

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

AQuESTT Classifications

On November 26, 2025, the Nebraska Department of Education released the 2024–2025 AQuESTT classifications. AQuESTT — Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow — evaluates schools and districts using state test performance, graduation rates, participation rates, and measures of year-to-year improvement and growth. The system, developed by the State Board of Education and NDE, is designed to recognize and support effective schools across Nebraska.

AQuESTT assigns four possible classifications: Excellent, Great, Good, and Needs Improvement. Districts and individual buildings receive a classification based on averaged NSCAS or ACT results across tested grades and subjects, as well as indicators of growth and improvement. For North Bend Central, classifications are issued for the elementary, middle school, high school, and district levels.

Our 2024–2025 AQuESTT classifications are:

Elementary – Excellent
Middle School – Excellent
High School – Great
District – Excellent

Looking at our district's trajectory over time highlights the strength of our system:

2018–2019: Good
2019–2020: Great
2020–2021: Great
2021–2022: Great
2022–2023: Excellent
2023–2024: Excellent
2024–2025: Excellent

Maintaining the highest possible district classification reflects the collective work of our students, staff, parents, and school board. Our classified staff—paras, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, office, and tech—along with our teachers, leadership team, and board continue to model high expectations for learning, and the results speak for themselves.

Providing an excellent education for every student at North Bend Central Public Schools remains our top priority. I encourage parents and patrons to thank our staff, board, and students for the consistent effort and dedication that make these results possible.

Statewide AQuESTT results by district and building can be found at the Nebraska Education Profile: nep.education.ne.gov.



Mr. Patrick Ningen,
Superintendent

From My Desktop

Brenda Petersen, Secondary Principal



Don't miss an NBC Event

All events can be found through the nbtigers.org homepage. Thanks to our technology department, we have the ability to stream events live and on-demand through our YouTube channel. You can see almost all the events at NBC from anywhere.



NO SNOW? Not likely!

Safety of our students is a top priority at NBC! We have students coming to school early in the morning and staying late for activities, and these activities also may change due to the weather. NBC uses a variety of communication tools to get the word out about cancellations, early release from practice, and rescheduled events when winter elements arise. If you have not already, please follow NBC on social media for all of your updated information.

Scholarship Season is Upon Us

We are very excited to be partnering with the North Bend Central Foundation to provide an innovative way to house and allow students to apply for scholarships. Appcentri assists in streamlining the local scholarship experience by allowing students the ability to store transcripts, multiple letters of recommendation, and essays all within the program. Mrs. Wess and I will work with seniors during December to get them familiar with Appcentri prior to winter break.



Semester Test

All students in grades 8th-12th are required to have a semester test/project in all classes. Starting this year, we have changed our testing schedule slightly with a two-day testing schedule. Teachers have been encouraged to begin the preparation process starting December 15 so students have all the needed materials to be successful for the two days of test.

First Semester Testing Schedule

Thursday, December 18

Class Period 1	8:10 - 8:37
TEST Period 1	8:40 - 9:40
Class Period 2	9:43 - 10:10
TEST Period 2	10:13 - 11:13
Study Session/Lunch	11:16 - 12:30
Class Period 3	12:33 - 12:55
TEST Period 3	12:58 - 1:58
Class Period 4	2:01 - 2:27
TEST Period 4	2:30 - 3:30

Friday, December 19

Class Period 5	8:10 - 8:33
TEST Period 5	8:36 - 9:36
Class Period 6	9:40 - 10:03
TEST Period 6	10:06 - 11:06
Study Session/Lunch	11:09 - 12:27
TEST Period 7	12:30 - 1:30



ACT Tests Dates	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
	2025		
	December 14	November 8	November 22
	February 8	January 3	January 20
	2026		
	April 5	February 28	March 16
	June 14	May 9	May 26
	July 12	June 6	June 20



NHS Taps New Members

The National Honor Society committee selected its new members in the fall this year. Students are evaluated for membership in four different categories: scholarship,

service, leadership, and character.

Congratulations to the new National Honor Society members.

Seniors:

Keagan K & Emma R

Juniors:

Lindsey H, Lane P, Merrit S, Kassie S, & Emma W

Sophomores:

Vanessa C, Kyla H, Peyton J, Jacobi K,
Kinley S, & Taylor T

CLASS OF 2026

Senior Checklist

Senior Yearbook Picture Due - December 1

Purchase a Yearbook - December 15

Scholarships due - March 1

2025-26 Sports Banquet - March 30

Senior Slide Show Slide Due - April 1

Senior Banquet - April 22

Honors Night - May 1

Seniors Last Day of School - TBD

Graduation - May 10



Singing Sunday

December 7, 2025



The NBC Chorus is spreading holiday cheer across the community this season! On December 7, middle school and high school chorus students will visit local churches to share festive music and celebrate the joy of the holidays through song.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
8:15 a.m. North Bend

St. Peter Lutheran Church
9:00 a.m. North Bend

St. George Catholic Church
10:00 a.m. Morse Bluff

United Presbyterian Church
10:30 a.m. North Bend



Purchase a

25-26 NBC yearbook

for your student today!

