

**In conjunction with Aurora Public Schools, Pickens Technical College will be starting the year remotely with synchronous (real time) courses.**

*\*APS Students - If you attend a Pickens program, all additional high school classes must be done remotely. In other words, Pickens will be your only "In-person" class and you are expected to stay in the Pickens program throughout the entire school year. This has been communicated to all APS Principals and counselors.*

- **1st Day of School** - **Tuesday, August 18th** is the first day of school for all of APS including Pickens Technical College. (Note: This is one week later than the original start date. This additional week is to support instructors with professional development around remote learning.)
- **Schedules** - We understand that the high school schedule may impact your availability to attend Pickens programs. We encourage you to connect with your high school counselor to assess your schedule and availability. High school counselors will then connect with us directly if a change needs to be made.
- **Technology** - All high school students will have the opportunity to check out technology through their home high school. Details on that process should come from the high schools as the dates are scheduled.
- **Instructors** - Pickens instructors will be reaching out to all of their students directly using the contact information that we were provided on their application. If you know that any of the contact information needs to be updated, please contact us immediately so that we can update our records.
- **Transportation**- (For when programs do move into in-person and/or cohort models.)
  - Outlying schools will be responsible for providing their own transportation.
  - APS students: The district is still exploring options for what transportation could look like and we will notify students as those decisions are made.
- **Remind Accounts (High School Only)** - Remind is a communication tool that we use to send out important updates and reminders. If you have not done so already, please sign up for an account by texting the code **@pickens21** to the number **81010** (be sure to include the @ symbol).

**Thank you for your patience as our community works together to support our students during remote learning.**