

AOS 98/ ROCKY CHANNELS SCHOOL SYSTEM

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL HANDBOOK 2023-2024



***Home of the Seals -
where we make learning happen***

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WELCOME

Welcome to Southport Central School, a small public school located on the island of Southport, in the beautiful state of Maine.

Southport Central School (SCS) is a unique island school providing students in grades kindergarten - six enriching educational opportunities that support individual attention and academic, social, emotional and behavioral growth. We pride ourselves on meeting the individual needs of each student.

Our school is divided into three multi-age classrooms, all equipped with the materials, technology and teacher skills needed to ensure a comprehensive education. Students are provided opportunities to move between classrooms where their individual learning needs can best be met.

Our staff members pride themselves on knowing all the SCS children and providing a personalized education to ensure success for each. Whether students are working inside the school, at our outdoor classroom, or at the nearby Hendricks Head Beach, staff members are available to support students in their quest for academic proficiency in all subject areas.



Ms. Lisa M. Clarke, Principal

FACULTY / STAFF

By law, parents have the right to request the professional qualifications of their children's teachers. Contact Principal Lisa Clarke for this information.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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School committee meetings are held on a monthly basis, with the dates and times posted on our website, as well as listed in our weekly newsletters. All school committee meetings are open to the public. Minutes from the meetings are made available on our website.

SPECIALS' SCHEDULE

Mondays

Guidance

Tuesdays

Physical Education & Health Ed.

Wednesdays

Music

Thursdays

French Language

Fridays

Art

Children are expected to dress appropriately for this schedule.

This schedule is subject to change.

OUR ISLAND HOME

OUR ISLAND HOME
 GENERATIONS OF LEARNING
AND THE GOLDEN RULE
 WE ARE HONEST AND TRUE
WE LEARNED SO WELL
 WE'RE INDEPENDENT THINKERS
AT SOUTHPORT SCHOOL
 WITH A WORLDWIDE VIEW
WHEREVER WE GO
 WE'RE SURROUNDED BY WATER
AND WHEN WE ROAM
 SPREADING OFF OF THE SHORE
WE'RE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
 REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD
OF OUR ISLAND HOME
 AND COMING HOME ONCE MORE

THE DRIVER ON THE BUS KNOWS ALL OUR NAMES
AND RAMONA FEEDS US WELL
THERE'S HISTORY IN THE FIELD AND POND
CELEBRATION IN THE RECESS BELL! (YEAH!)

THERE'S CRACKS IN THE FLOOR BUT WE WON'T FALL THROUGH
CAUSE WE'RE LIFELONG LEARNERS WITH PRIDE
WE'LL CROSS THAT SWING BRIDGE WHEN IT'S CLOSED
AND GO FOR THAT FIRE TRUCK RIDE

K/1 - RAMONA SHARES FOOD WITH EVERYONE
AND WE THINK THAT SHARING'S GOOD
WE TAKE TURNS WITH OUR SLEDS AND TOYS
AND WE SHARE LIKE WE SHOULD

2/3 - WHEN WE CAN'T DO SOMETHING BY OURSELVES
WE TRY TO COOPERATE
WE MAKE A PLAN AND FORM A TEAM
AND THEN WE COMMUNICATE

4/5 -RESPONSIBILITY IS TAKING CARE
OF OUR ELDERS AND OUR THINGS
WE ANSWER FOR OUR ACTIONS AND
THE CONSEQUENCES THAT THEY BRING

6 - WE'RE VERY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE HERE
AND MAKE OUR PARENTS SMILE
WE LISTEN TO OUR TEACHERS AND
PRACTICE ALL THE WHILE

School song written by Mr. Martin Swinger
and Southport Central School students

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BELIEF STATEMENT

Education is a lifelong process which begins with our students and their families, extends to our schools, and encompasses our entire community.

Our common goals are to create a safe environment, stress academic excellence, respect diversity, and promote self-awareness and an appreciation of the world.

Shared high expectations lead all students to develop the knowledge and skills to participate constructively and creatively in society.

STUDENT LEARNING
Twenty-first century student learning is an active process where students are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities that will lead them to meet their potential.

