

# August 2025 NEWSLETTER

## EMF Public School 2025-26 Calendar

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	Ends	Teacher Days Scheduled
1	12/23	93
2	5/19	92
	Total	185

Total Student  
Das: 178

### August

- 1 Flex day – 1-8
- PD/Teacher Workday 11-12
- 13 First Day of School – 2:00 out

### September

- 1 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 2 Teacher Cohort Day

### October

- 2 PT Conferences – 12:30 out
- 24 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break

### November

No School Nov. 26-28

### December

- 23 End of Quarter 2
- Holiday Break Dec 24-Jan 5
- NSAA Moratorium Dec 24-28

### January

- 6 Teacher Work Day
- 19 Teacher Cohort Day

### February

### March

- 5 PT Conferences
- 6 NO SCHOOL
- Spring Break 12-13

### April

No School 3-6

### May

- 9 Graduation
- 19 Last Day of School – 12:30 out
- 20 Teacher Work Day

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Teacher Workday/No Students

No School Break Days

Flex Day

Dismiss 12:30

Dismiss 2:00

*From the  
Superintendent's Desk*

It is hard to believe that in a few weeks, our students will be back in school and the summer has come to an end. I always get excited for a new school year as students come with the excitement of new teachers, class schedules, and a brand new start to a new grade.

This year has been on my mind since the consolidation vote over a year ago. I am excited and proud to take on the role as the first superintendent of Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools. It is an exciting and great time to be a Bobcat. I look forward to watching the fusion of two districts unfold.

This summer has been a flurry of activity with the preparation of new rooms to make accommodations for the transition to an elementary site in Exeter, along with the typical summer work of painting, cleaning and moving teachers into their new rooms. You will see these changes at our planned open house on August 7th. However, some changes will not be seen. We have worked this summer on PowerSchool, the school website (still under construction), handbooks, school policies and paperwork for the Nebraska Department of Education. Through all of this activity by the office staff and administration, the focus has been on creating the best educational experience possible for our kids in this first year as EMF.

At this point, the construction is winding down and we are finishing up moving teachers into their rooms. Cleaning is ongoing and will continue right up until students arrive. I ask that you all be patient as we work to complete this transition. The path this year will be full of triumphs and some bumps along the way.

Throughout the school year, many of you will have questions and notice that some things will be done differently. Please feel free to reach out and ask any questions. George Bernard Shaw states that "progress is impossible without change." Throughout this year and over the next few years, we are going to find out what works best as EMF and then change what doesn't. No matter what, we will move forward together and continue to strive to help expand course offerings for kids and prepare them for their futures.

# Better Together

## Elementary News For August 2025

Every year as the summer dwindles down, I'm sure my excitement can be compared to that of an incoming kindergartener on the first day of school...minus any tears that may also come with some. This is my thirty-fourth year and the feeling remains the same!!

I thoroughly enjoy the preparation that goes into organizing a new school year. Although the construction at the Exeter building has added a little anxiety, I've learned that being flexible is the name of the game....control what you can control. Things always seem to get done and work out just fine. I am VERY excited to get the 2025-2026 school year started! Let the EMF journey begin!!

### Staff

A special welcome to the newest members of our EMF elementary team! We're excited to have Morgan Jess joining us as our new head cook at the Exeter site. Josiee Sobotka will be teaching third grade, while Cortney Novak and Simone Marget will be leading our PreK classrooms. We're also thrilled to welcome Hannah Merrick (PreK in Exeter) and Megan Weber to our team of dedicated paraprofessionals. And although she's not new to our district, Erika Arp will be stepping into a new role as our second grade teacher.

### Visitors

All visitors are welcome. Please be sure to sign in and out at the office.

### School Start Time - Dismissal Time

School will start at 8:10 a.m. and dismiss at 3:34 p.m. Monday through Thursday. School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and most shortened days unless otherwise noted as a 12:30 p.m. dismissal. Preschool three year olds start at 8:10 and end at 11:15. Four year olds start at 12:15 and end at 3:34. There will be no morning or afternoon Preschool on 12:30 p.m. dismissal days. There will be no morning Preschool on late start days. Afternoon Preschool (4 year olds) **will have school** on 2:00 p.m. dismissal days.

If your child arrives late to school, please have them check in at the office by going through the office entry on the east side of the building. If you need to pick your child up before dismissal time, please come to the office and we will call their classroom to let them know you have arrived.

## Dropoff and Pick Up Areas

Students in grades K-5 can be dropped off on the west side of the playground at the Exeter site at 7:30 a.m. if they plan to eat breakfast. If your child is not eating breakfast, please do not drop them off before 7:50 a.m. Students can be picked up at 3:34 p.m. on the west side of the playground. Please be sure to pull into a parking stall. Do not park on the south side of the playground. This is where buses load and unload.

Preschool students can be picked up and dropped off on the east side of the building.

## Communication

The [school website](#) should be your “go-to” place to find all the information you need about what is going on in the district. We are in the process of changing this site to EMF and it is not quite complete yet, but it is getting there. You can find the EMF Elementary on the school website or [click here](#). Teachers will also be using the Rooms app to communicate specific information to parents. There will be more information to come about this if you are not already familiar with this app. Email continues to be a way the school will communicate with parents and patrons. We will also utilize a blackboard system which works much like the ADT alert system that Exeter has used for the past several years.

## School Supplies

You can click [here](#) to find the elementary supply list for all grade levels. Please have your child let their teacher know if they were unable to find something that was on the supply list. We may be able to help supplement with items that have been donated to the school.

## Breakfast

Breakfast count is always taken the day before so the cooks know how much to prepare. If you plan to have your child eat breakfast at school, please be sure to have them indicate this during the breakfast count routine in their classroom.

## Lunch

Any parents or grandparents who would like to eat with their child/grandchild, **please call the school that morning so that we can add you to the lunch count.** Kindergarten through second grade students eat at 11:30 a.m. Third through fifth grade students eat at 12:00 p.m. To ensure a smooth experience for all, we respectfully limit the number of guests to three per student. This helps our cafeteria staff maintain efficient service for all students

**Meal prices** - have been set for the upcoming school year. There has been an increase to offset increasing food prices.

Breakfast - \$2.50

Elem. Lunch - \$3.25

Extra Milk - \$.40

**Snack Time** - There will not be a fee for milk at snack break for Preschool or Kindergarten.

## Cell Phones

Elementary students who bring cell phones or smart watches to school must have them turned off and kept in their book bag. Students can use cell phones before school starts or at the conclusion of the day if they need to call parents. Students are responsible for their own cell phones.

