



Welcome to Sedalia School District #200

Schools will open on

Thursday, August 21, 2008

Board of Education

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The Board of Education is the governing body of the Sedalia School District #200 with full control, within statutory limitations, over the many phases of the school program. The adoption of policies for governing the schools and the evaluation of the administration of these policies are universally agreed to be the prime functions of the Board of Education. The Board of Education consists of seven elected members, who are elected on an alternative year basis to serve for a term of three years each.

The Board of Education meets on the fourth* Monday of each month, with public sessions at 7:00 p.m. held at Smith-Cotton High School Media Center. A monthly work session is also held on the second* Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with location to be announced. Meetings are open to the public, and patrons of the district are encouraged to attend and provide input. Items to be added to the agenda must be submitted in writing (two pages or less) to the Board of Education office at least five workdays prior to the board meeting in accordance with guidelines appearing in the District's Policies and Regulations Handbook, Policy 0412.

*Due to holidays or scheduled school breaks (i.e., Christmas break, spring break, Memorial Day holiday), board meeting may fall on another date in that month. Board meeting times and dates will be posted monthly at each district building, as well as notification to local media.

Smith-Cotton High School

Persons wishing to enroll students new to the district should do so between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. beginning August 4th at the high school. Please bring a copy of student's birth certificate, student's Social Security card, proof of residency, parent identification, and immunization records for enrollment. Please call the Guidance Office, 829-6331 for an appointment with a Counselor.

Enrollment - Orientation

School Counselors will be available for enrollment beginning August 4th. Please call for an appointment. Freshman/new students may attend orientation at 6:00 p.m. on August 12th or 10:00 a.m. on August 13th.



Sedalia Middle School

Persons wishing to enroll students new to the district should do so between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning August 4th. Please bring a copy of student's birth certificate, student's Social Security card, proof of residency, parent identification, last grade card, and immunization records for enrollment.

Food Service Program

A nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch program will be available to every child in the Sedalia School District #200. Meal tickets may be purchased on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Meal prices:

Grade Level	*Breakfast	Lunch
Full Meal Price - Elementary	\$.75 per day	\$1.40 per day
Full Meal Price - 6 - 12	\$.75 per day	\$1.50 per day
Full Meal Price - Adult	\$1.00 per day	\$2.00 per day

* Please Note: Breakfast will be served Monday, August 25th

The procedure for any family qualifying for FREE and REDUCED breakfast and lunch will continue. The free or reduced tickets are issued automatically and in the same manner as regular tickets. In accordance with district regulations, reduced price tickets must be purchased in a block of ten (10) meals, rather than on a daily basis. Each meal will include one-half pint of Grade A milk. Additional milk may be purchased for .25 cents per carton.

On the first day of school, each student will receive a letter stating the guidelines for participation in the free and reduced priced meals program. An application form will be included for each child. If the student meets the eligibility requirements as stated in the letter, the application for reduced or free meals should be returned to the child's building principal immediately. The reduced price and free lunch programs apply to Type A lunches.

Smith-Cotton High School has a closed lunch policy, which means students do not have the flexibility to leave the premises for lunch.

Smith-Cotton High School students should pay on their lunch account before the first day of school. Breakfast will be served the first day of school, August 21st.

The Sedalia School District #200 contracts with First Student, Inc. to provide transportation for students living ONE MILE OR MORE from school. For information regarding student transportation, you may call First Student, Inc. at 826-5800. Please note that the bus routes will be published before August 21st.

School Starting & Dismissal Times

Pettis County Early Childhood Cooperative:

COOP:
Morning Session.....Start: 8:15 a.m.....Dismiss: 11:15 a.m.
Afternoon Session.....Start: 12:00 p.m.Dismiss: 3:00 p.m.

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All Elementary Schools.....Start: 8:10 a.m.....Dismiss: 3:20 p.m.
Sedalia Middle School.....Start: 7:35 a.m.....Dismiss: 2:25 p.m.
Smith-Cotton High SchoolStart: 7:40 a.m.....Dismiss: 2:40 p.m.
Whittier High SchoolStart: 8:30 a.m.....Dismiss: 2:45 p.m.

Note: Inclement weather may necessitate a 2 hour late starting time.

Please listen to radio stations for announcements or check our web site:
<http://sedalia200.com> .

