



**JULY**

**2023-2024**

# **BACK 2 SCHOOL**

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SARASOTA COUNTY  
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# BACK 2 SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- 1 ☐ Register for school
- 2 ☐ Register for transportation and download the WheretheBus™ app
- 3 ☐ Complete a Free & Reduced Meal application
- 4 ☐ Review and complete School Health requirements
- 5 ☐ Buy school supplies—check your school’s website for a complete list
- 6 ☐ Review the 2023-24 Calendar
- 7 ☐ Review the 2023-24 Dress Code
- 8 ☐ Update guardian contact information in the Family Access Portal
- 9 ☐ Parents register to be a volunteer
- 10 ☐ Learn more about voluntary KidGuard Student Accident Insurance
- 11 ☐ Attend your school’s Back-to-School night

**Please read the following booklet  
to learn more about Back 2 School!**



**Schoolology is coming to Sarasota Schools!**  
All families will receive information from their  
child’s school on how to create an account.

# REGISTRATION



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## STEP 1 Determine your School Attendance Zone

If you do not know your zone, click **Find Your Attendance Zone**.

- Next, click on **Attendance Zones** to search by your address.
- Then, type in your address to find your districted Elementary, Middle, and/or High School.

## STEP 2 Fill Out a Registration Form

### First-Time Students

- Fill out a registration form (click **First-Time Student Form**)
- Once the form is submitted, a rep from your school will contact you with additional details when the office will be open

We also have a video for:

**How to Register for Kindergarten**

### Existing Students

- Fill out a re-registration form (click **Existing Student Form**)

Beginning April 7th, SNAP Codes for existing students were sent to the residential parent/guardian via email or letter. If you have not received your code, contact your school's registrar.

## STEP 3 Transfer Students

If a Student is transferring from one Sarasota County school to another, please bring the following to the new school:

- Student withdrawal form from previous school
- Proof of residency with address listed on a utility bill and lease

## Helpful Contacts

The absolute best contact regarding registration information is going to be your school's registrar!

Click **Who to Contact?** on [sarasotacountyschools.net/register](https://sarasotacountyschools.net/register) for a list of our registrars and their contact info.

**SCAN**  
OR CLICK  
**HERE**



to view the full  
registration page  
on our website.

Spanish registration forms available online!

# TRANSPORTATION

## Register to Ride the Bus

- 1 [www.sarasotacountyschools.net/BacktoSchool](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/BacktoSchool)
- 2 Register to Ride the Bus
- 3 Fill out the **Bus Stop Pre-Registration Form**

## BUS ROUTES

Available August 3rd on the **Find A Bus Route** link!

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1353](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1353)

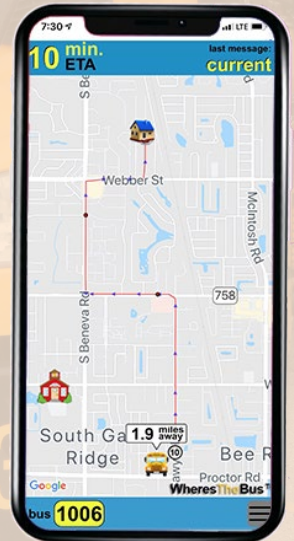


## WheresTheBus™

- Real-time location
- Less time waiting
- Sign up today!

Download the App!

[www.WheresTheBus.com](http://www.WheresTheBus.com)



# TRANSPORTATION HELP LINE

## (941) 486-2141

August 1st - 12th | Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



## Schoolhouse Link Program

Sarasota County Schools and the Safe Children Coalition have teamed up to raise awareness about school enrollment options and resources for students along with their families that do not have a permanent address or are “doubling up” in residences. The McKinney-Vento Act provides services that support the enrollment, attendance, and success in school for students in residential transition.

In Sarasota County, these services are provided through the Schoolhouse Link program, a partnership between the Sarasota County School Board and the Safe Children Coalition.

To learn more about Sarasota County School’s program with Schoolhouse Link, visit: [sccfl.org/schoolhouselink](http://sccfl.org/schoolhouselink) or call (941) 923-6100.





# FOOD & NUTRITION



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## New School Meal Payment Procedure

We have changed our cafeteria line check-out procedure!

Students will need to do the following:

1. Scan Student ID/printed bar-code or type in Student N#
2. Tell the cashier their first and last name

## Menu & Prices

You can find school menus or add money to your account on our mobile app. Access this info in the “Sarasota County Schools” app under Meals + Money. You can also visit our Nutrislice link to see individual school menus with nutritional information for each item.



[sarasotacountyschools.nutrislice.com/menu](https://sarasotacountyschools.nutrislice.com/menu)



Download the App!  
Free on iTunes or Google Play

## FOOD ALLERGIES

### Sarasota County Schools Allergy Resources



Click or scan to view our resources

- Menu Modification
- Medical Statement Request Form

# FOOD & NUTRITION

## School Breakfast and Lunch

**FREE & REDUCED  
SCHOOL MEALS!**

Need assistance with school meals?  
New applications must be submitted  
for the new school year.

**Applying has additional perks!**

Such as qualifying for a fee waiver when registering for before & after care, uniforms, summer camps, discounts and more!

[www.sarasotacountyschools.net/FREE](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/FREE)

## My School Bucks

You can also use the online My School Bucks to conveniently pay for your student's meals. There is a \$2.75 fee for each transaction and the maximum amount for each transaction is \$120.

