



Duke News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK --

New Paraprofessionals Join the YHS Team

We have two new paraprofessionals at YHS. Morgan Garrison is working in our SUCCESS program and Karen Rima works the morning at YMS then is covering our distance learning Spanish courses in the afternoon. We are still looking for additional paraprofessional support at YHS. Please contact the District Office if you are interested.

YHS Homecoming

Homecoming 2024 "Once Upon a Dream" was a great time for our students and staff. The classes of 2025-2028 decorated their hallways in different Disney movie themes and the students showed their creativity with dress-up days. The Spirit March paraded our candidates and athletes past downtown businesses and the Bonfire allowed our students and community to showcase their Duke Pride! The dance was held Saturday night and proved to be a fun time for our students!

Manufacturing Day, October 4th

On Friday, October 4, a number of YHS students are attending community tours as part of Manufacturing Day. Stops will be at Farmers Cooperative, Green Plains, and Collins Aerospace.

Cara Filler

On September 19th, our students listened to a presentation from Cara Filler. Drawing from an immense personal tragedy in her life, Cara's inspiring presentation focused on overcoming the barriers in life and avoiding negative risk-taking behaviors. This presentation was funded by the Nebraska Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Division.

Cornerstone Careers in Ag Day

YHS sent 36 students down to Careers in Ag Day hosted by Cornerstone Bank at the Holthus Convention Center. Our students were able to hear from multiple professionals in various sectors of agriculture to learn more about options for them post-graduation.

GO DUKES!

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE —

We've had a good start to the 2024-2025 school year! Our fall activities are beginning to wind down and if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to come out and watch all of our talented students. Here are a few reminders:

Eligibility

The eligibility report is sent out every Monday at 8:00 am. If a student is failing two or more classes, they are not eligible to participate in activities for one week. They will also be required to attend a one hour study hall that week to receive extra time and support. The ineligible period lasts from Monday through Sunday regardless of whether their grades are improved during the middle of the week. A student's first time on the list is a "grace period" and they are not required to miss activities.

Attendance

In regards to activities, if a student misses any part of the day that is not pre-arranged through the office, they are not allowed to play or practice that day. Appointments and other things that come up should be communicated to the office as soon as possible.

Also, this is a reminder that a student will lose credit for a class if absent more than eight times in a semester without notes from a doctor or other professional excusing the absences. This is a time of year when students miss a lot of class time due to activities. Many events occur during the school day. It is vital that students communicate with their teachers and stay organized about receiving the assignments they've missed.

Go Dukes!!

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SENIOR PICTURES FOR CLASS OF 2025 - COLOR PHOTO REQUIRED

REMINDER: Senior pictures for the 2025 yearbook, "The Duke," must be submitted to the journalism department by **Friday, November 1st**.

The Duke needs:

- an INDOOR picture against a NEUTRAL background
- a headshot that is head and shoulders only
- a portrait orientation
- a COLOR photo
- the selected photo by **November 1st**

Seniors

Your yearbook photo will be used for the 2025 Duke yearbook as well as printed in school programs and the local newspaper. Please ensure that your photographer has released your photo for the listed purposes.

To submit your photo, have your photographer email your picture to: levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org

If emailing the photo is not an option, please bring in a printed photo.

Please see the attached memo from the Duke Staff!

Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of York Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age, or national origin in its educational programs, administration, policies, employment, or other district programs.

NO SCHOOL

School will NOT be in session on Monday, October 14th (Comp Day) and Tuesday, October 15th (Teacher Professional Development Day).

END OF 1ST SEMESTER

The first semester will end on Friday, December 20th.

ACES CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



The ACES Induction Ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in the theater. Please plan to attend to help students celebrate this high achievement.

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CORRESPONDENCE

York High School will be updating email addresses. If your email address has changed or you have not yet given us your email address for grade reports, please contact the school at 362-6655. These addresses will then be made available to those teachers who want to use this technology to communicate with parents.

