Kidder County Public School District No. 1

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Kidder County News

- The 2026/2027 school year will begins August 19, 2026
- Regular School hours are 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- The school building will open at 8:00 am
- The breakfast program will run from 8:00 am - 8:20 am
- Any 6-12 students that did not register last spring, please see Mr. Mike Wachter

Athletic Requirements

◊ **Sports Fees:** Must be paid online or in the main office prior to receiving uniform and before the first contest.

◊ **Physicals:** Physical **MUST** be turned into the **MAIN OFFICE** prior to beginning any practice. No exceptions to this rule. (All students Grades 4-12 MUST have an annual physical to play school-sponsored sports.)

◊ **Online Parent Sports Participation Presentation:** Parents **MUST** watch the online presentation and give consent for each child to participate in any sport for ALL GRADE LEVELS.
This presentation can be found on the Kidder County School District website under the activities section.

◊ **Fall Practice Start Dates**

8/04 3:30 pm Girls Golf
8/06 8:00 am Varsity/JV Football
8/06 8:00 am JH Football
8/06 8:00 am Elem Football
8/17 8:00 am & 1:00 pm V/JV Volleyball
8/17 8:00 am JH Volleyball
8/19 3:30 pm Elementary Girls Basketball

Bus Services

- **For scheduling questions please call Gordon Ripplinger.**
- **Bus garage 701-475-2808 /Gordon cell 701-226-0862**
- **Regular routes will run the first day of school**
- **Your bus driver will be in contact with you prior to the start of school**

Infinite Campus Update

- **Kidder County School will be switching from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus for our student information system. Please be on the lookout for an email with instruction on how to set up your parent portal within Infinite Campus.**

- Pre-Kindergarten:
- Pre-K will be divided into two groups:
- Group A will meet M/Th and every other Wednesday. (Wednesday rotation begins 8/19/2026)
- Group B will meet T/F and every other Wednesday. (Wednesday rotation begins 8/26/2026)
- The Pre-k will follow the District calendar.

Open House Dates

◊ Elementary Open House will be held Wednesday, August 12th from 6:30-7:00pm for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and families with students new to our elementary school. Any and all current families are welcome to attend as well.

◊ 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Open House will be held Wednesday, August 12th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. All 6th-8th grade students and families are welcome. We will review the new middle school model, go over schedules, and receive locker and Infinite Campus information.

Supply List for Middle School (6th-8th grade):

- Pens/Pencils
- 7 notebooks & folders (one for each class)
- 1 three-ring binder

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Daily Lunch Ticket Preschool - 5	$3.40
Daily Lunch Ticket Gr 6-12	$3.65
Adult Lunch	$6.55
Milk Ticket for Non-Participant	
Milk price per carton	$ .70
School Breakfast Program	
Preschool - Grade 12	$2.60
Adult	$3.20

*Daily Lunch meal will include one carton of milk, each addition carton will be available for .70 each

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS

Free or reduced applications will be included in this Newsletter. If you do not receive an application, please stop at the school office to pick up an application.

PLEASE TURN IN APPLICATIONS PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL

Payments can be made online using your Infinite Campus portal.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES

2026/2027

GRADES 7-12 $ 95.00

*7-12 Fee is for all sports and includes a season activity pass

GRADES 4-6 $ 40.00

*4-6 Fee is for all sports, does not include season activity pass

MAXIMUM PER FAMILY $250.00

ADMISSIONS CHARGES TO ALL BALL GAMES FOR YEAR 2026/2027

The admission charges to the schools for Home Games are as follows:

VARSITY

Kindergarten & Under:	Free
Student Gr. 1 thru College:	$5.00
Adults:	$8.00
Double Header:	$6.00 & $9.00

JUNIOR HIGH GAMES:

Kindergarten and Under:	Free
Student Gr. 1 thru College:	$3.00
Adult:	$4.00

ELEMENTARY GAMES:

Kindergarten and Under:	Free
Student Gr. 1 thru College:	$2.00
Adult:	$3.00

SEASON PASSES 2026/2027

Adult:	$100.00
Student:	$45.00
Family Pass:	$230.00

KIDDER COUNTY STAFF

Superintendent	Richard Diegel
MS/HS Principal	Michael Wachter
Elem Principal/AD	Ryan Larson
Business Manager	Sonya Larson
Administrative Assistant	Darci Mittleider
Technology Coordinator	Jeremy Steiger
Speech Pathologist	Julia Nicholson
Speech Pathologist	Amy Jorgenson
Speech Pathologist Asst	Tiffany Bodvig
Special Education	Miranda Nelson
Special Education	Kristin Peterson
Special Education	Beth Schmieg
Title I Reading & Math	Kayla Mosset
Pre-Kindergarten	Lori Rohrich
Kindergarten	Danielle Wachter
Grade 1	Megan Aichele
Grade 1	Bryndyn Rode
Grade 2	Janna Olson
Grade 2	Mikayla Kuhn
Grade 3	Jodi Olson
Grade 3	Mary Kapp
Grade 4	Hailey Pfaff
Grade 5	Joe Oster
Grade 5	Serena Schmidt
6-8 Math	Kasey Kallenbach
6-8 Social Studies	Dan Welder
Physical Education	Connor Hill
PK-4 Music/Library	Crystal DeVore
Elem School Counselor	Lindsey Steiger
High School Counselor	Jenna Leier
Keyboarding	Jackie Hager
Agriculture Education	Pete Martin
Technology Education	Damian Kennedy
6-8 Science	Bryan Wachter
HS Science/Math	Jared Dewald
6-8 English	Stacey Svanes
7-12 English	Joshua Taghon
Gr 5-6 Band	Nicholas Boechler
Gr 7-12 Music	Nicholas Boechler
10-12 Social Studies	Jennifer Kallenbach
Business/Computer	Dave Silbernagel
EL/RTI Coordinator	Jackie Hager
Medical/Para Aid	Sarena Lawler
Para Aid	Shauna Barnick
Para Aid	Sue Caron
Para Aid	Stessa Dinger
Para Aid	Kaitlyn Dockter
Para Aid	Kayla Gnirk
Para Aid	Michelle Keily
Para Aid	Joanne Meier
Para Aid	Caitlin Mittleider
Para Aid	Lynzee Mittleider
Para Aid	Laura Remmick
Para Aid	Denise Schmidt

KIDDER COUNTY STAFF CONTINUED

Lead Food Service Worker	Sarah Wooten
Food Service Worker	Michelle Biegler
Food Service Worker	Roxanne Biegler
Food Service Worker	Jadyn Winters
Maintenance	Darrick Wiest
Custodian	Darwin Demaray
Custodian	Anisley Rodriguez

BUS DRIVERS

Gordon Ripplinger—Bus Manager
Rueben Binder
Lana Fischer
Del Houghton
Pat Leier
Floyd Mittleider
Joe Oster
Ernie Pfaff
Janet Pfaff
Bob Schoepp
Tom Six
Darrick Wiest

If you are a new rural patron please call Gordon Ripplinger at 701-475-2808 or 701-226-0862

Kidder County School Board

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KIDDER COUNTY
WOLVES

2026-2027 Calendar

AUGUST 2026 — 9 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 2026 — 21 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2026 — 20 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2026 — 18 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2026 — 17 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Semester 1 Instructional Days = 85

JANUARY 2027 — 18 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY 2027 — 18 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

MARCH 2027 — 20 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2027 — 21 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY 2027 — 10 Days

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Semester 2 Instructional Days = 87

Board Approved – 2/11/2026

Kidder County School Calendar

KIDDER COUNTY WOLVES

Summary of Days

Aug. 12 ----------Staff Professional Development
Aug. 13 ---------- Staff Professional Development
Aug. 18 ---------- Staff Professional Development
Aug. 19---------- First Day of Classes
Sept. 7----------*NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Oct. 21- Early Dismissal at 2:00, P–T Conferences 2:30-8:30
Oct. 22 & 23 NO SCHOOL – NDU and NDCEL Conf.
Nov. 11---------- *NO SCHOOL –Veterans' Day
Nov. 26 & 27---------- NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
Dec.23---------- Last day of First Semester
Dec. 24---------- Christmas Vacation Begins
Jan. 4 ---------- Staff Professional --Development
Jan. 5---------- School Resumes
Jan. 18 ----------NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
Feb. 12 ------- NO SCHOOL – PT Compensation Day
Feb. 15 ---------- NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
Feb. 18- Early Dismissal at 2:00, P–T Conferences 2:30 – 8:30
March 5 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break–PT Comp Day
March 26---------- *NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
March 29----------NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday
April 23 -----NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Dev.
May 14 ---------- Last Day of School
May 16 ---------- Graduation

*Days count toward 182 day calendar

Days of Classroom Instruction	172 days
PT Conferences	+2 days
Required Vacation Days *	+3 days
Required Professional Development Days	+5 days
Total	**= 182 days**

Kidder County Notification of Rights under FERPA for Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Kidder County School receives a request for access.

   Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

   Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the [School] to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

   One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

   [Optional] Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school or school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request or the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student.]

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

   Student Privacy Policy Office
   U.S. Department of Education
   400 Maryland Avenue, SW
   Washington, DC 20202

[NOTE: In addition, a school may want to include its directory information public notice, as required by § 99.37 of the regulations, with its annual notification of rights under FERPA.]

[Optional] See the list below of the disclosures that elementary and secondary schools may make without consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in § 99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, § 99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in § 99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(*1*) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(*3*) are met. (§ 99.31(a)(1))

- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of § 99.34. (§ 99.31(a)(2))

- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency (SEA) in the parent or eligible student's State. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of § 99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf, if applicable requirements are met. (§§ 99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary for such purposes as to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§ 99.31(a)(4))

- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to § 99.38. (§ 99.31(a)(5))

- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction, if applicable requirements are met. (§ 99.31(a)(6))

- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§ 99.31(a)(7))

- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§ 99.31(a)(8))

- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena if applicable requirements are met. (§ 99.31(a)(9))

- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to § 99.36. (§ 99.31(a)(10))

- Information the school has designated as "directory information" if applicable requirements under § 99.37 are met. (§ 99.31(a)(11))

- To an agency caseworker or other representative of a State or local child welfare agency or tribal organization who is authorized to access a student's case plan when such agency or organization is legally responsible, in accordance with State or tribal law, for the care and protection of the student in foster care placement. (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(L))

- To the Secretary of Agriculture or authorized representatives of the Food and Nutrition Service for purposes of conducting program monitoring, evaluations, and performance measurements of programs authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, under certain conditions. (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(K))

2026-27 Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Information to apply online can be found on the Kidder County School website

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use a pen (not a pencil). **Mail or return completed form to: Kidder County School PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482**

STEP 1: **List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students** up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application to each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Mark all that apply. Foster Child	Migrant	Homeless or Runaway
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					☐	☐	☐
					☐	☐	☐
					☐	☐	☐
					☐	☐	☐

Does your child have health insurance? Many children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals may also be eligible for low-cost or free health coverage. For more information, visit https://applyforhelp.nd.gov or call 1-866-614-6005.

STEP 2: **Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify through an application.**
If NO > Go to STEP 3. **If YES** >Enter SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) _____ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3.)

STEP 3: **Report Income for ALL Household Members** (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. **All Adult Household Members (including yourself).** For each Household Member listed, report total gross income only if they receive income. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave the fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the All Adult Household Members section and B. Child Income section. College students living away at school can still be counted as household members..

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs					Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?			Any Other Gross Income				
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income **before deductions or taxes** in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	**Net income** from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$
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B. **Child Income.**
Sometimes, children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part-time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
$	☐	☐	☐	☐

STEP 4: **An Adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark the 'I do not have a Social Security Number box.**

A. **Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member:** XXX-XX-☐☐☐☐ Or ☐√ I do not have a Social Security Number

Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults) Here: ☐

B. **Attestation & Signature:** "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

X _____ _____

SIGNATURE of Adult Completing Application *(Form must be signed to be complete.)* **DATE**

_____

Print Name **Daytime Phone**

_____

Address (if available) **Apt#** **City** **Zip**

SCHOOL OFFICE USE ONLY ☐ **Error Prone Application**

☐**Case # Application** ☐**Foster Application** ☐**Directly Certified:** ***Date of Disregard***: _____
☐**Income Application** ☐**Homeless/Migrant/Runaway**
Household Size: _____
Total Income: $_____ Per: ☐ Week ☐ Bi-Weekly (Every 2 Wks.) ☐ 2x Month ☐ Monthly ☐ Annual
Eligibility: Federal Free (130%) ___ Reduced (185%) ___ State 200 ___ Denied ___ **Reason for Denial** ☐Income Too High ☐Incomplete App
Determining Official's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
☐ **Selected For Verification:** *Confirming Official's Signature*: _____ Date: _____
Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