Students need clear expectations and a safe learning environment.

Students are individuals with unique learning styles.

EDUCATORS AND EDUCATING
Effective educators have high expectations for all students, but even higher expectations for themselves.

Effective educators create a positive atmosphere in their classrooms and schools. They are student-focused, flexible and value learning.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES
Learning communities are positive, safe, and nurturing environments that embrace academic risks.

As a learning community, we value deep and critical discussions about our work.

For true learning communities to exist, the link between school, home, and the community must be strong.

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**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
HIGH STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT**

LITERACY

To provide students with the skills necessary to read, write, speak, and listen at their potential in order to participate fully in life's experiences:

- To provide a common literacy framework.
- To connect instruction and assessment.
- To increase literacy instruction in all content areas.

TECHNOLOGY

To provide students and staff with the technological resources necessary to address the needs of the 21st century:

- To remove the barriers for seamless integration of technology in all classrooms
- To provide appropriate and timely professional development for all staff in the use of technology.
- To develop and implement online learning opportunities for students and staff.

CLIMATE

To provide a community that is welcoming, caring, and inclusive and that enables each participant to feel respected:

- To continue community asset development work in support of all students.
- To communicate in an open, deliberate, and respectful manner.
- To acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments and successes of staff and students.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

To provide our teachers with a variety of effective instructional strategies which will lead to high student achievement:

- To provide training and support to expand the knowledge and understanding of a variety of instructional strategies.
- To use data to guide the selection of instructional strategies.
- To use PLC's to reflect on the needs of our students and to ultimately lead them to higher achievement.
- To provide differentiated instruction based on individual student needs.

NUMERACY

To provide students with the numeracy skills needed for success:

- To provide a common numeracy framework.
- To connect instruction and assessment.
- To increase numeracy instruction in all content areas.

Southport Central School School 2023-2024 Calendar

JULY

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30	31					

Trimester 1 Mid-term = Oct. 20
End of trimester 1 = Dec. 1

Trimester 2 Mid-term = Jan. 26
End of trimester 2 = March 14

Trimester 3 Mid-term = May 3
End of trimester 3 = last day

AUGUST

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** All Staff Report

SEPTEMBER

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*First Day of School

OCTOBER

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* BRHS Graduation- 1/2 day

** last day with no snow days- 1/2 day

PD indicates Teacher Professional Development Day/No School

X indicates no school

H indicates a Holiday/no school

175 Student Days

5 Professional Development Days



**SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL MEDICAL EMERGENCY FORM
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR OF 2023 -2024**

Your child's name: _____ **Grade** _____
(Please print complete name)

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Mother/Father's name and address _____

My home phone # is _____. **I may be reached during the day at this/these number(s)**

_____ / _____ / _____

Email addresses _____

In case of an emergency, and I cannot be reached, please call the following:

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone :** _____

Relationship to child: _____ **Relationship to child:** _____

Our family physician is _____ **Phone #** _____

Are there any medical conditions of which we should be aware (such as allergies)?

If yes, please explain: _____

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HEALTH HISTORY/CONSENT FORM

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

WITHIN THE LAST YEAR HAS YOUR CHILD:

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Had a significant injury (concussion, fracture, dislocation)? | YES | NO |
| 2. Developed any new illness (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.) _____ | YES | NO |
| 3. Episodes of fainting (or near fainting), dizziness, breathlessness, fatigue or seizure during exercise/ excitement? | YES | NO |
| 4. Any family history of unexpected sudden death in a person 50 yrs. or less? | YES | NO |
| 5. Consistent or unusual chest pain/pressure, palpitations and/or shortness of breath during exercise? Any unexplained/diagnosed heart murmurs? | YES | NO |
| 6. Had surgery or been hospitalized? For what? _____ | YES | NO |
| 7. Is student currently under a Dr.'s care? For what? _____ | YES | NO |
| 8. Is the student currently taking any medications? | YES | NO |

Please indicate what, why and when. _____

For the safety of your child it is extremely important that the nurse be aware of any/all medical conditions and routine medications.

