

# SCHOOL SPIRIT



## Monticello Community School District

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## NEWS & NOTES

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome New  
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Hi everyone,

With the Great Jones County Fair in the rearview mirror and fall sports beginning in a few weeks for high school, we are rapidly closing in on the start of the school year. The first day of school for students is August 25. It is important to start planning to put your kids on a more school-like schedule soon. The biggest things to consider are creating consistent sleeping and eating habits over the next few weeks.

Transitioning into an earlier-to-bed schedule can be difficult this time of the year because it is light out late into the evening. The research says that younger kids need to sleep 10-11 hours per night and the older kids need to sleep 8-10 hours per night. Just consider that when you adjust bedtimes in the next few weeks. Also for the older kids, consider setting up a time at night that they are off their phone.

Also it is important to set up good eating habits. If your kids are like mine, they have a tendency to "graze" more during the summer. They sometimes fill up with empty calories at odd times of the day, then are not hungry when it is mealtime. Talking with your kids about making good food and nutritional choices is so important. Also, oftentimes when school starts, kids will forget breakfast. Please make sure they get something at home or leave early enough to get breakfast at school. This is so important because kids need some gas in the tank to learn, concentrate, and do well at school in general.

The first rule in doing good at a job or in school is just showing up! With the new laws put into place last school year from the state, our attendance improved during the 2024-2025 school year. Let's continue that trend! Kids do so much better in school over time when they are at school. The newest legislative change for the 2025-2026 school year are the changes around personal electronic devices. That includes cell phones. The state legislature passed a law that does not allow cell phone use during instructional time. This does not change our local policy all that much because we have been limiting cell phone usage for several years now. At the high school students can be on their cell phones before and after school as well as during lunch. At the middle school students are not allowed to use their cell phones from the beginning of the day through the end of the day. At the elementary school (where there are not a lot of cell phones) the students cannot use their cell phones during the day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the office.

Our elementary school project is still in the late design stages and we anticipate the project going out to bid in September and approving a contractor in October. Then we will move on to the building process which will probably stretch out until the Spring of 2027.



I hope that everyone enjoys the final days of summer! As always if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

**The MISSION** of the Monticello Community Schools, a district striving for educational excellence, is to prepare students through challenging experiences, to be caring, productive, creative citizens, who will be life-long learners.

# BACK TO SCHOOL



*All school offices will be back open August 1st!*

## LITTLE PANTHERS PRESCHOOL PARENTS

**Just a few changes for this year!**

- Cost for Little Panthers Preschool is \$160 per month and includes snack & milk. ***(it does not include breakfast or lunch)***
- Little Panthers Preschool students will have their ID card scanned for breakfast & lunch. So be sure to add money to their lunch account if they will be eating breakfast/lunch at school. And be sure to fill out the free & reduced meal application. Everyone is encouraged to fill it out!
- For the 2025-26 school year, Panther Academy **will be open on Wednesdays (all day) only for our Little Panthers Preschool students.** YAY! There will be a registration fee of \$40 and the daily rate will be \$32.50 plus the cost of breakfast & lunch. Call Tammy at 319-465-5425 to register.



# 2025-26 REGISTRATION

Registration for the Monticello Community School District for the 2025-26 school year will be done **ONLINE** again this year. All families are required to register their students in Infinite Campus through the process known as Online Registration (OLR). **Online registration (OLR) will open on August 4**—watch your email! OLR allows parents to register at their own convenience and to save time for future years. Once OLR is open, please follow the steps below.

## **RETURNING Students - Steps to Register:**

1. Login to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us). If you do not know your login, please email [morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us)
2. Click on the Main Menu in the top left corner
3. Click More
4. Click on Online Registration
5. Click 25-26 Online Registration (OLR) Existing Student Registration
6. *If you have a new incoming student (i.e. preschooler, kindergartener, private school), you will be able to add them to your current student's OLR. When you log into the parent portal and see your list of students, look for the "Add Student" button.*
7. **If you do not see all of your students when you are updating your OLR, do not press submit. Contact your secretary or Morgan Murray-Zimmerman. It is valuable that all family members are listed together.**
8. Click Start
9. Once completed be sure to pay any fees due and also add money to your food service account\*

**Elementary & Middle School TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS and schedules will also be available on August 4.**

## **NEW Students - Steps to Register:**

Welcome to Monticello CSD! Please fill out your new student's information into the online link below. This is **ONLY** for a new student and not if you have existing students already registered at one of our schools. If you have multiple new students coming into the district, you may enter them all in one application. Once your student application has been processed through by a secretary, they will be added to your parent account. Fees will be assessed to your child upon secretary approval.

