Nordic Newsletter

August - September 2026



We hope you had a wonderful summer vacation and cannot wait to hear about all of the adventures our students had.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students and servicing their learning needs for the 2026-2027 school year. Our teachers are dedicated to continuing to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions and continued excellence in education. We look forward to a positive and productive year together. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading to improve literacy skills.
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.
6. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in life.

Again, we welcome you to North Dickinson and to our wonderful learning community. Our school is a place where opportunities flourish! Here's to a wonderful new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to learn and work each day, remembering that every day is a great day to be a Nordic.

Row the Boat Nordics! 143

Student Information

School Day

The normal school day begins at 8:25am and ends at 3:15pm for all grades. No students are permitted in the building until 8:10am. Do not drop your student(s) off at school before this time as there is no supervision. Please make other arrangements if you work or have other appointments that require you to leave home before the bus arrives.

Free Backpacks and School Supplies

If you are in need of a backpack or school supplies please call the office (906) 542-9281 so pickup can be arranged. There is a limited amount available so it is first come, first serve.

School Pictures

School pictures for all students has been scheduled for October 1st, 2026. Price information will be available at a later day.

Administration of Medication during School Hours

Prior to administration of any medication by school personnel, an Administration of Medication Form must be completed for each child. This form is included in the student handbook. Medication must be in its pharmacy dispending container with appropriate directions for school included in this form.

School of Choice Deadline

Students wanting to attend North Dickinson through the school of choice program should stop at the school office to fill out the proper paperwork. The school of choice window is open now until August 25th and is on the ISD website.

MI Child Health Insurance

Information on a health insurance plan called MI Child is available in school office. MI Child is a health insurance program for uninsured children of Michigan's working families.

Open House

Open House will be on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00pm.

Freshman Parent/Student Informational Meeting

Mrs. Jungwirth will hold an informational meeting for Freshman parents and students in Mrs. Lindholm's classroom. Information that will be discussed will include: graduation requirements, career cruising information, dual enrollment opportunities, and Dickinson-Iron Technical Education Center Information. **The date and time of the freshman orientation will be sent out in an alert to all freshmen student's in early August.**

Change of Address and Telephone Numbers

In order to update our school address and telephone number records, we are asking you to please notify the school if you have any changes to this information.

Registration of New Students

Families with school age children who have moved into the district are asked to come to the school office to register their children for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, please call the school office at 906-542-9281.

School Dress Code

The school year is starting very soon so keep in mind that even though it is still warm outside please be sure to follow the school dress code. The following styles or manners of dress are prohibited: Shorts and skirts above mid-thigh length, tank tops, pajamas, hats, bare midriffs, hoods, and durags. Students in physical education classes must dress appropriate for the activity. T-shirts, gym shorts or sport pants, and non marking gym shoes are the standard attire. If gym classes go outside, the teacher may have additional directives for dress.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The North Dickinson County District prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status in its employment decisions or provision of services.

Know your rights. In addition to discrimination the North Dickinson County Schools prohibits sexual harassment and sexual violence. Help is available - if you are victim of or know of someone who has been victimized by discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual violence please contact the Title IX Coordinator(s) listed below.

Mr. David Florenski, W6588 State Hwy M69, Felch, MI 49831. Phone 906-542-9281, Fax 906-542-6950, or email dflorenski@go-nordics.com.

Mrs. Angie Jungwirth, W6588 State Hwy M69, Felch, MI 49831. Phone 906-542-9281, Fax 906-542-6950, or email ajungwirth@go-nordics.com

Security System Entry/Picking up students during School Hours

The security system will continue to be used this year. During the school day all visitors including parents, delivery people, salesmen, etc., will be directed to enter the two double doors on the south east side of the building. There is a camera and intercom at the door. A sign is posted directing visitors to stand in front of the camera when pressing the buzzer and speak into the intercom. There is a monitor and speaker located in the office for staff to see the visitor and talk to the visitor, and then press a button that unlocks the door temporarily so the visitor can enter. All visitors must report to the office to sign in. Students arriving late or leaving early must sign in/out at the office. This system is in use from 8:25am through 3:00pm each day while school is in session.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available for pick up at the open house. If your child is unable to pick up their schedule during the open house before school starts, they will be given to them the first day of school.

