Communication and Parent Involvement

*Sanborn Elementary School is well-known for its excellent school-to-home communication. Here are some of the many ways that we communicate with parents:

*Tuesday Folders: Each week your student will bring home a folder of their work, announcements about upcoming school activities, and communication from their teacher. Please review the contents of the Tuesday Folder, sign the front cover, and return the folder the next day.

*The Sanborn Scoop: Watch for Sanborn’s weekly newsletter in your child’s Tuesday folder. You may also access this newsletter online at http://sanbornes.svvsd.org. The Sanborn Scoop will give you critical information about school events, news, etc. We keep this newsletter to one page to honor your busy lives.

*Email: The Sanborn Scoop, along with announcements and flyers, are also emailed regularly. Please make sure that your email address is up to date!!

*REMIND APP: Many Sanborn teachers utilize a phone application called “Remind”. Teachers will send home information about this in August and we highly recommend signing up.

*Shout-Point Messages: We utilize a phone and e-mail messaging system to pass along important information and reminders about upcoming events. Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

School Visitation: We encourage parents and guardians to visit school frequently and actively participate in the education of their child. Please avoid conferences with the teacher during such visits, but rather schedule a conference for a mutually acceptable time. For the protection of the students, all school volunteers and visitors MUST report to the office upon entering the building (east entrance). Please do not go directly to the classroom. Volunteers/visitors are required to sign in and wear a Sanborn badge during the time spent on our campus. Visitors who are not known by school personnel may be required to provide identification to be copied for school records.

Please make prior arrangements with a classroom teacher before visiting during the instructional school day. For liability reasons, we do not permit students who are not enrolled in our school to attend classes at Sanborn.

If you need to give your child a message, medication, homework, lunch money, supplies, etc., please go to the office and check in with the office personnel. We will call your child to the office to retrieve these items.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: You will have an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher two times each school year to discuss your child’s progress. If necessary, parents or teachers may schedule additional meetings throughout the year. Each child will be scheduled for one parent/teacher conference slot in October and again in February unless there is a compelling reason to schedule two time slots for conferences (i.e. parents feel in danger of meeting together for some reason or a restraining order is in place). If you have a compelling reason, please contact the principal for assistance with scheduling two separate conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled in the fall and spring for October 15, 16 & 17th and February 11, 12 & 13th from 3:00 – 8:00 PM.
Phone/Cell Phone Use for Students: The office and classroom telephones are for school-related business; therefore, student use is limited to school-related business matters. Please make prior arrangements with your children regarding after school activities or plans. Telephone use will be limited to emergency messages. Student cell phones must remain turned off and in backpacks during the instructional day but can be used after school for parent communication. Cell phones will be confiscated if out during the instructional day.

Parent or Guardian Concerns: Establishing a good relationship between school and home is critical to school success. When problems or concerns arise, please take the following steps toward resolution: Ask your child to explain the event and then call the school for an appointment to talk with the person involved (teacher, bus driver, coach, paraprofessional, cafeteria manager, etc.). It is helpful not to discuss the issue while visiting a ballgame, bake sale, gas station, grocery store, etc.

During the conference with the person involved, explain what the student has reported to you. Allow the teacher (or other person) time to present his/her information regarding the situation. Most problems are usually solved with this type of conference. However, if you are not satisfied with the outcome of this conference, ask the teacher to set up a conference with the building principal or go directly to the office to set up a conference. At this conference, the principal will hear the concern of the parent/guardian and the teacher. The problem can usually be resolved or a plan developed to do so within a reasonable time. In rare instances a parent/guardian or legal custodian may still not be satisfied with the decision made. The principal will then arrange a conference for all involved to meet with a district administrator.

The administrator will ask that the problem be stated in writing and signed by the parent/guardian and personnel involved. The statement should explain the efforts that have been made to resolve the situation. At this conference, all parties will present their views and every effort will be made to solve the problem objectively. Should there still remain a problem, as a last resort, the Superintendent will refer the situation to the Board of Education for their review.

Sanborn has a long history of excellent parent relations. Please contact us if you any concerns during the school year!!

Inspection of Records: Parents, guardians, or legal custodians are welcome to review their student’s school records by calling the office or principal and scheduling an appointment. Persons who view school records will be required to sign a record log and the date of examination. Records must remain in the school office area.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PASS: PASS (The Parent Association for Sanborn Students) is a parent organization that actively supports our school by sponsoring several fundraising activities and also promoting social events that unite the Sanborn community. This group supports our Sanborn students with materials and equipment and also sponsors various programs such as field trips and assemblies. All parents are urged to join PASS as a way to connect the home, school, and community on behalf of the children. The PASS group typically meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Sanborn library. Childcare is provided free of charge. Please contact the school office for details about joining.

