

Welcome to
SOUTH CREEK ELEMENTARY

9010 E. Southport Road
Indianapolis, IN 46259

School Phone Numbers

Main Office: 860-4700
Attendance Line: 860-4790
FAX Line: 860-4770

School Hours: 8:50 – 3:50
Office Hours: 7:45 – 4:15

School Mascot:



Gator

South Creek Elementary Vision Statement

Safe and Orderly Environment

South Creek Elementary is a safe and orderly environment where students, staff, parents, and community members are part of a family who are caring and compassionate. There is a feeling of acceptance and respect among students and the adults in their lives. The climate is conducive to teaching and learning and fosters self-motivation among students and staff.

The character education program teaches good values, promotes positive behavior, and helps instill high moral conscience. South Creek family members hold themselves accountable for their actions and share a sense of ownership. They work together to keep the building clean and take pride maintaining a healthy, aesthetically pleasing environment.

Students feel safe to make mistakes and use the opportunity to learn from them. Generosity is a part of the culture where students and staff take initiative to help others.

Climate of High Expectations for Success

Teachers, students, and parents have high expectations for themselves as life long learners and openly communicate these expectations.

Teachers show empathy for the students and are compassionate of the challenges they face. Everyone in this professional learning community knows that all students can learn.

The South Creek family exhibits accountability for learning by discussing and displaying the standards and objectives for learning. They celebrate all achievements.

Teachers are fully aware of students' strengths and weaknesses. Students' interests are promoted and incorporated in the classroom environment.

The South Creek family uses positive communication and praises action.

Instructional Leadership

Instructional leadership at South Creek does not focus primarily on the principal and administration. Instructional leadership at South Creek relies on teachers, staff, administration, and the principal to do more than just teach. Teachers and staff are "leaders of leaders", coaches, partners, mentors, and cheerleaders for the whole South Creek family. They are committed to their professional learning community and are dedicated to inspiring and motivating students. South Creek teachers are collaborative instructional leaders who maintain consistent and effective communication with administrators, staff, students, parents, and the community at large. They are

productive adults, lifelong learners, and contributing members of society. They know to continuously improve their students' means to continuously improve themselves through further education and understanding of curriculum.

Clear and Focused Mission

Our people understand that the mission is the purpose, or the reason why they are at South Creek Elementary. Our mission is to instill in all students a passion for lifelong learning and to inspire each one to contribute as a responsible citizen to the future of our interconnected world.

Opportunity to Learn and Time on Task

The South Creek family uses a variety of instructional methods to utilize every minute of the day to learn. Differentiated instruction and a combination of teacher directed and student directed lessons or activities are hands-on and connected to real life situations.

Students show understanding of the urgency and necessity of becoming life long learners by staying focused and on task.

South Creek Elementary utilizes community support for instruction and enrichment opportunities.

Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress

At South Creek Elementary, monitoring student progress is a tool for assuring student learning. A school-wide structure and timeline exists for monitoring students' progress. Whole group progress, as well as individual student progress, remains a focus. This helps identify how to better instruct whole groups and small groups. The data collected is used to enhance and alter instruction to match what students need. Results are documented and celebrated. These results are accessible to students and parents, because we believe that they are an important key

in the success we have here at South Creek Elementary.

Home-School Relations

South Creek family members are committed to working interdependently to support all students' educational and emotional wellbeing through an open door policy of communication. Our family actively participates in educational activities. High moral values instilled at home are supported at school.

Additional Information:

Arriving Late:

If students arrive after the tardy bell parents need to **walk them into the front office and sign them in** before they can go to class.

Car Rider Line:

Please use the car rider line for **ALL** drop-offs and pick-ups. Please make allowances if you need to pick up early to get in the front of the line. Only drop off at the office after the 8:50 AM bell. The front drop off lanes need to be open for buses.

Picking Up at the Office:

If you need to pick your child up a few minutes before dismissal, please get in the car line early for the first pick-ups. We ask that you not make it a routine to pick up your child in the office at the end of the day. If you need to pick up at days end we require you to call at least a half hour in advance. If calls are made minutes before the last bell, we will not be able to accommodate you.

Baxter YMCA Program

Students attending South Creek Elementary have the opportunity to attend the before and after school care program sponsored by the Baxter

YMCA. For more information contact the Baxter YMCA at 887-8788.

Visitation to Classes

We encourage parents to visit our facility. All visitors must sign in and show their I.D at the front office and wear a visitor badge. In order to avoid disruption to instruction time, arrangements should be made with the classroom teacher prior to visiting individual rooms. All volunteers must have a limited background check on file before assisting students in any way.

Deliveries

Students are not permitted to receive any deliveries (e.g., balloons, flowers, etc.) at school. All FTCSC schools are latex free buildings.

School Communication

Monthly editions of the Gator Gazette will be sent home with students at the beginning of each month. The newsletter contains important information and is a good communication tool for parents. Classrooms teachers also send a weekly newsletter home with students each Friday. This communication will contain information specific to your student's classroom. These newsletters are great tools for communicating the events happening at South Creek, please take time to read them. We also have frequent updates on the South Creek Facebook page as well as our township website.

Parent-Teacher Organization

The South Creek PTO is comprised of volunteers who support the educational mission of the school. The PTO holds monthly meetings and organizes events for the welfare of the students. Membership is only \$5.00 and participation is encouraged in order to benefit the greatest number of students.

Homework

Homework is an out-of-school assignment that contributes to the educational development of students. Homework assignments are due on the specified date given by the classroom teacher. Homework should be looked upon as an extension of the classroom to assist in practicing an already introduced skill or concept.

When You Have a Concern

Any time you have a question or concern about the school process, we invite you to first gather all the facts from your child and his/her teacher. The classroom teacher should be the first line of communication. Teachers can be contacted via email or voicemail. Please understand that they are busy with instruction during the school day but will make themselves available at other times.

Birthdays/Special Occasions

Parents are encouraged to bring goodies (bookmarks, pencils, donation of a book to the class, goodie bags) instead of edible treats. **We no longer allow edible treats for birthdays.**