

August 1, 2025

SEHS Friday Forecast

PARENT NEWSLETTER

South Elgin High School ~ 760 East Main Street, South Elgin, IL 60177 ~ 847.289.3760 ~ School District U-46



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Important Dates

Freshman/New Student

Parent Night

**Monday, August 4
6 pm (Auditorium)**

Freshman and New Student Orientation

**Tuesday, August 5
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Fall Athletic Parent Night
Thursday, August 14 – 6:30 pm
(Main Gym)**

**First Day of School
Monday, August 11**

**Picture Day – 9th- 10th
August 20
Picture Day – 11th – 12th
August 21**

**Taste Under the Lights
Friday, August 22 – 4:30 – 9pm**

Greetings Storm Nation,

This year marks the 20th anniversary of our first students entering the doors of South Elgin High School! Many staff, including me, remember students from those first classes fondly. We look forward to welcoming them back during homecoming this year. We have been working hard all summer to prepare our school for the return of students on **Monday, August 11, 2025**. This message is primarily for our students, but I'd ask our parents and guardians to help ensure your student receives and reflects on it. It's important that we all begin the year aligned and ready to succeed—together.

Vision: Empowering students to become resilient learners to create a more equitable and inclusive society.

Mission: We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment that promotes opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and embark on pathways that allow them to develop to their full potential.

As we enter this school year, I want to challenge each of you to go beyond simply *showing up*. This year, we want you to be *present*. Being present means you're engaged, you're intentional, and you're invested—in yourself, in your learning, and in the people around you. Below are some starting points that reflect how being present connects to our Vision, Mission, and STORM Traits:

- **Safe** – Be present in your spaces. Whether it's the classroom, the hallway, the field, or the stage—bring your full self and contribute to a safe, inclusive space for all.
- **Thoughtful** – Be present in your actions. Engage with your learning and your choices. Take responsibility when things go well—and when they don't. Your effort and your character are in your hands.
- **Organized** – Be present in your planning. Keep track of due dates, goals, and responsibilities. Being prepared allows you to fully engage in the moment and focus on growth, not panic.
- **Respectful** – Be present with others. Listen actively, speak kindly, and carry yourself with integrity. Respect starts with presence—truly seeing others and valuing yourself.
- **Mindset for Growth** – Be present in every minute. Your time here matters. Don't just go through the motions—lean in, take risks, ask questions, and embrace the journey.

In addition, we have important updates as shared in this newsletter.

1. **Electronic Device Policy** - We have a new electronic device policy. Because we want you to be fully present in each academic space in the building, electronic devices (chromebooks being the exception) will no longer be allowed in academic classrooms. They are allowed in non-academic spaces (i.e. hallways and lunch).
2. **Online Absence Reporting** - We are implementing an online absence reporting system, hopefully this will streamline the process for our parents and guardians to report absences.
3. **Arrival Procedures** - Our arrival process will remain the same as last year, but a diagram is included. Remember, our traffic pattern is least congested before 7:25 am.

We are excited to welcome you back into the building and into a new chapter at South Elgin High School. Let's make this year not just a return—but a commitment to be fully present in every moment, every class, and every opportunity.

Mr. Jonathon Miquelon
Principal of South Elgin High School



Welcome Back!



JOIN US

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
4:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**AT OUR 2025 SEHS WELCOME
BACK CELEBRATION AT TASTE
UNDER THE LIGHTS HELD AT OUR
SEHS STADIUM!**

**RAFFLES, GIVE-AWAYS, FOOD TRUCKS,
SCRIMMAGES, & SEHS BAND
PERFORMANCE**

**SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL'S
TASTE UNDER THE LIGHTS
AUGUST 22, 2025**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4PM	GATES OPEN	Stadium
4:30PM	BOYS SOCCER (J.V. v FRESH)	Stadium
5PM	GIRLS TENNIS	Tennis Courts
5PM	GIRLS SWIM	Pool (east end of building)
5PM	BOYS & GIRLS GOLF (CHIPPING)	Stadium
5PM	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Gymnasium
5:30PM	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	Stadium (1 loop around the track)
6PM	PARADE OF ATHLETES	Stadium

In Order of Appearance: Drumline, Cheer, Boys Football, Girls Flag Football, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Girls Swim, Boys XC, Girls XC, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Dance

7:15PM GIRLS VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL Stadium
7:45PM BOYS SOCCER VARSITY v J.V.I Stadium
8:45PM DISMISSAL Stadium

MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND ALL SEHS FALL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY!



