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SUMMER EVENTS

June 5-9- Driver's Education (auditorium)

June 6-8- STEAM Camp

June 8- Board of Education Meeting (7AM)

June 14-15- Northern Cass Professional **Learning Institute**

July 13- Board of Education Meeting (4PM)

July 24-28- Northern Cass office CLOSED

August 17- Back to School/Meet the Educator Event (5:00-8:00 PM)

August 23- 1st Day of School





"The class of 2023 has truly exemplified the Northern Cass Portrait of a Learner skills of accountability, adaptability, communication, leadership, and a learner's mindset. They have embraced the concept of choice ready while always being willing to take risks. They have advocated for an educational system which best meets their needs. They have taken advantage of opportunities to help them grow and develop into remarkable human beings. It is a class which will be missed and remembered fondly for years to come."

-Dr. Cory Steiner

TEARING DOWN THE WALL

How Personalized Learning Unifies General & Special Education

As more schools shift toward personalized learning practices, a question that remains unanswered is whether this new approach to teaching and learning will accommodate the needs of those with disabilities.

Organizations like KnowledgeWorks have long supported states, schools, and districts with their transition to personalized, competency-based learning. Yet across the field, much remains unknown about its collective impact on special education.

To address this gap in the knowledge base, I spent the winter and spring interviewing educators, stakeholders, and state agencies to hear from those on the front lines about how personalized learning practices are impacting students with disabilities in schools across the country.

An Unexpected Discovery

I began my research journey intending to discover the implications of personalized learning on special education. I soon realized that personalized learning was not simply having an impact, but fundamentally altering the relationship between general education and special education classrooms. Namely, tearing down the invisible wall that for too long has divided students with disabilities from their peers.

From physical separation of instructional space to differing laws, budgets and staffing requirements, special education has been stigmatized – dividing students with disabilities and the people and resources that support them from general education students. In fact, one of the first decisions teachers will make when entering their preparation programs is whether they will pursue a general education certificate program or a special education preparation program.

Personalized learning is changing that dynamic by making learning experiences in general education classrooms customized for each student based on their individual strengths, needs and interests. This approach creates a more inclusive learning environment by making it possible for more students with disabilities to be included in general education classes.

Creating Inclusive Classrooms with Personalized Learning

While Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) have been used widely in schools for decades, they are typically reserved for students with disabilities.

Personalized learning by its very design treats each learner as a unique individual, with a unique set of needs and aspirations for the future. This approach facilitates strong relationships between learners and educators and uses responsive curriculum and assessment to create deeper learning and higher levels of student engagement.

When every learner receives the flexibility and support they need to achieve, students with disabilities are no longer singled out. While students with disabilities are entitled to accommodations under federal law, in a personalized learning environment those modifications aren't conspicuous, they're expected. That said, ensuring those rights remain protected will be important as individualized support becomes more normalized.

"The advent of special education was a recognition that not all students fit in the traditional one-sizefits-all model. Personalized learning is an admission that really no one does,"Aaron Peterson, the Special Education Director at South Sanpete School District in Utah said.

Flexibility is Fundamental to Success

But how do you personalize learning for every student?

This seemingly impossible task often feels less daunting for special education teachers, who are accustomed to designing and executing on learning accommodations. However, other educators may need additional support to make a successful transition to personalized learning. This is where <u>Universal Design for Learning</u> (UDL) comes in.

UDL is not only a framework but a philosophy that we can and should optimize teaching and learning, by designing systems that provide multiple means of engagement, representation and options for expression for all learners.

"It's not about designing thirty-two different plans," Robbin Clark from the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind explained. "But rather thinking of maybe six different ways for students to choose from to learn it or demonstrate it."

The principles of universal design reinforce the basic idea that you don't need individualized plans for every learner, but rather that the flexibility to offer students a variety of ways to demonstrate learning in a way that works for them.

Ultimately, all learners, regardless of cognitive and physical ability, need access and opportunity to participate meaningfully in challenging learning experiences. Universal design provides a framework and strategies for making learning more inclusive and transformative for everyone.

Practical Advice

Throughout my conversations, those I interviewed offered valuable pieces of advice for how to effectively link personalized learning and special education.