## **Student Information**

Informational packets that are usually sent home in August will be electronic this year. You can access the beginning of the year information and necessary forms by going to the school website, or by [clicking here](#). Please fill out the beginning of the year parent forms before school starts on August 13. You can request copies of the necessary forms from the office if you are unable to access them electronically.

## **Open House - PreK Round-Up - Kindergarten Round-Up**

The Open House and Cookout is on Thursday, August 7. Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up will also be on this evening. You can find the information you need about the Open House night by [clicking here](#).

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, October 2, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Preschool will not be in session that day due to a 12:30 dismissal. Preschool teachers will be setting up their conference times with parents. Parents of students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade can schedule a conference with your child's classroom electronically, you can do so by clicking [here for the sign up sheet](#). Simply add your name in the cell across from the time you would like. Make sure you are signing up under your child's teacher. If you need to change your time for some reason, you can log back in and fix it as long as the new time you want is available. If you are unable to access this document electronically, you can call me or Jackie at the Exeter office to schedule a conference for you with your child/children's teacher(s).

## **Follow What Is Happening At School At Any Grade Level**

Teachers will be posting activities, events, pictures, and much more on our social media accounts. Having pride in your school and showing it is something that sets the tone for all aspects of the district. It shows the students that they are cared for and supported. It shows those outside the district that at Exeter-Milligan-Friend we stand together and are willing to do what it takes to make EMF the best place it can be. I love to see parents using the #EMFbobcats hashtag as well. Please use this hashtag to post the first day of school pictures on August 13 and continue to use it throughout the school year! Finding ways to show your pride and support for the school district transforms into ways of supporting our students.

We want everyone to know what a great school district we have and what great communities we live in. We are spreading the word. We want you to be among those that are receiving these messages and helping to pass them on to others. Feel free to like, and retweet any posts promoting our school.

In closing, remember none of us is as good as all of us! Together we can make Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools thē place to be! I am excited and looking forward to a great school year!

We are BETTER TOGETHER!!

Mrs. Kroll



## **Better Together**

Hello Parents and Students,

The summer is coming to a close, and it is time to start the school year up again! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break with your family and friends, and you are ready for a fun year of learning. We are ready to welcome you back to school. The first day of school is always one of my favorite days of the school year, but this year is extra special as we get to be a part of the first EVER day of Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools! ***Our theme for this year is: Better Together.*** This was chosen by our staff, and it celebrates and focuses on all the amazing things we can and will accomplish together! Every day our goal is to come to school with a positive attitude and the flexibility to be a great classmate and friend, to do what's best for our school and towns, and give 100 percent!

Our district maintenance staff worked extremely hard once again this summer (especially while having to work around the summer projects and moving classroom materials) to make our school such a beautiful, clean, and welcoming place to learn. Everybody always comments on how great our facilities look, and I could not agree more.

Thank you to our office staff who continue to work to make our school run successfully when everybody else leaves for the summer. Kim Hulse, Stacy Kirchhoff, and Michele Johnson-Clouse go above and beyond for our students and staff and really put in the extra hours to prepare for every school year! Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Arp, thank you for taking the time to run our Reading and Math Club this summer. The kids really enjoyed working with you!

Our teachers have been working hard during their summer break to get their classrooms and curriculum prepared for an amazing school year! They have attended summer classes, professional development, run sports camps/weights, set up new classrooms, and put in the extra effort for our students. We are excited to continue to watch the students grow from year to year!

Thank you to our fantastic community members in Exeter, Milligan, and Friend for always supporting our students at their events or our school-wide events in a positive manner and for being welcoming to our new staff members and families to Friend. I speak for everyone at Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools when I say, thank you! Your support is felt and appreciated!

I feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this amazing team, community, and school district. Education and kids are my passion, and there is no better place than EMF to put my passion into full force. I love recruiting new staff members and families to work and live in our towns. I am excited to be starting my 18<sup>th</sup> year in education, and I have loved every minute of it. We are so fortunate to get to be a part of the start of a new era in Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools!

I believe that with a positive attitude, hard work, and a great sense of humor, you can accomplish so many things! The best part of the consolidation is and will continue to be the new relationships that have formed between our students and community members, and those will continue to flourish as we start the school year again!

Here's to a great school year in 2025-26!

# *Stutzman's Side Notes*

*"Better Together"*

## 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Reminders:

- \* Please have your immunizations and physicals complete and turned into the office so you are able to start class and participate in activities. This is a state law.
- \* Only water bottles with water are acceptable in school.
- \* The school dress code needs to be followed at school and all activities.
- \* Drop and adds for classes need to be done between August 4-20. You'll need to fill out a form and have signatures from a parent, administrator, and teacher to complete the process.
- \* Students, please park north of the school or in the white rock parking lot.
- \* Please walk the "catwalk", sit in the old gym, or eat breakfast before the 8:05 bell.
- \* Any forms handed to you on the first day of school and emailed to your parent/guardian (handbook, internet safety, etc.) will need to be completed by Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
[Click on this link to complete forms for your student.](#)
- \* If you would like to participate in Volleyball, Cross Country, Girls Golf, or Football, contact a coach. You will also get forms from your coaches that will need to be handed in prior to you being able to start practice. ***If you do not have these things completed, you will sit and watch the other students participate per NSAA rules.***
- \* ALL Cell phones need to be placed in the cell phone charts/turned into a designated classroom spot during class time.
- \* School will run from 8:10-3:34. Please be on time to school and class.
- \*\*\* If a student is missing school due to a medical appointment, the parent(s)/guardian(s) need to provide a doctor's note to the school for the absence to be counted as "excused". If the school does not receive a doctor's note within 1 day of the appointment, the absence will be counted as "unexcused". This is for all of our students PreK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- \* Please be flexible and patient as we work out the transportation/bussing schedule and times.

## *Upcoming Dates:*

August 7<sup>th</sup>: Open House and Cookout Night 5:00-8:00 PM *Details attached.*

August 11<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade sports parents/coaches and booster meeting at 6:00 in the new gym.

August 13<sup>th</sup>: First day of School (ALL students Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) = 8:10-2:00.

August 15<sup>th</sup>: All forms need to be signed and handed in to the office. It's your responsibility to get those to your parents and handed back into school.

[\*Click on this link to complete forms for your student.\*](#)

Pre-School: 3 Year Olds = 8:00-11:15 and 4 Year Olds = 12:15-3:25. Pre-School runs Mondays-Thursdays. No Pre-School on Fridays.

August 25<sup>th</sup>: School Picture Day (Don't forget your forms, please.)

