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# **South Edgecombe Middle School**

**2021-2022 Orientation**

# Welcome

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**Hey Dragons,**

**Welcome back! We are excited to return to school full time and at full capacity! Yes, we are operating as normally as possible, but with health and safety being our top priority as always. Please review the information in this presentation to acclimate yourself to the daily logistics and expectations for SEMS this year! Let's make the most of this opportunity by doing everything that we can to promote health and safety, on campus and off!**

**Here's to an outstanding year of teaching and learning at SEMS!**



## Safety Protocols

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All students and staff are required to wear facemasks while indoors on every ECPS campus.

SEMS students will complete a verbal attestation each morning.

SEMS staff will complete a written attestation each morning when they sign-in.

All ECPS students and staff will participate in temperature checks upon arrival.

Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between groups of students and multiple times throughout the day.

Hand washing and sanitizing will be promoted throughout the day. Each hall has hand sanitizing stations and each classroom will have hand sanitizer.

# Daily Schedule (Monday-Friday)

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6th Grade	7th/8th Grade
<b>HR/1<sup>st</sup>: 7:50-9:20</b>	<b>HR/1<sup>st</sup>: 7:50-9:05</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: 9:20-10:45</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: 9:05-10:15</b> <b>(8th Enhancement)</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:45-12:00</b> <b>(6th Enhancement)</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:15-11:20</b>
<b>Lunch: 12:00-12:25</b>	<b>Lunch: 11:20-11:45</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>: 12:25-1:45</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup>: 11:45-12:50</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup>: 1:45-3:10</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> : 12:50-2:00</b> <b>(7th Enhancement)</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup>: 2:00-3:10</b>

**Notes:**

- Teachers arrive - 7:10 a.m
- Student arrival - 7:25 a.m.
- Class begins - 7:50 a.m.
- Student dismissal - 3:10 p.m.
- Office hours: 7:10 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

# Bus Expectations

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- Students should be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time.
- Students /parents should do your best to socially distance at the bus stops.
- Students will enter/exit the bus one at a time and should keep adequate spacing between each students as they load/unload.
- Body Temperature checks should first occur at home and any parent who sees that their students have a high temperature or who has other potential symptoms should keep their student at home.
- Students must wear a facemask at all times.
- Buses will have facemasks for students who do not have them.
- Bus drivers must enforce a strict assigned seating policy.
- Family members in same house will sit together.
- Buses are sanitized daily.

## Arrival Procedures for Car and Bus Riders (7:25-7:50)

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- Car riders are dropped off in the loop in front of the school. Drivers should pull forward as far as possible so cars are not backed up in the roadway behind you. **This causes a safety hazard.** There are parking spaces available for those who need additional time.
- 6th grade students will enter at front entrance closest to office.
- 7th grade students will enter at front entrance closest to Multipurpose Room.
- 8th grade students will enter at side entrance of Multipurpose Room closest to front of building.
- Temperature check and verbal health screening attestation performed at each entrance. Students who do not pass health screening will report to quarantine room. (100.4)
- Students will report directly to homeroom, grabbing breakfast from kiosk on way.

# Daily COVID-19 Verbal Attestation

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Students and staff must be able to answer “No” to each of these questions during the daily health screening during arrival.

**Daily COVID-19 Symptoms Attestation for Students**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
—	—	Has your child had close contact (within 6 ft. for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?
—	—	Does your child have any of these symptoms: fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new cough, new loss of taste or smell?
—	—	Since your child was last at school, have they been diagnosed with COVID-19?

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Quarantine Room

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Students who have a fever and/or do not “pass” the health screening upon arriving to school will report directly to the quarantine room. (100.4)

Students with Covid-like symptoms will be housed in the quarantine room until a parent can pick them up. These students should be removed from their classroom as soon as symptoms are noticed. Call the office before sending the student.

Staffing- a staff member(s) will be assigned to supervise students. Additional PPE will be provided. (Office staff monitoring via window in door not present in room).

Location- Nurses office. Isolated, separate entrance/exit, access to private restroom, proximity to main entrance/exit.

Parents should make arrangements for transportation so sick students can be removed from campus as quickly as possible.



# Transitions/Classroom entrance and exit procedures

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## Sanitation

- Students will wipe desks at the conclusion of each class.
- Custodians will disinfect each classroom daily.

## PPE

- Students will be required to wear a face covering at all times.

## Flow/traffic pattern

- Clockwise/counterclockwise “flow” on grade level hallway. Rooms will be numbered 1-5 and will transition in that order. No more than 2 classes in the hall at one time.
- Always staying to the right.