NEW students register here: <https://monticelloia.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/monticello?configGroupID=5>

Note: Some documents are required for students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email [morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us) or call 319-320-1132.

\*You are able to pay online for fees and lunch once you are logged in. You can pay by credit or debit card (a convenience fee of 3.61% will be charged), or by e-check (a convenience fee of only 35 cents will be charged). **During the week of August 4-8, the convenience fees will be waived.** If you don't wish to pay online, payment can be mailed or made at your school building.

**Online registration needs to be done by August 15!** If you are unable to register online, please contact your building secretary (after Aug. 1) to set up a time to register. Support for online registration will NOT be available at Open House.

Schedules, padlocks, chromebooks, etc. can be picked up at Open House once fees have been paid. Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates.

*Note: Some documents are required for returning families/students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.*

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email [morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us) or call 319-320-1132.

**(PLEASE NOTE: Building Secretaries will not be back in the office until August 1st)**

**Here's to a great 2025-2026 school year!**



# 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Board Approved: 02/24/2025

## Monticello Community School District 2025-2026 Master Calendar

### Summary of Calendar Hours

Student Hours in Classroom:	
First Semester (80 days):	495.220
Second Semester (92 days):	574.230
PT Conferences:	16.00
Virtual Learning Hours (up to 30 hours):	18.00
<b>TOTAL STUDENT HOURS:</b>	<b>1103.45</b>

### Calendar Legend

	Start/End Semester	4
	PD Day	2
	1pm dismissal for PD/Collab	26
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4
	Collaboration Day	3
	Holiday	6
	No School Days	16
	Early Dismissal 1pm, No PD	2

### Holidays

Sept. 1	Labor Day
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Apr. 3	Good Friday
May 25	Memorial Day

### Professional Development Days (No School)

Aug. 20-21

### Collaboration Days (No School)

Aug. 22; Jan. 2; April 6

### 1pm Dismissal Dates

Aug. 25; Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Nov. 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10, 19; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28  
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 25  
April 15, 22, 29; May 22

### Parent Teacher Conferences

HS, MS, Elem - Nov. 3 & 6  
HS, MS, Elem - March 10 & 12

### Break Days

Nov. 7 & Nov. 26 - 28  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 1  
March 13 - 20

### Weather Make-Up Days

May 26 - June 12 (as needed)

### Teacher Floating Work Days

August 4 - 19 (1 day)  
May 26 - June 12 (1 day)

Homecoming for the 2025-26  
school year will be the week  
of September 8-12!



### Month M T W Th F

Aug.					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

Sept.	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			

Oct.			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31

Nov.	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

Jan.				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

Feb.	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27

March	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			

April			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	

May					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

June	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12

### EVENTS

19 - New Teachers Report	August
20-21 - No School, Professional Development Days	
21 - Open House: Elementary: 4:30-6pm MS: 5-6:30pm HS: 5:30-7pm	
22 - No School, Collaboration Day	
25 - CLASSES BEGIN	
25 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes Begin	
25 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	
1 - No School, Holiday	September
8-12 Homecoming Week	
10, 17, 24 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	October
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3 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	November
6 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
7, 26, 28 - No School	
12, 19 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	
27 - No School, Holiday	

3, 10 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	December
12 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes End	
19 - End of 1st semester, <u>1pm dismissal</u> , No PD	
12/22-12/31 - No School, Winter Break	
25 - No School, Holiday	

1 - No School, Holiday	January
2 - No School, Collaboration Day	
5 - Begin 2nd Semester	
7, 14, 21, 28 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	
12 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes Begin	

4, 11, 18, 25 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	February
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4, 25 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	March
10 & 12 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
13 - No School	
16-20 - No School, Spring Break	

3 - No School, Holiday	April
6 - No School, Collaboration Day	
18 - PROM	
15, 22, 29 - <u>1pm dismissal</u>	

4 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes End	May
15 - Last day for Seniors	
17 - HS Graduation	
22 - Last day of school, <u>1pm dismissal</u> , No PD*	
25 - No School, Holiday	

\*Will move to last day if snow days are added

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Monticello CSD 2025-26 Fee Schedule



