

Tips for Academic Success

Parent Connect is an easy-to-use tool for communicating student progress that will allow you to take an even more active role in your child's education by giving you secure electronic access to your child's grades and attendance. To register on-line, visit:
<http://www.aacps.org/html/parents/parentconnect/parentconnect.asp>

Classroom Teachers - Parents are encouraged to stay in contact with teachers. Teacher e-mail addresses can be found on the Bates Middle School Webpage:
<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/bams/> under the Faculty/Staff Tab.

Help Days allow students to stay after school on either a Tuesday or Thursday to get extra help, review a topic and re-take a test or quiz. Check the teacher syllabus to find out which day a particular teacher is available. Students must sign up in advance and obtain a pass to stay after school and ride the bus for help day. Follow the afternoon Bates PVA bus schedule for Help day bus routes and pick up locations, visit: <http://www.aacps.org/buses/data/4043.asp>

Intervention & Independence (I&I) is a program to help raise student performance and motivate children to want to succeed. It rewards students who are making an active attempt at academic success and provides more one on one or small group instruction for students who are struggling academically. I&I is held twice a week, for a different period each time, rotating through all six periods several times throughout the year.

Agendas and Binder-Checks - Encourage your child to write homework and future tests in their agenda every day. In addition, work with them to keep their binder organized by doing regular binder- and backpack checks.

Blackboard is an on-line tool that allows teachers to add resources for students and parents to access such as announcements, homework, and upcoming test dates. To log on to Blackboard, visit www.blackboard.aacps.org

Username: batesms ; Password: cougar; click on "What's Happening at Bates"

Make-Up Work - When students are legally absent, they are responsible for asking their teachers for make-up work. Also check into Blackboard or e-mail the teacher directly. If a child has been absent three or more days, parents should request make-up work through the school counseling office.

School Counselors help address academic, career and personal/social development issues. They are the 1st point of contact for the Student Services Team and assist with parent/teacher conferences, relaying information to teachers that might impact the student in the classroom, and working with students to develop coping skills, make good decisions and set academic and career goals. To make an appointment or set up a parent/teacher conference, call 410-263-4718 or e-mail:

6th: Ms. Willey, alwilley@aacps.org 7th: Mr. Burns, jburns@aacps.org 8th: Ms. Darling, mdarling@aacps.org

Tutors - The Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County web page for a list certified teachers (and their contact information) who have asked to be listed as available tutor students in specific grades and subjects. Visit <http://www.taaaconline.org/need-help.html>