



**ARLINGTON
CAREER
CENTER**
AT HOME

Resources for Students and Families

Welcome to our ACC Town Hall!

September 1, 2020

Student Device Distribution & Password Reset

Devices and new passwords are being distributed from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Wednesday 9/2

Families received a School Talk with directions on Monday. The schedule is below

10:00-10:30 am	Last Names A through B
10:30-11:00 am	Last Names C through D
11:00- 11:30 am	Last Names E through G
11:30-12:00 pm	Last Names H through K
12:00-12:30 pm	Last Names L through M
12:30-1:00 pm	Last Names N through P
1:00-1:30 pm	Last Names R through S
1:30-2:00 pm	Last Names T through Z

Class Schedules

- Posted in Parent Vue and Student Vue
- Will be available by Wednesday
- Paper copies will not be mailed home

Student Orientation and Dry Run of 1A and 2A

- Teams link will be posted on the Canvas pages
 - CC Support- Student Orientation
 - Overview of ACC
 - Get to know CC Teacher and other students
 - Practice Teams tools
 - Dry run of Period 1A and 2A
 - Practice getting to 1st period and meet teacher and classmates
 - Transition to 2nd period

Student Tech Support

Student Device Information

- [Arlington Career Center MacBook Technical Support Request Form](#): use this form when your device is broken/inoperable, lost, stolen, needs repair, or needs to be re-imaged.
- The form will go to our ITC, Charles Randolph, will respond via email on next steps.

Connectivity

- If you don't have a reliable internet connection,
 - contact cctechhelp@apsva.us to get connected via Comcast Internet Essentials.
 - More information at: <https://www.apsva.us/digital-learning/internet>
 - Contact the school
 - Julie Frye 703-228-5748 or email: julaine.frye@apsva.us
 - En Espanol: Yesenia Martinez 703-228-5732 or email: yesenia.martinez@apsva.us
- We will refer you for a promo code for Free Comcast Internet Essentials
- Families who receive a promo code will need to apply for Internet Essentials at <https://internetessentials.com/>
- If you continue to have issues contact the Ms. Frye

Reporting Absences

- Call 703-228-5746 or 703-228-5732 (for Spanish) or Email CareerCenter.Attendance@apsva.us by 11 am.
- Provide the following information:
 - Student's First Name and Last Name
 - Student ID if possible
 - Reason for absence
 - Identify yourself and provide a call back phone number
- Please contact the teacher for missing work or visit their Canvas page.

Capstone

- Capstone will be 100% virtual until Virginia enters Phase 4 of its reopening plan (no social distancing required)
- Due to this change, students and families have been offered a choice of the following for the 2020-21 school year:
 - Enroll in the Capstone class and participate in a virtual Capstone experience, which may include:
 - Completing a research project with a mentor
 - Providing virtual client work
 - Finding a short-term or longer-term virtual internship
 - Drop the Capstone class and enroll in a 5th period CTE course. Availability for this option will be limited, and is dependent on seats available in classes.
 - Drop the Capstone class and have a shortened school day.
- A letter with these options was sent to all AT 12th grade students and families last week. All 12th grade families need to complete this [Google Form](#) to indicate their preference by Thursday.
- All 12th grade students will continue to participate in workshops and virtual career-focused events, regardless of enrollment in Capstone
- Support for grades 9-11 will be provided, in coordination with the school and college & career counselors, during CC Support and Monday workshops

College Application Process

Where do students and families go for information?

- *New* ACC College & Career Counselor: Frank DeRocco, frank.derocco@apsva.us
- 12th Grade Counselor for AT: Cristin Caparotta, cristin.caparotta@apsva.us
- 12th Grade Counselor for Academy & PEP: Lisa Styles, lisa.styles@apsva.us
- 12th Grade Counselor for EL Institute: Claudia Vasquez, claudia.vasquez@apsva.us
- ACC Counseling Webpage also has many posted resources, including ACC Postsecondary night slideshow and ACC college planning for juniors event from last school year:
<https://careercenter.apsva.us/college-career-planning-resources-2/>
- **Coming Soon!**
 - New ACC Counseling Canvas page will have College/Career resources & more
 - Virtual Senior Information Night will be planned for mid-September - We will contact you once a date/time is confirmed.