1. Design personalized learning systems with special education requirements in mind.

Before any other steps are taken, general education and special education need to be closely tied together in the planning process. Samantha Kennedy, principal of the Batesburg-Leesville School, wisely advised others to consider special education throughout the process of designing and implementing personalized learning, always keeping students with disabilities in mind.

2. Intentionally integrate and include special education staff on the personalized, competency-based learning implementation team

When Cory Steiner arrived at the Northern Cass School District, he recognized that special education was operating in a silo, but he says that changed when the district embraced personalized learning. This was due in part to the district embrace of the personalized philosophy but also because the district took the opportunity to reimagine how they work with their educators. Leadership also made an intentional effort to include the special education staff on the PCBL team.

3. Embrace universal design principles in system design and implementation

Throughout implementation, it is important to also ensure that all students have access to the range of learning experiences available in a personalized, competency-based setting. West Fargo Public Schools Director of Special Education, Rachel Kjonaas, sees developing student support that facilitate access to courses and curriculum for students with disabilities as one of their key goals.

4. Recognize that personalized learning does not replace the rights and requirements of an individualized education plan.

As individualized support becomes more prevalent, Emily Barry from the Utah State Board of Education urges caution to not forget that the IEPs of students with disabilities must still be honored. Having special education staff at the table from day one will facilitate alignment and prevent conflicting messages.

Conclusion

Personalized learning is transforming the relationship between general education and special education. Across the country, educator mindsets are evolving to embrace what special educators have long understood: every child deserves a unique learning experience and teaching must be responsive to students' strengths and interests.

As differentiated support is normalized and encouraged in classrooms, a more inclusive learning experience will result. Though considerations for those with disabilities must still be explicitly and deliberately included in system-design decisions, the introduction of personalized learning in general education classrooms will help to minimize the harmful practice of sorting and separating learners with different needs.

Years of research has articulated the benefits of inclusive learning environments, including the fact that students with disabilities will experience higher educational outcomes when given the opportunity to to learn alongside their peers. Students of all abilities can grow socially and emotionally when we pursue learning approaches that prioritize the full scope of a learner's needs.

Personalized learning allows students to experience school, complete coursework and demonstrate proficiency in different ways – making it possible to accommodate special education students in general education classrooms while improving agency and outcomes for all learners.

Meeting students where they are and providing them with the tools they need to achieve is at the very heart of special education. Personalized learning *is* special education, but for *all* students, not just some. Embracing this philosophy and approach to education at a systems level will benefit all students.

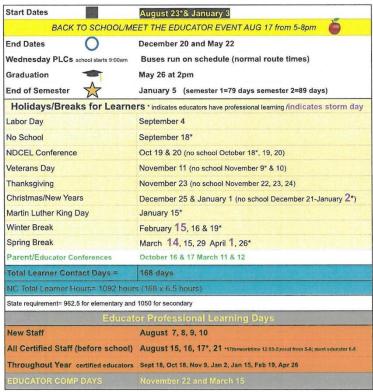
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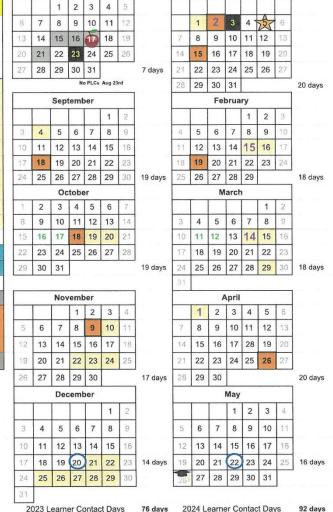




Markie Taubert- Administrative Assistant- I recently moved to the area from Steen, MN to be closer to family. I live with my fiancé Wyatt, 2 sons (Arthur and Kale), and 3 dogs. In my free time I enjoy surrounding myself with family, reading, and spending time on the lake. I'm excited for my new role and getting to know everyone.

Northern Cass School Calendar 2023-2024







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Northern Cass School District #97



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Board Approved (4/12/23) first reading UPDATE: June 6 2023

















Northern Cass partnered with the ND Army National Guard to host a military expo for NC Learners and surrounding schools to show insights into diverse vocational fields. Hands-on presentations allowed learners to experience the equipment and training utilized by members of the Army National Guard during their missions. High school learners heard from special guest speaker, CSM Eric Binstock, State Command Sergeant Major of the North Dakota National Guard. Dr. Steiner was awarded a challenge coin by CSM Eric Binstock to honor all the work he is doing to improve education across the state. A veterans social was held for area veterans to gather and visit with learners.