Approved: 5/19/25

BOOK FEES
Elementary
Middle School
High School

FOOD SERVICE FEES:
Lunch - Elementary (K-4)
Lunch - Middle School (5-8)
Lunch - High School (9-12)
Extra Lunch (5-12 only)
Lunch - Adult
Lunch Card -replacement fee
Breakfast - (K-12)
Breakfast - Adult
Milk (extra)

To qualify for free or reduced rate an application for free or reduced meals must be approved annually

PRESCHOOL TUITION: (4-year olds)
Preschool - 4 days per week
(includes snack and milk)

PANTHER ACADEMY (Before & After & Summer Childcare)
Summer Registration Fee
School Year Registration Fee

Daily Fees:
1st child
2nd child
3rd child

Non-School Days & Summer Fees:
<u>Full Day</u>
1st child
2nd child
3rd child
<u>Half Day</u>
1st child
2nd child
3rd child

OTHER FEES:
Athletics Punch Card (10 punches) - Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)
Athletics Punch Card (10 punches)
Transcript Fee
Driver's Education
Parking Fine
Parking Tag
Lost or Damaged Book Fine
Lost Uniform
Padlocks (Middle School Only) - optional
Choir and Band - Uniform Cleaning (HS only)
School Dances (WPA, Homecoming, etc)
Instrument Rental - Optional
Harmonica purchases (MS only) - Optional

Activity Admission Prices (conference approved):
<u>High School</u>
Adults
Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)
<u>Middle School</u>
Adults
Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)

Rental of Facilities - per Board Policy #1003.1

2025-26 Annual Fee	
Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 55.00	\$ 27.50
\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00
\$ 85.00	\$ 42.50
Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 2.60	\$ 0.40
\$ 2.70	\$ 0.40
\$ 2.70	\$ 0.40
\$ 2.80	not applicable
\$ 4.97	not applicable
\$ 3.00	not applicable
\$ 1.90	\$ 0.30
\$ 2.10	not applicable
\$ 0.50	not applicable

Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 160.00 per month	not applicable
Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 40.00	not applicable
\$ 40.00	not applicable
\$6.00 per hour	not applicable
\$5.50 per hour	not applicable
\$5.00 per hour	not applicable
Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 32.50	not applicable
\$ 30.25	not applicable
\$ 27.75	not applicable
Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 27.00	not applicable
\$ 25.00	not applicable
\$ 23.00	not applicable

Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 40.00	not applicable
\$ 50.00	not applicable
\$ 5.00	not applicable
\$ 340.00	\$ 170.00
\$10 or \$5 if paid within 48 hours	not applicable
1st one no cost replacement fee	2nd \$2.00 each
replacement fee	not applicable
\$ 7.00	\$2.00 refund at the end of the year when padlock is returned
\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
\$ 5.00	not applicable
\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
\$ 4.00	not applicable

Full Rate	Reduced Rate
\$ 7.00	not applicable
\$ 7.00	not applicable
\$ 5.00	not applicable
FREE	not applicable

## Free & Reduced Meal Applications are Due!

Everyone is strongly encouraged to fill out the free/reduced meals application for students in grades PK-12. If you do not fill out this form, your registration fees cannot be reduced or waived. Applications are available at the District Office or on our [website](#). Get it filled out today!!



# BACK TO SCHOOL

For students in need of school supplies, please sign up through the QR code. Supplies will be delivered to the student's school.

22nd Annual...

## Jones County SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE & DISTRIBUTION

Drop off school supplies at ...

MONTICELLO: Monticello Express  
WYOMING: Citizens State Bank  
ANAMOSA: Anamosa Journal-Eureka, Fidelity Bank  
Edward Jones & Shear Inspirations  
OLIN: Olin City Hall

### Supplies Needed ...

- Backpacks
- Pencil bags & boxes
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Markers
- Expo Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Loose Leaf Paper (Wide Ruled)
- Highlighters
- Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
- Crayons (24 pk)
- Pencils
- 1 inch Binders

For students in need of supplies, please sign up through the QR code below. Supplies will be delivered to the student's school district. Financial Contributions for the purchase of supplies can be made to the Jones County Family Council, P.O. Box 472, Anamosa, IA 52205. Questions, contact Sheri Hunt, 319-551-3402.

LAST DAY TO DONATE IS AUG. 8, 2025



## Back to SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Thank you for all the generous school supply donations to Shannon & Carpenter! We're still in need of the following items:

- 10 pack Crayola Classic Markers (*washable broad tip*)
- 10 pack Crayola Classic Markers (*washable fine tip*)
- Colored Pencils
- Fiskars 5 1/2" Pointed Scissors

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SHANNON OR CARPENTER

Thank you!