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| 9. Any significant allergies/asthma requiring medical care? | YES | NO |
| If yes, please explain _____ | | |
| 10. Any vision or hearing problems? | YES | NO |
| 11. Wear glasses? YES NO contact lenses? | YES | NO |
| 12. Student's regular Doctor? _____ | | |
| Dentist? _____ | | |
| 13. Date of last full physical? _____ | | |
| 14. Do you know of any reason why your son or daughter would be unable to participate in a full scholastic/athletic program? | YES | NO |
| 15. Please explain any other special health concerns/conditions or "YES" responses: | | |

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|---|-----|----|
| 16. After assessed nursing determination, do you give permission for your child to receive: | | |
| Ibuprofen (Advil)? | YES | NO |
| Acetaminophen (Tylenol)? | YES | NO |
| Throat lozenge/ cough drops? | YES | NO |
| Antibiotic ointment? (Bacitracin) | YES | NO |
| Antacid (Tums) | YES | NO |

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Maine requires that all student meet minimum immunization requirements or submit a yearly medical exemption. Please note religious or philosophical exemptions are no longer allowed per Maine State law. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns about this requirement. **Now more than ever it is important that your child is up-to-date on their immunizations.**

DOSES

IMMUNIZATION

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 5 | DTaP <i>diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough (pertussis)</i> (4 if the 4 th dose given after 4 th birthday) |
| 4 | Polio (3 if 3 rd dose given after 4 th birthday) |
| 2 | MMR (<i>measles, mumps and rubella</i>) (first dose on or after first birthday) |
| 2 | Varicella <i>Chickenpox</i> or proof of immunity. |
| 1 | Tdap for all students entering 7 th grade |
| 1 | Meningococcal (MCV4) for all students entering 7 th grade |
| 2 nd | Meningococcal (MCV4) for all students prior to entering 12 th grade |

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

AOS 98 schools discourage the administration of medication at school. This is for your child's protection. If medication is needed during school hours, a nurse or principal's designee may give student medication if:

- There is a written order from the child's physician, and
- There is written permission from the parent.
- Medicines are in the original labeled container to include the name of the student, the name of the drug, dose and time to be given. Medication will be stored in a locked cabinet.
- All students on medication must have a "Permission to Administer Medication in School" form signed annually by the parent and physician.
- Only parents/adults may bring in medication for students, with the exception of inhalers and EpiPens, no student may carry medication to school. The safety and health of your child is of utmost importance to us.

STUDENT ATHLETES

For the safety of your student athlete, Boothbay Region Schools require a biennial physical/sports clearance before participation in any school sponsored athletics. An ImPACT concussion screening baseline is also required for high school athletes and is available for middle school athletes free of charge at your request.

SHARING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Most of your student's medical information provided to the school is confidential. However, the school nurse may share pertinent medical information with school personnel directly involved with your student, (teachers, bus driver, etc). This information may include significant medical issues such as allergies, asthma requiring an inhaler, seizure history, diabetes etc. This is for the safety of your child.

COVID-19

As we open schools for in-person instruction, it is important that everyone recognizes the role they play in protecting themselves and others. It is absolutely imperative that if anyone is not feeling well, experiences any symptoms such as fever, cough, chills, nausea, diarrhea, headache, loss of the sense of smell or taste etc., they stay home.

If your child should become sick at school, they will be evaluated by the school nurse and you will be asked to pick them up within 30 minutes. Please make certain your contact information is up-to-date, and that you have identified multiple emergency contacts who would be able to pick up your child if you are not able to do so.

Your child will be required to stay home for at least 24 hours after symptoms have resolved without the use of medication. In some cases, you will be asked to contact your doctor for a medical evaluation prior to returning to school.

The overall success of this school year will require each of us working closely together, listening to one another's concerns and doing our part to contribute to a positive, healthy and safe school experience.

School Nurse: Kate Schwehm, RN, BSN, is at the Boothbay Region Elementary School, Monday through Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm. 633-9814 Please call with any questions or concerns.