The votes have been tallied from the Fine Arts Night art show. Your favorites in Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, and Craft were voted on, and here are the winners!

Congratulations to our winners and to all art learners for a great art show this year!

Spring 2023

FINE ARTS NIGHT

Winners



Drawing •
 Maren McLean
colored pencil, 8x8 inches



Ceramics •
 Grayson Mitchell



Craft
 Maren McLean
 mosaic, 11x14 inches



Painting •
 Skylar Johnson oil, 48x60 inches



Sun Safety

As summer arrives, exposure to the sun's damaging rays increases. The best protection against sun damage is preventing it from occurring. A suntan is not a sign of good health but is a result of injury to the skin. All skin types can suffer sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer. The following tips will protect your skin during outdoor fun...

Always apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors and use a generous amount. Reapply every 2 hours *and* after sweating or swimming. Sunscreens are used for adults and children aged 6 months and older.

Choose a sunscreen that is:

- "Broad spectrum". This protects against both Ultraviolet (UVA and UVB) rays.
- SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of 30 or greater.
- Water Resistant.

Cover Up. For prolonged periods of sun exposure, wear clothing that is tightly woven and loose fitting. Ensure that clothes will screen out harmful sunlight rays by placing your hand inside that garment and making sure you cannot see your hand through it.

Wear sunglasses that block 99-100% of UV radiation. This will greatly reduce sun exposure that can lead to cataracts or other eye damage.

Apply lip balm that contains sunscreen because lips sunburn too.

Seek shade whenever possible. Shadow Rule of thumb: if your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun's rays are at the highest intensity, and you are at greater risk for sun damage.

Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration while outside in the heat.

Avoid "peak" sunlight hours of 10 am to 2 pm for prolonged periods. Remember that 80% of the sun's rays can pass through clouds and reflect off sand, water, concrete, and snow.

Northern Cass learner's last day to receive medication was May 24, 2023. Any medication left in the medication cart will not be sent home with your child. Please pick up the medication at the school by Friday, June 9, 2023, or we will properly dispose of the medication.

Thank you and have a great summer!





The mission of Fargo Cass Public Health is to assure a healthy community for all people through on-going assessment, education, advocacy, intervention, prevention and collaboration.

Northern Cass



Scan QR code to access the School Supply List



WE ARE USING A NEW TOOL CALLED TEACHERLISTS

Northern Cass will be using a new back-to-school program called TeacherLists to make supply list shopping more convenient.

- $1:\ To\ get\ started,\ follow\ this\ link:\ \underline{https://app.teacherlists.com/districts/1000217591-northern-cass-97}$
- 2: Choose how you'd like to shop:
 - ONE-CLICK ONLINE SHOPPING: Select from major retailers Amazon, Target, (and more!), and your cart is prefilled with the exact items on your list.
 - SHOP IN STORE: Print the lists or use the mobile-friendly checkable list on your phone if you prefer in-store shopping.



Elementary School Supply List for 2023-2024

PLEASE MARK EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

PRESCHOOL

- 1- Composition Book- Wide Ruled- Black 100Ct
- 1- Crayons- Crayola- 24ct
- 2- Folders- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Red
- 2- Glue- Elmers- Washable School Bottle- 4oz
- 3- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic- 10ct- Thick
- 4-Large Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1- Pack Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils

Other

- 1-Pair of headphones
- 1- Small beach towel/blanket
- 1- Complete change of clothes (labeled in a Ziploc bag)
- 1- Pair of gym shoes (velcro if unable to tie shoes-will be left at school)
- 1- Backpac
- 1- Paint shirt (an old t-shirt works great!)
- 1- Water bottle

KINDERGARTEN:

- 2- Crayons- Crayola- 24ct
- 2- Eraser- Pink Pearl- Papermate- Large- 1pk
- 1- Folder- Plastic Pocket- Blue
- 1- Folder- Plastic Pocket- Green
- 1- Folder- Plastic Pocket-Red
- 3- Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- 0.77oz
- 2- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic Colors- 10ct- Thick
- 12- Ticonderoga pencils-1 pack
- 1 School Box 5.6 in x 8.4 in x 2.5 in-Plastic- Assorted Colors

