

WEEKLY UPDATE: September 14, 2020:

Greetings DTE Families,

Thank you for an amazing first 2 weeks of school! Although we may have had some challenges, we worked together to persevere and RISE ABOVE THE REST like Skyscrapers do! 😊😊
Please look below for weekly updates and reminders.

Virtual Student Behavior

Although we are implementing virtual learning, DTE teachers and staff are holding students **100% accountable for their behavior**. We've had a few instances of boys and girls choosing not to adhere to the **DTE Way: Being Ready, Responsible, Respectful and Kind**. All students deserve to receive daily effective instruction, and it will not be interrupted by students who choose not to follow the rules. **Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and consequences will be issued**. Students who are on **General Choice Transfers** are in danger of losing their transfer to Downtown if inappropriate behavior, attendance or grades persist.

Length of School Day and Screen Time

The Tennessee Department of Education determines the number of hours students are in school. In Tennessee, students are required to attend school for 6.5 hours a day. At Downtown, we have created a schedule that includes regularly scheduled breaks (*5-7 min., 2-3 times daily*), independent study/work time (*30-45 min., daily*), and lunch (*30 min., daily*), all of which require students to be "off screen". Please encourage your boys and girls to take advantage of the off-screen opportunities provided by teachers. Teachers are also including times for boys and girls to get up and move, even during academic lessons. We are committed to supporting our boys and girls during this transition to virtual learning.

Meal Pick Up

Meal pickup will occur **EVERY Thursday** from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meals will be also be available **EVERY Friday** from 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Parents must complete a meal request form for every week you pick up food (see attached). Please send completed forms directly to our cafeteria manager, Gloria Thompson at **thompsongm@scsk12.org**. If you have any questions regarding meal pickup, please reach out to Ms. Thompson directly.

Materials and Supplies Distribution

We will continue materials and supplies distribution this week, Monday, September 14th- Wednesday, September 16th from 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Please make sure you have registered your child for school. If you have not completed this task, you will not be able to pick up supplies. **We have not received reading materials in our building**. Once we receive these materials, we will create a new schedule for pickup.

I have also included all grade level weekly newsletters for your convenience (see attachments). If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at williamsba2@scsk12.org.

Oh, one more thing, **Friday, September 18th is DTE Spirit Day!** 🤔 😎 😊 Please allow your boys and girls to wear their Downtown spirit shirts! Take a picture and send it to Principal Williams! Don't have a spirit shirt? No worries, simply wear red and white to represent our school colors. ❤️ ❤️ We are working with a vendor to create an online store for parents to purchase DTE spirit shirts. We will share that information soon!

Let's make this a wonderful week of learning for our boys and girls!

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