The Valley View

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

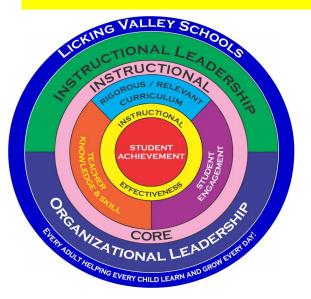
1ST STUDENT DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

Bell Times

High School 7:25 A.M. - 2:25 P.M.

Middle School 7:28 A.M. - 2:18 P.M.

Elementary School 8:40 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.



David Hile, Superintendent

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1-5 **3rd Grade Summer Reading Program** 8:30 -11:00 A.M.



- 4 Middle School Chromebook Rollout for Grade 6 and New Students 6:00 PM
- 8 Board of Education 6:00 PM

15 LVHS students report to the Auxiliary Gym as follows to submit forms and have school pictures taken:

- * Freshman 9:00 AM Freshman then stay for orientation from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- * Sophomores 10:00 AM
- * Juniors 1:00 PM
- * Seniors 2:00 PM

Freshman/Parent Orientation 6:00 PM

- 15 6th Grade Orientation 4:30-7:00 PM 6th Grade Class Meeting 6:00 PM
- 7th Grade Orientation 4:30-6:30 PM
- 16 17 8th Grade Orientation 4:30-6:30 PM
- 18 1st Grade Open House 5:00 PM
- 2nd Grade Open House 6:00 PM 18
- Middle School Chromebook Rollout 18 Make-up Day 6:00 PM
- 18 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades Open House 4:30 7:15 PM

23 **KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF** Students/Parents 6:00 - 7:30 PM

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Each student will receive a handbook at the beginning of the school year in either hard copy or electronic form. The handbook will explain practices and procedures for the district and building. Please take time to read the handbook and review it with your student.

STUDENT ATHLETES

Board Policy #2431

The district would like to remind parents and student athletes that according to Board Policy #2431 students need to achieve a 1.66 GPA in the 4th academic quarter of each school year in order to be eligible for fall sports the following school year. High School students must also have completed 2.5 credits in addition to the 1.66 GPA.

The Title I Reading Program at Licking Valley

Title I is a Federal Aid program through which most Ohio School districts receive funding each year to provide supplemental instruction for those students who qualify. To receive these funds, each state must submit a plan describing:

- What children are expected to know and be able to do;
- The high-quality standards of performance that all children are expected to meet;
- An ongoing record of student progress through assessment.

The Title I funded schools must work to:

- Identify students who are failing, or most-at-risk of failing, to meet state standards in reading or math
- · Focus instruction to meet the specific needs of each child
- Develop programs that add to regular classroom instruction
- Involve parents in all aspects of the program.

Our Title I targeted assistance Reading Program provides intensive instruction to help our low-achieving children in grades K-5 master challenging curricula and meet state standards in reading. Our Title I teachers work closely with their students' regular classroom teachers in designing their extra instruction.

Parents are invited to contact Title I teachers, regular classroom teachers and principals with any questions regarding information about our program.

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services, 763-3525 mcdanielm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Search for Children with Disabilities

School districts throughout Ohio actively participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities birth through age 21. By disability, we mean conditions such as multiple disabilities, hearing impairment, visual impairment, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, cognitive disability, specific learning disability, speech and/or language disability, autism and traumatic brain injury. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the main stream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware that programs and services are available. If you know of a child with a disability, please contact:

Melissa Flanigan, School Psychologist, 763-3105 or

Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services, 763-2897.



Upcoming 7th Grade Students

One dose of Meningococcal vaccine

One dose of **Tdap** vaccine

must be administered prior to fall 2016

- For the start of 2016-2017 school year the state of Ohio is requiring the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines for 7th grade student attendance to public schools.
- Exceptions must be filed with school prior to the start of school year.
- Contact your family doctor to see if your child may need these vaccines.