Student use of Facility

With the school year and academics starting the students and staff are very excited about athletics. Students that are involved in athletics are required to be under their coaches' supervision. Therefore, athletes are not to be in the weight room, gym, or other parts of the facility without adult supervision. This goes for students who are not on athletic teams also. Please remind your child that they are not allowed to stay after school to hang out prior to an athletic event. Students must be supervised by a professional staff member or authorized adult while using the school facility. Therefore, students are not allowed to use the weight room, gym, or other areas of the district without proper supervision. High school students will be permitted to use the student lounge prior to athletic events.

Head Start Applications Being Accepted

The Dickinson-Iron ISD Department of Early Childhood Education is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year at the Nordic Center.

Pregnant mothers and children ages birth to three may be eligible for the Early Head Start program. Children ages three and four, may be eligible to attend the Head Start or Great Start Readiness preschool programs. The programs are free to families who qualify and children are not required to be potty trained prior to enrollment. Families with children with a disability are encouraged to apply.

Early Head Start, Head Start, and Great Start Readiness are comprehensive programs that involve the families in the development of the child. The curriculum is designed to address all aspects of the child's development and lesson plans are created to meet the child's school readiness goals.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for your child, please call the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District- Department of Early Childhood Education at 779-2695 or visit www.diisd.org.

Transportation

Bus Routes

Tentative bus routes will be posted to the District website by August 20th, you may also call the office to find out your stop time.

Please have students at assigned bus stops 5 minutes earlier than the scheduled pick-up time. All bus routes have been re-arranged again this year to accommodate new students, graduated students and families who have moved. For the first two weeks expect the bus to be 5 minutes earlier or 5 minutes later than the scheduled time.

PTO News

Welcome back Nordics! The PTO and kitchen staff will be serving hotdogs, chips, and lemonade during the open house! We'd like to remind you that we collect Super One grocery receipts all year long. This is our main fundraising and the money earned helps out with teacher and classroom requests that come up throughout the year. If you'd like to be a part of the PTO, please let us know!

Transportation Reminder

Parents are reminded that only regularly scheduled bus students are to ride a bus and any exceptions must be cleared with the principal's office before hand. Students must get permission from home in writing, and then have it approved in the office for the following:

1. Getting off the bus at a stop other than his/her regularly assigned stop.
2. Riding a bus other than the one assigned.



Student Vehicle Rules

Students are to ride the bus unless there is a special situation (i.e. work after school, doctor appointment, participation in sports.) In the event a student has a special need to drive a vehicle and park it at the school, the following MUST be followed or the parking privilege will not be approved:

1. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License.
2. State required insurance coverage.
3. Signed application to drive vehicles on school property.
4. Copy of Michigan vehicle registration.

All four items must be submitted to the building principal for verification. A written parent approval must be obtained and placed in our files.

Driving to the Technical Center

Students who attend the technical center are not allowed to drive to VOC unless they have a valid reason. The North Dickinson County School offers our students bus transportation to and from the tech center on a daily basis. Students are expected to ride the bus. If your child has other appointments prior to or after VOC and will not be riding the bus, please write a note or call the school to inform us that they will be driving and list any students that will be riding with them. If your child will be riding with another student, they also need a note of permission.

Pathway

The pathway on the west side of the school property is to be used by pedestrians only. **Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the pathway.**

Athletics

Football: Practice starts Tuesday, August 11th
Please check in with coaches for the schedule.

Equipment will be issued the first practice starting with seniors and juniors at 3:30pm followed by sophomore and freshmen at 4PM.

Volleyball: Practice starts Tuesday, August 11th. Please check in with coaches for the schedule.

Middle School Girls Basketball: Starts on Monday, August 17th.

