

## **SOUTH VIEW ORGANIZER**

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## **Edina Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission  
of the Edina Public Schools  
working in partnership  
with the family and community,  
is to educate  
responsible, lifelong learners  
who possess the skills,  
knowledge, creativity,  
sense of self-worth,  
and ethical values  
necessary to survive and flourish  
in a rapidly changing,  
culturally diverse,  
global society.

## **South View Middle School Mission Statement**

The mission of South View Middle School, working in partnership with the family and community, is to develop in each student the knowledge, self-worth, and life skills necessary to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens by providing relevant curricula; dedicated qualified staff; and a safe, caring, innovative, and student-centered learning environment.

# **Edina Public Schools Ethical Values**

**Integrity**

**Compassion**

**Courage**

**Commitment**

**Appreciation for Diversity**

**Responsibility**

## **Welcome To South View!!**

As another year begins, we invite you to join with us in a proud tradition of academic and social excellence. We encourage your active participation in the many programs that have been planned to help you grow and stretch your capacity to learn and to become the best person you can be. We hope that you will sense the spirit of community, cooperation and encouragement that is South View.

Middle school is a time when you are encouraged to take charge of your education. You will be challenged to organize yourself to get the most out of every class and to ask questions if you don't understand or need clarification. Your teachers are experts in their areas; make arrangements to see them before or after school if you need extra help. Your willingness to put forth the extra effort that it takes to achieve at your maximum potential will reap great dividends in the future.

We want you to know that we are here to help you. If you are having difficulty or if you have an idea that would help make South View more effective in meeting your needs, we want to hear from you. Stop by the main office or the student services office and ask to see one of us. We want school to be enjoyable for you. Help us make that happen.

To be informed about school activities, schedules and rules, we encourage you to carefully read this handbook/organizer to get information.

We will be seeing you in classes, hallways and at school events, and we'll try to meet you individually. We hope you will help us get to know you. Together we can make this a memorable, productive and exciting year!

- Your South View Middle School Staff

### **South View Organizer**

The South View staff will use this organizer with all students and in all classes at South View Middle School. Our purposes in providing this book include:

- to facilitate communication between home and school.
- to help students be better organized and to plan ahead.
- to personalize communication between teachers and students.
- to provide consistency for students from class to class.
- to help students with study skills.
- to reinforce our school policies, procedures and expectations.

Teachers will regularly ask you to keep track of assignments and long-term projects in your "*Organizer*". Teachers may also use the organizer to write personal notes to you and your parents. They will encourage students to take advantage of its many organizational/motivational benefits. Students will be expected to have their organizer with him/her at all times. If it is lost, you can purchase a new one in Student Services for \$5.00, while supplies last!



## General Information

- **BACKPACKS**

Students may use a backpack to carry books and materials between home and school. At school, however, it is to be stored in a locker and not brought to class.

- **BOOK FINES**

Books and materials are furnished for each class at no charge. Board policy does, however, state that students should be responsible for lost or damaged books or materials. Fees for lost books and books damaged beyond repair are assessed to students at the end of the course. Students are encouraged to cover books and to handle them with care.

- **CORRIDORS**

Safety in hall traffic is the responsibility of each student if accidents are to be avoided. You can help by *walking* in the halls.

- **DRESS CODE**

Hats are not to be worn at South View. We assume that students will come to school wearing appropriate dress. Students are not to wear items that advertise and/or display tobacco, alcohol, or other chemicals. Attire with obscene language or obscene pictures is also not permitted. State law requires that shoes must be worn in a public building.

- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

***DO NOT*** bring such devices to school. Personal music devices, pagers, phones and electronic games are not permitted in the halls and classrooms in the building. Students using these devices during the school day will have them confiscated and returned only to their parents.

- **HEALTH SERVICES**

Health Services, available to students on a day-to-day basis, provides first aid, distribution of medication, athletic forms and screening for vision, hearing and scoliosis. Requests for homework when students have been absent for three or more days are also handled through this office. All medication except inhalers must be kept in the Health Office unless special arrangements are made with the licensed school nurse. When a student requires medication at school, he/she must bring the medication in the original container with directions, written permission from a parent, and a written order from the physician. Students are not allowed to keep medication in their lockers.

- **ID CARDS**

Each student will be issued an ID card that includes a picture and other identification data. Please carry this card at all times when you are at school or school activities. A staff member may request your ID card at any time as identification; it will also be required to identify you for school-sponsored events. Lost cards can be replaced for \$2.00 in the media center.

