

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 61-8

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WELCOME to the start of a new school year. As we enter the twenty-ninth year of the Dakota Valley School District, we are looking forward to a rewarding and fulfilling year for everyone. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some school policies and procedures.

Appointments - Please attempt to schedule all appointments (medical, dental, haircuts, etc.) for after-school hours when possible. If a student must go to an appointment during school hours, a parent must contact the office prior to the appointment to have the student released.

Census Verification Report - We also strongly encourage parents to update and return the enclosed Census Verification Report, by August 31st, so that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency. Be sure to include your current cell phone number and e-mail address. If you do not want your family contact information included in the DV PTO Student Directory, clearly mark the box "NOT FOR DIRECTORY".

Closed Campus - Our school is a closed campus. Students will not be permitted to leave the school during the day (including lunch). As stated in the handbook, leaving school without permission will result in suspension.

Computers - Signed Mobile Computer Protection forms must be returned, by everyone in grades 9-12, on the first day of school (August 19th) for students to receive their lap top computers.

Dress Code - Shorts / skirts should be appropriate in length. Shirts are to be long enough to always cover the student's stomach / waist (no bare midriiffs) and have wide straps that connect in the front and back of the shirt. No spaghetti straps or tank tops will be permitted. No "cut off" t-shirts will be permitted during the school day or during practice. Hats, caps, hoods, and any apparel which covers a student's head should not be worn during the school day in the building. An exception will be made only for safety purposes in industrial arts, religious beliefs and in case of a special day approved by the principal.

First Day - Students will receive their final schedule and locker assignment on the first day of school. We do not require any supplies to be purchased by the students, although individual classes may call for specific materials. Students are expected to be prepared on the first day of school by having paper and a pen or pencil available.

Phone calls - The office phones are business lines for the school. They are not for students to call home for forgotten items, to check work schedules, etc. If it is necessary for you to leave a student message, it will be given to the student at an appropriate time. Students will not be called to the phone to personally receive any messages. Please help us instill responsibility in the young adults that attend our school. Allowing them to go home, or having you bring something they forgot, enables the student to avoid consequences and encourages irresponsibility.

Report Cards - In an attempt to "Go Green", student grades will no longer be mailed home. Instead, you can find current reports by visiting the Dakota Valley HS Web Page (www.dvschools.com) to access your child's grades via the Grade Book Portal, located under the Parents & Guardians tab on the district web page. If you need additional information or need to create an account, click on the appropriate link.

Website - Take time to visit our school website as it will provide information on how to subscribe to our electronic notification service, how to receive alerts and announcements, how to sign up for parent access to student grades, and it will include the most up-to-date student handbook, college scholarship and calendar information.

We would appreciate you going over this letter with your student. Each year our attempt is to focus on the importance of being in class and teaching individual responsibility. We are counting on your support in this effort. We would also encourage you and the students to become familiar with the student handbook (found on our website). If you have any questions, please call the high school office at 605-422-3820.

