

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

At SOSS, we inspire and support individuals to develop their full potential and to demonstrate a respectful, responsible commitment to community and society.

School Logo - Hornets
School Colours- Green & Gold

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WELCOME

Welcome to Southern Okanagan Secondary School. As a student of SOSS you can expect that staff will strive to provide the best education in the Okanagan in arguably one of the most modern, state of the art schools in the Province of British Columbia. Expectations for students are high as we instill in each and every student the philosophy that they must work hard to achieve their potential in all areas.

Respect for each other and ourselves is a cornerstone of helping us establish a safe and caring school, where all students feel they share an optimal learning environment. All members of our inclusive school community take great pride in their learning in a positive school culture.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

A. Course Load

Southern Okanagan Secondary School is on a ten-month 2 semester school year.

1. Students in grades 8, 9, 10 and 11 are required to be enrolled in 8 courses.
2. Students in Grade 12 may apply to take a study period and therefore may have 7 or 8 courses in their final year.

B. School Day

Each school day is made up of four periods. Students proceed directly to their first period class every morning.

C. Graduation Requirements

Students who will graduate must satisfy Ministry requirements. Students will be placed on the grad list if they are eligible to graduate based on the courses they are registered in. Students will be taken off the grad list if they are removed from a required course or do not complete a first semester required course. The grad list will be updated at various times throughout the year. Students enrolled in You Learn courses required for graduation in the second semester, will not be placed on the grad list until 80% of the required course is completed. This coursework must be completed by the first week in June.

(Place Grad Requirements here)

Fees

1. All students are required to pay a \$20 student fee.
For this fee, the student receives:
 - a. Locker rental
 - b. Spirit events and activities sponsored by Link Crew.
2. Refundable textbook deposit of \$35
 - a. This fee is paid by grade 8 students or students new to SOSS
 - b. Refundable at the end of grade 12 assuming all texts and library books are returned in good condition.
3. Graduating students are required to pay a \$250 grad fee. This fee pays for:
 - a. Grad gown rentals, cap and tassel
 - b. Rental of graduation facility
 - c. Grad composite picture and holder
 - d. Grad breakfasts
 - e. After Grad activities
 - f. Grad Last Supper
4. Fees for additional optional activities within various courses may apply

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This code is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student conduct while under the jurisdiction of the school

- Travelling to and from school.
- At school.
- While at any school function whenever and wherever held.

Consistent with the BC Human Rights Code the Student Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that all students regardless of race, colour, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability have equal access, status and acceptance and safety within the school setting.

Students who do not meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct can expect that there will be consequences from the school. These consequences will be consistent with the seriousness of the issue and appropriate for the students' age, maturity and cognitive level. Furthermore the school will notify parents, RCMP, social service agencies, counselors or school board when deemed appropriate and or necessary. As much as possible consequences will be of a restorative nature rather than punitive and may include restitution, repair, mediation, conferencing, service or assistance.

Link to Okanagan Similkameen School District

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy F3 & F14 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<http://www.sd53.bc.ca/district/pols/PolicyF-3.pdf>

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Keeping Our Schools Safe

The Okanagan Similkameen School District is committed to providing safe and caring environments in which all learners can achieve academic excellence, personal growth and responsible citizenship. Safe and caring school environments are free from acts of:

- ◆ bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation,
- ◆ violence in any form,
- ◆ verbal, physical or sexual abuse/exploitation,
- ◆ discrimination,
- ◆ theft and vandalism.

Safe and caring schools do not tolerate students being in the presence of:

- ◆ intoxicating substances or vaping – either with themselves or others
- ◆ weapons, explosives, intruders or trespassers.