- Students will remain with their cohort (homeroom grouping)
- Hand washing prior to meals is recommended (not sanitizer) UTILIZE SINKS IN CLASSROOMS
- Grab & go from kiosk, eat in classroom (Students will pre-order daily in homeroom) Orders can be collected in homeroom during arrival from 7:25-7:50.
- Students will not have access to microwaves.
- Breakfast: 7:25-7:50
- Lunch: 11:20-11:45 (7th/8th)      12:00-12:25 (6th)

# Dismissal Procedures

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- Students will be dismissed by classroom number for each grade level.
- Car riders and bus riders will be dismissed at the same time.
- 6th/7th grade car riders will exit out 6th grade hall.
- 8th grade car riders will exit out tunnel (gym lot pickup).
- All bus riders will exit through MPR side doors.
- 6th/7th grade car riders should be picked up in the loop in front of the school. Drivers should pull all the way forward and create three lanes to avoid a backup into the roadway. **This creates a safety hazard.**
- 8th grade car riders and siblings/other students who ride with them should be picked up in the parking lot beside the gym. Drivers should create three lanes and pull forward as far as possible. Students can only enter cars that are in the green zone (green cones). Drivers should not pull around cars that are waiting in front of them. **SAFETY FIRST!**

- ECPS is a full 1:1 district for the 2021-2022 school year. All students will take their chromebooks home with them each night.
- Students must remember to charge their chromebooks nightly.
- Chromebooks should be brought to school every day with a full charge.
- Chromebooks must stay in the protective case at all times. They should not be removed for any reason.
- You should not have food or drink while using your chromebook.
- Hot spots will not be provided this year.

- Students will remain with their cohort (homeroom grouping). (Exception: Band which will maximize social distancing and continue to use shields)
- Each homeroom will have the same elective for a 6-9 weeks (depending on grade level).
- Elective Rotation (STEAM, General Music, CTE Business, CTE Computers, Health/PE, Leadership {7th/8th only}, and AIG & Band by registration)
- All enhancements will take place in main building (Exception: PE)

# Bathroom Procedures & Expectations

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Grade levels will schedule bathroom breaks for classes at specific times. We will not allow more than 3 students in the restroom at a time. We have checked and that allows for the use of every other stall. Please communicate this expectation to students. Staff members will monitor the restroom and hallway during these breaks. Naturally, individuals will have personal needs that need to be taken care of outside of the scheduled times so we will make sure that we tell students to check the bathroom prior to entering. If there are more than 3 they should wait until it clears.

Bathrooms will be sanitized after high volume usage. Both bathrooms are on the main hallway so it is easy for our custodians to monitor usage of both the restrooms and high traffic areas. We have multiple sprayer/fogging machines and disinfectants that will be used to sanitize bathrooms, classrooms, and high traffic areas throughout the day.

- SEMS is adhering to the ECPS BOE Uniform Policy this year.
- Students will remain in cohorts (pods) and not mix across class settings.
- Office staff continues to check IDs for parents to ensure student safety.
- Visitors, including parents, should have an appointment prior to entering building. Otherwise, visitors are not permitted.
- Students will not be able to use water fountains. Students should bring a water bottle each day.
- We will have sports this year!

# School Uniforms

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Tops:

- Polo shirts with collars and sleeves– Shirts must be plain, solid color shirts.
- Colors: Navy blue, orange, or white

**OR**

- School spirit t-shirts may be worn as part of the dress code each day. **School spirit t-shirts must have a SEMS or Dragon logo and can be any color.**
- Several vendors are selling SEMS t-shirts. Two have directly affiliated with SEMS- Flight 9 Apparel of Pinetops (by order) and Cotton Press Screen Printing of Tarboro (direct purchase).
- Students can wear hoodies over polos or t-shirts. Hoodies may be any color and must be school appropriate.

Bottoms:

- Pants, capris, dress shorts, skorts, or skirts.
- Must be solid in color. Colors:
- Navy or khaki
- **Uniform bottoms may not have rips, tears, holes, etc.**



# Dress Down Fridays

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*Attire cannot be substantially disruptive, provocative or obscene, and/or endanger the health or safety of the student or others. (ECPS BOE Policy 4316). Students will pay either \$1 for wearing one non-uniform top/bottom or \$2 for wearing both non-uniform top and bottom. A staff member will collect the money and mark the student upon arrival.*

## Tops:

- School appropriate shirts that do not meet uniform requirements may be worn on Fridays for fundraising purposes. Funds will support United Way first semester and Relay for Life second semester as well various student/staff needs throughout the year. (\$1 charge)
- Use good judgment and think school appropriate.