WELCOME BACK



2025/2026

Freshman/New Student Parent Night

**Monday, August 4, 2025
6:00 PM - Auditorium (Door 5)**

Meet the administrative staff - Get to know SEHS
Turn in health forms (if needed)
Tour the school building

Freshman/New Student Orientation

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (Students Only)
10:00 AM-11:30 AM - Gym (Door 51)**

Meet Staff Members & Student Mentors - Building tour to find your classrooms-
Clubs/Activities/Athletics Fair
Spiritwear Sale - Turn in health forms - Student ID cards will be distributed during the first
week of class. Yearbook picture info will be coming out soon.

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BIENVENIDO DE NUEVO



2025/2026

**Noche de padres para estudiantes de primer
año/nuevos estudiantes**

**lunes, 4 de agosto de 2025
6:00 PM - Auditorio (Puerta 5)**

Conozca al personal administrativo - Conozca SEHS
Entregue el papeleo físico (si es necesario)

Orientación para estudiantes de primer año/nuevos estudiantes

**Martes 5 de agosto de 2025 (solo estudiantes)
10:00 AM -11:30 AM - Gimnasio (puerta 51)**

Conozca a los miembros del personal y a los estudiantes mentores - Recorrido por el edificio para encontrar sus
aulas - Clubes/Actividades/Feria de atletismo
Venta de ropa espiritual - Entregar formularios de salud - Las tarjetas de identificación de estudiantes se
distribuirán durante la primera semana de clases.

BIENVENIDO DE NUEVO



2025/2026



CLICK HERE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Each teacher will share with students their specific classroom needs on the first day of school when they pass out their syllabus. Students should bring writing supplies and paper. If your student is in need of a backpack and/or school supplies, please call 847-888-5000, ext. 5039.

PRINT/VIEW YOUR SCHEDULE FROM HOME

if the following requirements have been met:

1. Online registration, application submitted
2. Approved residency on file
3. Physicals and shot records on file

[Click here:](https://district.u-46.org/checklist/) <https://district.u-46.org/checklist/>

or sign into the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**, **click more**, then click the registration checklist.



LOCKER INFORMATION

Your student's locker number and combination are listed on their schedule. Please be sure to have your student bring their locker information on the first day of school.

[Click here for locker directions](#)



SEHS SCHOOL PICTURES

August 20 -9th and 10th grade picture day

August 21 – 11th & 12th grade picture day. (If your senior has already taken a senior photo thru VIP, they do not have to get their photo taken)

After picture day, you will be able to select your photo for the yearbook and purchase prints. Please note, if you do not select a photo for the yearbook, one will be selected for you. All orders will be delivered to your home.

To view and order photos from Picture Day: You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at <https://www.vipis.com/group/6714c841/south-elgin-high-school> shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at support@vipis.com.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR SEHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY?

Juniors with a 3.75 and Seniors with a 3.5 GPA are academically eligible to apply for National Honor Society. Applications will be sent as a Google Form to **student emails** during the week of **August 18**. Students will show how they serve and their leadership roles on the application. Information about acceptance will be sent via email around the third week of September. The Induction Ceremony will take place at 7 PM on October 6. Seniors inducted last year do not need to reapply, but are expected to be at the ceremony .



South Elgin High School
Taking the Future by Storm

Be sure to check out our new [SEHS Website](#). You can find our SEHS student bulletin which is posted weekly. You can also find our staff directory, SEHS calendar, Infinite Campus link, and much more!



STUDENT ID'S

Student ID's will be distributed the first week of school and they can access their digital ID through the Infinite Campus app. New students will be called down to the Dean's Office for their ID.