September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: No School

September 22-26: Homecoming week!

## ***Please Welcome the New Staff in our School District:***

Katherine White - Math

Kirsten Fike - Social Studies

Mallory Gregory - FCS

Cortney Novak - Preschool (Friend Site)

Simone Marget - Preschool (Exeter Site)

Hannah Merrick - Preschool Para (Exeter Site)

Megan Weber - Para

Josiee Sobotka - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Morgan Jess - Head Cook (Exeter Site)

***Welcome to our team!!***

***We are excited to have you join our awesome team at Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools!***

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- 7-12 grade students wishing to make changes to their class schedules may see Ms. Hottovy at school August 4-8 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m.
  - *If you need to meet at a specific time, please schedule an appointment in advance by emailing Ms. Hottovy as soon as possible.* Otherwise, students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - Be sure you have discussed proposed schedule changes with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
  - It's a good idea to have multiple options in mind just in case your first choice doesn't work.
  - Remember that changing your schedule is a team decision made by you, your parent(s)/guardian(s), your teachers, your school counselor, and your principal.
  - No changes can be made to your schedule after August 20.
  
- Students who earned community service hours over the summer should return completed paperwork to Ms. Hottovy during the first week of school. Be sure to have all of the required signatures and information included!
  
- **Seniors -- if you haven't started exploring colleges, now is the time.**
  - Which school is the best fit for you? Which school offers programs that will meet your needs and interests? How will you pay to attend a certain college or university?
    - Many of these questions can be answered ONLY after you go on a college visit!
  - You will want to have begun narrowing your college choices before Apply2College Day on September 29.
    - The goal is for you to have applied to at least 3 colleges before Thanksgiving.
  - Most colleges and universities are ready to schedule on-campus visits. Check their websites to schedule a visit.
    - You can also find a wide variety of information about schools across the country, including virtual tours, on this website:
      - <https://campustours.com/>
  - Some colleges and universities offer early application or early decision opportunities.
    - Not sure what that means? Read this article from CollegeBoard to learn more: <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/early>.
  
- **Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors -- Set Yourself Up for Success**
  - It's never too early to consider taking the ACT. In fact, it is highly recommended that you take the ACT on your own at least once or twice before you take it as part of required state testing during your junior year of high school.
  - Visit this website for more information regarding the test, testing dates, and how to register: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>
  - As always, reach out to Ms. Hottovy with any questions.
  - If you need help paying for ACT registration, contact Ms. Hottovy for possible options.
  
- **Parents - How can you help your child prepare for the start of school?**
  - Take a look at this website for some excellent tips! <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/back-school.html>

I hope all of our students are ready to get back to learning and growing. I can't wait to see you! ~ Ms. Hottovy



## **BUS SCHEDULE**

### **Morning**

7:25= Leave the Pick-Up site in Milligan (Milligan School Parking lot)

7:45= Rural routes arrive at Exeter or Friend

7:50= Transfer bus leaves Exeter to go to Friend and Friend buses leave Friend to go to Exeter

8:05= Buses arrive at Exeter and Friend

8:10= School starts

### **Afternoon**

3:20

- Elementary students who live in the Friend area or who ride on a Friend Bus Route load transfer bus in Exeter to go to Friend
- Elementary students who live in the Milligan area or who ride on the Milligan bus route will load transfer bus in Exeter and pick up 6-12 students in Friend then head to Milligan

3:35

- Transfer buses unload, Friend rural students stay on route buses
- School is out in Friend, Friend rural routes load and depart
- 6-12th students who live in the Exeter area load transfer bus to go to Exeter

3:50

- 6-12 Exeter area students arrive back to Exeter and unload
- Exeter area rural routes load and deliver students home

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## **Bus Pick up and Drop off at the Friend Site**

**7:40-7:50 AM**= If you are dropping off your child/children to ride the Transfer Bus to Exeter, please pull up and let them out of your vehicle on the south side of the school. They will then walk on the sidewalk to the buses that will be parked on the west side of the school and get on the bus. Vehicles will NOT be allowed to turn north and drive on Pine Street. This is for buses only. Your child can also be dropped off on the east side of the school and walk through the building (especially in inclement weather) or around the sidewalk to the buses. Please DO NOT park your car and get out and walk your child to the bus. The Transfer bus will leave at 7:50; if students are not on it by that time, parents/guardians will need to drive students to Exeter.

Those who are driving to school as a student driver at the Friend site will park in the school parking lot north of the building or in the white rock parking lot on the west side of the school. Please note if you are parking in the white rock parking lot, you will need to enter that parking lot from the west or 5th street entrance. You will NOT be allowed to drive down Pine Street, as that is for buses and loading and unloading students.

**3:35-3:45 PM**= At the end of the day when your child/children return to the Friend Site from the Transfer Bus, you will not be allowed to park on Pine Street, as that is for the buses. Please park on the south side, east side, or white rock parking lot (if there are spots) of the school. It's best to have a designated pick up spot communicated between you and your child so they know where to always find you when they get home from the Exeter site.

*\*\*Please be flexible when it comes to transportation as we transition to EMF, and we will do what's best for kids and families. Every school year it takes a while to get all of the kinks ironed out.*



## Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools

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## Administration

Superintendent: Derek Anderson  
PreK-5 Principal: Laura Kroll  
6-12 Principal: Liz Stutzman

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### Exeter-Milligan-Friend School District

#### Parent Invitation: Open House & Cookout – Thursday, August 7, 2025

Dear Exeter-Milligan-Friend Parents and Guardians,

We are incredibly excited to welcome you to a brand new chapter in our school district's journey! As we prepare for the official consolidation of Exeter-Milligan and Friend into one unified district this fall, we're looking forward to kicking off the school year with a **District-Wide Open House and Cookout on Thursday, August 7**—and we hope you'll join us!

To help families connect, become familiar with their school building, and meet staff, we're hosting a cookout and open house **at both the Exeter and Friend school sites**:

#### Event Details – Thursday, August 7

##### **Cookout: 5:00–6:30 PM**

Join us for a casual cookout at **both buildings**. This is a great opportunity for students and families to gather, enjoy a meal together, and build community across the newly combined district.

##### **Open House: 6:30–8:00 PM**

Following the cookout, doors will be open for students and families to explore the school building they will be attending this fall. This is a chance to find classrooms, become familiar with the layout, and most importantly—**meet your child's teachers for the upcoming school year!** This would also be a great time for elementary students to take school supplies to their classroom to eliminate having to take a large load to school with them on the first day.

