



Welcome Back to School



Sioux Valley School District 5-5 2021 - 2022

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FIRST DAY OF CLASS:

Tuesday, August 24

SCHOOL HOURS:

Classes begin at 8:20 a.m., and classes are dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
The exception is Wednesday, when classes dismiss at 1:45 p.m.
The business office and the principal's office are open 8:00 .am. - 4:00 p.m.
Teachers are at school 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

BUS LOADING ZONE:

Buses will load and unload south of the Performing Arts Center. It will be designated as a zone.

SCHOOL PHONE SERVICE

The main number for the school is 627-5657. The phone will be answered by an automated system listing the choices of offices. If you know the extension number you want to reach, that number can be entered for easier contact to the office you wish to talk to. Students and teachers will not be called out of class for a phone call unless it is an emergency. Please do not call staff or students on their cell phones because you will disturb a class.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS VITAL

Although school attendance is not compulsory beyond the age of 18, the Sioux Valley Board of Education, administration and faculty believe school attendance is critical to quality education. A student's contribution to achievement in class is directly related to attendance. Both students and parents must understand that students miss a vital portion of their education when they are absent from school. If a student is ill or otherwise unable to attend school, parents should phone the school before 9:00 a.m. Messages may be left at any time.

HEALTH RECORDS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES & SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Any pupil entering Sioux Valley School shall, prior to admission, present to the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that he/she has received or is the process of receiving adequate immunization against polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, rubella, mumps, chicken pox, TB, and tetanus. Children not immunized as required may be excluded from public school attendance. Students shall also be required at the time of enrollment, to provide the school with his/her social security number and a certified copy of his/her birth certificate issued by the Department of Health in such cases where the original is deemed unattainable.

FOOD SERVICE

Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Breakfast prices are as follows: JK - 12 \$1.65 per meal; reduced price is .30¢. A la carte breakfast items are available at \$1.35 each and juice at .65¢. Lunch is served between 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lunch prices are as follows. JK-5 students \$2.70 per meal; 6-12 students \$2.80 per meal; reduced price meal .40¢ per meal. Extra milk will be .60¢. Additional entrees will be available for \$2.00. Adult meals will be \$4.35. Parents are encouraged to deposit sufficient funds to pay for a minimum of 20 meals per child prior to the first day of school. Parents who wish to make larger deposits are welcome to do so. Parents will be notified when a child's account balance falls below \$10.00. Visit svs.k12.sd.us, FoodService, lunch prepay to set up an online meal account. Meal deposits may be viewed after creating an account. Sioux Valley School has a closed campus dur-

ing lunch hours for grades JK - 11.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

For the 2021-2022 school year, all activity tickets for JK-5 are \$15; 6-12 are \$20. Season adult activity passes may be purchased at the business office or during registration for \$30.00 for 10 punches or \$60 for 20 punches. There will be no refunds.

Senior citizens passes will be available in the Business office for residents of the Sioux Valley School District.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In case of school closing, late start, or an early dismissal due to weather or other emergency, the cancellation will be broadcast on radio stations KBRK, KJJQ and TV stations KSFY, KELO, and KDLT. When Sioux Valley closes school, the Volga Christian School will also close. The district will also use its automatic dialing system for notification. Please keep the district informed about your current phone number.

LOCAL NEWS

Students' pictures, identifying names, and appropriate information will be printed in the school yearbook and given to the local news media if warranted. Any parents or student (if age 18), may request that pictures and information not be published. Such request must be made in writing to the principal at the beginning of each school year.

CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES

The Sioux Valley School District, in order to fulfill the obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is required to inform and provide full educational opportunities to all individuals with disabilities age birth through twenty-one.