- Set up automatic recurring payments
- Track and review meal history
- Create low balance alerts
- Make payments with the new mobile app



+1 (855) 832-5226

[www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)

**For help, call (941) 486-2199 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Keep up with Food & Nutrition Services on social!**



**@ SarasotaSchoolsFNS**



# SCHOOL HEALTH



[www.sarasotacountyschools.net/SCHOOLHEALTH](http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/SCHOOLHEALTH)



## Health Requirements for Admission to School

- **Physical Examination**—Each student entering school must present documentation of a physical examination performed within one year of registration.
- **Immunizations**—Each student entering school must present a Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH 680).

## Dental Sealant Program

The Florida DOH is offering a FREE dental sealant program for elementary students in select district schools. Dental sealants are a safe and easy preventative measure that helps stop tooth decay or cavities.

## Health Screenings

Screenings are mandated by Florida Administrative Code 64F-6.003. By electronically signing the Health Emergency Information Form, parents/guardians give permission for these non-invasive screenings put on by the schools.



Vision



Hearing



Scoliosis



Growth &  
Development

# SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Enhanced Security

- **(941) 966-SAFE (7233)**— is a 24/7 helpline monitored by the District Monitors at the Operations Command Center. This number is available anytime to request assistance, report suspicious behavior, or report an outage at the school. This number does not replace 911; however, our Monitors can connect with local emergency responders and request assistance when needed.
- **Perry Weather System**— is a mobile app and weather station system that is provided to district administrators, coaches, trainers, and P.E. teachers to monitor weather situations in real time to make informed decisions on the weather to keep students, staff, and visitors safe.
- **Emergency Radio System**— Sarasota County Schools is one of the first districts in the country to issue school radios that are on the Emergency Radio System. This gives our radio holders the ability to communicate anywhere in the county as well as communicate directly with emergency responders.
- **FortifyFL**— is an anonymous reporting tool that allows a person to instantly relay information to law enforcement and school personnel.
- **Threat Management Teams**— Threat recognition training is provided to select staff to recognize behaviors in students that could be disruptive, and to provide those students with care strategies to assist them in dealing with troubles before they manifest as threats or violence against themselves, others, or the community as a whole.
- **Youth Mental Health Crisis Training**— Sarasota County Schools has partnered with the Florida Department of Education and the National Council on Mental Well-Being to provide mental health recognition training to all staff members.
- **The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**— (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text, and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, mental health crises, or any other kind of emotional distress.



**CLICK OR SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT FORTIFY FL AND GET THE APP!**



**Follow @SarasotaSchools  
for Emergency Messaging!**





NEW!

# Student & Parent ID Badges

Sarasota County Schools provides a wide range of School Identification Cards for staff and students. Everyone must have a visible ID on their person at all times while on any Sarasota County School Board property. ID Cards issued to students allow them to use their ID cards to check out books, check on and off buses, as well as purchase food in the cafeteria. New to the 2023 – 2024 School Year is the Parent/Guardian ID. While this ID Card is not required, it will allow the holder to check in at the school at unmanned kiosks and bypass the receptionist during morning arrival times to walk their child to class. The ID is free of charge to parents or guardians. **More information will be coming out soon on how to get one of these IDs.**

## Emergency Terminology and Protocols

The Sarasota County Schools Police Department is responsible for a wide range of safety and security programs and procedures. The department has emphasized the introduction of technology, training, drills for all staff in lock-down, secure perimeter, and evacuation procedures.



A **lock-down** is for emergencies inside of the school. This procedure stops all activity inside the school and moves staff and students to safe locations. Emergency Responders will be the only ones moving during this event. During these events, doors to classrooms should only be opened by Law Enforcement.



**Secured Perimeter** is when there is a need for heightened security on campus because of events in the area of the school but not on school grounds. All outside activity stops and moves inside, movement on campus is limited, and class changes that require outside movement should stop, but activity inside the school building and classroom will continue as normal.



**Evacuation procedures** used in a variety of school emergency situations when remaining in the building is unsafe. Evacuation is moving building occupants to a designated safe location.

## Emergency Management

Sarasota County Schools and the Sarasota County Emergency Management Services have partnered together to utilize School District buildings, personnel, and equipment to provide emergency shelters to people who have been displaced from their homes due to natural or man-made disasters. For more information please visit [\*\*SCGOV.net\*\*](https://www.sarasotacountyfl.gov/).

**CLICK OR SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
SAFETY & SECURITY AT SCS!**



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## Volunteer

Volunteers at Sarasota County Schools are parents, adult community members, or students who assist at school sites or programs on a regular/semi-regular bases before, during, or after school hours. There are two types of volunteers: level 1 and level 2.



**CLICK OR SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT SCS!**

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

A School Advisory Council is comprised of representatives/people from the school, community, and those closest to the students who share responsibility for supporting continuous improvement in our schools. These school-based groups include the principal, teachers, parents, students, and more that reflect the racial, ethnic, and economic composition of the school. To be a part of a School Advisory Council, you must be elected by a representative peer group. For example, only teachers can elect teachers, parents by parents, students by students, and so on. However, a majority of council members must NOT be employed by the district.

## Did You Know? School Advisory Council

**NEW!**



To learn more about the SAC and how to get involved, please click the thumbnail or follow the link below!

<https://youtu.be/EbLCsxRJ7m4>





Keep up with us on social!

➤ **@SARASOTASCHOOLS** ⚡

