



SNYDER

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2025-2026**



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Below are our mission and vision statements for Snyder ISD:



Below is our theme for 25-26 in Snyder ISD:





Campus Contacts

Primary	Intermediate	Junior High	High School
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<p>Campus Behavior Coordinator: Madeline Lewis mlewis@snyderisd.net</p> <p>Nurse: Leslie Garza, RN leslie.garza@snyderisd.net</p>		<p>Nurse: Felicia Martinez fmartinez@snyderisd.net</p>	<p>Campus Behavior Coordinator: Jason Morton jason.morton@snyderisd.net</p> <p>CCMR / WBL: Tonia Rauch trauch@snyderisd.net</p> <p>Nurse: Wendy Halmon wendy.halmon@snyderisd.net</p>
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Attendance and Absences

Regular attendance is important for your child's success, but we understand absences may be necessary.

Attendance [graphic](#) of impact, if 1-2 days are missed a month.

Absences

- Up to **five absences per year** accompanied by a parent or doctor's note will be accepted as excused for truancy purposes; however, they still count toward the 90% attendance rule required for course credit.
- Notes must be submitted to the campus attendance clerk **within 3 days** of the absence.
- Parents may call the campus to report absences, but a written note is required upon the student's return.
- Students are responsible for obtaining and completing all makeup work. See the makeup work policy under grades for details.

Texas Law on Truancy: The laws regarding truancy can be found in Chapter 25 of the Education Code, and these laws emphasize the importance of your child attending school all day. Any absences must be excused by their school, and excessive unexcused absences could result in charges being brought against:

- You as a parent for Parent Contributing to Non - attendance, if your child is required by law to attend school; and
- Your child for Failure to Attend School, if he or she is 12 years of age or older, but not yet 18.

If your child has unexcused absences for **10 or more days** or parts of days in a **6 month period** the school district **MUST** file the above charges on the student.


In addition, the school district **MAY** file on your child if your child has unexcused absences for **3 or more days** or parts of days in a **4-week period**.

You should receive a warning letter at the beginning of the school year stating you are subject to prosecution if your child fails to attend school for the periods stated above.

Failure to receive is not a defense prosecution, and you should call the school attendance clerk to ask about your child's absence.

Assessment Calendar

Snyder ISD follows a district-wide assessment calendar that includes important testing dates throughout the year. These assessments help us monitor student progress, guide instructional decisions, and ensure every child receives the support they need to succeed. We kindly ask families to avoid scheduling appointments during these times, as attendance is critical. Thank you for valuing these opportunities to support your child's growth and learning.

 2025-2026 Snyder ISD Assessment Calendar.xlsx

Appointments

- Absences for medical appointments (doctor, dentist, orthodontist, physical therapist, etc.) will **not count as an absence** if the student attends school before and/or after the appointment on the same day and provides a note from the health care provider confirming appointment time and dismissal.
- If the appointment occurs late in the day and the student attended school beforehand, the absence will be excused with a note from the health care provider submitted the following day.

Please refer to the [Texas Education Agency's Student Attendance Accounting Handbook](#) for the **Compulsory Attendance guidelines** related to detailed laws and attendance requirements for grade-level credit.

Checkout Student During School Day

If you need to pick up your child during the school day, you will need to go to the front office with a **valid ID**. Only adults listed as emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up students from the office.

Unless there is an emergency, we are asking that parents/guardians **NOT** check out their students after 3:00 PM. This means that the front office will not allow parent walk-ins or call-ins for a last minute



checkout, unless it is a true emergency (not a scheduled appointment). This will ensure a smoother and safer dismissal.

Cell Phones + Smartwatches

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1481, Snyder ISD prohibits the use of personal communication devices during the instructional day to support academic success and maintain a distraction-free learning environment.

Definition:

Personal communication devices include: cell phones, smartwatches, wireless earbuds/headphones, and any other personal device with messaging, calling, or internet access.

During the School Day

Devices must be turned off and stored in backpacks, pockets, or in personal belongings when on any Snyder ISD campus during the school day (7:00 am - 4:00 pm).

Use is only allowed if explicitly approved for medical reasons with documentation or if included in a 504 Plan or IEP.

This policy applies in all areas of the campus, including hallways, restrooms, and during lunch periods. Open campus lunch at the high school does not apply.

Prohibited Actions:

Texting, calling, gaming, social media access, or recording video/audio; displaying or using devices without permission; using smartwatches for messaging or notifications.

