

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What time does Enterprise Center begin?

First bell rings at 9:27 a.m.

As students arrive, they come through the Enterprise entrance, not front Murray entrance. Book bags are checked; electronics are turned in and then returned at the end of the school day.

2. What if I must bring my child late to school or pick him up early?

If a student arrives later than 9:27 or leaves prior to the end of school, he or she must have a parent or accompanying adult sign him or her out. This year the sign in/checkout book is located in the Murray Office. You will be asked to sign, date and provide reason for late entrance or early exit.

3. What curriculum does Enterprise Center use?

High school students use Plato and APEX online curriculum to achieve HS credits.

Middle school students use AGS materials or other ACPS designated materials for history, math, language arts, and science.

Community service, CATEC, and vocational placement are components of some students daily schedule depending on course of study.

4. Is there a dress code?

Yes and it focuses on self-respect. We expect students to arrive in apparel that will not cause distractions in the classroom. If clothing causes an issue or raises concerns from a teacher or another student, a parent may be called and asked to bring a change of clothes.

What do we monitor or what has been a problem in past years?

While at Enterprise, we expect students to wear pants without exposing underclothes or buttocks. Wearing a belt is recommended. The hem of a shirt or top must meet the pants and provide full coverage of midriff.

We ask that girls not wear spaghetti strap tops and that boys not wear muscle t-shirts. In the past students have frequently brought in a sweatshirt or top, just in case there is a question. We have t-shirts and scarves available to borrow.

5. Do all students participate in TEENS GIVE?

Yes, if you are a middle school student. It is part of the MS curriculum and occurs two afternoons a week.

Some, but not all high school students participate in Teens Give; it depends on their class schedule and study plan.

6. How is behavior addressed?

Students have individualized behavior contracts identifying 4 areas to address daily in each class, at lunch, and during breaks. Points are earned and align with our level system. The MS and HS level systems are similar, but not identical, allowing teachers to adapt and develop age and educationally appropriate leveling plans.

7. What food is permitted?

Our school and program is a “no soda, no high energy drink” setting. Students may bring water, flavored water, or other Gatorade-like drinks. We encourage healthy snacks.

If certain food items become an issue, we’ll touch base with the parent.

8. What about breakfast and lunch?

Breakfast is picked up from Burley. On Monday-Thursday students are offered an assortment of egg and cheese biscuits, muffins, cereal, breakfast on a stick, or French toast sticks accompanied by milk and juice. Fridays students have a selection of cereals, milk and juice. Lunch may be ordered from Burley or a student may bring a packed lunch. See link to Burley middle school menu for selections.

There are microwaves available if a student brings a packed lunch and something requires heating.

9. What about fast food?

Students, through a point and level system, earn the right to order a special lunch. Thus we ask you do not bring fast food lunches to your child. When a student has acquired enough points and/or has achieved this privilege, ordering out will occur only on Fridays.

10. Medicine

Any medicine, including OTC drugs such as ibuprophen, can only be administered if parent has signed a release and the medicine is in its original bottle and is provided by the student’s parent. These medicines remain locked in the Murray school vault.

11. What is the class/day schedule for HS?

Check-in/Breakfast until 9:29

Moment of silence 9:29

Period One: 9:30-10:20

Period Two: 10:20-11:10

Period Three 11:10- 12:00

Earned Break 12:00-12:20/CATEC morning students arrival

12:20-12:45 **Lunch**/CATEC afternoon students depart

Period Four 12:45-1:30

Period Five 1:30-2:15

Period Six 2:15- 3:00

Earned Break 3:00

Departure Bell 3:27

12. What is the class/day schedule for MS?

Moment of Silence 9:29

Math/English 9:30-10:05

Social Studies 10:20-10:50

Science 11:05-11:45

Health/P.E. 11:45-12:20

Lunch/Rest Period 12:20-12:50

Math 12:50-1:40

English 1:55-2:45

Life Skills 3:00-3:20

Clean and Pack Up/Departure 3:20 -3:27

13. How often do students read independently?

Students will have at least 15-30 minutes a day for sustained silent reading. This is an expectation for all Enterprise students.

14. What is ISAEP? When is a student eligible for ISAEP?

The Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) is a Virginia state program operated by each school district. A student may be referred to ISAEP after the age of 16 if they are at risk for not completing a HS degree program. The school in which the student is enrolled must make the referral. ISAEP's goal is helping the student transition into adult life with educational and work place credentials demonstrated by passing the Virginia state sponsored National GED exam.

Eligibility to sit for the GED exams requires two components: academic and vocational. The academic component involves passing standards in math, science, social studies, and language arts. The vocational component requires consistent part-time employment amounting to at least 15 hours/week. CATEC may also satisfy the work component as well as enrollment in college course work. Any combination of these opportunities equaling 15 hours /week satisfies the vocational component. Regarding academic class time, a student must participate 15 hours per week for ½ day sessions. School buses provide transportation for morning delivery or end of day drop off. ISAEP students are responsible for the other leg of transportation.

15. How long does a student attend EC?

Generally 1-2 semesters.

16. Is Enterprise a school?

No. It is a program and is meant to be a temporary placement. Students remain aligned with their base schools throughout their time at EC. A student completing his or her graduation requirements while at Enterprise may opt to walk with his or her base school's graduation ceremony.

