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## **All Important FAQs 2009-2010 School Year (August 2009)**

### **When does school start?**

School begins on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** for A-Day (or equivalent) and AM/PM students and **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, for B-Day (or equivalent) students.

### **Who's my teacher? What's my schedule?**

ACE Academy has five instructors. Students will be interacting with all five instructors throughout their day. Because we offer an integrated curriculum, all students will be taking Math, Science, Language Arts, Career & Workplace Skills, Intro to the Design Build Industry (first year students), Capstone (Seniors), as well as coursework in your chosen area of specialization. Since the subject matter is integrated, each student's schedule will be individualized on a daily and weekly basis. General schedules will be sent in the late August mailing.

Each student will be assigned to an anchor teacher, which is the equivalent of a homeroom teacher. You will meet with this instructor each day you are here to help facilitate your success at ACE Academy.

### **I'll be driving to ACE. Where do I park?**

Because parking is extremely limited at ACE, driving will be allowed by permission only. Students that will be driving are required to obtain a parking permit from the Front Office after school begins.

### **I'll be taking the bus to and from school. How does that work?**

Busing for students from Centennial, Gresham, Parkrose, Reynolds, Sam Barlow, Sandy, & Springwater Trail High Schools is being arranged by your home high school. Check the bus schedule from your home district for the ACE pickup and bus schedule. Transportation cannot be offered for students who are home schooled or from any other high schools not mentioned above. Schedules will be sent in the late August mailing.

### **Can I still participate in extra-curricular activities?**

Yes, ACE's schedule will allow you to participate in extra-curricular activities at your home high school. It is important that you communicate (prearrangement) with your instructors and the front office. Transportation from ACE is not provided.

### **Can I take Tri-Met?**

Yes. There is a Bus Stop on Airport Way (Route #87) and Sandy Blvd (Route #12). ACE is a 5 to 10-minute walk from these stops.

### **Is there a dress code at ACE?**

Students come to ACE for many reasons, including having access to real-world opportunities that will better prepare them for life after high school. Part of that preparation includes interacting with business and industry partners. Therefore, students are expected

to dress appropriately and in keeping with the industry and safety standards for their chosen program of study. A copy of the ACE Academy dress expectations is included in this packet.

### **What supplies do I need?**

#### **All Students: Standard School Supplies Including:**

- (minimum of 2") 3-ring binder
- College-lined notebook paper
- Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters
- One set colored pencils, colored pens
- Protractor, ruler, and compass
- Leather work boots (**Steel toes not required**)—Adequate boots are available at Big5 or Volume Shoe Source. (NOTE: These do not need to be high-end, expensive boots.)
- A set of rain gear
- Jump Drive – 1 GB minimum (Backup drive also recommended)
- Backpack or Book Bag (Recommended)

Some of your instructors may provide you additional information about supplies that are needed during the first week of school.

### **What about meals?**

Due to time constraints and location, ACE Academy is a **closed** campus so students should plan to stay on campus for lunch.

- 1) ACE Academy's schedule provides a mid-morning break, at which time we will have a breakfast/snack available for \$1.00
- 2) Lunch will be available for \$2.25. *Student's ACE Academy meal account is separate from their home high school lunch account.* If you are eligible for free or reduced lunch at your home high school, you will also be eligible at ACE. (AM/PM Students may be eating at their home campus depending on schedule.)
- 3) Students can bring a lunch.

### **I have additional questions.**

More information will be sent to you in late August. If you have questions before then, give us a call. We will be updating our website regularly as school approaches:

[www.acecharterschool.org](http://www.acecharterschool.org).

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**Have a GREAT Summer and we will see you in September!**