#### Special Events During the Open House

- **PreK Round-Up (3 & 4 year olds) - Exeter Site Library at 6:00 PM**  
Our littlest need some time to take a look at their classroom and meet their teachers and parents need some time to gather some information about the school year. This would be a great time to do that! There will be a short informational meeting with a few handouts to get you all prepared for the year! Please bring copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records if you have not already provided them last year.
- **Kindergarten Round-Up – Exeter Site Library at 6:30 PM**  
Come explore our brand new Kindergarten rooms! This is a wonderful time for incoming Kindergarten students and their families to meet their teacher and see their exciting new space. There will be a short informational presentation for parents and students at this time. As stated in the initial letter that was sent out in May, this would be a good time to bring any Kindergarten forms you have completed. Those forms include an immunization record with documentation of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, a physical exam, a vision exam, and a copy of your child's certified birth certificate (with the state seal).

- **6th Grade Orientation – Friend Site Library at 7:00 PM**  
Designed to help students transition to the 6th grade, this session will cover key information and give students and parents a head start on feeling confident and prepared.
- **7th Grade Orientation – Friend Site Library at 7:30 PM**  
Parents and students will receive an overview of what to expect in 7th grade, meet staff, and get tips for a successful school year.
- **PreK Round-Up (3 & 4 year olds) - Friend Site at 7:30 PM**  
Our littlest need some time to take a look at their classroom and meet their teachers and parents need some time to gather some information about the school year. This would be a great time to do that! There will be a short informational meeting with a few handouts to get you all prepared for the year! Please bring copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records if you have not already provided them last year.

Significant work has gone into preparing both buildings for our students, and we can't wait for you to see the changes and updates firsthand!

Please note: This event is intended specifically for families with students currently enrolled in the Exeter-Milligan-Friend district. While we love our communities deeply, this evening is designed to support our students and their families as they prepare for the new school year. **Please be watching your email for links to the “beginning of the year” forms that will need to be filled out electronically as soon as possible.**

We look forward to seeing you on August 7 and sharing in the excitement of what's ahead. Together, we're building a strong and unified future for all of our students! We truly believe we are better together!

Mr. Anderson  
Mrs. Kroll  
Mrs. Stutzman

# AUGUST Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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<b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS</b>				
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		<i>Biscuits &amp; Gravy</i> Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Dutch Waffles</i> <i>Little Smokies</i> Pizza Sticks Sauce <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Pancake Power</i> <i>Sandwich</i> Fiestada Pudding <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>
18	19	20	21	22
<i>Uncrustable PBJ, Yogurt or Cheese Stick</i> Grilled Chicken Sandwich Potato <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Grilled Bacon Sandwich</i> Orange Chicken Rice Stirfry Egg Roll Fortune Cookie Noodles <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast</i> <i>Sausage Links</i> Turkey, Ham Hoagie Sandwich Chips <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Cereal or Bar</i> <i>Yogurt or Cheese stick</i> Rotini Meat or Alfredo Garlic Bread <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Sausage, Egg, Cheese</i> <i>Croissant</i> Hot Dog Potato <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>
25	26	27	28	29
<i>Berry Yogurt Parfait</i> <i>Bagel</i> Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Biscuit <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Breakfast Burrito</i> Nachos Sloppy Joe <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Waffle Power</i> <i>Sandwich</i> Hot Ham Cheese/Bun Potato <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Flatbread Breakfast</i> <i>Pizza</i> Beef & Noodles Cinnamon Rolls Cheesy Green Beans <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>	<i>Cereal</i> <i>Yogurt or Cheese stick</i> Homemade 3 meat Pizza Pepperoni, Beef, Sausage Pudding <i>Fruit &amp; Veggie Bar</i>

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<p>For updated information, please go to <a href="https://emfbobcats.org">https://emfbobcats.org</a></p> <p><b>*PLEASE NOTE ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*</b></p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Kevin Kush Teammate Training (FR) (9-12) 9:00			Pre-12 Back to School Open House & BBQ 5:00-8:00 (FR & EX) PreK Round-up (EX) 6:00 Kindergarten Round-up (EX) 6:30 6th Grade Orientation 7:00 7th Grade Orientation 7:30 PreK Round-up (FR) 7:30	EMF FFA Kick-Off Party 3:45-9:00 Fall All Coach Meeting TBA	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<i>Start of Fall Practice</i> Teacher Work Day BOE-Media Center 5:00 (FR) Fall Sports Meeting (FR) 6:00 Booster Meeting *following sports meeting*	Teacher Work Day	<u>2:00 OUT</u> First day of school	JH VB meeting & practice 3:45-5:00  JH FB meeting & equip check out 3:45	<u>2:00 OUT</u>	EMF Booster Club Golf Tournament 9:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		EF Tour Kick Off Meeting (FR Library) 6:30	<i>HS FCA Lunch Meeting</i>	VB Sports Drink Scrimmage (FR) 5:30 GG @ Central City 10:00	<u>2:00 OUT</u> FB Sports Drink Scrimmage (FR) 7:00 EMF FFA Officer Lunch Meeting	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	VB Jamboree @ Deshler 5/6/7 School Picture Day @ Exeter & Friend site	GG Triangular @ Hidden Acres Golf Club 4:00	Marching Band @ NE State Fair	VB Triangle @ Lewiston 5:00/6:00 XC @ McCool (Camp Kateri) 7:00 GG @ Meadowlark Hills Golf Course 9:00	<u>2:00 OUT</u> FB vs. Clarkson-Leigh (FR) 7:00 EMF FFA Booster Tailgate FFA NE State Fair	FFA NE State Fair
31	FFA NE State Fair					

**School District Member:**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON BACK EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN**

**Each year the school is required by State Law 79-578 to take a census of the school district. The main purpose is to locate all children between the ages of birth to 21.**

**We ask your cooperation in filling out and returning the form on the next page. Please drop the form off at the school office in Friend or mail to: Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools, P.O. Box 67, Friend, NE 68359.**

**The information collected is confidential and will not be made available to the public. This information is a necessary part of the formula to determine the amount of State Aid received by the school district. It is also used to obtain a list of incoming kindergartners and to project future enrollment. College students under the age of 21 should be listed if they live at home during the summer.**

**If you are moving, please return the completed form with your moving date written on the form. If you know who will be living in your present home, we would appreciate the information.**

**If you have any questions, please call the school office at 402-947-2781.**

**Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

**Sincerely,**

**Derek Anderson  
Superintendent**

**State of Nebraska School Law**

**79-578, CLASS I, II, III, IV, VI SCHOOL DISTRICT; OR I SECRETARY; SCHOOL CENSUS; DUTY TO TAKE; TIME ALLOWED. The secretary of a Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district shall take, or cause to be taken by some person appointed for the purpose by a majority vote of the school board, the census of the school district and then make, or cause to be made, a list in writing of the names of all the children belonging to such district, from birth through twenty years of age, together with the names of all the taxpayers in the district. A copy of this list, verified by oath of the person taking such census or by affidavit appended to or endorsed on the list, setting forth that it is a correct list of the names of all children belonging in the district from birth to twenty years of age and that it reflects such information as of June 30, shall be maintained as provided in section 79-524 (Laws 1881;1889; 1931;1949; 1957; 1967; 1976; 1978; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1996; 1999)**

**Residents of Household:**  
(Last Name, First  
Name)

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Below list all persons in the household under 21 years of age**

Name	Birthdate			Male	Female	Place of Birth
	Mo.	Day	Yr.			

