



# TITLE I SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOLS' DISTRICT NEWS

### Welcome to the NEW Normal

After much consideration, SCS has decided to provide high quality and engaging instruction virtually for the next nine weeks. Students will start school on August 17<sup>th</sup> and teachers will provide students with the opportunity to learn using our digital forum. Be on the lookout for upcoming tutorials on the District's face book page that will show you step-by-step how teaching and learning will take place at SCS.

### Chromebook Checkout Starts Aug 10<sup>th</sup>!

School administrators will notify parents of available days and time for parents to pick up their child's Chromebook. A Parent/guardian must sign a form before receiving a chrome book for his/her child(ren). Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

### Student Schedules

On August 8<sup>th</sup> parents and students will be able to log onto the parent portal and retrieve class schedules along with their teacher's name. Be sure to look over the information carefully. Having done so will help you navigate your school's virtual open house with ease.

### ATTENTION!!

All communication will be held through phone contact, Robocall, email, or through our virtual platform. Please check the parent portal to ensure that mailing and contact information are accurate. Accounts can be found or created at [campus@sumterschools.org](mailto:campus@sumterschools.org) or call your school's counselor for assistance.

### STAY CONNECTED!



One account gives you access to all your children's information. Monitor your children's attendance, grades, and make necessary changes such as your phone and address information. To get an account started, email your name and your child's name(s) to [campus@sumterschools.org](mailto:campus@sumterschools.org).

### ATTENDANCE STILL MATTER!

Whether your school is providing education virtually or face-to-face, your child has a greater chance of passing class subjects and tests if he/she attends school regularly. SCS will monitor attendance daily to ensure that students are in class and completing assignments.

EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY!!

**CHRONIC ABSENCE- 18 OR MORE DAYS**  
-Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up quickly.

**WARNING- 10-17 DAYS**  
-When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

**GOOD ATTENDANCE- 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES**  
-Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades

### Virtual Open House *Tune in at Noon!*

On August 11<sup>th</sup> each school will host their open house event on their school's face book page. Meet the principal, counselors, and teachers as they walk you through their roles and how they will support you and your child during the first nine weeks of school. If you have any questions after viewing the virtual open house, don't hesitate to email your child's teacher.

### \*\*VERIZON WI-FI Hotspots\*\*

To make internet assessable for students SCS has obtained 49 hotspots for student's educational usage. The Wi-Fi hotspots carries a range of approximately 300 feet diameter. The hotspots will be mounted to school buses and placed in specific areas where families have limited or no internet access. Hotspot locations will be shared soon.

### PARENT INPUT MEETING! Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 6:00 p.m.

SCS is a Title I school, and we continuously seek your input on any decision making and carrying out of activities. The district will be hosting this parent input meeting live on our digital platform. Please tune in and let's work together to revise our 2019/2020 district family engagement plan for this upcoming year.



### Parent Workshops

**Title I Parent workshops** will be held virtually until further notice. Each school and school district will develop special trainings that are filled with tips and strategies aimed to help you assist your child with academic studies at home. Scheduled dates, location, and times will be posted monthly in this newsletter, school's face book page, and other means of communication used by schools to reach parents. Please attend each workshop and utilize the tools shared to provide your child with consistent learning from his/her teachers and you as the parent.

### Parent's Right to Know

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Sumter County Board of Education would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

Has the student's teacher met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher. Parents also have the right to know whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact your child's principal. If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact your child's principal.

### PARENT TIPS AIMED TO KEEP STUDENTS ON TRACK

**Talk** to your child regularly about his/her assignments; **Make** sure he or she attends virtual school regularly and complete assignments; **Take** advantage of online resources; **Tune** in to online parent workshops and utilize the tools taught to help your child at home.

### How do I use a chrome book? Information coming soon!

SCS will be placing training sessions for you and your student to help you learn how to use the chrome books and navigate through the online platform that the district will be using to provide instruction to your child. Contact your child's school should you have further questions after viewing the session.

**Parent Coordinators-** Each school has parent coordinators who are readily available to assist parents with questions or create communication between you and your child's teachers.  
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