ODH requires verification of an updated shot record be kept on file in the school office. That record may be turned into the school office or you may have your health care provider fax the record to Licking Valley Middle School, (740)763-2612.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the school nurse Melissa Queen, R.N. at: (740) 763-2865

5th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Reminders

All payments should be sent directly to Scholastica Travel Inc. or paid on their website. <u>https://www.scholasticatravel.com/</u>

The payment due dates are: N

May 15, 2016 - \$100 June 15, 2016 - \$100 July 15, 2016 - \$100 August 15, 2016 - \$85

Chaperones need to call 740-763-3525 and schedule an appointment to complete fingerprinting with Laura Lahmers at the District Office. The fingerprinting fee for chaperones is \$25.00 (cash or check payable to Licking Valley Schools). The District Office is open during the summer.

Please do not wait until the last minute! All fingerprinting must be complete by August 31, 2016. Please return Trip Intent Form and the Refund Policy as soon as possible!

Don't forget to check out our website if you have any questions! http://lv5thgradewashingtondctrip.weebly.com/





2016 - 2017

Grades K- 5	. \$ 2.25
Grades 6-12	. \$ 2.50
Milk	. \$.50
Adult	. \$ 3.00
Adult Breakfast	. \$ 1.00

The cafeteria will be offering FREE BREAKFAST to all students for the 2016-17 school year.

The cafeteria follows a 4 week cycle menu. Magnetic menus will be sent home for elementary students. Cardstock menus are available for Middle and High School students. Menus can also be viewed on-line at the district website

(WWW.LICKINGVALLEY.K12.OH.US).

Two milk options are offered daily with each meal: 1% White or Fat Free Chocolate. Water is also available for all students. Milk/Water is included in the price of the meal.

Jan Jennings, Cafeteria Supervisor jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Licking Valley Local School District

is currently seeking individuals for the following positions:



Custodial: Daily subs and on-call subs with possible future full-time positions



Bus Driver: On-call subs with possible future full-time positions



Food Service: On-call subs with possible future full-time positions

Interested candidates should complete the <u>www.ohreap.net</u> application **and** e-mail one of the following:

Jack Shinn, Custodial Maintenance Supervisor at shinnj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

or

Mickie Archer, **Transportation Supervisor** at <u>archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>

or

Jan Jennings, **Food Service Supervisor** at jenningsj@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

that they have completed the on-line application and that they are interested in a position.

For more information, applicants can call the Licking Valley District Office at 740-763-3525 and ask for Jack Shinn, Maintenance Supervisor or Mickie Archer, Transportation Supervisor or Jan Jennings, Food Service Supervisor.



- * TRAINING on how children learn and grow!
- * FREE BOOKS to help with learning!
- * FREE "TOOLS"/ TOYS to make learning fun!
- * FREE CHILDCARE for children 12 months or older while you attend classes (Note: Parents/Caregivers in the 0-1 class may bring their infant to class)

Class Dates for 2016 - 17 School Year: FALL SESSION - October 8, 2016 WINTER SESSION - January 28, 2017 February 4 (snow date)

SPRING SESSION - April 8, 2017

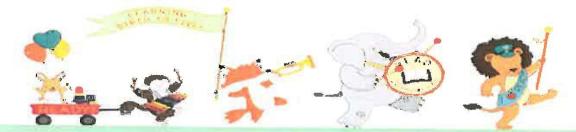
Classes will be held at: LV Primary Elementary School, 1510 Licking Valley Rd. NE, Newark Babies and toddlers are born learning. Getting ready for school starts at birth!

Limited!

Class Time Schedule:

9:30-10:00 - Orientation for first time parents (Materials will be distributed)

10:00 - 11:30 READY! Classes for all parents



Register for Classes by Calling: 763-3525

If you have any questions, email us at: ready4k@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

"Licking Valley Educational Options"

If you are interested in taking classes that are not available in the traditional high school setting, then you will be interested in an exciting opportunity at Licking Valley Local Schools.

The classes are offered through ACE Digital Academy and can be taken online while at home or during the school day at Licking Valley High School with a Licking Valley teacher to monitor your progress and assist



with any questions you may have about your lessons. We are also offering online classes to students who did not finish credits to earn a high school diploma. Over 250 classes are available such as Accounting, Archeology, Astronomy, Business, Criminal Justice, Foreign Languages (Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Latin), Nursing, Vet Science, STEM classes and IT classes.