Disciplinary Consequences:

- First Offense – Device is confiscated by admin and will be returned at the end of the school day; parent notified.
- Second Offense – Device held in the office until a parent picks it up.
- Subsequent Offenses – Parent conference required; possible lunch detention, in-school suspension, or extended loss of privileges.

Important Notes: The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices. Parents are encouraged to contact the front office for urgent communication during school hours.

Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be checked out to each student at the beginning of the school year. Students are responsible for taking care of their Chromebooks or devices. Any damages to the Chromebook will be charged to the parents/guardians of the student.

Snyder ISD is a 1:1 device district. Students are expected to use school-issued Chromebooks for all digital tasks during the day. Personal devices may not substitute for Chromebooks.

Students in grades K-12 will need to pay a technology fee. Households will receive a 50% discount on technology fees with the completion of free and reduced lunch forms!



- 1 student: \$40 (\$20 with discount)
- 2 students: \$60 (\$30 with discount)
- 3 or more students: \$70 (\$30 with discount)

Devices requiring repair will be repaired by the Technology department. The following are the Chromebook Repair Fees:

- Broken Screen/display issues: \$100.00
- Liquid Damage/Total Loss: \$400.00
- Broken/lost charger: \$25.00
- Missing keys: \$25.00
- Broken Trackpad: \$25.00
- Broken Hinge: \$10.00

Class Parties

You must coordinate with your child's teacher before planning a class birthday party. Birthday foods are limited to store-bought items and a drink (water, milk, or 100% juice). Students with allergies must be provided with an alternative. If you plan to send birthday party invitations home with students, all students in the class must be included.

Conduct and Discipline (Vapes)

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Dress Code

Posted on website: www.snyderisd.net/dresscode

A child's parent/guardian will be contacted to bring a change of clothes. If the parent can't or doesn't show up within 1-hour, a "clothing closet" option is offered to the student. If a student refuses, they will be in ISS for the remainder of the day.

OSS may be utilized when deemed necessary by the administration.

Food Service / Free & Reduced-Price Meal Program

We provide a variety of nutritious, low-cost meals for students and staff. In accordance with the Federal Child Nutrition Program, foods of minimal nutritional value are not permitted in food service or eating areas during meal times.

All students are expected to follow cafeteria rules, including entering calmly, practicing good table manners, and showing courteous behavior. Cutting in line, loud talking, and other disruptive behaviors may result in disciplinary action.



Meals can be paid for in the cafeteria or through the online payment link on our website. For questions, please contact the Food Service Director at 574-8619.

Our schools participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Programs, which provide free breakfast to all students and free or reduced-price lunches based on family income. Student participation is kept strictly confidential. Families must reapply each year for free or reduced-price lunch; applications are available in the front office.

Student Lunches, Outside Food & Lunch Visitors

Students who do not eat school meals must bring lunch from home.

On Fridays, parents or emergency contacts listed in Skyward may bring outside food and eat with their child. Food may not be shared with other students, and outside food is not permitted on other days.

The legal parent/guardian can update emergency contacts anytime in Skyward. After logging in, select your child's name from the dropdown menu. Next, select online registration, then edit Emergency Contacts (section 1d).

Individuals may not bring lunch or food to share with other children, and we will not accept outside food on any other day.

This policy does not apply at the high school level, because it is an "open campus".

Grading Guidelines

 25-26 Snyder ISD Grading Guidelines

Immunizations / Medications

Immunizations are required to come to public school. To check what records we have on file:

1. Log in to Skyward www.snyderisd.net/skyward
2. Select your student's name from the top drop-down menu
3. Select "health info" in the left column.
4. View the vaccinations we have on record for your child and if any are out of compliance.

Schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider or call the Scurry County Health Unit to make arrangements for needed vaccinations asap.

Late Work

Teachers will notify students of due dates for all assignments and any changes to due dates. Students who do not turn in assignments by the designated date(s) may be subject to grade penalties in

accordance with campus or classroom procedures. The following maximum penalties may be applied to secondary students:

- One school day late – A maximum grade of 90
- Two school days late – A maximum grade of 80 (Parents should monitor Skyward for grades)
- Three to five days late – A maximum grade of 70
- After five school days, work does not have to be accepted and a grade of 0 may be assigned.