CHROMEBOOK PICK UP FOR NEW 9-12TH GRADE STUDENTS TO U-46

New students can pick up their chromebook at Freshman/New Student Orientation on

Tuesday, August 5 from 10:00 – 11:30 am at South Elgin High School.



STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS

Just a reminder for students to charge their chromebooks and make sure they are in working order before the first day of school.

Technical issues – Contact the U-46 helpdesk – 847-888-5000 X4295

Chromebook Issues - Device will not turn on, keys are not working – SEHS Main Office



SPIRIT WEAR SALES

Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during our Freshman Parent Night on August 4.

Nurse's Office Notes

Welcome back to school, everyone! The school nurse's office is here to support your health and well-being throughout the year. We are excited to be back and ready to help you all have a safe and healthy school year.

Reminders:

STAY HEALTHY - Remember to wash your hands frequently, cover your coughs and sneezes, and get enough sleep.

MEDICATIONS: If you need to take medication at school, please make sure the nurse has the necessary paperwork and medication.

ALLERGIES: If you have any allergies that require attention, please alert the Nurse's Office.

HEALTH CONCERNS: If you're not feeling well, please ask your teacher for a pass to visit the nurse's office for assistance.

Looking forward to a great year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop by the nurse's office or send us an email at LoraNora@U-46.org (CSN), ElizabethLarue@u-46.org (CSN), MargariteOlson@u-46.org (RN - will see the students for daily needs) and PamelaSThomas@U-46.org (Secretary – processes all medical paperwork).

From the Office of Culture and Climate

School Safety Measures as part of our commitment to ensuring a safe learning environment, South Elgin High School will be conducting random, non-invasive searches throughout the school year in accordance with board policy and law. These searches are a proactive step towards maintaining safety and fostering an environment where learning can thrive without disruptions. They will be carried out by trained school personnel, in a manner that respects the privacy of all students. We assure you that these measures are standard safety procedures and not in response to any specific incident or concern. If a student refuses to participate in the random search, the school administration will follow the necessary steps in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Culture and Climate

We recognize the importance of involving families and community in this high school endeavor, so we invite you to be a part of this work! Help us by knowing, understanding and helping your student adhere to the following:

Student ID Cards

Students will receive new identification cards during the first week of school.

In accordance with Board Policy, all students will be required to wear their ID's around their neck or have them on their person for the duration of the school day.

Entry to School

Students entering South Elgin High School must enter through the following locations:

Door #24 - Students who ride a Bus- IDs must be worn around the neck when entering this door.

Door #1 – All other students - Enter door #1 wearing their ID's around their neck.

Students are required to scan their ID upon entry.

Student drop off and pick up

Parents, the **auditorium parking lot** will be used for buses to drop off and pick up our students, so please make sure that you are dropping off and picking up your student in front of the building.

Student Dress Expectations

Disruptive clothing or appearance occurs when a student's clothing distracts from or interferes with the educational process. For a more specific list of expectations, please refer to the student code of conduct.

From our Attendance Office

NEW THIS YEAR – YOU CAN ENTER YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE THROUGH THE INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL

[CLICK HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS](#)

We are asking families to report their child's absences directly through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This feature offers a convenient, streamlined way to manage your child's attendance.

Visit our Every Minute Matters attendance page at u-46.org/infinitecampusabsence to watch a quick tutorial on how to use this new feature.

A partir del lunes, 11 de agosto, los padres/tutores legales podrán informar de las ausencias de sus hijos(as) directamente a través del Portal de Padres de Infinite Campus. Esta función ofrece una forma cómoda y sencilla de llevar el control de la asistencia de sus hijos(as).

Visite nuestra página de asistencia "Cada Minuto Importa" en u-46.org/infinitecampusabsence para ver un breve tutorial sobre cómo utilizar esta nueva función.

If you need assistance, please call our U46 helpdesk at 847-888-5000 X4295 or South Elgin High School at 847-289-3760.

