If I want to wear a face mask I can, but it is optional. My school will have masks available. The school district strongly encourages unvaccinated students & staff to wear face masks, but this is not mandated.

Before school, either my parent or I will check my temperature and assess my symptoms; if I have a fever of 100.4 or higher, or a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, or if I have been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, I will stay home and contact my medical provider.

If I ride in a car to school, my parent or guardian will drop me off in the car rider area; parents will not be able to walk me to my classroom or to the cafeteria. In some unique situations, due to traffic and safety concerns, all parents/guardians will be informed by the school and provided with specific pickup and drop-off instructions.

I will practice social distancing, when possible, when waiting for the bus.

I will use hand sanitizer as I board the bus and sit in my assigned seat. I will practice social distancing when possible. My bus will be cleaned throughout the day.

When I am in the classroom, cafeteria, or on the bus I will sit in my assigned seat. Personal protective equipment will be available upon request, social distancing when possible.

If I ride my bike or walk to school, I will enter the school at the designated entry point.

When I arrive at school, I will head to the designated staging and/or breakfast area, if needed, and report to my classroom.

I will wash my hands frequently and use hand sanitizer throughout the day. My school/class will have hand sanitizer available.

I will use hand sanitizer before and after I use shared spaces and supplies.

When I am changing classes or going to an elective/special area class, I will practice social distancing when possible.

Before picking up food in the cafeteria, I will use hand sanitizer or wash my hands. I will practice social distancing when possible.
The Department of Health will be conducting contact tracing during the 2021-22 school year. ** Completely vaccinated students will not need to quarantine unless they show symptoms.** Unvaccinated students, or students who have not completed the series, will be required to quarantine. Quarantined students can return to school after day 7 with a negative COVID test; otherwise, they will be quarantined for 10 days.

“Exposure” in the contact tracing process is when a person is within 6 feet of a positive COVID case for more than 15 minutes.

It is expected that students who are quarantined complete any assigned materials. If a student is ill and cannot complete assignments, teachers will follow the Attendance Policy and make-up work will be given as noted in the Student Progression Plan.

Schools will arrange for parents/guardians to pick up any materials (i.e., textbooks, workbooks, etc.) that teachers deem necessary for instruction. Personalized learning packets will be available for elementary students, and Blackboard, Microsoft TEAMS, or other digital platforms will be used for middle and high school students.

Students will have the opportunity to go on in-person field trips.

If a student gets sick at school, their parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the student up immediately.

The online COVID dashboard reset on July 1, 2021 and will be updated as we receive information from the Department of Health (DOH).

Parents and visitors will be permitted on campus. Please refer to your school's visitation policy, visitors will be asked to fill out the Visitor Checklist.
YES or NO, since your last day of visiting the school, have you had any of the following symptoms?

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**Have you had a positive test for the virus that causes COVID-19 within the past 10 days?**

**In the past 14 days, have you had close contact (within about 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?**

If visitors are suspected to be sick and/or have recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms, they are not permitted to enter the building.
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS

**Elementary** - The following agreements are in place:
- Personalized learning packets will be provided by the classroom teacher to students who are quarantined.
- Instructional Support for quarantined students.
- Teachers of quarantined students continue to provide support to their students through email/phone about specific assignment questions.

**Secondary** - The following agreements are in place:
- Schools provide a clear expectation for establishing an online presence to communicate instruction and assignments (i.e., Blackboard, TEAMs, or other technology to post lesson plans, daily assignments and communication with students).
- Instructional Support for quarantined students with a focus on the Core.
- Students who do not engage in learning while quarantined must turn work in based on the Attendance Policy and procedures set by the teacher (see syllabus).
- Teachers of quarantined students continue to provide support to their students through email/phone about specific assignment questions.
- Schools develop a plan for administering tests.

**Exceptional Student Education (ESE)** - The following agreements are in place:
- ESE students who are quarantining will continue to have access to academic instruction and related services unless there are circumstances outside the school's control that prevent access.
- If an ESE student is quarantining, the ESE liaison will work with providers to continue delivering services during the quarantine period. (SLP, OT, Counseling, Mental Health Services, Social Skills, PT).
  - A school administrator will work closely with the ESE liaison to assure that ESE students are included in the alternative educational design.
- Any time educational services are interrupted for an extended period due to a quarantine (extended period is defined as over five school days), the ESE liaison will convene an IEP meeting to discuss provision of compensatory education.
Anti-Microbial Surface Treatment
OMNISHIELD - a long-lasting, anti-microbial disinfectant that will provide durable, long-term protection that kills and inhibits the growth of problematic bacteria, viruses, and other microorganisms - will be applied prior to the first day of school by SCS cleaning crews. OMNISHIELD uses safe, non-toxic, EPA registered products. Once attracted to a surface treated with OMNISHIELD, the treatment’s molecular spikes pierce the harmful bacterial cell and rupture its cell membrane, causing the bacterial microorganism to die. OMNISHIELD requires no rinsing or wiping after it is applied. Unlike other anti-microbials, the efficacy remains for a long period of time and protects surfaces between cleanings.

SCS PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Indoor Air Quality
In accordance with ASHRAE (The American Society of Heating, Air-Conditioning Engineers) recommendations to minimize the spread of COVID-19, SCS has changed out all air filters to HEPA - MERV 13 air filters.

