



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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ENROLLMENT: AUGUST 1, 2011 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 24, 2011

Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year will be on August 1 **in your building of attendance only!** The schedule for enrollment is as follows:

Monday, August 1
Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library
Grades 7-12 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Monday, August 1
Ell-Saline Elementary New Gymnasium
(Enter through the southeast doors.)
Grades K-6 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Textbook Rental Fees

Kindergarten.....	\$35.00	Grades 1-12.....	\$60.00
Reduced Rate.....	\$ 8.75	Reduced Rate.....	\$15.00

Families that qualify for free meals will also receive free textbooks, if requested. Families that qualify for reduced meals will receive the reduced fee for textbooks, if requested. **No family will be assessed more than \$120 per family for textbook rental fees per year.**

Those unable to enroll at the stated times above, please call the particular building office to make further arrangements. (Elementary School 827-8891, Middle/High School 225-6633.)

Any student new to the district must bring a birth certificate and social security card to enroll.

FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records which are kept and maintained by USD 307. In accordance with FERPA, you are required to be notified of those rights that include:

1. The right to review and inspect all of your educational records except those that are specifically exempt. Records will be available within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.
2. The right to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your educational records to other persons with certain limited exceptions. Disclosure of information from your educational records to other persons will occur only if:
 - A. We have your prior written consent for disclosure, or
 - B. The information is considered "directory information" and you have not objected to the release of such information.
3. The right to request that your educational records be amended if you believe the records are misleading, inaccurate, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to request a hearing at which you may present evidence to show why the record should be changed if your request for an amendment to your records is denied in the first instance.
4. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office at the U.S. Department of Education if you believe that USD 307 has failed to comply with FERPA's requirements. The address of this office is 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 4074, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.
5. The right to obtain a copy of USD 307 policies for complying with FERPA. A copy may be obtained from the USD 307 Ell-Saline Schools District Office, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157.

Directory Information: For purposes of FERPA, USD 307 has designated certain information contained in educational records as directory information which may be disclosed for any purpose without your consent. The following information is considered directory information: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended by the student, class designation, major field of study, and photographs.

You have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. If you refuse, you must file written notification to this effect with USD 307 at 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157 on or before August 31, 2011. If a refusal is not filed, USD 307 assumes you have no objection to the release of the directory information designated.

DISTRICT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

USD 307 Ell-Saline Schools, in compliance with federal statutes, is committed to the concept of equal opportunity for all individuals. For this reason, the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries concerning the Ell-Saline school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Mr. Jerry Minneman, Superintendent of Schools, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157, 785-225-6813, who has been designated by the Ell-Saline school district to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, IX, and Section 504.

LAW REQUIRES PROOF OF IDENTITY

Kansas law states "Whenever a child enrolls in school for the first time, the board of education is required to secure proof of identity of the child..." The district will accept the following documents as proof of identity: birth certificate, baptism or hospital record, copy of court order awarding custody, certified transcript or similar pupil record.

If proof of identity is not provided within 30 days, the board must notify the local law enforcement agency.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students entering or enrolled in Kansas schools must have the following immunizations: measles, rubella, DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough), oral polio, and mumps. A card signed by a physician or authorized proof from a health clinic is required. All students entering kindergarten are encouraged to complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Immunization forms will be available at enrollment.

The Salina-Saline County Health Department can provide both the immunizations and the certificate necessary for students to enroll. There is a \$14 fee for each immunization. However, if your physician gives

immunizations, and you have insurance that covers the expense, you are asked to have your physician give the immunization. (Comcare physicians are now providing this service to their clients.)

The health department is located at 125 W. Elm in Salina (785-826-6600). Immunizations will be given at the following times:

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| - Monday's and Tuesday's | 8:00 am to 3:30 pm |
| - Wednesday's | 8:00 am to 5:30 pm |
| - Friday's | 8:00 am to 12:30 pm |

By Kansas law, students who do not have the required immunizations within 90 days from the time of enrollment must be excluded from school.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes are mapped with primary regard to safety, efficiency, and economy. Buses will be routed as close to homes as possible, but other considerations may make it necessary to have children walk a short distance. By Kansas law, whenever practicable, no student will be compelled to walk more than one mile to board a school bus. As done in past years, buses will not be entering private drives unless they are utilized as a route turn-around or for safety. Students will be required to meet the bus at the roadway.