Mark your calendar!
Mini Dukettes is scheduled for
Saturday, November 16
8:00 am to 12:00 noon

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS & BUSINESSES -- COMMERCIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Each year at about this time, many commercial operations contact our students' parents and businesses about fund raising opportunities. In the case of students and parents, you may be contacted about opportunities for student recognition in commercial publications at an expense to the student or parent. In other instances, businesses may be contacted about purchasing ads for athletic or activity schedules. These businesses charge a great deal of money and sometimes serve little benefit for our schools.

If you are contacted by an outside agency or individual, please make sure that the individual/business with whom you are talking has contacted the York Public Schools and is endorsed by them as an approved fund raiser. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Mark your calendar!
Mini Cheer Clinic is
scheduled for
Saturday, December 14
8:30 am to 11:30 am



2024 Yearbooks are in!

Check in the main office or with Mr. Loofe to pick up your order. If you ordered a yearbook with a name stamp, you will have to see Mr. Loofe in room D6.



2025 Yearbook is for sale!

The 2025 yearbook is for sale and must be purchased online. The cost is \$60. Additional add ons include a namestamp, iTag, or a clear book protector. Go to www.yearbookforever.com to order!

TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The York Public Schools provide transportation for all participants to school activities. **All participants are required to ride to and from school-sponsored activities on school district transportation.**

If important family or personal situations require that a student return home or go to an activity with a parent, special exceptions may be allowed **if the parent submits a written request to the high school office 24 hours in advance of the activity and the parent speaks directly to the head coach/sponsor of the activity before taking the student home. An Activities Transportation Special Request form may be picked up in the high school office or found on the school webpage. The form is also attached to this newsletter.**

An activity sponsor may allow the student to ride with his/her parent if the sponsor determines that the situation is an **emergency** that would not allow the parent to make such a request in advance of the activity. The parent should make the request **personally** to the **head coach/sponsor** and, at that time, provide the sponsor with a written request that the head coach/sponsor will forward to the principal upon returning from the activity.

In all decisions about transportation of students, the primary concern of the Board of Education is the safety of students. Whenever unusual circumstances develop that might require a student to go or return from a school sponsored activity with anyone other than a parent, a special appeal for consideration may be submitted in writing to the high school office 24 hours in advance of the activity. The transporting person must be at least 21 years of age. In these unique situations, an administrator may authorize a student to utilize some other means of transportation; however, the person responsible for the student's transportation must personally speak directly to the head coach/sponsor of the activity before taking the student home.

YORK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

YHS Fall sports are in full swing for the 2024 season and the YHS Athletic Booster Club is **excited for the success** each team will have.

The York Athletic Booster Club would like to thank all the **businesses that purchased ads for the YHS program and rosters** this year! This is one of our largest fundraisers for the YHS Athletic Booster Club and this year was no exception.



Thank you to all that have or WILL become a York Athletic Booster Club member for the 2024-2025 school year. Your support for YHS athletics helps each and every athlete we have at YHS. **If you would like to become a member, complete the form at YHS or on our Facebook page, "York High School Booster Club"** or talk to Michelle Wardyn.

A Big Thank You to everyone that made the YHS Athletic Booster Club **hamburger feed a great success** during the first York Duke home football game! The sponsors, helpers and community came out and made it a great one.

The **2024 Greg Holoch Memorial Golf Tournament** was also a great success! Check out pictures from this year's event on the York Athletic Booster Club Facebook page. Thank you Scott Koch and the many dedicated volunteers for your hours of service. What a great way to honor Greg, continuing his generosity by giving to YHS in his name.

It was great to see our Homecoming spirit come alive! We are proud to be supporters of this awesome staff and student body, and love to see the school spirit that surrounds the homecoming festivities! What a great community for us all to call home! We wish the best of luck to our fall athletes as they finish out their seasons!

GO DUKES!!

