



Winterset Community School District

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WINTERSET, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Welcome back to school!

While we have already been in session for more than a week, I want to thank all of you for entrusting your children with us and working with our staff to support your students growth and development during this unprecedented school year. I can imagine that by now your son/daughter has explained to you what their day looks like and how it looks different than how they remember school being last year. I think this is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child about how they can handle adversity and change.

One thing that is certain is life is constantly changing no matter how hard we may try to keep things the same. I came across some advice I heard from Brad McCoy, Texas HS football coach and father of Colt and Case McCoy, two highly talented college quarterbacks. When asked how he and his wife had raised two successful sons, he said early on in their life they decided that their jobs as parents was to "prepare their children for the path and not prepare the path for their children." I think this is great advice.

If we can focus on giving our children the tools to deal with the obstacles and challenges that are part of life versus trying to remove these obstacles by intervening, making excuses or confronting the problems for them, then we will be giving them the tools they need to be successful adults.

No doubt this year is going to provide obstacles for us all along our path in life. We all have a choice in how we respond. I am asking we all focus on what we can control and work to overcome the obstacles by working with our children and students to focus on what they can control and the choices they make in these situations. When you are visiting with your children about their day at school or in general about how things are going, and if they express frustration with the challenges of our new "normal," work with them to identify things within their control that they can do to improve the situation.

As Charles Swindoll famously said, "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it." We all get to choose how we respond when life throws us a curveball or new challenge. We have all been thrown

SCHOOL PICTURE DATES

Elementary

Friday, September 18th

Retakes: October 27th

Middle School, Junior High & High School

Retakes: October 9th

Lunch Menu

Visit the school website at winterset.k12.ia.us to view the lunch menus for each school.

DOWNLOAD RESOURCE DIRECTORY:

https://www.cppconline1.com/uploads/3/7/7/2/37725789/madison_county_directory.pdf

a huge curveball that seems to keep spinning as we navigate school amidst the pandemic. Let's all choose to work to find solutions and work together to serve your children and our students.

One final note, we would like to thank our community for passing the bond issue, which allowed us to make some much-needed upgrades to our facilities at the junior high, high school and elementary. We are

planning on a community Open House on Sunday, September 13th from 1 to 4 PM. Should conditions change between now and then, we will make adjustments accordingly, more details to follow. Masks will be required of anyone wishing to tour the buildings.

Go, Huskies!

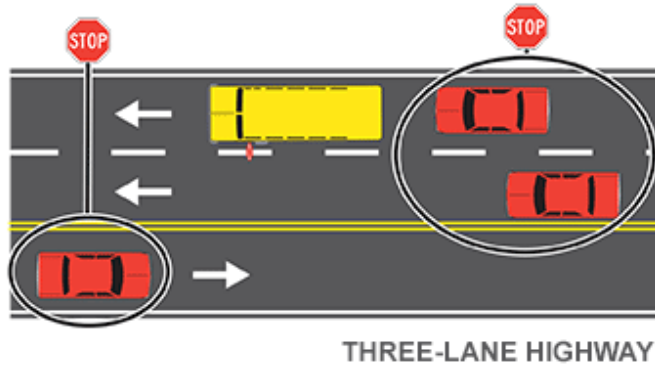
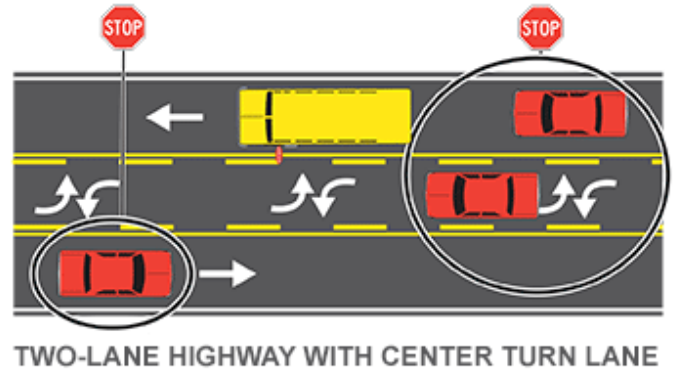
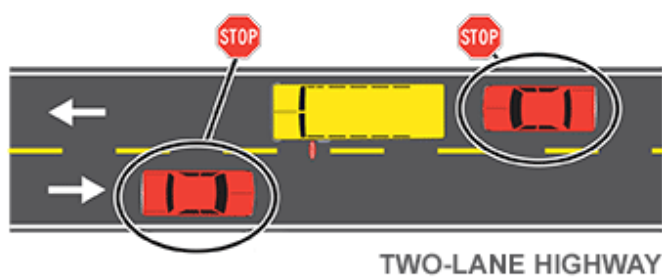
Sincerely –
Justin Gross
Superintendent

IOWA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REQUIRED STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES

SCENARIO 1: YOU ARE TRAVELING ON A TWO- OR THREE-LANE ROAD

Approaching the bus from the rear: When you see flashing red or amber warning lights, you are not permitted to pass the school bus and should be prepared to stop. Stop behind the school bus when the school bus stops and the stop arm is extended. Stop no closer than 15 feet from the rear of the bus, and remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and school bus starts moving again. Proceed with caution.

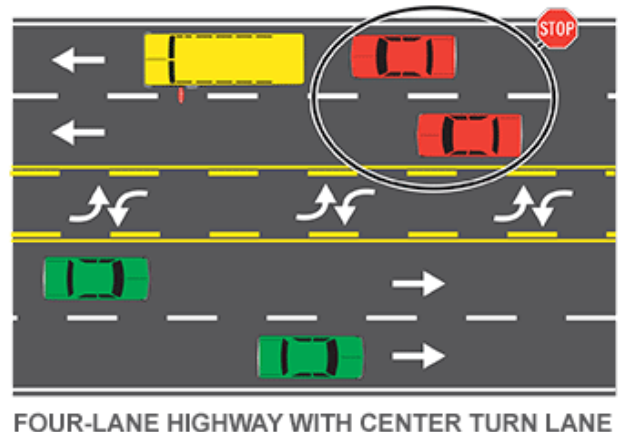
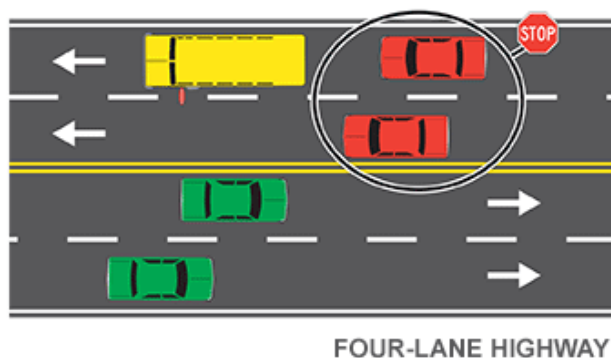
Meeting the bus from the front: When you see amber warning lights flashing you must slow your vehicle to no more than 20 mph and be prepared to stop. Stop in front of the school bus when the school bus stops and its stop arm is extended. Remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted. Proceed with caution.



SCENARIO 2: YOU ARE TRAVELING ON A ROAD WITH TWO OR MORE LANES IN EACH DIRECTION

Approaching the bus from the rear: When approaching from the rear, the rules are the same as for a two- or three- lane road. When you see flashing red or amber warning lights, you are not permitted to pass the school bus and should be prepared to stop. Stop behind the school bus when the school bus stops and its stop arm is extended. Stop no closer than 15 feet from the rear of the bus, and remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and school bus starts moving again. Proceed with caution.

