

Dorchester School District Two



BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

2019-2020





Welcome Back!

Dorchester School District Two

Registration Process



NEW STUDENTS registering in Dorchester School District Two for the first time should present the following:

- South Carolina Immunization Form
- Birth Certificate
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- If available, withdrawal papers from previous school and report card
- Proof of Residency in parent/guardian's name in the form of a current utility bill that includes a service address.

RETURNING STUDENTS must provide current utility bill that shows a service address in parent/guardian's name.

ALL STUDENTS must remit a \$20 registration fee,

Immunization Requirements

Pursuant to Regulation 61-8, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has declared the following schedule of required vaccinations, screenings, and immunizations necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial schools, grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), or child development program under the control of the State Department of Education.

All required immunizations must be documented on a single South Carolina certificate of Immunization form. For more information, contact your child's school or for

Safety Procedures

The safety of students and staff is our number one priority. The school district collaborates with law enforcement agencies and elected officials to ensure that all schools maintain a safe learning environment. Below are procedures and strategies in place to ensure schools are safe:

- The school district and all schools have a safety management plan
- A district safety/security coordinator assists schools with security plans and systems
- Resource officers are at all schools or are in close proximity to a campus
- All schools have a secured entrance way and security cameras on the interior and exterior of the building
- Each school has a visitor check-in and check-out system in the lobby to help ensure that no unauthorized

person enters the building

which is used for instructional materials and programs.
QUESTIONS? Guardianship questions or new student registration questions should be directed to your child's school.

NEW FOR 2019-2020: SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Dorchester School District Two is pleased to announce registration forms will be available online beginning July 9th. This online portal allows families the convenience of completing online registration forms. Fee payment may also be made online. Visit your school website or ddtwo.org/2019 for detailed information on the new registration process.

additional information call Dorchester County Health Department (843) 832-0041.

MEDICATIONS: For students requiring medication during the school day, a parent/legal guardian must deliver the medication to the school nurse in the current prescription bottle properly labeled by a registered pharmacist and accompanied by a completed Dorchester School District Two Medication Permission Form (physician & parent/guardian signatures required). See Parent/Student Handbook for full details or contact the school nurse.

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- The school district and all schools have phone messaging systems to keep parents informed. **(Please be sure your child's school has your up-to-date contact information)**
- Safety drills for students and staff are conducted during the year for fire, earthquake, severe weather, and lockdowns for possible threats to the campus. (During a lockdown all classrooms and entrances are locked, students and teachers remain in the classrooms, and no one is permitted to leave or enter the building until the situation is resolved. Staff and law enforcement are in hallways and common areas in the building.)
- The Board of Trustees formed a Safety Task Force working to improve security initiatives in schools.

Bus Regulations & Safety

The safety and security of children is of utmost importance to the Transportation Department of Dorchester School District Two.

- Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned and get on and off the bus at their assigned bus stop
- Parents/guardians requesting an exception to the rule must put their request in writing to their child's principal at least one day before requested change.

BUS SAFETY TIPS

- Arrive at the bus stop about 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Do not run and play while waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the bus to arrive, watch for red flashing lights and the extended stop sign. If you must cross the street to get on the bus, wait for the driver to direct you to cross, looking both ways before crossing to make sure all traffic has stopped. Cross in front of the stopped bus. Do not run alongside the bus when it is moving.
- Go directly to your seat and remain seated, facing forward for the entire ride.
- Talk quietly so the driver will not be distracted.
- If you need to talk to the bus driver, wait for the bus to stop, raise your hand and call the driver's name.
- Be kind and respectful to others.
- If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before leaving your seat to exit, staying away from the bus wheels and watching out for moving cars.
- If you leave something on the bus, do not return to get it. Ask the bus driver for permission before you pick up dropped items.
- Go straight home; do not talk to or accept rides from strangers.

LATE OR BROKEN-DOWN BUS PROCEDURES

If a bus breaks down, the Transportation Department notifies the school. There are radios on all buses to enable drivers to quickly notify the Transportation Department should problems occur. Bus Route information can be obtained at your child's school, at bus.ddtwo.org, or by calling the Transportation Office at (843) 873-6196. Parents should contact their child's school or the Transportation Office if their child's bus is late or if they have concerns or questions.

Plans are underway for Edulog Portal which will be a new component of the school bus routing and management software. This is a free smartphone app that will allow parents to track and receive notifications about their students' bus schedules, including delays and other bus issues that may occur. Please monitor the bus transportation webpage at bus.ddtwo.org for instructions to download and set up this free app in the near future.

Inclement Weather Plans

The decision to cancel school due to hazardous weather conditions is made by the Superintendent and district officials. This decision is made as quickly as possible based on close communication and coordination with the National Weather Service, Dorchester County Emergency Preparedness Department, SC Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, and key district personnel. The safety of all children is a primary factor in the decision to cancel school.

