Skyview Middle School

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We are Safe, We are Kind, We are Responsible, We are Titans

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Student/Parent Handbook

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Welcome to Skyview Middle School

Welcome to Skyview Middle School, home of the Titans, and where "It's always a great day to be a Titan!" Our goal in educating your student is to prepare them for the academic rigors of high school as well as assisting your student in their social and emotional development. This handbook provides information regarding the policies of Skyview as well as basic information about our school's operation. Please take time to read and review this handbook, and if you should have any further questions, please contact our school.

- With the fluidity of our current situation, we reserve the right to change and/or adjust items in the handbook to meet the current needs of our students and school. Last updated August , 2026.

Titan PRIDE:
Positive Attitude
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Excellence

Mission & Vision Statement

At Skyview, our mission and vision are to provide a competency-based learning system with a fundamental commitment to meeting all students where they are. We begin with a promise to know our students in profound ways — academically, cognitively, culturally, emotionally, linguistically, physically, and behaviorally. Our assurance is not only to an uncompromising vision for high achievement — high school, college, and career readiness — but also to the daily work of responding to students' individual needs in a way that fosters optimal growth. Our goal is to ensure all learners have equitable access to learning opportunities that foster support and prepare students for life in the world based on the orientation of learner-centered models.

Staff Leadership

Principal: Mrs. Lany
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Muniz
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Tillman
Counselor: Mrs. Roybal & Mrs. Jamie
Secretary: Mrs. Thompson
Office Clerk: Mrs. Archuleta

ESS: Ms. Balas, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Long-Larkins
Life Skills: Mrs. Novosel
Food Manager: Ms. Bustillos
Custodial: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Sanchez

Student Code of Conduct

In order for the educational process to be the most effective for the benefit of students, the following code of conduct is expected of every student:

We are **Safe,** We are **Kind**, We are **Responsible**

SVM BELL SCHEDULE

2026-2027

Period	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
1	7:30 - 8:35	7:30 - 8:35	7:30 - 8:35
2	8:38 - 9:35	8:38 - 9:35	8:38 - 9:35
3	9:38 - 10:35	9:38 - 10:35	9:38 - 10:35
4	10:38 - 11:13 1st Lunch 11:13 - 12:23 Class	10:38 - 11:13 Class 11:13 - 11:48 2nd Lunch 11:48-12:23 Class	10:38 - 11:48 Class 11:48 - 12:23 3rd Lunch
5	12:26 - 1:25	12:26 - 1:25	12:26 - 1:25
6	1:28 - 2:25	1:28 - 2:25	1:28 - 2:25
7	2:28 - 3:30	2:28 - 3:30	2:28 - 3:30

Attendance Policies

Regular attendance at Skyview Middle School is very important. Good grades are a direct reflection of daily attendance. Whenever a student is absent, a Parent/Guardian must report the absence within 24 hours.

Excused absences include:

- Illness
- Injury
- Death of a family member
- Religious holidays
- School sponsored activities

Students may have pre-arranged absences (up to 3 days) if they have educational value, and the student does not have unexcused absences.

If the school receives no notification about the absence it will be recorded as an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences are considered truancies. **Truancy procedures may be initiated if a child acquires 10 unexcused absences in a school year.**

Tardy Policy

If students are going to be late to school in the morning, parents must call or accompany the student into the office. Excessive tardiness to school is considered disruptive and unacceptable. The office personnel will determine if the tardy is excused or unexcused. Students who are habitually tardy to school will face individualized, progressive consequences, depending on the number of tardies to class or school.

POLICY PER SEMESTER: Three unexcused tardies in a semester period will result in a student being assigned 2 days after school detention. The sixth unexcused tardy will result in a parent meeting with Administration. On the ninth unexcused tardy, students will be assigned two days in-school suspension. Each unexcused tardy beyond 10 will result in additional consequences which may include suspension(s) or an Attendance Improvement Plan.

