

Upcoming Events

Aug. 6- Online Registration begins

Aug 10- First day of practice for HS Fall Sports

Aug. 17- In person registration from 9am-6pm at Elementary & MS/HS. Firday day of practice for JH fall sports.

Aug. 19-BOE Tax Rate Hearing & Board Meeting, Board Conference Room, 5:50 pm

Aug. 20- Back to School Open House from 4-6 pm at Elementary & MS/HS, 6th grade orientation 5:30 pm in the little gym

Aug. 21- PV Football Jamboree, 5:30 pm at North Andrew

Aug. 24- First Day of School, early dismissal 12:45 pm

Aug. 27-29- Hopkins Picnic

Aug. 27- PV football pictures 3 pm, Volleyball vs. Diagonal, 5:00 pm

Aug. 28- PV Football vs Pattsonburg, 7 pm at South Nodaway

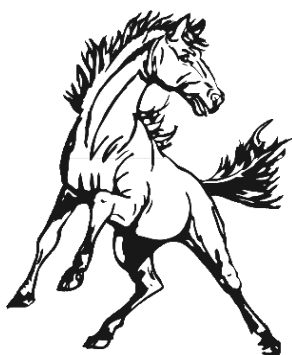
Sept. 1- Volleyball at East Atchison, 5 pm

Sept. 3- Volleyball vs South Holt, 5 pm

Sept. 4- PV Football, 7 pm at Stanberry

Sept. 7- Labor day, no school

Sept. 8- MS/HS Grandparents Day, 11 am. Cross Country at Clarinda. Volleyball vs Heartland Christian, 5 pm. JV PV Football at East Atchison, 5 pm.



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BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE 2026-2027

"Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready."

Welcome Back Mustangs!

*by Chris Turpin,
Superintendent*

As another school year begins, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our students, families, staff, alumni, and community members. The start of a new school year always brings excitement, optimism, and new opportunities. Throughout the summer, our teachers, custodians, maintenance staff, office personnel, transportation department, and administrators have been working diligently to prepare our schools so that every student can return to a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment. At North Nodaway, our mission remains unchanged: Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready. We look forward to another year of helping our students grow academically, socially, and personally.

One of the greatest strengths of any school district is its people, and we are excited to welcome several outstanding educators to the Mustang family this year. Joining our staff

are Ms. Meghan Hersh as our high school language arts teacher, Ms. Christina Turpin teaching middle school and high school mathematics, Mr. Logan Jackson as our sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. McKenna Watkins as our K-12 art instructor, Ms. Lindsay Eckert in kindergarten, Ms. Lexi Harger in second grade, Ms. Tina Coffelt as our high school business teacher, and Mr. Chase Sims as our K-12 physical education instructor. We are thrilled to have each of these professionals join North Nodaway and know they will positively impact the lives of our students for years to come.

Although our students were enjoying a well-earned summer vacation, our facilities continued to see significant improvements. At the elementary building, a new air conditioning unit was installed to improve comfort and efficiency, while new sidewalks were constructed along the front of the building to enhance both safety and accessibility. At the high school, the little gym received a beautiful new hardwood floor, and the

main gym floor was completely re-sanded and re-finished. The transformation is remarkable, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to see these improvements during upcoming school events. Maintaining quality facilities is an important investment in both our students and our community, and I appreciate everyone who helped make these projects possible.

Another exciting accomplishment this summer is the district's receipt of a \$99,000 grant to construct a new community pavilion in Hopkins. While the completed pavilion will become a wonderful gathering place for concerts, celebrations, and community events, what excites me even more is how it will be built. This project will become a true real-world learning opportunity for our students. Beginning this fall, Mr. Troy Nally and his Agricultural Structures students will participate in constructing the pavilion, allowing them to develop valuable skills in construction, teamwork, project planning, and

problem-solving while creating something that will benefit our communities for generations. We are also extremely grateful that Tim Mooney has agreed to serve as the project's lead carpenter, providing professional guidance and instruction throughout the construction process. Partnerships like these exemplify what career education should be, giving students authentic learning experiences that cannot be replicated inside a traditional classroom. I cannot wait to see our students begin this exciting project when they return on August 24th.

