

Welcome back **STORM** families to the 21/22 school year. We are extremely excited to welcome you back to in-person instruction! Here are a few reminders about some topics you need to know.

Student ID Cards:

Students will receive new identification cards this school year. Freshman students will receive their ID cards during Freshmen Orientation on August 11th. Sophomores, Juniors, and Senior student ID cards will be distributed on August 16th to periods 2 or 3. If you do not receive an ID card, please contact the Dean's Office.

Masks:

Universal indoor masking will be required for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Entry Points To School:

Students entering South Elgin High School must enter through the following locations:

Door 24 - Bus pick-up/drop-off location/ zero-hour students

Door 51 - Car drop off/student parking/zero hour students

Door 5 - Car drop off/student parking (after 7:15 am)

Door 1 - Main entrance/anyone after 7:40 am

*South Elgin High School is a closed campus. Students will not be permitted to leave during the school day unless they have permission from the attendance office.

Student Dress Expectations:

Disruptive clothing or appearance occurs when a student's clothing distracts from or interferes with the educational process. Students will be prohibited from wearing hats or hoodies in school. For a more specific list of expectations, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct.

Bus Transportation:

Students are now able to view their bus assignment under the transportation tab in Infinite Campus. For specific questions on transportation, please contact the bus company at 847-888-5096. Additionally, there will be an activity bus operating after school every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The bus will depart from door 51 at 5:45 pm.

Student Lunch Periods:

During the 21/22 school year, we will no longer observe half-period lunches. Students will now be assigned to a full lunch period. Lunch periods will occur during 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th periods during the school day. We will utilize additional space to acknowledge social distancing guidelines in our courtyard adjacent to the Commons or Auxiliary Gym.

Student Attendance:

ABSENCES/TRUANCY: You must attend all classes and study halls unless your absence is authorized by the Dean, the Assistant Principal, or Principal. Not only is daily attendance required by law, but it is also essential for the successful completion of your courses. The most common cause of academic failure is absence. An unauthorized absence for part or all of a school day constitutes truancy. **FAILURE TO REPORT AN ABSENCE IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS MAY RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE.**

If your child is marked absent from any class, please contact the Attendance Office at **847-289-3760 ext:3365** to authorize the absence. If you are calling to authorize your child's absence, please understand that the absence will be coded as an excused absence in Infinite Campus and not present. Teachers are not permitted to "authorize" your child's absence. Students are not allowed to excuse their absences. Teachers will take student attendance daily via Infinite Campus. If you have any questions, please contact the Attendance Office at **847-289-3760 ext: 3365.**

Student Behavior Expectations:

South Elgin High School considers it best practice for students to be engaged in a rigorous academic setting. Removal from their learning environment is counterproductive to our mission of providing a safe and nurturing learning environment that promotes opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and embark on pathways that allow them to develop their full potential. SEHS strives to take a preventive, positive approach to discipline whenever possible rather than focusing exclusively on consequences. We take deliberate steps to create a positive school climate in which every student can learn, fully engage in a rigorous curriculum, and feel safe, nurtured, and welcome. Our District utilizes school discipline as an opportunity for teaching, repairing relationships, and fostering growth among the whole school community. Our philosophy is non-punitive, holistic, and inclusive of multiple, diverse perspectives. We use a restorative discipline approach that emphasizes relationships and community above rules and regulations. This is not a "soft" response to misbehavior nor does it fail to hold students accountable. Rather, restorative discipline helps students understand the impact of their behavior both on themselves and on others. Students also learn social and emotional skills including self-awareness, self-management, and social awareness, to help them respond differently in the future. Through the use of restorative practices, we resolve conflicts, encourage our school community members to take responsibility for their behavior, repair any harm done, restore relationships, and reintegrate students into the school community. For a specific list of rules and expectations, please see the Student Code of Conduct.