The Superintendent of the Sioux Valley School District needs your assistance to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities. This public awareness notice is to inform parents and other individuals/agencies of the availability of educational services and related services to all individuals who reside within the jurisdiction of the Sioux Valley School District and who are between the ages of birth through twenty-one, regardless of the severity of their disability. This includes individuals in all public and private agencies and institutions and highly mobile children with disabilities, such as migrant and homeless children, who reside within legal boundaries of the district. Anyone aware of an individual who may benefit from educational services is encouraged to call Sioux Valley School District at 627-5657.

NOTICE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal Law, requires that the Sioux Valley School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child education records. However, the Sioux Valley District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance

with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Sioux Valley District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor Roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs;
- Sports Activity sheets, such as wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition two Federal laws require local educational agencies (LEA's) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, names, addresses and telephone listings- unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want the Sioux Valley School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 1, 2021. The Sioux Valley School District has designated the following information directory information:

- Students name,
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports,
- Address,
- Telephone listing,
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams,
- Electronic mail address,
- Photograph,
- Degrees, honors, and awards received,
- Date and place of birth,
- Major field of study,
- Dates of attendance,
- Grade level,
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended,
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (a student's SSN, in whole or in part cannot be used for this purpose.)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

All school board policies can be found on the district's website at svs.k12.sd.us.

The Sioux Valley School District has the following documents available for review by the parents of children with disabilities and to the general public;

1. Comprehensive Plan for Special Education
2. IDEA Federal Applications for Funds
3. Special Education Accountability/Monitoring Final Report.
4. Applications, evaluations, periodic program plan or reports relating to federal programs including auditor's reports, statements of assurance, budget, and grant materials.
5. The School district will make available to parents of children with disabilities and to the general public all documents relating to the district's eligibility under Part B of the Individuals

with Disabilities Education Act.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

To parents, teachers and employee organizations of Sioux Valley School: Sioux Valley has on file a complete and updated Management Plan for dealing with asbestos-containing building materials within the school district buildings. The management plan is available for viewing by interested parties, Monday through Friday, 8:00 .am. - 4:00 p.m. at the administration office in the school, 200 Hansina Ave. Copies will be available for \$75.00 within five days of written request. From the date of notification, you will be informed at least annually about the availability of the Management Plan.

COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

The District's updated COVID Mitigation Plan can be found on the district's website at svs.k12.sd.us. We have also posted the district's LEA ARP ESSER Plan on the website. This plan explains how we plan to use the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds that our district has received from the federal government to help cover costs related to the COVID pandemic.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe inaccurate or misleading they should write the school principal clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except

The teachers, administration, staff and Board of Education welcome the students back for the 2021-2022 school year. We encourage parents to contact the school if concerns arise.

to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits the disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee or a parent, or student or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The fight to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington DC 20202.

NOTICE OF NON DISCRIMINATION
The Sioux Valley School District 5-5 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non discrimination Policies:

Superintendent Laura Schuster, Sioux Valley Schools, 200 Hansina Ave. Volga SD 57071.

For further information or notice of non-discrimination, please contact the Office for Civil Rights.

Office for Civil Rights
US Department of Education
One Petticoat Lane
1010 Walnut Street, 3rd floor, Suite 320
Kansas City, MO 64106
PHONE: 816-268-0550 •
FAX: 816-268-0599
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

As per the Child and Adult Nutrition Service guidelines, all students will be receiving free meals for the 2021-2022 school year. We still strongly encourage parents/guardians to complete the application for free and reduced meals if you believe you may be eligible. Funding levels for other federal programs is based upon the percentage of families in a school district that are eligible for free and reduced meals. All information is kept confidential.

State Issued Public Release
PIERRE -- Child and Adult Nutrition Services in the South Dakota Department of Education has announced the free and reduced-price policy for free milk or free and reduced-price meals. The policy applies to children unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, and/or the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The administrative office of each school or agency that participates in any of these federal programs have a copy of the policy available for review.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or milk at participating schools and agencies. Families may apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk for their children for school/program year 2021-2022 according to guidelines effective July 1, 2021. Applications will be provided to households by their local school or agency. Families that are directly certified as eligible for free meals will receive a notice of eligibility from their school.