This year also marks the beginning of what I believe will become one of North Nodaway's most meaningful traditions. We are proud to introduce the North Nodaway Legacy Award, a prestigious recognition established to honor individuals or teams whose selfless gifts of time, talent, and treasure have become permanently woven into the fabric of our schools and the communities of Hopkins

.....see pg. 6 *Legacy Award*

Tales from Townsend

By Mrs. Heather
Townsend, Elementary
Principal

Welcome to a brand-new school year at North Nodaway Elementary! We are so excited to welcome our students and families back for another year filled with learning, growth, friendships, and new opportunities. Our staff has been working hard to prepare for a successful year, and we are looking forward to partnering with you to help every student learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for your continued support of our school and for trusting us with your children each day. Let's make this a wonderful year together!

This year, you will notice that we have a fun new back-to-school theme: "Wild About Learning!" Throughout the school, you will see a jungle theme, with classrooms and spaces associated with different jungle animals. We are excited to bring this theme to life and make the beginning of the school year a fun and exciting experience for our students. We hope our students will embrace the theme and remember that they are truly wild about learning!

You'll be able to get your first glimpse at classrooms and meet the teachers for the new year at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 20, from 4–6 p.m. As we did last year, we will host an open-house style event, meaning families are welcome to come and go as they please during that time. When you arrive, you will find a Par-

ent/Teacher signup table at the front door and the school supplies purchased by our PTO waiting for students on their desks in their classrooms. This will be a great opportunity to:

- Meet your child's teacher
- See your child's classroom
- Drop off any supplies you may have
- Verify your child's early dismissal plans
- Sign up early for First Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences

You will also be able to stop by the office and sign up for Kids Care and put money on lunch accounts. Please remember that all Kids Care paperwork needs to be in place before attending Kids Care the first time.

The first day of school is Monday, August 24. Please remember that the first day of school will be an early-out day, and Kids Care will not be available that day. Please verify your child's early dismissal plans on the classroom early-out sheet or stop by the elementary office if you need assistance.

We would like to give a huge shout-out to our North Nodaway PTO for all of the school supplies they have provided for our students, as well as the countless hours they spend throughout the year supporting our students, staff, and district. Our PTO does so much to make North Nodaway a special place for our students and families. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity, hard work, and continued support of our Mustang Family!

This year, we are excited to

welcome several new faces to the North Nodaway family!

Kindergarten –
Miss Lindsay Eckert
Miss Eckert is extremely excited for the start of the school year and cannot wait to get to know all of our students and their families.

Second Grade –
Miss Lexi Harger
Miss Harger is an alumna of North Nodaway, and we are thrilled to welcome her back as a classroom teacher! We are excited for her to continue her journey as part of the Mustang Family.

Physical Education –
Mr. Chase Sims
Mr. Sims will be taking over our PE program. He is excited to get started and provide students with fun, engaging, and exciting activities throughout the year.

Art –
Mrs. McKenna Watkins
Mrs. Watkins will be taking over as our art teacher. She is looking forward to getting to know our students and helping cultivate a love and appreciation for art in every student.

Please join us in giving all of our new staff members a warm Mustang welcome!

This year, we will continue to focus on building and strengthening the foundational skills students need for long-term academic success. You can expect a strong emphasis on spelling, vocabulary, and basic math facts across grade levels.

Developing automaticity with these skills helps students become more confident and fluent read-

ers, writers, and mathematicians. These foundational skills may seem simple, but they are incredibly important building blocks for more advanced learning. Families should also be aware that students will have homework throughout the school year. Homework will be purposeful and designed to reinforce skills and concepts being taught in the classroom. Students may have opportunities to practice spelling words, basic math facts, reading, or other skills that support classroom instruction.

We are also staying committed to raising academic rigor and challenging our students to reach new heights. We want our students to be challenged, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

We will also continue implementing our positive behavior support system, which encourages students to be: Respectful • Responsible • Safe.

These expectations will continue to guide our students as they learn how to make positive choices, build relationships, and contribute to a safe and supportive school environment.

As always, our goal at North Nodaway is to do what is right and best for all students—academically, behaviorally, and socially-emotionally.

