

District Parent Announcements

December 2015

Christmas Concert Season

As we enter the Christmas Concert Season, please do your part to set a good example for our students in regards to appropriate "Christmas Concert Behavior." Our students and teachers work very hard to put on a quality concert and they deserve a classy, appropriate audience. Every child, not just yours, deserves your attention and respect. Thank you for taking care of this.

Mrs. Waterstreet

At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, Mrs. Lori Waterstreet will be retiring from the Southeastern School District. Mrs. Waterstreet has been an elementary teacher (and she has been a great one) for Southeastern for 33 years. Her first year was 1982 (Eye of the Tiger was the top song / ET was the top movie). Please take time to thank and honor one of "Southeastern's Best."

School Calendar

Wednesday, December 16 = Breakfast with Santa (7:00-9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 17 = 2:05 Dismissal / Semester Finals

Friday, December 18 = 2:05 Dismissal / Semester Finals / End of Quarter # 2

December 19 - January 3 = Christmas Break

Monday, January 4 = School Resumes

EAV and Tax Rate History

2008	36,506,045	4.35
2009	40,910,655	4.07
2010	42,958,779	4.36
2011	45,605,271	4.51
2012	49,642,835	4.47

2013	52,470,561	4.45
2014	55,486,479	4.38

2015 Tax Levy (Tentative)

2014 Extensions = 2,430,030	Increase from Previous Year = 13%
2015 Levied Amount = 2,740,740	Truth in Taxation Hearing = December 14, 2015

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.

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 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.

