

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Classes begin for K-6 & 9th grade on August 10

(noon dismissal).

First full day for ALL students on August 11.

Please keep this Resource Guide as a reference for the 2023-24 school year.

NEW for the 2023-2024 school year, we are requesting that all families use ParentVUE's online registration tool to complete the back to school forms. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, please visit **bit.ly/sscpvue** to get started. You will complete the following forms digitally.

- · Address or phone number changes
- Emergency Contacts
- Student Health Information
- Handbook, Field Trip, Photo Release, Computer Usage and Authorization to use Internet

If you are new to the district (Preschool-12th grade), please contact the Central Registrar located at the School Administration Building as soon as possible to get the registration process started. The Welcome Center is located in the School Administration Building located at 210 W. 39th Street in South Sioux City.

At the South Sioux City School District, safety, diversity and respect are important values in our schools. We expect them of all students and staff. The school district has the responsibility to the community to maintain an effective learning environment. We promise to do our best to balance the need for academic learning while meeting the social-emotional needs of all of our students and staff.

Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Better Every Day!

Open House for All Buildings Wednesday, August 9 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CENTER





Dear South Sioux City Community Schools,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2023-2024 school year and officially introduce myself to the greater community. I consider it a privilege to

have been appointed your new superintendent. My wife and I are happy to call South Sioux City our new home; we were drawn to South Sioux City because of the rich diversity in our community. We have three daughters and a son. Our two oldest daughters are in college and our youngest daughter and son will attend school in our district.

Our school district is comprised of one high school, one middle school, six elementary schools, and an alternative high school. We have an excellent preschool program for four year-olds. We offer mental health services in all our schools and have a great partnership with the police, fire, and city hall. We serve approximately 3,800 students. Diversity is a major strength with over 30 languages spoken in our schools. Students are in the great and caring hands of 530 district employees who care deeply about their success. The size of our district is another strength; we are small enough to provide students and families with the individual attention of a smaller school district while we are big enough to provide a comprehensive education to all students. Students in grades 6-12 receive a Chromebook that connects wirelessly via super-fast 10G fiber in all our schools.

On Friday nights and other nights throughout the week, everyone comes together to cheer for the Cardinals! Whether you have students in our district or not, I invite you to attend one of our many events throughout the school year. Seeing young people perform in a school musical, play soccer, or compete in E-Sports is always a treat! As a one-high school town, we all get to cheer for the same team...Go Cards!

As we begin this new school year, I cannot adequately express how fortunate I feel to be part of such a wonderful school district and community. It is an honor for me to serve the students and families of the South Sioux City Community Schools. As your new superintendent, I am eager to meet and hear from as many people as possible. I pledge to always do right by our students and to honor our past without being stuck in it. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about our school district, please contact our main office at 402-494-2425. It is only by working together that we can build the kind of momentum that will launch our school district into a new era of possibilities for our students and the entire South Sioux City Community.

It is an exciting time for the South Sioux City Community Schools, and I'm looking forward to the year ahead. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Go Cards!

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Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent South Sioux City Community Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Mr. Chris Krueger Vice President: Mr. Robert Rapp Secretary: Mrs. Marla Grier Director: Ms. Shawna Messerlie Director: Dr. Matt Aitken Director: Mrs. Pamela Camarillo

SSC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

210 W. 39th St. • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-2425 • Fax: 402-494-3916

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Summer Hours:

Mon-Thur: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Superintendent - Dr. Rony Ortega Assistant Superintendent - Mrs. Ashley O'Dell Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Tracy Heilman

Director of Student Services - Mrs. Rebecca Eckhardt

Director of Communications & Foundation - Mr. Lance Swanson

Director of Operations and Maintenance - Mr. Doyle Smith

Director of Business Operations - Ms. Erin Heineman

Director of Human Resources - Ms. Jill Gill

Technology Coordinator - Mr. Drew Stansberry

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New families can stop into the School Administration Building (210 W. 39th Street) to complete the enrollment process Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We are open all summer and encourage all new families to stop by as soon as possible to begin the enrollment process. For a complete list of information required for registration, please visit our website @ www.ssccardinals.org. For questions please call our Central Registrar, Paulina Aldana, at: 402-412-2823 or email: paulina.aldana@ssccards.org.

#GoCards

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify your child's school office to update mailing lists. Two proofs of address are required.

The following are accepted as proof of address: Current lease or mortgage, current utility bill, official correspondence from City, County, State or Federal agencies, or Property Tax Bill.

For boundary map, please visit www.ssccardinals.org.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Nebraska state law requires that the school has a copy of the certified birth certificate of each student enrolled in our school system. When we receive your child's records, we will be contacting you if there is not a copy of his/her birth certificate on file. Please send a copy of the birth certificate to your child's school, or bring the original, and we will make a copy for our records.