Meeting the bus from the front: When meeting the bus in one of the opposite two lanes (or more), you do not need to stop, even if the bus has stopped with lights flashing and stop arm out. The bus is not permitted to load or unload children who must cross this type of roadway, unless there are official traffic control devices or law enforcement present. This is the only time you may pass a school bus that is stopped and has its stop arm extended.



2020-21 School Hours

Type of Day	Elem	Middle	Jr. High	HS
Teacher Regular Day	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30
Student Regular Day	8:00-3:17	8:05-3:10	8:05-3:10	8:05-3:10
Building Opens for Drop-Off	7:50	7:55	7:55	7:45
Teacher Day on Wednesday	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30	7:30-3:30
Student Day on Wednesday	9:00-3:17	9:05-3:10	9:05-3:10	9:05-3:10
Building Opens on Wednesday	8:50	8:55	8:55	8:45

BUILDING SAFETY MEASURES

In an effort to maintain a safe environment in our schools, all staff in Winterset will be wearing their staff identification badges while on any Winterset School Campus. Additionally, ALL visitors are expected to check into the office of any school building during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) each time they visit the school. Visitors will need their driver's license or state issued identification card

to check in. Our system, LobbyGuard, checks state and national databases for individuals who are on the sex offender list. Once a visitor has been cleared, they will be issued a Visitor Badge. This must be worn at all times while in the building. Our staff will be asking people who do not have a badge to return to the office immediately. While this may be a slight inconvenience, this measure will provide better protection for our students.

NOTIFY SCHOOL OF CHANGES

To make any changes to your personal information, please go to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Select Demographics, Household Information, Family Member and click Update for any information you wish to update.

Once you make your changes, you will need to click "Sent Update". This information will be reviewed by the administration office and will be automatically updated in Infinite Campus once approved.

You can update: address, home phone, cell phone, work phone and emergency contact.

It is very important that this information is up to date and accurate in case of an emergency with your child.

If you currently don't have access to the Parent Portal, forms are available online or at your child's school. If you don't have computer access, please contact the District Office at (515) 462-2718.

School Fees

Food Service Program:*

Breakfast	\$1.90 per meal
PK-3 Lunch	\$2.50 per meal
4-12 Lunch	\$2.75 per meal
Second Lunch	\$3.85 per meal
Student Guest (all grades)	\$3.85 per meal
Adult Lunch	\$3.85 per meal
Milk 1/2 pint	50¢ each

NOTICE: Students with no available account balance will not be allowed to charge any further meals until a deposit is received.

*Application forms for Free & Reduced meals and waiver of school fees are available online through the Parent Portal.

Textbook & Computer Fees:

Kindergarten - 6th Grade	\$40.00
7th - 12th Grade	\$75.00
Computer-Damage	\$10.00*
Computer-Lost/Stolen	\$1,000.00*

*Subject to additional charges

PAST DUE FEES MUST BE PAID

All past due student fees/lunch accounts must be paid before school starts. Past due fees are posted on **Parent Portal**.

All fees and lunch account deposits can be paid through the Parent Portal, or at the Administration Building or the school buildings. Current fees are due October 15th.

Free & Reduced-Price Meals are Available

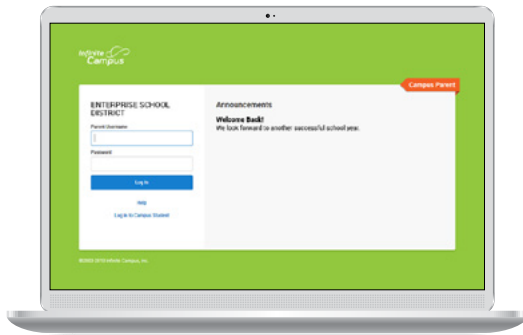
Children need healthy meals to learn, and our schools offer healthy meals every school day. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Application forms are available on your Parent Portal.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOKS

The Winterset Student/Parent Handbooks are posted **on the district website under the Parent tab**. We have produced a district-wide handbook that aligns to board policies and current state law. The handbook includes addendums for each school, covering building specific expectations. Paper copies are available in each school's office. All students are expected to follow the policies, procedures and expectations. Please take the time to review the handbooks with your child.



Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.

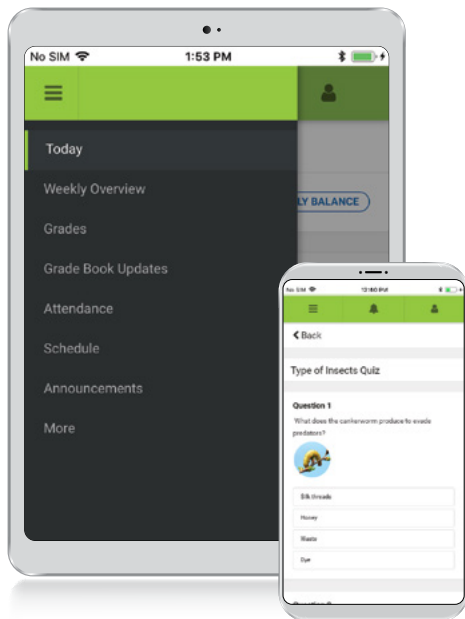


Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

- » Announcements
- » Assignments
- » Attendance
- » Grades
- » Schedules

AND



Download the Mobile App Campus Student and Campus Parent

Announcements

Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



Infinite Campus Mobile Apps can be downloaded through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



Learn more at
infinitecampus.com/parents-students

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How to Find “Time for Me,” Sept. 10

Rosa Gonzalez, ISU family life specialist, will introduce an exciting way to take control of your own wellbeing.



Emotional and Social Wellbeing, Sept. 17

MacKenzie DeJong, ISU family life specialist, will lead a lively discussion on building strong relationships.



Managing Your Money, Sept. 24

Kalyn Cody, ISU financial specialist, will show you the first easy steps to improving your financial wellbeing.



Physical Wellbeing, Oct. 1

Mary Krisco, ISU nutrition and wellness specialist, will help you begin small habits that can bring big changes in your physical health.



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FFA OFFICERS VISIT COLT CONFERENCE

On August 10th, Megan Riley, Sydney Sheffield and Justin Decker as part of the FFA officer team, attended the 2020 South Central District COLT Conference held at the FFA enrichment center in Ankeny. Throughout the morning, officers had the opportunity to meet members from other chapters, participate in team-bonding activities with district and state officers, gain leadership skills about their offices and gain insight on how to create a stronger team culture. All of the officers are excited to start planning activities and come together as a chapter this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emma Deppe
Chapter Co Reporter



School Supplies

If you are having trouble covering the cost of school supplies for your child(ren), please contact Community Resources in Service to People (CRISP) at 515-462-9400 or email us at crisp@familyresourcelink.org. We can supply a backpack with grade level appropriate school supplies for your student.





Welcome to the band! I am Ms. Willis, the band teacher for Winterset Middle School. I am so happy to extend the opportunity for you to join our band program! Joining the band is an awesome way to make friends, express yourself, and just have a TON of fun. Anyone is welcome to join band class, no previous experience necessary!

We do not know a start date as it will likely be later in the year due to our current situation. Once we know what school will look like and have a safe plan in place, I will contact with more information.

Please view the link below to learn more about our band program. At the end of the presentation, you will have the opportunity to sign up for band. Once you have watched the videos feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

[2020 Beginning Band Information](#)

Vicki Willis
Winterset Middle School Band Director
vwillis@winterset.k12.ia.us



Birthday in a Bag



Don't forget CRISP's Birthday in a Bag program, sponsored by our local Rotary Club. CRISP clients can receive a gift bag that includes a cake mix and frosting, cake pan, party supplies and birthday card, along with an age appropriate book for their child's birthday. Please call CRISP at 515-462-9400 to reserve your Birthday in a Bag.