Late Work Policy

Any work that is not turned in on the assigned due date and time, will fall into a category called late work. A 10% deduction will be applied for each day, up to 5 school days. After 5 school days, a grade of zero will be entered and the late work will not be accepted. Please know, this is the minimum policy. **Any additional leniency due to unique circumstances is a discretion of the teacher.**

* Prior notification will be provided if an assignment will not be allotted 5 late school days to be accepted for credit (i.e. long term-project, end of unit and/or quarter assessment, etc)

Make-up/Absent Work Policy

When absent, a student has one day for every day absent, to turn in their work. Once the allotted absent days have been exceeded, the assignment(s) will be considered late at which time refer to the late work policy.

Grading

Grades will be updated once a week in PowerSchool.

Suspensions

Students who have been suspended (In-school or out-of-school) are responsible for their daily class assignments and submissions while serving their suspension. All assignments are due upon return from serving their suspension.

Leaving School Grounds

Permission to leave school grounds early in case of illness, doctor appointments, etc., must be cleared through the office by the parent coming into the office and signing the student out on the sign-out sheet provided. Students are called out of class when their parent arrives. If a student leaves school grounds without being signed out, the student will be truant for the school time missed.

*When a student leaves the building due to illness, appointment, or school function; homework, projects, assignments, due on that day, must be turned in before leaving the building.

General Rules and Regulations

1. **Before and After School** – Before school, students are expected to go to their designated areas (6th grade Common's area, 7th and 8th grades Gym) until the first bell rings. After school, students are expected to exit the building quickly to catch the bus or to be picked up by parents. Parents are expected to pick their child up no later than 4:00 p.m.
2. **Gum** – No gum.
3. **Water bottles/snacks** – Students may only carry water with them during the day. At lunch, students will be allowed to pack or purchase other healthy beverages to drink with their lunch. These beverages and food must be consumed at lunch and may not be taken outside or to class. Pop, energy drinks, or candy are not allowed to be consumed at school. Snacks may be consumed in classrooms only where teachers allow it. Appropriate snacks include crackers, pretzels, dry cereal, fruit snacks, etc. Students will be notified by their teachers if they can eat snacks in their rooms.
4. **Cell Phones & Smart Watches – Cell phones** are allowed to be brought to school; however, phones are to remain off and kept in backpacks during school hours or locked in a gym locker. School hours are when a student enters the building and until they exit the building. This is also the case for all other electronic devices (earbuds, iPods, MP3 players, Kindles, etc.). If a phone, or other electronic device, is used during the school day, including texting, or if it goes off in a classroom, the phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day for the first offense. The second offense will require a parent/guardian to pick up the phone, or other electronic device. If this occurs more than twice, the student will no longer be allowed to bring the phone, or electronic device, to school. Suspensions can result from repeated violations of this policy. If students need to contact parents during the school day, they may go to the office, between classes, and request to use the school phone or their personal phone. Due to Skyview's cell phone policy, Administration does not regulate nor monitor social media related issues that occur outside of school hours and hence must be addressed by parent(s)/guardian(s). **Wearing a Smartwatch to school is discouraged**. **Not Responsible for Personal Electronics** – Bringing cell phones and/or electronic devices is the student's responsibility. Stolen electronic devices are rarely recovered and the school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.
5. **Toys** – Toys are not allowed at school, including fidgets and/or NeeDohs unless specifically documented in a student's IEP/504.
6. **Contacting Students** – If a parent/guardian needs to contact their student during school hours, please call the office (719) 547-1175 and leave a message for them. The office staff will have your student return your call between classes. Please refrain from texting/calling them on their cell phones during school hours. If alternate pickup arrangements need to be made with a student for after school, this needs to be done by 2:30 PM so the office staff can make the necessary arrangements in a timely manner.
7. **Learning Environment** – Classroom disruptions are not acceptable. A student does not have the right to disrupt the learning of other students, nor to take the teacher's time away from instruction. If a student is disruptive to the learning environment, they will be removed from the class and their behavior will be addressed by Administration and parents will be contacted.