Digital flyers will now be sent directly to parents who can see them as visually engaging images right on their smartphone or computer

Additionally, all flyers will be posted to each school's website. Parents will be able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

IN THE END, WE REMEMBER NOT THE WORDS OF OUR ENEMIES BUT THE SILENCE OF OUR FRIENDS.

SAFE2HELPNE.ORG

2023-2024 SUMMARY OF THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine 3 doses of Polio vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Students entering 7th grade	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered

SSC FALL 2023 -2024

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



open to k-5th graders

PROGRAM HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL UNITL 6PM



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- *Snack
- *Homework help
- *Educational environment
- *Recreational activities
- *Field trips

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

(a) (712) 277-3600

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SSC FALL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION:

SPOTS ARE NOT SECURED UNITL CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BEYOND THE BELL

Online registration forms and details can be found on our

Enrollment will tentatively start end of May

\$25 Registration Fee \$60 Per week

*Enrollment numbers and staffing will determine the availability of programming.

LOCATIONS:

- *Cardinal
- *Covington
- *Harney *Lewis & Clark
- *Dakota City

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES PRE-K - 5)

Cardinal Elementary

820 East 29th St. • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-1662 • Fax: 402-494-1968 Dan Swatek, *Principal*

Facebook: Cardinal Elementary-SSC
Text: 402-205-1849

Covington Elementary

2116 A Street • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-4238 • Fax: 402-494-6300 Laura Dandurand, *Principal* Facebook: Covington Elementary

Text: 402-261-1457

Dakota City Elementary

1801 Locust Street • Dakota City, NE 68731 Phone: 402-987-3363 • Fax: 402-987-0629 Lora Crowe, *Principal*

Facebook: Dakota City Elementary

Text: 402-205-1339

E.N. Swett Preschool

2300 C Street • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-3501 • Fax: 402-494-0109 Jessica Major, *Principal*

Facebook: E.N. Swett Elementary Text: 402-205-4511

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Harney Elementary

1001 Arbor Drive • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-1446 • Fax: 402-494-6303

Mike Andreasen, *Principal* **Facebook:** Harney Elementary **Text:** 402-205-1335

Lewis and Clark Elementary

801 2nd Avenue • South Sioux City, NE 68776 402-494-1917 • Fax: 402-494-6301 Benjamin Schultz, *Principal*

Twitter: LCElementary
Facebook: Lewis and Clark Elementary

Text: 402-205-1536

ABOUT US

- The South Sioux City School District has five neighborhood elementary schools.
- Every building and grade provides the same curriculum and learning goals.
- Grade level teams collaborate on a regular basis to discuss student growth and progress on learning goals.
- Teams of teachers meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) within their building to plan for student interventions and extended learning.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS

Staff 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Students** 8:00 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. **Mondays** 8:00 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.

No child should be on the school grounds or in the building before 7:45 a.m. unless they are arriving for breakfast. No adult supervision outside until 7:45 a.m.

Children need to be picked up no later than 5 minutes after the dismissal bell.

SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM

ALL EXTERIOR DOORS ARE LOCKED during the school day. Any parents or visitors to the school will need to press the doorbell/camera button located at the MAIN ENTRANCE in order to gain access to the school. The office staff can verify a person's identity before allowing entrance to the building. All visitors must check into the office first.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Parent partnerships and open lines of communication are very important to us.

- Thursday Folders: All elementary students will come home with a red Thursday folder each week with important information.
- Remind App: Classroom teachers all have Remind App groups set up for regular communication. Codes to access your child's Remind App will be shared the first week of school.
- ParentVue Account: Set up your account to see communications from your child's teacher(s), check their grades, and monitor their attendance.
- Regular Communication: Feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have questions.
 Contact your child's school to learn more about signing up and see the additional information in this mailing on page 14.
- Peachjar eflyers: Peachjar unites schools, parents and communities by distributing vital school updates and community resources directly to parents as digital flyers. Information includes: camps, community programs, school events, etc. Visit our district website to sign up for Peachjar.

PICTURE DATES FOR ALL ELEMENTARY August 22, 2023

PICTURE RETAKES
October 11, 2023

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SUPPLY LISTS

Purchasing school supplies is optional. This is a suggested list of supplies for all elementary schools in the South Sioux City Community School District. Additional school supplies will be provided by the school, as needed. If anyone would like to purchase school supplies to share with our schools, donations are accepted.

	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Supplies	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity
Backpack- No Wheels	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Change of Clothes	1						
4 Jumbo Glue Sticks	1						
2 boxes of Kleenex	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 box Crayola Crayons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 pack Crayola Markers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 Bottle Elmer's Glue	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24 Pencils		1	1	1	1	1	1
2 Black Expo Markers		1	1	1	1	1	1
4 Folders					1	1	1
4 Notebooks					1	1	1

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The South Sioux City Community School District offers a free preschool program for four year olds who reside within our school district. This program is located at E.N. Swett Early Childhood Center. To learn more about our preschool program, please contact E.N. Swett Early Childhood Center at 402-494-3501.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

South Sioux City Community Schools provides services for eligible children birth to age five. If a parent has concerns about his/her child's development (physical, social, communication, cognitive or self-help), please call 402-412-2884 to make a referral.