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the School Nurse
Kate Schwehm, RN, BSN kschwehm@aos98schools.org Phone: 633-9814 fax: 633-7742

**SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
PICTURE/VIDEO RELEASE FORM**

Below is a release form for students to be photographed/videotaped for instructional use or to display student work. A release form is needed from each parent/guardian giving consent before their child's picture(s) will be used for any shared purposes, including but not limited to Southport Central School's Facebook page, AOS98 Facebook page or area newspapers. Names of the students *may* be used to accompany their published work for newspapers or to display at school; however, only first names will be used (if at all) on any of our Facebook pages.

Please retain a copy of this for yourself.

_____ Yes, I give my permission for all of the above-mentioned.

_____ No, I do not agree to ANY of the above-mentioned.

_____ I support only the following (please identify your wishes): _____

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL – Ethical Use Policy

Please read this entire document carefully before signing. A signature at the end of the document indicates that the party who signs has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands the significance.

Internet access is available to students and teachers at Southport Central School. We are pleased to bring access to SCS, and we believe that the internet offers vast diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing the service is to promote educational excellence in our school by resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

A) Acceptable Use

The purpose of the internet is to support research and education among academic institutions by providing unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.

B) Privileges

The use of the internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges.

C) Network Etiquette

You are expected to abide by the accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- 1) Be polite and use appropriate language
- 2) Do not send personal information about yourself over the internet
- 3) Do not download text, images, or sound without a teacher's approval

D) Vandalism

Vandalism will result in the cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy data, this includes uploading or creating computer viruses.

Vandalism also includes any malicious destruction of any electronic devices.

Southport Central School Ethical Use Policy

I understand and will abide by the Ethical Use Policy. Should I commit any violation of the rules, my access privileges may be revoked and/or school disciplinary action may be taken.

User's Full Name_____

User's Signature_____Date_____

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Ethical Use Policy and understand that internet access is designed for educational purposes. SCS has taken precautions to control use by students for anything other than an educational purpose.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____Date_____

ROCKY CHANNELS SCHOOL SYSTEM

STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides certain rights to parents and eligible students (18 years of age or older) with respect to the student's education records.

Inspection of Records

Parents/eligible students may inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of making a request. Such requests must be submitted to the superintendent or building administrator in writing and must identify the records to be inspected. The superintendent or building administrator will notify the parent/eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Parents/eligible students may obtain copies of education records at a minimal cost per page.

Amendment of Records

Parents/eligible students may ask the school department to amend education records they believe are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's right to privacy. Such requests must be submitted to the superintendent or building administrator in writing, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the superintendent or building administrator decides not to amend the record as requested, the parent/eligible student will be notified of the decision, their right to request a hearing, and information about the hearing procedure.

Disclosure of Records

The school department must obtain a parent/eligible student's written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information in education records except in circumstances as permitted by law.

1. Directory Information

The school department designates the following student information as directory information that may be made public at its discretion: name, participation and grade level of students in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of student athletes, dates of attendance in the school unit, and honors and awards received.

Parents/eligible students who do not want the school department to disclose directory information must notify the superintendent in writing by September 15 or within 30 days of enrollment, whichever is later.

2. Military Recruiters/Institutions of Higher Education

Military recruiters and institutions of higher education are entitled to receive the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary students and the school department must comply with any such request, provided that parents have been notified of their right to request that this information not be released without their prior written consent. Parents/eligible students who do not want the school department to disclose this information must notify the superintendent in writing by September 15 or within thirty days of enrollment, whichever is later.

3. School Officials with Legitimate Educational Interests

Education records may be disclosed to school officials with a "legitimate educational interest". A school official has a legitimate educational interest if he/she needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. School officials include persons employed by the school department as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); members of the Board of Education; persons or companies with whom the school department has contracted to provide specific services (such as attorneys, auditors, medical consultants, evaluators, or therapists); and parents, students and volunteers serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee) or assisting a school official in performing his/her professional responsibilities.

4. Other School Units

As required by Maine law, Rocky Channels Schools System sends student education records to a school unit to which a student applies for transfer, including disciplinary records, attendance records, special education records and health records (except for confidential health records for which consent for dissemination has not been obtained).