8. **Tobacco Products** – Tobacco Products or any smoking paraphernalia (e-cigs and vapes) are strictly prohibited on school grounds, on the bus, or at the bus stops. Students who bring tobacco or tobacco products to school face an out of school suspension. Tobacco products include lighters and matches.
9. **Drugs and Alcohol** – Drugs and alcohol are prohibited. Possession, use, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while on school property will result in a long-term suspension and may result in expulsion from School District No. 70.
10. **Weapons** – Weapons, including knives of any kind**,** are not allowed on school grounds. Violators will be subject to a long-term suspension and referral to the Director of Student Services for further disciplinary action, which may result in expulsion.
11. **Fighting** – Fighting will not be tolerated. When an altercation has occurred, parents are notified, and a student may receive in-school suspension (ISS), or out-of-school suspension (OSS), depending on the situation. Continued incidents can result in a behavior plan and/or a possible referral for expulsion.
12. **Chromebooks, Textbooks, Planners, and Class Fees** – Chromebooks are provided to all students to use in each of their classes during school hours. Students are expected to be responsible and take care of the Chromebook provided to them. Some classes assign a textbook to be taken home and left at home for the school year. Lost or damaged textbooks will result in a fine. We strongly discourage students loaning their books to another student. If a book is lost or damaged, we require that the fines/replacement cost be paid prior to another book being issued. Our STEM, Art, and Woodshop classes also have fees. All students will be issued a school planner, there is a nominal cost. Teachers will ensure students/parents are aware of the fees for these classes in their syllabi.
13. **Visitors** – All visitors during regular school hours, must report to the school office immediately when entering Skyview. Authorized visitors will be required to sign in and out. Visiting schools is a privilege not a right, which may be limited, denied or revoked.
14. **Eligibility for Dances, Field Trips, and/or End-Of-Year Activities such as Field Day, 8th Grade Banquet, Student-Staff Volleyball/Pickleball, etc** - Students must be eligible to attend or participate in ***ANY*** school-related activity. Students who are failing one or more of their classes, or have two or more Ds, will not be eligible to participate. Students who have been declared *Habitually Disruptive* may lose the privilege of participating in these activities. A supervised study hall location will be provided to ineligible students when an activity takes place during the regular school day.
15. **Media Center** - The Media Center operates on an open-door policy during and between classes. There is a set fine for books not returned on time or lost.
16. **Labeling Personal Items** – Students should mark their backpacks, P.E. uniforms, notebooks, etc. with their first and last name. Should you lose a notebook or article of clothing, it is wise to first check with classroom teachers and peers. However, if you are unable to locate the item, a student needs to check the lost and found buckets located in each of the academic wings.
17. **Public Display of Affection** – PDA is not allowed during school hours or school functions. This includes hand holding and/or kissing.
19. **Gym Lockers** - When students have been provided a gym locker and lock, it is their responsibility to keep track of personal items and keep them locked up.

School District 70 Dress Code Policy

PSD70 encourages student individuality, which is best expressed through academic, athletic, or fine arts potential. Students are encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for the educational environment that is not disruptive or distracting. The building level administration is the final authority on the educational distractibility of a student's attire, and non-compliant students must create alternative solutions.

1. **Dress Code Violations** – If a student is in violation of any dress code policies listed below, they will be asked to change their clothing to include their own clothing at school, school provided clothing or they will need to call home (parents/guardians) for a change of clothing. If a student is in violation of any of the dress code policies and unable to correct it, it may result in the student having to be sent home until it is corrected.