- **LOCKERS**

Students are responsible for the security of their property. Students must bring their own combination locks and furnish their combinations to their ConnectTime teacher. ***Students should keep their lockers locked at all times and keep their combinations confidential.*** The school reserves the right to inspect the contents of the locker to remove anything contrary to the school rules or anything deemed to be detrimental to the school or its occupants. See the student services secretary to report problems with lockers.

***Always lock your valuables and clothing in your locker or they may be checked in at the main office for safekeeping during the day and picked up after school. The school does not assume responsibility for your belongings.***

- **POSTERS AND SIGNS**

All posters/signs displayed in or on the building must have the prior approval of the assistant principal.

- **TECHNOLOGY USE**

All students should be familiar with the district computer related acceptable use policy. Some examples of computer misuse include the inappropriate accessing of Internet sites, sharing of passwords, storing programs (games), contamination of the system and violation of copyright laws. Suspension of technology privileges and/or school suspension can result from a technology violation.

- **WEAPONS, FIRECRACKERS, ETC.**

Students may not possess and/or use firecrackers, “bombs,” matches, lighters, knives, guns or weapons of any kind on school property. Please refer to the district handbook for disciplinary consequences and the Parent Handbook for the policy on weapons.

### WHEN YOU NEED HELP...

...We encourage you to talk to your parents, seek out resources available to you at school and/or in the community. The following is a list of some of these resources.

**TEACHERS:** Students often find that difficulties they are having in class, whether academic or with peers, can be resolved by talking with their teachers.

**NURSE/COUNSELORS/SOCIAL WORKER/PSYCHOLOGIST:** These people will help you with school concerns, dealing with friendship issues, and family problems, and making healthy decisions when you are experiencing conflict.

**COMMUNITY HELPING RESOURCES:** Community agencies offer help to young people. The following list of phone numbers will put you in touch with someone who can answer your questions or tell you how to get the help you need.

Teen Age Medical (TAMS)	(612) 813-6125	Crisis Connection	(612) 379-6363
Alateen/Alanon	(952) 920-3961	Crisis Intervention Center	(612) 873-3161
Edina Police (Admin)	(952) 826-1610	Storefront Group	(612) 861-1675
Edina Police and Fire	(952) 826-1600	Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
The Bridge (runaway youth)	(612) 377-8800	Rape/Sexual Abuse Center	(612) 825-4357
Suicide Prevention Hotline	(612) 347-2222	First Call for Help(United Way)	(651) 291-0211
Bloomington Public Health	(952) 563-8900 (health/sexual issues)		

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

- **ACTIVITY BUSES**

Student activity buses are provided for students who remain after school to participate in authorized activities or events. A small fee is required. Bus schedules are posted in the front foyer and main office.

- **SHUTTLE BUSES**

A shuttle bus is provided to students who need to attend after-school activities held at either Valley View Middle School or Edina High School.

- **BUS RIDING REGULATIONS**

Bus behavioral guidelines and consequences are outlined in the district handbook, “Rights, Opportunities, and Responsibilities for Student Management”. Students will be given additional information by watching a bus video, receiving instruction from their bus drivers, or by taking a bus test.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **BUILDERS CLUB**

The builders club is a service project oriented group that seeks to provide support and help to a variety of different need based groups or agencies. This is a collaboration between South View, the Edina Police and Edina Youth Development-Youth Services.

- **FALL PLAY**

The fall play, centered around a classic story, is open to all students. Tryouts are announced in September. Speaking and non-speaking roles have been available to students as well as support roles such as the sound/video/tech crew, set construction, or artwork/props work.

- **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (Robotics)**

First Lego League (FLL) is an internationally organized robotics competition for teams of kids (grades 4-9) led by an adult coach. In Minnesota these teams compete in two divisions, one for students in grades 4-6 and the other for students in grades 7-9.

- **SPRING MUSICAL**

The spring musical has featured such well-known Broadway plays as "Beauty and the Beast," "Newsies," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The musical, which is open by audition to all students, involved singing, acting, choreography, costumes, scenery, staging, lighting and sound, under the direction of staff and supported by students and parents. Auditions are usually held in mid-February followed by rehearsals after school with evening performances in late April. As with the fall play, singing, speaking, and non-speaking roles have been available to students as well as support roles such as the sound/video/tech crew, set construction, or artwork/props work.

- **GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Eighth grade students participate in a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society to test their knowledge of geographic concepts.