College Application Process

- College Application Process
 - APS College & Career Counselors are currently working to set up college visits virtually.
 - Mr. DeRocco has reached out to all ACC students and parents/guardians via Naviance email regarding some of the processes involved with applying to college, and will continue to do so.
Things that have been shared:
 - Common App webinar and guide
 - Connecting the Common App to their Naviance accounts
 - College essay workshops
 - Virtual college tours
 - Requesting letters of recommendations from teachers
 - Requesting transcripts to be sent to colleges.
 - If you aren't getting these emails, contact Mr. DeRocco at frank.derocco@apsva.us or your School Counselor to confirm that we have the correct email address in Naviance.
- SAT/PSAT School Day
 - We are waiting on guidance from DTL on this - stay tuned.
 - The SAT and ACT are offering in-person tests this Fall, check their websites for dates.

School Supplies

Check individual teacher syllabi for course supply lists

Instructional materials (textbooks, reading books, specific course materials) will be distributed in mid September

Daily Schedule: Tuesday-Friday

- Each class period is 80 min
- 1st 45 min is synchronous
- **Period attendance** is taken at the end of the synchronous time.
- Remaining 35 min is asynchronous
- Teachers will be available to support students during the 80 min block.
- Students will need to complete asynchronous work before the next time the class meet.

Period Attendance

Being present means:

- Students attend the synchronous class during the first 45 minutes of class Tuesday through Friday.
- Meaningful interactions during the class may include:
 - Online forms
 - Assignments
 - Quizzes
 - Chats
 - 1:1 phone conversations
 - Teams
- Students will not be required to have their cameras on

CC Support and Daily Attendance

- Meets synchronously Tue-Fri from 1:15-1:45
- Homeroom check in time
- Socio Emotional Lessons and support
- Time to work on asynchronous work and get help
- Daily attendance taken until 4 pm
- Robo calls at 7 pm based on daily attendance in CC

Mondays

- All students will engage in asynchronous activities (30 minutes/class)
- Office hours (posted on teachers' Canvas course)
 - small group work
 - 1:1 interventions remotely
- Office hours will be staggered by department
- Daily attendance taken through CC Support activity posted on Canvas

Extracurriculars

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- Information about school clubs and organizations can be found on the “Activities” tab of the ACC website.
- If students or staff are interested in starting a new club, they must read the ACC Club Handbook, complete the Application for Club/Society, and submit the application to Mr. Mainor (Cory.Mainor@apsva.us)
- Club sponsors interested in having Canvas courses for the club can do so through Mr. Randolph.
- Arlington Tech will have an application process for students interested in serving the Culture Leadership Team or the Learning Leadership Team. There is an interview process and an objective rubric used in the selection process.

Resource Teacher for the Gifted: Kyra Walker

- Cross team support for PBL
- Provides examples and support of integrated projects
- Promotes PBL strategies throughout the school for all classes all subjects
- Research strategies and techniques to improve PBOL
- Provide support (through instructional strategies) for Gifted and 2E students and teachers
- Recruitment of underrepresented students in Middle Schools

Librarian: Astin Alexander

- Curation - educational resource and ideas
- Research/databases - note taking, summarizing/paraphrasing
- Co-teaching/mini-workshops- PBLs - specifically topics related to media literacy, information literacy, citation/plagiarism
- One-on-one student support - Ask a Librarian requests
- Independent reading recommendations tailored to student interest/need
- Reading programming and outreach - read alouds, booktalks, book club, etc.

Special Education

Case Carriers were confirmed this week, if they have not reached out yet, they will be doing so in the next two days

1. Your case carrier is always first go to for support
2. Reach out next to your child's administrator
 - a. Cory Mainor (cory.mainor@apsva.us) - Academic Academy, Arlington Tech Grades 9 & 11
 - b. Jess Baker (jessica.baker@apsva.us) - Arlington Tech Grades 10 & 12, PEP
 - c. Margaret Chung (margaret.chung@apsva.us) - EL Institute
3. Reach out to Jess Baker who oversees Special Education for the building
4. Reach out to Jenny York, Student Support Coordinator
(jenny.york@apsva.us)