



July 23, 2021

## Meet the Teacher

### Meet the Teacher Information

**July 26, 2021; 4:45-5:52 OR 6:10-7:17 (2 separate blocks by last name)**

Please read the following information in detail about the logistics of our Meet the Teacher Night. Please also know that **this is NOT an Open House**, so it is extremely important to read and understand the information below in order to ensure you are in the right place at the right time. Students will follow their schedules and teachers will be giving presentations. Thank you!

Schedule-Please see the schedule below. Meet the Teacher will be held in two blocks, by last name. Students/parents will follow the schedule that mirrors the student’s daily schedule. A bell will ring in between each class, signaling a rotation to the next class/teacher.

	Meet the teacher- A-L			Meet the teacher- M-Z		
1st	4:45	4:52		1st	6:10	6:17
Passing	4:52	4:55		Passing	6:17	6:20
2nd	4:55	5:02		2nd	6:20	6:27
Passing	5:02	5:05		Passing	6:27	6:30
3rd	5:05	5:12		3rd	6:30	6:37
Passing	5:12	5:15		Passing	6:37	6:40
4th	5:15	5:22		4th	6:40	6:47
Passing	5:22	5:25		Passing	6:47	6:50
5th	5:25	5:32		5th	6:50	6:57
Passing	5:32	5:35		Passing	6:57	7:00
6th	5:35	5:42		6th	7:00	7:07
Passing	5:42	5:45		Passing	7:07	7:10
7th	5:45	5:52		7th	7:10	7:17

Lunch Period-During the lunch period on the schedule, students will not go to the cafeteria. Rather, this is a time for parents/students to go to the information table at the front of each grade level

pod. This table will contain information about transportation, food services, athletics, etc. PTSO and administration will also be in this area to answer any questions you may have. Please note, for 6th grade, there will be two information tables—one at the front of the pod and one at the back. Please proceed to whichever one is closest to you when dismissing for the lunch period.

Student Schedules-We will **NOT** be printing student schedules before/during Meet the Teacher. Schedules will be available in [ParentVUE](#) by 2 p.m. on July 26th. StudentVUE accounts will be re-set with the teachers in the classroom the first week of school. Please print, copy, or screenshot the schedule and bring it with you to Meet the Teacher so students/parents know which classrooms to attend for each period. If you have trouble accessing your schedule, please call 480-541-6205 for assistance (prior to 4:00 on 7/26). Parents can also download the [ParentVUE](#) app on your phone using the directions below. (Please do not wait until you arrive on campus to do this).

Entering and Exiting the Building-Please enter the building at/near the appropriate grade level pod. There will be signage (with the grade level) directing you to the appropriate entrance.

Advisory Class-Advisory, which occurs on Wednesday mornings, will show up on the schedule as an 8th period. Students/parents will **NOT** go to the Advisory class during Meet the Teacher Night.

Second Block (Last name M-Z)-Students/families in the second block (last name M-Z) should not arrive prior to 6 p.m. We would like to minimize traffic and large groups congregating. Once students/families arrive, they can proceed directly to their 1st period classroom. Thank you!

We look very forward to seeing you in person and beginning an outstanding year at Aprende.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call the Aprende office: 480-541-6200.

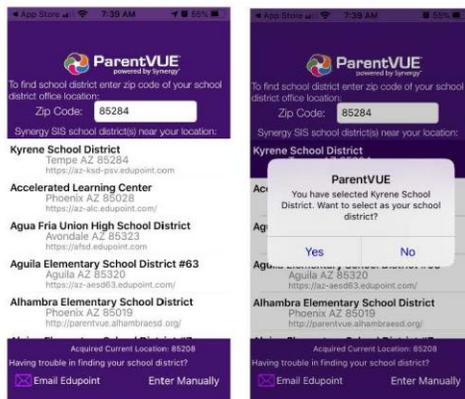
## Logging in to ParentVUE Mobile App

After downloading the ParentVUE Mobile App from the App store, follow these directions to log in.