WHS Guidance Department

Visit the Guidance Webpage at www.winterset.k12.ia.us/Page/1552.

INFORMATION SENIORS SHOULD KNOW

- FAFSA! Students going to college during the 2021-2021 academic year are encouraged to complete the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2020. The tax questions will ask for data from tax year 2019. The deadline will be July 1, 2021.

- All seniors will need to meet with Mr. Seufert where your individual folder, including transcripts, will be reviewed and updated no later than October 1st. Financial aid will also be covered.

- Some of you are already in the process of applying for college. Official Transcripts can be sent anytime. Let Mrs. Wetzel in the office know when you have applied, she will send your transcripts to your selected college. Colleges will not accept a transcript from you.

- Juniors & Seniors! Please pay attention to the morning announcements and weekly emails. Messages concerning college visits and scholarship information will be in the announcements and posted on the guidance page on the school's website as well as the Beacon each month.

- Seniors must be aware of the deadline for applying at certain colleges. Some select colleges have a

deadline of Dec 1. Please check in the Guidance center and we will help you find the deadline dates.

BEWARE of scholarship search and financial aid service organizations that charge a fee for service. Much of the information you may be seeking is available at no cost. Check with Mr. Seufert or search for free at www.collegeplanning.org.

COLLEGE VISITS & REPRESENTATIVES

Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to visit college representatives when they visit our school. Students may visit representatives as many times as needed during Seminar time.

Seniors may use up to two days for on-campus visits (juniors may have 1). Additional days for on-campus college visits are subject to approval by the principal. Students wishing to make an on-campus visit must pick up the proper form from Mr. Seufert two days in advance of the visit.

Students must have all of the signatures necessary and their work made up in advance for the visit to be approved. The form must be signed by a college representative during the visit. The form must be returned to the office immediately after the visit. If all the procedures are not followed, the absence will be considered a truancy and the student

will receive the appropriate consequence. See Mr. Seufert if you need help arranging a college visit.

The names of colleges and military representatives are always announced at least a week prior to their visit to our campus. Parents are welcome to attend.

MONEY! MONEY!

Our community has available a large amount of funds for local financial assistance for education. You do not have to be a top student to qualify. The applications for local scholarships will be available around Thanksgiving.

AES Engineering Scholarship is offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student. To be eligible, the student needs to answer one of the essay questions at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. DEADLINE is October 5, 2020.

The Horatio Alger Iowa Scholarship annually awards 100 \$3,000 scholarships to students in Iowa. To be eligible you must be enrolled full time as a hs senior, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation. You must pursue a bachelor's degree at the U of Iowa, critical financial need, involvement

in co-curricular and community activities, demonstrate academic achievement (GPA 2.0), and be a resident and citizen of the United States. Apply at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>. DEADLINE is October 26, 2020.

Coca-Cola Scholarships are available at www.coca-colascholars.org. These scholarships are sponsored by our local Coca-Cola Bottler to recognize outstanding seniors. Fifty awards are for \$20,000, payable in equal installments over a four-year period. The remaining 200 awards are for \$4,000. Coca-Cola is also offering two-year scholarships. There are 350 one-time \$1,000 scholarships available. Students must apply on-line. DEADLINE is October 31, 2020.

The Lillard-Miller and Eva Rogan Funds were established to help students finance post high school education. The funds are financed through private contributions. Loans are available for up to \$1,000 per year per student and a maximum of \$3,000 per students. The loans must be paid back. Applications are available on the guidance webpage and in the guidance office and may be completed anytime now through August.

PLEASE CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES AS THE FOLLOWING MAY CHANGE



Check for updates at raccoonriverconference.org
or call the high school at 462-3320.

HIGH SCHOOL 9TH & VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 4	4:15/7:00	9/V	Creston-OM	Creston
Sep 11	4:15/7:00	9/V	Glenwood	Glenwood
Sep 18	4:30/7:15	9/V	Carlisle	Winterset
Sep 25	4:30/7:15	9/V	DM Hoover-Homecoming	Home

HIGH SCHOOL JV FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 7	6:00 pm	JV	Creston-OM	Winterset
Sep 14	6:00 pm	JV	Waukee	Winterset
Sep 21	5:30 pm	JV	Carlisle	Carlisle
Sep 28	6:00 pm	JV	DCG	DCG

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 15	4:15 PM	7th A/B	ADM	ADM
		8th A/B	ADM	Winterset
Sep 22	4:15 PM	7th A/B	Carlisle	Winterset
		8th A/B	Carlisle	Carlisle
Sep 29	4:15 PM	7th A/B	Perry	Perry
		8th A/B	Perry	Winterset

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 1	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Bond-Far	Bondurant
Sep 5	9:00 am	Varsity	Atlantic Tournament	Atlantic
Sep 8	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Boone	Winterset
Sep 12	8:30 am	JV Black	Indianola Tourn	Indianola
Sep 15	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Carlisle	Carlisle
Sep 17	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Carroll	Carroll
Sep 19	8:00 am	V	Bondurant-Farrar Tourn	Bondurant
Sep 19	9:00 am	JV Black/Gold	Winterset Tourn	Winterset
Sep 22	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Gilbert	Winterset
Sep 24	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	North Polk	North Polk
Sep 26	8:30 am	JV Black	Johnston	Johnston
Sep 29	5:30 pm	JV Black/Gold/V	Perry	Winterset

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 10	4:15 pm	7th	ADM	Winterset-MS
		8th	ADM	ADM
Sep 14	4:15 pm	7th	North Polk	Winterset-MS
		8th	North Polk	North Polk
Sep 21	4:15 pm	7th	Boone	Winterset-MS
		8th	Boone	Boone
Sep 24	4:15 pm	7th	Ballard	Huxley
		8th	Ballard	Winterset-MS
Sep 28	4:15 pm	7th	Perry	Perry
		8th	Perry	Winterset-MS

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 1	5:00 pm	JV/V	DC-G Invitational	DC-G
Sep 8	4:30 pm	JV/V	Winterset Invitational	Winterset
Sep 10	4:45 pm	JV/V	Greene Co Invite	Spring Lake
Sep 14	4:30 pm	JV/V	Ballard Invite	Huxley
Sep 22	4:00 pm	JV/V	Creston Invite	Creston, SWCC
Sep 29	4:15 pm	JV/V	Knoxville Invite	Pine Knolls CC

JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Sep 8	4:30 PM	7/8	Winterset Invite	Winterset
Sep 14	4:30 PM	7/8	Ballard-Huxley	Huxley
Sep 22	4:00 PM	7/8	Creston Invitational	Creston

ADMISSION PRICES

Admission prices to all Varsity events will be \$5 for everyone. Sub-varsity events will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Tournaments will be \$5 for everyone. Junior high events will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

ADULT ACTIVITIES TICKETS

Adults have several options available for activity tickets. A \$110 adult pass is good for all events during the school year except state sponsored activities. A family pass may be purchased for \$250.

Any person age sixty-five (65) or older, is eligible to obtain a Senior Citizen Pass.

The season tickets can now be purchased with credit card or debit card on the Parent Portal and picked up at the High School office. If you have any questions regarding these, feel free to call Randy McDonald, Activities Director at 462-3320.

STUDENT ACTIVITY TICKETS

An activity ticket admits a student to all "home" activities except those sponsored by the state associations. The activity ticket must be presented for admission or the regular admission price will be charged.

A junior high/high school activity ticket is \$55, which includes all junior high/high school activities, including Fine Arts. Tickets may be purchased at high school office and on Parent Portal.



