



Gator Gazette

AT-A-GLANCE 1st Semester Dates

August	
6th Grade Registration (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)	10
7th and 8th Grade Registration (noon-6 p.m.)	12
Make Up Registration (8 a.m.-11 a.m.)	14
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	17
September	
Open House (6:00 –7:00 p.m.)	1
EARLY RELEASE DAY Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)	2 7
Interim Reports	17
October	
EARLY RELEASE DAY	7
End of First 9 Weeks	19
Teacher Workday—No Classes	23
Parent Conference—No Classes	26
November	
EARLY RELEASE DAY	4
Interim Reports	23
Thanksgiving Holidays	25-27
December	
EARLY RELEASE DAY	2
Winter Recess December 18-January 1	
January	
EARLY RELEASE DAY	6
End of 1st Semester	12
Teacher Work Day-No Classes	15

REGISTRATION DATES

August 10—Orientation and registration for rising 6th graders will be held on Monday, August 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. At this time you can pay fees, pick up your schedule, tour the building, and meet your teachers. Parents are encouraged to attend with your son or daughter. The lines will be long for the first hour, but after that the crowds settle down some.

August 12—Registration for 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wednesday, August 12, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

August 14—Make Up Registration will be held on Friday, August 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

September 2: EARLY RELEASE DAY

School will dismiss at 1:25 p.m. with breakfast and lunch being served.

Opening Day: Monday, August 17

The first bell will ring at 8:06 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 3:25 p.m.

BOOKBAGS: Students will not use book bags during the day between classes in an effort to minimize potential back issues. Students will store their book bag in their locker prior to homeroom each day and will be permitted to use their locker throughout the day. **BOOKBAGS MUST FIT INTO LOCKER!**

MATERIALS: 5 FLEXIBLE binders—1 inch notebooks each a different color (*must fit easily into lockers*); 20 dividers; 2 packs of loose leaf paper; 2 composition books (*marble type-non spiral*); pencils. *Permanent markers are NOT PERMITTED at school in any grade level (i.e. Sharpie®).*

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN CELL PHONE POLICY. Absolutely no “personal possession” of a cell phone during school hours. Phones must be left in vehicles or stored in a student’s locker or other place designated by building administration.

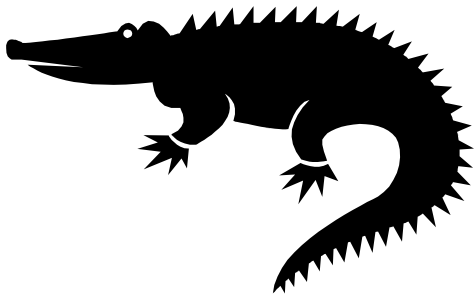
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We are the GATORS!!!



Traffic Procedures at Aiken Middle

Mornings—Never park in the drop-off zone at the front of the school. It is clearly marked with a yellow stripe. Parents should drop off students at the front of the school. The ideal time to arrive is about 7:50 unless your son or daughter eats breakfast at the school. The building opens at 7:15 a.m.; please do not drop off students earlier.

Afternoons—**Arrive before 3:25 and park in one of the two side parking lots.** Try to park in the same place each day and let your son or daughter come to you. Load in the parking lots only from a parked position in a marked spot. We will give you priority when exiting the campus. Please do not use the parking lot as a loading circle.

Arrive after 3:30 and use the loading zone in front of the school. There will be a line of cars. Please move forward to allow at least five cars to load at once. Stay in the loading zone only as long as it takes to load students safely, usually no more than 15 or 20 seconds. If your son or daughter is not there waiting on you, pull off and go park.

Arriving between 3:25 and 3:30 will just mean that you have to wait in line.

Please Help Us Avoid Four Problems

1. Students out front should be waiting on you and promptly load up. Students should be watching for their ride, not talking with their friends. If students stop by the snack machines each afternoon, plan to arrive a little later.
2. Please move forward in the loading zone so that five cars can load or unload at once. Be considerate of the other parents.
3. Do not use the parking lot as a loading circle. Parents who do this block the road and create a safety hazard.
4. All students not participating in a school-sponsored, after-school activity must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.