Once the decision is reached to cancel school, parents will be notified in the following ways:

- Through our phone messaging system
- Posted on district website and social media pages
- Local television, radio stations, and newspapers

Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available to all students. Menus, meal prices, and online meal payment information are available on the district website, do.ddtwo.org. Applications for free and reduced price meals for qualified students will be in registration packets and available at each school. For more information, call Food Services at (843) 695-4920.

How Can I be Involved in My Child's School?

PTA/PTSA (PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION)

All schools in Dorchester School District Two have active PTA/PTSA's that provide support and resources to enhance the school learning environment. Parents and the community are encouraged to be active members of the PTA/PTSA as they advocate for all children. You will have a chance to join this organization during Fact & Fee and at other school events.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)

SIC is a broad-based community advisory group comprised of parents, teachers, and community members established in every school. This advisory group works with the principal to cultivate a positive school environment supporting student success. The Council welcomes your involvement to share ideas for projects and initiative to improve your child's school. For more information, contact your school or visit the South Carolina SIC website at sic.sc.gov.

VOLUNTEERING

Parents and community members are valued and welcomed partners in our schools. Volunteer opportunities are abundant including reading stories to students; mentoring and tutoring; assisting with field trips; speaking to students; beautification of buildings and grounds; helping in classrooms; and so much more. To be involved contact a local school or visit the district website: ddtwo.org.

SUPPORT THE DORCHESTER TWO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Dorchester Two Educational Foundation was created to bridge the gap between funding provided for basic education and the resources required to give students a world class education - one that prepares them for success. Visit the Foundation website at dd2foundation.org to learn more about their work to provide resources for our classrooms. For more information on the above programs, contact the Public Information Office, 843-695-5336.

Helpful Resources

For information on district policies regarding dress codes, attendance, student conduct, etc., check out the Parent/Student Handbook, visit do.ddtwo.org, or call your child's school. Please refer to page 6 of this guide for a directory of programs and key personnel.

Dress for Success: What NOT to Wear to School

Certain attire is not appropriate in the school setting. For complete dress code policy, refer to the Parent/Student Handbook or District Website at do.ddtwo.org. Here are a few tips:

- Sunglasses (unless they are RX sunglasses)
- Hats, head stockings, sweatbands, and bandannas
- Tank, halter, tube, bathing suit, spaghetti string, midriff or see-through tops
- Sagging pants (pants must be worn at the natural waistline and undergarments must be completely covered), tennis or mini-skirts
- Apparel promoting obscene, vulgar, racial, ethnic, sexual, or religious prejudices, gang-related groups, alcohol, cigarettes, or drugs of any kind.



- The standard for wearing shorts or dresses/skirts is that when standing with arms hanging to the side, the area on the leg where finger tips touch should be the hemline of the shorts or dress/skirt.

Attendance Policy



Students are expected to be in attendance 180 days each year. It is the student's responsibility to see that his/her parent or guardian notifies the school attendance office regarding absences.

Regular attendance in school is mandatory for the student to gain the maximum

benefit from his/her education; therefore, his/her absences will be thoroughly verified by school officials.

Three consecutive or five or more unlawful absences could result in a Pre-Court Intervention Conference (PCIC), and your child identified as TRUANT per SC State Board of Education Regulation.

If a child must miss school due to an illness, appointment, etc., he/she must submit a written excuse within 3 days of returning to school. If a written excuse is not received, the absence will be considered unlawful. The student's excuse should include the following:

- Date excuse written and the dates of the absence(s)
- Reason for the absence(s)
- Telephone number and signature of parent/guardian

Fall Registration: Fact & Fees* **2019-2020 School Year**

August 6 & 7
7 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. (both days)

* Dorchester School District Two is authorized by special legislation of the SC Legislature to charge a school fee to be used for instructional materials and programs in the classroom. This \$20 fee stays in your child's school and provides valuable resources that are used in every classroom and throughout the school.

Meet the Teachers/Open House

Elementary Schools Meet the Teacher (1st-5th Grade)*

August 15: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

* Parents of Kindergarten students will be informed of additional Back to School activities by their individual schools.

Elementary Schools Open House

September 5: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Middle Schools Meet the Teacher (6th Grade)

August 15: 6 p.m.

Middle Schools Open House (7th-8th Grade)

September 10: 6 p.m.

