



## Dawson Springs Independent School District

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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready.

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URGENT: Dear Dawson Springs Panther Parents/Guardians and Students,

Due to a newly enacted Kentucky state law (KRS 160.145) **that will take effect on June 27, 2025**, Dawson Springs Independent Schools will be requiring **ALL** technology based communication between school staff and students/student athletes to be limited to official school email accounts or ParentSquare **ONLY**.

Every School Employee or active Volunteer will no longer be able to legally utilize text messaging or any other applications (Facebook, iMessage, Signal, etc.) to two-way communicate with students of any age. Should a student reach out to a staff member utilizing any technology other than ParentSquare or our school based email, the staff member legally cannot and should not respond.

Any parents who are not currently connected to the school district via ParentSquare may visit: [www.parentsquare.com/join\\_school/new](http://www.parentsquare.com/join_school/new) to submit a request.

You may also wish to download the ParentSquare or StudentSquare app for your phone.

- ParentSquare Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/parentsquare/id908126679>
- ParentSquare Google Play: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.parentsquare.psapp&hl=en\\_US&pli=1](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.parentsquare.psapp&hl=en_US&pli=1)
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Parents who currently use ParentSquare may wish to check their notification preferences to ensure that time-sensitive messages are not silenced. An instruction sheet for updating notification preferences will be distributed via ParentSquare.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause as we work through these new legal regulations. All communications from staff to students utilizing ParentSquare and/or official school email will be available for review at the parent/guardian request. Our objective is to always have the safety of our students and staff as a number one priority.

Should you have any questions related to this matter, or should you have any problems getting "set up" on ParentSquare, please contact the school your child attends at 270-797-3811 and ask to speak to the Principal or Assistant Principal and they should be able to help you. We thank you for your continued support of our students and our schools! Our "Back to School Bash" will be on August 14, 2025, and the first day for students is August 19, 2025. Have a great rest of the summer!

Best Regards,

Lenny Whalen

Superintendent, Dawson Springs Independent Schools

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