

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SEWARD SPRING NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

The School District of Seward, in cooperation with parents and community, affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive and contributing members of a global community. The district is committed to the development of each student academically, emotionally, socially and physically.



From the Superintendent:

The end of the 2017-2018 school is fast approaching even though our spring has been filled with cold temperatures and even a blizzard warning in April.

To have a successful school year, it takes an everyday commitment from all of our staff members, administrators, and board of education in living out our motto of Every Student, Every Day, A Success. As I reflect on the year, there is a lot to be proud of at Seward Public Schools. Our students continue to perform at a high level in academics and extracurricular activities as well as future citizens.

As you think about the highlights of the 2017-2018 school year, it is easy to remember the girls' softball team earning the Class B State Runner up trophy or the marching band receiving multiple superior ratings. These milestones are important; however, the daily celebrations of a kindergartener learning to read, a middle school student understanding fractions for the first time, or a high school student learning how to use a plasma cutter that makes the daily aspects of teaching and learning such an important building block of education.

On May 13th we will have 127 seniors walk across the stage to receive their high school diplomas. With these students closing one chapter of their lives and starting new chapters, it is even more exciting to think about their futures. As the class members of 2018 become our next electricians, nurses, teachers, computer programmers, and welders, I am confident that they will not only be successful professionals but also great neighbors and community leaders. As we say goodbye to our graduates, we look forward to the new class of 2031 that will join us next fall in kindergarten!



School Calendars

The Last Day of School 2017-18:

The last day of school for students will be on Monday, May 21, 2018. School will dismiss at 11:30 AM.

2018-2019 School Calendar:

The 2018-19 School Calendar has been approved by the school board and is enclosed in this Newsletter. The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 15 with a 1:30 dismissal.

Thank You Retirees

Mr. Clark Kolterman, also known as Mr. Fourth of July, has been a Speech and English teacher at Seward High School for the last 23 years. He has not only devoted his time to being a teacher, he has also been the coach for One-Acts, Quiz Bowl, Speech, and Nebraska State Fair Competitions. Clark was also responsible for numerous community and state writing and speech competitions. Clark will be missed at SPS, but I am confident that you will still see him around the community volunteering with one of his many organizations. Congratulations on your retirement, Mr. Kolterman! I also want to congratulate the following elementary para educators who will be retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Their dedication to the elementary does not go unnoticed, Bea Niemoth 19 years, Peg Reese 15 years, and Dee Mitchell 7 years.



Thank you staff that are leaving Seward Public Schools:

Thank you to the following staff members who will be leaving Seward Public Schools at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We wish you all the best of luck! Nicole D'Angelo, High School/Middle School Agricultural Teacher; Tyler Beranek, Eighth Grade Math; Brielle O'Donnell, Middle School Special Education; and Laura Goracke, Eighth Grade Science.

Special Education Records



Seward Public Schools Special Education Department is preparing to retire files of students who are now 26 years of age and older. If you think you may have a file and are interested in obtaining it, please call Connie Biaggio, Director of Special Services at (402) 643-2968 before May 26, 2018. We will begin shredding files on May 31, 2018.

Technology Update for 2018-2019

Seward High School is pleased to announce the continuation of our one to one technology program. A committee was put together at the beginning of the school year to help make this decision. The first role of the committee was to look at survey data that staff, students, and parents completed in the Spring of 2017. The data was clear from our stakeholders: our next adoption needed to provide a keyboard and reduce access to gaming. The iPads have been a great instructional tool for the past four years; conversely, they did not have a full-capability keyboard and gaming was very accessible on the device. The committee made the decision to recommend the ACER Spin, a Chromebook that has a touch screen, keyboard, video capabilities, offline capabilities for our HS curriculum, and access to the Google Suite for Education. The board of education approved this recommendation, and these devices will be in place for the 2018-2019 school year. With this adoption, we will also be adding two classroom sets of Chromebooks available to be checked out at the middle school and one classroom set at the elementary level. The elementary school will also be adding additional iPads to be used to support instruction.

Business Curriculum Cycle

Our school district initiated a seven-year curriculum cycle several years ago for staff to review the most recent Nebraska Standards, Seward Standards, and curriculum materials for each subject area in a systematic manner. This year, the district examined our business curriculum. The process began by having teachers talk to seven business owners about the skills, dispositions, and knowledge that they hoped our graduates would acquire at Seward Public Schools. We then analyzed our current business courses, discussed the Nebraska Standards and Seward expectations, and identified the resources necessary to teach the standards. The curriculum committee will make a recommendation to the board of education on the materials that will best help us meet the business curriculum standards. We are also looking at supplemental programs such as Junior Achievement and online financial literacy programs that can support financial literacy across the curriculum K-12.

