

Argenta-Oreana High School 2023-2024

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) / Remote Learning Information

PARENTS

1. Where can I access a calendar for the school year?

Our district community calendar including school holidays and early dismissals is available on our website www.argenta-oreana.org

2. Where can I access a schedule of the extracurricular activities?

Extracurricular schedules can be found at <http://il.8to18.com/a-o>

3. How can I monitor my student's academic progress?

Student grades and academic progress as well as additional announcements can be found at www.teacherease.com

4. How do I get access to the Teacher Ease website?

You can get your account information from our District Technology Coordinator Mr. Tom Altig. He can be reached by phone at (217) 795-4821 or email at taltig@argenta-oreana.org

5. What time does school begin and end?

First hour begins at 8:10 AM and the school day ends at 3:04 PM. Students should not be dropped off at school before 7:45 AM unless prior permission and arrangements have been made.

6. How do I let the school know if my child is ill and not able to attend school?

When an unanticipated absence from school occurs, parents should call the high school office between 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on the morning of the absence at 795-4821 or 795-4822. Calls made by students will not be accepted as appropriate. If a note is not brought, the student will be issued an unexcused absence slip for that day, and he/she must bring a note the following day or make-up privileges may be denied and the student may be considered truant. If a student loses semester credit due to attendance, he/she will be dropped from all extracurricular activities. Upon returning to school from an absence, students are to report to the Office before first period with their parental note explaining their absence and obtain an admit slip. Every student who misses a class or classes must present an admit slip to each teacher of the classes missed.

7. Does the school utilize social media to communicate information?

Yes, all of our buildings utilize social media to communicate information to the general public. Argenta-Oreana High School can be followed on Twitter - @AOHSBOMBERS and Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/Argenta-Oreana-CUSD-1-High-School-186903051407620/>

8. What do I do if my child is struggling in a particular class?

We strive to maintain open lines of communication between home and school. We are also a “Chain of Command” school district. This means that we believe in communicating with those most likely to help address concerns or answer questions. If you are concerned about the progress of your child in a particular class, please call the school at (217) 795-4821, and ask to speak to your child’s teacher. You may also email the teacher using the email list that can be found at www.argenta-oreana.org under the *Teacher Info* tab.

9. How do I add money to my child’s meal account?

You can add money to meal accounts at www.teacherease.com
Breakfast is \$1.65 and lunch is \$3.05 for 2023-2024 (Extra milk is \$0.35)

10. What kind of academic honors are available for students?

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

The following are grade point averages (GPA) a student must attain in order to be placed on the honor roll:

High Honors.... 4.750 - 5.000 (No grade lower than a “B” per quarter)

Honors..... 4.250 - 4.740 (No more than one grade letter of a “C” per quarter)

* A grade of “D” or “F” will disqualify a student from earning Honor Roll or High Honor Roll status.

GRADUATING WITH HONORS In order for graduating seniors to be recognized as graduating with “Honors,” students will take a minimum of four “Honors” credits (one semester of Honors Coursework equals .5 credit), identified below.

GRADUATING WITH HIGHEST HONORS

In order for graduating seniors to be recognized as graduating with “Highest Honors,” students will take a minimum of six “Honors” credits (one semester of Honors Coursework equals .5 credit) , identified below.

VALEDICTORIAN

This is awarded to the graduating senior who has met the requirement for graduating with “Highest Honors,” and completes the seventh semester ranking first in scholarship (GPA). The graduating senior with the highest grade point average will be named Valedictorian of his/her graduating class and will give the valedictory address at the commencement exercise. If a tie exists for the highest grade point average between two or more seniors, co-valedictorians will be named and each so honored student will speak at commencement.

SALUTATORIAN

This is awarded to the graduating senior who has met the requirement for graduating with “Highest Honors,” and completes the seventh semester ranking second in scholarship (GPA). The graduating senior with the second highest grade point average will be named Salutatorian of his/her graduating

class and will give the salutatory address at the commencement exercise. If a tie exists for the second highest grade point average between two or more seniors, co-salutatorians will be named and each so honored student will speak at commencement.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sophomore, Junior and Senior students with at least a 4.5 average who exhibit the characteristics of leadership, scholarship, character, and service may apply to become a member of the AOHS National Honor Society. Students who are eligible for this will be notified of the opportunity.

11. What is Academic Honors Night?

Each spring we conduct an Academic Honors Night. Invitations are extended to students being recognized for their academic achievements by subject area, perfect attendance, high honor roll, honor roll, Scholastic Bowl, WYSE, Academic Challenge, etc...

STUDENTS

12. How do I get involved in extracurricular activities?

Please see the AO Athletic FAQ document.

13. How is it determined which grade level I am in?

Students at Argenta-Oreana High School are classified by the number of credits they have earned by registration for the school year.

Number of credits required Classification

Fewer than 4 Freshman

4-10 Sophomore

11-17 Junior

18 and above Senior

14. How many credits do I have to earn to graduate?

Freshman - English, Math Science, P.E., Composition, Driver's Ed. / Careers, Health or Geography, plus electives

Sophomore English, Math, Science, PE, Driver's Ed., / Careers / Geography, plus electives

Junior English, Math, American History, Consumer / Govt., PE, plus electives

Senior English, P.E., plus electives

Credits Required for Graduation- 25; Transfer students' credits will be prorated for graduation.

15. Can I change my classes if I don't like them?

Students are allowed five days at the beginning of a semester to change their schedule.

16. How do I check on my grades?

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17. How do I get access to the TeacherEase website?

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18. How do I get breakfast and / or lunch?

You can put money on your meal account in the Office. When you go through the line in the cafeteria you will give them your name.

19. Can I leave school to go get lunch somewhere else?

No. We are a closed campus. This means that once you arrive at school you are to stay at school until dismissed.

20. What do I do if I have a conflict with another student?

It is always appropriate to talk to your teachers or an administrator regarding conflict or issues with other students.

21. If I drive to school where do park?

We have parking spaces available on the school parking lot. Parking spaces will be assigned to students when registering for school. The parking fee is \$25.00.

22. Is a uniform required for PE? How do I get my PE uniform?

Yes. PE uniforms can be ordered at registration. Shirts are \$10.00 and shorts are \$12.00.