Your student's priceless memories will be on sale until December 19. You can make your purchase with Ms. Ray or at nbtigers.org

High School Book 9th-12th graders \$60	Middle School Book 6th-8th graders \$35
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In the Loop with Mr. LaChapelle

Brad LaChapelle, Elementary Principal

Happy Holidays!

There is so much to be thankful for as we wrap up the first semester! Our wonderful teachers and support staff pour their energy into making learning fun and exciting through cross curricular connections and creating opportunities to extend learning with special projects, field trips, and programs.



Students continue to achieve at high levels at NBCE! Students take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times throughout the year. This assessment provides teachers and students with information on their progress from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. We also monitor reading fluency for all students with an assessment from the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST). The information from both assessments helps teachers to plan instruction and meet the individual needs of all students. Thank you for all of your support from home for our teachers! With your continued support, our students will continue to perform extremely well!

We know the holiday season can throw families off of their regular routines and schedules. We do want to thank you for your continued support by ensuring our students continue to get enough rest and sleep. If you do have something come up that could alter your student's schedule, please let us know by contacting their classroom teacher so they can make the day successful. Thank you!

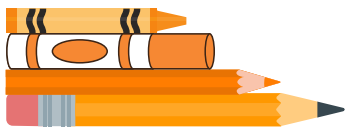
Brr, it's cold! NBCE students will go outside to enjoy fresh air and get some exercise as much as possible during the winter months. Please remember to send warm clothes-gloves, hats, and winter coats during the cold winter months!

Below are the activities coming up in the next couple of months. Stay safe and warm and enjoy your holiday season!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1: PTA Meeting in the NBCE Library 5:45 p.m.
- December 8-12: Winter FAST Testing for K-5
- December 8-16: Winter MAP Testing for K-5
- December 12: 2:30 p.m. 5th Grade Band & 4th and 5th Grade Choir Performances
- December 17: 1:30 p.m. 5th Grade Rainforest Presentations
- December 18: Little Tigers Dance Camp
- December 19: 1:20/1:25 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL
- December 19: End of Second Quarter
- December 20 – January 5: HOLIDAY BREAK
- January 6: School Resumes for Students (teachers return on the 5th)
- January 8: Report Cards Sent Home
- January 10: Trivia Night (hosted by our PTA)



SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

When you need to know if there will be school or a late start due to the weather, you'll get the answers through the NBC app, text messages, emails, voicemail messages, on TV and the radio. Download the **North Bend Central, NE** app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable notifications to receive up to date information when the weather is questionable. Scan the QR code below to download it today.

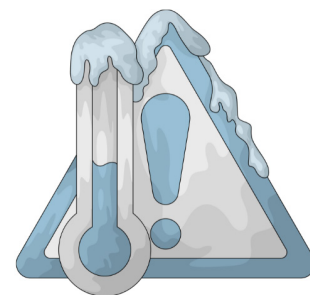
Radio and TV stations listed below will also have closures and late starts posted:

Radio Stations

KTTT 1510 AM
KLIR 101 FM
KFMT 105.5 FM
KHUB 98.9 FM
KHUB 1340 AM

Television Stations

KOLN Channels 10/11
KMTV Channel 3
KETV Channel 7



Don't forget our website will always have the latest information: NBTIGERS.ORG

As much as possible, we want to avoid late starts and early dismissals. However, in making decisions on dismissal, the safety of students is our highest priority. When late starts must occur, we plan to schedule both NBCE and NBC schools to open at 10:30 a.m. with staff in place 30 minutes ahead of that. Early dismissal times cannot be standardized.

Get Ahead with

On to College ACT Prep: A Head Start for Success

NBC has purchased access to the John Baylor On to College ACT Prep program. It is available for students in grades 9-12. This program can help prepare students for standardized test success.

Many students underestimate the value of early preparation for the ACT. However, it is important to remember that your ACT score currently plays a role in admissions for most colleges and can open doors to scholarships and other opportunities. The benefits to starting your preparations early are numerous:

- **Build a Strong Foundation:** Early preparation gives you ample time to build a solid understanding of the concepts and skills required for the ACT. You'll have a better understanding of what the test will be like and be able to tune in more closely when those subjects are covered in your classes.
- **Reduce Test Anxiety:** The ACT can be a source of stress for many students. By starting your preparation early, you can gradually build your confidence and reduce test anxiety. Familiarity with the test format and content will make you more comfortable when test day arrives.
- **Identify Areas for Improvement:** Early preparation enables you to identify your strengths and weaknesses. You can focus on improving the areas where you struggle.
- **Maximize Your Score Potential:** The ACT is a test of endurance and strategy as much as it is a measure of knowledge. Starting early allows you to learn and implement test-taking strategies that can significantly boost your score.



