



***2025-2026***  
***BACK TO SCHOOL***  
***ORIENTATION***



***OUR MISSION:***

**Excellence for Every Student,  
Every Day.**

***OUR VISION:***

**Prepare and empower every student  
to thrive in and contribute to an  
ever-changing world.**



# 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT



**ALL FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THE  
ENROLLMENT ON THE NEW SIS SYSTEM.**



**FOR ASSISTANCE , PLEASE CALL US AT 305-257-5565.**



# NEW SCHOOL HOURS

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME STUDENTS BACK WITH  
UPDATED SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE 2025-2026  
ACADEMIC YEAR!

## GRADES K-5

8:35AM- 3:35PM

## GRADES 6-12

8:15AM- 3:25PM



PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ARRIVE ON TIME AND BE  
PREPARED FOR A GREAT SCHOOL DAY!





# ABF ACADEMY HOMESTEAD

## 2025-2026 School Calendar



JULY 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	<del>4</del>
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
<del>1</del>	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
<del>1</del>	4	5	6	7
10	<del>11</del>	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>

DECEMBER 2025				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
<del>22</del>	<del>23</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>
<del>29</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>31</del>		

JANUARY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
			<del>1</del>	<del>2</del>
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
<del>19</del>	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
<del>16</del>	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

MARCH 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
<del>23</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>
30	31			

APRIL 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
<del>6</del>	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
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27	28	29	30	

MAY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
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<del>25</del>	26	27	28	29

JUNE 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	<del>19</del>
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- Teachers Report
- Teacher Planning Day
- Professional Learning Day

- Beg/End Grading Period
- Legal Holiday
- Recess Day

DAYS IN GRADING PERIOD	
1 - 42	
2 - 47	
3 - 46	
4 - 43	

178 Days Total



# ***ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL PROCEDURES***

## **Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

8:35AM– 3:35PM

Students who arrive after 8:45AM are tardy to school must report to the Main Office to secure an admit. Excessive tardies may result in loss of privileges, detention, and/or parent conference.

## **Grades 6-12**

ACADEMY

8:15AM – 3:25PM

*STUDENTS REPORT TO CAMPUS*

Students who arrive after 8:15AM are tardy to school must report to the Main Office to secure an admit. Excessive tardies may result in loss of privileges, detention, and/or parent conference.

ATHLETIC

8:00 AM – 3:25PM

**Early Pick-up:**

**No students will be released after 2:00PM.**

# ***ELEMENTARY***

## ***LUNCH***

K-2	10:45-11:15
3	11:15-11:45
4-5	11:45-12:15

## ***ART SCHEDULE***

	1:00-2:00 PM		2:30-3:30 PM	
MONDAY	K	CLEAN-UP/TRANSITION 2:00-2:30 PM	1-2	CLEAN-UP/TRANSITION 3:30-3:35PM
TUESDAY	3		4	
WEDNESDAY	K		5	
THURSDAY	3		1-2	
FRIDAY	4		5	

# SECONDARY BELL SCHEDULE



## 2025-2026 BELL SCHEDULE

8:15-8:45	HOMEROOM
8:45-8:47	TRANSITION
8:47-9:46	PERIOD 1
9:46-9:48	TRANSITION
9:48-10:48	PERIOD 2
10:48-10:50	TRANSITION
10:50-11:50	PERIOD 3
11:50-11:52	TRANSITION
11:52-12:52	PERIOD 4
12:52-12:54	TRANSITION
12:54-1:32	PERIOD 5
1:32-1:34	TRANSITION
1:34-2:12	PERIOD 6
2:12-2:14	TRANSITION
2:14-2:52	PERIOD 7
2:52-2:54	TRANSITION
2:54-3:25	PERIOD 7

## LUNCH

- 1- 10:50-11:20 (6-7)
- 2- 11:20-11:50 (8-9)
- 3- 11:52-12:22 (Grade 10-11)
- 4- 12:22-12:52 (Grade 11/12)





# ***BEFORE/ AFTER CARE SERVICES***

**Student's must bring their own device EVERYDAY!**

## **How It Works:**

- Student's complete videos, activities, quizzes, and exams
- Assignments must be completed in order
- Teachers monitor progress and provide support
- Attendance and participation are tracked daily

## **Expectations:**

- Students must meet weekly progress goals
- Plagiarism or skipping videos is not allowed
- Course completion is required for credit
- Daily logins and engagement are mandatory

# SUPPLY LIST

Some supplies are necessary year after year, no matter what grade you're in, but the specific requirements will differ from grade to grade and teacher to teacher.