- 1) When opening the app for the first time, you will be asked to connect to your school district. Swipe left to search.
- 2) You can allow the app to use your location to find the nearest school districts by choosing "Allow While Using App" or "Allow Once", or manually enter in your zip code by choosing "Don't Allow"



- 3) Select Kyrene School District from the list of Synergy school districts near you, then click "Yes" to confirm your selection.
- 4) If you already have an active ParentVUE account, click "Already Activated" then log in to your account. *\*If you do not have an active ParentVUE account, please contact your school for an activation key with directions on how to create an account.*





## Back to School Information

Welcome back to another school year after this very short summer! I am so excited to welcome all students back in person, employing our typical middle school schedule (switching classes/no cohorts). Please see the important back to school reminders below:

Meet the Teacher Night-Meet the Teacher Night will be on Monday, July 26 and will be held in two different sessions (by last name): 4:45-5:50 OR 6:10-7:15. Please note that this is NOT an open house and students will be following their schedules and teachers will be giving presentations. **Please look for a detailed e-mail on Monday, July 19th** with all information/logistics regarding Meet the Teacher Night.

Supply Lists-[Supply lists](#) have been updated on our webpage. Please note that it is also fine to get supplies after the first few days of school, as students won't need extensive supplies those first two days and individual teachers may tell students they don't need ALL items on the extensive grade-level supply list. We can also provide supplies to any students who need them.

Masks/Mitigation Factors-In alignment with the CDC and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH), Kyrene continues to encourage face coverings for unvaccinated individuals, but face coverings will remain optional barring a government mandate (such as an Arizona executive order). Students will be asked to wash hands/sanitize when arriving to their first class, before and after lunch, and after sneezing/coughing. We will distance in the classrooms as much as possible. Water fountains/water bottle fillers will be open. Classrooms will be disinfected with Virex II each evening. Lunch will return to how it operated pre-pandemic (i.e. students won't have to remain in cohorts), however, we will be spacing out cafeteria tables indoors and encouraging space between students if they choose to eat indoors instead of in our outdoor area.

Athletics/Clubs-Athletics and clubs will resume with minor restrictions to start the year. We are excited to have students participate in ALL of our varied extra-curricular activities again! If your child is interested in trying out for the first season of sports, please find all necessary information here: [Aprende Athletics](#).

Schedules/Schedule Changes-Schedules will be available in [ParentVUE](#) by 2 p.m. on July 26th. Please print or copy the schedule for Meet the Teacher/the first day of school. We will not be providing paper

copies on those days. When logging in to your account, the schedule can be obtained by clicking the schedule icon on the left-hand side. Please note that no schedule changes will be made (electives, teacher change, etc.) unless an error in the schedule occurs or a student is missing a class.

First Day of School/Bell Schedule-Students may arrive on campus no earlier than 7:55. The first bell rings at 8:10. Dismissal is at 3:05 and students must be picked up no later than 3:15. A detailed bell schedule can be found [here](#).

PE Uniforms- Can now be purchased through Kyrene's online payment portal. Kyrene School District has a convenient payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch payment portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all of your transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. (At this time, payments for Preschool, Kids Club and After Hours will still be made through Community Education.)

School Breakfast and Lunches- Kyrene School District will continue to provide *free* breakfast and lunch to all students, through June 30, 2022. The free meal program is possible through the United States Department of Agriculture, at no cost to Kyrene. Meals are free both on campus as well as through curbside meal pickup at the District Office for students participating in Kyrene Digital Academy. Visit [www.kyrene.org/foodservices](http://www.kyrene.org/foodservices) for more details on curbside pickup of meals.

For students wanting to purchase additional food items, Kyrene uses an online system for managing school meal accounts. If you do not already have an account, please visit the payment portal below to register. As always, cash and checks made payable to Kyrene School District are accepted at school sites as well. Please remember to complete the free or reduced meal application online. Paper applications are also available upon request at your child's school.

Transportation- Kyrene is proud to provide transportation for students in an environment that is safe, professional and courteous. Kyrene bus routes are planned to coordinate with three tiers of school start/end times. Further information and a link to find your child's route is available on Kyrene's [Transportation](#) page.



## Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
  - [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
  - [Calendar of Events](#)
  - [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
  - [PTSO Information](#)
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## Traffic Flow Pattern for Entering & Exiting Parking Lots for Student Drop Off & Pick Up at Aprende & Brisas

Below is a map showing some of the signs that the City of Chandler has installed in our school zone. There are also “Do Not Enter Signs” on the Exits to each of our parking lot driveways. Please do not use the North Staff Parking Lot during drop off and pick up times. This parking lot is for staff and buses only during those times. Please review the map - it shows where to drop off and pick up depending on the direction you enter our school zone. Also, there should be no dropping your student off when you are stopped in middle of the road. This is a huge safety concern. We also prefer that you utilize the drop off system instead of parking on the street or at Desert Breeze Park to drop your child off at school as this causes more traffic issues and interrupts the way the flow of traffic is supposed to work.

*If you travel from Ray Road* you will turn left into the large parking lot in front of Aprende to drop off & pick up, exit right back towards Ray Road. Once you pull into the parking lot and come to a stopping point in the drop off line, your child should immediately exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter the school. This allows you to be ready to move and exit the parking lot when the line moves again. Please stay in the drop off line and wait for the line to move to exit.

*If you travel from McClintock* you will turn right into the parking lot in front of Brisas, pull all the way forward, and your child will exit onto the sidewalk and walk in front of Brisas to Aprende. You will exit this parking lot by turning left and return in the direction of McClintock. Thank you.

Also, for the safety of everyone, **we need every student and parent** that walks across Desert Breeze Blvd **to use one of our cross walks**. We have a cross walk at the stop sign at Desert Breeze Blvd and Joshua and another cross walk in front of the Brisas parking lot. We ask that **everyone do their part keeping the students safe** as they make their way to and from school. **No Jaywalking or U-Turns Allowed!** Thank you for putting safety first!



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## Students Are Not Allowed on Campus Until 7:55 AM

Please note, in accordance with the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#) and also to promote safe practices, *students will not be allowed on campus until 15 minutes prior to the first bell (7:55 a.m.) and must leave immediately at the end of the school day. We do not have adults on school grounds to supervise students prior to 7:55 a.m. and after 3:05 p.m.* If you need before or after care/supervision for your student, please call our Kyrene Customer Service Dept. at 480-541-1500.

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Health Office Information - Immunizations

## 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Requirements

Tdap vaccine: One (1) Tdap dose is required for students in grades 6 through 8 who are 11 years and older and have had 5 years pass since their last DTaP/Td dose.

Meningococcal vaccine: One (1) Meningococcal dose is required for students in grades 6 through 8 who are 11 years and older.

Arizona school immunization requirements can be found on the Arizona Department of Health Services [website](#). You can send in the updated immunization record with your student or fax 480-541-6210.

Arizona State law ARS 15-871-874 requires that a complete, up-to-date immunization record be furnished by the parent prior to enrolling a child in school. Verification for all immunizations must include the child's name, birth date, type of vaccine, date of vaccine, and name of doctor/agency administering vaccine. Records must be signed or stamped by the agency providing the immunizations. The record should include the month, day, and year of your child's immunizations. A previous school record is also acceptable (does not include preschools). Record must be provided before school starts as children **will** be excluded from school without proof of immunizations. Please inform the health office staff at your child's school of any immunizations received during the year so the immunization records can be kept up-to-date.

### Over-the-counter and prescription medications:

Any medication must be brought into the health office by an adult and the proper paperwork will need to be filled out. You can do this during Meet the Teacher night, anytime next week or during the school year. Students are NOT allowed to carry medication on their person at any time, this includes any prescriptions and over the counter meds like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or cough drops.

Prescription medication must be in its original container and labeled with a current prescription label. All over-the-counter medications (including cough drops) must be in their sealed, original factory container with all warnings and directions intact. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the health office at 480-541-6220.

