



# Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2020-2021



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## WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, June 3, 2021

### Merkle's Mental Health Moment – Remembering to play this summer

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COVID-19 has taken a toll on children, families and educators. Children have not been able to engage in normal routines, sit in a classroom with friends and teachers, visit extended family or participate in social events, along with many other lost activities. As summer break arrives this week, psychologists and pediatricians emphasize [the importance of having fun](#). Teachers are also reminded to [take time to recharge](#) after the chaos and disruptions of the past year and half.

- Child Mind Institute: [“Strategies for a Successful Summer Break”](#)
- Resilient Educator: [Teachers' summer self-care Rx](#)
- Very Well Family: [“5 Tips for Planning a Great Summer Break”](#)

### Tips to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while mandates relax

Many state mandate [orders regarding COVID-19 were rescinded yesterday, June 2](#). While health mandates relax, it is still important to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Local health experts from the Summit County Department of Public Health suggest [these tried-and-true tips](#) for residents to continue to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### Participate in summer camps through APS Summer Connected Learning

Summer camps are a great way for your child/children to stay involved and engaged during the summer. APS Summer Connected Learning offers more than 50 programs for children in elementary through high school that help students catch up on learning impacted by COVID-19 or simply enjoy learning something new with their peers. Offerings include mystery, art, engineering and drumline camps, along with student internships and other opportunities. [Discover summer camps](#).

### 2021 seniors offered stimulus certificate for PASS 2.0 Summer Bridge Program

APS 2021 seniors can participate in the PASS (Preparing Akron Students for Success) 2.0 Summer Bridge Program at Stark State College, Akron Campus. The program last two weeks and runs Monday through Thursday. The program offers:

- College and career advising
- Success tips for college and your career
- Networking with local employers
- Free tuition to Stark State if you enroll for the fall

[Learn more](#).

### Join City of Akron and Akron Children's Hospital for “Jump into a Healthy Summer” program

The City of Akron and Akron Children's Hospital are partnering to keep Akron families active during the summer. As part of the program, children ages 5-12 can receive a free activity bag including frisbees, jump ropes, wiffle balls, chalk and other items. Activity bags will be delivered to participants. [Register and learn more](#).

### Apply to MERGE program for MENA-USA Empowering Resilient Girls Exchange

The 2021 MERGE program is an eight-week virtual program to learn about emotional resilience and community empowerment with young women around the world. This year's program will be held Aug. 2 through Sept. 24 and requires three hours of self-directed time. The program is designed for those who identify as a girl or young woman between the ages of 15-19. Participants will receive a certificate of completion in leadership and mental health awareness, among other benefits. [Learn more](#).

### Support Miller South vocal program and spring concert

The vocal music program at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts premiered its digital spring concert June 2. The concert will be available to watch on-demand until June 12. Tickets must be purchased to view the recorded concert for \$10. [Get tickets](#).

### APS plus After-Hours Support for students and families

After-hours support has reopened for the semester. APS *plus* After-Hours Support assists students and families with K-12 tutoring and academic support, family support services, social-emotional urgent support, technology and Google Classroom troubleshooting. Hours are **Monday through Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be closed on holidays**. Call 330.761.7943 for assistance. For information, visit [akronschools.com](#).

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

All the resources below have clickable links for your convenience.

#### General resources

- [Akron Summit County Library](#)
- [APS Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
- [APS District Website](#)
- [APS Family Resources](#)
- [APS Learning 2020-21 Google Site](#)
- [Get 2 School/Stay in the Game](#)
- [Ohio Department of Education \(ODE\)](#)
- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [United Way 2-1-1 Resource Referral](#)

#### Forms and downloads

- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)
- [Help Desk Form](#)

#### Educational and mental health resources

- [5 Things Parents Can Do to Support Learning at Home](#)
- [9 Tips for Parents Navigating Online Learning](#)
- [22 Remote Learning Tips for Parents](#)
- [CDC: Help Children Learn at Home](#)
- [Online Learning Tips for Families](#)

#### APS social media

- Facebook [@akronpublicschools](#)
- Twitter [@akronschools](#)
- LinkedIn [@akron-public-schools](#)
- YouTube [@Akron Schools](#)