Inside Your Anson County Schools

"Where Greatness Grows"

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Letter from Superintendent Howard E. McLean

Dear Anson County Stakeholders,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! As we open our doors on August 28, the start of school is a chance for us to reflect on our school district's goals:

• Anson County Schools (ACS) will ensure every school creates a positive school environment where all students and staff want to attend, learn, and work as measured by yearly climate surveys. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) strategies will be implemented with fidelity at every school in order to decrease the number of major and minor student incidences by 10% yearly.

• Anson County Schools will reduce overall chronic teacher absenteeism by 5% yearly to 42% in 2022 to 40% in 2023 to 38% in 2024.

• By 2024, Anson County Schools will utilize an instructional framework to deliver a differentiated student-centered approach to learning, resulting in a grade level proficiency composite growth from 41.9% (2018 data) to 46.9% (2021), 51.9% (2023), and 56.9 (2024)%.

Every opportunity for continuous learning will be given to our students as we continue to focus on improving ways for students to become active participants in the global community. Every challenge that emerges will be thoughtfully discussed and reviewed by a team of educators, administrators, board members, parents, and students when appropriate. Areas of concern such as instruction, health and safety, social-emotional wellness, family and community engagement, and operations issues will continue to be addressed throughout the year. Continuously monitoring changing circumstances and direction from governmental agencies will guide our path forward. Our decisions will be based on data and science while keeping the safety of students and employees as our first priority.
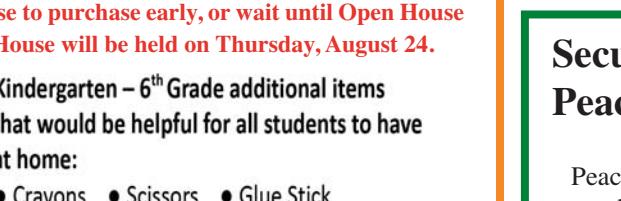
Our district continues to thrive because of the unwavering commitment of our amazing employees, and we are eager to move forward on our path toward a successful school year. We appreciate everyone's contributions, including all of the hard work and determination put forth by our employees who have been participating in summer learning and professional development sessions focused on improving learning for our students.

Lastly, we cannot do our work and be successful without partnering with our community. Stakeholders, we encourage you to consider supporting our school improvement teams, parent/teacher organizations, athletic and extracurricular programs, and other school volunteer opportunities. Connecting with these organizations and programs along with our teachers, principals, counselors, and support personnel is critical at this time to ensure that the tradition of a high-quality public school education within the Anson County School District continues now and in the future.

I'm looking forward to a successful year ahead in Anson County Schools, "Where Greatness Grows"!

Thank you, Howard E. McLean, Ed.S., Superintendent of Schools

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All Regular Board Meetings (*with the exception of the December meeting, the Annual Budget Development Workshop in April*) will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following the the opening of the meeting. Open Session should begin at 5:30 p.m.

Any changes in time will be posted on the Anson County Schools website: *ansonschools.org* and will be posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.

Meetings will be held at the Board of Education Office, which is located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted in the local newspapers or on our website.

August 28, 2023
September 25, 2023
October 30, 2023
November 20, 2023
December 11, 2023
Closed Session begins 3:00 p.m.
Open Session begins 4:30 p.m.
January 29, 2024
February 26, 2024
March 25, 2024
April 22, 2024
Budget Development Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Additional dates to be determined if needed.)
April 29, 2024
Regular meeting
May 20, 2024
June 24, 2024

ANSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Please be sure to **update your contact information** with your child's school!

Anson County Schools SUPPLY LIST 2023 - 2024

Visit our website at **www.ansonschools.org** for a supply list for your child's school!

These are general school supply lists. You can choose to purchase early, or wait until Open House to obtain a more specific list for your child. Open House will be held on Thursday, August 24.