**Thank you for all of your support and assistance.**

# Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public School

## NUTRITION SERVICES

July 21, 2025

Please review the Free & Reduced Lunch information included in this newsletter. Families can qualify for three different tiers of pricing within the School Meals Program: Free, Reduced, or Full Pay. Please read “Attachment B” included in this newsletter for details on who qualifies. If a family qualifies for Free or Reduced meals thru “Direct Certification” (i.e. SNAP, Medicaid, etc.), you will still need to complete an application, communicate your Case Number, etc. There will not be any automatic certifications this year.

Meal Pricing will be as follows:		
2025-26 Prices	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$2.50	\$3.25
Secondary	\$2.50	\$3.50
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40
Extra Entrée		\$1.50
Extra Milk		\$0.40

Student meal account balances should be kept current. You may make payments for their accounts by cash or check, paid at either school office or in the lunch line, or online through the e~funds website <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56931>. There is a small fee for using e~funds transactions. If interested, contact the office to obtain your child’s PowerSchool ID number to set up an e~funds account. Also please note that no e~funds accounts were transitioned from the Friend site. You will need to set up a new account.

You will be contacted weekly if your child’s account balance falls below zero.

Please contact Michele Johnson-Clouse, Business Manager, 402-947-2781 [michele.clouse@emfbobcats.org](mailto:michele.clouse@emfbobcats.org) if you have any questions about account status, balances or forms.



# Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

Getting started with e~Funds for Schools Mobile Website



## CREATING A NEW ACCOUNT

1. Visit <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56931>
2. Click on **Create an Account**
3. Provide requested information
4. Click **Create Account**



## ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – STUDENTS

1. Log into your account
2. Select **Manage Students** under **Manage Account**
3. Enter Student Last Name -AND- Student ID (their PowerSchool Number)
4. Select **Add Student(s)**
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to add additional students



## ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT - PAYMENT INFORMATION

1. Log into your Account
2. Select **Payment Methods** under **Payment Settings**
3. Select **New Credit Card** or **New Direct Debit** to add new payment information
4. After entering all required information, read Consent and select **Add** to save information to account

## MAKE A PAYMENT

1. Select type of payment you would like to make.
2. Select student.
3. Enter amount of payment.
4. Select **Begin Checkout**.
5. Choose payment method or enter new method
6. Review items and total
7. Select **Pay Now**



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Exeter-Milligan-Friend Public Schools offer healthy meals every school day. ***Even though EMF-PS does NOT participate in the federal program, your children may still qualify for free or reduced priced meals.*** If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced-price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 30, 2025**, in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits. Breakfast costs **\$2.50 for K-12**; lunch costs **\$3.25 for K-5 and \$3.50 for 6-12**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** The reduced price is **30 cents** for breakfast and **40 cents** for lunch.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court 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 on 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 this chart.

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 these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Derek Anderson [derek.anderson@emfbobcats.org](mailto:derek.anderson@emfbobcats.org) 402.947.2781.

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: **Michele Johnson-Clouse, EMF Public Schools, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359**

4. 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. You must send in a new application unless the school told 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 will be charged the full price for meals.

5. 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 send in an application.

6. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

7. 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.

8. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials.
9. 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.
10. 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 zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
11. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value 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.
12. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to [ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov](https://ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov) or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call **402-947-2781**

Sincerely,



Michele Johnson-Clouse

## Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

**For households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:**

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.  
**Part 2:** Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.  
**Part 3:** Skip this part.  
**Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.  
**Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

**For households with FOSTER, HOMELESS, MIGRANT or RUNAWAY CHILDREN, follow these instructions:**

**If all children in the household are foster children:**

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.  
**Part 2:** Skip this part.  
**Part 3:** Skip this part.  
**Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.  
**Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

**If some of the children in the household are foster children or are homeless, migrant or runaway children:**

- Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the appropriate box.  
**Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.  
**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.  
**Column 1 – Household Members:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.  
**Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received:** Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

**Earnings from Work** includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

**Do not include income** from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

**Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony** includes the following:

- Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
- Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
- Child support payments, Alimony payments

**Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income** includes the following:

- Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or Disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and *Regular* cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to

report.

**Household Size:** Enter the total number of people in your household.

**Social Security Number:** The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

**Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

**Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

**Please note:** Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant or runaway, are eligible for free meals. However, the school district must have documentation on file from a migrant coordinator, homeless/runaway liaison or the district's Direct Certification list to approve the child for free meals.

**For ALL other households, follow these instructions:**

**Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend and their grade.

**Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.

**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

**Column 1 – Household Members:** List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

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**Social Security Number:** The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

**Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

**Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

**Return Completed Application to: EMF Public Schools, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359**

**Part 1: Children in School**

List names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last). If <u>all</u> children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.	Grade	Name of School Child Attends	<b>Check all that apply:</b>	
			Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits**

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR:   
(Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

**Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.**

<b>1. Household Members</b> List <b>everyone</b> in the household, current income each person earns in <b>whole dollars</b> (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's <b>personal</b> use income must be listed.	<b>2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received</b>					
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often

Total Number of Household Members: \_\_\_\_\_ (Children and Adults)  
Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – \_\_\_\_\_ Check if no SSN

**Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.**

*"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."*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional**

**Check one Ethnic Identity:** – and – **Check one or more Racial Identities:**

Hispanic or Latino       Asian       Black or African American       Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 Not Hispanic or Latino       White       American Indian or Alaskan Native

**Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only**

Annual Income Conversion:      Weekly X 52;      Every 2 weeks X 26;      Twice a month X 24;      Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year    Month    2 X Mo    Every 2 Wks    Week

<input type="checkbox"/> Free Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorically eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP/TANF/FDPIR <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Migrant/Runaway: <i>(Official Documentation Required at School)</i>	Reason for denial: <input type="checkbox"/> Income too high <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete application	