## Grades K-2

- 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils (12/pk)
- 4 boxes of crayons (24 ct.)
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 2 packs of erasers (2/pk)
- 1 pack of glue sticks (8 ct.)
- 1 pair of safety scissors
- 1 large soft pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 5 plastic duo tang pocket folders- red, blue, purple, yellow, green
- 2 primary notebooks
- 1 pack of disinfecting wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 box of band-aids
- Paper towel roll
- Ziploc bags
- Headphones or earbuds

## Grades 3-5

- 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils (12/pk)
- Pencil sharpener with cover
- 2 boxes of crayons (24 ct.)
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 1 box of erasable colored pencils (12 ct.)
- 1 ruler
- 2 packs of erasers (3/pk)
- 1 pack of glue sticks (8 ct.)
- 1 pair of safety scissors
- 1 large soft pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 1 pack of red and blue pens- each
- 5 plastic duo tang pocket folders- red, blue, purple, yellow, green
- 2 composition books
- 1 pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of yellow highlighters
- 1 pack of disinfecting wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 pack of dry erase markers
- Pack of post-it notes
- Headphones or earbuds



# ***SUPPLY LIST***

## Grades 6-12

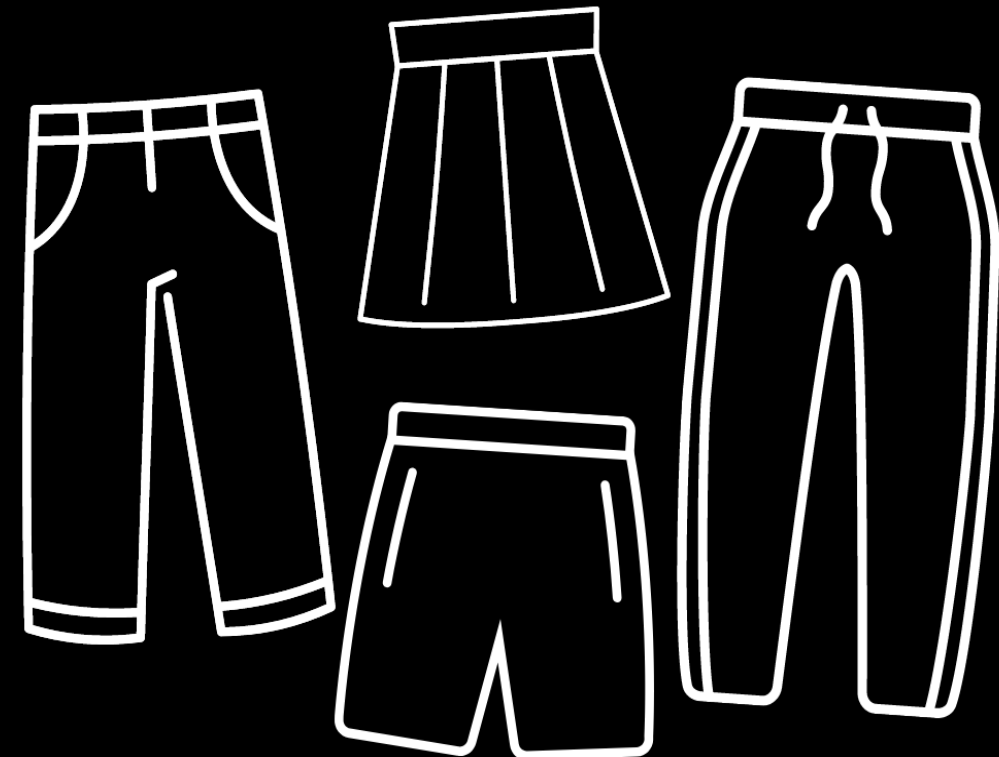
- Laptop with charger
- 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils (12/pk)
- Pencil sharpener with cover
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 1 box of erasable colored pencils (12 ct.)
- 2 packs of erasers (3/pk)
- 1 pack of glue sticks (8 ct.)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 large soft pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 1 pack of red and blue pens- each
- 5 plastic duo tang pocket folders- red, blue, purple, yellow, green
- 2 pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 pack of yellow highlighters
- 2 pack of dry erase markers
- Pack of post-it notes
- Headphones or earbuds





# UNIFORM POLICY

Students shall come to school clean and appropriately groomed and dressed. Students whose personal attire or grooming distracts the attention of other students or teachers from their schoolwork shall be required to make necessary alterations before entering the classroom or be sent home by the Principal. Students who fail to meet the minimum acceptable standards of cleanliness and neatness as determined by the principal and as specified in this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.