All K-6 Students
● Bookbag (without wheels/rollers)
● #2 Wooden (yellow) pencils (decorative pencils are more difficult to sharpen and may cause damage to the pencil sharpener)
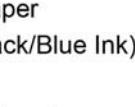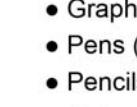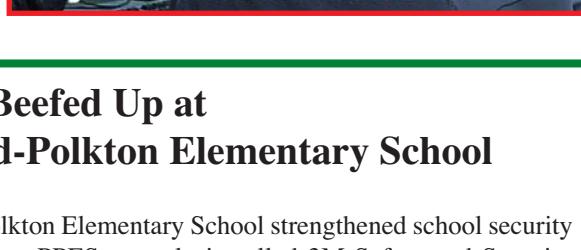● Earbuds/Headphones (Headphones only for Kindergarten)

Kindergarten
● Rectangular Pink eraser (Such as PaperMate)
● 3-Subject Notebook
● Pencil Box
● Glue Sticks
● White boards and dry erase markers
● Pencils
● Change of Clothes

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades
● Wide-ruled notebook paper
● Rectangular Pink Eraser (Such as PaperMate)
● Highlighter
● Colored Pencils/Crayons

4th, 5th and 6th Grades
● College-ruled notebook paper
● Highlighter
● 5th Grade Only: 3 Composition Books (not spiral bound)

Kindergarten – 6th Grade additional items that would be helpful for all students to have at home:
● Crayons   ● Scissors   ● Glue Stick

ANSON MIDDLE
7th and 8th Grades
● 1 Subject Notebook
● 1 Three Ring Binder (3 inches)
● 1 Five-subject notebook for Science
● 2 packages of Loose Leaf Paper (College Ruled)
● Pencil/pen holder with zipper (3 ring)
● 1 package of #2 pencils
● 1 package of blue or black ink pens
● 6 Composition notebooks (college ruled)
● 1 package of graph paper
● 1 pack of colored pencils
● 1 pack of assorted highlighters
● Dry erase markers
● Boxes of Kleenex Tissues

ANSON HIGH SCHOOL
9th, 10th 11th and 12th Grades
● #2 Pencils
● Black/Blue Pens
● Spiral Bound or Composition Notebooks
● College Ruled Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
● Graph Paper (Math Classes)
● Highlighters
● 2 GB Flash Drive
● Science: 1, 3 ring binder (2") and colored pencils
● English: sticky notes, spiral bound notebook AND composition notebook

ANSON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

All Grades
● College Ruled Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
● Graph Paper
● Pens (Black/Blue Ink)
● Pencils
● Colored Pencils
● Highlighters
● 2 GB Flash Drive
● Earbuds/Headphones
● 2 - 3 Ring Binders (1.5 to 2 inches)
● 3 - Non-Spiral Composition Books
● 1 - Folder

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Security Beefed Up at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School strengthened school security over the summer. PPES recently installed 3M Safety and Security Window Film on all external doors and entries. This film helps prevent unwanted entry by hardening the school's window glazing. It will greatly reduce an intruder's ability to breach any door or glass, on which it is installed. It is designed to hold shattered glass in place to effectively slow down an intruder, giving students and teachers critical time to get to safety and for security personnel to respond before entry occurs.

Additionally, 3M Safety and Security Window Film helps to protect occupants during natural disasters. Major weather events and earthquakes may cause the glass to break.

Dr. Travis Steagall, Principal of Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, stated, "The 3M Safety and Security Film will increase our school safety efforts at PPES. We take school safety very seriously and consider keeping our students and staff safe our most important priority."

High Tech Security Camera System Installed at PPES

Through a partnership with the Polkton Police Department, a Flock Security System camera was recently installed at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School. Chief Tim Hutchinson considers the camera to be a priority and worked with the Polkton Town Council to obtain funding for the camera system.

Flock Safety's License Plate Reading Cameras will enhance school and community safety. License plate reading cameras work because roughly 70% of all crime is committed with the use of a vehicle. So, whether it's vandalism, theft, or other suspicious activity, Flock Safety's technology will quickly identify a suspect's vehicle. If a crime does occur, Flock can automatically alert local law enforcement. PPES is thankful for Chief Hutchinson and the Polkton Town Council's commitment to safety.

Anson County Schools Online High School Transcript and Education Verification Request Portal

Former students, college/university admissions officers, employers and verifications companies must now submit high school transcript requests, document requests, and education verifications online.

In the interest of convenience, security and efficiency, all student records requests and education verification requests must now be submitted online using our new online request portal. The request portal will guide you through the ordering process. You will receive automated email updates as your order is processed.

On the Anson County Schools webpage - *www.ansonschools.org*, click the **Transcripts/Proof** button to start the process.

For information about document fees and turnaround times, please click on the FAQ link in the upper right corner of the **Transcript Request/Proof Verification** page.