Signature of Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:**

Signature of Confirming Official: _____	Date Confirmed: _____	Date Withdrawn From School: _____
Signature of Verifying Official: _____	Date Verified: _____	

**Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.**

<b>FEDERAL INCOME CHART</b>					
for School Year 2025-26					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
Each additional person:	10,175	848	424	392	196

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Elementary Supply Lists						
PreK	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
<b>Ms. Marget</b>	<b>Mrs. Brandt</b>	<b>Mrs. Rischling</b>	<b>Mrs. Arp</b>	<b>Mrs. Arbuck</b>	<b>Mrs. Archer</b>	<b>Mr. Belden</b>
Backpack	1-24 pack of pencils (Ticonderoga Brand)	Pencil Box to hold supplies	pencil box	pencil box or bag	1 big eraser	pencils
4 pack of playdough	8-Large Glue Sticks	1 Box washable markers	2 spiral notebooks	24 ct. crayons	2 large glue sticks	4 pens (any color but black)
	1-Pair of Scissors	1 box of 24 crayons	1 pocket folder	scissors	pencils	2 single subject spiral notebooks
<b>Mrs. Novak</b>	2-Boxes of Crayons (12 or 24 Count)	2 big pink erasers	12 pack of pencils	4 dry erase markers	crayons/colored pencils or markers	3 twin pocket folders
Backpack	2-Boxes of Kleenex	2 fine pt. dry erase markers	2 erasers	2 Highlighters	3 2-pocket folders	4 dry erase markers - odorless
Playdough	1-Box of Ziplock Bags (preferable sliders) Girls-Galloon Size, Boys-Quart Size	1 2-pocket folder	1 box of crayons or markers	2 black sharpie markers	1 large box of tissues	colored pencils
Extra Clothes	2-Containers of Clorox Wipes	2 glue sticks (no liquid)	4 black dry erase markers	headphones or earbuds	1 container of clorox wipes	1 tub of Lysol wipes (or similar brand)
	Boys-4 Pack of Thin Dry Erase Markers (Black)	scissors	2 glue sticks	1 1" binder	4 odorless fine tip dry erase markers	
	Girls-4 Pack of Playdough	2 boxes of tissues	2 boxes of tissues	2 glue sticks	2 spiral notebooks (single subject)	<b>Mr. Bradley</b>
	**You do not need to label supplies with your name as we put them all together and share!	1 spiral notebook		white board eraser	Optional: Inexpensive earbuds	pencils
		Optional: Colored Pencils		2 boxes of tissues	Please do not send large binders or Trapper Keepers	4 pens (any color)
		Optional: Clorox Wipes		1 wide-lined spiral notebook		2 single subject spiral notebooks
	<b>Mrs. Pettygrove</b>			box of #2 pencils	<b>Mrs. Mueller</b>	3 twin pocket folders
	12 pk of Pencils	<b>Mrs. Vyhnalek</b>	<b>Mrs. Home</b>	Optional: Colored Pencils	3 boxes of tissues	4 odorless dry erase markers
	8 glue sticks	plastic pencil box	Pencil Box for supplies	Optional: Markers	24 ct box of crayons	markers and/or colored pencils
	scissors	1 box washable markers	2 wide-lined spiral notebooks		2 Highlighters	2 boxes of tissues
	pencil box for supplies	24 ct. crayons	1 pocket folder	<b>Ms. Sobotka</b>	2 pkgs of 3x3 sticky notes	
	2 boxes of crayons	1 big pink or white erasers	12 pack of #2 pencils	4 black chisel tip expo markers	Headphones or Earbuds	
	1 pocket folder	1 2-pocket folder	1 box of crayons	whiteboard eraser	Scissors	
	4 thin dry erase markers	2 large glue sticks	4 black dry erase markers	2 pink erasers	3 Dry Erase Markers (1 fine point)	
	2 boxes of tissues	4 dry erase markers	2 glue sticks	2 red pens	2 Black Sharpie Markers	
	2 containers of Clorox Wipes	2 boxes of tissues	2 boxes of tissues	2 glue sticks	6 Pens (Blue, Red, or Black) Not 6 of each	
	Optional: headphones	Optional: Colored Pencils		2 highlighters	Pencil Box or Bag	
		Optional: Clorox Wipes		scissors	12 Sharpened pencils	
				28 or 48 ct crayons	Optional: Markers and Colored Pencils	
				7 - 2 pocket folders with 3 prong fasteners	Please Label Everything with Student's Name	
				box of basic markers		
				12-24 ct pkgs of colored pencils		
				headphones or earbuds		
				1" binder		
				Single subject college ruled spiral notebook		
				composition notebook		
				2 boxes of tissues		
				box of #2 pencils		
				2 clorox wipes		
				Shoes for PE - Tie shoes only (No Velcro)		
				Pencil Boxes are Provided		
				<i>Note: Please make sure all supplies are clearly labeled with child's name</i>		

EDITION  
AUGUST 2025



BOBCAT MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# UPDATE

Mr. Mark Perez  
6-12 Instrumental/Vocal  
[mark.perez@emfbobcats.org](mailto:mark.perez@emfbobcats.org)  
(402) 947-0001

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 6-12 Grade Summer Band Lessons Happening Now!
- HS Band @ State Fair - Wednesday Aug. 27, 10am
- HS Band @ Yorkfest - Saturday, Sept. 6



### Meet Mr. Perez...

Hello everyone, my name is Mark Perez. I will be starting my 5<sup>th</sup> year as a music teacher this fall! I received my Bachelor of Music Education from UNL, where I was also a part of the Cornhusker Marching Band. This summer, I finished by Masters of Music Education through UNK! I am a trumpet player, but enjoy playing a variety of instruments. My hobbies include playing chess, watching Marvel movies, and spending time with my family. Go Bobcats!!

### In the Classroom...

Mr. Perez is working to organize the music room with a variety of equipment and instruments from two schools. It is messy right now, but will be ready to go by August 13! I have really enjoyed getting to know the students in their summer lessons! The start of the school year will include marching band, pep band, and National Anthem work for the choirs. I'm excited and looking forward to a great school year!



