

### Friday Update, August 9, 2024

Good evening, Sulphur Springs Families and staff, this is Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, your Superintendent with your Friday update, August 9, 2024.

***PLEASE READ: Important Information to support you with your child's first few days of school!!***



**Reminder: First Day of School is:**

**Thursday, August 15, 2024**

Families, we are so excited to welcome all of our new and returning students and families on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>! Your child's Principal will be sending you a ParentSquare message this coming week with important information about start and end times, and directions about the valet system for drop off and pick up.


We are welcoming you to walk your child to their classroom on the **first day of school, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please know that on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be following normal procedures for drop-off at each of our school campuses.



For the 2024-25 school year, two instructional programs are being offered to students:

- Full day, five days a week, TK-6, In-Person Learning
- Scholars@Home Online Independent Study

### Start and End Times for All Schools

	Regular School Hours	Wednesday Early Release	Minimum Day Release
<b>Canyon Springs</b>	7:45 AM – 2:15 PM	1:15 PM	11:45 AM
<b>Fair Oaks Ranch</b>	8:45 AM – 3:15 PM	2:15 PM	12:45 PM
<b>Golden Oak</b>	8:15 AM – 2:45 PM	1:45 PM	12:15 PM
<b>Leona Cox</b>	7:45 AM – 2:15 PM	1:15 PM	11:45 AM
<b>Mint Canyon</b>	8:15 AM – 2:45 PM	1:45 PM	12:15 PM
<b>Mitchell</b>	8:15 AM – 2:45 PM	1:45 PM	12:15 PM
<b>Pinetree</b>	7:45 AM – 2:15 PM	1:15 PM	11:45 AM
<b>Sulphur Springs</b>	8:45 AM – 3:15 PM	2:15 PM	12:45 PM
<b>Valley View</b>	8:45 AM – 3:15 PM	2:15 PM	12:45 PM

### Important: Your Child's Teacher



**Class Assignments: In-Person and Scholars@Home Online Independent Study Program**

Your child's class assignment for the 24/25 school year will be available starting at **10:00 AM on Monday, August 12th** through your [Aeries Parent Portal](#). Please remember that there will NOT be any class lists posted at school sites.

Please note: **your child's class list will only be visible in the [Aeries Parent Portal](#) if you have completed the Data Confirmation.** The Data Confirmation is your review of the beginning of the year documents, for example: ***emergency card, photo authorization, student technology use agreement***, that require parent/guardian signatures. The Data Confirmation is available to be completed in Aeries Parent Portal at this time.

If you need assistance with accessing your child's Aeries Parent Portal, please contact your child's school office. You can also email Luz Gulley at [lgulley@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:lgulley@sssd.k12.ca.us), or call us at 661-252-5131 so we may assist you.



## Lunch Applications NOT Required for ALL Students!!

We are excited to inform you that all of our schools qualify as Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. This means that all schools will continue to provide free meals (breakfast and lunch) for all students at all nine school sites with additional support from the Federal Government.

For families, this means that we are no longer collecting lunch applications from families. Instead, **we encourage all families to complete the Alternative Income Form in their data confirmation.** Your completed form greatly supports funding for our District's educational and social/emotional programs.

For families that wish to have their child enrolled in the District's **free** After School Program, RISE or Sunshine Day Camp, it is required that the Alternative Income Form is completed.



*The Sulphur Springs Union School District is proud to offer an after school program through the [Expanded Opportunities Program](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/elopinfo.asp) (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/elopinfo.asp>) at all nine schools. The program is by invitation only. Below you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions:*

**Q: How do I enroll my child in ELO-P?**

The first step is to complete the data confirmation in the Aeries Parent Portal. The **data confirmation** is available now. Make sure to complete all of the sections of the data confirmation.

If families have completed their data confirmation and are found to be eligible, they will receive an invitation to register.

**Q: What is the eligibility criteria?**

Students are invited if they are English learners, students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, homeless, and/or foster youth.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Vivian Fiss at [vfiss@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:vfiss@sssd.k12.ca.us) or call 661-252-5131.



## **School Bus Transportation Applications for the** **2024-2025 School Year**

**Bus Applications are still being **ACCEPTED!****

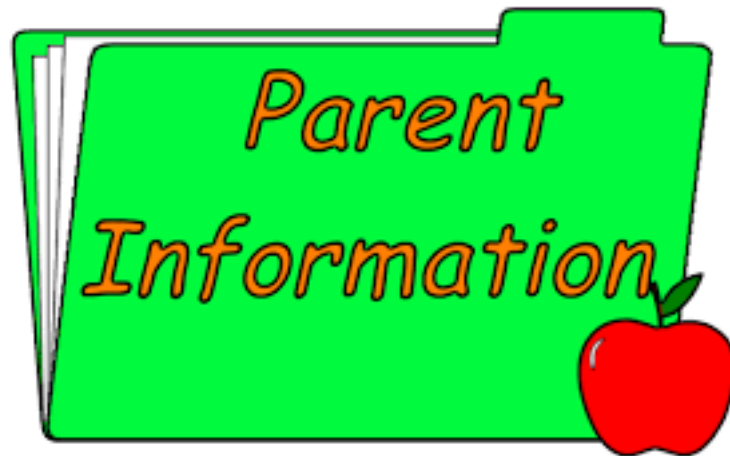
The Sulphur Springs Union School District is able to provide bus transportation to and from school for a limited number of students. Transportation applications for the 2024-2025 school year are **being accepted at this time**. The Transportation Department will do their best to accommodate students riding the bus that wish to ride. However, please know that turning in your application does not guarantee your child a seat on a bus. Students who are not placed on routes will be placed on a waitlist. Students will be added to bus routes based on eligibility and space.

In order for students to ride the school bus **at the start of the school year**, your child's bus application **MUST be approved prior to boarding the bus**. Applications are available online, please click [HERE](#) to access the applications. If a parent needs a printed application, please go to the school office and/or the District Office located at 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way. It is important to remember that any child that is riding a school bus, must have an application on file ***prior to boarding***.

**Important: Until you have received a confirmation from the Transportation Department that your child's application is accepted and approved, your child will not be able to ride the bus.**

The District's Transportation Safety Plan can be found on the District's [website](#). Buses will have active video monitoring enabled. The use of video monitoring will support the safety of students and drivers and prevent vandalism, and may be used to monitor student behavior.

For specific information on bus schedules and bus routes, contact the Transportation Office at (661) 252-3822.



Every school year, the Sulphur Springs Union School District is required to provide all families a copy of the Annual Notification which is designed to notify parents, guardians, and students of their rights and responsibilities per California Education Code (Section 48982) and District Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR). If you would like a paper copy of the Annual Notification, please call your child's school office [after August 12th](#) or the District Office at 661-252-5131 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, and they will be happy to provide you one.

To download the Parent Handbook, click on the download 2024-2025 Parent Handbook.

Para descargar el Manual de Padres, aga clic en Descargar 2024-2025 Manual de Padres.

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**Looking forward to seeing you soon! Wishing you a wonderful weekend!**

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a wonderful  
weekend  
filled with  
Laughter & Love.

Jaki Lynn