York Athletic Booster Club

YORK HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Special Points of Interest:

- UNL Men's Honor Choir Day
- Fall Choir Concert
- Important Dates

UNL MEN'S HONOR CHOIR DAY

On October 7, all men in Chamber Singers will be attending the annual UNL Men's Honor Choir. At the close of the full rehearsal day, all students involved will participate in a free concert at 6:30 pm at St. Paul Methodist Church on M Street in downtown Lincoln for anyone to attend!

IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ October 21 - All State ensemble selections from the NMEA will be announced.
- ⇒ October 21 - YHS Fall Choir Concert at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.
- ⇒ October 31 - UNK Honor Choir auditions are due.



BAND COMPETITIONS

The YHS Band has been hard at work learning and perfecting our field show entitled "Colors." We performed at the Columbus Marching Band Festival in Columbus on Saturday, September 28th. We will also perform at the Harvest of Harmony Parade and Marching Festival in Grand Island on Saturday, October 5th, and will finish our competitive season performing at the NSBA State Marching Band Festival at Kearney High School on Saturday, October 26th. Come out and support the students' hard work!

The Marching Band Highlights Concert will be on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 pm in the YHS Theater.

We are fundraising for the upcoming trip to Kansas City. If you are wanting to support the band on their trip, the band is still selling their discount cards for \$20. You can also participate in their 20 for 20 campaign for each student. Interested supporters are encouraged to contact a band student, or visit the band's Facebook page by searching "York High Band Boosters."

GO BAND AND GO DUKES!



YHS
School Pictures
Wednesday, October 2

York High School
PARENT - TEACHER
CONFERENCES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
Teachers will be in their
classrooms!

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are starting to come in and students should check the daily announcements for new scholarship information. The announcements are also on the school website every day. You will find a listing of current scholarships on the school website www.yorkpublic.org under Schools, High School, Counseling Center.

Susan T. Buffett Scholarship requires students to be Nebraska residents and have at least a 2.0 GPA or 77%. Applications will be available November 1 at www.buffettscholarships.org. The essay and application deadline is February 1 at 5:00 pm. This scholarship is need based. The Student Aid Report (SAR) ... being renamed the FAFSA Submission Summary ... (which you will receive after completing the FAFSA) must be submitted by March 15. The value of this scholarship is over \$44,000 for universities, over \$35,000 for state colleges and over \$10,000 for community colleges.

The UNL Honors Program deadline is February 15; however, the early notification deadline is November 15. UNL has told us the sooner the students apply, the better. Students need to apply to UNL online first to be able to get to the Honors application. There is a \$45.00 application fee (which covers UNL, UNO and UNK). If students qualify for free or reduced lunch, this fee can be waived. Come to the Counseling Center if you need help with this process. All Nebraska students may apply for FREE before November 2 by entering the code HUSKER in the fee waiver area.

The KHOP (Kearney Health Opportunities Program) and RHOP (Rural Health Opportunities Program) are due December 1!! This is for full tuition to attend UNK (for KHOP) and/or Chadron, Peru or Wayne (for RHOP) and a guaranteed spot at UNMC. This scholarship also requires three letters of recommendation, and shadowing in a medical facility is recommended.

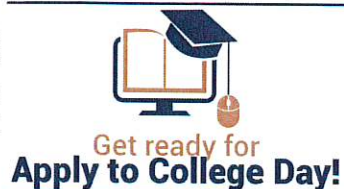
Similar, but for students interested in pursuing a law degree, there is RLOP (Rural Law Opportunities Program) with a deadline of December 1 for Wayne and November 15 for Chadron, and KLOP (Kearney Law Opportunities Program) with a deadline of November 15.

Students interested in ROTC scholarships should start their online application process now. Students can visit with the Counseling Center if they have questions about this.