Athletes are reminded that a sports physical is required before you can practice. Physicals will be given on August 6th from 9am to 12pm at North Dickinson School. You can pick up physical forms in the school office.

North Dickinson Athletic Remind Communication Groups

Please check in with your individual coaches for their form of communication. Also watch our website and Facebook page for all schedule updates and changes.

Locker Room Locks

For a deposit of $5.00, J.V. and Varsity athletes, can get a lock from the school office to secure their locker room lockers. The deposit will be refunded when the lock is returned at the end of season in which the athlete is participating. Personal locks cannot be used and will be cut off.



Athletic Passes/Ticket Prices

Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you, the school office hours are between 8:00am and 3:00pm, prices are $90 for a family pass, $50 for an individual adult pass and $15 for a student pass. Passes for senior citizens age 60 or older are also available for $30. A pass will admit you to all **HOME** North Dickinson athletic events except state run tournaments, track meets, etc.

2026-2027 Ticket Prices will be:

Varsity and Junior Varsity Events:

Adults: $5

Students: $2

Senior Citizens: $3

Junior High Events:

Adults: $3

Students: $2

Senior Citizens: $2



August/September 26-27 Food Service Information

School Meal Prices for Adults:

Breakfast: $3.50

Lunch: $5.25

Milk: Extra milk or milk when eating cold lunch is $.50, regardless of the fact that all students meals are free.

Breakfast Program: Breakfast, beginning August 25th, is each morning between 8:00-8:20am, in the lunch room. Students are encouraged to participate in the program and start their day with a healthy, nutritional meal. Breakfast is not served on the days when school is delayed. Students should come to the cafeteria as soon as they get off the bus to have enough time to eat and still be on time for class.

Breakfast for the first week of school:

Monday: Cereal Kit, Fruit, choice of milk

Tuesday: Strawberry bagel, Fruit/Juice, choice of milk

Wednesday: Mini Cinnis, Fruit/Juice, choice of milk

Thursday: Cinnamon muffin, Yogurt, Fruit/Juice, choice of milk

Below is the 1st Week of School Lunch Menu: (all lunches are served with fruit and milk)

Tuesday: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Fruit, Choice of milk

Wednesday: Turkey/Cheese Sub, Tostitos/Salsa, Fruit, Choice of milk

Thursday: Mini Raviolis, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Fruit, Choice of milk

Friday: Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce, Fruit, Choice of milk

Lunch Program - Lunch serving times are as follows:

Middle School - 11:00am

High School - 11:08am

Elementary School - 12:00pm

Vocational Students - 12:20pm

Lunch Choices

6th - 12th students have a choice of main meal, pizza, or pepperoni calzone. Students must order their choice in the morning with the first hour teacher. With this choice you must take either a vegetable or fruit for it to be counted as a meal. All milk served is 1% or fat free. MS/HS students are also offered romaine salad and fresh vegetables. Fresh vegetables may include: carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, red pepper, and green pepper. Fruit is served daily.

Open House

During open house please take a moment to come through the lunch line with your students as we will be serving hotdogs, chips, and a drink! This is a great opportunity for some of our new students to see how to go through the lunch line and to get familiarized with the atmosphere of our lunchroom.

Technology

Tech Ready and Charged Up: A Fresh Start for the New School Year

This summer has been a productive one for the IT Department at North Dickinson. We're excited to kick off the year by once again having Mike Malone be a part of our Nordic Team! Mike joins us from North Central and will be supporting both Norway and North Dickinson schools throughout the school year. His energy, enthusiasm, and deep knowledge of technology has made a positive impact.

Over the past few months, the IT Department has been hard at work organizing and prioritizing our district's technology needs. Chromebooks have been updated and prepared for each classroom and will be distributed during the first week of school.

Please note the following Chromebook procedures:

- **Grades 7-12:** Students have signed Chromebook permission slip and all prior year fees paid before receiving a device. This year, chrome-books will be distributed during the first week of school.

