



# Fall Senior Meeting Class of 2026

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FCS INNOVATION  
ACADEMY

# Senior Class Council

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President  
Yusuf Abdulahi



Vice President  
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Communications  
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Historian  
Kaitlyn Arango



# Scott Kent

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

# Welcome & Introductions

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## Administrative Team:

Scott Kent - Principal

Agnes Browning – AP (A-G)

Scott Hetherington – AP (H-Par)

Jessica Lundy – AP (Pas-Z)

Avery White - AA



# RISE TOGETHER, LEAD FOREVER



**R**ESPECT

**EXCHANGE BAY**

Stay quiet for other students and staff

**HANGAR**

Clean up your mess and mind other's space

**HALLWAYS**

Give room for others and respect those in class

**CLASSROOMS**

Respect materials, teachers, and lessons

**I**NTEGRITY

Return the resources provided and clean up the space

Help the janitors and cleaners when you can

Use appropriate behavior and language

Complete work honestly

**S**ELF-MOTIVATION

Use the space to be productive or helpful

Use your time wisely to eat, work, or relax

Get to class on time

Plan ahead and finish your work

**E**MPATHY

Give others the space to study and work

Help someone in need (cleaning up, school work, etc.)

Consider others using the hallway

Understand perspectives and help classmates



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## **IA Staff:**

Ms. Balsler, Ms. Beem, Ms. Browning, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Moran, Ms. Paxton, Mr. Proctor, Ms. Smead, Ms. Varga

## **IA Student Leaders:**

10th: Meryem Abdulahi, Shaurya Ghadge, Michael Vadakkumpadan

11th: Adithi Challa, Eniola Famakinwa

12th: Shristi Agarwal, Shreya Singh, Anish Kelam, Sahasra Repalle, Ashitha Puvvada, Pratyusha Soni



# Personal Device Policy

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## The Why

- The limiting of Personal Electronic Devices during the school day helps everyone:
  - Stay focused
  - Reduces distractions
  - Supports stronger face-to-face connections.
- This policy also encourages healthier habits and helps to create a more respectful and engaged learning environment for all.



# Personal Device Policy

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Per FCS Code of Conduct students may **not access personal electronic devices during instructional time.**

**PEDs include:** phones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, headphones, etc.

**Instructional time** includes any time in which students receive instruction from teachers or engage in curriculum-aligned learning activities such as classroom lessons, guided practice, discussions, independent work, class meetings and assessments.

Devices must be **silenced and stored away not on their person** during class.

**Violations will result in disciplinary action.**





# Personal Device Policy

## Instructional Time vs Non-Instructional Time

Instructional Time	Non Instructional Time
All in person classes including Peer Facilitation, WBL and Gifted Internship when on campus	Breakfast and Lunch
Flex Friday Tutoring and Workshops	Class Transitions
Virtual Support Lab (Not in good Standing)	Virtual Independence (FVS,GAVS,DE)
Class Meetings	Wellness Time
ISS and Lunch Detention	Club Meetings



# Personal Device Policy

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## Disciplinary Consequences

### Classroom Procedures:

1st Time in Class: Verbal Warning

2nd Time in Class: Teacher Fills Out Admin Referral

Repeated, Defiant, Disruptive or Blatant Usage: Press Blue Button and Student is Removed from Class

*\*If a student is a repeat offender in class, teacher may make an admin referral immediately*



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## Administration Action

### Admin Procedures:

1st Time Admin Referral: Admin Communicates Home, Conference with Student

2nd Time Admin Referral: Admin Communicates Home, Lunch Detention

3rd Time Admin Referral: Phone Collection, Parent Conference to Return Phone, 2 days of Lunch Detention

4th Time Admin Referral: Phone Collection, Parent Conference to Return Phone, ISS (1 day)

5th Time Admin Referral: Phone Collection, Parent Conference to Return Phone, ISS (2 days), Turn in phone to front desk each day for a set amount of time

***\*For student who has to be removed from class due to cell phone usage, we move directly to 2nd time intervention.***

**Cell Phone Violations is a Tier II offense. Repeated Tier II offenses can result in removal from FCS Innovation Academy per COSA policies.**



# School Safety

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**See something, Say something**

**Propping doors**

**Use of the building**

**Hubs during 4th and 5th period**

**Use of common spaces (Mission Control, Flight School, Gaming Pods)**

**Off Campus Periods (virtual, WBL, Internship, Dual Enrollment)**

**Ensure you are on time for your classes**

**Use front door to enter and exit besides 1st and last period**

**Color coded cards will be issued to students to ease entry and exit**



# Magnet Requirements

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- Maintain 90% or higher attendance rate
- Pass all grad requirements (including GT block)
- No more than 10 late arrivals OR early check outs
- Earn 6 Flex Friday credits per semester
- Complete the EOPA
- Complete Pinnacle Project
- No repeated Tier I and II FCS Code of Conduct offenses AND NO Tier III or Tier IV offense