Other:

- 1-Headphones (over the head)
- 1- Paint shirt
- 1- Pair of Gym shoes (velcro if unable to tie)
- 1- Backpack
- 1- Complete change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks)

LEVEL 1:

- 1- Composition Book- Wide Ruled- Blue- 100ct
- 2- Crayons- Crayola- 24ct
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Green
- 2- Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- 0.77oz
- 2- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic- 10ct- Thick
- 2- Pencil- Ticonderoga- Sharpened- No 2- 12pk
- 1- Scissors- Fiskar- Kids- 5 inch- Pointed
- 2- Disinfectant Clorox Wipes

Other:

- 1- Paint Shirt
- 1- Pair of Gym Shoes
- 1- Backpack
- 1- Pair of Headphones
- $\hbox{1-Complete change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks)}\\$

LEVEL 2:

- 2- Crayons- Crayola- 24ct
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- Blue
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- Green
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- Red
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- Yellow
- 6- Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- .21oz
- 2- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic Colors- 10ct- Thick
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Blue- 70ct- Mead
- 1-Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Red- 70ct- Mead
- 2- Pencil- Ticonderoga- Sharpened- No 2- 12pk
- 1- Scissor- Fiskar- Kids- 5 inch- Pointed
- 1- Zipper Bags- Glad- Quart- 25count
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- 1- Wipes- Disinfectant- Clorox- 70ct
- 1- school box- 5.6 in x 8.4 in x 2.5 in-plastic-Asst. Colors

Other:

- 1- Pair of gym shoes
- 1- Backpack
- 1-Headphones

LEVEL 3:

- 1- Crayons- Crayola- 24ct
- 1- Colored Pencils-Crayola-12 Ct
- 1- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic- 8ct
- 1- Pencil- Ticonderoga-No 2- 30ct
- 1-Dry Erase Markers-Expo-Pack of 4- Black, Low odor
- 2- Composition Book- Wide Ruled- Black- 100 Ct.
- 1- Divider- 5 Tab- Plastic-with pockets- Big Tab Insert-Multi Color-Avery
- 2- Folders- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Black
- 1- Avery-1 inch- Ring Binder- Heavy Duty- White with Clear Cover
- 12- Glue Sticks- Elmers
- 2- Glue-Bottle- Elmers
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Red- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Scissors
- 1- Ziploc sandwich bags
- 2- Box of Kleenex

Other:

- 1- Backpack
- 1- Pair of indoor Gym Shoes
- 1- Set of Headphones (please no ear buds)

LEVEL 4:

- 1- Colored Pencils-Crayola-12 Ct
- 1- Markers- Washable- Crayola- Classic- 8ct
- 1- Composition Book- Wide Ruled- Black- 100 Ct.
- 1- Avery 1 inch Ring Binder- Heavy Duty with Clear Cover-White
- 1- Divider- 5 Tab- Plastic-with pockets- Big Tab Insert-Multi Color-Avery
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Black
- 6- Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- .21oz
- 1-Dry Erase Markers-Expo-Pack of 4- Black, Low Odor-Chisel Tip
- 1- Glue-Bottle- Elmers- Washable- 4oz
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Purple- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Green- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Red- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Yellow- 70ct- Mead 2- Pencil- Ticonderoga- Sharpened- No 2- 30 Count
- 1- Wipes- Disinfectant- Clorox- 70 Ct
- 1-Box of Kleenex

Other:

- 1-Headphones (please no ear buds)
- 1-Backpack
- 1-Pair of Gym Shoes

LEVEL 5:

- 1- Binder- Zipper-2 inch
- 1- Divider- 5 Tab- Plastic & Pkt- Big Tab Insert- Multi Color- Avery
- 1- Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Orange
- 1- Highlighter- 4 pack- Yellow, Pink, Blue, Green- Chisel- Avery
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Blue- 70ct- Mead 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Green- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Red- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Yellow- 70ct- Mead
- 1- Notebook- 1 Sub- Spiral- Wide- Purple- 70ct- Mead
- 6- Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- .21oz
- 2- Pencil- Ticonderoga- Sharpened- No 2- 12pk
- 1- Pencil Pouch- Five Star- 3 Ring- 3 Zipper Pockets- Asst. Color