847-289-3760

Attendance x3365

Early Release x3764



School success starts
with attendance

bell schedule

BLUE HIGHLIGHTED PERIODS INDICATE LUNCH PERIODS

	BELL SCHEDULE		EARLY RELEASE	
Period 1	7:40	8:30	7:40	8:23
Period 2	8:35	9:25	8:28	9:11
Period 3	9:30	10:20	9:16	9:59
Period 4a	10:25	10:48	10:04	10:24
Period 4b	10:52	11:15	10:27	10:47
Period 5a	11:20	11:43	10:52	11:12
Period 5b	11:47	12:10	11:15	11:35
Period 6a	12:15	12:38	11:40	12:00
Period 6b	12:42	1:05	12:03	12:23
Period 7a	1:10	1:33	12:28	12:48
Period 7b	1:37	2:00	12:51	1:11
Period 8	2:05	2:55	1:16	1:59



Athletics website:

<http://il.8to18.com/sehs>

Thanks to those who have shopped with the Mobile App from 8to18, we are getting a check, the more you use it the more we make. Please take 1 minute and **DOWNLOAD** the Benefit Mobile app (for [iPhone](#) or [for Android](#)) – it's your school's New + Free 8to18 Athletics Fundraiser.

1) DOWNLOAD app. **2) SELECT** your school, and when shopping, **3) USE IT** by purchasing digital gift cards in seconds on your phone and checking out with them. A % of the gift card amount directly supports your child's athletics program. Super easy and no cost to you!

Athletics

Welcome Back Storm Nation!!!! The Athletic Department is extremely excited for the start of the school year! Fall sports begins on August 11th, please remember that all students **MUST** be registered on our athletics website and have a current physical on file. The fall sports we offer are: Boys and Girls Cross Country, Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming and Diving, Girls Tennis, Girls Flag Football and Girls Volleyball. To register or find more information please visit our athletic website: <https://schools.dev.snap.app/sehs>.

Our annual Taste Under the Lights event will be held at SEHS on August 22rd from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Come out and enjoy a night under the lights with scrimmages from most of our fall sports.

Food Trucks will be available throughout the evening as well as performances by Cheer, Dance and the Storm Marching Band. Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase through our boosters, so be sure to grab your storm swag.

Parents, our fall sports

Parent meeting night for all rostered fall athletes will be August 14th at 6:30pm in the Main Gym.

STORM NATION WE NEED YOUR HELP.....the easiest way to do this is by joining our Booster Club. You can visit the booster's website, <https://www.sehsboosters.com/> for more information. Our SEHS extracurricular community could not function without the support and help of our parents and community members. #RollStorm #GetInvolved

Student Services

Juniors will participate in the ACT exam during the 2025-26 school year. For your student to receive any accommodations identified in their IEP or 504, a Test Accessibility and Accommodations request must be submitted. This request includes sharing identifying information (such as name, address, and birthdate) as well as a copy of the existing IEP or 504 plan.

There are 2 ways to make a request:

1. Return the signed consent form mailed to your home to the South Elgin High School guidance department before Friday, August 29th.
2. Create an ACT account and request accommodations through the TAA. The TAA will email Lauren Stewart (AP of Student Services) to request approval of the accommodations and provide the required documentation.

