



Suwannee Stories

We are proud to introduce Suwannee Stories, a brand-new monthly publication designed to keep families, staff, and community members connected to all the great things happening across our district.

Each month, we'll shine a spotlight on the amazing students, educators, and programs that make Suwannee County a special place to live and learn.

This month will look different due to the school year just beginning. This issue will cover important dates, information, and introduce you to the people in the district. We invite you to join us on this journey as we celebrate the people, progress, and pride that define Suwannee County Schools. Whether you're a parent, staff member, alum, or neighbor — this is your story, too.

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL HIGHLIGHT:

- Success stories from all schools in our district
- Updates from district departments and leadership
- Community partnerships and events
- Student and staff recognitions
- And much more!



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT GRAY

Dear Suwannee County School District Family,

We are pleased to express our enthusiasm for the opportunity to support your child's educational development and to welcome them to the Suwannee County School District (SCSD) for the 2025-2026 school year.

The subsequent pages provide information and a closer look at our distinguished schools and programs, along with pertinent contact details for your convenience. We highly recommend visiting the SCSD website at www.suwannee.k12.fl.us or contacting the school of interest for any inquiries or further information. We also encourage you to download the Suwannee County School District app on your device by searching, "Suwannee School District, FL".

As the Superintendent of Schools, I take great pride in the accomplishments of our students, which are a direct result of the unwavering dedication and professionalism of our exceptional faculty, staff, and administrators.

In considering your child's educational future, we are honored to serve them in our system of excellence, which has been designed to foster personal success. The Suwannee County School District represents not merely an educational option; it embodies my choice for high quality education.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Gray
Superintendent of Schools,
Suwannee County School District



Ronnie Gray (pictured above) officially became the Superintendent for the Suwannee County School District on November 19, 2024.



2025 - 2026 SCSD CALENDAR

Below is the 2025 - 2026 SCSD Calendar. Please note, this calendar is subject to change. If changes are made to the calendar, updated versions will be provided on the SCSD website and Facebook page. To view this calendar digitally, please visit www.suwannee.k12.fl.us.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CALENDAR

August 11: First Day for Students
 September 1: Labor Day Holiday
 November 11: Veteran's Day Holiday
 November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving Break
 December 22 - 31: Christmas Break
 January 5: Students Return
 January 19: MLK Day Holiday
 April 3: Good Friday Holiday
 April 13 - 17: Spring Break
 May 22: Students' Last Day

Pre-Planning: August 4-8, 2025

Post-Planning: May 28, 2026

NINE WEEK PERIODS AND REPORTING DATES

First nine weeks/term:

Progress reports will be distributed
 End of first nine weeks/mid 1st term
 Grade reports go out

Friday, September 12, 2025
 Friday, October 10, 2025
 Friday, October 17, 2025

Second nine weeks/term:

Progress reports will be distributed
 End of second nine weeks/end of 1st term
 Grade reports go out

Friday, November 14, 2025
 Friday, December 19, 2025
 Friday, January 9, 2026

Third nine weeks/term:

Progress reports will be distributed
 End of third nine weeks/mid 2nd term
 Grade reports go out

Friday, February 6, 2026
 Friday, March 10, 2026
 Friday, March 20, 2026

Fourth nine weeks/term:

Progress reports will be distributed
 End of fourth nine weeks/end of 2nd term
 The school office is responsible for the distribution of report cards at the end of the year.

Friday, May 1, 2026
 Friday, May 22, 2026

TEACHERS' WORKDAYS (3)

October 13, 2025	January 2, 2026	March 13, 2026
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) DAYS (7.5 DAYS)

August 25, 2025	February 16, 2026	May 27, 2026
September 29, 2025	March 23, 2026	
October 27, 2025	May 26, 2026	

HOLIDAYS 12-Months

July 3, 2025	December 22-26, 2025	April 3, 2026
September 1, 2025	December 29-30, 2025	April 13-15, 2026
November 11, 2025	January 1, 2026	May 25, 2026
November 24-28, 2025	January 19, 2026	