Important Beginning-of-the-Year Reminders
Changes to Dismissal Plans-Due to safety concerns, if your child's after-school dismissal plan needs to change, please notify the elementary of-

fice by sending a note with your child or calling the school office no later than 2:45 p.m. that day. This will help ensure that every child gets where they need to go safely and soundly.

Breakfast is served from 7:30–7:55 a.m., or until the last bus arrives. The front doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Early Dismissal Plans:
Please make sure your child's early dismissal plans are in place and communicated to the school before the first day of school.

We are so excited to begin another amazing year at North Nodaway Elementary! Our hallways will soon be filled with smiling faces, laughter, learning, and the excitement that comes with a new school year. Thank you for partnering with us and for helping make North Nodaway a place where every student feels supported, challenged, valued, and cared for.

We are ready to make this a wildly wonderful year of learning!

Welcome back, Mustangs!

2026-27 Breakfast/ Lunch Prices

Elementary- Breakfast is \$2.30, \$.30 for reduced and \$3 for adults. Lunch is \$3.40, \$.40 for reduced and \$4.65 for adults.

MS/HS- Breakfast is \$2.30, \$.30 for reduced and \$3 for adults. Lunch is \$3.60, \$.40 for reduced and \$4.65 for adults.

View Breakfast & Lunch menus at www.nnr6.org.

Elementary Registration



Online registration will be open beginning August 6, 2026. Parents check your e-mail after August 6, 2026 or visit nnr6.org and click Quick Links to log into the Lumen Parent Portal. Online enrollment assistance will also be offered.

In person registration will be held August 17, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. This is required for new students, preschool and kindergarden students.

All elementary families will be required to bring address verification documentation such as a rental contract, real estate contract, utilities bill/deposit receipt, or items such as payroll check, driver's license, or W-4. Also, please remember to bring along any emergency phone numbers as two emergency contacts are required.

This is a great opportunity to make payments for preschool, Kids Care, lunch or to drop off immunization records and other important documents. If you are enrolling a student new to our district, in addition to the above items, please be sure to bring a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization records.

Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers is a voluntary program offered throughout local districts through the state of Missouri. Parent educator, Mrs. Audrey Boulting, provides parenting information and age appropriate child development information and activities to parents of

children ages prenatal through kindergarten. If you are interested in learning more about Parents as Teachers, and want to see if you qualify to participate, or know someone who might be interested, please contact the elementary at (660)927-3322.

North Nodaway Kid's Care

Kid's Care, the after school childcare program will again be offered at the Elementary. After school hours are until 4:30 p.m and the cost is \$2 per hour. Children must be signed out each afternoon when they attend. Kid's Care is available only on days that school is in session and will NOT be available on days when school is dismissed early due to weather. Please call the elementary at (660)927-3322 or inquire at registration if you would like more information.

Elementary School Supplies

Preschool

- Backpack
- Extra set of clothes
- Blanket for rest time
- Gym Shoes
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle

Kindergarten

- Extra set of clothes
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle

First Grade

- Backpack
- Gym shoes
- Headphones

(no earbuds)

- Wireless mouse
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle

Second Grade

- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Wireless mouse
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle

Third Grade

- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Wireless mouse

Fourth Grade

- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Wireless mouse
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle

Fifth Grade

- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Wireless mouse
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- Clear water bottle



Thanks to the generous support of the North Nodaway PTO and our families, every student will be supplied with the following items for this school year:

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| - Glue | - Erasers | - Ink Pens |
| - Dry Erase Markers | - Index Cards | - Highlighters |
| - Crayons | - Pencil Boxes | - Colored Pencils |
| - Crayola Markers | - Watercolor Paints | |
| - Notebooks | - Ziplock Bags | |
| - Binders | - Pencils | |
| - Folders | - Playdoh | |

Thank You!



REPORTING ABSENCES

In the event that a student is absent from school, parents are requested to call the school the morning of the absence.

Elem (660) 927-3322

MS/HS (660) 778-3315

When a student is reported absent by a teacher, verification of absence is made. First, a check is made of all absences reported by parents. If no report is made, as a safety measure, the school secretary will telephone parents at home or their place of employment to verify the absence.

A Note from the Principal

by Cody Jenkins, MS/HS Principal

Welcome back to the North Nodaway School District! I hope everyone—students, staff, and faculty—enjoyed their time off as much as I did spending time with my family. While the break was refreshing and much appreciated, I am truly excited and ready to get back to work as we continue our efforts to improve our district and provide the best possible experience for our students.