## EMF 6th-12th Grade Supply List

### In General:

1. Pencils, Notebooks, Pens, Glue Sticks, Highlighters, and Binders

*Specific needs if you have this teacher:*

### Math

<p><u>Niemeier</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loose-leaf notebook paper</li> <li>2. Binder 1.5" (1" will be too small)</li> <li>3. Dividers for binder (4 is plenty)</li> <li>4. Calculator: (Recommended) TI-34 Multiview or TI-84 Plus for higher-level classes</li> </ol>	<p><u>White</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notebook</li> <li>2. Calculator: TI-34 multiview</li> <li>3. Binder</li> </ol>
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### Science

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### Social Studies

<p><u>Fike=</u></p> <p>7th-9th Graders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notebook</li> <li>2. 2 Pocket Folder</li> <li>3. Colored Pencils</li> <li>4. Highlighters</li> </ol> <p>Psychology/Sociology</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1 inch 3 Ring Binder</li> <li>2. Loose-leaf notebook paper</li> <li>3. Glue sticks</li> <li>4. Pair of scissors</li> <li>5. Fine-tip colored markers</li> </ol>	<p><u>Martin=</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12th Graders= Binder for your election project, notebook, 2 pocket folder</li> <li>2. 10th-11th Graders= a notebook, colored pencils, glue sticks, pair of scissors, highlighters</li> <li>3. Critical Issues= a notebook, colored pencils, glue sticks, pair of scissors, highlighters</li> </ol>
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### English/Language Arts

<p><u>Wade=</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1 composition book to stay in the classroom with <u>100 sheets/200 pages</u>--NO spiral notebooks</li> <li>2. Scissors</li> <li>3. Colored pencils</li> <li>4. 4 glue sticks (replaced throughout the year)</li> <li>5. Earbuds/headphones</li> </ol>	<p><u>B. Perez=</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See general items</li> <li>2. Post it notes</li> </ol>	<p><u>P. Anderson=</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loose-leaf notebook paper</li> <li>2. 1.5" binder</li> <li>3. Dividers for binder</li> <li>4. Post-it notes (different colors) for annotating novels</li> </ol>
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## Agriculture

<u>Segner=</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ag class students each need a 1.5” binder (any color)</li><li>2. Welding classes need closed-toed shoes (boots preferred) and jeans to weld daily. Safety glasses, gloves, jackets, and helmets are provided.</li></ol>	<u>Kohtz=</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All 9th-12th grade Ag. Students= 250 sheets- spiral notebook. Not needed for SENCAP Ag Occupations.</li><li>2. One pair of earbuds/headphones- use for virtual simulators</li><li>3. Pair of scissors</li></ol>
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<u>S. Stutzman (Spanish)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Folder or binder</li></ol>	<u>Gregory (FCS/Health)</u> <p>Students must wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• closed toe/non slip shoes</li><li>• hair back (or hair tie with them for culinary labs)</li></ul> <p>Students need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pen or pencil / writing utensil</li><li>• Paper, folder/or binder to organize class materials in.</li></ul>	<u>Marr (Business/Math)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Notebooks</li><li>2. Calculator</li></ol>
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<u>Baber (PE)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Athletic clothes</li><li>2. Athletic shoes</li></ol>	<u>M. Perez (Music/Band)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pencils</li><li>2. Folder (optional)</li></ol>
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## 6th Grade

<u>Eigsti</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1- inexpensive earbuds/headphones</li><li>2- colored pencils or fine tip markers</li></ol>
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**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
POLICY GA-2200Ed.11-16(ID)(KS)(LA)(MN)(MT)(NC)(ND)(OH)

**Premiums & Coverage Options**

**One Time Policy Year Premiums**

<b>School Time Coverage Grades PK-12 (Does NOT Include Interscholastic Sports Coverage grades 7-12)</b> Protects the student while: a) attending regular school sessions, b) participating in or attending school-sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities, c) traveling directly to and from school for regular school sessions, and while traveling to and from school-sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities in school provided transportation. DOES NOT cover participation in interscholastic sports for students in grades 7-12.	\$16
<b>Full Time Coverage Grades PK-12 (Does NOT Include Interscholastic Sports Coverage grades 7-12)</b> Covers the student 24 hours a day until school starts next year. Includes coverage while at home and school, on weekends and during summer vacation. DOES NOT cover participation in interscholastic sports for students in grades 7-12.	\$99
<b>School Time Coverage Grades PK-12 AND Interscholastic Sports Coverage Grades 7-12 (does not include Football grades 9-12)</b> In addition to School-Time Coverage shown above, includes All Interscholastic Sports Coverage that protects the student while practicing for or competing in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic sports including travel in school provided transportation for grades 7-12. DOES NOT cover Football for grades 9-12.	\$91
<b>Full Time Coverage Grades PK-12 AND Interscholastic Sports Coverage Grades 7-12 (does not include Football grades 9-12)</b> In addition to the Full-Time Coverage shown above, includes All Interscholastic Sports Coverage that protects the student while practicing or competing in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic sports including travel in school-provided transportation for grades 7-12. DOES NOT cover Football for grades 9-12.	\$174
<b>Football Coverage Grades 9 - 12</b> Protects the student while practicing for or competing in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic football including travel in school-provided transportation for grades 9-12.	\$250
<b>Extended Dental Coverage Grades PK-12</b> Provides benefits up to a maximum of \$5,000 for any dental injury. Covers the student 24 hours a day until school starts next year. Treatment must begin within 60 days from the date of the injury and must be performed within one year from the date of injury. However, if within the one year period following the date of injury the student's attending dentist certifies that dental treatment and/or replacement must be deferred beyond one year, the policy pays the estimated cost of such deferred treatment, but not to exceed \$200 for each tooth. Benefits for prostheses are limited to \$500 per injury, including procedures performed to install them. Dental prostheses include, but are not limited to: crowns, dentures, bridges, and implants. Extended Dental does not cover treatment for orthodontics, dental disease, or expenses that exceed the dental prosthesis maximum benefit limit.	\$9

**The Medical Benefits and Exclusions below apply to the Coverage Options listed above.**

**MEDICAL BENEFITS (What the Insurance Plan Pays)** - When injury covered by the policy results in treatment by a Licensed Physician within 60 days from the date of accident, the Company will pay the Usual and Customary Charges (U&C) incurred for covered services as listed below, for charges actually incurred within one year from the date of injury up to the specified Maximum Medical Benefit of \$50,000 per injury. (In MT and NC benefits are payable after the deductible per injury is satisfied, the deductible is the amount paid or payable for the same injury by Other Valid Coverage)  
This policy will pay benefits regardless of Other Valid Coverage if the covered claim expense is less than \$200. If the covered claim expense exceeds \$200, benefits shall be paid first by Other Valid Coverage. (This coverage is excess in KS, and this coverage is primary in MT and NC after deductible, and in ID, IL)