MTSS

What is MTSS? Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework for integrating tiers of support to promote the success of all students. The ultimate goal of MTSS is to provide high-quality instruction and the degree of support each student needs to be successful. MTSS is not a special program, class, or intervention, but rather a way of organizing instruction and intervention to help all students and promote early identification of students needing additional support to be successful. MTSS is also used to help identify students who may need special education.

What are the key components of a multi-tiered system of supports? The key components of the multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) are:

- · High quality, research-based instruction in the general education setting
- Universal screening to identify students needing supplemental support (Tier 2 or Tier 3)
- · Multiple tiers of instruction that are progressively more intense, based on the student's response to instruction
- · Evidence-based interventions matched to student needs
- Ongoing progress monitoring of student performance (response to intervention)

In the multi-tiered system of supports, the progress of all students is monitored, and instruction and intervention are provided in varying intensities (multiple tiers) based on student need.

What are tiered supports? MTSS organizes instruction and intervention into tiers, which provide differing levels of supports:

- Tier 1 All students receive high quality, core academic and behavior instruction and support.
- Tier 2 Students that need additional support receive more focused, targeted small group instruction/intervention and supports, in addition to core academic and behavior curriculum and instruction.
- Tier 3 Individual students receive the most intense instruction based on individual student need in addition to core and supplemental academic and behavior, curriculum, instruction, and support.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

South Sioux City Middle School consists of approximately 800 students in grades 6-8. We have 8 periods throughout the day. This year, we moved the Advisory period to the morning, and all students will start their day in Advisory with one of their core teachers. Advisory is a time where students and staff work on social-emotional skills and develop strong relationships, supporting positive social and academic behaviors throughout the school day. This will also be a time for our morning announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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CHROMEBOOKS (LAPTOPS)

- Chromebooks and backpacks will be provided for all students in the middle school
- Chromebook insurance will be available for \$25
- Scan the QR code for insurance details



WELL-MANAGED SCHOOLS (WMS)

South Sioux City Middle School Staff is trained in the Boys Town Well-Managed Schools (WMS) classroom management program. This program emphasizes (1) building positive relationships and classroom climate, (2) teaching social skills, (3) reinforcing classroom expectations and social skills to increase appropriate behavior, and (4) responding to inappropriate behavior. WMS is founded on research-based practices. Additional information regarding this can be found on the website.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PICTURE DAY
August 24, 2023

SOUTH SIOUX CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

3625 G Street • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-3061 • Fax: 402-494-8427

Text: 402-205-1882

Facebook: South Sioux City Middle School Cardinals

Staff 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Students 8:05 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. (Tues-Fri)

8:05 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. (Mon)

Administration

Laura Sulzbach, *Principal* laura.sulzbach@ssccards.org

Chris Erickson, Assistant Principal chris.erickson@ssccards.org

Cami Holthe, Assistant Principal cami.holthe@ssccards.org

School Counseling Team

Kelli Rahn, 6th Grade Counselor Ryan Vondrak, 7th Grade Counselor Debbie McCloy, 8th Grade Counselor

Office Personnel

Pat Bernstrauch, Secretary
Jeri Bowman, Secretary
Suzie Nelson, Secretary
Gaby Vargas, Attendance Secretary

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday-Friday
BREAKFAST - Lunchroom	7:30-8:05	7:30-8:05
Doors Open to 1st Period Class	8:05-8:10	8:05-8:10
1st Period- Advisory	8:10-8:20	8:10 – 8:30
2nd period	8:24-9:05	8:34 – 9:22
3rd period	9:09-9:50	9:26-10:14
4th period	9:54-10:36	10:18-11:08
5th period	10:40-11:22	11:12-12:02
6th period- ELO	11:22-12:52	12:06-1:36
Lunch Group	6th Grade: 12:22-12:52	6th Grade: 1:06-1:36
	7th Grade: 11:52-12:22	7th Grade: 12:36-1:06
	8th Grade: 11:22-11:52	8th Grade: 12:06-12:36
7th period	12:56-1:38	1:40-2:30
8th period	1:42-2:24	2:34-3:24

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Sixth Grade

- 2 spiral notebooks (one subject) (Language Arts, Math)
- 1 Composition notebook (Science)
- 2 pkgs. wide-ruled loose leaf paper (Math, History)
- 3 Folders (Math, Language Arts, History)
- 1 Manual pencil sharpener
- 3 Boxes of tissues/Kleenex (Advisory)
 Dry Erase markers (Math)
 Wired earbuds (no bluetooth)
 headphones
- 3 Boxes of pencils
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 1 Box of markers
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Large eraser
- 1 Large zipper pencil bag
- 3 Glue sticks

