

# ABMS Family Guide

**ABMS Website** The ABMS website has current information about what's going on at school. It is also a great reference area for ABMS specific information. Looking for info, check here first! <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/abm>



**ABMS Staff** See the ABMS website for staff lists by grade, by subject, or by name. This is where you can find email addresses and phone numbers!  
[ABMS Website Staff Directory](#)

**Absences/Leaving Early/Arriving Late** If your student is absent from school, leaving early, or arriving late you must notify the Attendance Office (not teachers or staff members). Call 913-624-2305, email [attendanceabm@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:attendanceabm@bluevalleyk12.org) or report it on ParentVue.



**Athletics** There are many athletic teams at ABMS. Click on the sport to see which grade levels may participate. [ABMS Athletics](#)

**Bell Schedule** Want to know what time classes and lunch start and end? View this helpful Page of information including our bell schedule <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/domain/5139>  
The school day begins at 7:51am and ends at 3:00pm.



**Bus Company/Durham** Blue Valley contracts with Durham for all bus services. Contact Durham directly to sign up for bus services including Durham's textcaster messages so that will let you know about late buses, bus number changes, etc.  
[Blue Valley Transportation Information](#)

**Cell Phones and Earbuds** Cell phones should be silenced and stowed away during the school day as our focus is on student learning. Earbuds or airpods stay in the locker or use in class only when directed by teacher for learning purposes.



**Canvas** Canvas is the system used for student access to classes, assignments, individual grades, and teacher messages. Your student must grant you access to their Canvas account for you to see their information. [Canvas Login](#)

**Chromebooks** ABMS students are issued a Chromebook for school use. Charge it every night (please leave the charging cord at home) and bring it to school daily.

Click for [Chrome Book Troubleshooting 101](#) tips. For any Chromebook problems, please go to the front office for support.



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**Counselors** ABMS has three counselors that work with students for all three years. Counselors work with student caseloads based on students' last names: Mr. Pulcini (A - G names), Mrs. Blunt (H - M names), and Mrs. Tally (N - Z names).



**Backpacks** Students may bring backpacks to/from school but they must be stored in a student's locker during school hours for safety and space reasons. Exceptions may occur if only approved by administration in advance.

**Class Schedule** 6th grade students and new 7th/8th grade students will get their class schedule on 6th grade/New Student Orientation. All students will be able to view their class schedule on ParentVue on the day before school begins. All students will have the 4 core classes (Math, Science, SS, and ELA). The elective classes are determined based upon what the student put on the enrollment form and what is available based on the master schedule. Please note that all students will have PE for 1 semester (either fall or spring semester). Students are actively engaged and participating in PE, so proper shoes and clothing is needed. If students use a locker, they must provide a combination padlock. Families can purchase a PE shirt prior to school through our PTO.

**Lockers** Students will practice locker combinations a lot during the first week of school. Your student may want to practice on a combination lock at home over summer. Please limit the locker decorations or locker supplies your student brings to school so the lock does not jam. Students are not allowed to decorate the outside of their lockers.

**School Supply List** Each grade level requests families purchase school supplies prior to the beginning of school in August. A list for each grade level is found on the ABMS website and is shared in our all newsletter. If this presents a financial hardship, please contact our bookkeeper at ABMS at (913) 624-2308.



**Snacks and Water Bottles** We encourage our students to bring a water bottle to school that they can take with them from class to class. Please make sure it is a water bottle with a lid and labeled with the name. 6th grade has the last lunch of the day, so students may bring a snack with them that they will be allowed to eat during Flex class (2nd hour). The snack must be nut free.

**Student Planners** Each 6th grade student will receive a planner that they can use to organize their assignments. Over time many students may prefer to use Canvas as their online planner, but we do provide each 6th grader this planner to help them learn key organizational habits. Planners are given to students during the first few days of school.

**Grading** ABMS teachers typically use the traditional grading system: A (100-90%), B (89-80%), C (79-70%), D (69-60%), F (59 or below). The overall grade consists of daily homework, formative and summative assessments, projects and other classroom learning activities. Each grade level will share with students their expectations about late work, policy of re-take on tests and more.

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**Clubs and Activities** There are many clubs and activities at ABMS! Clubs vary by year and are dependent on student interest and sponsors. Students may form a new club if they find a staff sponsor and get club approved by admins. [ABMS Clubs](#)



**Fees** All school fees (registration and individual course fees) are paid via ParentVue. There are also optional fees for yearbooks, PTO membership, etc. If you do not order a yearbook by the January deadline, your student will not receive one!

**Grades and Report Cards** Grades for individual assignments and tests can be found on Canvas. You can look at each class for a list of upcoming homework, quizzes, and tests that will or have received a grade. Report cards are posted to ParentVue at the end of each quarter.

**Item Drop Off** If your student forgets an item, you may drop it off in our front office on the table. Please make sure you use a sticky note to label the item with your student's first and last name. Unless it is a time-sensitive, we will wait to call your student to get the item at the end of class.

**Lunch Accounts** Blue Valley uses a system called LINQ to manage money in your student's lunch account. Your student's account will follow them from one school to another. You will need to create an account and access it via the web or download the app on your phone.



**ABMS Weekly Newsletter** We want all families to read the Friday newsletters called ABMS Weekly News. It is full of information that is important to all our families. Please take a minute each week to stay current on what's happening around ABMS!

**ParentVue** Your ParentVue account is where your contact information is located. It is also where you will pay fees and where report cards are posted each quarter. If you have more than one child in Blue Valley you can access all your children from your account. [ParentVue login](#)



**PTO** The ABMS Parent Teacher Organization puts on student events like our Wolverine Activity Nights (WAN) and the book fair. They also support the staff with classroom stipends, a grant program, and meals during conferences. Join to help with big or small projects! [Click here for more info!](#)



We have a strong ABMS community and we appreciate our families and your partnership with our school in your child's middle school experience!

Thank you for being a part of this journey.

For general questions, please call us at 913-624-2300

[www.bluevalleyk12.org/abm](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/abm)