2025-26 School supply lists are available in the District Office or on our [website](#).



4TH  
ANNUAL

# FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

KICK OFF  
THE SCHOOL  
YEAR!

HANDS ON  
ART & SCIENCE  
ACTIVITIES  
FOR YOUTH!

BUILD  
CONNECTIONS  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
5:00-7:00 PM

OUTDOOR AREA BY UNITED CHURCH OF MONTICELLO  
123 N CHESTNUT STREET

ADDITIONAL SEATING ON THE STREET

RAIN LOCATION: MONTICELLO BERNDEN CENTER

## MENU:

GRILLED BY THE JONES COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS

GRILLED PORK SANDWICHES, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BRATS,  
FRUIT, CHIPS, HOMEMADE COOKIES, ICE CREAM CUPS,  
LEMONADE & WATER

SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, AND INDIVIDUALS

Stop by before or after Open House!

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Parents of 2026 Seniors!

Summer is a great time to take senior portraits!



Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due **before winter break of senior year**. Plan to take photos over the summer and have one thing crossed off the senior to-do list! A free option is available for a yearbook photo on Halverson's school picture day in the fall also. Guidelines are listed below:

### **GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK**

- vertical format
- clothing should conform to school dress code
- no inappropriate poses
- no other people, animals, objects/props in photograph
- no sunglasses
- color or B/W are acceptable
- submit digitally (preferred) or write name on back if submitting a hard copy.
- must be received by deadline (before winter break of senior year)

Photos can be emailed to [emily.marjoua@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:emily.marjoua@monticello.k12.ia.us) or can be turned in at the office drive up window.

Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by the deadline. Copies are preferred to original heirloom photos. Baby pictures not submitted digitally should be labeled on the back with first and last names.

For senior pictures, of course, you are free to have any senior photo poses you and your photographer wish for your own use. However, the senior portrait selected and submitted for use in the school yearbook must meet the above guidelines. Thanks!

### **2025-26 Bus Routes**

We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. Most of the routes will be the same as previous years.

If you have moved over the summer and will be changing your transportation or are new to the District and need transportation, please call the Bus Barn at 319-465-3000, then press 7.

Thank you!



## FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

### **Kindergarten Parents!**

All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school (or a notarized religious or medical exemption filled out), or students cannot attend school. We also need a physical, and dental and lead screening results. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 319-465-3000.



**Students with SPECIAL DIETS or MEDICAL NEEDS**—If your student has any special diet or medical needs, please contact School Nurse, Jodi Heinrich before school starts so we are better able to care for your children! They can be reached at 319-465-3000. Thank You!

### **IMMUNIZATIONS INFO:**

- ⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have their expected immunizations per state law.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
- ⇒ All 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.
- ⇒ All students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in sports must have a current physical and concussion form on file.
- ⇒ All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

**Get those appointments scheduled early!**



# ~WELCOME~

## Welcome New Staff!

The 2025-26 school year will begin on Monday, August 25 with the following new staff members:

Laura Altieri	1st Grade Teacher
Katie Farrowe	District Wide Substitute Teacher
Emily Kiefer	High School Counselor
Madison Kraus	Preschool Teacher
Kelsie Wennekamp	3rd Grade Teacher
Kelsey Willett	High School English Teacher

*Welcome to the Monticello Community School District!*



## From the Activities Department

All schools in the River Valley Conference have moved to a **cashless ticketing** system for high school athletic events. We will also have cashless gates at middle school events this year.

### High School Events:

\$7 per person (applies to everyone—students, adults, and senior citizens)

### Middle School Events:

\$5 for adults

FREE for students and senior citizens (65+)

You can use a virtual 10-punch pass for home events which can be purchased on [BOUND](https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello). Old punch cards will be accepted.

**Also, if you have an athlete, remember to register them on the Bound website and upload their physical & concussion form.**

Visit BOUND, for schedules, ticket purchases, and student registration:

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>. Be sure to bookmark it!

If you have questions, feel free to contact [Tim Lambert](#) or [Alyssa McNally](#) at the High School Office. Thank you!

– Tim Lambert, Activities Director

Good luck to all our athletes and coaches!