WATCHDOG Program—Three years ago, Sanborn launched a program encouraging father/stepfather/grandfather, etc. participation in school. This was a huge success with high participation. Please contact Ken Allen (Kenallen777@gmail.com) if you are interested. Fathers spend a day at school and really participate in the daily routines!!! More information is available at fathers.com.

CLASSROOM, OFFICE & LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Sanborn has a very active and supportive group of volunteers that help out in our classrooms, office and library. You can get an application for volunteering from your classroom teacher or the front office.
Health and Safety

Health Services: We have limited health services available at our school. A health clerk is in the building 35 hours per week. During the remaining time, all health problems are handled by our office staff. It is ESSENTIAL that we have the following information on file in case of illness or emergency:

- CURRENT telephone numbers for parent(s) or guardian(s). Please update your contact information whenever there is a change.
- Names and telephone numbers of relatives or friends who should be contacted if a parent/guardian is not available
- Name and telephone number of family doctor

Illnesses: If a student becomes ill at school, they will be sent to the health office and a parent or guardian will be contacted when the nature of an illness or an injury appears to be serious. In extreme emergencies, arrangements may be made for a student’s immediate transportation to a hospital when the parent or guardian cannot be reached.

In the event that your youngster complains of not feeling well, it is probably a good idea to keep him/her at home. If your child feels better during the day, bring him/her to school. This procedure is better than the school calling you to pick up a child feeling poorly. This also helps to protect some of our medically fragile students because it decreases their likelihood of being exposed to germs. Policy dictates that children with a fever of 100° or higher MUST be sent home. Please see attachment on the next page.

Dispensing of Medication: St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J employees are not allowed to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications without written consent/directions from a physician and parent (A “PERMISSION FOR MEDICATION” form is available in the school office).

If it is necessary for your child to take oral medication during school hours, the “Permission for Medication” form MUST be on file in the school health office. Medicine bottles must have the dosage printed on the label and match the “Permission for Medication” form. The principal, health clerk, or office staff will be the only ones who will administer the medication. A parent or guardian may come to school to give their child medication, but must sign in at the front office first. Students may not bring medication to self-administer. This should be accomplished through the office.

Immunizations: All students new to Sanborn (except in-district transfers) will be required to present proof of immunizations upon entering school. Your child will not be able to start school without an immunization record or certificate of immunizations. Immunizations may be obtained from your family doctor or the Boulder County Health Department. Parents must show evidence of the first immunization prior to entering school.

Please refer to your family doctor or the school district web site for a complete list of required immunizations: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines
IN CARE OF KIDS

How Sick is Too Sick? Illness Policy for Parents
When to Keep Your Child at Home from School or Child Care

There are three main reasons to keep sick children at home:
1. Your child doesn’t feel well enough to take part in normal activities. For example, your child is overly tired, fussy or won’t stop crying.
2. Your child needs more care than teachers and staff can give while still caring for the other children.
3. The illness is on this list and staying home is recommended.

***Remember, the best way to stop the spread of infection is through good hand washing.

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School Security: For the protection of students, staff, and parents, the school DOORS WILL BE LOCKED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Students, parents and other visitors must enter through the main entrance (east) of the school and sign in at the office. Please utilize the doorbell/camera system for entry into the building. Also, remind your children that they may ring the doorbell at the front door if they need to enter the school before, during or after school.

Emergency Response Drills: Safety is a top priority at Sanborn. The school district has adopted a uniform safety and security strategy that includes 4 possible response actions in emergency situations: Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter in Place. We will practice these actions periodically. During an Evacuation Drill all personnel including students, visitors, and staff members must clear the building. Teachers will instruct students how to leave the building quickly and quietly and where to assemble. During a Lockout, Lockdown, or Shelter in Place drill the students will be instructed by their teacher on the correct procedures. Parents who are in the building during a Lockout, Lockdown, or Shelter in Place drill should follow the lead of the staff in their area. If you are working independently they should proceed quickly to the volunteer workroom behind the library and lock the doors. For the students’ safety, no one will be allowed to enter or exit the building during non-evacuation drills.