It is expected that students will:

- ◆ neither take part in, nor condone (provoke, encourage or make a spectacle of) any form of violence.
- ◆ seek to prevent violence and potentially violent situations.
- ◆ not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school.
- ◆ not use, possess, be in the presence of, or sell any intoxicating or controlled substances.
- ◆ demonstrate appropriate digital stewardship.
- ◆ show respect for the property of others by refraining from theft, vandalism, graffiti and other inappropriate behaviors.
- ◆ abstain from smoking and vaping on school and other District property.
- ◆ Attend daily and on time at the appointed hours
- ◆ use respectful language and refrain from using obscenity or profanity while in a school building, on school or District property and at school-sponsored activities.
- ◆ demonstrate commitment to learning by coming to school prepared to learn and by contributing to a positive, orderly, peaceful environment.
- ◆ practice academic and personal integrity by not participating in or encouraging plagiarism, cheating, theft of evaluation instruments, use of unauthorized aids, or false representation of identity.
- ◆ Maintain appropriate standards of dress and hygiene
- ◆ Maintain healthy lifestyle and attitude

Threat Assessment Protocol**What behaviours initiate a student threat assessment?**

A threat assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/MSN threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

Each school has a Threat Assessment Team which is multi-disciplinary. The team may include the principal, vice-principal, district resource counsellor, school counsellor and police.



What is the purpose of a threat assessment?

- ◆ To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- ◆ To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- ◆ To understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behaviour.
- ◆ To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.
- ◆ To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are made via the P.A. These announcements will give information on activities in the school. In addition, the announcements will be posted in the office, on the website and various locations throughout the school.

1. ATTENDANCE/LATES

Learning occurs through a variety of important activities that require students to be present. These include direct instruction, hands-on learning, student discussions, presentations, debates and demonstrations. For the above reasons, all students are expected to attend all assigned classes.

The school's Autodial Notification System will automatically phone and e-mail the parent/guardian of students who were absent from one or more classes each day. **Parents are requested to please contact the school the day of the absence to verify and/or excuse the absence.**

If the parent is unable to contact the school, we request that on the day of return to school, students bring a note to the office to excuse their absence. Excused absences will then be recorded on the computerized attendance. **If a student is to be absent for several days, parents should contact the office and request homework for this time period. It is strongly discouraged for parents to plan family vacations during school time where students will be missing a substantial amount of instructional time.**

Students are not to leave the school, without permission of his/her parent/guardian during school hours. If permitted to leave during school hours, students must sign out at the front office. A student who does not sign out will be considered truant. Students must sign back in at the office upon return.

LATES

Students arriving late to class need to acquire a late slip from the office. Classroom teachers will deal with lates on an individual basis. Teacher strategies may include discussions, phone calls or emails home. If students are chronically late, the office should be notified via email with the number of lates and the strategies that have been implemented. Progressive discipline will be used if lates become chronic. Chronic lates may lead to parent meetings, detentions, in-school suspensions, service or removal from the course.

ABSENCES

10th absence– letter/email sent home and phone call

15th absence – parent meeting – look at education plan- drop course? LA? Bridges? You Learn?

20th absence – parent contact – may be removed from course

TRUANCY

Truancies will be dealt with by the office. If staff members are aware of a truancy, an email to the office will suffice. Progressive discipline will be used in dealing with attendance which may include detentions, parent meetings, suspensions, removal from the course and letters will be placed in their permanent file. Students who are withdrawn from more than one course may have their entire schedule affected. Attendance letters will be emailed to parents notifying them of excessive absences. Detentions and suspensions are the responsibility of the administration to assign. Bridges will work with their own students separately on these issues.

CHEATING / PLAGIARISM

Cheating occurs when a person deliberately uses another person's work (written, electronic, or visual), and presents it as his/her own with the intent to deceive. Cheating also occurs when a person allows his/her work to be used in this way. Plagiarism involves using other people's words, works and/or ideas without proper acknowledgement.

Both cheating and plagiarism are dishonest, unethical and violate the value of learning and the integrity of our school community. Any form of cheating or plagiarism, including assisting others to cheat or plagiarize, will not be tolerated.

