

USD 251
NORTH LYON COUNTY
JULY 2018
PATRON NEWSLETTER



Superintendents Corner

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mike Mathes and I will be serving as your Superintendent for the next year or two. I have hit the ground running and am truly excited about all the possibilities for our students and communities this coming year. Our end of the year budget looks good, and we are working on setting next year's budget now.

I know we have some district-wide issues we need to address and we all know we have some facility issues that need to be addressed. I have already met with several people across the district and will be meeting with many more of you over the next few months. After my initial contacts, I believe we can all come together and do what is best for EVERYONE in the district. This is a huge district and we must always keep everyone involved in the decision making process. We must also remember that with such a large district, we all must accept compromise and understand that nobody will get everything they want, but we ought to be able to get everyone something! I will be asking two very important questions as we move forward; what is it that we need to do, and secondly, what is it possible for us do? Those may be two very different answers.

As I spend more time with the Board and community members, I will begin to formulate and share with you, my ideas for possible solutions. In the mean time we will be focusing on getting the buildings open for the new school year and making sure that every student who walks through our doors receives the best 21st Century education possible.

I leave you for now with this thought. Don't look back. We are not going that direction!

See you around the district!

Mike Mathes

BUILDING INFORMATION

The district administrators reported for duty on Monday July 23, 2018. If you have any questions or need any assistance with school related issues they will be glad to help you. The administrator's names and school phone numbers are as follows:

Mike Mathes, Superintendent of Schools, (620)481-2085

Peggy Fort, Principal at Northern Heights High School, (620)481-2087

Corey Wiltz, Principal at NLC Elementary School, (620)481-2086

ENROLLMENT DATES AND TIMES

July 30, 2018 Elementary/Middle School/High School Enrollment
1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

July 31, 2018 Elementary/Middle School/High School Enrollment
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS are available at the District Office.

The process is confidential and information is not made public. Stop by the District Office at 614 Main Street in Americus. Summer hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TEXTBOOK FEES

Kindergarten – Grade 12	Enrollment Fee	\$50.00
	Technology Fee	\$35.00
Grade 9 - 12	Art Fee (per class)	\$12.00
	FACS Fee (per consumable class)	\$12.00
	Vo-Ag Fee (mechanics, advanced mechanics and science, per class)	\$15.00
	Driver's Education Fee	\$85.00

SCHOOL HOURS

High School 7:55 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Elementary and Middle School 8:20 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

BUS ROUTES

Parents will be notified of bus route times as soon as possible following enrollment. Please make sure your correct address and phone number are listed on the enrollment form.

ATHLETIC PRACTICES

Athletic Practices will start on August 13, 2018. All students who plan to participate in these activities must have a physical signed by a licensed physician and parent/guardian on file at the school before they may practice.

SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES

Just a reminder, if you are age 65 and over, a resident of USD 251 and do not have a senior citizens pass, please come by the District Office in Americus! Going forward, Senior Citizen Passes will be lifetime passes and require you to show an ID if asked. We appreciate your cooperation!

FOOD SERVICE

NOTE TO PARENTS

We are pleased to once again announce that the offer vs. serve meal pattern will be followed again this year in the district schools.

For those children who have small appetites, the offer vs. serve is wonderful. A school lunch consists of five different food items from four food component groups. When a lunch program offers only the serve form of meals, students must take all items to meet the meal requirements.

Under the offer vs. serve method, the following conditions must be met: a) all five food items must be offered to all students; b) the serving sizes must equal the minimum required quantities; c) the lunch must be priced as a unit and students may take 3, 4, or all 5 items for the same price; d) students have the option of which item(s) to decline. If you wish to have your child take all items on the menu, please encourage your child to do so.

Those involved in the lunch program work hard to serve well balanced and well received meals knowing in advance that not all meals will meet the approval of everyone.

Please plan for your children to eat breakfast and lunch with us at school. Our cooks do an excellent job in preparing and serving meals. We appreciate your interest in the program and hope that each of you will continue in your support.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST COST

BREAKFAST	Grades KG – 8	\$1.35
	Grades 9 -12	\$1.50
	2 nd Chance Breakfast (NHHS only)	\$2.05
	Adult	\$2.05
LUNCH	Grades KG – 5	\$2.55
	Grades 6 – 8	\$2.70
	Grades 9 -12	\$2.85
	Adult	\$3.70
EXTRA MILK	Per Carton	40 cents

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

USD 251 is looking for substitute teachers with a Kansas teaching certificate or an emergency substitute certificate and substitute bus drivers for all routes, daily and activity. For more information please call the District Office at (620)481-2085.

DRUG FREE SCHOOL AND WORKPLACE

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students or school employees on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited. This policy, and any curriculum used in conjunction with it, shall be evaluated at least every-other year using criteria developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. The board shall receive a report after each of these reviews in conducted. This policy is required by the 1989 amendments to the Drug Free School and Communities Act. P.L. 102-226. Compliance with the policy is mandatory.

ASBESTOS

We are required by Federal Law to yearly notify patrons about the presence of asbestos in our buildings. In all of our schools, there is asbestos in some of the floor tile, and in Americus and Reading we have some steam pipes wrapped with material that contains asbestos. This asbestos is checked on a regular basis and was found to be in good condition in our 2017 inspection. We plan to maintain the floors and remove the pipe wrapping as the need arises. We possibly will remove asbestos from our buildings each summer until completed.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

In accordance with federal and state law, it is the policy of USD #251 that no student, applicant, employee, or other person will be discriminated against or harassed on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age or disability. This policy covers all aspects of admission, access, treatment and employment in all school district programs and activities. USD #251 has procedures regarding the referral, evaluation, and placement of individuals with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law.