Seventh Grade

- 1 1.5" binder (Language Arts)
- 1 1" Binder (Math)
- 2 Sets of 5 tab dividers (Math, Language Arts)
- 2 packages loose leaf paper (Math, Language Arts)
- 2 Notebooks (Science, History)
- 1 Folder (History)
- 2 Packs of pencils/pack of 24 Black or blue pens Colored pencils/pack of 12
- 1 Pair earbuds (no Airpods)Pencil bagErasersHighlighters
- 3 Boxes of tissues (Advisory)

Eighth Grade

- 1 package Mechanical pencils
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Notebooks
- 1 Wired headphones (no Airpods)
- 5 Pocket folders with prongs Highlighters
- 3 Boxes of tissues (Advisory)

Students DO NOT need a backpack.

The school gives one to each student with their laptop at the beginning of the year.

SCHOOL HEALTH & HEARING SCREENING

Children in all grades are screened for vision, hearing, dental defects, height and weight. Parents are notified of any health concerns as they are identified. Parents who do not wish their child to participate in the school screening program must communicate this in writing to the school health office where their child attends at the start of the school year.

Because Nebraska statutes require school-age screening, parents who remove their child from the screening program must submit findings from an alternate medical provider to the school by December 1.

10/16/23 Cardinal (A.M.) Harney (P.M.) 10/19/23 High School (A.M.) Lewis and Clark (P.M.)

10/17/23 E.N. Swett (A.M.) Harney (P.M.) 10/20/23 Covington (A.M.)

10/18/23 Middle (A.M.) Dakota City (P.M.)

UNIVERSAL SCREENING

The District may conduct various screenings (such as universal screening) throughout the year to identify students with academic and/or behavioral issues. The District will communicate with parents of students who are identified by the screening process. Any parent who does not consent to the screening of his/her student must notify the Director of Student Services at the beginning of the school year.

STATE ASSESSMENT

The District is required to administer the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), a state-wide assessment. More information about NSCAS can be found through the Nebraska Department of Education. If a parent does not consent to his/her student taking the NSCAS assessment, the parent must notify his/her building principal at the beginning of the school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

The goal of our Achievement Centers (AC) is to ensure academic success by offering uniquely designed levels of supports which encourage all students to increase personal growth and attain higher levels of academic achievement. The AC is available to assist all students in 6th-12th grades with homework and to provide opportunities for additional academic support.

The Middle School AC is located in the Middle School Library. Hours are: Monday: 7:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursdays: 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Fridays: 7:15 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

ABOUT US

South Sioux City High School serves approximately 1200 students in grades 9-12. Our school operates on an 8 block, A/B day rotation. Each block is 88 minutes long. During blocks, students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum in order for them to meet their post-secondary goals.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Principal - David Clausen Assistant Principal - Dr. Melissa Byington Assistant Principal - Gordon Bye Assistant Principal - Vincent Saviano Activities Director - Jeff Squier

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Linda Swanson - Last names A-E Jason Craig - Last names F-L Danielle Panowicz - Last names M-Q Julie Moreau - Last names R-Z Tammy Aitken - Guidance Secretary

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Kristen Rosas - Attendance Secretary Beth Horan - Secretary Genell Reinert - Secretary Lisette Lopez - Secretary Michelle Rapp - Activities Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is critical to students' academic and post-secondary success. When students are not in attendance, they miss valuable instruction and collaboration with their peers. If a student must be absent, please contact the school by 9:30 am. More detailed information regarding attendance - including policies and procedures - can be found in the handbook.

CHROMEBOOKS (LAPTOPS)

- Chromebooks and backpacks will be provided for all students
- Chromebook insurance will be available for \$25
- Scan the QR code for insurance details



SAFETY

School safety continues to be a priority for South Sioux City High School. We practice numerous drills throughout the year to ensure that we have safe routines in place in the case of an emergency.

Visitors should report to Door #12 on the east side of the building to gain entrance while students should always enter through Door #25.

- ⊆ ⊆ MENTAL WELLNESS

Talk to someone! It can be hard to manage stress alone. Talk to a parent, teacher, or friend about problems and challenges.

Choose someone who is a good listener and can help offer advice when you need it.