2. **Tops, Shirts, Shorts and/or Skirts** – All shirts/tops should not include wording and/or symbols that represent vulgarities, obscenities, gang affiliation, sexual behaviors or innuendoes, drugs, alcohol,violence, or weapons. Additionally, clothing should not contain any content that could be offensive to one's race, ethnicity, gender or negative political statements. Clothing that shows excessive skin or undergarments is not acceptable. Pajamas are not allowed to be worn at school. Administrators at the school level will have the final authority to determine dress code violations.
    - **When in doubt, don't wear it.**
3. **Hats** – Both hats and hoods are not permitted to be worn at school. Hats can be worn only on "hat days" during designated spirit days.
4. **Hair, Piercings, & Tattoos** – Any hairstyle, haircut, hair arrangement, piercing or tattoo that distracts from the educational environment or presents a danger to the individual or others is considered unacceptable. Administrators at the school level will have the final authority to determine educational distractibility pertaining to their building and students.
5. **Other Additions** – Additions to oneself that are considered distracting to the educational environment will not be acceptable. Administrators at the school level will have the final authority to determine educational distractibility pertaining to their building and students.

*** District 70 Board Policies will be enforced at all times. These rules are general guidelines for students and parents but do not include all District student discipline policies. All District policies can be located on the District's website.**

Skateboards, Bikes, Scooters, Mopeds, & ATV's

Skateboards, scooters, motorcycles, mopeds, and ATVs are not allowed at school for the safety of students and the public. They will be confiscated by the principal and returned only to the parent. Bicycle racks are provided for students to ride their bikes to school and keep locked during the school day. Students are not allowed to ride their bikes, scooters, or skateboards on school grounds: students are to walk bicycles to the bicycle racks. The school assumes no responsibility for lost/stolen bicycles.

Parents'/Guardians' Responsibilities

These are some of the basic expectations we have for our parents:

1. That you send your child to school daily, and on time, clean, healthy, rested, dressed according to the Dress Code Policies, adequately nourished, and in a frame of mind to learn.
2. That you treat school as important. You have an interest in every phase of what your child does here and let your child know your interest and concern by listening enthusiastically, lovingly, and often to him/her, and by participating in school activities.
3. That you have taught your student to respect and cooperate with the teacher, the basic rules of fair play, and skills for getting along with others reasonably for their age.
4. That your child is ready to learn in school because you enrich his or her life with suitable experiences, by talking to him or her, and by loving them.
5. That you hold your child to reasonable standards of conduct is your responsibility and not the school's.
6. Regarding any school-related concern with your child, please contact the school directly rather than broadcasting your concerns on social media. Follow the communication protocols below.
7. That you stay up to date on your child's academic progress here at school by accessing grades via PowerSchool, an on-line program requiring passwords. Students' daily assignments are accessed via Schoology. Take the time to meet with your student's teachers during their weekly, posted office hours. The best way to contact your student's teacher(s) is via school email.

8. That you respect our responsibility to keep the school safe and secure by checking into the office upon your arrival, and by providing a picture ID to confirm your identity.

School Counselor

Our school counselors, Mrs. Roybal & Mrs. Jamie, are available to work with students wanting and needing support. Any student wanting to meet with a school counselor may sign up in the office. Sign up should be done before school or between classes. Teachers may give a student special permission to go to the counselor during class time. Appointments are recommended however, in the case of an urgent need, a student should notify office personnel immediately.

PowerSchool: Grades and Attendance

Parents are able to access their child's grades and attendance via PowerSchool. If you do not already have a PowerSchool password for your child, you can obtain one during normal office hours (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). You must present a valid picture ID to obtain your password. PowerSchool, and a PowerSchool User's Guide, can be accessed via our school website. Parents unable to access a child's grades online may request a paper grade check for their child's grades.

Schoology: Online Assignments

Throughout the year, teachers will keep their Schoology courses up to date with assignments, due-dates, course syllabus, grading policies, etc. Teachers' Schoology courses are to be utilized especially for when a student is absent and/or snow days. **Please see PowerSchool for up-to-date grades**.

Teacher Office Hours

Parents are encouraged to communicate on a regular basis with their student's teachers. If you would like to speak with one of your student's teachers, they can be contacted via their District email to arrange a conference during their office hours. Teacher office hours are on Tuesday from 3:30-4:00 **by appointment** - Schedule a Tuesday appointment prior to your arrival to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Parent Communication

Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any questions or concerns they may have, either by phone or email. The best way to ensure a personal meeting is to contact the office or email the teacher to schedule an appointment. The school website (http://svm.district70.org) contains the most up-to-date information. Parents are encouraged to check the website on a regular basis to remain informed about all the happenings at the school.