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I also want to extend a warm Mustang welcome to the newest members of our North Nodaway family. We are excited to welcome Meghan Hersh, who will be teaching grades 7–12 English Language Arts; Logan Jackson, our new 6th-grade teacher; Christina Turpin, who joins our 7–12 Mathematics Department; McKenna Watkins, who will lead our PreK–12 Art program; Tina Coffelt, our new 6–12 Business teacher; and Chase Sims, who will be serving our students in PreK–12 Physical Education. We are also excited to welcome back Catherine Auffert, who returns to North Nodaway as our 6–12 Special Education teacher. Each of these educators brings

unique talents, experiences, and enthusiasm that will strengthen our school community. We encourage our students, families, and community members to make them feel at home and join us in welcoming them to the Mustang family.

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I want to clearly communicate the expectations we have for every member of the North Nodaway school community. Excellence does not happen by accident—it is the result of consistent effort, high expectations, and a shared commitment from students, staff, and families.

My expectation is simple: when students walk through our doors each day, they are ready to work. Being prepared, engaged, and willing to learn is not optional—it is the foundation of success. Every minute of instructional time matters, and we will make the most of every opportunity to help students grow academically.

Likewise, I expect our staff to provide rigorous, grade-level instruction, and I expect our students to learn at grade level. We will continue to focus on high-quality teaching, meaningful learning experiences, and maintaining high academic standards across every classroom.

Lowering expectations does not prepare

students for college, careers, or life beyond high school. Instead, we will provide the instruction, support, and opportunities necessary for students to meet those expectations.

We recognize that not every student learns at the same pace. Some students will face challenges along the way, and that is why North Nodaway has dedicated teachers who are committed to providing additional support, intervention, and encouragement when it is needed. Asking for help is a strength, and our staff is prepared to work alongside students who are willing to put forth the effort required to improve.

However, support does not replace responsibility. Students will earn the grades they receive through their effort, attendance, participation, and demonstration of learning. While our teachers are committed to helping every student succeed, they cannot do the work for them.

There will be times when a student does not earn credit because they have not demonstrated mastery of the required standards. When that happens, the student will be expected to retake the course and successfully meet the learning expectations before receiving credit. Our goal is not simply

for students to pass classes—it is for them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for long-term success.

Students, we are changing a couple of things for this year. We are changing the grade check policy. The new policy will be that grade checks will occur weekly after the third week of each quarter. If students have 2 D's or 1 F, they will be ineligible for that week (Tuesday to Tuesday).

Parents, I want to remind you that you are able to stay up to date on your students' grades by logging on to your Lumen accounts, and you are also able to pay lunch bills this way as well.

Parents and guardians remain one of our greatest partners in this process. We ask families to support these expectations by emphasizing the importance of attendance, personal responsibility, completing assignments, and maintaining open

communication with teachers. When schools and families present a united message about the value of education, students are more likely to rise to the challenge and achieve their full potential.

Together, we will continue to build a culture where hard work is expected, learning is valued, and every student is challenged to become the best version of themselves. High expectations, coupled with strong support and meaningful relationships, will continue to define what it means to be a North Nodaway Mustang.

To post events on the new sign in Pickering during the school year, please contact the elementary office at 660-927-3322.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

As we say in Missouri "If you don't like the weather, stick around another day." Weather conditions can be unpredictable, especially during winter. Cancellations, or early dismissals will be announced via Mustang alerts (textcaster). **To sign up for the Mustang Alerts, please go to nnr6.org and locate the Mustang alert icon on the home page and sign up to receive text messages.**

MS/HS Registration

Online registration will be open August 6, 2026. Parents, please check your e-mail after August 6, 2026 or visit nnr6.org and click Quick Links to log into the Lumen Parent Portal.

In person registration will be held August 17, 2026 from 9 a.m. -6 p.m. at the main office. This is required for new students. New students must bring an address verification documents such as a rental contract, real estate contract, utilities bill/ deposit receipt, or items such as payroll check, driver’s license, or W-4. Also, please remember to bring along any emergency phone numbers as two emergency contacts are required. Please be sure to bring a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization records.