At certain times of the year the county roads may be in bad condition. During such times, it may become necessary to alter routes to avoid placing buses in dangerous situations.

By Kansas law, all students living two and one-half miles and over from the school will be transported to and from school.

SEASONS START WITH SCRIMMAGE

The football and volleyball seasons will officially begin on August 15th for high school students. Everyone needs to have a physical examination by a licensed physician and have a parent or guardian sign the form. **Athletes will not be allowed to practice until their physical forms are signed.**

Practice times for high school football and volleyball will be posted at enrollment.

On Friday, August 26th there will be a Gatorade scrimmage for high school volleyball beginning at 5:00pm with the football scrimmage beginning at 6:00pm. Bottled Drinks (**20 oz. or smaller**) are preferred rather than the large bottles or powdered mix of the various sport drinks. Team pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 25. We hope the community will come and continue their tremendous support they have been giving the Ell-Saline Cardinal activities!!

ASBESTOS NOTICE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS OF USD 307 ELL-SALINE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Regulations as put forth in AHERA, USD 307 has filed a management plan with the State of Kansas on or before October 12, 1988. This report contains information about the location of all asbestos containing materials located within the buildings of the district. There were only a few areas of the building that contained highly friable asbestos. By school, those are:

EII-Saline Elementary

Pipe insulation elbows in custodial room, and pipe chase.

EII-Saline Middle/High School

No highly friable asbestos.

Non friable asbestos containing materials have been identified in both buildings. All entrances to areas where friable asbestos is identified, as well as specific spot notices for workers will be marked. All suspected asbestos containing materials are monitored on a regular basis and should they become hazardous will be properly removed. Inspections occur per the requirements of the regulations. All patrons of the district will be informed annually via the newsletter of the status of the program.

As long as the asbestos is monitored properly and is not disturbed, unless by properly trained personnel, there is no safety risk. A copy of all inspection reports and results is on file in each building as well as the central office. This information is available to all interested parties within a reasonable amount of time after a request. If you should have any questions about asbestos in our district, please do not hesitate to call the superintendent of schools.

AHERA REF. (s) #763.93. (e)(9), 763.93 (e)(10): 763.84. (c): 763.84. (f): 763.93 (g)(4)

HEALTHWAVE

Children eligible for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits may also qualify for HealthWave, a program that provides health insurance for children at little or no cost. For more information, visit the HealthWave website (www.kansashealthwave.org) or call 1-800-792-4884, Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm or Saturday from 8am to 5pm. People with hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-792-4292.

AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

The importance of the Free and Reduced Breakfast /Lunch program continues to grow. This program was established and is funded at the federal level. It is a program that enables some students to eat at reduced rates and other students to eat free, and has become a guideline for determining amounts of money allotted to our district in two other programs: 1) At-risk student education program, and 2) E-rate funding for the district.

Last year 30% of our elementary students and 31% of our MS/HS students qualified to participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program. Our overall district participation was 31% of our students. These percentages were up slightly from the year before. The more students that participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program, the more funding we receive from federal sources to fund our "At-Risk" and "E-RATE" programs. The more funds we receive from them the less we have to come up with locally. **It is important to our district for all families that meet the guidelines given at the end of this article to fill out and turn in an application. All applications are kept in strict confidence so that no other students or unauthorized school personnel know who has qualified.**

The finance formula passed by the legislature last spring places even more emphasis on the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program numbers. For students that qualify for this program, we will again receive an additional funding weighting of 45.6%. The amount this generates hardly keeps up with our increased costs. My guess is that if everyone that meets the guidelines would fill out an application, we would see a considerably larger increase in funding—at no cost to our local taxpayers and patrons—and at a savings to those households that qualify.