OCTOBER 10 – BUSY DAY AT YHS – FINANCIAL AID MEETING AND APPLY TO COLLEGE

On Thursday, October 10, all seniors are encouraged to be part of Apply2College Day. In their classes, seniors will plan to complete at least one college application and one scholarship application with the help of counselors and teachers. This is a state-wide event encouraging seniors to look toward their next step of education.

Also on this date, **seniors will be required to attend** and **parents are encouraged to attend** the Financial Aid meeting held in the YHS Theater during 5A (11:19-12:04) and again 5B (12:08-12:53) periods. Lunch will be provided. EducationQuest personnel will be joining us to provide current information and helpful advice when planning for the years ahead.



COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS:

American College Test (ACT) – Grades 11 and 12 (Cost \$68.00– fee waivers available):

This test is given six times a year. York College is not a host site this year; some area schools are if you register early enough to get a spot. Registration is done online at www.act.org. If students cannot afford the \$68.00 fee and qualify for free/reduced lunch, they should come to the counseling office for a fee waiver.

ACCUPLACER TEST – Required for community colleges (No Fee):

This test is given at Southeast Community College or Central Community College and you must make an appointment with the college where you plan to take the test. The ACCUPLACER test is also given at the high school for students who sign up. Sign-up is first come, first served (seniors will be given priority). The first Accuplacer test at YHS is scheduled for **Thursday, October 24**. There is no fee.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) (No fee):

This test was developed to motivate students to learn more about themselves and occupations they might find rewarding. The program can help students see how their interests, abilities, and personal preferences match civilian and military career opportunities. The ASVAB test will be given on **Wednesday, November 13**, to all sophomores as well as any juniors or seniors who sign up in advance in the Counseling office. There is no fee for this test.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

COUNSELING OFFICE COMMUNICATION

We want to be supportive to students and parents and keep communication a high priority. Please check the daily announcements on the school website www.yorkpublic.org. Our twitter account is @yhsguidance. We also post information in Google Classroom for students. We invite and encourage students and parents who work at YPS to sign into this. Class codes are listed below.

9th graders/parents: z75wbrq

10th graders/parents: m35bgc2

11th graders/parents: 7pyepyy

12th graders/parents: f7ukand

EDUCATIONQUEST – A GREAT RESOURCE – AND FREE!

EducationQuest truly is a helpful and FREE resource for college preparation steps, FAFSA guidance, scholarship information and so much more! We are delighted to once again have an on-site representative to help, and more information will be shared soon about her time dedicated to in-person appointments at York High School. You are also invited and encouraged to reach out to their offices in Lincoln, Omaha, or Kearney to make an appointment for assistance if you wish. Virtual appointments are available.

FAFSA – START NOW!

The FAFSA will be opening in December, and it's time to start NOW, senior students and parents!



Below are some important steps:

1. Create an FSA ID. You and a parent must each create a username and password at fsaid.ed.gov that will serve as your Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will each need your own email address to create an FSA ID. This must be done at least 72 hours prior to submitting your FAFSA, so start NOW!!

2. Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after the opening date on December 1. The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The colleges you list on the application will use that information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid they will award you.

Get FREE help from EducationQuest

> Attend an EducationQuest Financial Aid Program on October 10 at YHS to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA. By attending, you can register to win a \$500 scholarship! [Click here](#) for details.

> Find free FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org to help you prepare for and complete the FAFSA.

> Call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment for free personal help: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745 (ext. 6654).

> Make an appointment through Mrs. Stuhr in the Counseling Office to work with Jasmine from EducationQuest for assistance on most college-related and FAFSA questions.

PLANS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

In mid-October, we will begin registering 11th graders for their upcoming senior year of high school. Although it seems early to begin these conversations, we are excited to talk with them about their plans for their future and which classes might fit best to explore these dreams and goals.

DUAL CREDIT PAYMENTS DUE

Dual credit classes' tuition for SCC was due by September 30. The bills are found in the student's HUB account in their SCC email. This tuition must be paid before students can register for second semester classes, so please make sure that has been completed for your child.