See Page 2 for Additional Information. Return completed form to the school at the address listed at the top of the form.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
• Earnings from work • Social Security a. Disability Payments b. Survivor's Benefits • Income from person outside the household • Income from any other source	• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages. • A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security • A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits. • A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money. • A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
• Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) • Net income from self-employment (farm or business) • If you are in the U.S. Military: a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	• Cash Assistance from State or local government • Supplemental Security Income • Unemployment benefits • Worker's compensation • Alimony payments • Child support payments • Veteran's benefits • Strike benefits	• Social Security • Disability benefits • Regular income from trusts or estates • Annuities • Investment income • Rental income • Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one): ☐ **Hispanic or Latino** ☐ **Not Hispanic or Latino**

Step Two: Race (check one or more): ☐ **American Indian or Alaskan Native** ☐ **Asian** ☐ **Black or African American** ☐ **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** ☐ **White**

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Foster, migrant, homeless, and runaway children and children enrolled in a Head Start program are categorically eligible for free meals and free milk. If you are completing an application for these children, contact the school For more information.

Nondiscrimination Statement: *In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.*

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint *and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:*

Mail: 1. U.S. Department of Agriculture*
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 202509410
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

*Only use this address if you are filing a complaint of discrimination.

Return completed form to your child's school.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION INFORMATION RELEASE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION
(Rev. 5/25) Teams/4NSLP/New Year 26/Free and Reduced Price Meal Application Information Release

It is not necessary to fill out the Information Release form in order to participate in the school nutrition programs. By signing the form, you are giving school nutrition program personnel permission to release the information provided in your application for Free or Reduced Price Meals. The information will only be released in school-related programs to determine eligibility for waiving fees or to determine if other benefits are available to your child(children).

You have my permission to release the information contained in the School Year 2026-2027 Free and Reduced Price Meal Application for my child(ren) listed below:

Name of Child (first and last)
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The information provided on the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application can be used for the programs marked below:

☐ Bus fees	☐ Extra-curricular activities	☐ School supplies
☐ Tutoring, career/college exploration (as offered by Federal TRIO programs)		
☐ Other (describe)		

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the child(ren) listed above.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date

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1. **Mail**: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. **Fax**: (202) 690-7442; or
3. **Email**: program.intake@usda.gov.

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INQUIRIES REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH TILE IX, TITLE IV, SECTION 504 OR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SHOULE BE DIRECTED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF KIDDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WASHINGTON, DC.

SECTION 504 IS AN ACT WHICH PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABLITY IN ANY PROGRAM RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THE ACT DEFINES A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AS ANYONE WHOHAS A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT WHICH SUBSTANTILLY LIMITS ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITY (MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CARING FOR ONE'S SELF, PERFORMING MANUAL TASKS, WALKING, SEEING, HEARING, SPEAKING, BREATHING, LEARNING AND WORKING. HAS A RECORD OF SUCH IMPAIRMENTS; OR IS REGARDED AS HAVING SUCH AN IMPAIRMENT

IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION UNDER SECTION 504, THE KIDDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZES A RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION IN POLICIES AND PRACTICE REGARDING ITS PERSONNEL AND STUDENTS. NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WILL KNOWINGLY BE PERMITTED IN ANY OF THE PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE ACT, WHICH INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO IDENTIFY, EVALUATE, AND IF THE CHILD IS DETERMINED TO BE ELIFIBLE UNDER SECTION 504, TO AFFORD ACCESST TO APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

IF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN DISAGREES WITH THE DETERMINATION MADE BY THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, HE/SHE HAS A RIGHT TO A HEARING WITH AN IMPARTIAL OFFICER.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT RICK DIEGEL, SECTION 504, TITLE IX, TITLE IV, AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COORDINATOR FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT PHONE NO. 475-2243 IN STEELE OR 327-4256 IN TAPPEN.