HOLIDAYS Students

August 25, 2025	November 24-28, 2025	March 13, 2026
September 1, 2025	December 22-26, 2025	March 23, 2026
September 29, 2025	December 29-31, 2025	April 3, 2026
October 13, 2025	January 1-2, 2026	April 13-17, 2026
October 27, 2025	January 19, 2026	
November 11, 2025	February 16, 2026	

JULY 2025						
July 1-31: Summer Hours	1	2	3	4		
July 3: Holiday (Observed)	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 2025						
Aug 4-8: Pre-Planning Days					1	
Aug 11: First Day for Students/	4	5	6	7	8	
Student Early Release Day	11	12	13	14	15	
Aug 25: PD Day	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Sept 1: Labor Day Holiday	1	2	3	4	5	
Sept 29: PD Day	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025						
Oct 10: End of Q1 (42 Days)			1	2	3	
Oct 13: Teacher Work Day	6	7	8	9	10	
Oct 27: PD Day	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2025						
Nov 11: Veteran's Day Holiday	3	4	5	6	7	
Nov 24-28: Thanksgiving Break	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	

DECEMBER 2025						
Dec 19: Student Early Release	1	2	3	4	5	
Dec 19: End of Q2 (42 Days)	8	9	10	11	12	
Dec 22-31: Christmas Break	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30				

JANUARY 2026						
Jan 1: New Year's Day Holiday				1	2	
Jan 2: Teacher Work Day	5	6	7	8	9	
Jan 5: Students Return	12	13	14	15	16	
Jan 19: MLK Day Holiday	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

FEBRUARY 2026						
Feb 16: PD Day	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	

MARCH 2026						
March 10: End of Q3 (45 Days)	2	3	4	5	6	
March 13: Teacher Work Day	9	10	11	12		
March 23: PD Day	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31				

APRIL 2026						
April 3: Good Friday Holiday			1	2	3	
April 13-17: Spring Break	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15			
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2026						
May 22: End of Q4 (45 Days)					1	
May 22: Students' Last Day	4	5	6	7	8	
May 25: Memorial Day	11	12	13	14	15	
May 26-27 PD Days	18	19	20	21	22	
May 28: Post Planning Day	25	26	27	28	29	

JUNE 2026						
June 1-30: Summer Hours	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30				

☐ PD Day - Holiday for students

☒ Teacher Work Day - Holiday for students, bus drivers, food service workers and paraprofessionals (as assigned)

☒ Holiday for students, 10/11 month teachers, bus drivers, food service workers, and paraprofessionals

☐ Holiday for all employees and students

*Early Release days may be subject to change with prior notice

*PD Days may be converted to student days if needed for storm make-up days

SCSB Approved 9/24/2024

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

- Early Release days may be subjected to change with prior notice
- Professional Development (PD) Days may be converted to student days if needed for storm make-up days

The Suwannee County School District

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2025 - 2026 SCSD BELL SCHEDULE

As we prepare for a new school year, we want to ensure all students and families are aware of the start and end times for each campus.

Staying informed helps everyone start the school year smoothly and students arrive on time, ready to learn!

Suwannee County School District Bell Schedules 2025-2026

School	First Bell	Dismissal
Regular Schedule		
Branford Elementary	8:05 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Branford High	8:25 a.m.	2:48 p.m.
Pineview Elementary	8:25 a.m.	3:25 p.m.
Riverside Elementary	8:20 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Springcrest Elementary	8:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Suwannee High	8:25 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Suwannee Middle	8:25 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Suwannee Opportunity	8:30 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
RIVEROAK Technical College	8:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Early Release Schedule		
Branford Elementary	8:05 a.m.	1:35 p.m.
Branford High	8:25 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Pineview Elementary	8:25 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
Riverside Elementary	8:20 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Springcrest Elementary	8:15 a.m.	1:40 p.m.
Suwannee High	8:25 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
Suwannee Middle	8:25 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
Suwannee Opportunity	8:30 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
RIVEROAK Technical College	8:30 a.m.	1:10 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES

STAY IN THE KNOW!