***Being out of compliance of any of the above items may result in removal from Innovation Academy.***



# Student ID

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All students must have their ID visible on them at all times

Lanyard will have a color-specific dot indicating your virtual period

School-wide expectation that everyone in the building must have their identification on them

Lanyards will go into effect on August 11th



# Student Parking

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- Please park within the first 3 rows of the parking lot
- If you have 8<sup>th</sup> period virtual, you must leave after 7<sup>th</sup> period
- Parking passes
  - Please visit the school website and purchase one ASAP
- Do not move any of the cones



# Front Office Updates

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- Use must have a pass from the front office to use the elevator. You may not use a pass from last year.
- Check out notes must be delivered to the front office prior to 10:45am. Notes must include a name and phone number to verify. After 10:45, a parent or guardian must come to the front office for checkout.
- Excused absence notes must be received or emailed within 5 days.
- Arrival after 8:55am for any reason will require check-in through the front office.
- Students may not check themselves out, even if you are 18!





# Title IX

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**Harassing behavior to a student or group of students on the basis of sex**

**Include but are not limited to:**

**Sexual comments**

**Sexual behavior**

**Unwanted sexual acts**

**Unwanted sexual gestures, including text and social media messages**



# MRS. MCKENZIE- COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISOR

FLIGHT SCHOOL (115) MONDAY - FRIDAY

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## How does Mrs. McKenzie support you?

-Coordinates College Visits and Fairs @ IA

-Provides student assistance with the college application process(Common App,FAFSA, essays, etc.)


-Assists students with all post-secondary options-trade school, employment opportunity, military track

-Researches and shares scholarship information

-Promotes college commitments in the spring

## Reminders:

- **Book an appointment** to help with upcoming applications
- College admission panel on **8/29 (Flex Friday)**
- Look for the signs for August & September College Visits
- Follow the College and Career Center @ia.college.career
- Follow our College Commitments at @ia\_seniors



Book an  
Appointment with  
Mrs. McKenzie

# IA Counseling Updates

Senior Group Meetings August 25<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Schedule an Appointment:

Ms. Jackson

Ms. Potts

Ms. Butler

Ms. Chilson

Ms. Moran



**STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES A - E**

*JacksonK30@  
FultonSchools.org*

[BOOK AN  
APPOINTMENT](#)

**STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES F - L**

*PottsR@  
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APPOINTMENT](#)

**STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES M - R**

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[BOOK AN  
APPOINTMENT](#)

**STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES S - Z**

*chilsone@  
FultonSchools.org*

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APPOINTMENT](#)

**COUNSELING DEPT  
CHAIR/ PROGRAMMING**

*moranw@  
FultonSchools.org*

[BOOK AN APPOINTMENT](#)

# IA Counseling Updates

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## Office Hours

Hours Open: 8:15am-4:15pm

Open to Walk-Ins: 4th and 5th

By Appointments Only: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th

Closed unless Emergency: 6th & 8th



# IA Counseling Updates

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## Senior Group Meetings August 25th-September 3rd

30-minute group meetings with the counseling team

Discuss College Application Status

HOPE GPA Info

Graduation Status Check

Bridge Bill

*If you are not applying through Common App, Coalition, SENDedu or Common Black College App you will have to request your transcript through*

*ScribOrder <https://fultonga.scriborder.com/>*



# IA Counseling Updates



Seniors Only
Common App Checklist
Hope Information
Graduation Ceremony Information
Assignment - Pay Graduation Fees Sep 30 0 pts
Assignment - Record Name (Before Senior Counseling Meeting) Aug 22 0 pts
Letters of Recommendation
Assignment - Senior Brag Sheet Oct 10 0 pts
Senior Calendar
Senior Counseling Meetings
Senior Forms & Links
Senior Portraits
IA College Bootcamp

## Recommendation Letter Request

The information is in the IA student canvas under the senior module.

Ask early!

Give your recommenders at least 15 days lead time.