5. Other Entities/Individuals

Education records may be disclosed to other entities and individuals as specifically permitted by law. Parents/eligible students may obtain information about other exceptions to the written consent requirement by request to the superintendent or building administrator.

6. Complaints Regarding School Department Compliance with FERPA

Parents/eligible students who believe that the school department has not complied with the requirements of FERPA have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. The office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

All pupils who will be 5 years old by October 15th of a given year are eligible to begin kindergarten in September of that year. A child must be 6 years old in a given year to attend first grade. All children 7 years of age by October 15th are required by law to be enrolled in an approved program. The following information is required at the time of registration:

1. A birth certificate indicating the child's legal name, parents' names, and child's date of birth.
2. A health record indicating that the required immunizations have been received.
3. A verification of the residence of the child. The legal residence of the child is that town in which the parent/legal guardian provides the primary home.

FAMILY VACATIONS

A vacation during the school year does sometimes occur. Whenever possible, parents should notify the school at least two weeks in advance to discuss the expected absence with teachers. Taking your child/ren out of school requires an awareness on the parents' part that what a child misses during this vacation cannot really be made up. Much of what we do cannot be replicated: whole class discussions, experiments, collaborative projects and teacher-guided instructions.

During an anticipated vacation, teachers may choose to provide children some reading to do, and perhaps some math journal pages, but there is much work that occurs that cannot be provided. Please keep in mind that teachers cannot ensure that your child will not be behind when he or she returns to school. We do our best to support children in their transition back to school and ask for your cooperation in that process, as well.

SUPERVISED PLAY

Children participate in outdoor recess daily. While staff members are available to supervise, we encourage the children to use this time to organize their own recreation. We believe that children who organize their own free play develop lifelong skills, such as: making friends, conflict resolution, sharing and taking turns, negotiating, compromise, and the experience of enjoying spontaneous playful activities. Appropriate dress should include comfortable clothing and shoes for active play. Having a spare set of clean clothes at school, especially for young children, is encouraged.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Student clothing should not distract from the educational process; therefore, students are expected to dress simply and in good taste. Clothing should be clean, neat, and appropriate for weather conditions and school activities. No clothing suggestive of alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances will be allowed. The child's torso (stomach, back, chest and shoulders) must be covered by the clothing, and undergarments should not be visible. Occasionally, a parent is called to bring appropriate wear for your child; however, if this is deemed necessary and we cannot reach you, we may supply more appropriate clothing to your child, if some is available.

Students who want to snow slide must wear appropriate outerwear, including snow pants and boots. Students should have sneakers at school for P.E. days. During boot season, students should bring a pair of slippers or shoes to leave in their cubbies for daily wear.

TOYS AND ELECTRONICS

Students are not allowed to bring toys or electronic devices to school unless they have prior permission from their teachers, such as for show-and-tell. Any of these devices brought to school without permission from a teacher or the principal may be confiscated. These items often serve as distractions in the learning environment.

If a child carries a cell phone, it must be kept in the student's backpack and turned off during the school day and during bus transportation, unless approved by the bus driver. If we don't see it or hear it, no problem. If a child is found to be using a cell phone during the school day, the phone will be confiscated and a parent will be notified.

The school assumes no responsibility or liability if these types of items are brought to school and are damaged or lost.

INVITATIONS TO PARTIES

Invitations to non-school events, activities, parties, etc. may not be given out at school unless all children in the classroom are invited. Please understand that school personnel are not allowed to give out parents' contact information.

REPORT CARDS

Students in the Southport Central School are evaluated on a trimester basis in November, March and June, using a standards-based report card that aligns with the Maine Learning Results (which includes the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards - both of which have been adopted by the state of Maine as required learning standards).

Mid-term updates are sent home during each trimester.

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences are an important means of communication between school and home. Conferences are held near the end of the first marking period.

Other conferences are held throughout the school year at the request of the teacher or parent(s). We encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss any concerns you may have.