TIP OF THE DAY



HOMECOMING

Coronation: Sunday, September 24, 4:00 p.m. Parade: Wednesday, September 27, 4:00 p.m. Football Game: Friday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. Dance: Saturday, September 30, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

3301 G Street • South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-494-2433 • Fax: 402-494-2464

Text: 402-205-1977

Website: www.ssccardinals.org • Twitter: @SSC_CARDINALS

SCHOOL HOURS

Students:

Mon: 8:00 a.m. – 2:25 p.m. I Tues-Fri: 8:00 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. **Staff:** 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday

No Cardinal Time on Mondays

1st 8:00-9:25

2nd 9:30-10:55

3rd 11:00-12:55

1st lunch 11:00-11:30

2nd lunch 11:42-12:12

3rd lunch 12:25-12:55

4th 1:00-2:25

<u>Tuesday – Friday</u>

1st 8:00-9:28

2nd 9:33-11:01

3rd 11:06-1:04

1st lunch 11:06-11:36

2nd lunch 11:50-12:20

3rd lunch 12:34-1:04

4th 1:09-2:37

Cardinal Time 2:42-3:25

The high school will continue to be on an A/B block schedule to maximize instructional time and to provide a rigorous and comprehensive educational experience for all students. Cardinal Time is a time for setting goals, reviewing grades, and building relationships. We increased the length of Cardinal Time in order to provide students a structure for studying and homework completion. Card Time was moved to the end of the day so that students in activities miss less instructional time.

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

South Sioux City Community School District is proud to offer a wide range of student activities including but not limited to: robotics, football, Skills USA, dance, gaming clubs, basketball, swimming, choir, band, cheerleading, etc. We have over 30 high school activities and clubs for students and are always considering new clubs so all students feel connected and involved in school. Our goal is that 100% of high school students are involved in at least one club or activity. Please check our website for a full list of all clubs and activities and to learn more.

To see a full list of all scheduled events and sports please visit: www.rivercitiesconference.org. Schedules are updated throughout the school year.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The state of Nebraska has organized athletics in three separate seasons: Fall, Winter and Spring, with each of these seasons having a particular start day. Below you will find when each season begins.

Fall Activities begin Monday, August 7
Winter Activities begin Monday, November 13
Spring Activities begin Monday, February 26

All student athletes must have a physical on file before participating. Physicals must be dated after May 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook for additional information regarding parent meetings and up-to-date schedule changes due to weather and other circumstances.

Twitter: @SSCActivities and @SSCcardinalNews.

Facebook: South Sioux City and South Sioux City Community School District



IDEA ALLIANCE

The South Sioux City Community School District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for all. We are proud of the work that our students, staff and administration are collaborating

on, specifically through our IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness) Alliance. The IDEA Alliance is a student-led organization whose role is to address issues of unity and awareness at South Sioux City High School. For more information please contact Mr. Clausen.

BOOSTER CLUBS

South Sioux City Athletic Booster Club is an organization that supports our teams. All community members and parents are encouraged to join. Please visit our district website

for additional membership information. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For a complete schedule, please visit our website.



ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



Boosters

Mission Statement:
Provide physical, emotional and financial support to the music directors and students of the South Sioux City School District in their efforts to develop and enhance a lifelong appreciation of the music arts.

Contact: rachael.wragge@ssccards.org for more information

GATEWAY TO LEARNING

The school district also operates an alternative high school, Gateway To Learning. Its mission statement is "to provide an alternative educational setting for at-risk students aimed at removing barriers to student success in order to meet each student's unique needs."

Contact Us

Lisa Ryan, Lead Teacher
Mary Hacker, Secretary

1000 W. 29th Street • South Sioux City, NE 68776
Ph: 402-494-0121 • Building Text: 402-205-1309

ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

The goal of our Achievement Center (AC) is to ensure academic success by offering multiple levels of support to help students with additional instruction or time to catch up on tests and assignments. The AC is available to assist all students 9th -12th grade. It is next to door 25 (main student entrance) in the HS. Hours are: Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays: 7:30 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL PICTURE DATES

August 15 (Sophomores & Freshmen) **August 16** (Seniors & Juniors)

FOOD SERVICE



SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast and hot lunch are served at all South Sioux City School locations. School lunch offers a wide variety of choices for students and includes milk and an entrée plus an unlimited fruit and vegetable bar.

A LA CARTE AND EXTRAS

At an extra cost, students may purchase an additional entrée, milk or other a la carte items as part of the school meal program. Extra purchases will be charged to the student's meal account and a student must have money in their account to purchase extra items. The fruit and vegetable bar is unlimited with the purchase of a regular school lunch.

DIET MODIFICATIONS

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if their child requires a diet modification for medical reasons.

SCHOOL MEALS ACCOUNT

Each student is issued a unique PIN, used to access his/her meal account. Payments into your student/family meal account can be made at your student's school or online via MySchoolBucks. com. Please use the QR Code below to access your student meal account.



JOIN US!

Parents may join their child for a meal on any day. The cost for an adult lunch is available at your school. We hope to see you soon! Lunchtime Solutions, Inc. looks forward to the coming school year at South Sioux City Community Schools. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with an overview of the school food service program. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please feel free to contact Mike Penne, Food Service Director at 402-375-8717 or m.penne@lunchtimesolutions.com. For your convenience, our menu and additional food program information is posted on the school website.

