



7/9/2025

Dear AMMS Families,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Principal of Avondale Meadows Middle School. As a proud member of this community—first as a teacher, then as Assistant Principal—it is a privilege to now lead our school into its next chapter.

At AMMS, we believe in more than maintaining the status quo—we are Redefining Excellence. This means setting high expectations for academics, behavior, and relationships while ensuring every student has what they need to succeed. We are committed to building meaningful partnerships with our parents, families, and community members, because we know that student success is a shared journey.

**As we begin the school year together, I want to ensure you feel welcomed, informed, and connected.**

Included in this year's Back-to-School Packet you'll find important resources that outline:

- **Our Attendance Policy** – emphasizing the importance of being present and on time every day.
- **The School Calendar** – key dates and events to help you stay informed and involved.
- **Uniform Policy** – clear expectations to support a consistent and focused learning environment.
- **Communication Channels** – how to stay in touch with your child's teachers, access updates, and engage with the school.

*My commitment to our families is simple: I will work tirelessly to ensure every student feels seen, supported, and challenged to achieve their highest potential. We are in this together—and together, we will make this school year extraordinary: Ubuntu.*

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. I look forward to meeting each of you soon and to a year filled with growth, partnership, and excellence.

With excitement and gratitude,

Ciara Jones

Principal

# Avondale Meadows Middle School

## United Schools of Indianapolis

### 2025-2026 School Calendar

July 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
NT	NT	NT	NT	25
PD	PD	PD	PD	

August 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	PD

September 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
X	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

October 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	PC
X	X	X	X	X
PD	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

November 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
X	X	X	X	X

December 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
X	X	X	X	X
X	X			

#### July 2025

21-24- New Teacher Orientation  
28-31-Full Staff PD  
31- Back to School BBQ

#### August 2025

4 - First Day of School for Students  
29-PD Day; No Students

#### September 2025

1-Labor Day; No School  
2 - Midterm Progress Reports  
26 - End of 1st Quarter

#### October 2025

10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1st Qtr Report Cards  
Asynchronous Learning Day  
13-17 - Fall Break; No School  
20 PD Day; No Students

#### November 2025

7- Midterm Progress Reports  
24-28 - Thanksgiving Break;  
No School

#### December 2025

19- End of 2nd Quarter  
22-31 Winter Break; No School



181 Student Days  
190 Teacher Days

#### January 2026

1-2 Winter Break; No School  
5-PD Day for Staff  
Asynchronous Learning Day  
6 - School Resumes  
9- 2nd Quarter Report Cards  
19 - MLK Day; No School

#### February 2026

9- Midterm Progress Reports  
13 - PD Day; No Students  
16 - Presidents' Day; No School

#### March 2026

6 - End of 3rd Quarter  
20- Parent/Teacher Conference Day  
3rd Quarter Report Cards  
Asynchronous Learning Day  
23-27 - Spring Break; No School  
30 - PD Day; No Students  
(Inclement Weather Make Up Day)

#### April 2026

24 - Midterm Progress Reports

#### May 2026

25- Memorial Day  
28- Last Day for Students  
Half Day; Noon Dismissal  
End of 4th Quarter  
29 - Teacher Work Day

#### June 2026

1- 4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed  
19- Juneteenth; Schools Closed

January 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
			X	X
PD	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
X	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

February 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	PD
X	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

March 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	PC
X	X	X	X	X
PD	31			

April 2026				
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May 2026				
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18	19	20	21	22
X	26	27	28	29

June 2026				
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29	30			



# **Avondale Meadows Middle School**

## **2025-2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**

### **GRADE 5 & 6**

- 1 pack of Expo Markers
- Red, Yellow, Blue, Green folders 2-pocket folders
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 12 #2 sharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 small plastic pencil sharpener (that holds shavings)
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 ruler with centimeter and inch markings
- 5 spiral notebooks
- 1 large box facial tissues
- 1 glue stick
- Small sticky note
- Notebook paper (500 sheets)
- 6-8 pack 3-ring notebook dividers
- 1 2-inch, 3-ring binder
- 6-8 pack 3-ring notebook dividers
- 1 2-inch binder, Social Studies
- Earbuds—noise blocking

### **GRADE 7 & 8**

- 2 black Sharpie marking pens – ultra fine point
- 24 #2 sharpened pencils with erasers



- Red, Yellow, Blue, Green folders 2-pocket folders
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 small plastic pencil sharpener (that holds shavings)
- 1 ruler with centimeter and inch markings
- 5 spiral notebooks
- 1 large box facial tissues
- 1 glue stick or white glue
- Small sticky notes
- Notebook paper (500 sheets)
- 6-8 pack 3-ring notebook dividers
- 1 2-inch, 3-ring binder
- Lysol Wipes
- Earbuds—Noise blocking

**PLEASE NOTE**

***Send supplies in on the first day of school.***

# AMMS Dress Code Policy

**Purpose:** At AMMS, our uniform policy supports a focused and respectful learning environment. It promotes equity, minimizes distractions, and builds a sense of unity and school pride. By aligning appearance with our high expectations, we help students focus on what matters most—learning, leadership, and belonging.