AFTER-SCHOOL PLANS

Children who come to school unaware of their after-school plans often exhibit anxious behavior that can prevent them from being able to focus on school. This can offer many challenges to them, making them worry and perseverate about what they are going to do once the school day ends. For this reason, we urge parents to ensure you have reviewed the day's after-school plans with your child/ren, and that they come to school confident with the plan. If your child expresses uncertainty about this, we will call you.

THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day runs from 8am until 2:25pm. Students arriving after 8am will be considered tardy. Parents are asked to call the school if a child is going to be absent.

7:30 - 8	Students arrive/ outdoor recess
8:00-9:45	Class time
9:45-10	Morning recess
10-11:15	Class time
11:15-11:45	Lunch
11:45-12:15	Recess
12:15-2:25	Class time
2:25	Dismissal (Mon., Tu., Th. Fri.)
1:25	Dismissal on Wednesdays

The Southport School cannot be responsible for students on the school grounds before 7:30 A.M. or after 2:30 P.M. Students may not arrive prior to 7:30 AM and are expected to ride the bus or be picked up at the time of dismissal.

TRANSPORTATION

All SCS students are eligible to ride the school bus as long as they adhere to bus behavioral expectations. Students in grades K-3 are not allowed to get off the bus alone, and will not be permitted to exit the bus until the bus driver has seen the adult responsible for receiving the child. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform the school if someone other than the usual person will be receiving your child. If parents wish to allow a child in grades K-3 to get off the bus with an older sibling, we must be informed in writing. Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Students in grades 7-12 who attend BRES or BRHS are eligible to ride the bus as long as they adhere to bus behavioral expectations.

Parents who wish to make a change in the child's usual after-school destination must inform the school, preferably by sending in a note. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that emails sent regarding after school plans will be received by staff during the day.

Please know that students are not allowed to use the school's phone, except in extenuating circumstances.

Southport Bus Schedule 2023-2024

Driver: Mr. Matt Thibault

Morning:

Trip One - Leave SCS at 7:05am to pick up grades 7-12 only.

Depart school, turning left on Route 27 to Newagen, then travel north on Route 238 to Cross Road. Turn right on Route 27, then travel on to Boothbay schools for drop-off at app. 7:30am.

Trip Two - At 7:30am leave Boothbay schools, traveling south on Route 27 on Southport, reaching Newagen at app. 7:45. Travel north on Route 238 to Cross Road, then back to Route 27, arriving at SCS at app. 7:55am.

Afternoon:

Depart SCS at 2:25, turning right onto Route 27, reversing direction by turning around on Plummer Road. Head south on Route 27, around the island to Route 238, dropping off SCS students along the way. Continue on to the Boothbay schools for grades 7-12 pickup at app. 2:50pm.

Wednesday Afternoons:

For SCS students, dismissal is at 1:25pm. The bus route remains the same, but arrival time will be one hour earlier than other days.

SCS students being transported to the YMCA arrive there at app. 2:50pm.

This schedule is the same as the 2022-2023 school year.

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member,

I am writing about three subjects that can affect children's health in schools: pests, pesticides, and your right to know.

Pest Control

Because pesticides pose risks, the school uses an alternative approach to merely applying pesticides. Control of insects, rodents, and weeds at our school focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some techniques we will use include pest monitoring, sanitation, pest exclusion, proper food storage, pest removal, and, as a last resort, pesticides. This holistic approach is often called integrated pest management (IPM).

Pesticide Use

Sometimes pesticides use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the lowest risk products available. If higher risk pesticides must be used, notices will be posted at application sites and parents, guardians, and staff have a right to know.

Your Right to Know

Parents, legal guardians, and school staff will be notified of specific pesticide applications made at the school. Notification will be given at least five days before planned pesticide applications. Pesticide application notice will also be posted in school and on school grounds. Notification need not be given for pesticide applications recognized by law to pose little or no risk of exposure to children or staff. The school also keeps records of prior pesticide applications and information about the pesticides used. You may review these records, a copy of the school's integrated pest management policy and the Maine Board of Pesticides Control Regulation CMR 01-026 Chapter 27 by contacting our IPM coordinator, David Benner, located at the Boothbay Region Elementary School, in Boothbay Harbor. If you have questions, please contact David Benner at 207-633-9870 or by email at dbenner@aos98schools.org. For further information about pests, pesticides and your right to know call the Board of Pesticides Control at 207-287-2731 or visit the Maine School IPM web site at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/schoolipm.