Game Night Guidance

The focus for our game night spectator guidance is to find the safest way possible to allow parents and a few others to watch our games in person. All home football and volleyball games will be live streamed on the Winterset Huskies YouTube channel. The link will be communicated via the Winterset Huskies Twitter account (@WintersetHusky), the Winterset Huskies Facebook Page (Winterset Huskies), and on the Winterset Huskies Activity Web Page (www.wintersetcsrschoolteams.com). This will enable viewing of the game for those that are unable to attend.

Admissions:

- Event capacity will be limited due to COVID-19 for 9/Varsity Friday night home football games and JV/V home volleyball games.
- **ALL Spectators MUST have a TICKET VOUCHER to enter the event.**
 - The voucher will enable the user to either purchase a ticket (\$5) **OR** use their Winterset activity pass, Booster Club pass, or senior citizen pass.
 - 9-12 students should see the school announcements for when vouchers will be available.
 - The general public will have access to vouchers **one day prior to game day and, if any remain, on game day.** 2 vouchers will be available for each member of the general public.
 - **Vouchers will be available in the HS Activity Office, located in the new HS office, during office hours, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday.**
 - Activity pass purchases are strongly encouraged to reduce cash transactions.
- An allotment of vouchers will be given to the visiting schools administration to distribute.
- If cash is used, the exact amount is highly recommended.

General Spectator Information:

- Spectators are responsible for their own health screenings. If you are not feeling well, showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or have been around someone who is COVID-19 positive, stay home.
- Masks are strongly recommended by all spectators.
- Frequent Hand Washing and good hygiene practices are recommended.

Seating Recommendations:

- Spectators should social distance from anyone outside their family.
- We ask that you **NOT** sit in a row or area marked with blue tape.
- There will be no seating in the first 2 rows of the bleachers for volleyball games.
- There will **NOT** be a MS/JH student section at football or volleyball games.
- K-8 students are expected to sit with their family.
- 9-12 students should use every other row at the south end of the football bleachers or gym as marked and **NOT** use the rows marked with blue tape. Masks are strongly recommended.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and social distance in our grass areas for football games.

Other Considerations:

- Concessions will be provided. Please follow signage and social distance.
- No footballs or other balls are allowed into the stadium or event.
- Pets are not permitted inside the facility. Service animals with appropriate credentials are permitted and welcome.
- No outside food or drink is permitted. Each spectator may bring in one unopened, sealed bottle of water.



HUSKY BOOSTER CLUB

2020-21 MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Name (as you would like it to appear in the program at athletic events):

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION LEVEL (SELECT ONE):

_____ VIP MEMBERSHIP - \$1000

Includes 6 Annual Passes*, \$100 voucher for Husky gear, listing on program and website and recognized at halftime of game with framed letter (pins future years).

_____ DIAMOND MEMBERSHIP - \$750

Includes 4 Annual Passes*, \$70 voucher for Husky gear, listing on program and website and recognized at halftime of game with framed letter (pins future years).

_____ PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP - \$500

Includes 2 Annual Passes*, \$50 voucher for Husky gear, and listing on program and website.

_____ GOLD MEMBERSHIP - \$300

Includes 1 Annual Pass*, \$25 voucher for Husky gear, and listing on program and website.

_____ SILVER MEMBERSHIP - \$200

Includes 1 Annual Pass*, \$10 voucher for Husky gear, and listing on program and website.

_____ BLACK MEMBERSHIP - \$150

\$50 voucher for Husky gear and listing on program and website.

_____ BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - \$100

\$30 voucher for Husky gear and listing on program and website.

_____ HUSKY MEMBERSHIP - \$50

\$10 voucher for Husky gear and listing on program and website.

*Annual Passes are good for the 2019-20 school year for all athletic events (excludes district and regional games.)

Please mail this form with a check payable to:
Husky Booster Club, 624 Husky Dr., Winterset, IA 50273

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Your membership in the Husky Booster Club is a great way to show your support to our student athletes and fine arts participants.

Money raised by the Husky Booster Club directly benefits all High School and Junior High athletic and fine arts programs. Thanks to your support, the Husky Booster Club has provided over \$40,000 in uniforms, equipment, and other items to these programs in the past three years, some of which include:

- Baseball Pitching Machine
- Dance Team Entry Fees
- Boys Basketball Ball Rack
- Athletic Training
- Sport Scope for Football
- Sports Posters for Teams
- Shoot-A-Way machine for Boys and Girls Basketball
- Bats, Tees, Practice Balls for Softball and Baseball
- Golf Rules Tags
- Piano for Choir and Band
- Softball Pitching Machine
- Team Uniforms & Warm-ups for: Boys Basketball, Girls Track, Baseball, Boys Track, Cheerleading, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, Wrestling

BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Kleemeir- Pres.

Wade Banning - VP

Terry McNamara

Marilyn McNamara

Tami Ryerson

John McDonald

Jeff and Tina Thompson

Bob Benshoof

Charlie Easter

Candi Dole

Ben Messer

Marty Hirsch

Matt Wiseman

Rob and Amy Hall

Lewis and Candace Jordan

Peter Corkrean

Tom Acton



2020-21 Winterset Community School Supply List

KINDERGARTEN - 3rd GRADE

Please LABEL all items with your child's name. * Please replace items as needed.

Kindergarten

- ❖ 1 Large Eraser
- ❖ 1 pocket folder w/bottom pockets (no center prongs)
- ❖ 5-#2 Pencils-(plain yellow-no decorated pencils)*
- ❖ 5"X 8" Pencil Box
- ❖ Scissors-Blunt tip (Fiskars recommended)
- ❖ 4 Glue Sticks*
- ❖ 1 Box-24 Count Crayola Crayons*
- ❖ 1 Pkgs. Washable Markers-Basic 8 colors*
- ❖ 1 Box 8-12 Colored Pencils (Crayola recommended)*
- ❖ 1 Paint shirt (old shirt, sleeves cut off, big enough to cover clothes)
- ❖ 1 Backpack/Book Bag large -**Washable**
- ❖ **Face Mask**
- ❖ **Hand Sanitizer**

2nd Grade

- ❖ 4 Plastic Folders
 - 1 Red, 1 Green, 1 Blue, 1 Purple
- ❖ 1 Large Eraser
- ❖ 1 Pkg. Washable markers- 8 classic colors
- ❖ 20-#2 Pencils-(plain yellow-No decorated pencils)*
 - **No Mechanical Pencils**
- ❖ 5"X 8" Pencil Box
- ❖ Scissors-5" pointed
- ❖ 1 Box 24 count Crayola Crayons*
- ❖ 2 Glue Sticks*
- ❖ 1 Highlighter-any color
- ❖ 2 Spiral Notebooks-wide rule
- ❖ 1 Composition Notebook (for math)
- ❖ 1 Pkg Post-It Notes (large or small)
- ❖ Earbuds w/ microphone-inexpensive
- ❖ 1 Backpack/Book Bag large -**Washable**
- ❖ **Face Mask**
- ❖ **Hand Sanitizer**

1st Grade

- ❖ 1 two-pocket folder (no center prongs)
 - **plastic/washable**
- ❖ 1 Large Eraser
- ❖ 10-#2 Pencils (plain yellow-no decorated pencils)*
- ❖ 5"X 8" Pencil Box
- ❖ Scissors-5" pointed (Fiskars recommended)
- ❖ 4 Glue Sticks*
- ❖ 1 Box 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- ❖ 1 Pkg Washable Markers-Basic 8 colors
- ❖ 2 Highlighters
- ❖ 1 Pkg Post-It Notes
- ❖ 1 Spiral Notebook
- ❖ 1 Backpack/Book Bag large -**Washable**
- ❖ **Face Mask**
- ❖ **Hand Sanitizer**

3rd Grade

- ❖ Zipper Pencil Pouch
- ❖ Expo Dry Eraser
- ❖ 1 Large Eraser
- ❖ #2 Pencils* (plain yellow-No decorated ones)
 - **No Mechanical Pencils**
- ❖ 1 Box 8-12 Crayola Colored Pencils*
- ❖ 2 Spiral Notebooks-Wide Rule
- ❖ 1 Backpack/Book Bag large-**Washable**
- ❖ **Face Mask/Hand Sanitizer**

Donations of the following are appreciated: Large box of Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Sandwich/Gallon Ziplocks, Dry Erase Markers, Hand Sanitizer. Please stick to your child's supply list! We have limited storage so supplies brought that are beyond what a student needs will be sent home.