Examples of cheating and plagiarism include:

- Using ideas or words from books, magazines, song lyrics, internet or other resources without giving credit to the source

- Submitting someone else's work as your own
- Using unauthorized notes, books or other materials during an exam
- Taking exams for others
- Obtaining/providing unauthorized information prior to or during an examination verbally, visually, or through unauthorized use of books, notes and other materials
- Altering or changing answers after the exam has been submitted
- Altering or changing grades after the grades have been awarded
- Borrowing homework
- Use of internet translators to complete assignments, unless authorized by a teacher
- Submitting work completed for another course without the approval of the teacher
- Any other attempt to improve grades using means that have not been or would not be approved by your teacher.

(Note: Incidents of cheating and/or plagiarism may affect a student's eligibility to be considered for school-based scholarships.)

CLASS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

- ◆ Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other unusual circumstances can cause class cancellations at a school, or district-wide on short notice. In the event of class cancellations, the ...

Class cancellation information may also be broadcast on some local TV station newscasts. Please do not call the radio stations as staff members are very busy receiving updates and preparing newscasts. Calling schools and district offices is also impractical since staff members are generally not available to answer telephone calls far in advance of regular school opening time and phone lines typically become congested in any event. Please check the website.

Weather, power, road and safety conditions can change substantially within a few hours, therefore assessments and decisions must be made as close to school opening as possible for the information to be reliable. However, the District will do its best to communicate the status of schools by 7:00 a.m., when possible.

Even if all schools are open, many schools can face conditions and circumstances unique to a specific neighborhood. **Therefore, the district encourages and respects the importance of parental decision-making regarding accessing a school based on parents' own location and individual circumstances, their route to school and overall attention to safety.**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Cellular phones, iPads)

Electronic devices can be distraction from learning. If they are brought to school, students should keep them off and out of sight during class time unless instructed otherwise by their teacher. If these devices are observed being inappropriately used during class time, students may lose the privilege of bringing them.

- 1st Offense – warning and asked to put the device away
2nd/3rd Offense – turn over phone to teacher and returned at end of the class
4th Offense – turn over phone to teacher and held until the end of the day
5th Offense – phone will be turned into the office and dealt with progressively

The school accepts **no responsibility** for these items if they are lost or stolen. These include such things as digital cameras, I-Pod's, any game devices, cell phones, etc. These types of items are easily stolen from students and the school does not have the time and resources to investigate the thefts. If you choose to bring these types of items to school and they are lost or stolen, we regret that we will not be able to spend significant time helping you find them.

COMPUTER / INTERNET USE

Misuse of district technology resources will lead to suspension of the user's privileges and may lead to disciplinary and possible legal action. District technology services shall not be tampered with or used for illegal, obscene or inappropriate purposes, or in support of such activities. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:

- Transmission of illegal materials including storage or duplication of pornographic material
- Transmission or posting of threatening, abusive or obscene material
- Harassment of others
- Use of abusive, vulgar, profane, obscene or other inappropriate language
- Attempts to vandalize or gain unauthorized access to data, servers or external services
- Use of another's account or resources
- Sharing of passwords with others
- Revealing another person's personal address, phone number, picture, or other data without personal or parental consent, as appropriate
- Vandalism, damage or loss which may result in students paying for repair or replacement

DRESS REGULATIONS / SUITABLE ATTIRE

At SOSS, we believe it is important to maintain an atmosphere that is both safe and respectful. To that end, student clothing is expected to be appropriate for a learning and working environment. The purpose of the school's dress code is not to impede students' style or freedom of expression. Students are required to dress in an acceptable manner suited to the activity in which they are involved.

Inappropriate attire includes:

- designs/advertising promoting drugs and alcohol
- sexually explicit or suggestive designs
- profanity or violence
- threatening language
- derogatory and/or discriminatory language
- beach wear

Clothing must sufficiently cover:

- underwear
- cleavage
- bottoms
- midriffs (front and back)
- upper thigh

Students not showing good judgment in their choice of clothing will be asked to change or will be sent home to change.