Written messages, pictures, or symbols on clothing which portray ideas that are offensive to the general ideals of ABF Academy (ie. drugs, alcohol, weapons)





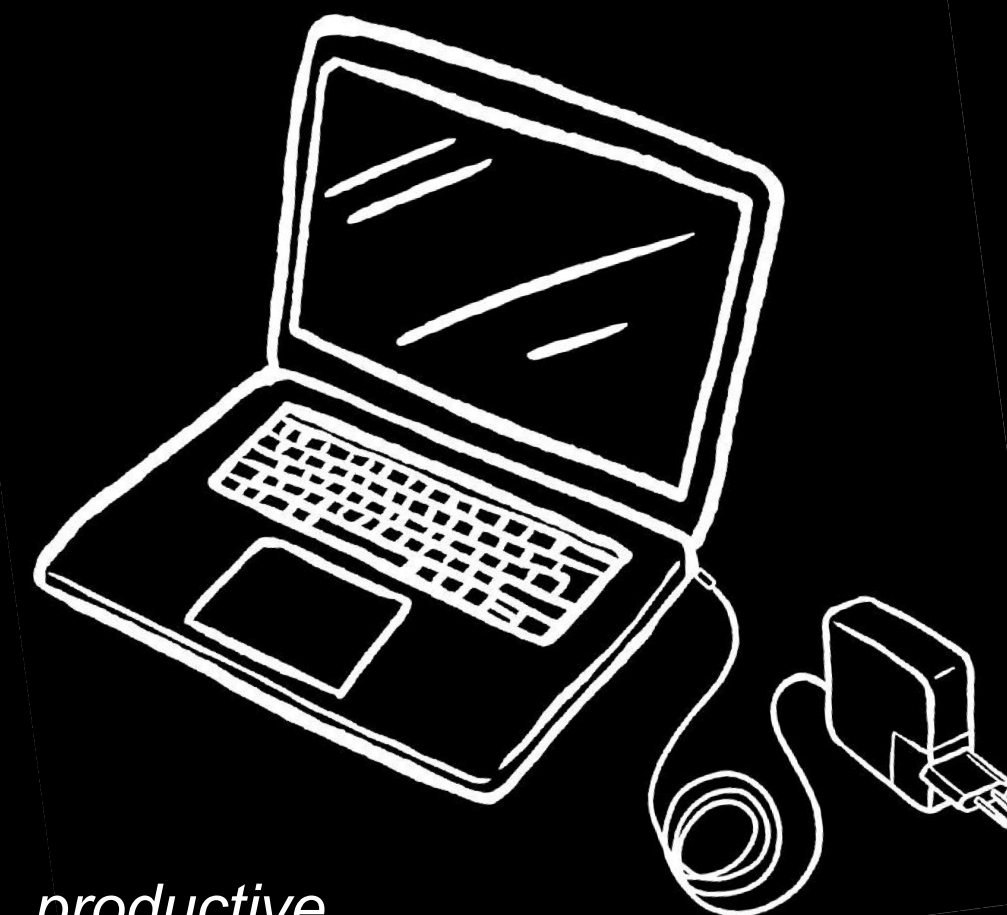
# ***BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE***

As required in their curriculum, students in GRADES 6-12 are **REQUIRED** to bring their own laptop or Chromebook (with charger) to school **DAILY**. Failure to bring in your device will result in an “F” for the school day.

## **TABLETS OR PHONES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**

### Important Reminders:

- Keeping their equipment safe and secure. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.
- Managing battery life.
- Using in an appropriate and ethical manner.
- Knowing and adhering to the network use policy.
- Being in possession of only their device and not allowing others to use their device.