**GO PANTHERS!**



# 2025 BOARD ELECTION



## Make a Difference!

### Ever thought of running for the School Board? Now is your chance!

In Monticello, there are five school board members who serve four-year terms. The School Board Election will take place on November 4, 2025.

An individual considering a position on the school board should believe public education is important, support the democratic process, willingly devote time and energy to board work, respect educators, and have the ability to examine the facts and make a decision.

Citizens wanting to run for a position on the board must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen (18) years old, a resident of the school district, and eligible to register to vote. School board candidates must obtain 44 signatures to file nomination papers.

#### Important School Board Election Dates:

- August 25: First day to file nomination papers with the board secretary
- September 18: Last day to file nomination papers Deadline is 5 p.m.
- November 4: School Election Day

All nomination materials and info are available online on the Iowa Association of School Boards [website](#), the Iowa Secretary of State [website](#), or at the District Office

**Stop by the District Office  
at 850 E Oak Street, Monticello  
for a candidate packet!**

**We need you!**

**Strong public schools  
depend on effective  
leadership!**

## We Need Leaders Who Care About Our Children & Community!

**Ever thought of running  
for the School Board?**

Stop by the District Office for a  
candidate packet!  
Check out our website for more info:  
[www.monticello.k12.ia.su](http://www.monticello.k12.ia.su)

**School Board  
Election is  
November 4, 2025!**

- August 25: First day to file nomination papers
- September 18: Last day to file nomination papers --deadline is 5 pm

**We need you! Strong public  
schools depend on effective  
leadership!**





# YOU'RE INVITED

*You're  
Invited!*

Join us for a special dedication ceremony for the monument sign in front of the high school that was generously donated by the Class of 1965. Everyone welcome!

## Monument Sign DEDICATION EVENT

Saturday, August 23, 2025 - 10:30am  
Monticello High School  
850 E Oak St  
Monticello, Iowa



*Thank You*

- Thank you to **Ashley Clemen with *Impacting Paws*** for two free training sessions for Fidget this summer!
- Thank you to the **Brent & Laci Van Dorn family** for the donation of markers to Panther Academy.
- Thank you to the **Monticello Parks & Rec Department** for the donation of snacks to Panther Academy.
- Thank you to **Teresa Reuter** for the donations to the MS and HS nurses' office.

# SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

We need **SUB TEACHERS!**

## Join Our Team as a Substitute Teacher!

Are you looking for a flexible, rewarding job that makes a difference?

We are hiring Substitute Teachers for all grade levels!

- Choose the days you work
- Make a positive impact in students' lives
- Great opportunity for retirees, college students, or anyone who loves kids and learning
- \$18.75 per hour

Find out more here: <https://www.gwaea.org/administrators/substitute-teaching/>

## Become a Substitute Teacher for Monticello CSD!

Join Our Education Team And  
Become A Substitute Teacher  
For Monticello!



### Benefits:

- \$18.75 per hour
- You decide the days you'd like to work
- Help your community when substitute teachers are needed the most!



### Substitute Teachers In Iowa Must Have:

- An Iowa teaching license // or substitute teacher license // or paraeducator certification.
- An associate's degree // or a baccalaureate degree // or 60 college credits through a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed a substitute authorization course\*
- At least 18 years of age.

\*Those with a teaching license do not need to complete a substitute authorization course.



### How Do I Start?

Everything you need to become a substitute teacher can be found at [subcentral.vista-iowa.com](http://subcentral.vista-iowa.com)



# REAL-WORLD STEM

## Bringing Real-World STEM to the Classroom: My Summer Externship with Jones County Conservation

This summer, I participated in my second STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Externship Grant at Jones County Conservation Board. Through this grant, I receive both financial compensation and college credit while also engaging in STEM learning in the workplace. This summer at JCCB, I have led multiple camps and activities centered on conservation. Some examples included leading students from the school for the blind in hands-on activities about Iowa birds, participating in a bee survey (something I hope to conduct with students during WIN this fall), and even helping to survey and catalog an endangered orchid native to Iowa. While working at the JCCB, I have also created multiple science phenomena in our area that will be published on the Iowa PBS Science Phenomenon site. All these phenomena are tied to middle school science standards and can be found locally in Jones County. The Externship program has been a great way to further my learning and also make a little extra money in the summer. I am excited to bring back the experiences I gained this summer to enhance my teaching practice and provide students with more hands-on learning opportunities while also seeing local careers in STEM and Science.

