
District Parent Announcements - November 2015

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Two-Hour Delayed Start

At the October 2015 Board Meeting, the Board of Education "approved the use of a two-hour delayed start procedure when deemed necessary by the administration." In a nutshell, this two-hour delayed start will give us another option when dealing with weather conditions. Over the past three years, we have canceled school several times because at the time of travel (6:30-8:30), conditions were not considered safe for students and staff. Usually this was due to wind chill temperatures, but could also be for dense fog, light freezing rain, etc. On several of these days, if school would have started two hours later, we could have had school. Therefore, a two-hour delayed start will be an option for the 2015-2016 school year.

Why is this important?

- 1) A day of teaching/learning in February is not the same as a day of teaching/learning in May/June.
- 2) Missing multiple days of school prior to state testing and then adding multiple days after state testing does not help state testing.

It is my plan to primarily use the two-hour delayed start to battle dangerous wind chill temperatures AND to make the announcement the night before. This gives everyone a chance to prepare and make the necessary and appropriate arrangements. Obviously, it could be used for other scenarios, but for the most part it will have a very targeted purpose.

Two-Hour Delayed Start Questions and Answers

1. How will parents be notified of a two-hour delayed start? Parents will be notified by School Messenger, television, and radio.
2. What time does school start on a two-hour delayed start? Everything will be two hours later. Southeastern Junior/Senior High classes will begin at 10:15. Southeastern Elementary classes will start at 10:00.
3. What time will the bus pick up my child? Everything will be two hours later. If the bus usually picks your child up at 7:25, then the bus will pick up your child at 9:25.
4. What time do employees start? Everything will be two hours later. If an employee usually has to be at school at 7:55 regularly, then they will have to be at school at 9:55.
5. Will there be Pre-K on a two-hour delayed start? There will be **NO** Pre-K (morning or afternoon).
6. Will breakfast be served on a two-hour delayed start? Only cereal or pop tart, milk, and juice will be served.
7. Can parents drop their children off early? No. Parents should make the necessary arrangements to ensure their children arrive at school at the appropriate time. Please do not leave younger children home alone or drop children off early.
8. When will school be dismissed on two-hour delayed starts? School will be dismissed at regular school dismissal times.
9. What will out of district students do on two-hour delayed starts? Everything will be two hours later. Out of district students will be transported out of district two hours later than usual.

Free and Reduced Lunch

If for some reason your income changes and you make less money during the school year, you are allowed to complete a free and reduced meal application at any point during the school year. For example, you completed an application at the beginning of the school year and did not qualify; however, your income changes during the school year so you are allowed to reapply and see if you qualify. Please contact the district office and we will take care of you. The district phone number is 217.392.2172.

Spectator Behavior

Any fans, including adult fans, who behave in an inappropriate manner or who are ejected from an event by a game official/judge/administrator during Southeastern School athletic or extracurricular activities, whether the activity is home or away, will be denied admission to, and

participation in, extracurricular activities or school events. The penalty for the offense could result in additional days or less days depending on the severity and circumstances of the incident.

- First Offense: 30-day suspension from all extracurricular activities ("In most situations, an automatic 8 game/contest/event suspension").
- Second Offense: 12-month suspension from all extracurricular activities

The purpose of the policy is to deter inappropriate behavior by parents and spectators during extracurricular activities. We have very high behavior expectations for our students and receive countless compliments for their behavior. It is important all of us set an example for the type of behavior we want from our young people. They do not always listen to us, but they are always watching us.

FY2016 Budget

The FY2016 budget can be found on the district website. Go to www.southeastern337.com. Go to "District." Go to "Budget." The fast facts of the FY2016 budget are:

- Last year, we received \$5,176,367 in revenue and spent \$5,600,406 in expenditures.
- Our beginning fund balance as of July 1, 2015 was \$2,600,074.
- Our FY2016 budget revenue prediction is \$5,489,204. Our FY2016 budget expenditure prediction is \$5,698,432. This is a predicted deficit of \$209,228.

Parking Lot at Junior/Senior High School

Obviously, the Junior/Senior High parking lot is busy before school and after school. It is important everyone does their part to ensure the safety of our young people. There are two simple things that all of us can do that will really help with parking lot safety:

1. Do not use the circle drive from 7:45-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:30 p.m.
2. Do not drop your children off in the middle of the parking lot. Drop them off at the sidewalk. When picking up your children, please go get them. Do not have them come to you.

D. Todd Fox, Superintendent

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