To: Parents or Guardians of Kidder County Public School District 1
From: Kidder County School Board of Education and Administration
RE: Asbestos
Midwest Asbestos Consultants, Inc. has been asked by your School District to inspect all buildings to determine if there are Asbestos Containing Building Products, especially in a friable form that could represent an immediate risk. We have completed surveys and developed a Management Plan which outlines our findings and recommendation. Detailed descriptions of the recommendations are available for review at the School District's Office.
What does this mean?
Asbestos found in Schools can be dealt with safely and responsibly.
The Environmental Protection Agency states:
It is important to note all friable (easily pulverized) Asbestos Containing Material need to be removed from Schools. Once the material has been identified, a program can be implemented to insure that the material is maintained in good condition and that appropriate precautious are followed when the material is disturbed for any reason.
Your School Officials began the risk assessment process by having the school buildings inspected and analyzing any suspect materials.
ACM Material is present in:
Elementary: Ceiling
High School: No Asbestos Containing Material
New Addition: No Asbestos Containing Material
Please call Darrick Wiest at 475-2243 for an appointment if you wish to review the recommendations and/or description in the Management Plan.

Letter to Households with Frequently Asked Questions
for
Federal Free and Reduced-Price School Meals &
North Dakota's Expanded Income Eligibility Guidance

This document provides information for families with students attending a school in North Dakota offering Federal Child Nutrition Programs such as the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program, as well as information about North Dakota's Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines for schools. It is effective July 1, 2026.

Dear Family:

Children need healthy meals to learn. (**School District)** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs $0 and lunch costs $0. Other programs, such as Title I, rely on income eligibility. If your household income is below the numbers in the chart below, please complete the enclosed income application and return it to the school. To be considered for any other income-based programs the district may offer, please fill out the "Release of Information Form" as well.

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
   - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals regardless of their income. Also, your children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart.
   - Foster children under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
   - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
   - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
   - Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below.

Federal Income Chart
For School Year 2026-27

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	$29,526	$40,034	$50,542	$61,050	$71,558	$82,066	$92,574	$103,082	$10,508
Monthly	$2,461	$3,337	$4,212	$5,088	$5,964	$6,839	$7,715	$8,591	$876
2x per Month	$1,231	$1,669	$2,106	$2,544	$2,982	$3,420	$3,858	$4,296	$438
Every 2 Weeks	$1,136	$1,540	$1,944	$2,349	$2,753	$3,157	$3,561	$3,965	$405
Weekly	$568	$770	$972	$1,175	$1,377	$1,579	$1,781	$1,983	$233

   - Children attending schools in North Dakota may receive free meals if your household income is within the limits of the State 225 Expanded Income Guidelines (State 225). Your children may qualify for meals at no cost if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below:

State of North Dakota Income Chart
For School Year 2026-27

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	$35,910	$48,690	$61,470	$74,250	$87,030	$99,810	$112,590	$125,370	$12,780
Monthly	$2,993	$4,058	$5,123	$6,188	$7,253	$8,318	$9,383	$10,448	$1,065
2x per Month	$1,496	$2,029	$2,561	$3,094	$3,626	$4,159	$4,691	$5,224	$533
Every 2 Weeks	$1,381	$1,873	$2,364	$2,856	$3,347	$3,839	$4,330	$4,822	$492
Weekly	$691	$936	$1,182	$1,428	$1,674	$1,919	$2,165	$2,411	$246

2. **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?** Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet any of these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or email: **Kidder County School, Rick Diegel, rick.diegel@k12.nd.us**

3. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Kidder County Public School PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482 701-475-2243 or rick.diegel@k12.nd.us** immediately.

4. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact: **Kidder County Public School PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482 701-475-2243 or darci.mittleider@kcschools.org** immediately.

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **kiddercounty.k12.nd.us** to begin or learn more about the online application process. Contact **Rick Diegel, PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482 701-475-2243 rick.diegel@k12.nd.us** if you have any questions about the online application.

6. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through October 1, 2026. You must send in a new application unless the school tells you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child's eligibility status will be cleared, and meals will be charged at the full price listed above.

7. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application form.

8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes, we may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

9. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to **Rick Diegel, PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482 701-475-2243 rick.diegel@k12.nd.us**

11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes, you, your children or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

12. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), including yourself and all children living with you.

13. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make $1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900, put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

14. **WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?** Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zero. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? YOUR BASIC PAY AND CASH BONUSES MUST BE REPORTED AS INCOME.** Your basic pay and cash bonus must be reported as income. If you get any cash allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income

16. **WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact **Rick Diegel, PO Box 380 Steele, ND 58482 701-475-2243 rick.diegel@k12.nd.us** to receive a second application.

17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for State SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office at https://www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp or call 1-844-854-4825.

If you have other questions or need help, call **[phone number]**

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