2023-2024	Day	Week	Month	Quarter	Semester
School Meal Prices	1 Day	5 Days	20 Days	44 Days	88 days
High School (9-12) Lunch	\$3.25	\$16.25	\$65.00	\$143.00	\$286.00
High School (9-12) Breakfast	\$1.75	\$8.75	\$35.00	\$77.00	\$154.00
Middle School (6-8) Lunch	\$3.25	\$16.25	\$65.00	\$143.00	\$286.00
Middle School (6-8) Breakfast	\$1.75	\$8.75	\$35.00	\$77.00	\$154.00
Elementary (K-5) Lunch	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$132.00	\$264.00
Elementary (K-5) Breakfast	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
EN Swett Pre-K Breakfast & Lunch	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Reduced-Price Lunch (PK-12)	\$0.40	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$17.60	\$35.20
Reduced-Price Breakfast (6-12)	\$0.30	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$13.20	\$26.40
Extra Milk	\$0.50				

PAY ONLINE: WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SSC Schools

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

All families are encouraged to complete the Free/Reduced Lunch application form which can be picked up at any building or can be found online at **myschoolapps.com** after July 5th. Applications must be completed each school year and only one per household is needed..



Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-0000-508-0002-508-0002-508-0002-508-0002-508-0002-508-0002-508-0000-508-0002-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-0000-508-000-508-0000-508-000-508-0000-508-000-508-000-508-000-508-000-508-000-508-0000-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 (2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



First Student is proud to partner with South Sioux City Community Schools as the transportation provider for the 2023-2024 school year. With more than a century of experience, First Student prides itself on not only being

the largest transportation provider in North America, but also a valuable member of the communities they serve! First Student believes in giving back more than it takes and a partnership that sees each community as its own.

As in previous years, Kindergarten through 12th grade students living more than four miles from their designated school are entitled to transportation to and from school at no charge. Additional transportation is offered at some schools for a fee. Please contact Pat Bernstrauch at 402-241-4080 or email: pat.bernstrauch@ssccards.org for further information. You may register your child for transportation on our school website.

Bus Rates for 2023-24

	Student #1	Student #2	Student #3+	Total for 2 or more students
Round Trip - Annual	\$434	\$141	Free	\$575
Round Trip - Semester	\$236	\$86	Free	\$322
Round Trip - Monthly	\$68	\$28	Free	\$96
One Way - Annual	\$248	\$86	Free	\$334
One Way - Semester	\$141	\$52	Free	\$193
One Way - Monthly	\$39	\$23	Free	\$62



Education Foundation Creates Additional Opportunities for Students

Would you like to support youth in South Sioux City and Dakota City with a tax-deductible gift?

The Cardinal Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that accepts gifts on behalf of the 3,800 students attending the SSC Community School District. With the help of generous donors, like you, the Educational Foundation can provide many additional learning opportunities benefiting the youth of our community. The Cardinal Educational Foundation is known for its



scholarships, hosting the SSC High School Honors Banquet and the Honors Convocation held each May. The overall mission and goal of the foundation is to enhance the tax-funded education by creating additional opportunities for students through philanthropic means. As the foundation director, I plan to strengthen the scholarship offerings for SSC High School graduates, fund special projects such as Career Tech, and also create mini classroom grants for teachers. I will be working with the Cardinal Educational Foundation to articulate a vision, create and strengthen partnerships and coordinate a strategic plan. For more information about making a donation or scheduling a presentation, please call 402-494-2425. On behalf of the students, I want to thank you for considering a gift.

Lance Swanson, Director of Communications and Foundation

"C It?, Say It!" is a campaign we've implemented to help avoid school violence and reassure students that our schools are safe places. Students, staff, and parents all have an important role in promoting school safety.



To report suspicious activity, talk to any school official or contact law enforcement. For anonymous reporting please use the Let's Talk link on the right-hand side of the District website.

Describe specifically what you observed, including:

- · Who or what you saw;
- · When you saw it:
- · Where it occurred; and
- · Why it's suspicious.

If there is an emergency, call 911.

www.ssccardinals.org

SAFETY INFORMATION

The safety of our students and staff is one of the most important factors to a successful school district. South Sioux City Community Schools is committed to ensuring our schools are safe and our staff is prepared. To enhance this, in 2017, we moved to a Standard Response Protocol (SRP) called "I Love U Guys". We feel this protocol will give us the tools to be even more prepared for weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student and staff safety.

The Standard Response Protocol is based not on individual scenarios but on consistent response to any given scenario. SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility. The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION











HOLD

SECURE

LOCKDOWN

EVACUATE

SHELTER

- **Secure** is followed by the directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within a building.
- **Lockdown** is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place.
- **Evacuate** is always followed by a location, and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building.
- Shelter is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self protection.
- **Hold** is a "hold" in the classrooms. Students and teachers are directed to stay in their rooms and clear the hallways. This is typically used for medical emergencies.

TWO-STEP VERIFICATION

To ensure the privacy and data security of all students at South Sioux City Schools, the District will be implementing two-step verification for most email accounts during the 2023-2024 school year. This verification process may require confirming a user's identity on a personal phone. The District assumes that all parents consent to the use of a personal cell phone to protect their student's data and security.