# Senior Canvas

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Upcoming due dates:

**Record your name: 8/22**

**Graduation fee: 9/30**

**Graduation order form: 9/30**

**Schedule your senior meeting with counseling team: 8/15**



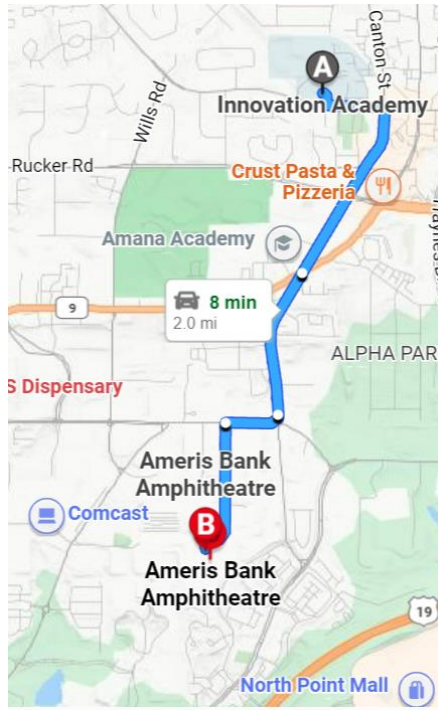
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# Graduation Venue and Date

AMERIS BANK AMPHITHEATER:

2200 ENCORE PARKWAY, ALPHARETTA, GA 30009.



DATE CONFIRMED IN JANUARY BUT WILL OCCUR THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH



May 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# Senior Dues

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## GRADUATION FEE

- Your Senior Fee includes cap/gown/tassel, diploma cover, program, venue fees, 10 graduation tickets
- Graduation fee:
- \$200+ OSP Convenience fee until September 30th
- \$210+ OSP Convenience fee October 1st- November 30th
- \$220+ OSP Convenience fee after December 1st

## HOW TO PAY THE FEE?

- Please pay the fee using the link on OSP:
- [Graduation Fee Class of 2026](#)
- Once the fee is paid, please fill out the Graduation Order form to input your measurements for Herff-Jones, our vendor for the graduation regalia:
- <https://forms.office.com/r/LfNU6dNzJ7>

# Graduation Regalia

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## CAP AND GOWN

NO ALTERATION TO YOUR CAP AND GOWN WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT IN APRIL (DATE TBD)

IF YOU ALTER YOUR GRADUATION REGALIA, YOU WILL HAVE TO PURCHASE ANOTHER CAP AND GOWN.

## CORDS AND PINS

WE WILL COMMUNICATE ABOUT CORDS AND PINS FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS LATER IN THE SEMESTER.

ONLY CORDS AND PINS APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL MAY BE WORN AT GRADUATION.

**\*\*\*All formal senior portraits for the yearbook must be taken by Cady Studios\*\*\***



# Important Yearbook Deadlines

Senior Portraits – schedule to take your pictures at a Cady Studio location (there is one super close to school!)

Only one date will be available at IA (stay tuned to Canvas for more info) so please plan to take your pics in studio.



All senior portraits are due by Monday, November 3rd to be featured in the 2026 yearbook. This is a hard deadline, so plan ahead!

Senior ads due by 11/11 - you and your parent can create these on [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)

IAPTSO SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES

**\$85 PER SENIOR**

INCLUDES:

CLASS OF 2026 T-SHIRT  
CUSTOM SENIOR SWAG  
MONTHLY SENIOR TREATS  
SENIOR LUNCH



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CONSIDER  
DONATING MORE  
THAN \$85 TO  
HELP FUND ALL  
SENIORS

SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 25TH  
ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL SENIORSUPPORT@IAPTSO.ORG

# PTSO

## Celebration Dues: deadline 9/25

VISIT THE PTSO ONLINE STORE TO PAY YOUR DUES!

[INNOVATION ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL PTSO, INC. - SENIOR NEWS](#)

# Calendar highlights and key dates

- **8/15 Phoenix Project Moonshot-all students on campus**
- **8/22 IA PD Day-asynchronous day no students no campus**
- **8/29 9th Grade IT Flex Friday**
- **9/5 Regular Friday**
- **9/12 Engineering Flex Friday**
- **9/19L Health Science Flex Friday**
- **9/26 IA PD Day-asynchronous day no students no campus**
- **10/3 IT Conference Flex Friday**
- **10/10 Health Science Flex Friday**
- **10/13-17 Fall Break**
- **10/24 Engineering Flex Friday**
- **10/31 IT Flex Friday and 9th grade Engineering Flex Friday**
- **11/1 Homecoming**
- **11/7 Health Science Flex Friday**
- **11/14 Cultivate-all campus on campus**
- **11/17-21 Project Week**
- **11/24-28 Thanksgiving**
- **12/5 Engineering Flex Friday**
- **12/12 IT Flex Friday and 9th grade Health Science Flex Friday**
- **12/19 Last day of Fall Semester**

## Type of events:

**Flex Fridays**

**Students Work Asynchronously**

**Student Holidays**

**Special Programming**

**Dance**