*We believe equitable access to technology will aid our students in becoming responsible, productive digital citizens, and lifelong learners. Today's students use technology to learn. Also, we want them to be safe and responsible when using technology. Our BYOD policy supports our vision of technology use and digital citizenship.*



# ***STUDENT/ PARENT PORTAL***

We're excited to announce that ABF Academy uses Gradelink to keep families connected with student progress, attendance, and important school updates.

- Login: [www.gradelink.com](http://www.gradelink.com)
- **School ID: 3950**





# REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORTS

- All report cards and progress reports will be sent home with the students.
- Grade progress can be monitored on [www.gradelink.com](http://www.gradelink.com).
- Parent must have a parent password to create the account.
- It is the parent's responsibility to regularly check your child's progress.

GRADING STANDARDS						
Academic Scale			Effort Scale		Conduct Scale	
Grade	Percentage	Interpretation	Grade	Interpretation	Grade	Interpretation
A	90-100	Outstanding	1	Maximum Effort	A	Excellent
B	80-89	Good	2	More Effort Required	B	Good
C	70-79	Satisfactory	3	Unsatisfactory	C	Needs Improvement
D	60-69	Needs Improvement			D	Unacceptable
F	0-59	Unsatisfactory			F	Poor



# ***ACADEMIC & DIGITAL INTEGRITY***

- Integrity and authenticity of student work is a MUST!
- Students must abide by copyright laws. Proper usage of school internet.
- Inappropriate use of digital devices and school internet will be monitored.
- Parent Monitoring of digital devices (Social Media Accounts and Postings)
- Parent Acknowledgement Form must be signed and returned. This form will be received with Opening of School Documents.





# ***CURRICULUM***

- Rigorous and relevant advanced curriculum.
- An emphasis on mastery of the content of core academic areas (language arts, math, science, social studies)
- Target instruction in order to meet the needs of all students
- ABF Academy's program is aligned to the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards in ELA and Math and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Curriculum encompasses the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.
- The school's curriculum promotes college readiness and will encourage your child to attain rigor in their curriculum.
- Middle school students are eligible to take high school credits.
- High school students are eligible to take Honors Courses and Dual Enrollment through MDC.



# ***EDGENUITY***

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# EDGENUITY

## Understanding Online Grades:



**Actual Grade=** The grade the student will receive each week for grade check. **The actual grade is used for all quarter grade calculations and for the final grade if the student fully completes the course.**

**Overall Grade=** The grade the student has earned on the work(assignments) he or she has completed thus far.

**Relative Grade=** The grade the student would receive in the course if he or she stopped working today. The relative grade is used if the student does not complete 100% of the course.

**Complete=** How much of the course the student has completed to date.

**Start Date=** The date that the course is available to students to begin working.

**Target Date=** The date at which the course is expected to end.

**Completion=** How much of the course has been completed.

**Target Completion=** How close to the end date the student currently is.

**Est. Time Remaining=** How many hours are left in the course.

**Daily Goal=** How much time the student needs to spend working every day to meet their end date.



# ***HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM GUIDE***

## **FRESHMAN YEAR**

English I, English I Honors

Algebra I

\*Physical Science

Biology, Biology Honors

World Cultural Geography

Spanish I

Physical Education

\*Course can be taken in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **SOPHOMORE YEAR**

English II, English II Honors

Algebra II

Environmental Science

World History, World History  
Honors

Spanish II

Coding: Computer Science

Introduction to Art History

Physical Education

## **JUNIOR YEAR**

English III, English III Honors

Algebra II

Chemistry

US History, US History  
Honors

Orientation to Careers

Financial Literacy

Physical Education

## **SENIOR YEAR**

English for College  
Readiness

Math for College Success

US Government

Economics

Physical Education





# ***CELLPHONE POLICY***

Cell Phones and other electronic signaling devices may not be activated inside any classroom or building. Students are permitted to use cell phones during non-instructional minutes consisting of lunch time, passing periods, and before or after school.

**Warning-** phone must be put away and remain out of sight

**1st Offense-** Detention, phone is confiscated by teacher and returned to student at the end of the day.

**2nd Offense-** Detention, phone is confiscated and returned to the parent only.



**THIS IS A NO TOLERANCE POLICY.**



# ***STUDENT DISCIPLINE & EXPECTATIONS***

Our purpose to a safe and respectful school environment by setting clear expectations and reinforcing positive values in both academic and personal behavior.