Enhanced Cleaning & Sanitizing

Measures will be implemented to ensure that common work areas and equipment, and personal workspaces, are regularly cleaned and sanitized. OFSM has worked closely with SCS custodians to adjust their cleaning processes to better address current considerations. SCS custodians are using effective disinfectant and sanitizing products to clean our facilities every day. Along with these measures, they are taking the following steps to maximize our sanitizing efforts:

Refreshed Cleaning Methods/Processes
SCS cleaning personnel will be sanitizing and disinfecting restrooms more frequently. Their cleaning protocol will include thoroughly disinfecting and sanitizing all surfaces, doors, toilets, handles, etc., and ensuring that all supplies are always fully stocked.

Increased Cleaning of High-Touch Surfaces/Points
SCS cleaning crews will be sanitizing high-touch surfaces/points thoroughly (i.e., door handles, glass, elevator buttons, doors, tables, chairs, light switches) nightly. In addition, daytime custodians have been instructed to continuously disinfect and sanitize all touch points throughout the day.

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### Step 1 Determine your School Attendance Zone

If you do not know, 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 High School.

### Step 2 Fill out a Registration Form

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| - Fill out a registration form  
  Click [First-Time Student Form](#)  
- Once the form is submitted, a rep from the school will contact you for further details and when the office will be open. | - Fill out a re-registration form  
  Click [Existing Student Form](#)  
Beginning April 15th, SNAP Codes for existing students were sent to the registering parent/guardian via email or letter. |

We also have a video for:  
[How to Register for Kindergarten](#)

### 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: 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 for a list of our school’s registrars and their contact info.
**SCHOOL HEALTH**

For more information regarding school health, go to:
www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/schoolhealth

Then, click on

**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).

Then, click on

**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**
- **Scoliosis**
- **Hearing**
- **Growth & Development**

Then, click on

**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 preventive measure that helps stop tooth decay or cavities.

Then, click on

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/schoolhealth
ALL meals are **FREE** for ALL students in the 2021-22 school year thanks to the USDA!

Note: A la carte items will cost extra. Can be paid with MySchoolBucks, Cash, or Check

**NEW School Meal Procedure**

We have changed our cafeteria line checkout procedure!

1. Scan Student ID/printed barcode OR type in Student N#
2. Tell the cashier their first & 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/`

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. With My School Bucks you can:

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

**Food Allergies**

Sarasota County Schools Allergy Resources

Scan to view our resources!

Such as the Menu Modification Medical Statement Request Form

**Returned Check Policy & Procedures**

We contract with Checkredi, who will be handling returned checks, fees and charges. Contact Checkredi, toll-free, with any questions or concerns at 1-877-524-7334.

It is still important to complete a [Free and Reduced Meal application](https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/FNS) yearly, so our schools can continue to receive funding after the USDA free meals program ends. Approximately 50% of our students are eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals.

For help call: **941-486-2199** (7:00 AM - 4:30 PM)
Safety & Security

Safety Drills & Protocols
In addition to standard safety programs, the school district’s leaders revised security protocols to emphasize three types of safety emergencies, including lockdown, limited lockdown, and evacuations.

- A **lockdown** is a closure of campus where students and staff seek shelter in a school.
- A **limited lockdown** closes campus to outside visitors and instruction continues in class. Movement on campus is limited.
- An **evacuation** is when a classroom, building, or school needs to close, and students are moved from one space to another.

Help & Safety Resources

**FortifyFL APP** – FortifyFL is a tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. The APP provides students, parents, and staff an anonymous way to report suspicious or concerning activity.

**966-SAFE (7233)** – A 24/7 helpline monitored by the district’s Security Communications Center. Call any time to report suspicious behavior, or to have the team guide you to safety. While this should not be used in place of dialing 9-1-1, the Security Communications Center can connect with local law enforcement to secure resources and assistance.

**Partnership with Sandy Hook Promise Foundation** – The district reinforces the “See Something, Say Something” mantra and encourages all students, staff, and visitors to keep a lookout while they are coming and going from school campuses and district facilities. The district has also organized SAVE the Promise clubs (Students Against Violence Everywhere) in our secondary schools, and integrated safety intervention and assessment teams at every school through a partnership with the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid training** – Sarasota County Schools has partnered with the National Council for Behavioral Health and trained three new instructors as part of the Youth Mental Health First Aid program to enhance our faculty and staff’s ability to provide services to our students.

**Crisis Text Line** – Thanks to the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, the Crisis Text Line is a free support system, available 24/7, for student/staff in crisis. Users can text HERE4U to 741741 from anywhere in the U.S. to instantly start a text conversation with a trained crisis counselor.

Emergency Management
School buildings in Sarasota County may be used to shelter residents who have been displaced from their homes due to natural or man-made disasters. The school district works with Sarasota County Emergency Management Services to coordinate all activities related to handling disasters. The school district itself may, at times, need to use school facilities for sheltering or relocation to temporarily meet internal district needs. Visit Sarasota County Government for more: SCGOV.net
TRANSPORTATION
REGISTER TO RIDE THE BUS

1 https://sarasotacountyschools.net/Back2School

2 Register to Ride the Bus

3 Bus Stop Pre-Registration Form

Available August 1st on the Find A Bus Route link!

https://buses.sarasotacountyschools.net/

WheresTheBus
Download the App!
WheresTheBus.com

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

BUS ROUTES

TRANSPORTATION HELP LINE
941.486.2141

SCHOOLHOUSE LINK

August 2nd - 13th | Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM

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 or call 941-923-6100.

Sarasota County Schools and the Safe Children Coalition have teamed up to raise awareness about school enrollment options and resources for students and their families that do not have a permanent address or are “doubling up” in residences. The McKinney-Vento Act of 2001 provides services that support the enrollment, attendance and success in school for students in residential transition.