Would you like to help contribute to our mission of Every Student, Every Day, A success?



Seward Public Schools is accepting applications for food service workers for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a great opportunity to earn extra money and support our students by feeding them healthy meals for the instructional day. The following positions are currently open, please stop by the District Office, 410 South Street, to fill out an application:

Seward Elementary

Food Preparation, Breakfast and Lunch Service- 7:00AM- 2:00PM

Dishwasher- 10:00-2:00

Seward Middle School

Food Preparation and Lunch Service- 10:00-2:00

Seward High School

Food Service Cashier-11:00-1:00

Immunizations



There were no immunization changes for 2018-2019. See the requirements for the various grades enclosed with this newsletter.

Below is information regarding Blue Valley Community Action Partnership immunization clinics available in Seward once each month. There will be a charge to your health insurance for these immunizations.

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 May 22, June 19, July 17 and August 21

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 1245 North 2nd St., Seward by appointment only: (402) 826-2141 Ext. 3

They accept most commercial insurance companies along with **all** Medicaid plans & uninsured clients. Blue Valley will verify your policy prior to receiving any vaccines.

All clients must make an appointment and bring in their current insurance or Medicaid card, along with their Managed Care insurance card to all visits. Please have all insurance information ready when making an appointment.

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

2018-2019 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 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine 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 1 st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th 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 7 th 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.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. . For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)

Updated 5/2015

2018-2019 CALENDAR

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST

- 8 New Teacher Orientation
- 9 New Teacher Work Day
- 10,13,14 Professional Development Days
- 13 Student Orientation/Open House: Elementary 5:00-6:30,
Middle 6:00-7:30 & High School 7:00-8:30 PM
- 15 First Student Day - Dismiss 1:30

SEPTEMBER

- 3 No School - Labor Day
- 17 Professional Development Day - No Students

OCTOBER

- 12 Elementary Planning Day--No Elem. Students
- 18 End of 1st Quarter - 45 Days
- 19 No School--Fall Break
- 22 Professional Development Day - No Students

NOVEMBER

- 21 Professional Development for staff until 2:15. No Students.
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 21 End 2nd Quarter - 41 Days -- 1:30 Dismissal
- 22-26 NSAA Competition Moratorium
- 24-31 Winter Vacation

JANUARY

- 1-4 Winter Vacation
- 4 Professional Development Day - No Students
- 7 School Resumes
- 25 No Elementary School

FEBRUARY

- 15 No School
- 18 Professional Development Day - No Students

MARCH

- 4 Elementary Planning Day - No Elem. Students
- 8 No School Spring Break
- 11 Professional Development Day - No Students
- 15 End of 3rd Quarter - 46 Days

APRIL

- 19, 22 No School--Spring Break

MAY

- 6 Elementary Planning Day - No Elem. Students
- 12 Graduation
- 17 Last Day Scheduled (subject to change) - 11:30 Dismissal
- End of 4th Quarter - 43 Days
- 20 Professional Development Day
- 27 Memorial Day



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- End of Quarter
- ◼ Professional Development - No Students
- ◼ No School/No Students
- ◻ No Elementary School

Visit the school district website for calendar event information at: www.sewardpublicschools.org

Parent-Teacher Conferences

High School - 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Tues., Sept 4 Tues., Nov. 13
Mon., Jan. 28 Tues., April 9

Middle School - 4:00 to 8:00 PM
Mon., Sept. 24- Grades 5-8
Thurs., Sept. 27- Grade 5 Only
Tues., Feb. 12 - Grades 6-8

Elementary School - 4:00 to 8:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 16 Thur., Oct. 18
Mon., March 4 Tues., March 5

PARENTS - PLEASE READ BELOW

* Snow Days will be added back into the calendar. The last day of school is determined by the number of snow days used. The last scheduled day of school is May 17. The last day may change depending upon how many scheduled days are canceled. If one snow day is used it would be May 20, two snow days = May 21, and so on. Other than rare instances, we will try to complete school by Memorial Day, but in order to do so, other calendar changes could be necessary.