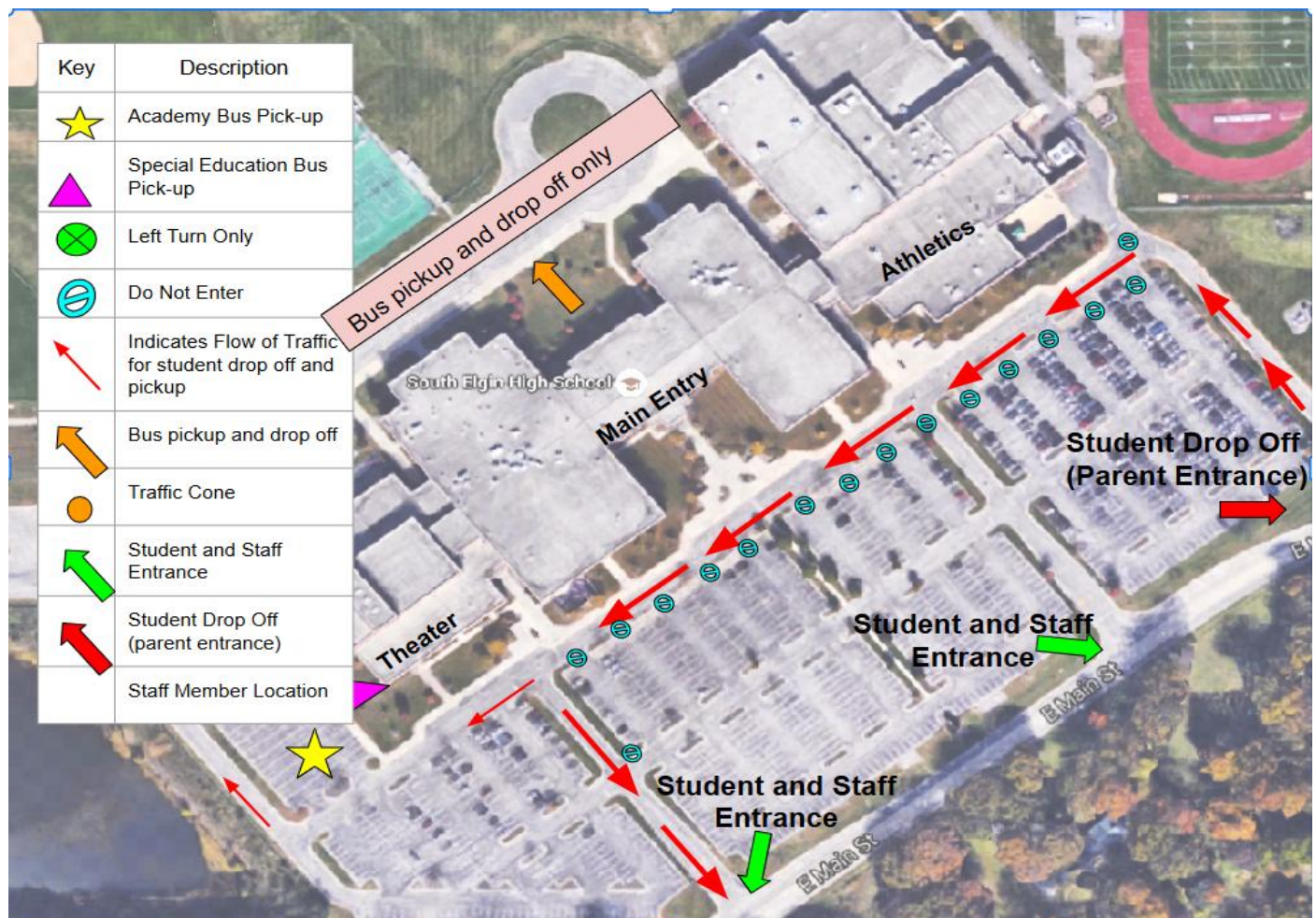
If you have any questions about the process, please contact Lauren Stewart phone (847)289-3760 x3068 or email laurenstewart@u-46.org, Assistant Principal of Student Services.

SEHS PARKING LOT TRAFFIC FLOW INFORMATION

Please [click here](#) to access the traffic pattern that will need to be followed starting Monday, August 11 (the first day of school) for those students being dropped off, driving to school or being picked up at school.

Please know that there is minimal traffic between 7:00 am – 7:25 am so it would be helpful to arrive early to avoid congestion.

The West parking lot (adjacent to the auditorium) is dedicated to buses. Driving through this parking lot, or attempting to drop off/pick up students in this area creates a safety hazard. Please support us by avoiding this area when picking up or dropping of your student. Thank you for your help.



As a reminder, all students being dropped off, driving to school, or walking must enter through Door #1 by the flag pole. Bus riders will enter through Door #24 in the back of the building.