Other:

- 1- Backpack
- 1- Pair of Gym Shoes
- 1-Headphones (preferably not earbuds)



School Supply List for 2023-2024

Middle School and High School

Level 6:

1 Binder- Durable- View- 1 inch- White- Avery (ELA class)

1 Colored Pencils- Crayola- 24ct

1 Composition Book- Wide Ruled- Black- 100ct

1 Notebook-1 Sub.-Spiral-Wide-Asst-70 Ct- Mead (Science Class)

1 Eraser- Pink Pearl- Papermate- Large- 1 Pk

1 Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Blue

1 Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Green

1 Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Orange

1 Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Red

1 Folder- Plastic & Pocket- 3 Hole- Yellow

3 Glue- Elmers- Washable Stick- Purple- .21oz- 01 Pk

1 Highlighter- Yellow- Chisel

1 Markers- Washable- Crayola- Assorted- 12ct- Thick

1 Pencil- Mechanical- BIC- Refill- 0.7mm- 30 Pack

1 Pencil- Mechanical- Papermate Sharpwriter- 0.7mm- 12 Pk

1 Pencil- Ticonderoga- Sharpened- No 2- 12 Pk

1 Pencil Pouch- Clear- 9 x 10.5- 3 Ring

1 Sharpie- Black- Ultra Fine Tip

1 Pack of Dry Erase Markes-Expo-Fine tip-black

Levels 9-12

TI-30 or above calculator Highly recommended

Level 7:

1 Colored Pencils- Crayola- Twistables- 12ct

7 Wide-Ruled notebooks-blue, green, orange, purple, red, white, yellow

1 Eraser- Magic Rub- White- 1Pk

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Blue

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Green

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Orange

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Purple

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Red

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- White

1 Folder- Plastic Pocket & Prong- Yellow

1 Highlighter-Pen Style-Chisel-Clip-3 pack-Yellow, Blue, Pink

2 packs of pencils; mechanical or traditional

3 Sharpie- Black- Fine Tip

Other:

1 Calculator- TI30Xiis

Level 8:

1 Composition Notebook

2 Notebooks-1 Sub.-Spiral-Wide-Asst-70 Ct- Mead

5 Plastic Pocket & Prong folders-assorted colors

1 Dry Erase Markers-Expo-Pack of 4- Black, Low odor

1 Pack of pencils (mechanical or traditional)

1 Pack of sticky notes





OPEN 9AM - 1PM
PROGRAMMING EVENTS @10AM

June 7

Checkout only during STEAM Camp

June 21

Mindfulness Jars

July 5

Playdough and Popcicles

July 19

Sensory StoryWalk

August 21

Sensory Exploration

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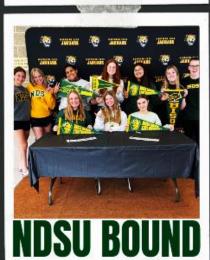


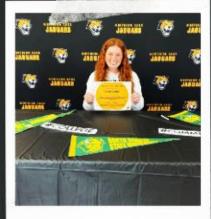














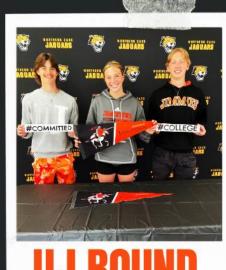




























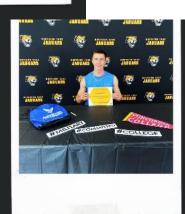




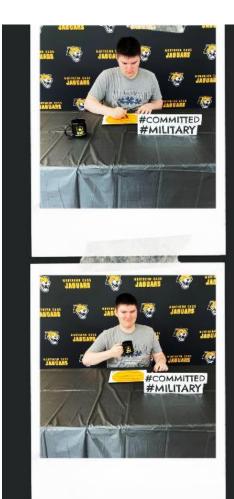












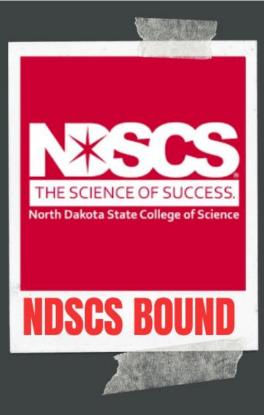
























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