



**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. **Back to School Night:** Northern Cass will hold its Back to School Night on Monday, August 22nd from 5:00-7:00. 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 from 4:45-6:30. There will also be a 'photo booth' for you to take pictures.
2. **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.
3. **Positions Open:**
  - Paraprofessional
  - Bus Drivers
  - Kitchen Assistant (potentially 2 positions)
  - If interested, please email Dr. Cory Steiner.
4. **Pick Up/Drop Off:** There will be a change in location for our pick-up and drop-off during the 2022-23 school year due to the wear and tear on our parking lot. **\*\*Families who are dropping off their learners before school or picking them up after school will do so in the east parking lot by the east gymnasium. Learners will enter/exit the doors directly outside of the gym.**
5. **PowerSchool v. Empower--The Difference:** PowerSchool is our school information system (SIS) which is required by the state of North Dakota. It houses your learner's cumulative information such as attendance, communications, and transcripts. Empower is our learning management system which houses our evidence, playlists, and grades. Empower is where you can check on your learner's progress (grades) towards proficiency.
6. [Parent & Player Athletic Training Information](#)
7. [Free Online Tutoring Help](#)
8. **Attendance:** We want your learners here, and not just because we enjoy them as people. We want it because it's what's best for kids. [Missing School](#)
9. **Procedures for Excusing Absences--IMPORTANT**
  - Any day that a learner is absent, the parent/guardian must call the school to report the learner's absence, giving the name of the learner and the reason for the absence. Calls can be made between 7:00-9:00 a.m. at 874-2322. If the parent does not call the school, a representative of the school may call home to verify the absence. Parents/guardians e-mail [attendance@northerncassschool.com](mailto:attendance@northerncassschool.com) prior to 9:00 a.m.

- *A note from the provider who is seeing your learner must be provided to the office upon the learner's return for it to be a medically excused absence. This will not count towards a learner's overall attendance.*
  - If the school office does not receive either a phone call or email from the parent within 48 hours of the absence, the absence will be considered unexcused, unless deemed otherwise by administration.
10. **Final Forms** need to be completed for each learner prior to the beginning of the school year. Check your email for the link. You can also complete these forms with the app on your phone.
  11. **Fees for the Upcoming Year:** Please review the [fee schedule](#) for lunch prices, student/class fees, and our technology fee. 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 EZSchoolPay.com to pay online. Contact [carrie.petersen@northerncassschool.com](mailto:carrie.petersen@northerncassschool.com) if you have questions.
  12. **Ticket Takers:** We are looking for Football and Volleyball Ticket Takers. Ticket Takers must be 18 or older. Earn \$20 per event. [Sign Up Here](#).
  13. **Free Parent Coaching and Mental Health Resources:** This is a free service (coaching for parenting) offered through a partnership with Northern Cass.
    - [Coaching for Parents](#)
    - [August Newsletter](#)
  14. **Parents:** We've partnered with Bank of North Dakota and local banks and credit unions to bring you the High School Parent Launch Party being held Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Essentia Health Plaza at The Lights, 3150 Sheyenne Street in West Fargo. Whether your child is heading straight to a career, into the military or some type of education beyond high school, you don't want to miss this free event to learn more about what your child needs to think about when it comes to money. Please register [on Eventbrite](#).
  15. **PAW Shop Online:** The PAW Shop has moved to online only. You can purchase Jaguar gear at the [Online School Store](#).
  16. **Community Skills & Expertise:** We are creating a skills/expertise database for studios, and we'd like to invite parents and community members to participate. Fill out the [Community Skills Survey](#) by August 26 and be entered to win a gift card to Kingpinz in Fargo.

**From the Washington Post:** Schools are not just places where students learn to read, write and do math. Children need to socialize and build emotional skills. Teachers are now first responders addressing the pandemic generation's deficits in learning and experience. Schools need help to get through this new challenge — and, in the process, to build a better student support system for years to come.

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