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TOMORROW  
STEMS  
FROM IOWA

IOWA STEM TEACHER  
**EXTERNSHIPS**

# ANNUAL NOTICES

## Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Monticello Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Family and Consumer Science Education
- Industrial Education

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status (for programs) its education programs employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, [todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us).

## Officials Responsible for Records

The Superintendent is administratively responsible for assuring the confidentiality of personally identifiable student information on a district-wide basis. The principal of each school within the District is administratively responsible at the building level for the management of student records in a confidential manner and in accordance with District policy and procedures. The following is a listing of the titles and office address of these individuals: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger** 850 E Oak Street; **High School Principal Nick Schauf** 850 East Oak Street; **Middle School Principal Todd Werner**, 860 E Oak Street; **Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe**, 321 West South Street.

## Inspection of Instructional and Library Materials

Parents and other members of the school district community may view the instructional and library materials used by the students. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, online content or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any federally funded programs must be available for inspection by parents. The instructional materials may be viewed on school district premises. Copies may be obtained according to board policy. The district will publish on the district's website a comprehensive list of all books available to students in libraries operated by the school district. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding the inspection of instructional materials.

## Parent/Student Rights

The Monticello Community School District maintains confidential records for all students currently or previously enrolled as is consistent with the District's responsibility for the provision of educational programs and services and the requirements of state/federal law and regulation. Copies of the District's student records policy are available upon request to the office of the superintendent or the principal of any district school.

## Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. This notification, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos containing materials are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours.

## Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district transportation. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on school transportation to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of video recordings may be confidential student records and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view video recordings of their child if the video recordings are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

## Video Cameras in School Building and on School Grounds

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras in the school district's buildings and on school property. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior in order to maintain a safe, secure, and healthy environment for students and staff. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the video recordings may be a confidential student record and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matters as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view recordings of their children in the event the recordings are used in disciplinary proceedings involving their children. Any such request shall be processed by the school district in accordance with applicable law. All audio and video recordings will require permission of the building principal.



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## **Multicultural and Gender Fair Education**

The education program of the Monticello Community School District revolves around a philosophy of equal educational opportunities and non-discrimination in educational programs and activities. The educational objectives outlined in the board of director's policies are the means whereby the district shall achieve its philosophy. Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, marital/parental status, sexual orientation, or disability. The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The education program will foster knowledge of and respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contribution of diverse cultural groups, as well as men and women, to society. It will also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women and provide equal opportunity to both sexes.

## **Equal Educational Opportunity**

The Monticello Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. The belief in equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and employees in making decisions relating to school district facilities, employment, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students. Board policies, rules and regulations affect students while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors, and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity. Student inquiries or grievances related to this policy may be directed to District's Equity Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 x2101, [todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us). Inquiries by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn St., 37th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60604 (312) 730-1560, fax (312) 730-1576 [OCR.Chicago@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Chicago@ed.gov), the Iowa Civil Rights Commissioner, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50321-1270, <https://icrc.iowa.gov>, (515) 281-4121 or the Iowa Dept. of Education, Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319. (515) 281-5294. This inquiry or complaint to the federal or state office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level.

## **Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification**

Hearing Screening: Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) conducts hearing screenings for all kindergartners, 2nd graders, and any 1st grader who wasn't screened last year. Parents/Guardians have the right to opt their child out of the hearing screening. To do so, please submit a written notification to the school health office at the beginning of the school year or prior to screening. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact the school nurse or Grant Wood Area Education Agency directly at (319) 399-6746 to schedule a hearing test at any time.

## **Competent Private Instruction**

The definition of Competent Private Instruction is any student being taught at home by parents/guardians with or without the assistance of a licensed teacher or the student is enrolled in a non accredited non-public school. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to submit notification forms for each child, between the ages of 6 and 16 by September 15th with the resident district. These forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA.

