

A low-angle photograph of the Phillips Academy Andover clock tower, a white neoclassical structure with a blue clock face and a dome topped with a cross. The tower is framed by lush green leaves in the foreground. The sky is bright blue with light clouds.

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION: GETTING STARTED AT ANDOVER

Office of Family Engagement
May 27, 2026

Phillips Academy
ANDOVER

Agenda

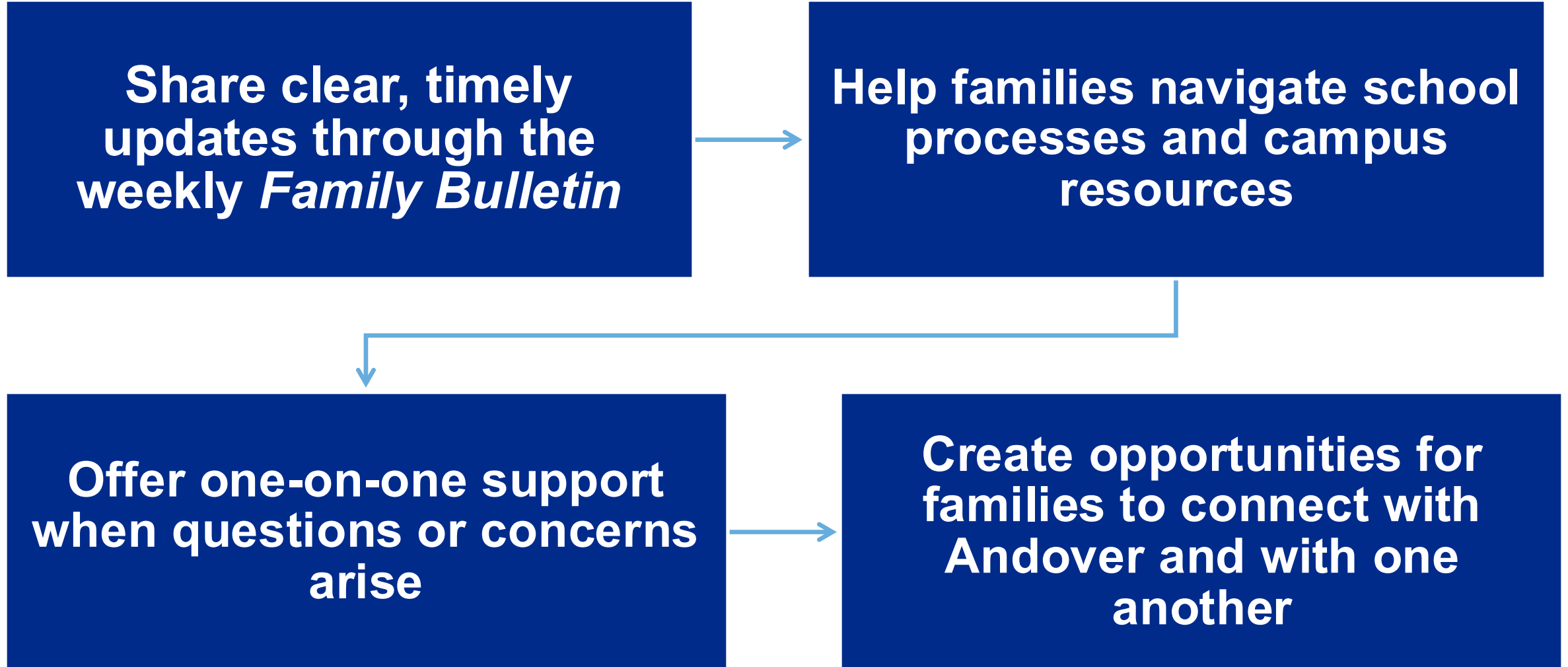
- Family Support
- Registration Reminders
- Opening of School Schedule
- What to Expect the First Week
- Student's Core Team
- Transportation & Off Campus Safety
- Questions & Answers



Office of Family Engagement (OFE)

- **Dedicated to supporting families throughout their Andover journey**
- **A central point of connection, communication, and care**
- **Works closely with academic, residential, health, and student support teams**
- **Here to help families feel informed, connected, and supported**

How OFE Supports Families



Family Webinar Series

- Monthly virtual sessions
- Topics aligned with key moments in the student experience
- Led by campus partners who work directly with students



Past Topics

- Travel-Based Programs
- LGBTQ+ Allyship
- Academic Skills Center
- Student Mental Health
- Community Engagement
- Advising & Course Selection

Ways to Engage & Connect



➤ Family Engagement Advisory

- Comprised of a wide representation of the parent body
- Serve as a sounding board for the Office of Family Engagement
- Formalize the feedback between families and the Academy

➤ OFE Sponsored Programming

- Family Meet Ups (Virtual & On Campus)
- Cluster Dean Fireside Chats

➤ Parent Association and Affinity Group Programming

Registration Requirements

➤ Tuition & Fees

- Due July 1 for both payment plan options

➤ My Family Profile

- Due July 1

➤ Health & Medical Insurance Information

- Due July 1

➤ Travel Authorizations

- Available on June 15. Due August 1

➤ 2026—2027 New Student Checklist



Forms

➤ International Students Information and Forms

➤ Disability Accommodations Requests

Getting Ready & Logistics

➤ Review Guide for New Families

- Computer Requirement
- Cluster And Housing Notification
- What to Pack/What to Leave Behind
- Student Mailbox & Mailing Packages
 - **UPDATE:** Families can begin sending packages to their students beginning **Monday, August 24.**

Student's Full Name
Dorm Name
Phillips Academy
180 Main Street
Andover, MA 01810



GUIDE FOR NEW FAMILIES

2026-2027

Phillips Academy
ANDOVER

Getting Ready & Logistics

➤ Cell Phone Policy

- “**Away for the Day**”: phones are off or in “Do Not Disturb” mode and out of sight during the academic day and other specified times
- See Family Engagement’s FAQ for full details

➤ Closed Weekend

- The first week of the 2026–2027 school year is a “**closed campus**” through Sunday, September 6
- No day trips, car permissions, or overnight
- **Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)**: full class day and activities

➤ Student’s Andover Email



Opening of School Schedule



Opening of School Guide goes live mid-July!