**Please Note:** Parents will be informed if their child is out of uniform, and will be asked to bring the proper uniform to the school immediately. If this is not possible, the student will be required to wear a substitute uniform (if available) and will receive a uniform violation.



**Tops:** Solid navy, yellow, or white collared polo shirts (polo or button-down).

**Bottoms:** Khaki, navy, or black uniform-style pants.

**Outerwear:** Cardigans or sweaters must be **one** solid color with no large logos or labels. Polos must be worn underneath any outerwear, including cardigans and sweaters.

Scholars are not permitted to wear the following:

- Hoodies, regardless of brand or color
- Cargo pants, jeggings, leggings, short skirts,
- Flip flops, open toe shoes
- Spirit Shirts/House shirts worn Monday-Thursday
- Non-collar polos worn Monday-Thursday

## Fridays are SPIRIT DAYS

Students may wear their AMMS House or Spirit shirts.

Jeans are allowed as long as they are free of rips, holes, or tears



# **Avondale Meadows Middle School**

## **After School Programming**

**YMCA**, 317-549-9622

**Boys and Girls Club**-317-926-4222

**Edna Martin**, (317) 637-3776

**Greater love**, 317-552-8666

**Guardian Angels**, 317-340-4901

**Nanas Child Care**, 708-869-8802

**Rosie Tiny Tots**, 317-547-4720

**Serenity Angels**, 317-801-4278

**Smarty Pants Daycare Ministry**, 317-353-6766

**Tots R Us**, 317-547-3157

**True Care Academy**, 317-686-9426

**Tyler's Journey**, 765-631-9364



Please make sure to download these 3 important apps.

**ParentSquare** – Our primary communication platform for school updates, announcements, and messages between staff and families.



**PikMyKid** – A school safety and dismissal app that streamlines student drop-off, pick-up, and ensures a secure school day.



**MySchoolBucks** – An online payment system for field trips, spiritwear, and other school-related purchases.



# Getting Started with ParentSquare for Parents and Guardians

Welcome to ParentSquare! This guide will help you activate your account, find helpful resources, and download the free ParentSquare app so you can start receiving updates from your school.

## Activate your ParentSquare account

Your school will send you an invitation using your email address or phone number on file.

1. Open the invitation from ParentSquare in your email or text messages.

2. Click **Activate your account** or tap the link to go to the account registration page.

3. Enter your email or phone number, then click **Get Started**.

*(Optional: You can also sign in with Google or Microsoft.)*

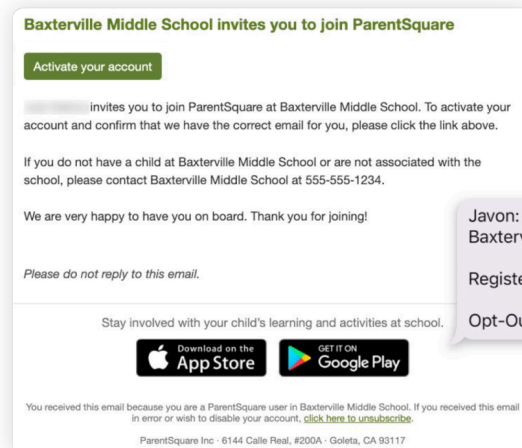
4. Check your contact information. If it looks correct, click **Confirm**. You'll receive a code by text or email.

5. Enter the verification code when asked.

6. You'll see your children's names. Click **Confirm** next to each child who should be connected to your account.

*If a child is listed by mistake, click **Not my child**.*

7. If everything looks correct, click **Yes, this is me**.



Javon: Join ParentSquare at Baxterville Middle School

Register: <https://psqr.io/tUHjKalc3S>

Opt-Out: [https://psqr.io/CxGnF\\_XJhL](https://psqr.io/CxGnF_XJhL)

Now you're ready to start using ParentSquare!