This is a great opportunity to make lunch payments, purchase activity passes, sign documents not online and get parking passes

Enrollment assistance will also be offered.

MS/HS School Supplies

MS/HS All Classes

- Headphones
- Trapper (if wanted)

MS/HS Art

- Sketchbook
- A pack or various colored Sharpies

MS/HS Physical Education

- Clean shoes (non marking)
- PE clothes
- Personal Hygiene Products

MS/HS Band

- Pencil pouch for binder
- Supplies for your instrument
- Wind instruments: Tuner
- Woodwinds: Reeds

North Nodaway PTO has generously provided the following supplies for every student in our MS/HS. Thank you PTO!!

Notebooks, Folders, Glue Sticks, Pens, Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Binders, Black Sharpies, Loose Leaf Paper, Ziplock Bags and Pencils.

All MS/HS students will need to bring 2 boxes of kleenexes per student and one container of clorox wipes per family.



Transportation Needs & Facts

Our bus drivers need your cooperation and support in making their job safe for our kids. I expect North Nodaway students to behave while riding the bus and to listen to their bus drivers to and from home. Unfortunately during my tenure, students have lost the privilege of riding the bus because of behavior issues. I appreciate our parental support when I have had to make these calls home. I don’t want anything to happen to our kids. There are approximately 133 deaths in the US from bus accidents each

year. North Nodaway bus drivers have a great record of keeping our kids safe.

We will run four routes in the morning and three routes in the afternoon, same as ran last year. This will allow us to have potential drivers for evening activities and events.

Please make sure you fill out the registration information concerning if your student(s) will be riding the bus and need to be assigned to a route. Bus drivers are getting extremely tough to find, and they are often underappreciated for the great responsi-

bility they have in keeping our kids safe. Please help me in appreciating their efforts by being kind and respectful. Our current bus drivers with licenses that will be driving routes are: Dustin Stringer, Ron Thompson, Jerald Everhart and Angie Titus. It takes a lot of coordination and effort to address all of the transportation needs we often take for granted in a school district. If you have not heard from your bus driver concerning drop off and pick up times by August 21, 2026, please call Mr. Turpin at 660-778-3411.

Back to School Night

Elementary and MS/HS

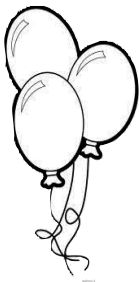
Thursday, August 20, 2026

Stop by anytime between 4 and 6 pm

6th grade orientation -

5:30 pm in the little gym at MS/HS

Drop off supplies and greet the teachers!



Sales Tax Holiday

Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9

- Clothing – any article having a taxable value of \$100 or less
- School supplies – not to exceed \$50 per purchase
- Computer software – taxable value of \$350 or less
- Personal computers – not to exceed \$1,500
- Computer peripheral devices – not to exceed \$1,500
- Graphing calculators - not to exceed \$150



Legacy Award

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and Pickering. The award recognizes excellence in three areas: **Institutional Impact**, honoring those who have transformed the school district through leadership or resources; **Civic Leadership**, recognizing individuals whose service has strengthened the communities of Hopkins and Pickering; and **Global Citizenship**, honoring those who have brought distinction to North Nodaway through significant accomplishments beyond our local communities. Each recipient will receive an engraved plaque, and a permanent plaque will also be displayed on the North Nodaway Legacy Award Wall located in the high school commons, ensuring that their contributions are remembered and celebrated by future generations. Beginning October 1, 2026, nomination forms and additional information will be available on our district website under the Community/Alumni tab, and we encourage everyone to help us recognize those whose dedication has left a lasting impact on North Nodaway.