Communication Protocols

In the event that concerns arise, please follow these communication protocols:

Student/Parent
1. Student - Teacher
2. Student/Parent - Teacher
3. Student/Parent/Teacher - Admin

Honor Roll

After each semester, an honor roll will be compiled. The honor roll is divided into two categories and students will be listed on the honor roll as GPA from 3.5-3.99 and 4.0. Academic awards are given at the end of the school year. GPA is calculated based on the semester grade for honor roll.

Immunization Requirements

Colorado state laws require all students attending public schools to have the proper immunizations and/or paperwork regarding these immunizations. Failure to complete immunizations and/or required paperwork can

result in students being denied admission to school unless and until the process is completed according to state law.

Medications

Under current Colorado law, school officials are not allowed to administer medication of any kind, this includes over-the-counter medication as well. Parents have three options in arranging for their child to receive medication while at school.

1. Obtain a district medication form from the school office prior to visiting your doctor and have him/her complete the form indicating the drug, dose, time to be taken, and have them sign it. After affixing your signature, please return the form and medication to the school office. Parents must handle all medications and its transportation both to and from school. The medication must be in its original container with the prescription attached. Authorized school officials will lock the medicine up and sign off as the student takes his/her medication.
2. You may come to school and administer the medication to your child.
3. You may discuss with your doctor an alternate schedule so that the medication may be administered outside of school hours.

NOTE: Please do not send any medications to school with your children (including over-the-counter allergy meds, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, aspirin, cough drops). Parents should handle all medications and its transportation both to and from school.

Sports Participation

The philosophy behind the middle school sports program is to teach students the skills of the game, encouraging and promoting good sportsmanship, and providing the atmosphere for a positive experience for the student athlete. Competitive sports at Skyview include cross country, girls' volleyball, girls' softball, football, wrestling, boys' and girls' basketball, and boys' and girls' track. Athletic participation is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students with the exception of football, which is only available for 7th and 8th grade students. Once teams have been established, a student athlete's eligibility to participate begins. During the sport's season, eligibility is checked every Monday. **If a student has one F, they will be ineligible starting Tuesday for the week. If a student has two or more D's, they will be on probation starting Tuesday for one week. In the event of a second occurrence of two or more D's during the same season of sport, the student will be ineligible for one week. Upon the third week of ineligibility, whether it is for F's or two or more D's, the student may be dismissed from the team. A student who has been suspended will be considered ineligible for one week. If a student is suspended two times within a season, they will be removed from the team.** It is the responsibility of the student athlete to get makeup work from his/her teachers when absent from class due to a game or meet. **Further, the parents of the athlete are responsible for all transportation, both to and from** the events. Parents are encouraged to form carpools so that all athletes can participate. There is a mandatory parent meeting with all coaches of Skyview to review and discuss expectations of the athletes, as well as the parent(s).

Sports Participation Fee: A participation fee of $75, determined by the Board of Education of School District 70, will be charged to all students for each sport in which they choose to participate. The participation fee is refundable if the student is "cut" from a sport, injured, or he/she quits prior to the first competitive event (game or scrimmage).

Field Trips

When students are out of class due to a field trip or sporting event, they need to check with each of their classroom teachers to see what assignments/activities they will miss. Any work due on the day of a field trip/game must be handed in, or submitted via Schoology, prior to leaving the school for the field trip. Field trips are a privilege that must be earned. Students may be excluded from field trips as a consequence for negative behavior.

Reporting Child Abuse

According to Article 10, Title 19 of the Colorado Child Protection Act, all school officials and employees are required to report suspected child abuse. Staff members who have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect will make the school administration aware of the information. The school is then required to refer the report to the county child protection staff. The county Department of Social Services is responsible for the response after the report has been made. The school officials are mandated in procedure by law to report, or face having their professional license to teach being revoked. The investigation of the suspected abuse is up to the Department of Social Services.

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