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## Upcoming Events

### July Events

JULY 26: Meet the Teacher (see above for times)

JULY 27: Governing Board Meeting

JULY 29: First day of school

### September Events

SEPT 6: No School - Labor Day

### October Events

OCT 1: No School - Teacher Day

OCT 4-8: No School - Fall Break

OCT 11: No School - Staff Development Day

[View Full Calendar](#)



The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Aprende Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

Students currently in grades seven or eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a **cumulative** GPA of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale after **3 consecutive quarters** at the same school. **On August 6, 2021**, those students who meet this criterion are invited by Kyrene email to join the NJHS Candidate Class in Google Classroom in order to complete the Candidate Information Form. This required Form will provide the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. The 2021 - 22 Faculty Council uses the following standards to determine a candidate's membership into NJHS:

- A completed Candidate Information Form that has at least **two** of the **four** sections filled in thoughtfully. *The candidate demonstrates effort to complete the Form to the best of his/her ability and takes each criterion seriously, even if all four sections could not be fully completed.* Taking this into consideration, the Faculty Council sees fit that proving more than just Scholarship will meet the criteria for this organization. Please be aware that **elementary school opportunities will not be considered** as examples of a student's *current* leadership, service, or honors/awards.
- A completed, handwritten letter of intent that demonstrates to the best of the candidate's ability that he/she will fulfill the obligations and requirements of membership in NJHS. The letter may not be longer than two pages as stated on the Candidate Information Form.

To help evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council first reviews school disciplinary records. Second, the Candidate Information Forms and personal letters are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection.

Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule found on the Aprende Middle School master calendar. Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Information about NJHS and the selection process may be found on the 2021 NJHS Candidate Google Classroom page.

Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings and leadership forums held throughout during the school year and participation in the chapter service projects. Hours of individual service during the school year must be documented and submitted each year of membership, as well. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact Tonia Deer at [tdeer@kyrene.org](mailto:tdeer@kyrene.org) or Amy Furman at [afurma@kyrene.org](mailto:afurma@kyrene.org).

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## From the District Office



### Questions about ParentVUE

Kyrene has a fabulous page on their website with answers to more commonly asked questions regarding ParentVUE. [www.kyrene.org/parentvue](http://www.kyrene.org/parentvue)

### Kyrene Safe Return to Schools:

Please visit the [Safe Return to School](#) page for the answers to frequently asked questions, updates and safety measures.

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## Engage Arizona

The Arizona Governor's Office of Education has partnered with Graduation Alliance to provide an extra layer of support for students in grades K-12, and their families, who might be struggling. Every student can now get an academic coach to answer questions, help them connect with resources and develop a plan to address barriers they may be facing. This program is completely free to students. For more information, visit [www.kyrene.org/engageaz](http://www.kyrene.org/engageaz).

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## Kyrene Family Handbook

Every year the first day of school, your child comes home with lots of paperwork for you to sign. This year, you will not see the Kyrene Family Handbook. It is being [offered online](#) so we wanted to give you a heads up and provide the link so you can review any of our school regulations and rules in

advance. Please know that you will be asked to sign off verifying that you are aware of the fact that your student must abide by the disciplinary procedures and school guidelines for media center and technology. Thank you.

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## New Payment Portal

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## Fall Sports

Welcome Back!

Below is information regarding Fall 2021 Sports.

Online registrations will open on July 26th for Fall Sports (Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country). Cut Sports (Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball) will close on August 12th. Tryouts will begin the week of August 16th-20th.

Cross Country will close on September 13th. Practices will begin on August 30th.

Click [here](#) for the Parent Online Registration Checklist.

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Carl Nasuta, [cnasuta@kyrene.org](mailto:cnasuta@kyrene.org) or Athletic Secretary, Alissa DeFoe, [adefoe@kyrene.org](mailto:adefoe@kyrene.org)

Office hours: 7:45-4:15pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

## Contact Us

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**Fax:** 480-541-6210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**School Hours:** 8:15 am – 2:35 pm  
**Office Hours:** 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

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