



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. **Elementary and JH Transportation for Activities:** Due to lack of drivers, we will need parents of all elementary and junior high athletes to find alternative transportation to and from games. Please plan on this for the 2022-23 school year unless we are able to hire additional drivers. We will provide transportation if you can not make it work to transport your learner. We want every learner to participate in activities and hope this problem is not long-term. However, we must also be realistic in the fact bus drivers are nearly impossible to find right now. Please let Mr.. Laxdal or your coaches know if your child will be needing a ride. If we are able to transport, we will communicate at least one week in advance. If you are willing to carpool and take additional learners with you to events, Northern Cass can pay mileage to assist.
2. **Positions Open** (email Cory.Steiner@northerncassschool.com):
 - Paraprofessional
 - Bus Drivers
 - Kitchen Assistant (potentially 2 positions)
3. **PowerSchool v. Empower--The Difference (last week):** 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.
4. **[Free Online Tutoring Help](#)**
5. **After School Program:** Please click on the [link](#) to learn more about our After School Program.
6. **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 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.

7. **Football and Volleyball Ticket Takers:** Must be 18 or older. Earn \$20 per event. [Sign Up Here](#).
8. **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](#)
9. **PAW Shop Online:** The PAW Shop has moved to online only. You can purchase Jaguar gear at the [Online School Store](#).
10. **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.
11. **September is Suicide Awareness Month:** We want to share with you the [September Mental Health Newsletter](#) that highlights the importance of everyone working together to help prevent suicide. As your child experiences life's challenges, it is essential parents stay connected to their child, have real conversations, and be aware of the stresses in your child's life that may be affecting their mental health. This newsletter gives tips to parents on what they can do to help their child or a friend who is struggling, talks about some of the warning signs of suicide and gives more information on the resources available to those who are seeking emotional support. Together, WE can make a difference in the lives of those we love and care for.
12. **ESPB Announces an Additional Way to Become a Substitute Teacher:** Beginning October 1, 2022, interim substitute licenses may be granted for substitute teachers with a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED). The applicant must submit evidence of completion of the state-approved substitute training program, Frontline. The training is 12 modules and approximately 20 hours of work. The course covers professionalism, classroom management, student engagement, instructional strategies and working with at-risk students. The cost of the training is \$180.00. Applicants must also complete a BCI/FBI background check and pay an application fee. We look forward to this program increasing the pool of substitute teachers. Please watch the [ESPB website](#) for information in the next few weeks or call (701) 328-9641.

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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