FIRE ALARMS - DRILLS

When the fire alarm sounds students are to proceed to the nearest exit and go to assembly area as directed by the teacher. Students should not run. Doors should be closed by the last student in line. At the assembly area, the teacher will take attendance. When the “All Clear” is sounded, classes will return to their rooms. Any student causing a false fire alarm may be suspended to the School Board and may also be referred to legal authorities.

FIRE ALARMS – FALSE ALARMS



- ◆ A false fire alarm is a criminal offence. Under section 437 of the Criminal Code of Canada, anyone who willfully, without reasonable cause, circulates or causes to be made an alarm of fire is guilty of an indictable offence.
- ◆ Anyone caught pulling a false alarm may be charged with public mischief and initiating a false fire alarm.
- ◆ A fine may be issued to the student and his/her family.
- ◆ A student caught pulling a false alarm will be suspended until they and their family meet with school and fire officials to meet any obligations associated with the false fire alarm.

Every time firefighters respond to a false fire alarm they are not available to help others in the city that may be experiencing a fire or those who are in need of medical assistance. Putting the lives of others in jeopardy is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Students should use the fire alarm pull stations in schools only if they see a fire in the building.

FIRECRACKERS / FIREWORKS

The use, possession or sale of firecrackers and/or fireworks is not permitted on school property and will result in possible suspension from school.

GYMNASIUM AREAS

The school gymnasium is to be considered primarily as a Physical Education teaching area. Students are requested not to be in the gymnasium areas while classes are in session unless they are in PE classes. Schedules outlining the use of the gym before school, at lunch, and after school will be published during the course of the year.

LOCKERS / CONDITIONS OF USE

Lockers are rented to students for use during the school year, and included in the school fees, based on the following conditions:

1. Students are responsible for the locker which is assigned to them.
2. Only the lock which is assigned with the locker may be used on that locker.
3. The locker may only be used for the storage of books, school supplies and equipment, outerwear, school sports equipment and lunches.
4. The locker is to be kept clean and food must be removed on a regular basis.
5. Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all material from their locker at the end of the school year or when they leave the school.
6. No illegal substances, weapons or other prohibited or offensive material may be placed in school lockers.
7. School officials and/or designates may search student lockers at any time and without prior notice in order to ensure compliance with the conditions of use and other school policies and rules.
8. Students are responsible for the condition of their assigned locker and any damage that may be caused to that locker deemed to be under their control.
9. Permission to use the locker may be terminated when a student does not comply with the conditions of use or school policies or rules.
10. It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to keep our schools safe. If any student has reason to believe that any locker contains anything which would threaten the safety of other students, staff or any other person, that student is expected to immediately report the information to a teacher or administrator. The name of the student making such a report will be kept confidential.



PARKING AREAS

Students may park in the assigned parking areas in the front of the school off of Gala St. and off Spartan St. behind the school. Students driving irresponsibly or recklessly may lose parking lot privileges.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT OWNER'S RISK (VALUABLES)

The District will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of any article, including clothing, school supplies, equipment, vehicles or cash not owned by the school district. Personal property (e.g. skateboards, jewelry, cash, etc.) brought to or left on school district premises are at the owner's risk.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Students participating in school sponsored activities such as field trips and work experience, will be considered as having an excused absence for any class missed due to the activity, however, they are still responsible for any missed work in these classes. Students will not have to bring a note from their parent/guardian as long as the teacher permission form has been signed by all of the student's teachers.

SKATEBOARDS/ LONGBOARDS

Skateboarding and longboarding are not permitted on school property. Boards must be stored in student lockers (not brought to class). Failure to comply may result in the skateboard/ longboard being taken away for a period of time or not allowed at school.

First Offence: discussion and loss of board for one day

Second Offence: Phone call home and loss of board for a week

Third Offence: Parent meeting, letter in file and loss of privileges for an extended period of time

STUDY AREA

Grade 12 students who have a study block may use the atrium or the library or designated student study rooms. Students are not to be in the hallways or outside the building during class time.

SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (Policy D-1)

In the interest of the health of students, staff and all others who use or visit schools and school district facilities, B.C.'s Tobacco Control Act, makes it illegal to use tobacco on school property at any time. As per section 2.2(2) "a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or electronic smoking products, or hold lighted tobacco, in or on school property".

Ban in effect at all times: The law makes tobacco or smokeless products prohibited on school property illegal both during and outside of regular classroom hours.

The law applies to everyone: Students, staff, parents and the general public (including groups that rent school facilities outside of school hours) are affected by the law.

All school district facilities are included in the ban: Tobacco use is not permitted on any part of a property that is owned, leased or operated by a school board, or any property that is used for the purpose of delivering educational or other learning programs.

All Okanagan Similkameen School District employees are responsible for ensuring the law and board policy are followed in the best interests of everyone's health

TEXTBOOKS

There is no rental fee charged for the use of textbooks but there is a refundable textbook deposit collected when a student enters SOSS. If a textbook is lost, the student will be required to pay for the textbook at the replacement cost. Classroom teachers in conjunction with the library are responsible for the distribution and collection of textbooks. The office will be responsible for the billing of students who may lose a textbook. Textbook bills must be paid at the office throughout the school year. No other resources will be signed out until the fees have been paid. Refunds will be issued at the end of graduation or when a student leaves.

VACATIONS (DURING SCHOOL)

The school is not in a position to grant or deny permission to any student to miss school for an extended holiday period. It is important to be aware of the possible negative effects of an extended absence on a student's achievement. When a vacation is absolutely necessary and cannot be rescheduled, parents should discuss the matter in advance with the school administration and the subject teacher(s) at least two weeks in advance of leaving on a vacation.

VANDALISM / PROPERTY DAMAGE

Students, who intentionally or negligently destroy, damage, lose or convert school property or the property of other students or staff will be required to pay for the loss or damage and may be suspended. If a student should happen to damage something by accident, he/she should report it to a teacher or the office immediately. If you see or know of another person vandalizing school property, please contact the school or School Board office.

VISITORS (INTRUDERS)

All visitors are required to report to the office upon arrival. Visitors with a legitimate educational purpose will be welcomed; others will be asked to leave the school property. A visitor who does not first report to the office will be considered an intruder. A visitor to the school will be given a visitor pass to be worn while in the school so staff will be able to identify that individual as a visitor.

Students should not ask teachers for permission to have a friend/relative visit their class. This can cause disruption to the learning environment of the class, and will not be permitted.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

Southern Okanagan Secondary School has an active athletic program that enjoys a great deal of involvement by both students and teachers. Both individual and team sports are included in the program. The following is a list of intended school teams for the coming year:

Fall

Volleyball	Gr 8 Boys, Junior Boys, Senior Boys Gr 8 Girls, Junior Girls, Senior Girls
Field Hockey	Gr 8 Girls, Senior Girls

Winter

Basketball	Senior Boys Junior Boys and Girls Grade 8 Boys and Girls
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Spring

Soccer	Senior Girls
Golf	All Grades
Tennis	All Grades

All students are encouraged to try out for school teams. Information regarding try-outs and practice times will be given throughout the year.

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

Athletic Department Philosophy



Southern Okanagan Secondary School coaches and student-athletes adhere to the principles of fair play, embody integrity, value work ethic, honour their commitments, and represent their school community with dignity and pride.

We believe that involvement in extra-curricular athletics is a valuable part of a well-rounded educational experience. We endeavour to help students acquire skills and attitudes that will help them be successful in adulthood. We value student participation in a variety of extra-curricular pursuits. We work to provide student-athletes with opportunities to compete on teams that are effectively coached, managed, and supported. We strive to develop teams that are successful locally, regionally, and provincially.