- **KNOWLEDGE MASTER**

Knowledge Master is a national, computer-based academic competition. The multiple-choice timed contest covers 11 different academic areas and demands concentration and teamwork. Results are compared with other teams throughout the state, nationally, and is coordinated by the gifted education resource teachers. The competitions take place in December and April.

- **MATHCOUNTS**

Students challenge their problem-solving skills as they solve interesting and challenging problems. They compare their work with students in other middle schools in Minnesota.

- **MATH OLYMPIAD**

This is an advanced mathematical opportunity with national competition. This program is for highly talented math students in sixth grade who enjoy a problem-solving challenge. Students are scored individually and as a team. A gifted education resource teacher coordinates this program.

- **MOCK TRIAL**

This is a competition sponsored by the Minnesota Bar Association for students in grades 9-12. Students prepare to argue both sides of a hypothetical criminal case or civil case working with attorney coaches. Preparation begins in November and cases are argued before attorney judges in February. The gifted education resource teachers coordinate this competition.

- **SPELLING BEE**

Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to compete in a national spelling contest sponsored by the *Star Tribune*.

- **CYBER CAFÉ**

This gathering spot for students is located just outside of the South View Media Center. The café provides the perfect place to get together with friends or tackle group projects. The café encourages use by groups such as book and art clubs, origami, anime, and other special interests.

- **MUSIC ACTIVITIES**

The band department offers students three different Jazz Bands based on skill level. Jazz lab, Jazz Too, and After Hours Jazz meet either before or after school and are open to 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

- **STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (SLC)**

The Student Leadership group works with the student body and school staff to create a positive and productive learning environment. Students are encouraged to work with their council representative to develop programs and ideas, which help to make South View a great place to be.

- **VARIETY SHOW**

The annual Variety Show is open to any student with a special talent or an entertaining act. The performance is usually held in February and includes singing, dancing, comedy, magic, acrobatics, juggling, instrumental and novelty numbers. This is a great way to showcase your talents. All students are welcome.

- **YEARBOOK**

Yearbook staff has the privilege of collecting, designing, writing, photographing and preserving the happenings of their exciting school years. Everyone is encouraged to join.

- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/YOUTH SERVICE**

Youth Service is designed to actively engage students in the design, implementation and evaluation of service programs. These include opportunities to develop leadership skills, service to others, participation in enrichment activities, exploration of different careers, and development of new support networks.

## **A T T E N D A N C E**

Students are expected to attend all classes every day. A truancy petition can be filed with Hennepin County if tardies and absences become excessive.

### **IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

**If you are absent from school, your parent/guardian is expected to call the school office by 8:00 a.m. each morning you are absent. The attendance clerk is available by 7:00 a.m. each day.**

### **LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY**

If you need to leave school during the day because of illness, please ask your teacher for a pass to the health office. The nurse will call your parents to make the arrangements.

If you wish to leave school during the day for any reason other than personal illness, please make arrangements in advance by presenting a request from your parents to the attendance clerk. If you must leave school for an unforeseen reason, you must check out at the attendance office before leaving.

### **PREARRANGED ABSENCES**

If you must miss school for a medical appointment, please present a note from a parent/guardian to the attendance clerk. If you return to school before the end of the day, check in at the attendance office. Insofar as it is possible, assignments should be discussed with your teachers prior to the absence.

### TARDINESS

**You need to be on time for class.** Each teacher will determine what his or her policy is regarding tardies. Students may earn detention time for excessive tardiness.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Our rules and expectations for students are designed to assist staff members and students to focus on learning and teaching rather than behavior. Common courtesy, good manners and self-discipline guide the rules.

“Rights, Opportunities, and Responsibilities for Student Management,” is available to all parents in September, just after the start of school. Teachers will review this policy manual with students in class during the first few days of school, then it is mailed to each student residence. The district handbook serves as a guideline for grades 6-12 for infractions of school policy. Please note that the rules or guidelines align with district policy. Most specifically, note the guidelines for weapons violation, harassment and the chemical/tobacco policy.

Students may be assigned consequences for inappropriate behavior including, but not limited to restitution, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, detention, or after school time with a teacher. (See district handbook on rights and responsibilities).

Students and parents can review the entire “Rights, Opportunities, and Responsibilities for Student Management” on the Edina district website at:

<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/parents/rightshandbook.pdf>

Students, parents or families who wish to have a hard copy of this document can request it from the school.