However, any parent may opt-out of this process by contacting the District's Central Office and asking for other arrangements to be made.

STUDENT/PARENT REUNIFICATION

Circumstances may occur at the school that require parents to pick up their children in a formalized, controlled release manner and at an alternate location. This process is called a Reunification and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, hazmat or if a crisis occurs at the school. The Standard Reunification Method is a protocol that makes this process more predictable and less chaotic for all involved.



ACTIVITY COMPLEX

Phase I of the Cardinal Activities Complex renovation is done. THANK YOU!

PHASE I: *Turf *Track *Lights *Home Bleachers *Interactive Scoreboard *Pressbox

PLEASE HELP US FINISH PHASE 2

PHASE II: ▷Entrance/Ticket Office ▷Concession Stand / Restrooms ▷Pavilion ▷Plaza Area

▷Visitor Seating ▷Updated Field Event Areas

The District is depending on fund-raising to enhance other aspects of the complex, so to finish Phase II <u>we need a donation from you</u>.

Please make a donation to the Cardinal Activities Complex TODAY!
Contact Lance Swanson at 402-494-2425
or Lance. Swanson@ssccards.org
210 W. 39th Street
South Sloux City, NE 68776





Donors who contribute at the donor levels listed below will be recognized on the Cardinal Wall of Honor & the District Website

Donor Recognition Levels				
DIAMOND	\$250,000			
PLATINUM	\$100,000			
GOLD	\$50,000			
SILVER	\$10,000			
BRONZE	\$5,000			
CARD PRIDE	\$1,000			



Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Better Every Day!



LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ALL SCHOOLS!

The South Sioux City Community School District has mental health therapists in all buildings. Through our partnership with Heartland Counseling we have full time licensed mental health therapists in all school buildings. These therapists are employees of Heartland and work full time in our schools. They are funded by grants and insurance. School-based mental health services allow us to provide services at no out-of-pocket cost to families. These services go beyond the direct delivery of mental health

services. Therapists provide on-site consultation and training for school staff in the field of children's mental health. They establish and maintain links between educators, mental health professionals and human service resources, all of whom support the family and enhance the academic and functional development of children who need additional supports. These supports are available to all students. School staff and parents can make referrals if they see a need. Please reach out to your school counselor for additional information.



SOUTH SIOUX CITY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMINIC

As we embark on another school year, we hope to hear from and see our alumni (and parents of alumni). Please make sure we have your current information by visiting www.ssccardinals.org/alumnihistory/alumni-information and update us with your address, email, and phone number. With your contact information on file, we will be able to invite you to upcoming events and send you important updates.

The Cardinal Education Foundation is committed to keeping you connected to the South Sioux City Community School District and entire community. We plan events, assist with reunion plans, share milestones, and keep you updated on current happenings. Please keep us informed about college graduations, military

and career paths, marriages, births and other highlights in your lives. We want to stay in touch with you and are always looking for stories to share.

To stay up-to-date with the latest in our alumni community, join the "SSChsAlumni" group on Facebook.

For more information, assistance with planning a reunion, or simply want to share school story, please contact my office at 402-494-2425.

Thank you, Lance Swanson Director of Communication & Foundation South Sioux City Community Schools

Synergy ParentVUE App

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. This app allows parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. To sign up for a ParentVUE account, fill out the form at bit.ly/sscpvue.





Let's Talk App

South Sioux City Community Schools invites you to be part of the conversation. Let's Talk! is an open feedback form where anyone can submit questions, concerns, suggestions and compliments directly to district staff anytime, anywhere, from any device.

Share your ideas with us at any time by selecting your topic, or by clicking on Anything Else? The form can be found by clicking the icon along the right edge of the district website and, if you include your contact information, we will follow up with you in a timely fashion.

www.ssccardinals.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Remind App

South Sioux City Community School district uses an app called Remind. If you're not already familiar with Remind, it is an app that provides a safe way for teachers and coaches to send text messages. Basically it is a classroom communication tool that makes it easier to stay involved with your



child's learning and other school activities. Remind is free to use, and you'll be able to get and send messages safely on any device—even a simple text from your phone!

First, a teacher/coach adds his/her class/team, which generates a unique code. The teacher then shares that code with students or parents. At that point, any student or parent who sends a text message with the code will be "subscribed" to the teacher's class. Any time a teacher sends a message from Remind, all students and/or parents subscribed will receive it. Using this method, no one knows each other's cell phone number; the teacher only sees a name in his/her sign-up list online, not phone numbers.

Students today are very busy and they communicate primarily by texting. The purpose is to provide them with timely reminders of assignments or upcoming quizzes/tests/practices/game times as well as send them encouraging messages that hopefully motivate and uplift them. These messages typically travel one-way, from the teacher/coach to students and/or parents; you cannot respond to the entire group. Any responses will only go directly back to the teacher or coach that sent the original message, not the entire group. It is a safe and hopefully very effective way to communicate.