## Need help with your account?

Contact your school if:

- A name is spelled wrong
- Your email address or phone number is incorrect
- A child is missing from your account

## Access helpful resources

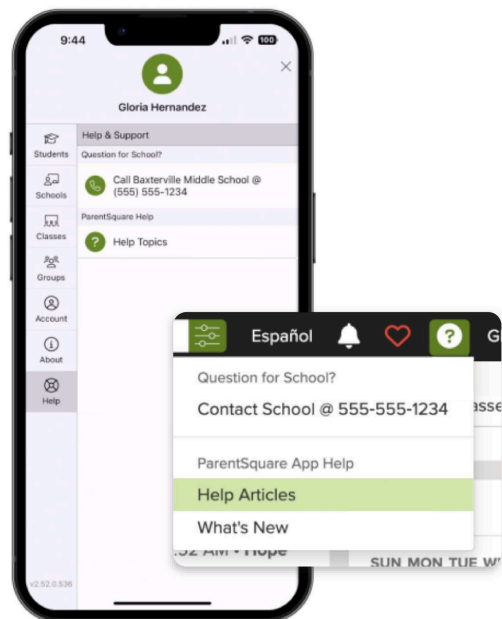
When you're logged in, you can access resources to help you with using ParentSquare.

On a computer, click the **question mark (?)** in the top menu.

In the app, tap the **Help** icon in the app.

You'll see these options:

- **Contact School** - Send a question to your school or find contact details.
- **Help Articles** - Search for answers or step-by-step guides.



## Download the ParentSquare app

The free ParentSquare app helps you stay connected on the go. It's available for iPhone and Android.

Scan the QR code below to download the app:





# Parent App Guide

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## Download The App

The Pikmykid app is available for download on your smartphone's app store (Google-Play, Apple Store). Each user will need to download and register on their own smartphone.

### App Store Download Links



iOS



Android

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## Register

Select "Create Account" or use your Google/Apple account. Follow the prompts to sign up. You will verify your email address and phone number to complete registration.

What's your cell phone number?

Please enter your cell phone number here. We'll send confirmation code to verify it.

USA

+1 (123) 123-1234

Need help?

NEXT

Cancel

What's your name?

Please enter full name here which is registered with the school as Parent or Delegate

First Name

Last Name

Need help?

NEXT

Or Continue With

Google Apple

Email

Need help?

Set a strong password

A strong password will have an uppercase, lowercase, character, a number, and special symbol

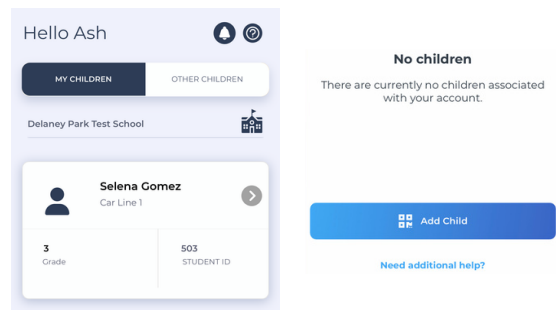
Enter Password

Confirm password

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## How To Add A Child

Schools might connect your children automatically! If you see the "No Children" on screen & the school gave one time Parent Connection QR code, then select "Add Child" to scan the code and add one child at a time, else tap on "Need Additional Help?" to reach our support desk.



## Secure Way To Connect

Parents can use our website also – **parentapp.pikmykid.com** to register and make pick-up changes, report student absences or checkins.

**Note:** Announcement is only available through the parent phone app.

### Need Help?

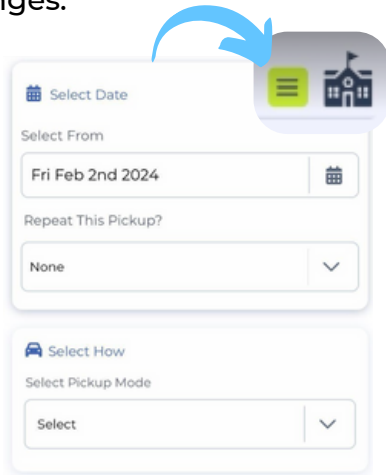
Email [support@pikmykid.com](mailto:support@pikmykid.com). Be sure to include the name of the school, the child's name, the dismissal ID, and your mobile phone number, with your questions.



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## Schedule Pickup Changes

Choose the child from the children's tab (tap the green icon next to your school's name to make changes for multiple students). Choose the date or select the three-dot icon. You will be able to make single or recurring changes.



**Select Date**

Select From

Fri Feb 2nd 2024

Repeat This Pickup?