The Suwannee County School District wants to keep you and your family up to date on upcoming district and school events. Below are important dates coming soon.



First Day for Students & Early Release Day

Date: August 11, 2025

Please refer to the previous page to see early release schedule for each school.



Professional Development Day (No School)

Date: August 25, 2025

No school for students.
Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.



Labor Day Holiday (No School)

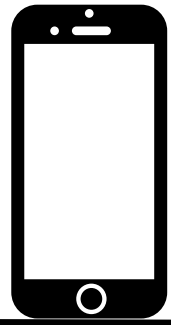
Date: September 1, 2025

No school for students.
Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2025-2026?



Student Cell Phone Use in Schools

The Suwannee County School District is informing families of new statewide legislation aimed at regulating student cell phone use during the school day. Florida's House Bill 1105 introduces specific guidelines for all public schools and is set to impact students from K-12th grade.

The bill:

- Prohibits devices use by K-8th students during the school day.
- Prohibits 9th-12th grade students use during instructional time, except as authorized, with teacher-designated storage areas and Suwannee County School Board adopted usage zones.
- Provides exceptions for medical or educational needs.
- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to study full-day restrictions in high schools in six districts and submit a report with a model policy by December 1, 2026.

This bill goes into effect for the Suwannee County School District on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Kindergarten-8th Grade: Students may possess a wireless communications device while on school property or in attendance at a school function, but students are not allowed to use the device at all during the school day (from the first bell to the last).

9th-12th Grade: Students may possess a wireless communications device but may only use the device outside of class time or if a teacher gives permission to use them for learning. Wireless communication devices must be put away in teacher-designated storage areas during instructional time. Usage zones will be established during instructional time.

The state is also starting a pilot program to explore full-day phone restrictions in schools.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



*Lesley Fry
District 1*



*Norman Crawford
District 2
Vice Chairman*



*Tim Alcorn
District 3*



*Ed daSilva
District 4
Chairman*



*Ronald White
District 5*

Suwannee County School District Family,

We are excited to welcome our students, families, teachers, and staff back for a new school year. This is a time full of opportunity, growth, and renewed energy, and we are honored to support our schools as we work together for student success.

To all our staff, thank you in advance for dedicating your days to our mission of developing life-long learners and productive citizens. You truly do make a difference in a young life.

To all our parents, thank you for entrusting us with the safety and education of your children. We appreciate your support of public education.

And, finally, to our students, make this the best school year yet. Set that personal goal and make it happen. You've got the keys to your success; just unlock that door.

We, as a Board, look forward to partnering with our community to help every learner thrive. With all of us working together, Suwannee County School District will be the best district in the State.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Warm regards,

Suwannee County School Board Members



Pictured from left to right: Lesley Fry (District 1), Ed daSilva (District 4), Ronnie Gray (Superintendent), Tim Alcorn (District 3), Ronald White (District 5) and Norman Crawford (District 2).



School Resource Officers

Meet the Deputies that Keep Our Campuses Safe

Deputy names and their assigned schools are listed from top to bottom in the left column, followed by top to bottom in the right column:

- Brad Mincks - Branford Elementary
- Jay Harris - Branford High
- Berry Raulerson - Pineview Elementary
- Rashard Fleming - Riverside Elementary
- Ayla Creech - Suwannee High
- Maggie Mouton - RIVEROAK Technical College & Suwannee Opportunity School
- Jeff Miara - Springcrest Elementary
- Slade Collins - Suwannee Middle



Employment Opportunities

THE SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, MY CHOICE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION!

Thank you for your interest in Suwannee County School District.

The Suwannee County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or marital status in its educational programs, services, or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices.

The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth groups, as required by the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

The Suwannee County School District follows all requirements for accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

- If you believe you will require accommodations during the job application, screening, interview, or job offer process because of a disability, you may request an ADA accommodation by contacting the Human Resources office by email or telephone.
- It is your responsibility to notify the Suwannee County School District if you need reasonable accommodations.