2020-21 WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please mark all items with your child's name. Replace all items as needed throughout the school year.

4th -8th Grade: Donations of a Large box of Kleenex would be appreciated.

ALL BINDERS & DIVIDERS NEED TO BE PLASTIC OR WASHABLE!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES	4 TH Grade (Qty Needed)	5 TH Grade (Qty Needed)	6 TH Grade (Qty Needed)
2" or 3" 3 ring binder	1	1	1
Zipper pencil pouch	1	1	1
Subject dividers (without pockets)	0	0	5
Pocket Folder (3 hole punched)	4	4 (diff colors/ designs)	1
#2 Pencils (replace as needed)	2 dozen	2 dozen	2 dozen
Red ball point pens	2	0	0
Colored pencils	Pack of 24	Pack of 24	Pack of 24
Highlighters (2 colors)	0	0	2
Markers	0	1 pack	0
Dry Erase Markers (replace as needed)	1 pack	1 pack	1 pack
Pkgs notebook paper (wide ruled)	2	0	1
Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled)	1	2	2
3"X 3" sticky notes	0	0	1
3" X 5" index cards	0	0	1 pack
Large eraser	0	0	1
Glue stick	1	1	1
5" pointed/sharp scissors	1	0	1
Basic calculator	0	0	1
Ear buds	1	1	1
Backpack-Washable	1	1	1
Fabric Mask/ Hand Sanitizer	1	1	1
Note: No locker decorations/magnets			

7th & 8th Grade

- 1.5" -3 Ring Binder
- Zipper Pencil Pouch
- 8 Subject Dividers or Folders
- 4 Pkg #2 Pencils (replace as needed)
- 4 Pack Ballpoint Pens(replace as needed)
- 2-Highlighters (2 colors)
- 1- Pkg Notebook Paper (wide rule)
- 1- 3 Subject notebook for Algebra-**8th Grd**
- 2 Spiral Notebooks- 1 for Literacy, 1 for general purpose-**7th Grd**
- 3" X 3" Sticky Notes (replace as needed)
- 2- Glue Sticks (replace as needed)
- 8-12 Black Expo White Board Markers (low odor)
- 1- Pkg Colored Pencils
- 1 Large Eraser
- 1- 12" Ruler-Inches & metric markings
- Scissors
- 1-Pkg Index Cards-3x5
- Basic Function or Scientific Calculator
- Ear Buds
- 1-Master Brand Padlock (for PE locker)
- T-shirt/shorts/sock/gym shoes for PE
- Backpack/Book Bag-Washable
- Face Mask/Hand Sanitizer

9th-12th Grade

- ❖ 1.5" - 3 Ring Binder
- ❖ Zipper Pencil Pouch
- ❖ #2 or Mechanical Pencils
- ❖ 2-Ballpoint Pens-Blue or Black
- ❖ 1 Ballpoint Pen-Red
- ❖ 2 Highlighters (2 colors)
- ❖ 1-pkg Notebook Paper-college rule (replace as needed)
- ❖ Basic Function Calculator
- ❖ Sticky Notes
- ❖ 4-Spiral Notebooks-college rule
- ❖ Ear Buds
- ❖ Backpack/Book Bag-Washable
- ❖ Face Mask
- ❖ Hand Sanitizer

2020-2021 Winterset Community School Calendar Board Approved (08.24.20)

CALENDAR LEGEND

Start

No School

End of Quarter

Teacher Contract Days

178 Student Contact Days

2 Conference Comp Days (11.25 & 4.5)

5 Pre-Service/Engagement Days

1 Work Flex Day** (8.21 OR June)

2 PD Days (11.24 & 2.15)

1 Innovation Day*** (10.26)

1 TQ Day*** (11.23)

190 Days

***TQ=contract day as long as funded by state

New Teacher Days

August 3 (1/2 day, 8am-noon)

August 12 & 13

New teachers work August 21 Flex Day

Late Start Wednesdays

School begins 1 hour late every

Wednesday for professional development.

*Cancelled school days may be made up at end of school year (June).

**Teacher work day is flexed for returning teachers. Work 1 day either August 21 or June 1. Notification to principal at checkout in spring.

***Innovation and TQ Days are professional development for certified staff.

****Adjustments may be made to end of 2nd, 3rd or 4th quarter/term if more than 2 days are cancelled.

August					Hours	Days
M	T	W	Th	F		
03	04	05	06	07		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28	31.5	5
31					38.0	6
September						
	01	02	03	04	63.0	10
07	08	09	10	11	88.0	14
14	15	16	17	18	119.5	19
21	22	23	24	25	151.0	24
28	29	30			169.5	27
October						
			01	02	182.5	29
05	06	07	08	09	214.0	34
12	13	14	15	16	245.5	39
19	20	21	22	23	275.0	44
26	27	28	29	30	300.0	48
November						
02	03	04	05	06	331.5	53
09	10	11	12	13	363.0	58
16	17	18	19	20	394.5	63
23	24	25	26	27		
30					401.0	64
December						
	01	02	03	04	426.0	68
07	08	09	10	11	457.5	73
14	15	16	17	18	489.0	78
21	22	23	24	25	502.0	80
28	29	30	31			
January						
				01		
04	05	06	07	08	533.5	85
11	12	13	14	15	563.0	90
18	19	20	21	22	594.5	95
25	26	27	28	29	626.0	100
February						
01	02	03	04	05	657.5	105
08	09	10	11	12	689.0	110
15	16	17	18	19	714.0	114
22	23	24	25	26	745.5	119
March						
01	02	03	04	05	777.0	124
08	09	10	11	12	808.5	129
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26	838.0	134
29	30	31			856.5	137
April						
			01	02	869.5	139
05	06	07	08	09	894.5	143
12	13	14	15	16	926.0	148
19	20	21	22	23	957.5	153
26	27	28	29	30	989.0	158
May						
03	04	05	06	07	1020.5	163
10	11	12	13	14	1052.0	168
17	18	19	20	21	1083.5	173
24	25	26	27	28	1113.0	178
31	*+2 conference days				1129.0	
June						
	01	02	03	04		

Date	Events
Aug 12-13	New Teacher Days
Aug 14-20	Teacher Pre-Service
Aug 20	Elem Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	MS Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	JH Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	HS Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 21	Teacher Work Day – Flex**
Aug 24	First Day of School
Sept 2	No School-Teacher work day
Sept 7	Labor Day (No School)
Sept 25	Homecoming
Oct 5	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
Oct 6 & 14	MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Oct 13 & 15	Elem Conferences (4:00-8:00)
Oct 23	End of 1 st Quarter (44 days)
	2-hour early dismissal
Oct 26	Innovation Day-outbound (No School)
Nov 10 & 12	JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Nov 23	TQ Day (No School)
Nov 24	PD Day (No School)
Nov 25	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Dec 9	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
Dec 23-Jan 1	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 15	End 1 st Semester (46 days)
	2-hour early dismissal
Feb 2 & 8	MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Feb 15	PD Day (No School)
Feb 16 & 18	JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Feb 24	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
March 9 & 11	Elem Conferences (4:00-8:00)
March 15-19	Spring Break
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter (44 days)
	2-hour early dismissal
April 5	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
April 28	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
May 21	Seniors Last Day
May 23	Graduation
May 28	Last Day for Students* (44 days)
	2-hour early dismissal
June 1	Teacher Work Day – Flex**

