

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for considering the South Umpqua School District (SUSD) for your child's educational needs. On this website you will find some general information about open enrollment as well as specific information for SUSD. **Please remember we need your open enrollment application no later than March 31, 2017.** During the month of March your resident district does not have to give you permission to transfer to SUSD. After this deadline we would need to use the inter-district transfer process that requires both districts to approve the transfer.

There are many exciting opportunities for students in our school district. Our high school students have the option of taking college-level courses both on our campus and on the campus of Umpqua Community College. On-campus college courses include Fire Science, Business Mathematics, Calculus, Writing 115 and 121 and Culinary Arts. Our high school level courses include offerings such as; Animal Science, Astronomy, Basic Drawing, Art, Woods, Spanish, Introduction to Plant Science and Marine Biology, and a full complement of core courses in Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts, and PE/Health. Along with academics, our high school students have the option to participate in athletics, band, theater, FBLA and various clubs.

Coffenberry and Canyonville Middle Schools offer students the opportunity to be involved in athletics and band, while all three of our elementary schools have physical education, art, and music. Our elementary teachers regularly take their classes to visit the Alder Creek Community Forest to participate in hands-on science activities.

Myrtle Creek Elementary received a Pre-School Promise grant that allows them to offer full day pre-K classes.

Our teachers are in the second year of implementing effective ways to implement brain-based learning strategies in their lessons. As a result, our classrooms are more interactive than in the past. Students are regularly given the opportunity to interact with their peers around meaningful topics. Teachers are working hard to ensure that students understand what they are learning and why. We believe by increasing student participation and offering meaningful, relevant activities, our students will learn at higher levels.

We have new mathematics textbooks for grades K-12 in our classrooms this year. Also, in consort with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, we received a grant that allowed us to hire a Family Advocate. This person will work with families who are experiencing attendance difficulties. Her main

task is to help families overcome barriers to student attendance. It is crucial for students to attend regularly, and we look forward to working with families to ensure good attendance.

We are excited about all of the changes that are happening in the South Umpqua School District, and believe your child would receive a quality education in our schools. We encourage you to check out the rest of our website or call Superintendent Tim Porter for additional information. If you choose to send your child to our school district, we will work hard to ensure that they have an enjoyable, successful experience!

Thank you for considering our district!

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