Please review the following criteria, and if you think you might qualify and have not applied, please call Susan Rose in the district office at 785-225-6813 for your application today! An application has been mailed to all parents of students that attended our schools last year. All applications are kept in strict confidence.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

* If you now receive Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for your child(ren), they are also eligible for Child Nutrition Program free benefits. Refer to application.

* If your total household income is at or below the amounts on the Income Chart, your child(ren) can get free meals, or pay 40 cents for reduced price lunch and 30 cents for reduced price breakfast. Refer to application.

INCOME CHART

(Effective from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Week</u>
1	\$20,147	1,679	388
2	\$27,214	2,268	524
3	\$34,281	2,857	660
4	\$41,348	3,446	796
5	\$48,415	4,035	932
6	\$55,482	4,624	1,067
7	\$62,549	5,213	1,203
8	\$69,616	5,802	1,339
For each additional household member add	+7,067	+589	+136

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

A school lunch is available to students every full school day. Milk is served with each lunch, but students may also purchase additional milk at \$.35 per half-pint. School lunch prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$2.25
Grades 7-12.....	\$2.40
Adults.....	\$3.10

Both the secondary school and the elementary school will offer a breakfast program. Breakfast prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$1.40
Grades 7-12.....	\$1.50
Adults.....	\$1.85

People qualifying for free and reduced-priced lunches will qualify for adjusted prices in this program also. Free and reduced-priced applications are available in the school offices at enrollment time and throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

- Aug 1 ENROLLMENT 8am-1pm & 5pm-8pm
- Aug 14 6:30 After-Prom Meeting @ ESEL
- Aug 15 7:00 BOE Meeting @ ESDO
- Aug 15 MS/HS VB/FB Practice begins
- Aug 18 Teachers Start
- Aug 23 5:30-7:30 Elementary Back-to-School Night
- Aug 24 First Day of School
- Aug 25 MS/HS Fall Sports Pictures
- Aug 25 1:00 Jostens Senior Meeting
- Aug 25 2:00 Jostens Soph Meeting
- Aug 25 6:30 MS/HS Band Parent Night
- Aug 26 5:00/6:00 HS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Meeting
- Aug 26 TBA Booster Club Meeting
- Aug 29 9:00 MS/HS Cheerleading Clinic @ Lindsborg
- Aug 29 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESEL
- Aug 30 4:00 HS VB @ ES (Quad)
- Aug 30 5:00-7:00 5th Gr. Instrument Show
- Sept 1 4:30 MS VB @ Sedgwick
- Sept 1 6:00 MS FB @ Sedgwick
- Sept 2 7:00 HS FB @ Bennington

ELL-SALINE MS/HS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our middle/high school activities provide patrons and friends a chance to volunteer for various positions at our activities. Such positions are ticket takers, chain gang, timers, line judges, clock operators, scorers and any other positions that come available depending on the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Carazo at the district office (225-6813).

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY PASS

All patrons of USD 307 reaching the age of 62 will be eligible to receive a pass to all athletic functions exclusive of KSHSAA games, and any tournaments. This pass is to be used from year-to-year. Each patron who reaches the age of 62 may request a pass application at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Office. Seniors are encouraged to request this pass in person.

FEES IMPLEMENTED FOR 11-12 SCHOOL YEAR

The following fees are effective for the 2011-2012 school year:

Activity Fees:

\$35.00 per student, grades 7-12, for the following activities: football, volleyball, basketball, track, softball, baseball, and cheerleading. This fee must be paid before students are allowed to play in the first game/contest.

Optional Student Activity Pass:

\$15.00 per student

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

The Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that all students have a physical examination report from a licensed physician on file with the principal in order to participate in KSHSAA approved activities prior to the start of practice. Forms are available at the high school office and at the district office.

An Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity Agency
The Ell-Saline U.S.D. 307 Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or age in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs or activities. Any questions regarding in the board's compliance with Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 may be directed to the Title IX coordinator, who can be reached at (785) 225-6813, 412 E. Anderson, P.O. Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425, or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education.

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