While in the Educational Options Program you remain a Licking Valley Student and can participate in extracurricular activities such as clubs and athletics as long as you meet the requirements set by LVLS and OHSAA. You are able to ride the bus to and from school if you are in the district. You can also receive scheduling assistance and guidance support from school guidance

counselors. When you graduate, you will receive a Licking Valley High School Diploma.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Aimee Twiggs, Educational Options Coordinator at either twiggsa@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us or (740)763-3721.

2017 STH GRADE GETTYSBURG/WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

The eighth grade trip is scheduled for Sunday May 7, 2017 to Wednesday May 10, 2017. Eighth graders will receive a packet at orientation with information and important forms that need to be read, signed and returned at the beginning of school. Cost of the four day trip is \$425.00 per person and this includes lodging, transportation, attractions and some meals. All the information and forms can also be viewed and downloaded from Mr. Hageman's web page at: hagemanhistory.weebly.com Parents, and/or grandparents are encouraged to go as chaperones. Any questions please visit Mr. Hageman's web page or email him at: hagemanm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us **Deposit Due Dates:** \$150.00 per person due by or before Nov. 10th, 2016 Second deposit of \$150.00 per person due Jan. 20th, 2017 Third deposit of \$125.00 per person due March 10th 2017 Make Checks Payable To: Licking Valley Middle School *Parents are encouraged to go as chaperones! Adults – If you are going as a chaperone, you must get fingerprinted at the **District Office before March 31, 2017.**

Licking Valley Schools Transportation Department Bus Compound 2063 West High Street Newark, Ohio 43055

Transportation Director: Mickie Archer, (740) 763-3775 <u>archerm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u> **Head Mechanic:** Alan Stein, (740) 763-3743(Bus garage)

The Licking Valley Schools Transportation Department handles daily transportation to and from school each day for an average of 1365 students.

- The fleet consists of 24 buses and one school van. 4 of these buses are spares. The oldest bus was purchased in 2001, and our newest bus was purchased in 2015. The bus with the most miles currently has 200,393 miles on it.
- The district has a total of 20 bus routes each day: consisting of 18 high school, middle school, and elementary and 2 handicapped, special education and preschool. The district also runs a school van as a special education route.
 The bus fleet runs an average of 2031 miles per day, for an annual average of 353,394 miles. The school van runs 200 miles per day.
- During the 2015-2016 school year the fleet also ran trips totaling 24,386 miles for the following purposes.

Sports 14,986	Band: 4,723	Class Trips: 4,360
Community: 94	MH Units: 223	



Licking County

Transition Resource Fair

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 6, 2016 **Time:** 5:30- 7:30pm **Location:** Heath High School 300 Licking View Drive, Heath **Questions:** Contact Holly Shellogg @ 740-322-6928 or holly.shellogg@lcountydd.org

BREAK OUT SESSIONS: TO BE DETERMINED

LICKING COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE

Post Secondary Education and Training Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living Supports Employment Supports and Services Employers County Resources and Services Transportation Options **DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!**





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Licking County Educational Service Center







Licking Valley Local School District Leadership Team

Question/Concern

Please Call Call respective teacher/coach

Phone Number

Ask for the teacher/coach to return the call

Call the School.

Call the School.

Ask for the employee to return the call

Question/concern with teacher/coach

Question/concern with classified employee

Call respective classified employee

Contact building principal for:

- Continued concern with teacher/coach
- Building rental by citizens
- Student discipline concern (bus or school)
- To volunteer help to a building
- Student suspended from school
- New student to district
- Curriculum and instruction concern in classroom
- Parent/citizen concerns with anything in or at respective building

Contact the District Treasurer for:

- District financial information
- Payment of bills
- Insurance claims
- Income tax questions
- Student activity account

Contact the Superintendent for:

- Curriculum and instruction concern
- Question of school policy
- Question of school finance
- Parent concern with supervisor
- Parent concern with principal
- Student expelled from school

Contact the Technology Director for:

Resources

Contact the Board of Education for:

- Parent concern with superintendent or treasurer
- Policy change

Contact the Director of Transportation Services for:

- Busing concern
- Bus route questions
- Bus stop questions
- School bus traffic concern
- Parent concern with bus driver

Contact the School Nurse for:

• Student health concern

Contact the Director of Food Service for:

- Food service concern
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Contact the Maintenance Supervisor for:

Buildings/Grounds Concern

Building Principals

High School:	Mr. Wes Weaver	763-3721
	Mr. Shane Adkins, Asst. Principal	763-2526
Middle School:	Mr. Scott Beery	763-3396
	Mr. Jeff Neiger, Asst. Principal	763-2914
Elementary Sch	ool: Primary: Mr. Todd Carmer	763-2865
	Intermediate: Mrs. Sherry Crum	763-2031
	Angela Harrison, Asst. Principal	763-2702

District Office

Superintendent:	Mr. David Hile	763-3525
Treasurer:	Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert	763-3525
Director of Student Service	es:	
(Special Education, Testin	ig , Title I)	
	Mr. Mark McDaniel	763-2897
Maintenance Technician:	Mr. Jack Shinn II	763-3525
Director of Transportation:	Mrs. Mickie Archer	763-3775
Transportation Head Mech	nanic: Mr. Alan Stein	763-3743
Director of Technology:	Mr. Travis Baughman	763-3690
Director of Information Ser	rvices: Mr. Mike Kelley	763-3062
Director of Food Services:	Mrs. Jan Jennings	763-2433
Athletic Director: Mr. Mar	k McCullough	763-3186
School Nurse: Mrs. Melis	sa Queen, R. N. B.S.N.	763-2712

Board of Education

President:	Mrs. Lucinda Wills	763-3499
Vice President:	Ms. Mary Kay Martin	740-258-3675
Board Members:		
	Mr. Jackie Caughenbaugh	763-3116
	Mrs. Kim Christian	740-258-3675
	Mr. Shawn Shumaker	763-3863

Licking Valley 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR
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DATE	EVENT
Mon., Tues., Wed., August 15,16,17, 2016	Teacher Professional Development Days
Thursday, August 18, 2016	Local Staff Convocation Day
Monday, August 22, 2016	First Student Day
Mon., Sept. 5, 2016 – NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
Fri., Oct. 21, 2016 – NO SCHOOL	Teacher Professional Development Day
Fri., Nov. 11, 2016 – NO SCHOOL	Veteran's Day
Mon., Nov. 14, 2016 – NO SCHOOL	Parent/Teacher Exchange Day
Thurs., Nov. 24, Fri., Nov. 25, and Mon., Nov. 28, 2016 –	Thanksgiving Recess
Thurs, Dec. 22, 2016 through Mon., Jan. 2, 2017 -	Winter Break
Tues., Jan. 3, 2017	School Resumes
Fri., Jan. 13, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Teacher Professional Development Day
Mon., Jan. 16, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Fri., Feb. 17, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Parent/Teacher Exchange Day
Mon., Feb. 20, 2017- NO SCHOOL	President's Day
Fri., Mar. 24, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Teacher Professional Development Day
Mon., Mar. 27 through Fri., Mar. 31, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Spring Break
Fri., April 14, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Good Friday
Fri., April 28, 2017 - NO SCHOOL	**Make-up Day for Inclement Weather, if needed
Fri., May 12, 2017 - NO SCHOOL	**Make-up Day for Inclement Weather, if needed
Fri., May 26, 2017 - NO SCHOOL	**Make-up Day for Inclement Weather, if needed
Sunday, May 28, 2017	GRADUATION
Mon., May 29, 2017 – NO SCHOOL	Memorial Day
Thur., June 1, 2017	Last Student Day
Fri., June 2, 2017	Teacher Work Day

174 Student Days8 Teacher Work Days2 Parent Teacher Exchange Days23 Days School Not In Session3 Potential Calamity Day Make-up Days

*Ohio Revised Code provides for schools scheduling a non-school day in exchange for conducting evening conferences.

****CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR MAKE-UP DAYS**

If make-up days are needed due to inclement weather, this is our contingency plan based on Policy 8210 and our Negotiated Agreement.

There are three contingency days built into the 16-17 calendar: April 28, 2017; May 12, 2017; May 26, 2017 If the district would exceed the three days, the make-up days would be added to the end of the school year.

Licking Valley Local Schools Are Tobacco Free

The Licking Valley Board of Education prohibits the use of all tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff and other smokeless tobacco at all school sponsored student activities by students, staff, visitors, or guests in all school district buildings, property, and vehicles. Tobacco use is also prohibited by students, staff and volunteers at all events away from school property where they represent the school district.





