

# Welcome Back to Dickinson!

DFAA Parent Newsletter [August 2, 2022]



*Dickinson Fine Arts Academy - An Excellent Place to Learn!*

*Welcome to our new school year! We are excited to have your student attend the Fine Arts Academy this fall. **Our first day of school will be Wednesday, August 17 with classes beginning at 9:30 am.** Please join us on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm for our Back to School Night where you will have an opportunity to meet our new principal and his administrative team. Presentations begin at 6:10 pm followed by a tour of the campus and light refreshments.*

*On behalf of the Dickinson faculty and staff, welcome back to what we are hoping will be your students best year ever!*

## **Administration:** New at Dickinson Fine Arts Academy!

Meet Our New Administrative Team!

Mr. Sims, our new principal and Miss Brazier, our new assistant principal will be joined by the Dean of Students, Mr. Lee and Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Ewell as they review academic goals, policies and procedures for all students attending DFAA. This presentation will be held in the school's gymnasium and will begin promptly at 6:10 pm.

All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

## **Registration:** Registering Your Student at DFAA

Student registration can be done online through the SBCSC website or parents are welcome to speak with our office personnel who will be happy to assist with the process. Parents are asked to confirm their students' registration if they have not received notice of their child's placement at Dickinson. Confirmation can be provided by contacting the main office at 574-393-3900.

## **Reminders:** Student Uniforms:

Dickinson Fine Arts Academy will return to student uniforms for the 2022-2023 school year. Please refer to the student handbook for further details on uniforms and on campus dress code requirements.

### **Students Tops:**

- Navy
- Light blue
- Yellow

- Orange
- White

***Students Pants:***

- Khaki
- Navy
- Black

***Student Supplies:* Student Supplies**

Student supply list will not be released by DFAA. We would ask that you have your student wait until they meet with their individual teachers who will inform them what specific items, if any, are needed for their classrooms. This will prevent the parent from over purchasing items that may not be required. As a rule of thumb for organizational purposes, binders, notebooks and pencils are always sure items used in classrooms. Please look for a list of supplies from your student's teacher within the first week of school.

***Student Supplies:* Student Chromebooks**

Dickinson is a 1 to 1 school. All students at DFAA will receive a chromebook to support their instruction. Students new to the district will meet with their teachers and be issued a device within the first full week of school. These devices are the property of SBCSC and have been issued out to our students for the duration of their education.

It is extremely important that parents encourage students to take excellent care of their chromebook, keep it continuously charged and always bring their device to school. Parents, please know that your students textbooks, classroom assignments and study materials are often associated with the students computer. Students are not permitted to bring home computers to be used without administrative approval.

**All students should bring their charged devices on Wednesday August 17, 2022**

***Class Schedules:* Class Schedules and Lockers**

Students will receive a copy of their class schedules and locker assignments on the first day of school. Dickinson is on a Block Schedule with an A/B day specials.

## *Lunch :* Student Lunch and Food Delivery

Dickinson is a Title 1 school, all student lunches are provided at no charge. Students are free to bring their lunch from home should they prefer, however, Dickinson does not permit food delivery services such as GrubHub or UberEats to deliver food to students. Additionally, due to limited personnel, parents are asked not to drop off items such as fast foods, pizzas, cakes or balloons to students during school.

## *Transportation:* Bus Transportation

All transportation questions including pick-up and drop-off queries can be answered by contacting SBCSC Transportation Office at 574-393-7000. Should you need to change your students address please call our main office at 574-393-3900 and we will be happy to update that information for you.

## *Car Riders:* Dropping off your Student (Car Riders)

Parents dropping off students at Dickinson please do so on the East side of the building at door #15 . In the pick up 14 and drop off at door #15

## *Technology:* Cell Phones Policy

Students are asked not to have cellphones out while at school. Should your student need to bring his or her cell phone to the building, they will be required to leave the device in their lockers until the end of the day.

## *SBCSC:* Your help is needed with student attendance

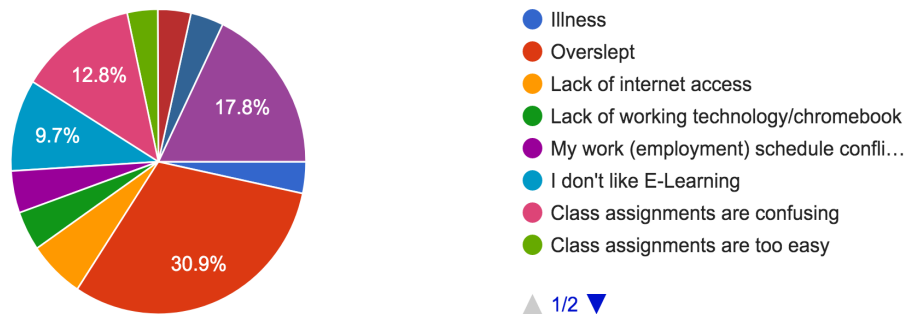
As with many schools, we are experiencing a high number of student absences. We would like to encourage parents to make this a goal for students to attend classes and report absences as soon as possible. Student work will be rigorous and absenteeism oftentimes jeopardizes learning. We would ask that you update your phone numbers

with the main office so that you are notified of each class absence that occurs with your student.

We surveyed students to determine why they are NOT attending either virtual or in-person classes. The results will be used to identify ways we might better meet the needs of our students and increase support both at home and school.

For what reasons are you unable to meet with your class. Please check your primary reason for your absence

359 responses



**Calendar:** Dates to Remember:

1. Tuesday August 16 ... Middle School Open House 6:00 am - 7:30 pm
2. Wednesday August 17 ... Students first day of school
3. Monday August 5 ... Labor Day

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