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Sequatchie County School

2024-25

PARENT INFORMATION BROCHURE

Parents play a vital role in the Sequatchie County School System. We encourage the involvement of parents and strive to keep them informed of their rights

Sequatchie County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap in the provision of education opportunities, activities, or other administrated programs.

Parents have the right to request information about professional qualifications concerning their child's teacher(s) and should be informed if their child is served by any paraprofessional providing educational assistance, and if so, their qualifications. * Teaching certifications can be found by accessing the TN Department of Education, Teacher Licensing Web Site at <https://www.k-12.state.tn.us/tcertinf> or contacting Robbie Somerville or Stephanie Smith, Curriculum Supervisors at 423-949-3617.

Parents will have access to system/school report cards for school and district data as developed by the State Department of Education and available (usually in the fall of each year) through their website (<https://www.tn.gov/education/families/report-card.html>) or at the Board of Education building.

All of Sequatchie County schools are Title I Schoolwide Schools. Funds are consolidated from federal, state, and local sources to upgrade the educational program of the entire school (qualification: 40% of students must be from verified low income families).

Parents of students identified as limited English proficient (ELL- English Language Learners) must be notified in a timely manner of their child's participation in an ELL Program, details of the program, rights to waive participation, and specific information on the child's level of English proficiency.



Sequatchie County Schools:
Compassion & Integrity

The purpose of the Tennessee Homeless Education Program is to develop educational programs that meet the unique needs of homeless students. Because homeless students face many obstacles to an appropriate education, such as lack of transportation, frequent school changes, and emotional stress, special programs are needed. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Act ensures these students receive the programs they need. An approved policy is on file at the Board of Education Office. Please contact Melissa Cordell at (423) 949-3617, if you need assistance.

Students and parents are encouraged to participate in safe and drug free school programs to prevent student violence and drug use. Parents can request in writing their child's non-participation in such activities. The system has uniformed School Resource Officers in our buildings and patrolling our grounds. Contact Rhonda Harmon at 423-949-3617 for more information.

The Board Policy relating to student privacy and parental access to information is available in the School Board Policy Manual located at each school and at the Board of Education. Notifications of Rights and Release of Directory information under FERPA, Family Education Rights and Policy Act, are also done through media announcements. This Federal law affords parents and students (over 18 years of age) certain rights with respect to educational needs. Parents will be notified of any change of Board policy. Policies are also posted on the district website: www.sequatchieschools.net

Under the TN State Board of Education's Unsafe Choice Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined under TN Code Annotated 40-38-111(g), or the attempt to commit one of these offences as defined under TN Code Annotated 39-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district.

A parental involvement policy is available on the district website at www.sequatchieschools.net or Rhonda Harmon (423) 949-3617. The written parental involvement policy will be reviewed annually at each Title I Schoolwide school's annual meeting to inform families of their school's participation in programs funded under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The Sequatchie County School System has a TN Dept of Education approved Federal Programs Consolidated application for 2024-25 federal funds for the following programs: Title I (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged) and Title II, A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment), Title IV, Part A (SSEA), and Title V (Rural Education Achievement Program). Anyone who wishes to review the application or offer suggestions should contact Rhonda Harmon at Sequatchie County Board of Education. 949-3617

Parents may access online information about their child's grades, attendance, class schedules, and demographic information through the Skyward Portal. For additional information contact Mollie Holland at 423-949-3617 or your child's school.



Please read other valuable notices and information found in your child's school handbook. They are posted on the district website www.sequatchieschools.net and available at each school. The handbook contains rules, policies, health related information, attendance and dripline policies, etc,

Parents can visit the state's website (www.state.tn.us/education) to access a description of the curriculum (TN Curriculum Standards), assessments, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Call Robbie Somerville or Stephanie Smith at (423) 949-3617 for additional information.

Prior to the dissemination of a survey, analysis, or evaluation to students, guardians shall be notified of the opportunity to review the materials, indicating purpose, analysis or evaluation and who will have access to the results of the survey,

The Sequatchie County Schools team is here to help you!

If you are interested in partnering or volunteering with Sequatchie County School system, please contact Rhonda Harmon at 423-949-3617 or rharmon@sequatchie.k12.tn.us

Visit our district website at www.seugatchieschools.net or watch for updates on our Facebook Page.



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