Student Services – Guidance

Tony Venetico	Associate Principal	X3663
Karen Lawson	Administrative Asst.	X3803
Veronica Realzola	Registrar	X3690

School Counselors

A-Cald	Farrah Silverberg	x3364
Came-E	Martin Aburto - Interim	x3399
F-He	Jessica Cullinane	x3325
Hf-Man	Christopher Boden	x3336
Mao-Or	Ryan Adamski	X3460
Os-Ro	Jaclynn Powell	x3610
Rp-Te	Andrew Holmes	x3477
Tf-Z	Hina Ahad	x3247

Social Workers

A-E	Mike Grondin	x3703
F-Le	Genevieve Hebeka	x3056
Roc-Z	Jessica Rodriguez	x3385
Lf - Rob	Gianna Villanueva	X3489

Counselor's Corner

Student schedules are now visible in Infinite Campus for families who have completed the registration process, have up-to-date residency, and have turned in health requirements.

- Schedules may be viewed through the [registration checklist](#).
- Forgot your username/password? [Click here](#).
- Can't access your schedule yet? [Click here](#) to verify what you need to complete for the registration process.

No student/parent-initiated course request changes (dropping one course and adding another in its place) will be made after June 1st unless there is a documented health or safety reason for the change or a scheduling error was made by school personnel. If there are any questions, please contact your student's School Counselor directly. You can also refer to our [U-46 curriculum guide](#).

In order to be classified in the next grade level you need 10 credits to be a sophomore, 20 credits to be a junior, and 30 credits to be a senior. To check your credit status, you can check your transcript in Infinite Campus.

Please be sure to verify your schedule on Infinite Campus prior to your first class to access the most accurate version as slight changes may have been made.

Welcome back!

MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



Johnny Chacon is our new Assistant Principal of Innovation at South Elgin High School, supporting Beacon Academy, World Languages, Social Studies, and Business. He brings over a decade of experience teaching and leading in public, charter, and alternative schools across Chicago, Minneapolis, and Elgin. At the core of his work is a belief that real growth happens in safe, trusting environments, which is something that's already alive and well at SEHS!

Outside of school, Mr. Chacon enjoys reading, exploring nature, playing drums, seeing live music, and spending time with his wife, Vanessa, who's a 5th grade teacher at Heritage Elementary right here in U-46! He's proud to serve in a district committed to equity, inclusion, and support for **all students**.



Jason Schaal, is our new Assistant Principal of Culture & Climate. 2025 marks his 25th year in education. He began his career as a Physical Education teacher in School District U-46 at Larsen Middle School and was proud to be part of the original staff that opened South Elgin High School in 2005.

Mr. Schaal is thrilled to return to South Elgin High School as an Assistant Principal and continue contributing to a school community that means so much to him. He is passionate about fostering strong, supportive relationships with students, staff, and families, and looks forward to helping create a positive and engaging learning environment for all.

STORM DEVICE POLICY



Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, students will not be allowed to use any electronic devices in classrooms, with the exception of their U-46 chromebooks. This will include but is not limited to cell phones, AirPods or ear buds, handheld gaming devices, smart watches, and more.

STEP 1

- ✓ Staff reminds students of expectations
- ✓ Staff contacts home
- ✓ Staff documents in PLP

STEP 2

- ✓ Student places the phone in a **designated location** within the classroom
 - ➔ Staff returns phone to student at the end of class
- ✓ Staff contacts home
- ✓ Staff writes teacher-managed referral

STEP 3

- ✓ Staff presses Call Button & admin **confiscates** device for the **rest of the school day**
 - ➔ Student picks up device in Deans' Office by 3:15pm
- ✓ Dean contacts home
- ✓ Dean writes behavior referral

STEP 4

- ✓ Staff presses Call Button & admin **confiscates** device for the **rest of the school day**
- ✓ Dean contacts home
- ✓ Dean writes behavior referral
- ✓ Dean meets with family to pick up device

If a student advances to the next step in any class, their status in that class will **not** reset the following day. They will remain there until the end of the school year.

