

July 30, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at ALLPS. **If you are receiving this letter, then your child has a schedule to attend ALLPS this school year. So please follow the guidelines listed in this letter.** ALLPS will continue its third year as a School of Innovation. We plan to continue providing unique opportunities to engage students, build new relationships, and involve students through innovative learning experiences to prepare them for life as they move throughout high school.

### ATTENDANCE the first week:

**School will start for all students attending ALLPS on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.** However, ALLPS students **will not attend school** on Friday, August 17 and August 24, 2018. **Every student enrolled needs to be present until 11:30am on the first 2 days of school** to allow for compliance paperwork, schedule verifications, and various other assessments to ensure students' success this school year. Lack of completion of this process may hinder student's continued placement at ALLPS.

### LEAVING CAMPUS UPON ARRIVAL

Senior grade level students and any student who has earned 17 or more credits are able to leave campus for lunch regardless of the student's grade classification. All other students may earn incentives to leave campus at lunch by meeting the necessary criteria provided by teachers. Students may eat in the cafeteria or in areas designated by administration.

### STUDENT SCHEDULES

Students will receive a hardcopy of their class schedule on the first day of school. Students will be directed to a set location to pick up schedules. Schedule changes can be made thru student's advisory teacher or by contacting the counselor, [Carlos.Chicas@fayar.net](mailto:Carlos.Chicas@fayar.net). Due to the limited class offerings, schedule change requests will only be granted upon review of student course needs. Our counselor will be focused in early August on enrollment meetings and getting student class schedules completed so that all of our students are served in the best way possible. We appreciate your patience as you may experience longer than usual callback response times and/or meeting request timelines.

### SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

This designation allows the school to waive students attending school on Fridays when they have earned the time off by maintaining passing grades, appropriate behaviors, and satisfactory attendance. All students will be expected to participate in some specified grade level Friday activities. This will be monitored and shared by the student's homeroom teacher. During the first quarter, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be required to attend specified sessions on Fridays for a certain period of time. See attached calendar for details for scheduled Fridays this school year for the majority of the Friday calendar.

### COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS/PARENTS

We continue to work on ways to make our communication with students and parents more efficient and effective. You can stay informed by weekly newsletter information sent to your email on file, ALLPS website: <http://allps.fayar.net>, twitter: @allps\_hoy, and Facebook: ALLPS School of Innovation. Other communication will be provided via student Announcements, Homeroom teacher, Email, All-calls home, text/email, district websites and intercom at school.

### STUDENT CONTACT/EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND DETAILS

Parents should verify contact/emergency information on the form each student will receive during the first week of school. It is important to update this personal information to ensure you will receive communication in the form of phone calls, emails, and snail mail. Please make sure we have the correct numbers and addresses. This



information can be updated on the APP as well.

**Home Access Center (HAC)** – also known as the “Parent Grade Viewer”, allows the student/parent to see the class schedule, monitor grades, etc. Parents will be sent an email from District Tech in August to remind them of their HAC login information. This login information does not change, so if you previously had a login you may continue to use the same login information. You can access this by going to the ALLPS website, click “Parent Grade Viewer” or directly from your APP under “Check Grades.” Please contact the FPS Technology Dept. about your HAC login access, if you have problems.

**Bus Transportation General Information-** Parents who need general information about bus routes/times can go to the FPS district website, click on “Departments & Programs” (choose “Transportation”), then under “Links” on right-hand side of page click on “Find your Bus Stop”). If you need additional help you may call the Transportation Dept at 479-444-3095.

**School supplies** are available to students via the teachers in the ALLPS classrooms. No lockers are available.

**Parking is free at ALLPS;** however, all vehicles must be insured and all students must be licensed to drive.

### **Lunch Applications**

- **Breakfast** will be available daily to all students at NO Cost.
- **Lunch will be a cost based on student’s income.**
- **Apply for free and reduced lunch benefits online at:** <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/> or request an application from the school.
- We encourage all households to turn in a meal benefit application. A student’s meal benefit will carry over from the previous year for the first 30 days of school, at which time (**Sept. 24th**), if a current application has not been processed, they will revert to full pay. Applications will be sent home in the school packet that each student will receive during the first week of school. Return completed applications to the main office.
- Parents may create an online meal account for their student at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). This allows a parent to add money to their child’s account via Debit/Credit Card at any time. There is a \$2.50 fee per transaction. You may also send payment to the ALLPS Cafeteria with their student or by mail in payments to the Child Nutrition Office at 2233 W. Stone Fayetteville, AR. 72701. **As a reminder – we do not allow students to charge meals when there is lack of funds in their account.**

**Military Opt-Out** -- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students/parent. Each year we are required to provide each 11<sup>th</sup> grader an opportunity to “opt out” if they do not want ALLPS to release their directory information to military agencies. Email Suzanne Watson at [Suzanne.Watson@fayar.net](mailto:Suzanne.Watson@fayar.net) if you would like to opt-out.

### **Important dates:**

August 13	1 <sup>st</sup> day of school; all students 9-12 <sup>th</sup> grade enrolled at ALLPS are to attend
August 17-Friday	<i>No School for ALLPS students – Staff conduct Child Find visits</i>
August 24-Friday	<i>No School for ALLPS students – Staff conduct Child Find visits</i>
August 30	Parent night and 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter PT conferences
September 3	<i>No School</i> - Labor Day Holiday
September 28-Friday	No School all district students- Teacher In-service Day
October 6	Homecoming
November 19-23	No School for all district students - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20 – Jan 4	No School all district students– Happy Holidays
January 7	1 <sup>ST</sup> day back from the Holidays
January 21-Monday	No School all district students – Martin Luther King Holiday
February 18-Monday	No School all district students – President’s Day
March 18-22	Spring Break
May 3	Senior Celebration and last day of school for seniors
May 16	Graduation – 7:00 PM; Project Graduation Celebration -10:00 PM
May 23	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter; Last day of school if no snow days