ATTENTION PARENTS!!! CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES ARE IMPORTANT!

As you know, our school secretaries keep contact information on file for all of our students, including home phone, cell phone, and email data for all emergency contacts for each student. It is critical that parents make a special effort to notify your child's school promptly when any contact information for your student



changes. The contact information on file is used not only by your child's school, but also by our transportation department in the event that a bus situation requires us to contact you. Also, our **Leader Alert** instant messaging system uses contact information for any recorded messages sent by the district, such as snow day notifications. We also use email address information for distribution of parent email messages during the school year. It is vital that all these departments have the most current information on file so that we can contact you if the need arises. So, please make sure to call the secretary at your child's school and update them on any phone number or

email address changes. Should you have students at more than one building please contact each school to make sure they have the updated information as well. We can only keep our records current based on what our parents provide, and we appreciate your help in making sure your information is up-to-date.

Licking Valley Elementary: Primary - (740)763-2865 Licking Valley Middle School: (740)763-3396 Licking Valley High School: (740)763-3721 Intermediate - (740)763-2031



Dear parents and athletes,

We are excited to announce the roll out of our new online pre-participation paperwork system. Below you will find the instructions on how to go about setting up an account and how to finish the necessary forms.

Prior to participating on a team with Licking Valley Schools, athletes and parents must provide the Athletic Department with current address, emergency contacts, insurance, medical alerts we need to be aware of, and health history information. I know a lot of this is covered on physical forms, but just like with the PrivIt forms, once this information is completed, it will automatically save each year and you will only be required to update any changes you have. It will save time in the long run. In order for us to be thorough with the collection of this information, we have chosen to utilize **Sports Ware Online**.

To enter your information for your athlete, please go to <u>www.swol123.net</u>. The first time you visit the website, you will need to scroll to the middle of the screen and click the Join **SportsWare button.** You will then enter the school's ID, which is LVPanthers1. Enter the athlete's first and last name, email address, and click send. This request will then be sent to me. I will be checking the website frequently every day, so be patient, you will likely receive your email saying your request was accepted. Open that email and click on the link back to <u>www.swol123.net</u> to continue setup. You will enter your email address on that first page and click reset password. Set a password you will remember or write it down for future log ins. From there, there are three categories you will need to fill out information under: My Info, Med History, and Forms. Fill out all required fields before you log out. If you choose to print your information for your own records you can, but the information will be saved as you enter it, so printing is not necessary.

<u>Please complete all information before the first official day of practice for your particu-</u> lar season in order to avoid your athlete being held from activity.

Thank you for your prompt help and your patience as we roll out this new system. If you have any questions, please contact me at **<u>scottm@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us</u>** and I will return your emails as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Megan Scott, MS, LAT, ATC Licking Valley Athletic Trainer he Licking Valley School District has partnered with All Star Driver Education to offer our students an online driver education program that they can complete at their own pace and on their own time at a reduced price as compared to local options. The online driver education course costs \$79.00, and the required eight (8)



hours of in-car driving instruction will cost \$329.00. The combined cost is a savings of approximately \$60 over other local options. Students will also be eligible to receive one-half of an elective academic credit for completion of the program, including the driving portion. To receive credit students simply have to complete both the online instruction modules and the eight hours of driving instruction and bring their certificate of completion to their guidance counselor.

The in-car driving instructors are local citizens who we know and who are licensed in the state of Ohio to provide driving instruction, and who will have regular criminal background checks to ensure the safety of our students.

If you have a busy teenager who doesn't have time to get to and sit through in-class driver education courses, this is an excellent option for you, especially when your student has their own personal computer. If you are interested in pursuing this option simply go to this website https://www.allstardriveredonline.com/register.php?id=24 and create an account, and when your student is ready to do the in-car driving instruction just have him or her contact Jane McKee at the district office, 763-3525.



