

## Stephens Elementary School

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8/11/25

**Greetings Stephens Families:** 

<u>Stephens Handbook</u> - Attached is a copy of the 25-26 Stephens Handbook. This is helpful with many of the day to day items that parents need to know going into the school year.

SES Student Handbook 2025 - 26

<u>Communication</u> - The whole district has shifted to a universal communication platform in the Boone County Schools App. (This replaces Dojo). This will streamline all communication district wide. <a href="https://www.boone.kyschools.us/article/2254924">https://www.boone.kyschools.us/article/2254924</a>

<u>Class Lists</u> - Class lists are now live in Infinite Campus. You can log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and see your student's teacher for this coming school year.

Open House / Curriculum Night - We will be hosting our annual Open House and Curriculum Night 8/12/25 from 4 - 7 PM. This event will take most families about 45 min - 1 hour to complete. Please consider attending at any time that best fits your schedule. 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, or 6. You do not have to arrive at 4 PM to attend all parts. This event will have many essential stations that will help you to navigate this school year, learn about our curriculum, pay fees, join PTA, meet community partners, check out a bus, and so much more. Mr. Blankenship will be covering a Stephens 101 session in the cafeteria at 4:30, 5, 5:30, and 6. We will discuss the following slides with a Q/A session after.

SES Curriculum Parent Teacher Slides

<u>Medication</u> - Due to recent changes made at the state level to KBN #30 AOS as part of KRS 314.021, we have a process update to Medication Consent.

NEW: Beginning with this 2025-2026 school year, ALL medications, prescribed (PRN – as needed) or OTC (over-the-counter) will require a Medication Consent form completed by a <u>doctor</u> and a <u>parent/guardian</u> on file with the school! Last year, forms for OTC medications did not require a doctor's signature. All medication needs to be in the original container with the pharmacy label.

Note: The Med Consent form must be filled out annually! It does NOT carry over year to year! <a href="https://files-backend.assets.thrillshare.com/documents/asset/uploaded">https://files-backend.assets.thrillshare.com/documents/asset/uploaded</a> file/5475/Bcs/6612f8fe-7345-4 <a href="https://df9-8cd7-44eaa774d607/Consent\_for\_Medications\_at\_School.pdf?disposition=inline">https://dfg-8cd7-44eaa774d607/Consent\_for\_Medications\_at\_School.pdf?disposition=inline</a>

All medication must be brought by an adult in original packaging.



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<u>School Fees</u> - School fees can be paid online through the Parent Portal or sent into school. School fee amounts are adjusted/waived for those who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Grades K-3 - \$65

## **Transportation -**

Bus routes can be checked online beginning using the link below or on the district website (under For Parents select Transportation). Use your address to find bus stop location, bus number, and times. These can change up until the start of the school year as more students and stops are added to routes, so please check back in case there were updates to your routes. Students in Preschool - 1st Grade must have an adult present at the bus stop for pick-up and drop-off for safety reasons.

## **Zonar My View App**

Parents can track their child's school bus and also know when your child gets on and off the bus with the Zonar My View App. This helps you know when your bus is about to arrive at the stop and that your child got on or off the bus safely. The transportation department also sends updates about morning bus runs, such as late buses, through this app. Please see the second page of the flyers linked below for additional information.

My Zonar Flyer - ENGLISH My Zonar Flyer - SPANISH My Zonar Flyer - FRENCH My Zonar Flyer - JAPANESE

<u>Car Riders (NEW PROCESS)</u> - We are revamping our Car Rider Morning Drop Off <u>SES Parent Drop</u> <u>Off/Pick Up 2025-26 (Revised)</u>. To thin out the traffic for safety, we will begin car rider drop off at 8:15 this year. See the attachment above for more details and map. Your car tag number should not change year to year. We will have a station in the gym at open house.

Every parent/guardian will need to confirm with the homeroom teacher at open house all transportation is confirmed and every teacher, parent, and student know the mode of transportation for the first day of school.

<u>PTA</u> - Please consider joining our amazing PTA. Our PTA is a great way that all parents and guardians can be connected in a meaningful way with our school. The PTA helps to bring enhancements to the classrooms, learning experiences, rewards, and updates to areas such as our playgrounds. You can find more information and sign up with the following link. <a href="https://stephens.givebacks.com/shop">https://stephens.givebacks.com/shop</a>

Sincerely,

Eric Blankenship, SES Principal