

KICKAPOO HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATHLETICS: We encourage students to review our sports offerings, make a selection, and participate. The Chiefs need YOU! MSHSAA Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Any student participating in KHS sports for the **first time** needs to attend this meeting.

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Bus transportation is provided for students living 2.5 miles or further from Kickapoo High School. The School District of Springfield offers parent-paid transportation to all students not otherwise eligible for transportation. Applications for parent-paid bus transportation are available in the Kickapoo Main Office. All questions regarding bus transportation should be directed to the School District Transportation Department at 523-0500.

CONNECT 5 NOTIFICATION SERVICE: Keeping you informed has been, and continues to be, a top priority for us at Kickapoo High School. Connect 5 is a telephonic system used by the R-12 District to notify you of district-wide cancellations due to inclement weather and other important district events. Kickapoo High School will use the system to highlight upcoming events, attendance, and reminders.

COUNSELORS: Call **523-8560** if you need to set up an appointment to see your counselor. Students, if you have friends who dropped out of school, please encourage them to contact the school. We will work with them to develop a plan for graduation or an equivalency high school program.

DRESS CODE: The student should attend school dressed in a manner that is clean, not hazardous to his or her safety or to the safety of others, and does not distract from the expected productive and required educational environment. Due to increased concern across the district regarding inappropriate dress, the following guidelines have been established for students of all Springfield high schools:

- Shoes must be worn at all times – slippers are not appropriate.
- T-shirts and/or other apparel will not contain profanity, obscenities, suggestive, or provocative statements, statements that cause disruption and uncivil conduct in school, drug, alcohol symbols, advertisements, or gang dress symbols are not to be worn.
- Head covers deemed inappropriate and/or distracting by administration will be required to be removed and no longer worn.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building.
- Chains attached to wallets or used as a fashion accessory are not to be worn in the school building or on school grounds.

- Strapless, backless, and revealing tops, or clothing that is revealing are not to be worn in the school building.
- Underwear should not be seen in the school building, whether due to holes or sagging.
- Overly bulky or overly loose clothing including coats that may conceal a weapon or have been used to establish affiliation with groups or gangs whose activities are believed to involve intimidation, violence, or other illegal activities will not be permitted at school or school activities due to their disruptive nature on the school climate and educational process.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: At the high school level, the possession of laser pointers and other unsafe electronic items are prohibited in all school buildings. All other electronic devices, such as, but not limited to, cellular phones, headphones, wireless earbuds, smart watches may be in the student's possession as long as they are not disruptive to the educational process or in violation of site use procedures. The school district will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

"CHIEF" NIGHT: Student Council's big "back to school" event, "Chief" Night, will be held on **Wednesday, August 28, 6:00-8:00** p.m. You may purchase tickets at Freshman Orientation or during lunch August 21-28. Tickets are \$5.00.

FINES and FEES: Check your account online through MySchoolBucks.com to pay any outstanding fees and fines. If you have not set up an account, go to MySchoolBucks.com

GRADUATION: Graduation will be held at Great Southern Bank Arena on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

HANDBOOKS: The SPS student handbook will be provided the first week of school. Parents, you are asked to review with your student the information in the handbooks. Students will be held accountable for complying with the established rules and regulations.

HOME ACCESS CENTER: Online access to your student's grades, using a User Name and Password, will be available again this school year. If you need a User Name or Password, you may obtain them in the KHS Main Office. The User Name and Password remain the same from year to year.

ID BADGES: All students at KHS will be required to wear ID badges upon entering the school building every day. The badges must be left on throughout the school day until the student leaves the building. Our major purpose for having ID badges is to be able to identify our own students and recognize outsiders so as to continue our emphasis on a safe school environment. Temporary ID badges are available at no charge. Replacement ID badge fee is \$3.00 and lanyard replacement is \$2.00. ID's will be distributed on the 1st day.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS: The Missouri School Immunization Law requires students to be fully immunized in order to enroll in or attend school. Students enrolled during the previous school year who have immunization deficiencies will **NOT** be permitted to receive their school schedules. The CoxHealth CARE Mobile has Back to School Clinics at Cox North Pharmacy Entrance (1423 N. Jefferson Ave., Spfld., MO 65802 August 12-16, 29-23, and 26-30 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If your student needs an immunization, you will receive a letter from the R-12 Health Services Department with information on how to schedule an appointment. Attached is additional information.

MARCHING BAND: Practice runs **July 29-Aug 4 & Aug 5-9 2:00-9:00 p.m.** at Pottenger Stadium under the direction of Aaron Scriven (ascriven@spsmail.org)

MEALS: Breakfast \$1.80 (Reduced .30) and Lunch \$3.40 (Reduced .40). See enclosed letter from SPS Nutrition Services. Kickapoo is a **closed campus**. No student is allowed to leave the building during lunch. Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch from the cafeteria.

NO FOOD OR DRINK DELIVERIES – Students are not allowed to have food or drinks delivered by vendors or delivery drivers. Deliveries will be refused, and drivers sent away. Thank you.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS: Please come prepared to pay all obligations. Must be paid before purchasing dance tickets.

PARKING DECAL: All vehicles parked on a KHS parking lot must display a current parking decal on the vehicle. Beginning August 5, online forms can be submitted and a parking decal purchased for \$35 for the year. You must have a valid driver license. Choosing parking spots will begin August 23. By August 26, all parking on school campus must have a decal and hang tag. Do NOT park in visitor, unmarked spots, other people's spots, Gillenwaters, BirchPointe, or any other surrounding businesses.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES: Students may pay for fees and obligations, activity cards, and parking with cash, checks, or money orders. Checks should be made payable to Kickapoo High School and must include the student's first and last name as well as the account holder's current phone number. Cash or a separate check is required for each purchase.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress reports are issued in an effort to keep parents informed of their student's progress in their classes and are accessed via Home Access Center.

SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS: Students should not arrive on campus prior to 7:30 a.m. and will remain in the Student Center until dismissed. **Please plan to pick your student up from school prior to 3:45, as doors will be locked at that time.** Traffic patterns around Kickapoo become quite congested during arrival and dismissal.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: Attached is a copy of the 2024-2025 school calendar that you may wish to keep for reference throughout the school year. Please note that the first day of school is **Monday, August 19.**

SCHOOL PICTURES: The 2024-2025 school pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, September 17.**

SENIOR PICTURES: **Thursday, October 17** is the deadline for having studio portraits turned in if you wish to have a picture in the 2024-2025 yearbook. **Two** black and white glossy photos (Digital or e-mailed pictures are strongly discouraged.) must be submitted **in person** to the journalism instructor in Room 201. **Seniors will also have the option of having senior portraits taken at KHS during school picture day.**

SPIRIT AND THEME SHIRTS: Student Council will sell 2024-2025 theme shirts and spirit shirts.

KICKAPOO SPS U AND OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, August 22nd 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. More information is coming soon.

TIPLINE INFORMATION: The Kickapoo Tipline is open and available to receive information regarding suspicious activity on campus. If students have seen or heard a transaction involving an illegal substance, if they believe a classmate is under the influence, if they are aware of a potential violent situation on campus, they can now text School Police at 417-319-2901 with that information. All information will remain confidential. Kickapoo rules regarding use of cell phones remain the same—so please, do not text during class time unless it is an emergency.