## Bottoms:

- School appropriate pants that do not meet uniform requirements may be worn on Fridays for fundraising purposes. Funds will support United Way first semester and Relay for Life second semester as well as various student and staff needs throughout the year. (\$1 charge)
- Students may wear athletic style pants/shorts, joggers, and sweatpants.
- Students may also wear jeans with rips, tears, and holes as long as no skin is showing above the knee.
- Use good judgment and think school appropriate.

Parents are encouraged to check student grades weekly using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Google Classroom is not where you will find your student's grades. PowerSchool is where you will see the most current information because teachers update this weekly. There is an option in the parent portal to have your student's progress report sent to your email weekly. We encourage you to use this option.

2-way communication is vital for the success of our students. Please e-mail your student's teacher with any questions or concerns that you may have. Parents should receive a reply (via phone or email) within 24 hours. Additionally, for school-wide communication Mr. Strother will utilize a combination of student e-mail and the ConnectEd phone system. We have found this to be the most effective because all students can access their e-mail and the phone call informs parents that an important message has been sent to the student e-mail account. Please update phone numbers and addresses as they change so you do not miss important announcements and so we have correct contact information in the event of an emergency.

Yes, we will have sports this year! **Fall sports include football, boys soccer, volleyball, and cheerleading.** 6th grade students can participate in all sports except football. Tryouts for fall sports begin on Aug. 16. Students must have a current physical on the new NCHSAA Fall 2021 physical form and a concussion form completed prior to tryouts. All student athletes and coaches have to wear facemasks while indoors. All student athletes should also bring their own water bottles.

Looking ahead:

Winter sports (November start): boys/girls basketball and cheerleading.

Spring sports (February start): softball, baseball, cross country, and girls soccer.

# Athletic Eligibility

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1. You **MUST** have passed 3 out of 4 core classes (Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science) in the F1 column of your report card.
2. You cannot turn 15 on or before August 31, 2021.
3. You must have a current athletic physical. Physicals must be updated annually. You can pick up physical forms at the school or print the attached documents. The physical must be completed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Student athletes and their families must also read and sign the concussion form which is also attached or can be picked up from the school. These forms must be completed and given to the head coach before students can workout, tryout, or otherwise practice for any athletic team.
4. Eligibility is based on the previous semester. For example, if a student failed 2 core classes this year (2020-2021) they would not be eligible for athletic participation until January 2022 (after 1st semester). That means they would not be able to participate in Fall Sports (football, volleyball, boys soccer, cheerleading) or Winter Sports (basketball, cheerleading). Eligibility does not change from season to season or grading period to grading period. It is only reviewed after each semester.
5. Students entering 6th grade and students entering 9th grade are automatically eligible for athletic participation at their new school.

# Fall sports tryouts

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South Edgcombe Middle School  
2021 Fall Sports Workouts/Tryouts Schedule

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ALL students MUST HAVE a new physical AND Concussion form in order to participate in workouts AND tryouts.



## Football

Workouts: August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm  
Tryouts: August 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm



## Volleyball

Workouts: August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm  
Tryouts: August 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm



## Boys' Soccer

Workouts: August 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm  
Tryouts: August 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm

## Cheerleading

Workouts: August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30pm  
Tryouts: August 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30pm  
Team/Parent Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:45pm



## 1. On Fridays, can students have holes in their jeans if they have a patch under them?

Follow-up response after conferring with CO: Yes, as long as it complies with the ECPS Dress Code Policy. Use good judgment and think school appropriate. **There should be no skin showing above the knee. Attire cannot be substantially disruptive, provocative or obscene, and/or endanger the health or safety of the student or others. (ECPS BOE Policy 4316).**

## 2. Can students wear sweatpants, athletic pants, joggers, etc. on Fridays?

Yes, as long as it complies with the ECPS Dress Code Policy. Use good judgment and think school appropriate. **Attire cannot be substantially disruptive, provocative or obscene, and/or endanger the health or safety of the student or others. (ECPS BOE Policy 4316)**

### **3. How do I know which enhancements I have?**

All face to face students will have PE, CTE Computers, CTE Business, STEAM/Media, General Music and Leadership (7th/8th) this semester. Band and AIG students will still be served on the enhancement rotation and will be scheduled on alternate days.

### **4. How do I know what bus I ride and what time it will pick me up?**

Mr. Stanton will communicate this information at Open House. Remember adjustments may be made to times, particularly in the first two weeks. Students must wear face masks and follow all directions given by the bus driver. Student should be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes early.

### **5. Can students bring book bags to school?**

Yes, that is up to each student.





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**OPEN DOORS.**