As we celebrate these exciting accomplishments, I also believe it is important to keep our community informed about the financial realities facing public education in Missouri. School districts across the state continue to experience

increasing costs for employee salaries and benefits, utilities, transportation, insurance, instructional materials, technology, and numerous state and federal mandates. At the same time, discussions continue regarding possible changes to Missouri's school funding formula that could significantly impact rural school districts such as ours. Despite these uncertainties, I am recommending that the Board of Education maintain the same operating tax levy for the sixth consecutive year. While many patrons may not realize it, the district's operating tax rate ceiling would have legally allowed an increase of approximately 15 cents this year. Instead, we have voluntarily chosen to maintain the current tax rate, leaving approximately \$60,000 in annual operating revenue uncollected that could otherwise have been invested in educational programs, facility improvements, equipment, or future financial stability. We believe this decision reflects our commitment to balancing responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide our students with the high-quality educational opportunities they deserve. At the same time, we believe it is important for our community to understand the financial challenges that rural public schools may face as infla-

North Nodaway R-VI School District

2026-2027 School Year Calendar- Approved 3/18/26

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Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m. /Staff Development

Commencement

Staff Development - No School

Holiday / Vacation - No School

Early Dismiss - 12:45 p.m.

Quarter Ends

tion and potential legislative changes continue to affect school funding. As I begin my twenty-eighth year in education, I remain incredibly grateful for the support our district receives from our families, alumni, businesses, and the communities of Hopkins and Pickering. North Nodaway has always been much more than a school district—it is a close-knit community that believes in investing in its children and preparing them for bright futures. I am

excited to welcome our students back on August 24th and look forward to another outstanding year of learning, growth, and achievement. Thank you for your continued support of North Nodaway Schools. Together, we will continue building a tradition of excellence while preparing productive citizens who are college and career ready.

MUSTANG ALERTS

Mustang Alerts, which allows important information about North Nodaway School District to be sent as a text message to your mobile phone no matter what provider you have. All you need to be able to do is have the ability to receive text messages. The information that will be sent out includes: school closings, early dismissals, school event reminders, and emergency information. To sign up visit www.nnr6.org and click on the Mustang Alert link.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program 2026-2027

North Nodaway R-VI School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year. Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or

runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household. If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact

the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Determining Official, Mrs. Tiffany Whipple, will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the Hearing Official, Mr. Chris Turpin, Superintendent. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form.

To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; Fax: (202) 690-7442; or Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,748	\$1,729	\$399	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$568
2	28,132	2,345	541	40,034	3,337	770
3	35,516	2,960	683	50,542	4,212	972
4	42,900	3,575	825	61,050	5,088	1,175
5	50,284	4,191	967	71,558	5,964	1,377
6	57,668	4,806	1,109	82,066	6,839	1,579
7	65,052	5,421	1,251	92,574	7,715	1,781
8	72,436	6,037	1,393	103,082	8,591	1,983
Each add'l member	+7,384	+616	+142	+10,508	+876	+203

Local education officials have adopted the above family-size income criteria for determining eligibility.

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year.

School wide Title One projects are authorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Schools qualify as a school wide project based on the overall income level of the student population. Schools with poverty rates of 40% or higher can qualify for Title I funds.

A planning committee from our school developed the school wide plan. The committee consisted of community members, parents, teachers, assistants, and administrators.

All parents have the opportunity for input through the beginning of the year annual meeting, the Title I End of Year Evaluation, or by contacting your principal or District Title I Coordinator.

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.

- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I. A funds must provide to each individual parent: Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each

of the State academic assessments required under Title I A. Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

If you would like to receive this information, please contact the building principal.

**SAVE THE DATE
– ANNUAL TITLE
MEETING
Sept. 9 at 6 pm
Board Conference
Room at MS/HS**

Policy and School-Parent Compact Each Title One School is required to ask for input from parents regarding the development of a parent involvement policy and a school-parent compact.

The parent involvement policy

explains how the school plans to work with parents to review and improve parent programs and describes how parents can participate in planning these programs.

The school-parent compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the way in which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

Both of these documents will be reviewed at the Annual Title meeting on **September 9th**. We will also review in the spring.

A strong connection between the home and the school is a key element in student success. Materials, strategies, and help from teachers are available to all parents within a Title One school.

Opportunities for active parent participation include: before school open house, school-parent compacts, PTO, conferences, newsletters, and more.

Complaint Resolution Procedure

Complaints concerning an ESSA program, including Title One, may be registered with the local school district or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Within this newsletter DESE Procedures for filing a complaint or they can be found on the District's web page

Policies and plans associated with Title One can be found on the District's web page - <http://www.nnr6.org> - then click on the Federal Programs button.

To request a paper copy of any policy or plan contact the elementary school office or superintendent's office.

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