The person responsible for coordinating school compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972 is:

**Mr. Mike Mathes, PO Box 527, Americus, Kansas 66835
620-481-2085**

Contact this person if you have questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination, or contact the Kansas State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612 (Telephone 785-296-3202), or Region 7 Office of Civil Rights, 10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd., 8th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 (Telephone 816-891-8026).



USD 251 KINDERGARTEN JUMPSTART

USD 251, North Lyon County, is pleased to offer Kindergarten Jumpstart. Kindergarten Jumpstart is open to incoming USD 251 kindergarteners for the 2018-2019 school year.

Kindergarten Jumpstart will focus around early literacy skills. Attention will also include building relationships and setting and reinforcing academic and nonacademic expectations and routines.

Kindergarten Jumpstart will be held August 13-16 from 8:30-11:30, Monday through Thursday at NLC School.

Please call the District Office (620-481-2085) to enroll your kindergartner for Kindergarten Jumpstart by August 1, 2018 or email mayesb@usd251.org.



USD 251 Preschool Tuition Assistance Program

USD 251 is pleased to offer preschool tuition assistance to families in the North Lyon County school district whose children attend a qualified preschool. Preschool tuition assistance is made possible through the Mobilizing Literacy Grant and our efforts to increase the number of children who are Kindergarten Ready.

The Kansas State Department of Education defines Kindergarten Readiness as: "Early childhood experiences, birth to kindergarten entry, that ensure health and physical well-being and the development of cognitive, communication and social-emotional skills necessary for school success and have a direct influence on future success..."

Please call the USD 251 District Office (620-481-2085) if your child is attending preschool, or if you would like to discuss preschool options in the surrounding areas. We want to discuss the USD 251 Preschool Tuition Assistance with you!

KANSAS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (K-12)

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2018-2019 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and the consensus of the Governor's Child Health Advisory Committee Immunization Workgroup. The current recommended and minimum interval immunization schedules may be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Schedules webpage. The best disease prevention is achieved by adhering to the recommended schedule however, if a child falls behind, the minimum interval schedule is implemented. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a 4 day grace period per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

K.S.A 72-5208-5211a - Kansas Statutes Related to School Immunizations Requirements and K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines the immunizations required for school and early childhood program attendance published in June 26, 2008 Kansas Register.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap):** Five doses required. Doses given at: Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, Dose 4: 15-18 months (4th dose may be given at 12 months provided at least 6 months after dose 3) and Dose 5: prior to kindergarten entry. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 is given after age 4 years. A single dose of Tdap is required at Grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6-18 months, and dose 4 must be given 6 months after 3rd dose, after 4 years of age and prior to Kindergarten entry. Three doses are acceptable with one dose after 4 years of age, 6 months between 2nd and 3rd dose and final dose prior to Kindergarten entry. Students enrolled in Grade 7-12 with a complete minimum interval Polio series do not need to be recalled for additional doses. Guidance found on the back of the KCI and School Requirements FAQ on the KDHE Immunization Program School Information web page.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella:** Two doses required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Minimum age is 12 months of age and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required. Dose 1 given at birth, Dose 2: 2 months, and Dose 3: 6-18 months of age.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Students 12 years old and younger a 3 month interval is recommended however, upon record review the interval between doses may be as short as 28 days for the 2nd dose to be counted as valid. Students 13 years and older, a 28 day interval between doses is required. Please note that regardless of students' age, if first dose is at 12 months of age with 2nd dose 28 days after 1st dose, both doses are valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

Legal alternatives to school vaccination requirements are found in K.S.A. 72-5209.

In addition, to the immunizations required for school entry the following vaccines are recommended to protect students:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** One dose recommended at 11 years of age with a booster dose at 16 years of age.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses recommended at 11 years of age.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination recommended for all ages > 6 months of age. Number of doses is dependent on age and number of doses given in previous years.

Vaccination efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers, and parents are key to the success of protecting our children and communities from vaccine preventable disease. Thank you for your dedication.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Under the Provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records, which are kept and maintained by U.S.D. #251. In accordance with Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records, which are kept and maintained by U.S.D. #251. In accordance with FERPA, you are required to be notified of those rights, which include:

1. The right to review and inspect all of your educational records except those, which are specifically exempted.
2. The right to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your educational records to other persons with certain limited exceptions. Disclosure of information from your educational records to other persons will occur only if:
 - a. we have prior written consent for disclosure;
 - b. the information is considered "directory information" and you have not objected to the release of such information; or
 - c. disclosure without consent is permitted by law.
3. The right to request that your educational records be amended if you believe that the records are misleading, inaccurate, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to request a hearing at which you may present evidence to show why the record should be changed if your request for an amendment to records is denied in the first instance.
4. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office at the U.S. Department of Education if you believe that U.S.D. #251 has failed to comply with FERPA's requirements.
5. The right to obtain a copy of U.S.D. #251's policies for complying with FERPA. A copy may be obtained from: North Lyon County U.S.D. #251 Board of Education Office, 614 Main, PO Box 527, Americus, Kansas 66835.

