



Cougar Pause



*We build positive relationships between home and school so
that all students are safe, honorable, and successful.*

January 2024

South High School | Salina, Kansas

Principal's Message

Happy 2024 and Welcome Back! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful winter break. There were many activities that students and faculty enjoyed at the close of the 2023 school year including basketball, swimming, wrestling, choir and band concerts, drama productions of Frosty the Snowman and Twelfth Night. Thank you to all that participated and/or assisted with the events.

As we start our new semester in January 2024, students may be starting new classes. Class schedules can be found in Skyward. South High School staff will also be working with students in grades 9-11 to register for '24-'25 classes. Students will receive course descriptions and pertinent registration information during ELO mid-January and February. Please take time to work with your child(ren) to align high school coursework selections with potential future career choices and interests. We know this time can be stressful for students, so always feel free to reach out to our counselors with any questions.

Lindsey Sellers, Department Chair

Jim Allen, Class of 2024 & 2028

Heather Smith, Class of 2026

Elise Potocnik, Student Support Counselor

Melanie Goodrich, Class of 2025

Amy Wagner, Class of 2027

As the weather changes, sometimes decisions have to be made regarding school being in session. At the heart of all our weather decisions is the safety of the students. We must remember that we have buses which travel long distances, teen drivers who are new to driving, and even staff members who travel from a distance to get here. We have to take these factors into consideration when making the weather decision. If a weather day is decided, when students return, we will continue with green and gold days based on the green/gold calendar set at the beginning of the year.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and I look forward to the opportunities a new semester brings! It is a great day to be a Cougar!

Dr. Ginger Jones, Principal



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	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			

Calendar of Events

- January 3 - Teacher In-service, no school
- January 4 - School resumes
- January 15 - Martin Luther King Day , no school

Act Registration and Test Dates 2023-2024

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Registration Fee Required)
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

Act Test Options and Prices for 2023-2024

Testing Options	Fee	Details
The full ACT (no writing)	\$68	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).
The full ACT with writing	\$93	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register). See your counselor for more information.
Test option change	\$25	The writing test fee is refundable on written request if you are absent on test day or switch to ACT (no writing) before testing begins.





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Kansas YouthWORKS through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will help you gain the skills to succeed in tomorrow's workforce.

Are you:

- ♦ Getting ready to graduate High School?
- ♦ About to begin or finish a GED program?
- ♦ A young parent?
- ♦ 16 to 24 years old?
- ♦ Getting ready to enter the workforce?
- ♦ In or transitioning out of foster care?
- ♦ Facing barriers to employment like disabilities or justice-involved?
- ♦ Looking for the next step?

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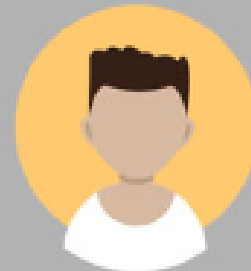
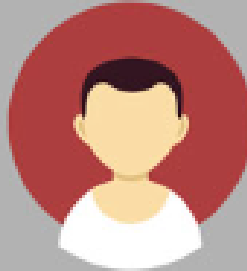


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Salina Public Schools is looking for Substitutes for the
2023–2024 school year

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- Paid Orientation and Training
- Flexible Scheduling
- Choice of work locations and assignments
- Licensure application assistance and cost reimbursement up to \$60 for first-time Substitutes

WE PAY:

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| • Standard Substitutes | \$18.34/hr. |
| • Emergency Substitutes | \$14.95/hr. |
| • Long-Term Certified Substitutes | \$20.39/hr. |
| • Paraeducator Substitutes | \$11.81/hr. |
| • Classified Substitutes | \$11.81/hr. |

*Up to \$250 Substitute Incentive per semester for those who qualify



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Did You Know?

December's Teacher of the Month was Mr. Charlie Todd.

Students of the Week were Raven Caesar and Quevon Purucker.

We recently established a "Cougar Pride Award". The Cougar Pride Award recognizes a student from each grade level each week. Students who received an award in December were Darlene Lazo, Claudine Quirox-Ortega, Dylan Norris, and Miralina Samreth.

February conferences will be Wednesday, February 7, and Thursday, February 8. There will be no school on Friday, February 9.

This session of conferences will take place in the student's ELO teacher's classroom. There will be a sign up link for parents to choose a date and time. That link will be sent out closer to conference time via Skyward Messenger.

Did you know that South High's teacher Mr. Eddie Creer was named the 2023-2024 High School Level Outstanding Educator! He has been teaching for 43 years. He received his BME from Oklahoma State in 1981. He subsequently taught fours years in Cushing, Oklahoma. After that, he moved to Salina High School South and has been here ever since. He started teaching four choirs, and one ensemble. AP Music Theory was added later for a few years, but was then removed. Classical Guitar and Sound Production were then added, and they remain to this day. Congratulations Mr. Creer!

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