## **Academic & Work Integrity**

**Do your own work always!**

- Cheating, copying, or plagiarism will not be tolerated
- Respect deadlines and submit honest, original work
- Consequences include:
  - ✓ Academic penalties
  - ✓ Disciplinary action
  - ✓ Parent conferences



# ***STUDENT DISCIPLINE & EXPECTATIONS***

## **Drug-Free Policy**

**ABF Academy is a drug-free campus!**

- Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or vape products is strictly prohibited
- The school reserves the right to conduct random drug testing
- Violations may result in suspension, expulsion, and legal consequences
- Support services and counseling available



# ***STUDENT DISCIPLINE & EXPECTATIONS***

## **Athlete Expectations**

### **On the Field:**

- Compete with good sportsmanship
- Represent ABF Academy with pride and respect
- Follow coaching staff directions at all times

### **Off the Field:**

- Be a leader in academics and conduct
- Maintain eligibility through grades and attendance
- Uphold school policies and be a role model





# ***ATTENDANCE POLICY***

Florida law defines "habitual truant" as a student who has 10 or more unexcused absences within an academic year with or without the knowledge or consent of the student's parent or guardian, and who is subject to compulsory school attendance.

Florida law (Section 1003.436, Florida Statute) defines a full credit as a minimum 135 hours of bona fide instruction in a designated course of study.

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITY** Florida Statutes, 1003.24 defines the responsibility of parents for the attendance of their child at school and requires them to provide an explanation for any absence from school.

## ***WHY ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT:***

- Everyday counts! Learning builds daily
- Frequent absences affect academic progress
- Being on time sets students up for success



# ***ATTENDANCE POLICY***

- Students are expected to attend every day and arrive on time
- 3 tardies = 1 unexcused absence
- Absences must be reported to the front office
- Provide a written note or doctor's note for excused absences

## ***CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM:***

- Missing 10% or more of the school year (even if excused) is considered chronic
- We will work with families to support better attendance



# ***ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE POLICY***

Students are **expected to be on time and attend both morning and afternoon practices** as scheduled by coaches.

## **Per Quarter (9 Weeks):**

0–4 absences = A (Full participation)

5 absences = B

10 absences = C

15 absences = D (Not eligible for games)

16+ absences = F (Not eligible for games)

3 tardies = 1 absence

3 early dismissals = 1 absence



# ***CONSEQUENCES OF POOR ATTENDANCE***

## **Students...**

- Get penalized by the school administration
- Miss important instructional time
- Develop negative feelings towards self and school
- Are sometimes unsupervised and out of safety
- Engage in activities that parents might not approve
- The school must forward the truant's name to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, which will then suspend (or deny an application for) the student's driver's license or learner's permit

**Parents are held liable for absences/ excessive tardiness.**





# ***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

The completion of Community Service is a graduation requirement for all students.

ABF Academy recommends 75- 100 hours of community service to be eligible for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPTIONS**

You may complete hours at any Miami Dade County Library, Museum, School or Park and Recreational Center. There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to receive community service hours at ABF Academy-sponsored events.

**Community Service logs can be found on our website or at the school.**



# ***PARENT RESPONSIBILITY***

- Review students' agenda daily for elementary students.
- Provide a quiet location for daily homework, with needed educational resources readily available.
- Monitor student progress and completion of online software programs.
- Ensure that students are present and on time each school day.
- Comply with financial obligations.
- Adhere to Parent Contract.
- Checking student grades online on gradebook portal.
- Monitoring Social Media accounts and digital responsibility.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUNDLE

**\$40**



**BUNDLE INCLUDES:**

**2 UNIFORMS SHIRTS**

*All students are required to wear the school uniform every day*

**2025-2026 YEARBOOK**

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON AT  
BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION!**

*Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the school year*

# Bandits Hoodie

**\$25**



**Orders due by  
September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

# Pre-Order



# CONTACT

305-257-5565

ABF Academy Website [www.abfacademyschools.net](http://www.abfacademyschools.net)

Instagram Accounts [@abfacademy](#)  
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## ADMINISTRATION

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***QUESTIONS?***

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