Schools will use the prior year's eligibility status (free, reduced price, or paid) for to the first 30 days of school until a new application is approved or direct certification is obtained, whichever comes first. When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified, or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for meals and the school or agency will not send reminder or a notice of expiration eligibility.

Applications submitted to facility that operates that Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are valid for a full

year. Applications expire on the last day of the month one year after the application was submitted or approved.

Households that are currently on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) will receive letters from the school indicating that their children are eligible for FREE school meals. These families should not complete an application for free meals. All children in a household where any household member receives benefits under TANF or SNAP are eligible for free meals. This does not apply to CACFP.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them.

Families receiving commodities through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) can request an Interagency Action Notice that can be brought to the school in place of an application to document free meal eligibility, or they can complete an application and list the FDPIR case number. All children in a household with any household member receiving benefits under FDPIR are eligible for free meals.

If the school or agency knows of children who are homeless, runaway, foster, from a migrant household, or who are enrolled in Head Start, they will send a letter to the household telling them the children are eligible for free meals.

Contact the school or agency if the household does not get a letter because these children may be eligible for free meal benefits. The household must notify the school or agency if it chooses to decline benefits.

Foster children that are under the legal custody of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the application, but are not required to include payments received for care of the foster child as income.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should

fill out the application and return it to your child's school or agency. An application must include the names of children for whom benefits are requested, all household members and their monthly income or designation that they do not have any income, and be signed by an adult household member with the last four digits of that person's social security number. Incomplete applications cannot be approved for free and reduced-price meals or milk. Additional copies are available in the agency office. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility status for meals and Title I programs. The agency will provide additional information if it wants to use eligibility status for other purposes.

An eligibility determination is good for the whole school/program year; however, applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Contact the agency if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes. The children from that household may be eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk during the time of unemployment if the household's income falls within the income eligibility guidelines. Information on any application may be verified at any time during the school/program year by school or other program officials.

If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling on the application for eligibility, they may contact the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent or guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, an oral or written request may be made to the school or agencies hearing official for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Some schools or agencies may choose to send a special notice about the Children's Health Insurance Program to households with the application. It provides a way for school or agency personnel to know if families will allow them to use the child's eligibility status for other program benefits. The decision whether or not a household is eligible for meal benefits or not is not affected by this form.

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, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

If a child needs a special diet as prescribed by a doctor, the household should contact the agency's food service manager.

see legal # 6592 on page 15 for NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

The income scales below are to be used to determine applicant's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals if the family is at or below the guideline.

Household Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice a month		Every 2 weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$16,744	\$23,828	\$1,396	\$1,986	\$698	\$993	\$644	\$917	\$322	\$459
2	\$22,646	\$32,227	\$1,888	\$2,686	\$944	\$1,343	\$871	\$1,240	\$436	\$620
3	\$28,548	\$40,626	\$2,379	\$3,386	\$1,190	\$1,693	\$1,098	\$1,563	\$549	\$782
4	\$34,450	\$49,025	\$2,871	\$4,086	\$1,436	\$2,043	\$1,325	\$1,886	\$663	\$943
5	\$40,352	\$57,424	\$3,363	\$4,786	\$1,682	\$2,393	\$1,552	\$2,209	\$776	\$1,105
6	\$46,254	\$65,823	\$3,855	\$5,486	\$1,928	\$2,743	\$1,779	\$2,532	\$890	\$1,266
7	\$52,156	\$74,222	\$4,347	\$6,186	\$2,174	\$3,093	\$2,006	\$2,855	\$1,003	\$1,428
8	\$58,058	\$82,621	\$4,839	\$6,886	\$2,420	\$3,443	\$2,233	\$3,178	\$1,117	\$1,589
For each additional family member, add	\$5,902	\$8,399	\$492	\$700	\$246	\$350	\$227	\$324	\$114	\$162