Weapons: Please ensure that your child does not bring any object to school that could be considered a weapon. The District Discipline Code defines a weapon as any gun or firearm (loaded or unloaded) and any instrument used that could inflict or threaten bodily harm. Knives, or other items deemed inappropriate by school officials, may be declared contraband and confiscated. BRINGING WEAPONS TO SCHOOL (GUNS, KNIVES, ETC.) MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION, EVEN AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL.

Students have the duty and responsibility to immediately report all weapons violations. This duty and responsibility includes physically bringing a weapon which may be found by a student on or near school grounds to the attention of a staff member or administrator. In such instances, a student will not be disciplined for turning in a weapon which the student has found. However, discovery by school personnel of a weapon on a student, in possession by a student, or involvement in the transmission of a weapon from person to person in situations other than turning in a weapon, could be grounds for being expelled from school.

Let’s Keep our Kids SAFE!: Parents, for the safety of our children, please observe the following rules while on campus:

Safety cross ONLY at crosswalks
Avoid red zones and double parking
Follow your after school plan
Encourage parents to report unsafe situations

Please discuss with your children the most desirable routes to and from school, safety factors while walking to and from school, and safety while waiting for or riding busses. Remember, children cannot see oncoming traffic when cars are parked along the street. Teach them to follow the safety rules every time. Parents, please be a kind, courteous, and aware driver. In the mornings, we encourage you to drop off your student(s) in the circular driveway along the northeast side of the building. Please leave the area along the northeast sidewalk open for bus parking. In the afternoons, childcare vans and buses will utilize the circular driveway for student pick-up.

THANK YOU for your cooperation to ensure our children’s safety.
Other Important Information

**Counseling:** All schools in the St. Vrain Valley School District currently have the services of counselors. Sanborn has one half-time counselor & one full time counselor who are available to students and parents or guardians. The counselor may see a child individually, in a small group, or during a classroom guidance activity. Counseling programs or topics may include conflict resolution, personal safety, problem-solving, decision-making, peer relations, crisis intervention and support, developing responsible behavior, school progress and motivation, individual differences, family concerns and self-esteem.

Counselors hold a minimum of a Master’s degree, are state certified, and have classroom teaching experience. Sanborn’s counselor, Camille Gonzales, welcomes parents to call or stop by. Resource materials are also available through the counseling office. Unfortunately, because of time limitations, we are not able to provide therapeutic counseling services.

**Library Media Center:** Our school library media center is a source of pride and a vital part of our instructional program. Through the regularly scheduled class times and open library time, students are encouraged to explore the many books, research materials, and computers that our library media center contains.

In order to maintain an adequate collection, students, teachers and parents must cooperate to see that materials are returned in good condition. If materials are not returned, a charge for replacement is made. The average price range of a book or magazine is $5 - $25.

**Lunchroom Policies and Procedures:**

- The price of a school lunch for elementary school students is $3.25 which includes milk ($4.25 for adults). A juice or additional milk is $.50.
- Students who wish to bring their lunch from home may also purchase milk, water, or juice for $.50. Breakfast will cost $1.50 ($2.00 for adults) and is served at 8:00 AM.
- There are two ways to put money into your students meal account:
  - Send check or cash in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, ID#, teacher name, and amount enclosed. Send with your child and they can turn it in to their teacher or it can be turned in to the office.
  - Prepay online by going to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com/)
  - The lunchroom cashier will credit each student’s account in the cashier’s computer. (Lunch tickets are not issued at the elementary level). Students will be notified when he/she has one lunch left on his/her account. A new series of lunches will need to be purchased the next day. One lunch charge is allowed on an emergency basis only.
- For students who qualify for free/ reduced lunch families must **submit a new application each school year**. Applications are available in the school office or by applying online at: [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com/) We strongly encourage parents to look into this program. For questions for this and other additional meal programs please contact Shelly Allen at Nutritional Services at 303-682-7251 or allen_shelly@svvsd.org.
- Menus available at [www.svvvsd.org](http://www.svvvsd.org) and printed each month on the back of the Sanborn Scoop.
- For Special Dietary Needs contact Mindi Wolf at 303-702-7756 or wolf_mindi@svvsd.org.
- Parents are always welcome to join their child for a special time in the lunchroom. Please sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge while you are visiting.

