

HIGH SCHOOL

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Making fun of others who choose to wear or not wear face coverings will not be permitted. Spreading rumors about their own or others' health status will be considered for disciplinary action, and may be defined as harassment.

***** Due to the nature of the activity and the increased risk of spreading infection, all participants in band and chorus will wear a mask (correctly) during class. Participants are expected to provide their own masks. Classes will be set up to allow for as much distancing as possible.**

Full Time Students: For the duration of the pandemic, students who are enrolled in classes for Southeast Valley High School or Iowa Central and are making adequate progress in at least 4 classes per trimester (whether "at school", hybrid, or online) will be considered full time for eligibility in athletics and activities.

(Band Uniform) We will not be offering marching band during the 2020-2021 school year, so no fee will be assessed.

Iowa Central classes: In order to create more flexibility of scheduling and possibly reduce face-to-face class sizes, eligible students will be allowed to take online classes of courses offered through SV teachers during the '20-'21 school year.

Attendance Policy: The attendance policy will be more individualized for the duration of the pandemic. Parents may opt to send students less often to reduce exposure. Clear communication with the school will still be necessary to let us know what regular days students will attend and when students won't attend on those arranged days. We strongly encourage students with symptoms of illness to stay home. Students who have a fever of more than 100.3 should not be sent to school that day or for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without medication. Students who are sent home (and their parents) will be instructed regarding their earliest return date.

Students will not be dropped from courses for non-attendance, but may be dropped for failure to make adequate progress toward completion. Even online classes will have completion expectations.

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Open Campus: Seniors will be allowed Open Campus privileges from the beginning of the 2020 school year following completion and submission of the application form. Students may not gather in common areas (halls, Commons, library) during these times except by arrangement with the principal.

Cell phones: To avoid cross contamination of phones, students will keep their cell phones in their backpacks or pockets during class time rather than the wall pockets. Students should never share their phone with someone else.

Student lockers: For the 2020 school year, lockers will only be issued as requested and we will attempt to spread assignments to create more distance between students at lockers. Students may request a specific locker partner who is someone already within their close friend circle. Siblings may be locker partners. Grade level differences will not be a problem.

Food at School: Students will eat only in designated areas in the Commons that are cleaned and disinfected for their protection. Food should not be consumed in the halls or at lockers. Whether food is consumed in classrooms is at the discretion of each teacher, but sharing of food among students will still be prohibited. Students may still provide their own lunches if they prefer. Students who have medical conditions requiring food or drink other than at meal times will have an individual plan to meet their needs.

Bags: In order to reduce hallway congestion around lockers, students will be permitted to carry backpacks to class. Bags should be as small as possible and be kept out of traffic areas in the classroom.

Academic Eligibility: Based on guidance from the state and the athletic associations, all students are currently deemed academically eligible. When this provision is rescinded we will find out whether past grades will impact eligibility.

Athletics and Activity Rules: Students who are enrolled at Southeast Valley in whatever attendance format chosen are eligible to participate if they are participating in at least 4 classes and are making adequate progress.

Activity Ticket: Activity passes purchased for the 2019-2020 school year will be honored for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vending Machines: Those who load the machine with product will wear gloves and a mask during the process. Students should press buttons with a knuckle or back of their hand if possible. Staff and students should recognize that this is a high touch area and protect themselves accordingly. It will also be disinfected as often as possible since it is a high touch area.

Dances and Parties: The status of these will be determined by district administration in consultation with the health department and under guidance from the governor and state department of education.

Busing

Students will need to ride their assigned bus(es) consistently. Switching buses as in the past will not be possible. Assigned seating on buses will also need to be consistently followed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Picking Up or Dropping Off Students From School During the School Day: We will be limiting outside exposure into the building during this time.

Picking Up

Parents will need to wait outside the main entrance (east doors) in their vehicle for their student to meet them outside. When you arrive at the middle school, please call the office at 515-359-2235. We will then have your student come to you outside the school building.

Dropping Off

When dropping a student off, the student will need to enter the building and come to the office area on their own.

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Food at School: Students will eat only in designated areas that are cleaned and disinfected for their protection. Students may still provide their own lunches if they prefer. Students sharing food with other students (for example, during lunch) will be prohibited.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Picking Up or Dropping Off Students on School Days

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Picking Up Students at the End of the School Day Dismissal Time

Parents/adult guardians will need to wait outside the main entrance or in their vehicle for their student to meet their child(ren) outside of the school building. If parents need to get their child(ren) prior to when the dismissal buses leave the school parking lot, the parent/adult guardian must come up to the building and wait outside for their child(ren). If parents choose to wait in their vehicle, the student(s) will wait until the dismissal buses leave before they walk to the vehicle in the parking lot.

Picking Up Students During the School Day

Please communicate this ahead of time. Parents will need to wait outside the main entrance or in their vehicle for their student to meet them outside. When you arrive at school, please call the Office. We will then have your student come to you outside the school building. Parents who are picking up their children are responsible for their child's supervision once the child(ren) exits the school building.

Dropping Off Students at School

When dropping a student off at school, the student will need to enter the building and come to the office area on their own. Always make sure your child(ren) has/have completely and safely entered the school building before leaving the school parking lot.

Busing

Students will need to ride their assigned bus(es) consistently. Switching buses for reasons such as, but not limited to: after school groups, birthdays, stayovers, etc., as in the past will not be possible.

Assigned seating on buses will also need to be consistently followed.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (continued)

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Classroom/Homeroom Student & Staff Assignments

Classroom/Homeroom student assignments are tentative and adjustments, reassignments, etc. may be necessary during the school year due to a variety of reasons. It may also become necessary to adjust or reassign school staff. Reassignments, adjustments, changes, etc. at the discretion of the administration.