

# Morningside Eagle News

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The start of the 2019-2020 school year is fast approaching. Anticipation is mounting as we prepare to welcome students back this year. In preparation for the upcoming year, here is a list of “things you need to know” to ease back into the year.

## **Online Verification**

On August 5, online verification opened to parents/guardians. Online verification allows you to access the 2019-20 Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook, modify and/or confirm contact information, and complete appropriate District forms. Online verification is required for every child in the District. You can access the online verification link at [www.siouxcityschools.org/continuing-families-enrollment/](http://www.siouxcityschools.org/continuing-families-enrollment/). You will need to log into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to complete online verification. If you have forgotten your username or password, follow the prompts on the website screen to regain access.

## **Parent/Guardian Student Handbook**

The 2019-20 Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook provides an in-depth description of many important topics relevant to a student’s education. Please review the handbook closely. You will be prompted to view the handbook during online verification. You can also access the handbook any time at [www.siouxcityschools.org](http://www.siouxcityschools.org) under the *Handbooks and Guides* page of the *Parents* section.

## **Attendance**

Student attendance is crucial to learning. There are also statutory requirements with which parents must comply. Please refer to the 2019-20 Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook to review the District’s attendance policy. Parents/guardians should notify a student’s school regarding an absence within the first hour of the school day. If an absence is not reported, and a student does not attend school, the student’s household will be contacted by the school office to report the absence home and inquire about the reason for the absence. Parents may be notified by phone call, email, and/or text. Limited information will be available by text message, so parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the school, review voice messages, and refer to email for extended information.

Parents/guardians that download the Infinite Campus application available for Android and iPhone can also elect to get notifications pushed to a mobile phone with attendance updates from the school.

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### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

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The Sioux City Community School District is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. It is an unfair or discriminatory practice for any educational institution to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information (for employment), national origin, religion, age (for employment), disability, socioeconomic status (for programs), marital status (for programs), or veteran status (for employment) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

Inquiries or grievances, including Section 504 grievances and grievances under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, may be directed to Jen Gomez, Director of Student Services & Equity Education at 627 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101, (712) 279-6075, [gomezj2@live.siouxcityschools.com](mailto:gomezj2@live.siouxcityschools.com).

Please see District Board policies 103 and 504.4 for additional information on available grievance procedures.

## **Acceptable Use Agreement**

New to the Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook this year is the addition of the Acceptable Use Agreement. Every student in the District now has access to technology and devices that help enhance learning. The agreement states that each student will follow responsible citizenship as it relates to technology. A specific list of expectations is included for students that check out laptops. Parents/guardians should take care in reviewing this agreement to understand the expectations of care and the penalties of lost or damaged devices.

## **Infinite Campus and Canvas Parent Portals**

All parents/guardians are encouraged to stay connected to their student's academic progress using [Infinite Campus](#) (grades K-12) and [Canvas](#) (grades 6-12). These parent portals can be accessed from the District website ([www.siouxcityschools.org](http://www.siouxcityschools.org)). These portals give parents access to teacher email addresses, student schedules, grades, attendance, and so much more!

## **Curriculum Resources Fees**

Curriculum resources are furnished by the school. These resources include items such as textbooks, digital texts and companion materials, software packages, and other items. There is a set fee for the use of curriculum resources. Fees are \$34 for elementary school, \$100 for middle school, and \$100 for high school. Fees can be paid online. Visit the *Parents* section of the District website.

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced-price lunch, the Family Investment Program, Supplemental Security Income, transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. Students whose families are experiencing temporary financial difficulty may be eligible for a temporary waiver of student fees. This waiver does not carry over from year-to-year and must be completed annually. Fee waiver forms are available at each school or on the District website.

## **School Supply Lists**

The list of items students need for the 2019-20 school year is now available online. Access the list for your student's grade online at [www.siouxcityschools.org/supply-lists/](http://www.siouxcityschools.org/supply-lists/).

## **Immunizations**

Students entering kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade have immunization requirements. Please refer to the website for details: <https://www.siouxcityschools.org/immunization/>.

## **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

August 13 – Parents/Guardians will have access to class schedules using Infinite Campus

August 22 - Back to School Night

Elementary School 4-6 pm

Middle School 5-7 pm

High School 7-9 pm

August 23 – First Day of School

Elementary School Start Time 8:35 am

Middle School Start Time 7:45 am

High School Start Time 7:55 am