Payments for Peru dual credit classes are due by November 1. Paper bills were sent to students' homes early in October. You can pay online or mail a check to Peru State College, Box 10, Peru, NE 68421. Contact Mrs. Stuhr if you have questions.

Materials fees are charged by York High School for these on-site dual credit classes. Mrs. Stuhr emailed this information to the student and parent. Payment was due the end of September (checks payable to YHS) and can be turned in to Mrs. Stuhr in the Counseling office.

CAMPUS VISITS

We are so excited for our campus visits this year! These are very valuable opportunities for students to see firsthand what a community college, state college and university look like and "feel" like. The campus visit for sophomores will be to Northeast Community College on October 16, and the juniors will visit UNL on November 20. Interested seniors visited UNL in September. Freshmen will also possibly have a campus visit in the spring.



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE

Rule 59 Protocol-School Response to Breathing Emergencies

All schools in Nebraska are required to be prepared to respond to life-threatening asthma and anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) emergencies during the school day. The protocol directs school staff members to identify signs and symptoms of a breathing emergency and to respond. A specific team of staff members at each school are trained to carry out the protocol which includes calling 911 and administering auto-injectable epinephrine followed by nebulized albuterol while EMS is enroute. Epinephrine is a medication that acts as a bronchodilator and works to rapidly open the airway. Albuterol relaxes the bronchi and helps to open the airway and move mucus out of the lungs.

As a parent/guardian, it is your responsibility to:

- notify the school of your student's allergies/asthma
- provide written medical documentation, instructions, and medications as directed by a physician and participate in the development of the asthma/allergy action plan
- provide the school with instructions for contacting parents or other responsible adults in case of an emergency

Student responsibilities include:

- avoiding known triggers for allergies/asthma
- recognizing the need to have prescribed medication available at school and to use appropriately
- reporting symptoms immediately to teacher/staff member/nurse

In the event that a student experiences a life threatening asthma attack or systemic allergic reaction, we will refer to the specific information/medication that has been provided by parent/guardian and student's medical provider. If there is no current medical documentation on file or no previous history of asthma or anaphylaxis, the protocol will be implemented. If you have questions or concerns regarding the protocol or your student's health, please contact the health office.



DUKE PRIDE

YORK HIGH SCHOOL

TO: CLASS OF '25 MEMBER
RE: SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES
FROM: THE DUKE STAFF
WHEN: DUE by FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1st

As you prepare for your Senior year, we ask that you start planning for your Senior picture in which you will turn into the 2025 yearbook, The Duke. Please contact Levi Loofe with any questions.

What works best:

- an INDOOR picture against a NEUTRAL background
- a headshot that is head and shoulders
- a COLOR photo
- Portrait Orientation

What we can't guarantee will look great:

- Outdoor Photos
- A photo that has more background than you
- Small file size (can end up blurry)
- Landscape orientation

Most photos will get cropped in some way. The goal is to show as much of YOU as we can...not the background. If a photo is sent in with something we feel is inappropriate, we reserve the right to ask for another photo and not use said photo. **If you do not turn in a photo by the date shown, we will simply put your Junior Year School Picture in the yearbook as your senior photo.** *If you do not have a photo, we are more than happy to take a high quality headshot for you...just talk to Mr. Loofe to set up a time to get it taken!*

Your Yearbook photo will be used for the 2025 Duke Yearbook as well as printed in school programs and the local newspaper. Please ensure that your photographer has released your photo for the listed purposes.

To submit your photo, you or your photographer can email the picture to levi.loofe@yorkdukes.org. If emailing the photo is not an option, please bring in a printed photo.

We are excited to help you remember your Senior year with your 2025 yearbook and we look forward to featuring your Senior photo and helping you remember what your classmates looked like during your Senior year!

Thank you!

