



Our Why: We believe every learner can change the world; therefore, we will provide a world class education.

Our Values: Northern Cass will commit to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families,

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. Positions Open:

- Paraprofessional
- Bus Drivers
- English Language Arts Educator

2. Bus Routes: Due to a shortage of drivers, we will be attempting to reduce the number of large bus routes by one this year. We are working to utilize 2 short buses to cover two areas which would then allow us to have sub drivers available. If you know your children will **not** be riding the bus (except in rare circumstances), please notify Dr. Cory Steiner so we can plan accordingly. We hope to have bus routes sent to families the first week of August.

3. Congratulations:

- **Mrs. Megan Margerum** who was named one of four finalists for North Dakota Teacher of the Year.
- **Mrs. Mackenzie Tadych** who was selected as the recipient of the 2022 #InnovativeND Award for Pathways Innovation. The Pathways Innovation award recognizes efforts that provide students with improved opportunity to explore post-graduation options and your work as the Director of College, Career and Life Readiness is an excellent example of how providing students with the opportunity to explore pathways improves outcomes for all.
- **Ms. Keira Oscarson** who was selected as the North Dakota Secondary Counselor of the Year for 2022-23.

4. Northern Cass Takes Part in National Initiative: [ruralstrong video](#)

5. Mandatory Activities Night for Levels 7-12: Northern Cass will be holding a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, July 27th in the east gymnasium for the parent(s) or guardians of learners in Levels 7-12. Physicals need to be completed before this date! The meeting for Levels 7-12 will run from 5:30-6:00 and will be led by Mr. Bryce Laxdal, Activities Director. Following this meeting, individual fall coaches/advisor meetings will be held. If you cannot attend this meeting, contact Bryce Laxdal A.D. at 701-874-2322 or Bryce.Laxdal@notherncassschool.com to schedule a make-up session.

Final Forms will also need to be completed for each learner prior to the beginning of the school year. Computers will be set up in the east gymnasium from 3:30-4:30 to complete Final Forms if you need assistance. You can also complete these forms with the app on your phone.

6. Fees for the Upcoming Year: We will have a table set up from 4:30-5:30 at the mandatory meeting night to assist you with paying for fees. Please review these fees so you are aware of lunch prices, activity and class fees, and our technology fee. We are asking for your assistance in having fees paid before the school year begins. Learners will not be issued devices until the fees and Final

Forms are completed and/or arrangements have been made with Dr. Steiner. You can utilize EZ School Pay online. Contact carrie.petersen@northerncassschool.com if you have questions.

- Fees: [Fees](#)
 - Compensation Rates: [Compensation Rates](#)
7. **Back to School Night:** Northern Cass will hold its Back to School Night on Monday, August 22nd from 5:00-6:30. Families can visit their educator's learning centers as well as pay fees for the upcoming school year. Supper will be provided and served by the Northern Cass Board of Education.
8. **Free Parent Coaching and Mental Health Resources:** This is a free service (coaching for parenting) offered through a partnership with Northern Cass ([coaching flyer](#)).
- [About Our Coaches](#) and [Superhero Coaching - social media flyer](#).
 - [August Newsletter](#)
9. **PAW Shop Online:** The PAW Shop has moved to online only. You can purchase Jaguar gear at [Online School Store](#).
10. **Back to School Shopping Event:** Please click on [Link to Further Information](#) to learn about an opportunity for Back to School Shopping via the Central Cass Treehouse.
11. **A Few Changes for the Upcoming Year:**
- Northern Cass Learners who enroll in a VCSU dual credit course will now be required to pay \$50 for the course. Northern Cass will cover the remaining amount through federal funds.
 - Activity Passes: For the upcoming year, individuals may purchase an activity pass for \$150. If a family wants to purchase an additional pass, the cost is \$75.

"If you go around waiting for stuff to get easier in life, it's never going to happen. What happens is you handle hard better." (Duke Women's Basketball Coach Kara Lawson)

Dr. Cory J. Steiner
Superintendent for Northern Cass School District