*49 hours overage for snow days

2020-2021 Winterset Community School – Preschool Calendar Board Approved (11.11.19)

CALENDAR LEGEND

Start/End

No School

M	T	W	Th	F	Days
September					
	01	02	03	04	13
07	08	09	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			
October					
			01	02	29
05	06	07	08	09	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
November					
02	03	04	05	06	40
09	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30					
December					
	01	02	03	04	53
07	08	09	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		
January					
				01	68
04	05	06	07	08	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	
February					
01	02	03	04	05	81
08	09	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
March					
01	02	03	04	05	94
08	09	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			
April					
			01	02	111
05	06	07	08	09	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
May					
03	04	05	06	07	123
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	

Date Events

*No Preschool on Wednesday plus the additional days noted

Sept 7 Labor Day (No School)
Sept 8 First Day of Preschool
Sept 25 Homecoming

Oct 23 No Preschool
End of 1st Quarter
Oct 26 No Preschool

Nov 5 & 10 No Preschool - Conferences
Nov 23-27 No Preschool-Fall Break

Dec 23-Jan 1 No Preschool-Winter Break

Jan 4 Classes Resume
Jan 15 No Preschool
End of 1st Semester

Feb 9 & 16 No Preschool - Conferences
Feb 15 No Preschool

March 15-19 No Preschool-Spring Break
March 26 No Preschool
End of 3rd Quarter

April 5 No Preschool

May 21 Last Day for Preschool



Iowa Spanish Helpline 515-344-3936

Call us for help in Spanish, we provide confidential assistance to:

- Fill out forms
- Read correspondence
- Connect you to local, state or federal resources
- Provide advocacy
- Answer any type of questions

Note: We do not provide financial aid, we provide information about the agencies that provide the aid.



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Línea de Ayuda

515-344-3936

**Llámenos para recibir ayuda en español, le podemos ayudar
confidencialmente a:**

- Llenar formularios
- Leer correspondencia
- Conectarlo con recursos locales, estatales o federales
- Proveerle abogacía
- Contestar todas sus preguntas

Nota: nosotros no proveemos ayuda financiera, solamente le damos información sobre las agencias que proveen la ayuda.



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District Notices

Each year, various state and federal laws, as well as School Board policies, require the district to provide a variety of annual notifications to parents. Many of these notifications can also be found in student/parent handbooks, or on the school district website.

Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Winterset Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following service areas:

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Health Occupation Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Industrial Education
- Marketing Education

Admission Criteria for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Courses:

In order to enroll in a career and technical education course, students must successfully complete prerequisite course(s) (if applicable). In order to enroll in a career and technical course offered for concurrent credit through Des Moines Area Community College, students must have passed prerequisite course(s) (if applicable) or be identified as talented and gifted. Lack of English language skill will not be barrier to admission and participation in Winterset Community School's CTE programs.

It is the policy of the Winterset Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, marital status (for program), ethnic background, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age (for employment), or socio-economic background (for program) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the District office at 303 Wambold Dr., Winterset, IA or call 515.462.2718. The District's Equity Coordinator is Corey St. John Director of Teaching & Learning(cstjohn@winterset.k12.ia.us)

Asbestos Notification – September 2020

The Asbestos Management Plan for Winterset Community Schools is on file and available for review at the office of Ray Dawson at 923 East Lane Street in Winterset. The periodic surveillance required by the plan was performed on January 10, 2020, and the required three-year re-inspection was completed August 5, 2020.

Asbestos locations in the District as identified in the Asbestos Management Plan re-inspection August 5, 2020 are as follows:

- High School
- Elementary School
- Central Offices/Academy (Old MS)

Specific locations are indicated in the Management Plan and are available for review. Asbestos locations are not accessible to students or the public and are assessed low risk.

Questions should be directed to Physical Operations Director, Ray Dawson at (515) 462-2550.

Corporal Punishment, Restraint, and Physical Confinement and Detention

State law forbids district employees from using corporal punishment against any student. Board Policy series 500. Certain actions by district employees are not considered corporal punishment. Additionally, district employees may use “reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain” to do certain things such as prevent harm to persons or property. Employees are provided annual training on this law.

State law also places limits on district employees’ abilities to restrain or confine and detain any student. The law limits why, how, where, and for how long a school employee may restrain or confine and detain a child. If a child is restrained or confined and detained, the school must maintain documentation and must provide certain types of notice to the child’s parent.

If you have any questions about this state law, please contact your school. The complete text of the law and additional information is available on the Iowa Department of Education’s website: www.educateiowa.gov.

Equal-Educational Opportunity

Winterset Community School District does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, identity, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, military affiliation, socioeconomic status or familial status in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IV and Title XIII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendment, Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Iowa Code #216.9. Students are educated in programs which foster knowledge of, and respect and appreciation for, the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups, as well as men and women, to society. Students who feel they have been discriminated against may direct inquiries and grievances to Superintendent of Schools, 303 Wambold Dr., PO Box 30, Winterset, IA 50273, (515) 462-2718, or the Director of Iowa Civil Rights Commission, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60661. Staff and others may contact the district Affirmative Action Coordinator. The Affirmative Action Coordinator can be reached at (515) 462-2718. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114, (816) 268-0550, or the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146, (515) 281-5294.

Fees

The district charges fees for certain items, such as textbook rental. Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or students who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. Students whose families are experiencing a temporary financial difficulty may be eligible for a temporary waiver of student fees. Parents or students who believe they may qualify for temporary financial assistance should contact their school secretary for a waiver form. This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually. A schedule of school district fees can be found in the handbook..

Free and Reduced Meals Program

If your total household income is within the limits set by the federal government, you may be eligible for either free or reduced-price school meals. If you qualify for free or reduced-price meals, you may also be eligible for food assistance benefits from the State of Iowa, Department of Human Services (DHS).

If you need an application or information about free and reduced food guidelines, please contact the Administration Office at (515) 462-2718.

For information about state food assistance benefits, contact 1-877-937-3663 (1-877-YES-FOOD), or apply online at www.yesfood.iowa.gov.

Grievance Procedure

It is the policy of the Winterset Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Equity Coordinator, 303 Wambold Dr., Winterset, IA [\(515\) 462-2718](tel:5154622718).

Students, parents of students, employees, and applicants for employment in the school district have the right to file a formal complaint alleging discrimination. The district has policies and procedures in place to identify and investigate complaints alleging discrimination. If appropriate, the district will take steps to prevent the recurrence of discrimination and to correct its discriminatory effects on the Complainant and others.

A Complainant may attempt to resolve the problem informally by discussing the matter with a building principal or a direct supervisor. However, the Complainant has the right to end the informal process at any time and pursue the formal grievance procedures outlined below. Use of the informal or formal grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies. Please note that informal processes and procedures are not to be used in certain circumstances (e.g., sexual harassment and sexual assault).