THE DUKE STAFF

YORK FFA

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT
02

CHAPTER MEETING
@7:30AM

OCT
07

FARMER APPRECIATION
LUNCHES

OCT
11

FOOTBALL
CONSESSIONS

OCT
12

BARN DANCE

OCT
19

HAYRACK RIDE

OCT
22-26

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

OCT
30

DISTRICT LIVESTOCK
JUDGING

NOV
03

HARVEST MOON
FUNDRAISER



York FFA

★ BARN DANCE ★

8:00-10:00 PM



12 OCTOBER, 2024

Entry fee: \$5 all money goes to Pride Pack

3D Ag~ 3605 N Delaware Ave, York

If you are not from York your Ag teacher
needs to attend to supervise

YORK FFA

HAUNTED HAYRACK RIDE



October 19 @ 5:45 pm
Meet in the east entrance
of YMS.

Smores to follow!
All FFA Members Welcome!



YORK HIGH SCHOOL

Activities Transportation Special Request

Please complete the following form and submit to the office of YHS Principal / YHS Athletic Director at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled activity.

Today's Date _____ Student's Name _____

Activity _____ Activity Date _____

I hereby request that my son/daughter _____ be transported as described below so that my son/daughter may attend a York Public School sponsored activity due to the fact that York Public Schools is not requiring my son/daughter to attend the scheduled activity and that York Public Schools is unable to provide transportation due to unusual or special circumstances, or because our family has an unusual circumstance or emergency that necessitates my son/daughter to utilize alternate transportation.

Please explain in detail the reason for this request _____

I understand and agree that York Public Schools is not and will not be held liable, in any manner, for any damages, injuries, or other costs that may be incurred as a result of this special request to have another adult transport my son/daughter to a York Public Schools activity.

Transporting Person _____ (must be at least 21 years of age)

Age and relationship (IF other than parent) _____

Parent's signature _____ Today's Date _____

Office Use *** Do Not Write Below Line *** Office Use

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_____ Approved

_____ Not Approved

Comments: _____

Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____



We all want school to be a safe place. Parents and caregivers play an important role in this effort.

You can make a positive difference by reporting your concerns about dangerous or troubling behavior affecting the children and teens in your life. For emergency situations, immediately call for help.

WHAT TO REPORT

- Bullying or cyber-bullying.
- Expressed thoughts about hurting themselves or others.
- Serious anger management problems.
- Depression, anxiety, other deep emotional or mental health crises.
- Dangerous online or social media activity.
- Dating-related violence or harassment.

WHY YOUR REPORT AS A PARENT/ CAREGIVER MATTERS

- Schools need timely information to help children/teens in need.
- Not all children/teens experiencing hardships or behavioral concerns will engage in troubling behavior, but seeking help early is important to prevent harm before it happens.

THINGS YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- Give your child/teen your undivided attention when they come to you with concerns.
- Familiarize yourself with the school's reporting system.
- Talk to your child/teen about how to use the reporting system.
- Involve yourself in your child's school. Communicate with teachers regularly and share any concerns or questions.
- Have regular conversations with your child about their friends, activities, and plans. Be nonjudgmental and offer supportive guidance.
- Be a positive role model at home. Solve problems peacefully.
- Provide opportunities for children/teens to be engaged and successful. Reinforce good behavior.
- Safely and securely store and lock firearms, ammunition, and any other weapons or dangerous items (e.g. medication).
- Set clear, consistent, and fair limits with appropriate levels of discipline.

MAKE A REPORT THROUGH YOUR LOCAL TIP LINE

Remember, it is Safe2Help.



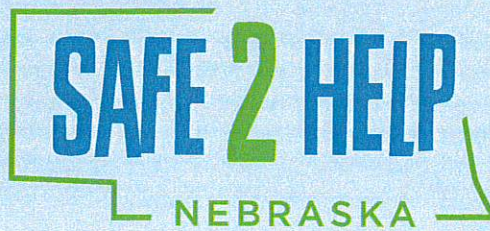
833-980-7233

Call a Counselor



Safe2HelpNE

Download the App





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

“Get Inside. Lock outside doors”



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

“Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the “Muscle Memory” associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?


