



Seward High School

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Welcome Back Letter to Families – 2025-2026 School Year

Dear Seward High School Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I hope your summer has been filled with rest, adventure, and quality time with loved ones. As we prepare to welcome our students back through the doors of Seward High, I want to share some important updates and set the tone for the year ahead.

At Seward High, we are returning to the **foundations of great teaching and learning**. This means putting the focus back on strong instruction, meaningful relationships, and limiting distractions—both in and out of the classroom.

Reducing Screen Time

While technology has its place in modern learning, we have seen firsthand that too much screen time—especially passive use—can interfere with focus, critical thinking, and social connection. This year, our teachers will be working to intentionally reduce unnecessary Chromebook use and increase opportunities for face-to-face engagement, discussion, and hands-on learning.

New Cell Phone Policy

To further support our learning environment, we are implementing a new cell phone policy:

- **High School students** must place phones in a designated classroom or library spot during all instructional time. Phones may only be used during **passing periods and lunch**.

We believe these changes will help students stay more present, engaged, and successful in their learning. Your support at home in reinforcing these expectations is greatly appreciated.

We are excited about the possibilities this school year brings. Our goal is simple: to create a learning environment that is respectful, rigorous, and built around real human connection. We are proud to partner with you in preparing our students for the future—with strong academic habits, personal accountability, and a sense of purpose.

Thank you for being part of the Seward Seahawk community. Let's make this a great year—together.

Warm regards,

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