

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:

Another year is nearly over with summer just around the corner. This time of year gets very hectic with end of year field trips, school activities, music programs, and school work, but with summer just weeks away we will sprint to the finish.

We have had another good year at Seward Public Schools. Our staff and students have worked hard and we have learned many lessons.

On May 15 we will say goodbye to another class of Seniors. We hope we've helped give them the tools they need to be successful in life, and we wish them the best in their future endeavors.

For those returning next year, we look forward to many great things to come. Have a great summer!

School Calendars



The Last Day of School 2015-16:

The last day of school for students will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. School will dismiss at 11:30 AM.

2016-2017 School Calendar:

The 2016-17 School Calendar has been approved by the school board and is enclosed in this Newsletter. The first day of school for students will be August 16, 2016.

Thank You Retirees

A big thank you goes out to para Deanna Dowding and 1st Grade teacher Teri Heidemann. Thank you for your years of service to the students in the School District of Seward. We wish you the very best in your retirement!



New High School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Johnson will be the new assistant principal at Seward High School beginning August 1, 2016. Mrs. Johnson received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and her Master’s Degree from Peru State College. She started her career in education serving as a high school language arts teacher in Leigh Community Schools. She later served the school districts in Louisville and Milford, and is currently working as a professional development consultant at ESU 6 in Milford. Mrs. Johnson, her husband Brady, and their children live in Seward. Please help Mrs. Johnson feel welcome in her new role at Seward schools.

Drivers Education – Summer 2016



The first two sessions will be Mon., May 23 through Fri., May 27 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. with Range & Simulation Days in Kearney either Thursday, May 26th or Friday, May 27. The second session will be Tuesday, May 31 through, Sat., June 4 with Range & Simulation Day set for Thursday, June 2 in Kearney. On-street Driving will be set up after completion of the classroom portion. The cost is \$260 and made payable to Seward High School. Payment must be received before the first day of class. **Call (402-643-2988) or stop in at the HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE to sign up. The sessions are nearly full so if you are interested call as soon as possible.**

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 5/19/16. We will begin shredding files on 5/23/16.

Immunizations



There were no immunization changes for 2016-2017. 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 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 1245 North 2nd St., Seward

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

2016-2017 Student Age Group Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	Required Vaccines 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

2016-2017 CALENDAR

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST

- (August 1-4) New Teacher Training at ESU 6
- 9 New Teacher Work Day
- 10 New Teacher Orientation
- 11/12/15 Professional Development Days
- 16 First Student Day - Dismiss 1:30

SEPTEMBER

- 5 No School - Labor Day
- 19 Professional Development Day - No Students

OCTOBER

- 7 Elementary Planning Day--No Elem. Students
- 13 End of 1st Quarter - 41 Days
- 14 No School--Fall Break
- 17 Professional Development Day - No Students

NOVEMBER

- 23 Professional Development for staff until 2:15. No Students.
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 22 End 2nd Quarter - 45 Days -- 1:30 Dismissal
- 23-27 NSAA Competition Moratorium
- 24-31 Winter Vacation

JANUARY

- 1-4 Winter Vacation
- 4 Professional Development Day - No Students
- 5 School Resumes
- 16 No Elementary School

FEBRUARY

- 17 No School
- 20 Professional Development Day - No Students

MARCH

- 3 Elementary Planning Day - No Elem. Students
- 9 End of 3rd Quarter - 44 Days
- 10 No School Spring Break
- 13 Professional Development Day - No Students

APRIL

- 14 No School--Spring Break
- 17 No School--Spring Break
- 28 Elementary Planning Day - No El. Students

MAY

- 14 Graduation
- 17 Last Day Scheduled (subject to change) - 11:30 Dismissal
- End of 4th Quarter - 45 Days
- 18 Professional Development Day
- 29 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 6 Mon., Nov. 14
- Mon., Jan. 30 Tues., April 4

Middle School - 4:00 to 8:00 PM

- Mon., Sept. 26 - Grades 5-8
- Tues., Feb. 14 - Grades 5-8

Elementary School - 4:00 to 8:00 PM

- Tues., Oct. 11 Thur., Oct. 13
- Tues, March 7 Thur., March 9

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 18, two snow days = May 19, 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.