



2021-2022 Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) Elementary Program Parent/Guardian General Information

The Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) program is designed as an alternative for students who have been suspended out of school as a consequence for certain violations of the district Code of Student Conduct. The program provides supervision in a structured environment, along with behavioral and academic assistance for a period of one to three days, grades 3-5. During ATOSS, students will have the opportunity to complete regularly assigned school work, receive academic assistance from a certified teacher, and complete behavioral reflection activities designed to assist students with problem behaviors that may have resulted in their Out of School Suspension. ATOSS will have a daily program capacity of 15 students. We would like to have the seats filled equally amongst the Schools. Students who attend ATOSS will be counted in full attendance at their zoned school for each successful day completed.

The following ATOSS Center location is available for parents and students:

SARA SCOTT HARLLEE CENTER - 6423 9th Street East Bradenton, FL 34203

Program Requirements and Information

1. The ATOSS Program cannot accommodate:
 - a) Students who are ill
 - b) Students who require distribution of medication by a nurse (only limited clinic services are available)
2. Parent or guardian must bring the official ATOSS Assignment Notification received from the school, in order to be admitted to the program. **Parents, please ensure your child has a signed copy of this letter in their possession** when dropped off or before traveling to the ATOSS center.
3. ATOSS begins operation at **08:10 am** each day school is in session throughout Manatee County. The ATOSS program closes at **3:00 pm** and all students are expected to be dismissed or picked up by that time.
4. Transportation to and from the ATOSS program is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
5. The SDMC dress code (other than uniform requirements) and all rules under the Code of Student Conduct are applicable, will be enforced. This includes student ID badges being prominently worn and visible. A school breakfast and lunch will be provided for students. However, all meals will be prepared in advance and no choices may not available. Students are permitted to bring their own bagged lunch. Please be advised our facility is not equipped to heat or warm food, nor place food in cold storage, a sealed water bottle is recommended.
6. Students must follow all ATOSS procedures and abide by the SDMC Code of Student Conduct. Any disruptive, disrespectful, or defiant behavior could result in removal of the student from the program or denial of the opportunity to use ATOSS for any future Out of School Suspensions. Students removed from the program will have to be immediately picked up by the parent, guardian, or authorized adult.



2021-2022 Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) Program Student Assignment Notification

Student Name: _____ Number of OSS Days Assigned: _____

Student ID# _____ Referring School: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We regret to inform you that your child has committed an offense that warrants an out-of-school suspension. Although your child could be suspended out-of-school, they are eligible for the opportunity to attend the ATOSS program for the same period of time. This is a VOLUNTARY program which, upon successful completion allows the student to make up missed work they are able to obtain, with no penalty enforced. Students who are successful at ATOSS are marked present at their assigned school.

Your child may report to an ATOSS center on: ____/____/____

Your child may return to their zoned school on: ____/____/____

This action is a result of the following behavior: _____

Please note, upon offering ATOSS to the student, the sending school must contact the parent/guardian to verify that their child will be in attendance. If the student fails to appear in ATOSS (after the parent has indicated the intent to attend), he/she will be marked as an unexcused absence. However, if the parent informs the sending school that they decline ATOSS services (upon offering ATOSS to the parent/guardian), their child will be marked as an Out of School Suspension. Should you decide not to take advantage of this opportunity, be advised that an Out-of-School Suspension could have a significant impact on your child's grades. SDMC policy requires that all assigned work be submitted upon return to school. ATOSS offers an opportunity to have new assignments communicated to students and for your child to complete their work in a supervised setting while receiving assistance from a certified teacher.

Please also be advised that your child is not to be on any school campus during the school day (other than the appropriate ATOSS center). Eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities will be determined by the administration of your child's zoned school.