- **Grades K-6:** Students also need a signed permission slip. Their Chromebooks will remain in the classroom at all times for instructional use.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year at North Dickinson! Stay connected and informed by following our newsletter for future updates.



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please take a moment and complete the Education Benefits form on the next page and return it to your student's school. The Education Benefits Form collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, North Dickinson County Schools could lose important funding for education programs that our students need.** These supplemental grants and programs have the potential to offer supports and services including, but not limited to:

- Instructional Staff (Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social workers
- Professional Learning for staff
- Training for staff
- Parent & Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is North Dickinson County School requesting financial information? The Education Benefits Form determines the eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made to a school. The more forms collected the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the attached form and return it to North Dickinson County schools.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Kramer or David Florenski at 906-542-9281.

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2026 - 2027

District: North Dickinson County School School: North Dickinson County School

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Part C: HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
❑ 1 →	❑ At or below $20,748	❑ Between $20,749 and $29,526	❑ At or above $29,527
❑ 2 →	❑ At or below $28,132	❑ Between $28,133 and $40,034	❑ At or above $40,035
❑ 3 →	❑ At or below $35,516	❑ Between $35,517 and $50,542	❑ At or above $50,543
❑ 4 →	❑ At or below $42,900	❑ Between $42,901 and $61,050	❑ At or above $61,051
❑ 5 →	❑ At or below $50,284	❑ Between $50,285 and $71,558	❑ At or above $71,559
❑ 6 →	❑ At or below $57,668	❑ Between $57,669 and $82,066	❑ At or above $82,067
❑ 7 →	❑ At or below $65,052	❑ Between $65,053 and $92,574	❑ At or above $92,575
❑ 8 →	❑ At or below $72,436	❑ Between $72,437 and $103,082	❑ At or above $103,083

***Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**
Household size (# people): _____ Total annual income: _____

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

(Signature) _____ (Printed Name) _____ (Date) _____

(Address) (City) (Zip)

(Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.
Status: F _____ R_____ N _____ Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Household Size - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – Skip this part

Part C: Household Size – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

2026-2027 School Supplies List

Kindergarten

- Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Sneakers/Gym shoes (non-marking)
- Box(es) of Kleenex
- Pencil Box (plastic)
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Elmer's Glue Stick
- 24 Count Crayons
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils

1st Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sneakers/Gym Shoes (Non Marking)
- Panasonic Headphones (not ear buds) to stay at school (will return after year ends)
- Box(es) of Band-Aids
- Box(es) of Kleenex
- 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- 12 pack of #2 Yellow/wood pencils
- Pocket Folders
- Pencil Box (Plastic)
- Elmer's Glue Stick (1-2)
- Elmer's Glue Bottle

2nd Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sneakers/Gym Shoes (Non-Marking)
- Headphones (not earbuds, will be returned after the school year)
- Box(es) of Kleenex
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils
- Box(es) of markers
- Box(es) of Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebook
- Bottle(s) of Hand Sanitizer
- Pencil Case/Box
- Expo Dry Erase markers (2 pack)

3rd Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sneakers/Gym shoes (non-marking shoes)
- Headphones
- Box(es) of Kleenex
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils
- Box(es) of washable markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Pencil Bag/Pouch Case
- Wide Ruled Notebook
- Pocket Folders
- Scissors
- Elmer's Glue Stick

4th Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sneakers/Gym Shoes (non-marking)
- Box(es) of Facial Tissues
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils
- Package(s) of Cap Erasers
- Canister(s) of Disinfecting Wipes
- Glue Sticks

5th Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Earbuds or headsets
- Sneakers/Gym Shoes (non-marking)
- Box(es) of Colored Pencils
- Box(es) of Facial Tissues
- Box(es) of Markers
- Notebooks
- Bottle(s) of Hand Sanitizer
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils
- Package(s) of Cap Erasers
- Flash Cards- Multiplication

6th Grade

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sneakers/Gym Shoes (non-marking)
- Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Box(es) of Markers
- Box(es) of #2 Pencils
- Box(es) of Facial Tissue