DATE	TIME	WHO	WHERE
Saturday, August 29	8:30 a.m.-noon	Early arrival of invited students	Snyder Center
Monday, August 31	9 a.m.-noon	New International Student Registration	Snyder Center
	2 p.m.	New Student International Orientation (NISO) begins	Refer to Andover Event Guides App
Tuesday, September 1	8:30-noon	New Student Registration	Snyder Center
	Noon-5 p.m.	Programming for students & families	Refer to Andover Event Guides App
	5:15 p.m.	Saying Goodbye	Addison Gallery Steps
	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet Reception	Abbot Circle
	7 p.m.	Families Depart Campus	

What to Expect the First Week

Wednesday, September 2

- Returning Students Arrive
- New Student Orientation continues (all day)
 - New students meet with advisors and receive their fall schedules
- **Matriculation Ceremony** for all new students

Thursday, September 3

- Community building programming for all students
- Academic schedules released
 - Students will have an opportunity to find out where their classes are

Friday, September 4

- First Day of Classes
 - Each class will meet
 - Advising groups will meet during Conference Period
- First Cluster Meeting of the Year
- First Cluster Munch

Saturday, September 5

- Orientation programming for new students
- Community Supper & Cluster Olympics for all students

Sunday, September 6

- Class Meetings

Your Students Core Team

➤ Point Person

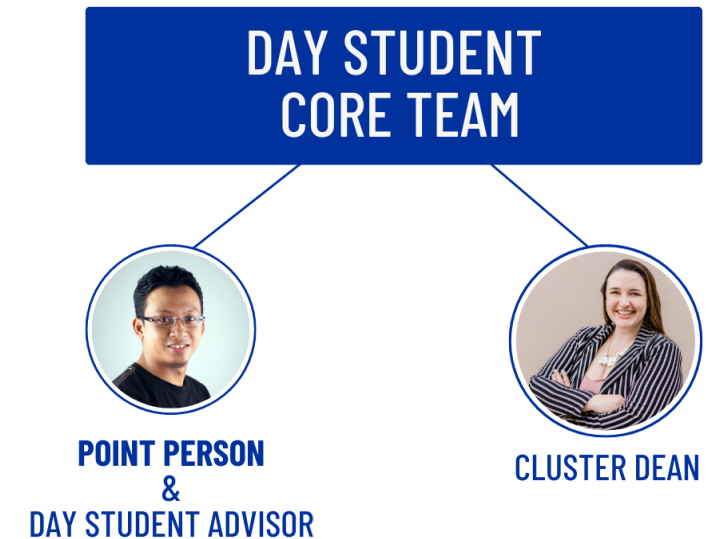
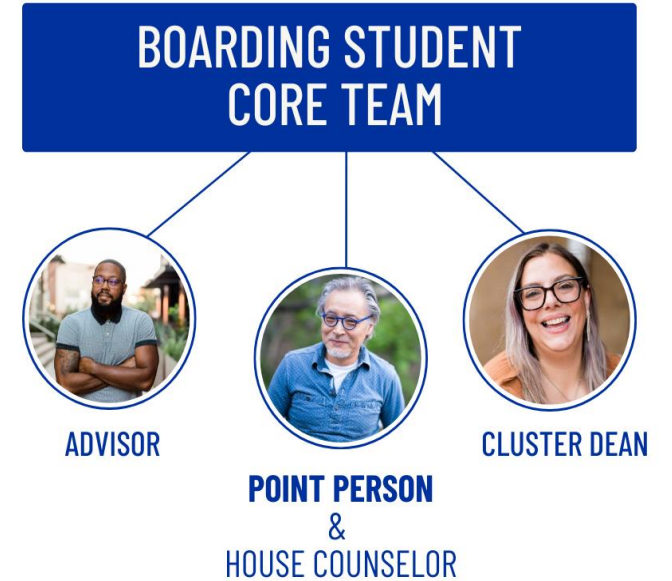
- Primary adult contact for student and family
- Coordinate communication across the support team.

➤ Advisor

- Supports academic planning and progress
- Meets weekly for check-ins, discussions, and community building

➤ Cluster Dean

- Oversees student wellbeing and community standards
- Partners with families when guidance or problem-solving is needed



Transportation & Off Campus Safety



Travel Authorization Form

- Permission for Day Students to drive Boarders
- Permission for Boarders to ride with Day Students (only Andover area)

Car Ride Share

- Parents of Boarders to connect directly with House Counselors to give permission



REACH Boarding

Day Excuse

Overnight Excuse

Dean's Excuse



- Students create leave requests in REACH. Leaves need to be approved. Many leaves require parent approval.
- Parents approve these leave requests through email by either **approving** or **denying** the request.

Save the Date!

- **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 11 a.m.**
Session 2: Health & Wellness at Andover
- **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 11 a.m.**
Session 3: Inside the Andover Experience
- **Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 11 a.m.**
Session 4: Learning at Andover

