

General Information

Bus Families -

We need to know if your children will be riding the school bus, morning or afternoon, or both; if your address or phone number has changed, etc. Please call us at 763-4293 (okay to leave a message) or send an e-mail to rhonda.peterson@k12.sd.us if your information has changed from last school year. If we don't hear from you, we will assume everything is the same. Thanks for your help!

Golden Age Pass Available -

Any resident of the Beresford School District who has reached the age of 65 is eligible for a Golden Age Pass, which will allow that individual free admission to all regular school events and activities. Your Golden Age Pass does not expire; however, if you do not have one or need a replacement, stop by the Superintendent's office at 301 West Maple or call (605) 763-4293.

"No Smoking" Policy Enforced -

The Beresford School Board has adopted a "No Smoking" policy for all school buildings and our athletic complex. We ask your support in this effort. We are in the education business and must set a proper example for our young people.

Alcoholic Beverages Not Allowed On School Premises -

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted on school premises. The city law enforcement officials and school officials intend to enforce the South Dakota laws that pertain to this matter of concern. Adults – Parents – Students – please take note of this!! This covers all school activities (home and away) – inside or out – at all school facilities.

Returned Checks -

The Beresford School system cannot accept two-party checks – only checks payable to the "Beresford School District" will be accepted. If your check is returned as "NSF" (non-sufficient funds), you will be contacted and asked to bring in cash or a certified check to cover the "NSF" check; and the District may not accept checks from you in the future. You will also be responsible for paying any fees charged to us by our bank.

Medications -

School personnel are allowed to give pain reliever and other over-the-counter medications to students with written consent from their parent or guardian. If a prescription medication must be given during school hours, a medical form must be completed, signed by the physician and parent/guardian, and on file in the school office. Law requires that this medication be kept at school in the bottle the pharmacist

provides. Older students may be responsible for their own medication, such as asthma inhalers, etc. Contact our School Nurse, Julie Limmer, at 763-5012 if you have any questions.

Medicaid Payments Available For School Services -

South Dakota has implemented Medicaid coverage of special education related services in school districts. The Medicaid program is jointly financed by the State and Federal governments and is run by the South Dakota Department of Social Services. The purpose of the program is to assure the availability of quality medical care, including certain special education bills, to families who meet income eligibility and have no medical insurance.

School districts are required to provide special education services at no cost. In an effort to maintain the highest quality of special education services, the Beresford School District is seeking your assistance in accessing Medicaid funds. The benefits for eligible children and their families are two-fold. First, the cost of most medical services for your child will be paid by Medicaid. Second, the school district has a funding source available to help defray the high costs of special education services at a local level. With parental approval, the Beresford School District will be allowed to file for Medicaid reimbursement. The funds received from Medicaid will be used by the Beresford School District to enhance Special Education services.

If your child is Medicaid eligible, you should advise the school, or the Southeast Area Cooperative at 763-5096, a special education cooperative serving your school district. If you are not sure if you are eligible, contact your local Department of Social Services located in the white pages of your phone book under the State of South Dakota.

Speech, Language, & Hearing Screening -

During the first few weeks of school, all students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11, students who are new to the school, and who are at risk for speech and hearing problems will participate in the Speech, Language, and Hearing Screening at the Beresford School. Parents of a child in other grades who wish to have their child screened as well should contact the school.

Your school takes a special interest in the speech, language, and hearing abilities of each student. Hearing is very important to a child's ability to listen, to learn, and to progress in school. Speech and language, likewise, are important tools used to communicate and to express what is learned. Periodic checking of these abilities is important to ensure normal development, and to identify students in need of assistance or further evaluation in these areas. Should any of these areas be identified as being in need of further testing, the parent/guardian's permission will be requested or specific recommendations made.

Speech-Language pathologists through the Southeast Area Cooperative conduct this screening. Questions regarding the screening, or the speech-language and hearing program should be directed to the Beresford Schools.

Non-Discrimination Policies -

The Beresford School District #61-2 does not discriminate on the basis of handicap, race, color, national origin, sex or age in access to, employment in, or in the provision of, any of the Beresford School District's programs, benefits, or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding this policy: Dr. Dustin Degen, 301 West Maple, Beresford, South Dakota, 57004, (605) 763-4293. Unresolved problems may be referred to: Regional Director, Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 1244 Spear Blvd., Suite 310, Denver, Colorado, 80202-3582.

Child Find -

The Beresford School District is required by law and conscience to provide appropriate educational opportunities for all children, regardless of their special education needs. In light of this, Superintendent Dustin Degen of the Beresford School District announces that the district is conducting an annual "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate all district children, under age 21, who may not be receiving appropriate educational opportunities. Krislyn Carlson of the Beresford School District has been named Child Find Coordinator.

Persons who know of a child in this school district with inappropriate or un-served educational needs may give the child's name to Krislyn Carlson at 763-5012. After obtaining parental consent, the district will conduct an evaluation of the child's needs, and determine educational needs.

Dr. Degen stresses that parents are not expected to be able to diagnose a child's difficulty before they ask for help. He also said, "It is the philosophy of the Beresford School District to see that every child, regardless of their special needs, may develop to their fullest potential."