2023-2024

CALENDAR HANDBOOK

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SCHEDULE - ACADEMY SOUTH

Period	Regular	Early Release
1	9:10 - 9:58	9:10 - 9:48
2	9:58 - 10:46	9:48 - 10:24
3	10:46 - 11:34	10:24 - 11:01
4	11:34 - 12:22	11:01 - 11:38
5a	12:22 - 12:47	11:38 - 12:16
5b	12:47 - 1:12	11:38 - 12:16
6	1:12 - 2:00	12:16 - 12:53
7	2:00 - 2:48	12:53 - 1:30
8	2:48 - 2:58	1:30 - 1:40
4 5a 5b 6 7	11:34 - 12:22 12:22 - 12:47 12:47 - 1:12 1:12 - 2:00 2:00 - 2:48	11:01 - 11:38 11:38 - 12:16 11:38 - 12:16 12:16 - 12:53 12:53 - 1:30

SCHEDULE - NEW ENDEAVORS

Period	Regular	Early Release
1	8:00 - 8:25	8:00 - 8:19
2	8:25 - 9:13	8:19 - 8:56
3	9:13 - 10:01	8:56 - 9:33
4	10:01 - 10:49	9:33 - 10:10
5	10:49 - 11:37	10:10 - 10:47
6	11:37 - 12:02	10:47 - 11:06
7	12:02 - 12:50	11:06 - 11:43
8	12:50 - 1:38	11:43 - 12:20
9	1:38 - 1:48	12:20 - 12:30

ACADEMY SOUTH

Academy - South students are provided therapeutic support each week through group and individual counseling. Academy - South's school psychologists are available each school day to provide additional support as needed. During group sessions, students will discuss a variety of topics such as anger management, problem solving, problem identification, school improvement, social skills training, and goal setting.

One of the primary goals of the program is the reintegration of the student into the home school environment whenever appropriate. The IEP team reviews each student's progress at conferences, which are scheduled as often as needed, but no less than once a year.

Reintegration may be recommended on a part-time or full-time basis. If no progress has been made towards reintegration, alternatives are considered. In addition, the program includes the following goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment that promotes and facilitates academic excellence and social-emotional growth.
- Help students develop positive adult and peer relationships.
- Promote positive behavior through the Positive Peer Culture program.
- Support students' emotional needs to facilitate effective classroom learning.
- Provide support to parents to promote academic achievement and school attendance.

Academy - South utilizes Positive Peer Culture model or "PPC." Positive Peer Culture is an intrinsic treatment and behavior management system. PPC is not a point system. Most problem behaviors are dealt with in the classroom and progress is documented through a level system and group meetings. The goal of PPC is to increase positive behaviors and assist

students in achieving their identified goals. The basic philosophy of PPC is based on 3 principles:

- Adolescents respond to peers more readily than to adults.
- By helping others, one learns to help oneself.
- People will not change their negative behavior if they are comfortable with it. Being challenged, motivates change.

NEW ENDEAVORS

The mission of New Endeavors is to establish a positive and supportive learning community in which the students will develop the academic, emotional and life skills to be successful in life beyond high school. We will facilitate the growth of positive peer and adult relationships, appropriate social skills, and the acceptance of personal responsibility for behaviors and choices. We expect that all members of the learning community will facilitate student transition into productive and constructive adulthood.

New Endeavors students will:

- Develop individual strengths
- Develop communication and social skills necessary to transition into the workplace or post- secondary education and training.
- Participate in a comprehensive educational program.
- Maintain a safe learning environment that promotes and facilitates academic excellence.
- Help students develop positive adult and peer relationships.
- Promote positive behavior through the Positive Peer Culture program.
- Support students' emotional needs to facilitate effective classroom learning.
- Provide support to parents to promote academic achievement and school attendance.



AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 IHSA Fall Sports Begin	8	9	Teacher Institute Day (No Classes)	11 Teacher Institute Day (No Classes)	12
13	14 Opening Day of School	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	23	Board of Education Meeting 6:30/7:30 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Student Early Dismissal	-	
				Open House 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.		

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day (No School)	5 Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25 End of 6-Week Grading Period	26	27 Directions College & Career Fair	Board of Education Meeting 6:30/7:30 p.m. 28 Student Early Dismissa	29	30
			(Special Ed. College & Career Night) at Harper College 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	College Night at Palatine High Schoo 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	ı	



OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Columbus Day (No School)	Teacher Institute Day (No Classes)	11	12	13	14
15	16	First Generation College Night at Palatine High School 6:30 p.m.	18	Board of Education Meet 6:30/7:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	- -		1	1



NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 End of 12-Week Grading Period Early Release	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	15	Board of Education Meetin 6:30/7:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21	Non-Attendance Day (No School)	Thanksgiving Day (No School)	24 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	25
26	27	28	29	30		



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Final Exams	Board of Education Meetir 6:30/7:30 p.m. 21 Final Exams	22 Final Exams	23
24	25	26	27 Winter Vacation (No School)	28	End of First Semester Winter Vacation begins at close of school	
31			(NO SCHOOL)			



JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	Winter Vacation (No School)	4	5	6
7	8 ← Winter Vacation · (No School)	9 Teacher Institute Day (No Classes)	10 First Day of Classes Second Semester	11	12	13
14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	31	Board of Education Meet 6:30/7:30 p.m.	ing	



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	Presidents' Day (No School)	20	21	End of 6-Week Grading Period	23	24
25	26	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	28	Board of Education Meet 6:30/7:30 p.m.	ing	



MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Board of Education Meeti 6:30/7:30 p.m.	Spring Vacation begins ng at close of school	
24	25	26	27 Spring Vacation	28	29	30
31	_		(No School)			



APRIL 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Opening Day of School After Vacation	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	3	4	5	6
8	9	10 State Testing	End of 12-Week Grading Period State Testing	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20
22	The Future Begins Today	24	25	26	27
29	(Special Education Resource Night, at Harper College 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	-	Board of Education Meetin 6:30/7:30 p.m.	2	
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MAY 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	Senior Job Fair at Schaumburg High School 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Early Release NEHS - 12:40 p.m. NE/T - 1:40 p.m. ASOU - 1:40 p.m.	11
12	13	14	Graduation at Hoffman Estates High School 7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	Final Exams	6:30/7:30 p.m. 23 Final Exams	Final Exams Last day of school	25
26	Memorial Day (No School)	28	29	30	31	



JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
						1		
2	3 1st Semester Summer School Begins	4	5	6	7 No Summer School	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14 No Summer School	15		
16	17	18	Juneteenth National Freedom Day No Summer School	20	21 No Summer School	22		
23	24	25 1st Semester Summer School Ends	26 2nd Semester Summer School Begins	Board of Education Meeting 6:30/7:30 p.m.	28 No Summer School	29		
31								



JULY 2024

Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3	Independence Day No Summer School	No Summer School	6		
8	9	10	11	12 No Summer School	13		
15	16	17	18 2nd Semester Summer School Ends	19	20		
22	23	24	25	26	27		
29	30	31					
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AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
				1	2	3		
4	5	6	7	8 Teacher Institute Da (No Classes)	9 Teacher Institute Day (No Classes)	10		
11	12 Opening Day of School IHSA Fall Sports Begin	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
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