Fall Open House Schedule

Pettis County Early Childhd. Coop/HH. August 19 By Appointment
Kindergarten, (All Elementary Schools) August 18 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Grades 1 – 5, (All Elementary Schools) August 19 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sedalia Middle School 6th, 7th, 8th September 8..... 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Smith-Cotton High School September 9..... 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Whittier High School September 18... 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sedalia Middle School Class Schedules

Class schedules for grades 6 will be distributed during the Back to School Event on the following date:

Grade 6 Monday August 18th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

All students will be notified by letter regarding the Back to School Night.

Please maintain the above schedule, if at all possible. However, students who are unable to pick up schedules on the assigned date and time may do so on

Wednesday, August 20, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sedalia Middle School Office

New Students

Please enroll BEFORE the first day of school!

Kindergarten through Grade 5

Enrollment for children NOT previously enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5 will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. August 10th & 9:00 until 1:00 p.m. 11th at the school your child will attend. If enrolling a kindergarten student (5 years old before August 1), please bring a copy of child's birth certificate for permanent file, student's Social Security card, proof of residency and immunization records. Screening, including vision and hearing, will be conducted for children entering kindergarten who have not previously been screened. During the enrollment process outlined above, your child will be scheduled for screening as soon as possible.

Title I

The 2008-2009 school year will be the 26th consecutive year for the Title I Program in the Sedalia School District #200. The purpose of the Title I Program is to provide supplementary instruction in reading to those pupils in need of extra assistance. The program for the coming year will involve 18 certificated teachers and 5 instructional assistants. Eight of the teachers work in Reading Recovery and Early Literacy and 10 of them will serve as Literacy Coaches. These programs focus on providing high quality literacy instruction to students and professional development training to staff in the areas of reading and writing. The approximate cost for the program is \$1,083,000. This is a federally funded program based upon economic factors and all elementary schools in Sedalia qualify for services based upon educational need as prescribed by multiple criteria including, but not limited to, standardized tests administered in all buildings. The Title I preschool is blended with the Pettis County Early Childhood Cooperative (COOP) program. All Title I activities, including the Parent Advisory Committee, are monitored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Any questions or concerns regarding the federal program(s) you may call the District Office, 2806 Matthew Drive, 829-6450.

Special Education

The Sedalia School District #200 has the established goal of providing full educational opportunities for all students with disabilities. Special Education students participate in regular classrooms and programs whenever possible. Special services available are testing, diagnosis, programming, and placement. Anyone with questions concerning Special Education should call Special Services at 829-6450.

Directory Information

The Sedalia School District #200, on various occasions, publishes rosters and names of students, such as Honor Roll, athletic programs, etc. Should any parent desire that a student's name not be released, a written request to withhold such information should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, 2806 Matthew Drive

Health Services Information

Immunization Requirements

Current Department of Health regulations with regard to immunization requirements should be noted as follows:

Students who have NOT received required immunizations will NOT be allowed to attend class. There is NO provision for a grace period.

Exemptions will continue to be accepted for medical and religious reasons only, but must be on file prior to attendance.

All students must have an up-to-date immunization record. If you have any questions regarding immunization, please contact the Pettis County Health Center at 827-1130.

Pettis County Early Childhood Cooperative (Co-op)

(Early Childhood Special Education and Parents as Teachers)
The Pettis County Early Childhood Cooperative is composed of the following school districts: Pettis County R-V (Northwest), Pettis County R-IV (LaMonte), Pettis County R-VI (Smithton), Pettis County R-VIII (Green Ridge), Pettis County R-XII (Dresden), and Sedalia School District #200. This is a cooperative effort among the public schools of Pettis County to provide services to 3 and 4 year old children with disabilities and parent education via home visits and group meetings to any parent with children from birth to 5 years of age. The services are provided at Heber Hunt Elementary and in facilities leased by the Co-op from the Center for Human Services. For information, you may call Mrs. Grace Kendrick, Principal, at 827-8955 or Special Services at 829-6450

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Sedalia School District #200 does not discriminate in its educational practices on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities handicap in educational programs or activities.

Please Note

The School District will hold a Back-To-School Informational Meeting for all staff on Wednesday morning, August 20th, 7:15 a.m. For this reason, buildings may be closed on this date. If you are new to the community and have not enrolled your child, or if you have a kindergarten age child who has not been enrolled, please complete the enrollment process immediately. Thank you!

For further information or enrollment assistance, please call the Board of Education Office at 829-6450.