Filing a Complaint

A Complainant who wishes to avail himself/herself of this grievance procedure may do so by filing a complaint with the equity coordinator. An alternate will be designated in the event it is claimed that the equity coordinator or superintendent committed the alleged discrimination or some other conflict of interest exists. Complaints shall be filed within 5 working days of the event giving rise to the complaint or from the date the Complainant could reasonably become aware of such occurrence. The Complainant will state the nature of the complaint and the remedy requested. The equity coordinator shall assist the Complainant as needed.

Investigation

Within 15 working days, the equity coordinator will begin the investigation of the complaint or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation (hereinafter "equity coordinator"). If the Complainant is under 18 years of age, the equity coordinator shall notify his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) that they may attend investigatory meetings in which the Complainant is involved. The complaint and identity of the Complainant, Respondent, or witnesses will only be disclosed as reasonably necessary in connection with the investigation or as required by law or policy. The investigation may include, but is not limited to the following:

- A request for the Complainant to provide a written statement regarding the nature of the complaint;
- A request for the individual named in the complaint to provide a written statement;
- A request for witnesses identified during the course of the investigation to provide a written statement;
- Interviews of the Complainant, Respondent, or witnesses;
- An opportunity to present witnesses or other relevant information; and
- Review and collection of documentation or information deemed relevant to the investigation.

Within 60 working days, the equity coordinator shall complete the investigation and issue a report with respect to the findings. The equity coordinator shall notify the Complainant and Respondent of the decision within 5 working days of completing the written report. Notification shall be by U.S. mail, first class.

Decision and Appeal

The complaint is closed after the equity coordinator has issued the report, unless within 5 working days after receiving the decision, either party appeals the decision to the superintendent by making a written request detailing why he/she believes the decision should be reconsidered. The equity coordinator shall promptly forward all materials relative to the complaint and appeal to the superintendent. Within 30 working days, the superintendent shall affirm,

reverse, amend the decision, or direct the equity coordinator to gather additional information. The superintendent shall notify the Complainant, Respondent, and the equity coordinator of the decision within 5 working days of the decision. Notification shall be by U.S. mail, first class. The decision of the superintendent shall be final.

Handbooks and Board Policies

Each year, students/parents may receive a copy of the student/parent handbook. Handbooks and school board policies are posted on the district website at www.winterset.k12.ia.us. Parents are strongly encouraged to review the handbook and policies of the Board of Education with their student so that both understand the regulations and expectations of the district for students. Handbooks include many important annual notices and information about policies students and their parents are responsible for knowing and understanding. Ignorance of the contents of the handbooks and the policies of the Board of Education excuses no one from complying with these regulations.

Highly Qualified Teacher/Title 1 Parent Notification

The Winterset Community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.

Homeless Students

In accordance with 281 IAC Chapter 33, Iowa Administrative Code, the Winterset Community School District is required to give written notice to homeless children and families if the district is going to deny access to their educational programs. Homeless children and families may obtain free legal services by contacting:

Legal Aid Society of Polk County
1111 9th Street – 3rd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50314
1-515-243-1193

Chapter 33 of the Iowa Administrative Code defines “homeless child or youth” as a child or youth from the age of three years through 21 years who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes the following:

- A child or youth who is sharing the housing for other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; is living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; is abandoned in a hospital; or is awaiting foster care placement
- A child or youth who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- A child or youth who is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station or similar setting, or
- A migratory child or youth who qualifies as homeless because the child or youth is living in circumstances described in paragraphs “1” through “3” above

Human Growth and Development

The district provides students with instruction in human growth and development. Parents may review this curriculum prior to its use and have their child excused from human growth and development instruction. Parents should contact the classroom teacher, if they wish to review the curriculum or to excuse their child from human growth and development instruction.

Internet Use and Opt-Out

The Winterset Community School District offers a variety of online tools for students and teachers on the district website. Depending upon the class, students may have opportunities to download class materials, complete assignments online, participate in classroom moderated blogs, and use the internet for research and more. Because

of these expanded capabilities, we offer the opportunity for parents to opt children out of Web use in this manner. We ask that you read the notice below, and only return the form to your school office if you do not agree to the terms within. The form is available at registration or in any school office.

Internet Use Statement – As a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in Winterset Community School District, I recognize that in accordance with School Board Policy, my student has access to district-owned and operated computer systems, networks, and the Internet. Some of these systems are interactive in nature, and allow my student to participate in online activities designed to enhance and extend classroom learning opportunities. I understand that this access is delivered under the direct supervision of a teacher or other trained adult employee.

Furthermore, I understand that while the Winterset Community School District strives to provide protection from all objectionable material found on the Internet, some objectionable material is impossible to filter and may inadvertently be accessed. I, as parent or legal guardian, accept responsibility for guidance of appropriate Internet use as it pertains to the exploration and selection of media and information.

Form Instructions

- If you agree with the terms above: No further action is necessary.
- If you do not agree with the terms above: Please fill out and return the internet opt-out form to your student's school. If you have more than one student you wish to opt-out of Web use, please print additional copies and fill one out for each student. If you have questions about the form, please call (515) 462-2718.

Iowa Concussion Legislation

Effective July 1, 2011, Iowa law requires that students in grades 7 – 12 who participate in extracurricular interscholastic activities, cheerleading and dance; and their parents/guardians; must sign a copy of the acknowledgement form and return it to their school.

Students cannot practice or compete in those activities until this form is completed.

In addition, please note this important information from Iowa Code Section 280.13C, Brain Injury Policies:

A child must be immediately removed from participation (practice or competition) if his/her coach or a contest official observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity.

A child may not participate again until a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and other brain injuries has evaluated him/her and the student has received written clearance from that person to return to participation.

Key definitions:

"Licensed health care provider" means a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board.

"Extracurricular interscholastic activity" means any extracurricular interscholastic activity, contest, or practice, including sports, dance, or cheerleading.

Level 1 Investigator: Abuse

The district does not tolerate employees physically or sexually abusing or harassing students. Students who are physically or sexually abused or harassed by an employee should notify their parents, teacher, principal or another employee. The Iowa Department of Education has established a two-step procedure for investigating allegations of physical or sexual abuse of students by employees. That procedure requires the district to designate an independent investigator to look into the allegations. The district has designated the school nurses: Nicole Anderson(PreK-3), Brittany Salton(4-6) and Jozette McCutchan (7-12) at (515) 462-2718, as Level I investigators.

Physical abuse is a non-accidental physical injury that leaves a mark at least 24 hours after the incident. While employees cannot use physical force to discipline a student, there are times when the use of physical force is

appropriate. The times when physical force is appropriate include, but are not limited to, times when it is necessary to stop a disturbance, to obtain a weapon or other dangerous object, for purposes of self-defense or to protect the safety of others, to remove a disruptive student, to protect others from harm, for the protection of property or to protect a student from self-infliction or harm.

Sexual abuse includes, but is not limited to, sexual acts involving a student and intentional sexual behavior as well as sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to such conduct is made either implicitly or explicitly a term or condition of the student's education or benefits; submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that student; or the conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a student's academic performance by creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.

Notice to Parents Regarding Teacher Qualifications

Parents/Guardians in the Winterset Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title 1 program.

Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling (515) 462-2718 or sending a letter of request to Office of the Superintendent, PO Box 30, 303 Wambold Dr., Winterset, IA 50273

Open Enrollment

Iowa's open enrollment law allows students residing in one school district to request transfer to another school district upon the parents' request. Students wishing to open enroll to another school district must apply for open enrollment by March 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which they wish to open enroll unless there is good cause. Open enrolled students from low-income families may qualify for transportation assistance. Open enrollment may result in loss of athletic eligibility for students open enrolling. Winterset Community School District will accept students for open enrollment. You may reference Winterset Board of Education policies on open enrollment on the Winterset Community School District website. Please contact Business Manager for open enrollment questions at (515) 462-2718.