Long-term projects may not be accepted after the due date resulting in a grade of 0 in certain instances with the approval of the principal.

Leader in Me

Leader in Me helps educators design lasting solutions to common challenges through the lens of students' strengths and leadership. Leader in Me approaches every goal or initiative with a proven comprehensive model that transforms paradigms, improves behavior, and achieves measurable results. By integrating *The 4 Disciplines of Execution® (4DX®)*, educators can use its results-driven formula to address a variety of challenges in the areas of leadership, culture, and academics.

Leader in Me: [Family Overview](#) (English)

Leader in Me: [Family Overview](#) (Spanish)

Lost, Damaged, Stolen and Personal Items

We ask that you discourage your child from wearing or bringing to school expensive or irreplaceable jewelry, watches, or sunglasses. Students are responsible for all of their personal possessions while at school or any school-sponsored or school-related event.

The school district is not responsible for any personal items that are lost, damaged, or stolen at school or a school-related activity. We recommend that all personal belongings have the child's name printed on them somewhere for identification.

Parent / Guardian Involvement

Snyder ISD campuses have active Parent-Teacher Organizations. Please watch for information to come home at the beginning of the school year with information about the organization and for information on ways you can participate.

We encourage parents to volunteer in our schools. All volunteers must complete an application form, and the district will obtain a Criminal History Report on all applicants for volunteer programs. Please refer to the Parental Involvement Policy, which is located on our school website.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):



The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in strengthening the connection between home and school. It supports teachers through volunteer efforts, classroom resources, and appreciation events, helping to create a positive school environment. For parents, the PTO offers opportunities to be actively involved in their child's education, stay informed about school activities, and build a sense of community. By working together, the PTO enhances student success and school spirit.

Below are the campus contacts for each PTO:

- Primary:
- Intermediate:
- Junior High:
- High School:

* If you'd like to join the PTO at your child's school, please complete the required volunteer form for Snyder ISD: <https://www.snyderisd.net/page/volunteer>.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is the primary school-to-home communication tool for receiving important information and an easy way to communicate with your child's teachers. This platform sends information to the parents / legal guardians listed in Skyward via text, email, and/or through the ParentSquare App.

New to the District? Your ParentSquare account will activate within 24 hours after your online registration is verified and accepted.

Important Setup Tips:

- Double-check your contact information in Skyward.
- Avoid entering the same phone number or email for both parents/guardians, as this may merge your accounts in ParentSquare.

Visit www.snyderisd.net/parentsquare to adjust your notification settings, enable language translation, or troubleshoot issues.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Snyder ISD uses PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) to promote a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment. PBIS teaches clear behavior expectations and reinforces positive choices across all campuses.

To support PBIS, we use Minga, a digital platform that helps manage student behavior, track points, recognize positive actions, and communicate with students in real time. Minga also allows us to organize student IDs, hall passes, and campus events in one easy-to-use system. Together, PBIS and Minga help us build a strong, positive school culture focused on student success.



School Supply Lists

School supply lists are available on the Snyder ISD website: www.snyderisd.net/schoolsupplies.

- Snyder Primary (PK–3): <https://5il.co/gwfi>
- Snyder Intermediate (4–5): <https://5il.co/ip73>
- Snyder Junior High (6–8): <https://5il.co/h3qb> <https://5il.co/h3qb>
- Snyder High School (9-12): Bring paper and pen for the first day—teachers will share specific supply needs in the class syllabus.

School Bus / Transportation

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. To maintain effective discipline and ensure safe transportation, a bus driver may refer a student to the principal's office for misbehavior. The principal or appropriate administrator will implement additional discipline management techniques as needed, which may include restricting or revoking the student's bus privileges. Because the primary responsibility of the district is to transport students safely, drivers must remain focused on the road without being distracted by misconduct. When other disciplinary measures are unsuccessful or when a student's actions warrant immediate removal, transportation privileges may be restricted or revoked in accordance with the law.

For any questions regarding transportation, please call / email Melissa Gutierrez at (325)574-8960 or melissa.gutierrez@snyderisd.net.

Social Media

Snyder ISD celebrates the achievements of our students and staff. For specific academic achievements, we may share names along with photos and videos in district publications, on the website, social media, or with news outlets.

If you **do not** want your child's name or image used, you must submit a **written request** to the SISK Administration Office **within one week of your child's first day of school**. Your letter must include:

- Your full name and contact information
- Your relationship to the student
- The student's full name and grade
- The specific types of media use you do not allow

Requests are valid for the current school year only and must be renewed each year.