Our student-athletes appreciate that involvement in our programs is a privilege not to be taken lightly. Athletes at Southern Okanagan Secondary School understand that their first school priority is to their class work. Student-athletes honour the training rules and expectations established by their coaches. SOSS athletes are respectful citizens of our school.

Our coaches recognize that they have been entrusted with the duty of being positive role models for students in our school. They effectively teach skill and share in-depth knowledge of their sport. Coaches at SOSS are positive leaders who model and demand ethical behaviour. They strive to develop qualities in student-athletes congruent with developing a lifelong passion for sport and holistic growth of the individual.

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

ATHLETIC AGREEMENT FORM



I, _____ agree to comply with the rules of conduct, behaviour and deportment established by the administration and coaches of Southern Okanagan Secondary School. Standard rules include:

1. Strict adherence to rules prohibiting the use of alcohol and/or drugs while participating in a school related activity. Student-athletes must adhere to school rules when traveling to, returning from, during athletic events and anytime during the times the team is representing the school and the coach is responsible for them.
2. Maintenance of satisfactory work habits in curricular areas. A student-athlete who has a work habit of “N” in any of their classes will be placed on academic probation. Student athletes who are on academic probation will be required to fulfill the conditions of an action plan related to their academic achievement. Failure to meet requirements of the action plan may result in removal from the team.
3. Regular attendance in all classes. A student-athlete who misses class without a legitimate reason is deemed ineligible to participate in practice or game on a given day.
4. Strict adherence to training rules established by the coaching staff of your team. Student-athletes must attend all training sessions, practices, and games unless prior arrangements have been made directly with the coach.
5. Adherence to high standards of deportment, sportsmanship and respect for officials, team mates, and opponents, demonstrated by your conduct during the season.
6. Absolute compliance related to acceptable methods of travel to or from a competition. Student-athletes may never drive to or

from an away game or tournament. All athletes must use an approved method of travel which includes SD#53 school bus or parent driver arranged by a coach.

7. Personal responsibility for equipment, uniforms and facilities used by the team.
8. Reasonable compliance with fund raising activities initiated by the team.

Failure to comply with the rules stated will result in disciplinary action and possible suspension from the team and (probable) further disciplinary action by the school's administration and/or School Board according to school rules.

Athlete Signature

Parent Signature

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

With the new Frank Venables Theatre and a dynamic drama program at SOSS, students are encouraged to become involved in our SOSS's drama productions. These productions are extra-curricular and students must audition for acting and singing parts. Other roles, such as lighting, technicians, costumes and building sets will be available.

Clubs

Various clubs are available for students to join. There is also an opportunity for students to request that a new club be formed.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

SOSS's counsellors are interested in meeting you and can assist you in educational planning, discussing your career interests and providing counselling concerning personal issues. Counsellors are available by appointment or on an emergency basis. Students should speak directly to their counsellor (before or after school, during lunch or in-between classes) or sign up for an appointment in the appointment book.

MEDIATION

Counsellors coordinate a mediation service to help students, parents and staff deal with disagreements, arguments, or misunderstandings. Mediation is a safe place for individuals in conflict to talk and to listen to one another and to create agreements to end the conflict. We are committed to the process of people working out their conflicts in a constructive way.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR

The school's career advisor coordinates a number of career activities and career opportunities:

- information on careers and jobs
- career exploration assistance and awareness
- work experience placements
- job shadowing
- apprenticeship program
- career preparation programs
- post-secondary presentations and tours
- post-secondary visitations
- partnership programs

Materials and information on careers and post-secondary schools are available.

LIBRARY

The Library plays an important role in the development of concepts and learning skills at SOSS. Library hours are from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

Official reports to parents are issued four times during the school year. In addition to the regular reports, teachers may also send out supplementary reports when necessary.