None

**Select How**

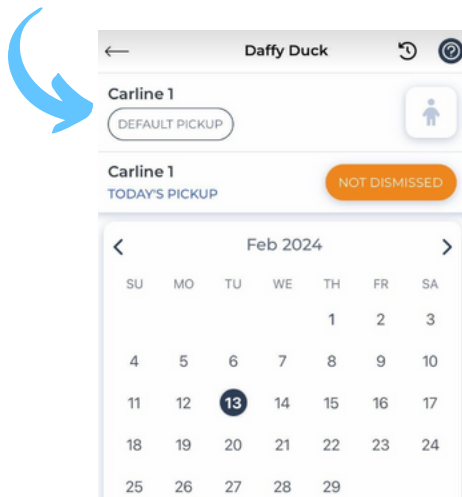
Select Pickup Mode

Select

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## Change Default Pickup

Select Default Pickup from this screen to change your child(ren) default pickup mode. The app will prompt a message if the schools have restricted this.



**Daffy Duck**

Carline 1

DEFAULT PICKUP

Carline 1

TODAY'S PICKUP

NOT DISMISSED

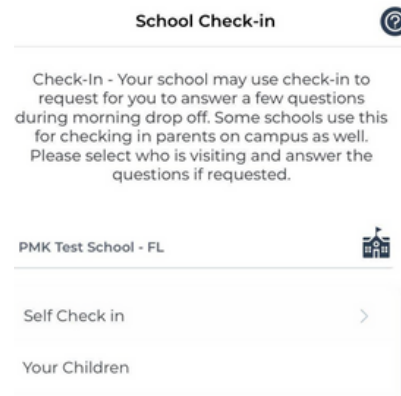
Feb 2024

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## Check In

On Check In tab, you will be able to complete the check in for you or your children. Contact App Support if the Check In tab is not available for you.



**School Check-in**

Check-In - Your school may use check-in to request for you to answer a few questions during morning drop off. Some schools use this for checking in parents on campus as well. Please select who is visiting and answer the questions if requested.

PMK Test School - FL

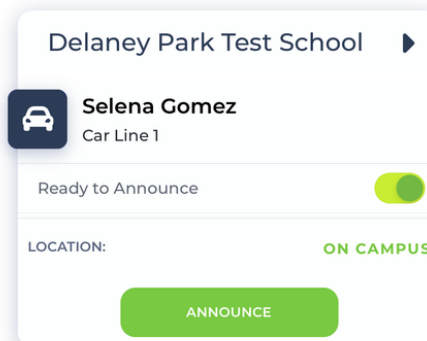
Self Check in

Your Children

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## Announce Your Arrival

The app's Pickup tab allows you to see your children, view their pickup mode, and announce your arrival.



**Delaney Park Test School**

Selena Gomez

Car Line 1

Ready to Announce

LOCATION: ON CAMPUS

ANNOUNCE

## App Support

Go to the Account page (at the bottom of your home screen), and then select "Contact Support". Fill out and submit the form to be connected with a friendly customer service human or email [support@pikmykid.com](mailto:support@pikmykid.com).



## Parent App Guide



### How do I add a change to my child's dismissal schedule?

1. Choose the child from the children's tab (tap the green icon next to your school's name to make changes for multiple students).
2. Choose the applicable calendar date when you want the change to start OR select the three-dot icon on your bottom right corner.
3. Select Change Pickup.
  - a. Confirm the start date is correct.
  - b. Select one of the options to repeat the change if applicable and choose the last applicable day to be included.
  - c. Select the desired pickup option from the drop-down. Then select who is picking up.
4. Review the Pickup Summary and Confirm Change to save your selection – you will see a green notification on the top of the screen with the confirmation of the changes.



### How do I announce my arrival to the school?

1. Parents can only announce at school, during the set dismissal hours, if the school has the Announce feature enabled on the school portal.
2. Make sure your phone's location services are enabled on both your phone and your Pikmykid parent app.
3. Stop at the stop sign and select the GREEN ANNOUNCE button on your Pick Up tab.

\* If your school is using the hands-free announcement feature, review the option is enabled on the Account tab and that you have granted the correct location permissions.



### How do I manage my delegates?

1. Select Account at the bottom of your screen, then select Manage Approved Contacts.
2. Select the Create Contact icon (person with a plus sign) to create a new contact. You can also Edit, Delete, or Deactivate delegates as needed by selecting their names. \* Inactive delegates will be grayed out and they won't be visible on your list when adding a Delegation to your child's calendar.
3. When editing a contact, you can add photos to delegates, mark them as emergency contacts and select their relationship to each child in your app.

\* Note: Delegates are not able to see your child on their app until you assign them to your child's calendar for specific dates.



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1. Go to [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) or download the mobile app
2. Create your free account and add your students using their school district (**United Schools of Indianapolis**) school name and student date of birth.
3. Add school items to your cart
4. Check out using your credit / debit card or electronic check