Visit www.snyderisd.net/page/mediarelease for details and a sample letter.



Follow us:

- **Snyder ISD Social Media:** [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X \(Twitter\)](#)
- **Snyder ISD Athletics** [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
- **Snyder ISD Fine Arts** [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Skyward

Skyward Family Access is an online portal that allows parents and guardians to stay connected to their child's education. Through Skyward, you can:

- Register your child for school
- View grades and missing assignments
- Set up email notifications for grades
- Update contact information (some changes may require approval)
- Access STAAR test results, and more

How to Check Grades in Skyward

We encourage parents and students to check their grades in Skyward weekly.

1. **Visit the Website:** Go to www.snyderisd.net/skyward
2. **Log In:** Enter your Skyward Family Access username and password. If you do not know your Skyward username or password, you can click "Forgot Your Login / Password?" on the Skyward login screen.
3. **Choose Your Child:** If you have more than one child, select their name from the dropdown menu.
4. **View Grades:** Click on the **Gradebook** tab to see current grades and missing assignments.
5. **Set Up Notifications (Optional):** You can choose to receive email updates when grades are entered.

If you need assistance with Skyward, please contact your child's campus first. If you still need further assistance, you may email Sandy Hernandez at sandy@snyderisd.net

Strategic Plan

Snyder ISD's Strategic Plan focuses on three priorities: Academic Experience, Instructional Capacity Building, and Talent Development. We are committed to a strong curriculum, data-driven instruction, and growing high-quality educators through coaching and collaboration—ensuring every student learns and succeeds.

[2025 - 2028 Snyder ISD Strategic Plan](#)



Envisioned *Student Experience*

Every **day**, in every **school**, in every **classroom** across Snyder ISD, **students will...**



feel **heard, valued, and supported**—physically and emotionally.



receive **high-quality, differentiated, and engaging** instruction.



be surrounded by **adults** who are **committed to their success** through **consistent systems** and **high expectations**.



be **empowered** to take **ownership** of their **learning and future**.



Tardies

- Elementary: marked tardy if arrive after 7:50 AM.
- Secondary: marked tardy if arrive after 8:00 AM.
- We define “tardy” as less than up to an hour of missed instruction. If a student arrives over an hour late, the administration's discretion for next steps.
- Tardies will begin being entered into Skyward the 3rd week of school.
- Consequences and rewards are assigned per 6 weeks, as the tardy count is reset at each grading-cycle.

	Elementary	Secondary
Consequences	<p>Occur per 6 weeks:</p> <p>1st - 3rd tardy: marked in Skyward 4th - 5th tardy: counselor intervention 6th tardy: lunch detention</p>	<p>Occur per 6 weeks:</p> <p>Minga app monitors and assigns consequences + lose points</p> <p>1st-2nd tardy: warnings 3rd-6th tardy: lunch detention (1 per tardy) 7th tardy: 9th period (after school detention) 8th-10th tardy: additional 9th period (after school detention) 11th tardy: ISS</p>
Rewards	<p>Occur per 6 weeks:</p> <p>If no tardies: popcorn and soda party If 3 or less tardies: popcorn party</p>	<p>Occur per 6 weeks:</p> <p>Minga app assigns rewards and privileges + points added</p>



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Visitors

Parents / guardians are always welcome at our campuses, and we are happy to explain our programs or answer any questions you may have.

For the safety of all students, anyone entering the building **MUST** check in at the office with a valid State ID. Entry is permitted only through the front doors at all times. All visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of courtesy and conduct; disruptive behavior will not be permitted.

Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time are allowed only with prior approval from the principal and teacher. These visits must be limited in duration and frequency so they do not interfere with instruction or disrupt the school environment. We kindly request that parents schedule conferences with teachers rather than attempting to hold conferences during classroom visits.

Campus-Specific Folders / Resources

This year, Snyder ISD has worked to streamline the information shared with families, including reducing the number of separate handbooks. As a result, some campus-specific details—such as arrival and dismissal procedures, campus rules, and other important information—have been provided directly by each principal and included in your folder. Please refer to these campus-specific resources based on the school(s) your child(ren) attends.

[Primary Folder](#)

[Intermediate Folder](#)

[Junior High Folder](#)

[High School Folder](#)