Work with us today

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WORKING WITH US?

The Suwannee County School District maintains accreditation through Advanced Ed for quality School Systems, which requires us to meet a set of national standards for continuous improvement and quality at all schools. Our school district has been rated a "B" by the Florida Department of Education. The Suwannee County School District is comprised of nine schools serving approximately 6,200 students.

CALL TODAY

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WWW.SUWANNEE.K12.FL.US

SCSD APP



Stay Connected with the Suwannee County School District App!

Exciting news for SCSD students, parents, and staff! The Suwannee County School District app is available for download on the iOS App Store and Android Play Store.

By downloading the app and enabling notifications, you'll stay informed about the latest news, events, and updates from the SCSD and all its schools. Get instant access to important announcements, school calendars, district policies, and more right at your fingertips!

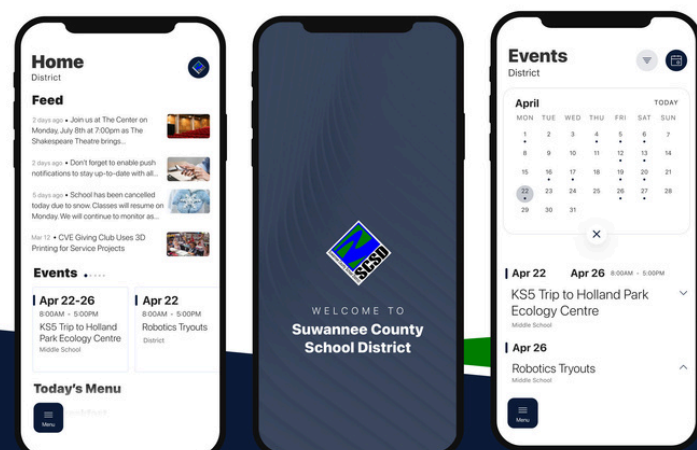


Alerts regarding all things SCSD and campus specific information



The mobile app allows users to select preferences and customize their experience, providing a more personalized interaction.

It's everything
SCSD,
in your pocket.



Download the App Today!

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Contact Information



386-647-4616



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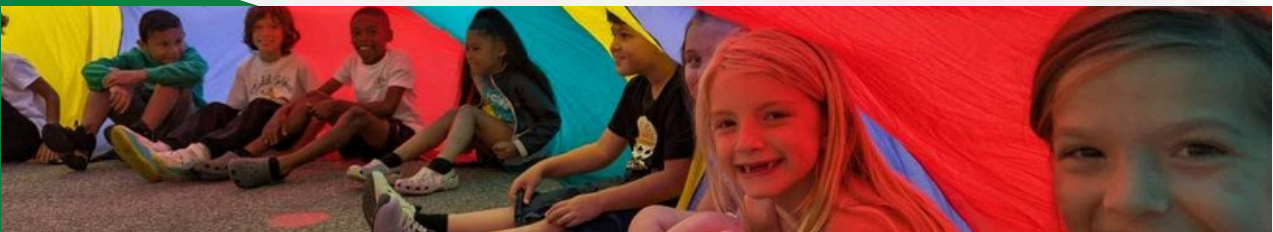
We're excited to connect with our students, families, staff, and community in a whole new way.



STAY TUNED FOR

- Student & staff achievements
- Important updates & announcements
- Events across all campuses
- Behind-the-scenes moments
- And so much more!

Scan the QR code or search "Suwannee_County_Schools" on Instagram





SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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How are we doing?

Dear Suwannee County School District Community,
As we kick off another exciting school year, we hope Suwannee Stories keeps you connected, informed, and proud of the amazing things happening across our district.

Be sure to check back each month for new highlights, updates, and celebrations from all of our schools. We would love to hear from you — if you have ideas, suggestions, or topics you'd like to see in future editions, please let us know!
Your voice helps shape our story.

Contact us at: terry.vickers@scsb.us
Scan the QR code below to take a brief survey and share your thoughts on this month's issue!

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