**Outdoor Recess:** Recess is scheduled as part of the regular school day. This time serves as a break for students. As a general rule, if your child is too ill to participate in recess, he/she should be kept at home. All children will go out and play during lunch recess and morning or afternoon recess. It gives
the child a few moments to expend some energy, stretch and activate the body from a morning of sitting in the classroom. This is also a good time for socialization and learning to get along with other children. **ALL CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL PROPERLY CLOTHED FOR OUTSIDE CONDITIONS.** We almost always go outside for recess. **Students Restricted From Outside Recess:** Only those children with a written doctor’s excuse will be permitted to stay inside for any extended period of time. The doctor must specify the number of days. Children will not be permitted to stay in due to cold or wet weather conditions unless a medical condition exists and a doctor confirms this as a precaution.

**Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboard, Rollerblades, and “Heelys”:** Bicycles and scooters should be parked and locked in the racks located on the southeast and northwest corners of the school. Scooters cannot be stored in the classroom coat closets because of limited space. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and “heelys” are not to be ridden on school grounds. General traffic safety rules should be followed by bicycle/scooter riders leaving school grounds, including no more than one rider. We strongly encourage the use of helmets for all bike riders.

**Birthdays:** We realize that recognizing each child’s birthday is important to him/her and also builds a good self-concept. Many teachers allow children to bring treats for the class. This allows the child to be recognized on their important day. *Treats should be of a simple nature and easily distributed.* **Please consult with your child’s teacher for grade level procedures.** Party invitations should be passed out off school grounds so no feelings are hurt. Also to avoid hurt feelings, birthdays should not be celebrated at school with a small group of friends.

**Dress Code:** Students are encouraged to dress in a neat and appropriate manner that reflects pride in themselves and their school. Generally, students should wear clothes which are safe, do not disturb or distract other students, and are appropriate for learning.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At Sanborn Elementary School, shoes must be worn at all times *(appropriate shoes must be worn for P.E.).* Bare midriffs *(exposed skin between shirt and pants)*, tank tops, net shirts, cut shirts and clothing bearing inappropriate logos *(relating to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sexual activities and any other content that may be offensive to others)* are not permitted. *Sleeveless tops must be designed to fit closely under the arm. Thin-strapped tops, such as spaghetti straps, are not permitted (must be 2 adult fingers wide).*

Head gear of any type *(hats, hoods, etc.)* is not to be worn in the school building. Bandannas that are worn as a hairpiece around a ponytail are permissible—if they are NOT covering the head. Head gear *(tiaras, headbands with ears, etc.)* of any type that is a distraction to the learning environment is not allowed. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the school.

*Shorts may be worn if they comfortably cover the rear end when students are in a standing, bending, or sitting position. Shorts need to be longer than the hands outstretched, placed on the side of the body.*

*Boxers, swimwear or long underwear of any kind is not permitted, nor is clothing that exposes underwear or undergarments. Heelys *(roller skate shoes)* are not allowed due to safety reasons.*

Any apparel, insignia, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or other school supply item or any manner of behavior that, by virtue of its color, arrangements, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership or association with gangs will be banned by the school principal.
**Homework:** Many teachers assign homework. Encourage your child to complete their work. Discussing their work helps them develop a positive attitude about learning, especially when learning something new or difficult. Homework must be turned in on time to receive full credit.

**Lost and Found:** Clearly label all items of clothing such as mittens, caps, hats, jackets, coats, sweaters, boots and umbrellas with your student’s name and phone number. Many mix-ups occur and an unbelievable amount of clothing is unlabeled and unclaimed by the end of each year. **The Lost and Found is located in the white cabinets in the hallway next to the gymnasium, and you’re free to check it anytime throughout the year.** Twice each year, Lost and Found items are put on display, and unclaimed items are donated to charity. Small items (cell phones, glasses, jewelry, etc.) are kept in the office.

**Patriotism:** Colorado Revised Statute requires that each classroom display the American flag. Sanborn’s classes recognize their national pride by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Should your religious convictions forbid your child’s participation in these activities, they may recognize their privilege of not participating by remaining quietly seated during the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in the presence of the American flag.

**Pets on Campus:** Due to a school district policy, no pets are allowed on school grounds at any time during the school day including “show and tell”. This also includes before and after school when you are dropping off or picking up your child.

**Report Cards and Grading:** The district utilizes a standards-based report card. Report cards will be sent home with students on December 3, March 10 and May 21. Teachers and parents will communicate more often if there are special concerns about student progress.