## **Dental Screenings**

All children enrolling in Iowa's elementary or high schools are required to have a dental screening as of July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental diseases. This requirement applies only to those students entering kindergarten and the ninth grade. The dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist. The dental screening requirements are:

- Kindergartners to have a screening sometime between age 3 years to four months after their enrollment into Kindergarten
- 9th graders to have a screening that is valid for up to one year prior to their enrollment into 9th grade and up to four months after their enrollment

Iowa's State Dental Screening forms need to have been signed by a dentist or dental hygienist and the form turned into the child's respective school by December 15th of the enrollment into Kindergarten or 9th grade year. If the forms are not turned in, the Monticello School District will have a licensed dental hygienist from the I-SMILE program or your school nurse may and do FREE dental screenings for that child. If the parent/guardian does not want their child screened, a letter expressing this must be turned into the child's school administrator by January 1st of that school year. The free dental screenings will be conducted during the second semester of the Kindergarten/9th grade enrolling school

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## Open Enrollment

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in a public school district in the State of Iowa other than their district of residence should file an application with the resident district and receiving district by **March 1** to be considered for the following year. Those enrolling in kindergarten have until **September 1** to file an application for open enrollment. In order to qualify for open enrollment after the March 1 deadline, the student must meet the “good cause” definition. Good cause relates to:

- Change in family district of residence due to family move or change in state
- Change in student’s residence due to:
  - Change in residence from one parent or guardian to another
  - Change in the marital status of the student's parents that results in a change in resident district,
  - Change in guardianship or custody proceeding,
  - Placement of the child in foster care, or
  - Adoption
- Participation in a foreign exchange program
- Participation in a substance abuse or mental health treatment program that results in a change of residence
- Initial placement of preschool student in special education
- Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing
- Revocation of a charter school contract as provided in section 256F.8
- Loss of accreditation or revocation of a nonpublic or charter school contract
- Pervasive harassment or a severe health condition

**Transportation:** Parents are responsible for transporting children open enrolled to another district, unless economic eligibility requirements are met and the receiving district is next to the resident district. If a child open enrolls to a district that is contiguous to (or borders) the home district and the parents’ income meets economic eligibility requirements, the family may receive a stipend for transportation or be provided transportation by the resident district.

**Athletic Eligibility:** Students who open enroll in grades nine through 12 **are not eligible to participate in varsity** contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer (not counting summer school) unless an exception applies allowing immediate eligibility. For more information on open enrollment please view the Iowa Department of Education website at: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/open-enrollment>

## Private Instruction

Private Instruction is instruction using a plan and a course of study in a setting other than a public or organized accredited nonpublic school. It includes competent private instruction (CPI) by a licensed practitioner or a non-licensed person, independent private instruction (IPI), home school assistance programs (HSAP), and non-accredited nonpublic schools. Forms are available in the District Office if needed.

## FOOD SERVICE NEWS

### BREAKFAST MENU

**AUGUST**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25 Long John Fruit Fruit juice	26 Mini waffles w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	27 Muffin Fruit Fruit juice	28 Sausage & cheese muffin Fruit Fruit juice	29 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit Juice

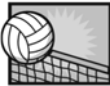


### LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<i>Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS &amp; MS only)</i>			
25 BBQ rib sandwich Potato wedges Grape tomatoes Peaches	26 Bacon cheeseburger Smile fries Tomato slices Mixed fruit	27 Mini corn dogs Seasoned rice Green beans Mandarin oranges	28 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Applesauce Roll & butter	29 Bosco sticks w/ marinara Lettuce blend w/ dressing Baby carrots Watermelon

**Milk served  
with all meals.**

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# AUGUST 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 All State Choir Workshop 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	5 All State Choir Workshop 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	6 All State Choir Workshop 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	7 K-8 Football Camp	8	9 Band Camp
11 <i>HS practices begin</i> 7-8 VB Camp	12 7-8 VB Camp	13 7-8 VB Camp <b>Board Work Session—6pm</b>	14	15	16
18	19 <b>Orientation for New Teachers</b>	20 <b>Professional Development Day</b>	21 <b>Professional Development Day</b> All Staff Employee Luncheon-11:30am <b>Open House @ all schools:</b> <b>Elementary 4:30-6</b> <b>MS 5-6:30</b> <b>HS 5:30-7:00</b> <b>FREE Community Picnic @ United Church of Monticello—5-7pm</b>	22 <b>Teacher Collaboration Day</b>  V FB @ Maquoketa Valley—5:30	23 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade-9:00am  High School Monument Sign Dedication—10:30am
25 <b><u>CLASSES BEGIN</u></b>  <b>1:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Development</b>  <i>Kirkwood 1st semester begins</i> <b>Board Meeting—6:00</b>	26	27	28  9/10 VB @ CPU—5:00  JV/V VB @ CPU—6:00 & 7:30	29  JV/V FB vs Mt. Vernon-5:00 & 7:00  	30 JV/V XC Meet @ CR Prairie-8:00am  V VB Tournament @ Cascade—8:30am

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