The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 BT-Home Tri vs Columbus, North Platte (V) - 1:00 pm GG @ GINW Invite (JV) (Jackrabbit Run GC) - 3:00 pm SB-Home vs St. Paul JV-5:00 / V-6:30 pm VB @ Crete Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm	2 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm YHS School Pictures	3 Central Conference Softball Tournament @ Seward (V) (Plum Creek) - 9:00 am CC-Home Invite (V) - 4:00 pm BT-Home vs Lincoln Southwest (JV) - 4:00 pm VB-Home Tri vs Beatrice, Seward (V) - 5:00 pm	4 BT-Home Invite (V) - 10:00 am Central Conference Girls Golf @ GINW (V) (Jackrabbit GC) - 10:00 am FB @ Lincoln Northwest (V) - 7:00 pm	5 VB @ Raymond Central Invite (V) - 8:00 am YHS Band @ Harvest of Harmony Marching Band Festival, Grand Island	
6	7 Girls Golf Districts (V) @ York Country Club - 10:00 am Chamber Singer Men to UNL Men's Honor Choir, Performance @ St. Paul Methodist Church, Lincoln - 6:30 pm Softball Sub-Districts (V) - TBD	8 BT @ Ralston Invite (JV) - 9:00 am BT-Home vs Hastings (V) - 4:00 pm VB-Home vs Adams Central Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm	9 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm YHS Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm	10 YHS Apply to College Day EducationQuest Financial Aid Informational Meeting @ YHS Theater Session 1 - 11:20 - 12:00 pm Session 2 - 12:10 - 12:50 pm Central Conference Cross Country Meet @ Crete (V) (Doane University) - 11:00 am BT-Home vs Crete (JV, V) - 2:00 pm VB @ Milford Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm FB @ GINW (Res) - 6:00 pm	11 YHS Full Day of School FB-Home vs GINW (V) - 7:00 pm Softball District Finals (V) - TBD	12	
13	14 NO SCHOOL (Comp Day) Board of Education Meeting State Girls Golf Tournament (V) Monument Shadows GC, Gering - TBD Columbus Day	15 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Professional Development Day) VB-Home vs Lincoln Christian Res-5:00 / JV-6:00 pm FB @ Aurora (Res) - 5:30 pm	16 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm State Softball Tournament (V) @ Hastings Softball Complex - TBD	17 Cross Country District Meet (V) - TBD Central Conference Volleyball Tournament (V) - TBD State Boys Tennis Tournament (V) Woods Tennis Center, Lincoln - 9:00 am	18 FB @ Seward (V) - 7:00 pm	19 Central Conference Volleyball Tournament @ York High School - 10:00 am One-Act Dress Rehearsal 1:00-6:00 pm	
20	21 State Softball Finals (V) UNO Anderson Field - TBD YHS Fall Choir Concert @ YHS Theater - 7:00 pm Red Ribbon Week	22 VB @ GINW Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis, IN	23 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm	24 VB-Home vs Schuyler Res-5:00/JV-6:00/V-7:00 pm FB-Home vs Waverly (Res) - 6:30 pm	25 State Cross Country Meet (V) Kearney Country Club - TBD FB-Home vs Scottsbluff (V) - 7:00 pm	26 YHS Band @ NSBA State Marching Band @ Kearney VB @ Seward Invite (Res) - 9:00 am	
27	28 YMS/YHS Marching Bands Highlight Concert @ YHS Theater - 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	29 FFA District Livestock Judging Setup @ York Fairgrounds One-Act Community Performance - 8:00 pm York Volleyball Sub-Districts (V) - TBD	30 Early Student Dismissal 2:03 pm FFA District Livestock Judging @ York Fairgrounds	31  Halloween			