**School Closures:** Refer to the school district’s web-site [http://www.svvsd.org/](http://www.svvsd.org/) for school closures. Also, television stations 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9 are notified of emergency school closures for weather. AM radio stations 560, 630, 850, 950, 1060, 1490, and 1600 and FM stations 91.5, 95.7, 98.5, 103.5, 104.3, 105.1 and 107.5 are also notified. Please check these sources if there is inclement weather. **ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS LINE 303-682-7387.** Most parents/guardians will receive a district callout message for school closings. It is important to keep your information up-to-date.

**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support** Sanborn participates in the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support), model as a means to provide positive feedback and encouragement for students. As a part of this system students are awarded “Stars Slips” when a staff member sees a them exhibiting one of the PBIS student characteristics. We have incentives to help encourage these positive behaviors. STARS stands for: Safe, Takes risks, Accountable, Respectful and Self-regulated.

**Theft or Loss of Personal Property:** Sanborn is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal items from students at school. Students are not to bring personal items, including music players, electronic games, trading cards or toys to school. However, it is important to report any loss or damage to the teacher immediately.
I’m here.

Attendance is one of the most important factors in determining if a student will do well in school, graduate and be prepared for success in their careers and postsecondary education.

ATTEND. ASPIRE. ACHIEVE.

Why Attendance Matters

Students are chronically absent when they miss 10 percent of the school year. Missing only 2 days a month can have a significant impact on student success.

A habit of attendance is a school readiness skill. Students who are chronically absent in early grades are far more likely to be chronically absent in later grades. Building high attendance habits is also a life skill that will impact success as future employees, leaders and citizens.

The early grades matter. Only 41 percent of students who are chronically absent in kindergarten or first grade can read on grade level after third grade.

Students who attend school regularly are more involved in activities, athletics, fine arts and other programs that build healthy social networks and important life experiences.

Attendance is one of the largest predictors of whether a student will graduate. Students who attend school regularly stay on track for graduation and report higher levels of success in their future careers and/or higher education.

By college, a chronically absent high school graduate has only an 11 percent chance of receiving any degree, impacting career choices, lifetime earnings and future options.

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Attendance

Please read this important information thoroughly.

Philosophy: One important indicator of a student’s success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Frequent absences and/or tardies may lead to poor academic work, lack of social development, and possible academic failure. Regular attendance is of utmost importance for school interest, social adjustment and scholastic achievement, particularly for closing the achievement gap. Research indicates that the learning process and social adaptation are seriously disrupted by excessive absences.

Each year, the Board of Education establishes the school attendance policy by adopting a school calendar. Elementary students are required to have 968 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and contact time each school year.

Students are expected to attend regularly and to arrive promptly at school.
Students may arrive at school at 8:15 AM and should be here no later than 8:25 AM.
In addition, all students need to be picked up by 3:15 PM.

BREAKFAST
The doors do not open until 8:00 AM for breakfast. There is no supervision prior to 8:00 AM for those students. Students will be asked to return to their car or home if they arrive before 8:00.

Parents must promptly report absences (and reason for the absence) to the attendance clerk, Alicia Terrill at 720-652-8122. If a child is absent for more than 3 days, a note from a doctor or dentist may be submitted to excuse the absence. If a parent fails to provide this information the absence or tardy will be recorded as “unexcused” or “vacation” at the principal’s discretion based on parent’s request. (3 unexcused tardies = ½ day absence.)

Excused Absences: The building principal or their designee will grant excused absences with substantiated reason. The following will be considered:

- A student who is temporarily ill or injured or whose absence is approved by the principal on a prearranged basis. Prearranged absences shall be approved for appointments or circumstances of a serious nature only when they cannot be taken care of outside of school hours. **If your student is seeing a doctor or dentist you should bring an excuse from the doctor or dentist to the attendance clerk upon returning to school.**
- A student who is absent for a prearranged extended period due to a professionally diagnosed physical, mental or emotional disability. This also will require appropriate proof from a health care provider.
- A student who is attending any school-sponsored activity or activities of an educational nature with advance approval by the administration.

The following may be considered excused absences **at the discretion of the principal or designee:**

- Serious illness or death in the family
- Family emergencies or hardship
• Family vacation - while discouraged, such excuses should be prearranged with the school administration. If a student has poor attendance or poor academic performance, a principal may deny an excused absence for vacation purposes. **At Sanborn, we allow 5 days maximum vacation time per student if the student has good attendance and good overall academic performance. Please fill out a prearranged vacation consent form that is available in the office. All homework must be made up AFTER a vacation.**

• Religious observances when requested by a parent or guardian.