Southern Okanagan Secondary uses the standard prescribed grading system:

Percent %:	Achievement:
86-100	A
73-85	B
67-72	C+
60-66	C
50-59	C-
0-49	I
	F

G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)

A	= 4.00
B	= 3.00
C+	= 2.50
C	= 2.00
C-	= 1.00
F	= 0
I	= 0

The G.P.A. for each semester is calculated by averaging students' four scores for grades 8-11, and students' best three scores for grades 12.

Work Habits

- E = Excellent
- G = Good
- S = Satisfactory
- N = Needs Improvement

A student advances on the basis of subject promotion. If the student does not meet the requirements of a core course then he or she must repeat that course. Success or failure in one course has no promotional effect on other courses.

AWARDS

Criteria for Honour Roll after each reporting period:

"A" Honours List – Grade Point: 3.50-4.0, and no "I's" or "F's"

"B" Merit List – Grade Point: 3.00-3.49, and no "I's" or "F's"

First semester honour roll grades 8, 9, and 10, four out of four courses are used. For grades 11 and 12, three out of four courses are used.

Year-End Honour Roll

For grade 8, 9, and 10, all eight courses are used and for grade 11 & 12 the seven best courses are used. The year-end Honour Roll will be based on final course marks.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in June, at which time appropriate recognition is given to all students who have distinguished themselves in academic, athletic and fine arts achievement as well as citizenship and service.

Awards Outline

Athletics

- Tier II Winter Sports- all basketball teams
 Spring Sports- soccer, tennis, golf
 Rookies of the Year- junior and senior all sports
 Manager of the Year
- Tier I Grade 8 Male & Female Athlete of the Year
 Junior Male & Female Athlete of the Year
 Senior & Junior Heart Awards
 Senior Male & Female Athlete of the Year
 King's Langley Team of the Year Award
 Scholastic Athlete Award

Service & Citizenship

- Tier II
Junior Service Award – grade 8, 9, 10
Senior Service Award – grade 11, 12
Junior Citizenship Award – grade 8, 9, 10
Senior Citizenship Award – grade 11, 12

- Tier I
Junior & Senior Service
Junior & Senior Citizenship

Spirit Award

Academic Recognition

- Top Senior Academic Student after scholarship ceremony
- Top Junior Academic Student
- Valedictorian

SCHOOL-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

The SOSS Scholarship and Bursary Committee selects candidates from scholarship applications received. To be eligible for scholarships, students must be enrolled in six grade 12 courses at SOSS (including GT) unless there are extenuating circumstances. Students who accumulate excessive unexcused absences will result in a parent/ student/ administrator meeting that may result in the student being withdrawn from the course. Students who are withdrawn from more than one course or who have excessive absences may not be eligible for scholarships.

Incidents of cheating and/or plagiarism may affect a student's eligibility to be considered for school-based scholarships.

Selections may be based on academic standing, citizenship, attendance, involvement in school activities and/or financial need. Scholarship applications are available in the library. Listen to the announcements or go to the website for deadline submissions. Completion of the Bursary and Scholarship application form is required for applicant to be considered for school-based awards.

BELL SCHEDULE

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY BELL SCHEDULE	
Warning Bell	8:25
Period 1	8:30 – 9:49
Break	9:49 – 10:04
Period 2	10:04-11:22
Period 3	11:27 – 12:46
Lunch	12:46 – 1:21
Warning Bell	1:21
Period 4	1:26 – 2:45

Assembly Schedule #1

CURRENT WEEK ROTATION

PERIOD 1	8:30AM-9:30AM
ASSEMBLY	9:40AM-10:40AM
BREAK	10:40AM-10:55AM
PERIOD 2	10:55AM-11:55AM
PERIOD 3	12:00PM-1:00PM
LUNCH	1:00PM-1:40PM
PERIOD 4	1:40PM-2:45PM

Assembly Schedule #2

CURRENT WEEK ROTATION

PERIOD 1	8:30AM-9:30AM
BREAK	9:30AM-9:45AM
PERIOD 2	9:45AM-10:45AM
PERIOD 3	10:50AM-11:50AM
ASSEMBLY	12:00AM-1:00PM
LUNCH	1:00PM-1:40PM
PERIOD 4	1:40PM-2:45PM