Sincerely, David Benner

Director of Buildings and Grounds, AOS 98

A complete copy of the policies and procedures adopted by the Southport School Board is on file at the office of:

Superintendent of Schools AOS 98/Rocky Channels School System
51 Emery Lane
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Attendance Counts!

Important Facts from www.attendanceworks.org

- Starting in pre-kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school - and themselves. Start building this habit.

It's the Law - "Persons 7 years of age or older and under 17 years of age shall attend a public day school during the time it is in regular session." (<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/20-a/title20-asec5001-a.html>)

Truancy - Unexcused Absences

According to state law, if a student is at least 7 years old and has not finished 6th grade, (s)he is habitually truant if (s)he misses 5 school days in a row or 7 school days in one school year. If a student has finished 6th grade and is not 17 years old, (s)he is habitually truant after missing 7 school days in a row or 10 school days in one year.

What Happens if a Student is Truant?

When a student is truant, the administration will request a conference to discuss the student's unexcused absences. If this conference does not work or if the parent/guardian does not attend, the school will develop and implement interventions that will best address the student's truancy. These interventions may include:

- frequent communication between teacher and family
- changes in the learning environment
- student counseling
- evaluation for alternative educational program
- attendance contracts, and/or
- referral to other agencies for family services.

If the student is still truant, the school will attempt to arrange a second meeting. This meeting will review the plan and a new plan may be written. If a student is still truant, the superintendent or designee will serve the parent/guardian with a written notice. The letter will say that:

- the student is required to attend school,
- the parent/guardian has a right to review their child's attendance records,
- failure to get a student to school may be a civil violation,
- local law enforcement or Maine DHHS can be contacted, and
- a plan was developed - including the specifics of the plan and the steps that were implemented to improve a student's attendance.

Excused Absences

State law establishes conditions under which a student may be excused from attending school. By law, an excused absence is when a student misses school because of:

- illness or injury
 - The principal may require a doctor's medical verification after three (3) consecutive days
- Appointments with a health professional that cannot be made outside the regular school day.
- Family emergency
- Planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has been school-approved.

When scheduling appointments for your child, we ask that you make every attempt to schedule them outside of the school day.

Food Services

Students may bring their own snack and/or lunch to school each day, or **they may receive each for free at school. Free milk and juice are also available daily.**

Candy and soda are not allowed in school. We ask that you send nutritious snacks and drinks for your child/ren.

Free breakfast may also be provided to any student requesting one.

Parents are asked to contact the school (by 8:30am) to order a lunch for a child who is expected to arrive late that day. Typically, the lunches are prepared at the Boothbay schools and then brought to SCS for distribution; for this reason, a lunch count is taken first thing each morning.

CLOSING SCHOOL PROCEDURE AND EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No-school announcements will be given on local stations starting as early as 6:00 AM. These announcements are televised on Channel 6 (WCSH), Channel 8 (WMTW) and Channel 13 (WGME). They are also announced on radio station 107.5 FM. We are AOS 98/Rocky Channels School System – Edgecomb, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport and Georgetown.

On the rare occasion that school is cancelled for SCS, but not for Boothbay schools, transportation for junior high and high school students is the responsibility of the parents.

Our school district notification is called Thrillshare. You can expect to receive school notifications via email, text, or voice messages on a home phone. You need not do anything to prepare for this, other than keeping us informed of changes in your contact information.

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<https://sites.google.com/aos98schools.org/southportcentralschoolpolicies/southport>

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A SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER

1. I am respectful of others, our school and myself.

That means...

- I am a team-player
- I am polite
- I have self-control
- I monitor my behavior
- I cooperate with others



2. I am prepared and ready to learn

That means...

- I am where I am supposed to be
- I follow directions
- I complete my work on time
- I work without redirection