To sign up for these messages, you need download the Remind App and wait for your teacher/coach for the code.

We're excited to make connecting with our families even more easy and engaging!



We all want school to be a safe place. Parents and caregivers play an important role in this effort.

You can make a positive difference by reporting your concerns about dangerous or troubling behavior affecting the children and teens in your life. For emergency situations, immediately call for help.



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



2023-2024 CALENDAR

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Serving Dakota County / South Sioux City, NE



Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Better Every Day!

Calendar Legend

One hour early dismissal for staff PLC

No School due to Professional Development

No school due to holiday or break

No school PK-12 due to P/T Conferences

No school PK-12 (Exchange Day)

Half day dismissal

Makeup days

Student hours

PK half day: 8:00AM - 11:00AM or 12:00PM - 3:00PM

PK full day: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Elementary K-5: 8:00AM - 3:05PM (Mondays: 8:00AM - 2:05PM)
Middle School 6-8: 8:05AM - 3:25PM (Mondays: 8:05AM - 2:25PM)
High School: 9-12: 8:00AM - 3:25PM (Mondays: 8:00AM - 2:25PM)

Half day dismissal: 12:00PM

Visit our website to find full staff lists, contact information,

and more! www.ssccardinals.org

For a full calendar list of all scheduled events and activities

please visit: www.rivercitiesconference.org

Follow us on Twitter: Like us on Facebook:

@SSCcardinalNews /sscCardinals

Technology Help Desk: 402-412-2899

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Help for Self



Help for Others

www.safe2helpne.org (833)980-7233 Safe2HelpNebraska App SAFE 2 HELP

Approved: 12-12-22 Updated: 05/08/2023

August 2023

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Aug 02-04 New Teacher Days Aug 07-09 All Staff PD Days Aug 09 Open Houses 4-6 PM Aug 10First Day Grades K-6 &9; Half Day Students (Q1) (S1) Aug 11 First Day K-12

Sept 04 No School PK-12 Labor Day Sept 05 No School PK-12 Prof Dev

Oct 06 No School PK-12
Oct 09 No School PK-12
Oct 13 End of Q1
Oct 16 Start of Q2
Oct 25 PK-12 P/T Conf in Evening
Oct 26 P/T Conf K-12 No School+Evening Conf
Oct 27 Exchange Day PK-12 No School

Nov 22 PK-12 Half Day Students; Staff dismiss 1:00 Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 21 End of Q2 (S1) Dec 22-Jan 05 No School PK-12

Jan 08 No School PK-12 (All Staff PD Day) Jan 09 Classes Resume PK-12 Jan 09 Start of Q3 (S2) Jan 15 No School

Feb 07 P/T Conf PK-12 Evening
Feb 08 P/T Conf PK-12 No School+Evening
Feb 09 Exchange Day, PK-12, No School
Feb 19 Presidents Day, PK-12, No School

Mar 07-11 Spring Break PK-12 No School Mar 15 End of Q3 Mar 18 Start of Q4

Mar 29-Apr 1 Easter Break PK-12 No School

Apr 9 ACT Test for Juniors. No School Gr. 9, 10 & 12 Apr 19 District Music Contest/PD PK-12 No School Apr 29 "April Break" PK-12 No School

May 02 Gr 6 Early Out; Gr 5 visit MS
May 22 PK-12 Half Day Students
May 22 End of Q4 (S2)
May 27 Memorial Day
Order of makeup days: 5/23,5/24,5/28,5/29,5/30,5/30, 5/31



South Sioux City, NE 68776

Notification of Rights Under FERPA and Release of Directory Information



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) affords parents certain rights with respect to their minor children's education records:

- 1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
- 2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
- 3. The right to file with the US Department of Education, a complaint concerning alleged failures by the South Sioux City Community School District's student records policy. You can obtain a copy of the policy from the principal's office in each school within the District.

The district procedure notifying parents is as follows:

The district may disclose directory information. The types of personally identifiable information that the district has designated as directory information are as follows: student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date of and place of birth, major fields of study, dates of attendance, grade level, parent name, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, accomplishments that promote excellence not limited to NSCAS, ACT, Graduation and MAP achievement and scores and most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to let the district designate any or all of those types of information about the student as directory information.

A student, parent or guardian not wanting this information released must make an objection in writing to the principal by August 28, 2023. The information objected to shall not be released.

You <u>need not</u> respond to this letter unless you wish to make an objection to the release of any of the listed above. If you have any objections, please list the items and return by August 28, 2023 to the building principal.

- 4. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorized disclosure without consent.
- 5. Unless a parent notifies the District, the District will provide student records to students upon request. If a parent does not wish for the District to provide records to his or her child, the parent must notify the District in writing.

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Student Name:	
object to the following items:	
Parent Signature	Date