Parents' Roles During Emergencies

Providing a safe place for students to learn and grow is one of the most important responsibilities of any school system. Along with school officials, teachers and staff, families play a critical role in preventing and responding to emergencies. This information is intended to provide parents and guardians with the steps you can take before, during and after an emergency. It is the ABC's of the parent's role during emergencies.

A. Before

Prevention: The Role of Parents in Keeping Schools Safe – Parents and community members play an important role in keeping our schools safe. You can be our eyes and ears by reporting any issues, concerns or rumors related to safety to district or law enforcement officials. Two hotline numbers that are answered 24/7:

- Iowa Health Systems – (515) 244-1000
- Mercy Franklin Center – (515) 271-6111

You also can help by following and supporting all security measures when you visit one of our school buildings. This includes signing in and out at all school district offices and wearing a visitor's badge at all times while in the building.

Contact Information: Another of the most important steps parents can take prior to an emergency is to ensure contact information is updated regularly in the district's Infinite Campus system. Please regularly update emergency and contact telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and other information with your school to ensure you receive information and updates during emergency situations.

It is also important to review and update information regarding who can legally pick-up your child during an emergency. Once this information is on file, you should ensure that those people are aware they have been listed as your “emergency contacts”, and that they may receive messages via phone and/or e-mail during an emergency, weather early out, or other situation.

If your child is on medication, be sure the school has at least a two-day supply.

Create your own family emergency plan. Develop a family communication plan and have a supply kit to sustain you and your family for two to three days. For tips on how to prepare a plan go to www.bereadyiowa.org.

B. During

In a school emergency, the first instinct of many parents is to pick up the telephone and call their child or school, and/or rush to the school to get their children. But the truth is, this only complicates matters from a safety and security standpoint. Parents too close to an incident often hinder rescue attempts of the police and fire officials on the scene. Calling your child’s cell phone may prevent them from hearing important, even life-saving information. Too many parents calling the school also tie up needed phone lines and hinder efforts to communicate. Students will be able to use cell phones if they need immediate assistance and once they are safe.

The best action parents can take in an emergency is to monitor their phone, e-mail and district website for regular updates and instructions.

- **Do not** report to your child’s school during emergency situations. Law enforcement officials will not allow entry to the school site during a lockdown or shelter-in-place.
- **Avoid** calling the school or the district during the emergency.

Notification and Communication: The district is committed to providing parents and guardians with the latest and most accurate information available. Parents will be asked to monitor official emergency updates at the district’s website. In today’s world, it is likely students will be texting and calling parents immediately. **Be aware that information you receive from your child may not always be accurate;** ensure the information you are using is official and comes directly from the Winterset Community School District.

School Emergency Response Protocols: A school crisis can take a number of forms including an environmental event, such as a chemical spill or gas leak; a weather emergency, such as a tornado warning; or an intruder in or near the school. The nature of a school crisis dictates whether district officials will put in place a lockdown, shelter-in-place, evacuation, or any combination of two of these protocols, as a means to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

When and Why are Students and Staff Asked to Lockdown, Shelter-in-Place or Evacuate?

- *Lockdown* -- A lockdown is normally in effect when there is a threat inside the building. Students and staff are removed from harms way by having them safely located inside secure classrooms or other areas inside the building to reduce the risk of being exposed to the source of potential harm. During lockdowns access to the building is prohibited.
- *Shelter-in-Place* – Shelter-in-place is instituted when the threat is outside the building. Students and staff are secured inside a classroom or other areas inside the building reducing the risk for exposure to inclement weather or other potential harm such as a gas release.
- *Evacuation* – Evacuations are typically conducted to remove students and staff from harms way by having them safely evacuate the school and reassemble in a more secure location.

If the school building is evacuated, how will I be able to locate my child?

- Parents will be directed to a specific location where they will be required to show proper identification. At the reunification site, school administrators, police and fire officials account for students and provide aide to those who need it immediately. Students are released only to authorized individuals. If you are a non-custodial parent, you must be listed with your child’s emergency contact information as a guardian and show proper identification.

C. After

Monitor your child's behavior and let the school know if you think counseling or help is needed. Following a school crisis, specially trained school and district crisis team members and social workers are available to provide counseling and outside referrals to students, staff members and others who may need it.

Recovery Plan – Depending on the nature and amount of damage, school maybe moved to a different location. The district will inform parents of any changes.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

1. Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:
 - a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - b. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - c. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - d. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - e. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - f. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 - g. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 - h. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
2. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
 - a. Any other protected information survey regardless of funding;
 - b. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
 - c. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
3. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –
 - a. Protected information surveys of students;
 - b. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - c. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under state law.

Winterset Community School District will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution purposes.

Winterset Community School District will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

Winterset Community School District will also directly notify, such as through U.S. mail, or e-mail, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The district will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the district has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at the time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and are provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution. Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part of the education department.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

Section 504 – Notice of Rights

Winterset Community School District does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act is a non-discrimination statute barring discrimination on the basis of disability. It is the policy of the district not to discriminate on the basis of disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by the Act. The 1973 Rehabilitation Act requires the district to locate, evacuate, and determine if the student is a qualified individual requiring accommodation necessary to provide access to educational programs.

Parents are entitled to the opportunity to review relevant educational records under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The requirements are described in the Board of Education Policy Manual that is available on the district's website (www.winterset.k12.ia.us). Parents/guardians disagreeing with the decisions reached by district personnel regarding necessary accommodations for access to the educational program may request a hearing before an impartial hearing officer by notifying the districts' ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. The parent/guardian is entitled to participate in the hearing and to be represented by counsel.

Student Media Interviews

During the course of the school year, students may be interviewed from time to time by newspaper, television, radio or other reporters in regard to projects, activities and other school events. This is considered a part of the district's directory information consent policy (Student Records, see below), along with photos, video and other media. If you object to your student being interviewed in this manner, you should read and fill out the district's directory information opt-out form. To obtain a copy of this form, please contact your school's main office.

Water Testing

The Iowa Department of Public Health requires school districts to conduct testing of all water coolers and fountains for lead-containing sediment. The Winterset Community School District has completed the required testing of all district water coolers and fountains. All water dispensers have been identified below 20 ppb (0.020 mg/liter) as required by law. Additional information regarding specific testing results may be obtained by contacting the Director of Support Services at (515) 462-2550.

Stay Connected with WCSD!



Upgraded Website:

- www.winterset.k12.ia.us
- District homepage updated weekly
- School homepages are updated frequently with information
- Daily calendar of events for schools as well as athletics/activities is located on district homepage

Electronic Backpacks:

- Located on both the district and school homepages - includes fliers, newsletters, important and timely information

Facebook:

- Winterset Community School District:
[@wintersetschools](https://www.facebook.com/wintersetschools)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates:
[@WintersetHuskies](https://www.facebook.com/WintersetHuskies)



Winterset Community School District

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Middle School "CLAP OUT" for sixth graders!!! A tradition as they leave the middle school for the last time, but done virtually this year through this great video! WMS will miss you!!!



WintersetSchools @WintersetSchool · Jun 2

Elementary staff waving goodbye on the last day. Have a great summer WCSD students. We ❤️ you!!!

Twitter:

- WintersetSchools: [@WintersetSchool](https://twitter.com/WintersetSchool)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates: [@WintersetHusky](https://twitter.com/WintersetHusky)

Infinite Campus:

- Must have a **portal account** - contact your school's office or the Administration Building to request account

Madisonian:

- Article by Superintendent every other week