• Absence required by a legal body or social agency (court, juvenile authorities, public health department or police).

• If a child is absent from school, they will not be able to participate in any after-school/evening events on that day.

The District may require suitable proof regarding the above exceptions, including written statements from a health care provider.

**Unexcused Absences:** An unexcused absence is defined as an absence that is not covered by one of the foregoing exceptions. Students who are suspended or expelled shall be considered unexcused. Each unexcused absence shall be entered on the student’s record.

Parents/guardians shall be required to furnish an explanation for student absenteeism either in writing or orally. Absences not explained within two days after returning to school shall be recorded as unexcused absences unless unusual or extenuating circumstances exist as determined by the building administrator.

The minimum number of unexcused absences a student may incur before judicial proceedings are initiated to enforce compulsory attendance is four (4) days in one month or ten (10) days during any school year. After 10 days a doctor’s note will be REQUIRED in order to excuse absences.

**Tardiness:** Tardiness is defined as the arrival of a student after the scheduled time that a class begins. Please have your student to school by 8:25 AM. The last bell rings at 8:30 AM and your student MUST check in at the office and get a tardy slip after the 8:30 AM bell.

**Students who accumulate 3 unexcused tardies shall be issued one-half day unexcused absence.**

The following may be considered excused tardies at the discretion of the principal or designee:

• Doctor, dentist or other appointments with a health care professional. **Please bring a note from the health care provider for the tardy to be deemed excused.**

• In some cases, foul weather such as heavy snow or ice.

• Other instances may be deemed excused when appropriate. Please call the office and speak with the attendance clerk if you have questions.

• All other tardies will be considered unexcused.

**IMPORTANT:** Oversleeping, “running late,” and similar reasons will be considered unexcused tardies.

“At Sanborn, all students belong and are valued!!” This is why we place such importance on attendance.
Absence Reporting: Parents must notify the school office as early as possible on any day their child is absent. PARENTS CAN CALL SANBORN (at 303-772-3838) ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT to leave a message about their child being absent or tardy. **The direct line for attendance is 720-652-8122.** This practice avoids us contacting you at work or interrupting your activities at home. Students should check in at the office when tardy. If parents do not call in their child’s absence and we cannot reach you by phone, per district policy, the absence must be recorded as unexcused. If your child is out sick for more than 3 days in a row or 10 days total per school year, a doctor’s excuse will be required when they return to school. Three tardies equal ½ day absence. For the yearly “Perfect Attendance Award” a student must have zero absences and zero tardies. The same criteria is required for our monthly “Perfect Attendance Awards” that are celebrated at an assembly each month.

Make-up Work for Absenteeism: All students are expected to make up school work missed because of absenteeism. **No make-up work will be given BEFORE OR DURING an unexcused absence.** Students with excused absences will be granted full credit for make-up work provided the work is completed and turned in. Please allow 24 hours notification for this request. Generally, students will have two days for each day absent. We do not provide work in ADVANCE of an absence, only after an absence.

Leaving School Grounds: Before a student may leave school grounds, a parent or guardian must physically report to the office and sign out the student. A member of the office staff will call the student from the classroom. Parents are not allowed in the hallways without a visitor badge. If the student returns to school before the end of the day, a parent or guardian must accompany the student to the office to sign in. We only allow students to leave with the adults listed on the student’s emergency contact record. A signed note or phone call from the parent or guardian will be required if a third party will be checking out a student.

Withdrawal of Students: If you plan to withdraw your student for any reason, please call or visit the office several days prior to the withdrawal date to complete the necessary paperwork. Your cooperation is always greatly appreciated and this will expedite the transfer of student records to their next school.

Academic All-Stars: Each trimester, Sanborn hosts a celebration for students who meet rigorous standards of attendance, behavior, and academic grades. Students must meet the following criteria to receive an invitation:

1. No unexcused absences or tardies.
2. Demonstrated leadership in the classroom/school and no office referrals for behavior.
3. Straight A’s in the academic areas of reading, writing, and math.

We invite local dignitaries to speak at these events, and in the past, we’ve heard from the police chief, mayor, superintendent, and a state senator. This is a significant achievement at Sanborn!

Monthly Attendance Awards: At Sanborn, we want to celebrate and encourage good attendance. As such, we give a monthly award to all students with perfect attendance. Students who have no absences or tardies for a given month will be given necklace charm and are recognized in an all-school assembly.