High Schools Open House

September 4: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dorchester School District Two: Our Schools

ALSTON-BAILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

820 West 5th North Street, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 695-5210; abes.ddtvo.org

ALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

500 Bryan Street, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-3890; ams.ddtvo.org

ASHLEY RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

9800 Delemar Highway, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 695-4900; arhs.ddtvo.org

BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1001 Beech Hill Road, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 821-3970; bhes.ddtvo.org

DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

1005 DuBose School Road, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 875-7012; dms.ddtvo.org

EAGLE NEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8640 River Oaks Drive, N. Charleston, SC 29420
(843) 695-2460; ees.ddtvo.org

DR. EUGENE SIRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

301 Chandler Creek Road, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 695-5205; eses.ddtvo.org

FLOWERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20 King Charles Circle, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 871-7400; fes.ddtvo.org

FORT DORCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5201 Old Glory Lane, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 832-5550; fdes.ddtvo.org

FORT DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

8500 Patriot Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29420
(843) 760-4450; fdhs.ddtvo.org

GIVHANS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

273 Highway 61, Ridgeville, SC 29472
(843) 832-5558; gcs.ddtvo.org

GREGG MIDDLE SCHOOL

500 Green Wave Boulevard, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 871-3150; gms.ddtvo.org

JOSEPH R. PYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9701 Patriot Boulevard, Ladson, SC 29456
(843) 695-2979; jpes.ddtvo.org

KNIGHTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

847 Orangeburg Road, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4851; kes.ddtvo.org

NEWINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10 King Charles Circle, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 871-3230; nes.ddtvo.org

OAKBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

306 Old Fort Drive, Ladson, SC 29456
(843) 821-1165; oes.ddtvo.org

OAKBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

286 Old Fort Drive, Ladson, SC 29456
(843) 873-9750; oms.ddtvo.org

RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

8642 River Oaks Drive, North Charleston, SC 29420
(843) 695-2470; roms.ddtvo.org

ROLLINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

1635 Beech Hill Road, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 873-3610; rmsa.ddtvo.org

SAND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

324 Gnarly Oak Lane, Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 695-5201; shes.ddtvo.org

SPANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

901 John McKissick Way, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-3050; spann.ddtvo.org

SUMMERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

835 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-2372; ses.ddtvo.org

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1101 Boone Hill Road, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-6460; shs.ddtvo.org

WILLIAM M. REEVES, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1003 DuBose School Road, Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 695-2450; res.ddtvo.org

WINDSOR HILL ARTS INFUSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8600 William Moultrie Drive, North Charleston, SC 29420
(843) 760-9820; whes.ddtvo.org



Who's Who in Dorchester School District Two



Mr. Joseph Pye
Superintendent

Dr. Glenn Huggins
Assistant Superintendent

Julie Kornahrens
Assistant Superintendent

Who to Contact

Elementary School Director
Lori Estep
(843) 873-2901

Home Schooling
Sue Stempert
(843) 873-2901

Executive Director
of Middle & High Schools
Dr. Greg Harrison
(843) 873-2901

Homebound Instruction
(Medical)
Dr. Toni Cappelletti
(843) 875-4161

Adult Education
Mona Caudle
(843) 873-7372

PTA
Ashley Wimberly
president@district23pta.org

Bus Route/Schedule Questions
Transportation Office
(843) 873-6196

Residency Questions
Valerine Blunt
(843) 873-2901

Extended Day (After-School Care)
Kathy Bishop
(843) 821-3999

Special Needs Services
Special Services
(843) 875-4161

Federal Programs/Homeless
Mike Windham
(843) 873-2901

Volunteer Questions,
Senior Citizens Privilege Card
Public Information
(843) 873-2901

Free & Reduced Lunch
Food Services
(843) 695-4920

School Improvement
Council
Pat Raynor
(843) 873-2901

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District Directory/ Special Programs

Special Services
(843) 875-4161

Child Find
(843) 875-4161

Transportation
(843) 873-6196

Parent Engagement Centers
(843) 873-2901

Gifted Program
(843) 821-3960

Fine Arts Program
(843) 832-5532

Maintenance
(843) 871-2710

Stay Connected: Visit do.ddtwo.org to find:

- District Facts and Programs
- Employment Opportunities

- Parent and Student Resources
- Links to School Websites



TEAM DORCHESTER CORE VALUES

The foundation of success for our students and our school system is grounded in Core Values that define who we are individually and collectively as Team Dorchester.

	STUDENTS CHILDREN COME FIRST
	PASSION LOVE WHAT YOU DO
	ACCOUNTABILITY IT BEGINS WITH ME
	INTEGRITY DO WHAT'S RIGHT
	COMMUNITY STAND UNITED
	EXCELLENCE BE YOUR BEST
	RELATIONSHIPS BUILD A FOUNDATION OF TRUST
	DIVERSITY INCLUSIVE OF ALL
	LEADERSHIP INSPIRE & EMPOWER
	RECOGNITION APPRECIATE & CELEBRATE

Dorchester School District Two's ten Core Values affirm what we stand for, how we treat one another, what is non-negotiable, and what guiding principles we live by. They focus on what matters most in our school system and provide the framework for a unified sense of purpose for us all.