Early Dismissal Schedule #3

CURRENT WEEK ROTATION

PERIOD 1	8:30AM-9:30AM
PERIOD 2	9:35AM-10:35AM
BREAK	10:35AM-10:50AM
PERIOD 3	10:50AM-11:50AM
PERIOD 4	11:55AM-12:45PM

Early Dismissal Schedule #4 (Inquiry Days)

CURRENT WEEK ROTATION

PERIOD 1	8:30AM-9:15AM
PERIOD 2	9:20AM-10:10AM
BREAK	10:10AM-10:25AM
PERIOD 3	10:25AM-11:10AM
PERIOD 4	11:15AM-12:05PM
LUNCH	12:05PM-12:45PM
INQUIRY TIME	12:45PM-2:45PM



SD53 - 2016/2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

September 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

November 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

January 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

October 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

December 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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June 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016/17

Monday, September 5, 2016	Labour Day
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	Schools Open
Monday, October 10, 2016	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov 11, 2016	Remembrance Day
Monday, December 19, 2016	Christmas Break Begins
Tuesday, January 3, 2017	Schools Re-Open
Wed-Fri, January 25-27, 2017	Secondary Exam Days
Monday, January 30, 2017	Second Semester Begins
Monday, February 13, 2017	Family Day
Monday, March 20, 2017	Spring Break Begins
Monday, April 3, 2017	School Re-Opens
Friday, April 14, 2017	Good Friday
Monday, April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
Monday, May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
Mon-Wed, June 26-28, 2017	Secondary Exam Days
Thursday, June 29, 2017	Last Day of Classes
Friday, June 30, 2017	Administrative Day

School Closed for Students

Number of Days in Session	192
Number of Days of Instruction	184

DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Friday, October 21, 2016	– Professional Development Day
February 10, 2017	– Non-Instructional Day
Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31, 2017	– Non-Instructional Days (Connected to Spring Break)

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of all early dismissal times & is also available: <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/district/calendars>
 Cawston/Keremeos: Oct 19 & 20, 2016 / Apr 12 & 13, 2017
 Osoyoos: Oct 19 & 20, 2016 / Mar 14 & 16, 2017
 Oliver/OK Falls: Oct 19 & 20, 2016 / Mar 14 & 16, 2017
 District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar { }

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 19:	Oliver Elementary, Okanagan Falls Elementary, Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary, Cawston Primary, Osoyoos Elementary, SOSS & SESS
Mar. 14:	Oliver Elementary, Okanagan Falls Elementary, Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary & Osoyoos Elementary
Mar. 16:	Oliver Elementary, Okanagan Falls Elementary, Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary, Osoyoos Elem & SOSS
Apr. 12:	Cawston Primary & SESS

- Stat/School Holidays
- Non-Instructional Days
- Secondary Exam Days
- Year End Administration
- Inquiry Time Early Dismissal

DRESS CODE AT SOSS

What is school appropriate?

No clothing that has offensive remarks or vulgar language and alcohol



No clothing with drug or related logos and slogans



Hoods stay off your head while in school



Unratty pants are not in. The hip to reduce visibility of undergarments



COVER UP YOUR 4 B'S!



Friends, don't let friends wear short shorts! Have a friend check you out so you're not too "cheeky!"



Avoid wearing shirts with cut-out sides

BREASTS

Avoid low-cut tops

Avoid corsets or sweaters to cover spaghetti straps!



Unratty shirts have a 2" margin

BELLY

No midriffs or belly buttons

Wear tops that meet your "button!"



BUTT



The extended fingertips in a quarter size shirt & short hemlines!

BACK

5 inch tops should be worn with a camisole or undershirt



Avoid backless or cut-out tops

Wear cardigan or sweater to cover up bra straps!

Don't wear undershirts without some long overlap

