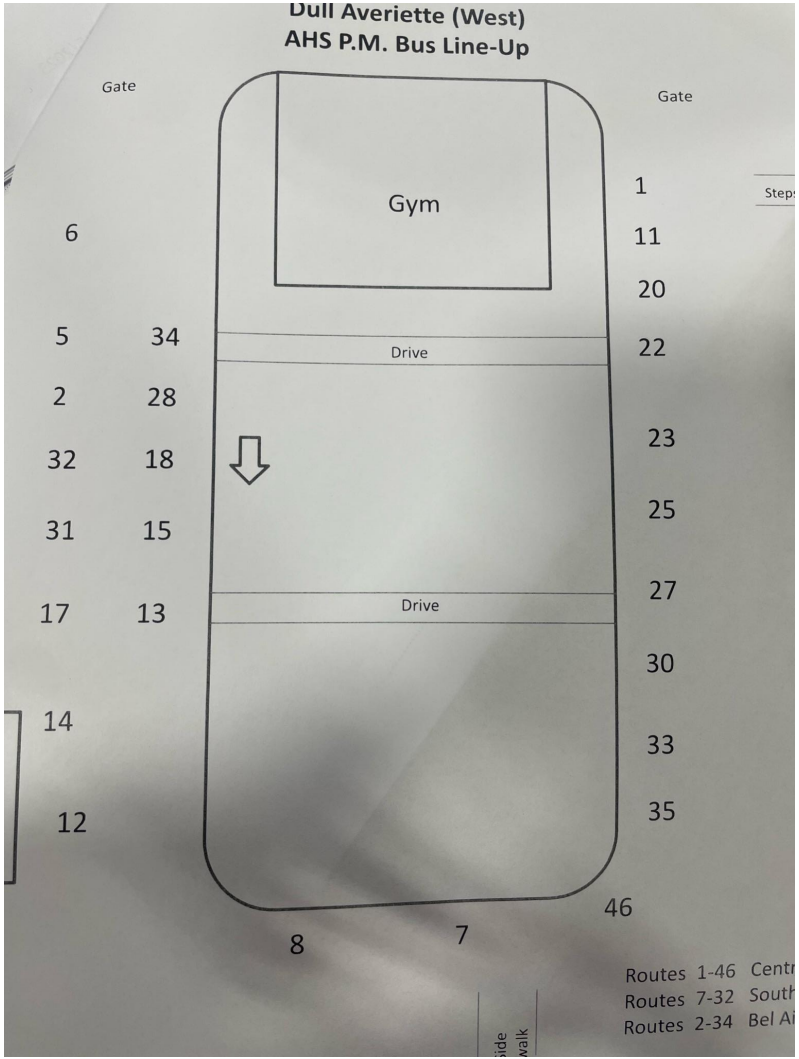
Student missing the shuttle will report directly to Mrs. Westmoreland's room. After emailing TVCC professors students work on assignments. These students will be assigned <u>MANDO</u> to ensure they do not fall behind in class.

Release Dual Credit students from class:	Load Bus:	Location:	Bus Arrival:	Tardy Time:	Days:
NA	7:30	Cafeteria	TVCC	8:00	M-TH
NA	7:35	Cafeteria	TVCC	8:00	M-TH
NA	7:40	Cafeteria	TVCC	8:00	M-TH
9:05	9:10	PINN Annex	TVCC	9:25	M-TH
NA	9:15	TVCC	Annex	**9:30**	M-TH
10:30	10:35	Annex	TVCC	10:50	M-TH
NA	10:35/ 10:40	TVCC	Annex	**10:55**	M-TH
NA	12:05	TVCC	Cafeteria	12:20	M-TH

“Free Bird” Status

- Students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher with TVCC and Athens High School the spring semester of their junior year, fall semester of senior year, and spring semester of senior year may be considered for free status.
- Students must have accumulated their 20 hours of community service the semester prior to applying.
- Students must be in good behavioral standing with administration.
- Students must apply each qualifying semester for “Free Bird” status.
- Free status gives students extra privileges and responsibilities. Freebird students are positive role models and exemplars of community service, attendance, organization, and discipline.
- Only “Free Birds” have access to the TVCC Starbucks or vending machines.
- **Students violating “Free Bird” status will be assigned an appropriate consequence; detention, ISS, ect.**

Bus Transportation



PINNACLE - ECHS

Exceeding Expectations!

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