To date, 70 of our students are either enrolled in the online course or have completed it. All Star wants to offer our students the 8 hour driving instruction with a certified driving instructor as well but they need certified driving instructors in our area to do the drives with our students. Below is all of the information about becoming a certified driving instructor. All Star pays instructors \$15.00 an hour, and each student needs 8 hours of driving instruction. If you are interested, see the information below and go to the link provided. If you have questions, you may contact Frank Menzel,

Vice President, All Star Drivers Ed., at: frank@allstarde.com

Anyone who is interested in getting certified can follow this link: http://www.drivertraining.ohio.gov/instructors.htm

A trainee needs:

24 hours of classroom observation time

8 hours of driving observation time

2 hours of me evaluating them in class

2 hours of me evaluating them in the car BCI/FBI background check Driving record abstract Online sexual harassment class Driving and written tests at BMV Physical exam on state form 2 passport photos.

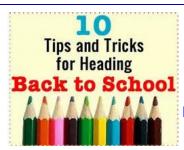
anover-Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Scholarship Association presented it's first scholarship award to Morgan Gossett, Class of 2016. Morgan will be attending Muskingum University this fall.

The association is looking forward to presenting many more scholarships to deserving students. The Licking County Foundation is administering the scholarship funds for the association. If you would like to make a contributions towards the Hanover/Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Scholarship Fund, you may do so by sending a check to:

Licking County Foundation PO Box 4212 Newark, Ohio 43058-4212 Please indicate that the funds are for the Hanover/Toboso/Licking Valley Alumni Scholarship.



Pictured left to right: Nancy Mathis, Janet Friel, Morgan Gossett, and Steve Price.



Back-to-School Tips for Kids and Parents

(Shared from <u>www.care.com</u>; 101 Back-to-School Tips for Parents and Kids)

Here are some short tips to get the school year off to a great start!

- 1. Set your kid's sleep schedules to "School Time" two weeks before the first day.
- 2. Encourage your kids to read at least one book before school starts.
- 3. Let kids choose a planner or scheduling tool that they are excited to use.
- 4. Discuss what your kids should expect on the first day.
- 5. Get the lists of school supplies, books and technology your kids will need.
- 6. Establish a specific space for an official "homework area".
- 7. Work with your kids to set some realistic goals for the school year.
- 8. Create an inbox or area for your kids to leave things that need your attention.
- 9. Figure out different ways you can be involved with your child's classroom learning.
- 10. Talk openly with your kids about their feelings about returning to school.

Have a great school year! Mark McDaniel, Director of Student Services

TWELFTH ANNUAL

LICKING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FESTIVAL

(Formerly Black Hand Gorge Festival)



AT LICKING VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 10:00 AM TO ???

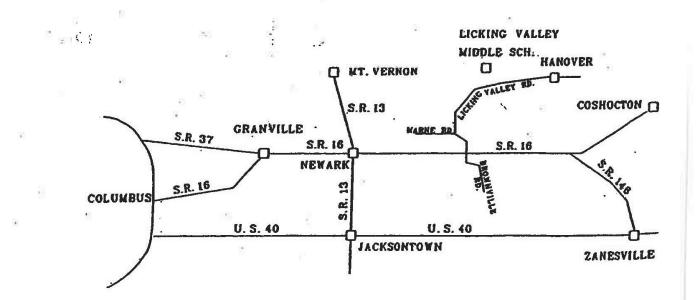


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Friday, August 5, 2016 thru Sunday, August 7, 2016

S.B. 264 enacted a sales tax holiday to occur only in 2016. The holiday starts on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. and ends on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- Clothing priced at \$75 per item or less;
- School supplies priced at \$20 per item or less; and
- School instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less.

Items used in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

FAQ

1. When is this tax-free weekend and how long does it last?

A. The holiday is one-time event that begins Friday, August 5, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. and ends on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.

2. What stores are participating in the tax-free weekend?

A. All retailers in the state that sell items that are exempt from sales tax (see qualifications listed above). The holiday is state law and retailers must comply.

3. What is NOT defined as clothing by the exemption?

- Items purchased for use in a trade or business.
- Clothing accessories or equipment.
- Protective equipment.
- Sewing equipment and supplies.
- Sports or recreational equipment.
- Belt buckles sold separately.
- Costume masks sold separately.
- Patches and emblems sold separately.

4. Does the exemption apply to shipping and handling charges?

A. Yes, items can be bought online. If all items in a shipment qualify as eligible items and the sales price for each is within the sales tax holiday price threshold, the shipping and handling charges are <u>not</u> taxable.