**All Amounts Listed Below are Per Injury**

**PHYSICIAN'S SERVICES**

- a) **Surgical Care** (surgeon, assistant surgeon, and anesthesia) ..... 80% U&C, up to \$2,500
- b) **Nonsurgical Care** (includes physiotherapy performed other than in a hospital, 1 visit per day)..... U&C, up to \$50 per visit, maximum 6 visits

**HOSPITAL CARE**

- a) **Inpatient Care**
  - 1) **Hospital Semi-Private Room** ..... U&C, up to \$500 per day
  - 2) **Hospital Miscellaneous Services** ..... 80% U&C, up to \$2,500
- b) **Outpatient Care**
  - 1) **Facility Charges for Day Surgery** ..... U&C, up to \$2,500
  - 2) **Emergency Room** ..... 80% U&C, up to \$500

**Note: Benefits for hospital miscellaneous and outpatient care charges are limited to services not scheduled under Medical Benefits.**

**X-RAY SERVICES** (includes charges for reading) ..... U&C, up to \$250

**LABORATORY SERVICES** ..... U&C, up to \$250

**DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING** (includes MRI, CT scan, bone scan and charges for reading) ..... U&C, up to \$500

**DENTAL TREATMENT** (in lieu of all other medical benefits; for repair and/or replacement of each sound and natural tooth) ..... U&C, up to \$250 per tooth (In SD, sound and natural is deleted)

**AMBULANCE SERVICES** ..... U&C, up to \$500

**ORTHOPEDIC APPLIANCES** (when prescribed by a physician for healing) ..... U&C, up to \$250

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (take home) ..... U&C, up to \$250

**REPLACEMENT EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, HEARING AIDS**  
(when medical treatment is required for covered injury) ..... U&C, up to \$250

**MOTOR VEHICLE INJURY** ..... Same as any injury, up to \$2,500 (In KS, \$2,500 limit does not apply)

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT**

When injury covered by this policy results in Accidental Death or Dismemberment within 180 days from the date of accident, the following benefits will be payable.

Loss of Life ..... \$2,500      Loss of an Eye ..... \$2,500      Double Dismemberment ..... \$10,000      Single Dismemberment ..... \$2,500

The policy contains a provision limiting coverage to the usual and customary charges. This limitation may result in additional out-of-pocket expenses for the insured.

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**ENROLLMENT FORM FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

**COVERAGE PLANS**

**One Time Policy Year Premiums**

	<b>Full Time Coverage (Does NOT include Interscholastic Sports Coverage)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 99
	<b>Full Time Coverage AND Interscholastic Sports Coverage (Does not include Football Grades 9-12)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$174
	<b>School Time Coverage (Does NOT include Interscholastic Sports Coverage)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 16
	<b>School Time Coverage AND Interscholastic Sports Coverage (Does not include Football Grades 9-12)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 91
	<b>Football Coverage (Grades 9-12)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<b>Extended Dental Coverage (Grades PK-12)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 9

**DO NOT SEND CASH**

**TOTAL PREMIUM**

Make Checks payable to: **STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC.**  
\*Please write student's name on the front of check. **NO REFUNDS**

↑ STUDENT'S LAST NAME ↑ (one letter in each box)

STUDENT'S FIRST NAME M.I.

Please Print Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street)

\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Parent or Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)



# EMF FFA

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Current 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders, enrolled in an agriculture class

## HOW DO YOU JOIN?

Return signed medical release form and \$25 dues by Aug.29th

## CONTACT INFO

### Advisors:

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### Social Media:

Facebook --- EMF FFA Chapter

Instagram --- @emf\_ffa

X (Twitter) --- @emf\_ffa

### 2025-2026 Officer Team:

Babe Weber

Sophie Weber

Cohen Harre

Selah Petersen

Caleb Black

Gracie Vyhnalek

Aniston Meints

Jacob Spohn



# JILL'S SWEET SHOP SNOW CONES



Wednesday, August 13

1:45-2:45

\$4 per cone

Sponsored by EMF StuCo

# EMF Student Council

2025-2026



## Seniors (9)

Caleb Black

Dylen Collier

Kiley Oldehoeft - Secretary

Selah Petersen

Taylin Schluter - President

Hadley Sladek

Tucker Svec

Hunter Svehla - Vice President

Babe Weber

## Sophomores (9)

Naomi Black

Tori Bresson

Makenna Burchett

Maddy Kenney

Bob Milton

Meredith Paulsen

Miley Ricenbaw - Pub. Relations

Ty Svehla

Reese Tuttle

## Juniors (12)

Rylan Bartels

Evan Brahmstedt

Jaxson Brandt

Kendall Filipi

Abby Klooz - VP-Sergeant at Arms

Cheyenne Krupicka

Aniston Meints - Public Relations

Alexis Paulsen

Jacob Spohn

Avery Tuttle

Gracie Vyhnalek

Sophie Weber

## Freshmen (3)

Maddi Allen

Keisyn Kirchhoff

Gehrig Weber

**Total: 33**

**Hey, Book Lovers...**

**Join us for an author  
talk!**

**Saturday, Aug 9**

**11 AM**

**Beaver Crossing City Hall**



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# **MEET ALLISON L BITZ**

**(ORIGINALLY FROM EXETER, NE)**

Growing Up Rural: The Good, the Bad, the Literary

Please join local author and licensed psychologist Dr. Allison L. Bitz for an hour of heart and humor. Allison will share how her experience of growing up in Exeter, Nebraska shaped her as a person and an author. As Allison strongly prefers talking with people, she would love to engage in a Q & A session following the talk. Allison's two novels will be available for sale and signing at the event.



[www.AllisonLBitz-author.com](http://www.AllisonLBitz-author.com)

Instagram: @AllisonLBitz

**REMINDER:**

Any JH/HS student participating in an EMF activity is **required** to have a sports physical prior to the start of fall practice on Monday, August 11th.

***\*Your student will not be able to participate in practice until the physical and NSAA release forms have been received in the school office.\****

Forms are available in the office during normal business hours or at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PnOJf3fX73nYOxck1LndC4aZwyZfXdZ0hPdKTujpqiw/edit?usp=sharing>

**JH FB Meeting**

Those interested in JH football: there will be a meeting and equipment check out after school on August 14th.

**JH VB**

Junior High Volleyball meeting & walk-through practice Thursday, August 14 (3:45-5). Please come dressed out for practice.

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**Parents, please visit this Beginning of the Year checklist for all required student forms and information regarding our first school year as EMF!**

**Any questions, please reach out to the school office.**

**[Click on this link to complete forms for your student.](#)**