School Contact Signature

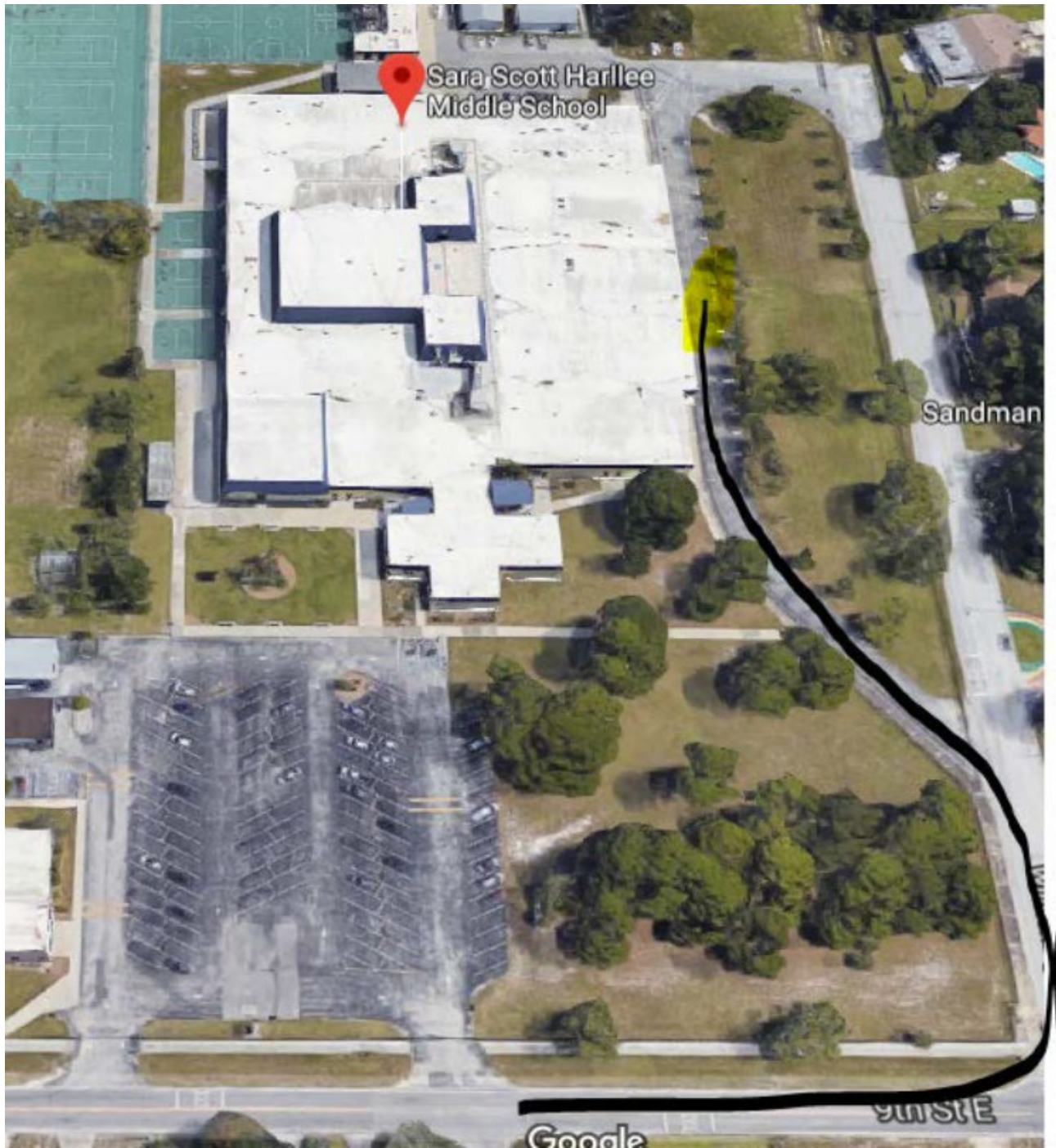
Name

Date

____ I have read and understand the ATOSS services and rules, to include drop-off and pick-up times.

Parent Signature

Date



Please enter through the Southwest entrance off 9th Street East.

Parents: If you have Medication for your child, please enter through the main office.