### **Cafeteria Information**

We strive to make the cafeteria a pleasant, healthy and safe environment for all students to eat lunch and socialize with each other. In order for this to happen, students are expected to cooperate with the lunchroom/cafeteria supervisors. Students who choose to violate any of the following rules will be subject to clean-up duty at the discretion of the lunchroom/cafeteria supervisors. Repeated offenses may result in a parent conference, removal from the cafeteria, loss of lunchroom/cafeteria privileges, or an assigned seat in the lunchroom.

- Report to the lunchroom/cafeteria within the normal passing time.
- There will not be assigned seats unless student behavior makes this measure necessary.
- Stay in the lunchroom/cafeteria unless given permission to eat outdoors.
- Wait to be dismissed by a staff person.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Do not take food or drinks out of the cafeteria.

#### **South View Grade Level Lunch Times**

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	10:30 – 11:00 AM
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	11:07 - 11:37 AM
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	11:54 - 12:24 PM
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	12:41 – 1:11 PM

Students are not to be in the lunchroom/cafeteria when other grade level students are eating. Students are required to be in the lunch room during their designated grade level lunch period.

## Athletics

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SEASON</u>
Swimming (Girls)	7-9	Fall
Tennis (Girls)	9	Fall
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)	7-9	Fall
Football	9	Fall
Soccer (Boys)/Soccer (Girls)	9	Fall
Volleyball	9	Fall
Slalom Skiing (Boys/Girls)	9	Winter
Nordic Skiing (Boys/Girls)	7-9	Winter
Gymnastics (Girls)	7-9	Winter
Basketball (Girls)/Basketball (Boys)	9	Winter
Wrestling*	7-9	Winter
Swimming/Diving (Boys)	7-9	Spring
Synchronized Swimming	7-9	Spring
Softball	9	Spring
Track (Boys)/Track (Girls)*	7-8	Spring
Track (Boys)/Track (Girls)	9	Spring
Golf (Boys)/Golf (Girls)	9	Spring
Baseball	9	Spring
Tennis (Boys)	9	Spring

\*Boys and girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track has a middle school fee.  
High school level fees apply to all other sports

For more information including forms and start dates go to [www.edina.k12.mn.us/athletics](http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/athletics) or call the sports hotline at (952) 848 - 3814

### ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY/PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

Article I, Section 10 of the Minnesota State High School League states that in order to maintain scholastic eligibility, a student has to be making satisfactory progress toward graduation. This means students must pass five out of six courses during any semester to be eligible to participate in an activity the following semester.

Students must complete and return the following forms before they may begin participating in athletics during the 2005-06 school year. Forms (which may be picked up in the office) include:

1. Completed and signed registration form (back page of the registration packet).
2. A satisfactory physical examination form (MSHSL official form) performed by a physician on file in the health office dated after June 15, 2003 (or more recent); This form is available in the official Edina Athletic Registration Packet and at [www.edina.k12.mn.us/athletics/](http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/athletics/).
3. Participation fee (checks made payable to Edina High School).

*Note: The student must be present in order to register for a sport*



### **Grading Policy**

Academic progress is reported quarterly with an A to F marking system. Students are expected to make up work when they are absent. Midterm progress reports will be made available via Edline. ([www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)) For additional information on the grading policy see the parent handbook.

South View uses a twelve-point grading scale. The values assigned to specific grades for the calculation of grade point averages use the following scale: No A+ grades are given.

A =	12	B- =	8	D+ =	4
A- =	11	C+ =	7	D =	3
B+ =	10	C =	6	D- =	2
B =	9	C- =	5	F =	0

**Honor Roll Criteria:**  
A Honor Roll 10.5 GPA  
B Honor Roll 8.5 GPA

If a student receives a grade below a C- in any course they are not eligible for the honor roll.

### **Positive School Climate**

South View Middle School staff, students and parents promote a positive school climate through a variety of activities. Each fall, grade level retreats allow for students to get to know each other through various team-building activities. These retreats take place off site to provide students with a unique common experience. Also in the fall, school support staff and administration make presentations to each class to promote positive school climate. Students learn what harassment is and what it looks like as well as tips on how to handle bullying or harassing situations. We encourage students to talk with teachers or other staff if they experience or see behavior that is disrespectful or of a harassing nature.

Throughout the year student leadership council provides opportunities for students to get to know each other through mixers or spirit week activities. Service projects at various grade levels also promote a positive school climate.

Parents also help to promote a positive school climate through the countless hours of volunteer work. The Spirit of South View breakfasts and Winterfest (Springfest for 05-06) are just a couple of examples.