To log in and get started, visit www.ontocollege.com

User email: school gmail

Password: nbtigers

PLEASE DO NOT change your password.

There is nothing confidential about this account.



NORTH BEND CENTRAL FOUNDATION



NORTH BEND CENTRAL ELEMENTARY FOURTH GRADERS capped off their study of Nebraska and the pioneers with a simulated trip westward on the Oregon Trail in May. The students were grouped in families and simulated many of the pioneer experiences from packing their wagons to crossing the great rivers. Fourth grade teachers, Jana Post and Katie Scholl, sponsored the activity and a mini-grant from the NBC Foundation provided for supplies. Grants for projects like these would not be possible without the generous contributions of our donors to the NBC Foundation. Please use the form to send a donation to the NBC Foundation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

~NBC Foundation Board of Trustees

Enclosed is my contribution to the North Bend Central Foundation.

NBC FOUNDATION
NORTH BEND CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
P. O. BOX 160
NORTH BEND, NEBRASKA 68649

*Thank you for
your support!*

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

My Donation is: \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$ _____ Other _____

In Memory of _____

View NBC Foundation page on the NBCPS website and follow us on Facebook at "NBC Foundation."

<https://www.nbtigers.org/o/nbc/page/nbc-foundation>

TIGER BRANCH



PLATTE VALLEY BANK



Year seven of the Tiger Branch of Platte Valley Bank kicked off in October with over 250 North Bend Central students, Kindergarten-8th grade, and several NBC staff enrolled to participate. Student Depositors have saved \$95,504 in just over seven years. For all eligible grades, there is a 69% participation rate. Of those students participating, 75% of the depositors are participating consistently. All students in K-8 are eligible to participate with written parent or guardian permission. Savings will grow until 8th grade graduation or when the student leaves the district. In lieu of interest, participants receive incentives for consistent saving from Platte Valley Bank. Tiger Branch Community Partners include North Bend Area Golf Course, Webster Well Services Inc, Medicine Man Pharmacy, Liquid Courage, Grand Passage Sportsman Club, Frontier Cooperative Company, Insight Ag Services LLC, and Hegemann Agri-Service LLC. The Community Partner of the month provides an additional deposit to each student's savings account that makes a deposit. These Community Partners have taken on the role to model and support students as they learn the importance of saving early.

Establishing a savings program at North Bend Elementary and Middle School makes saving convenient and fun. Students develop a lifetime habit of saving and a foundation for financial responsibility. Tiger Branch is open at the elementary school on Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:10 and the middle school on Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:05.



Tiger Branch is staffed by Platte Valley Bank employees along with student tellers. The student tellers obtain experience which will aid in future job prospects as they are required to complete a job application, interview with a bank representative, train for the job, and are gaining important customer service and banking skills. Throughout the past seven years, 96 FBLA high school students and 102 fifth grade students have been named tellers of the Tiger Branch.

Platte Valley Bank is committed to the financial success of its customers and community. Knowledge of economics provides students with better decision-making skills, the money savvy to budget and spend wisely, and a foundation for personal success. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders! Questions about student participation or if your business wants to become a community partner, contact Dana Brune at Platte Valley Bank, 402-652-3221.



-----Please complete slip below to authorize participation and bring to the Tiger Branch with your first deposit-----

MY CHILD(REN) HAS/HAVE PERMISSION TO OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE TIGER BRANCH OF PLATTE VALLEY BANK.

Child 1 (First & Last Name): _____ Teacher/Grade (K-8 only): _____

Child 2 (First & Last Name): _____ Teacher/Grade (K-8 only): _____

Child 3 (First & Last Name): _____ Teacher/Grade (K-8 only): _____

Child 4 (First & Last Name): _____ Teacher/Grade (K-8 only): _____

(Parent Signature) _____

(Date) _____



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Information is subject to change. Check out nbtigers.org for most up to date information.

V = Varsity JV = Junior Varsity JH = Junior High F = Freshman B= Boys G=Girls R=Reserve TBA = To Be Announced NBE = Elementary school

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	1 1 pm District Unified Bowling @ Elkhorn 4:30 pm JH G Wrestling @Tekamah-Herman *Senior Pictures Due	2 4:30 pm JH G Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig Elem. 5 pm B JH Basketball @ Ft. Calhoun	3	4 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Bishop Neumann @ NBC 5:30 pm V Bowling @ Pender	5 12:30 pm B V Wrestling @ Lakeview 5 pm B JH Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger	6 12 pm District One-Act @ Wahoo 2:00 pm GB JV Basketball 3:30 pm G V Basketball 5:00 pm B V Basketball vs. Seward @ NBC					
7 Singing Sunday	8 Time: TBA B R Basketball vs. Bergan @ NBC State Unified Bowling TBD	4:30 pm B JH Basketball vs Bishop Neumann @ NBE 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:45 pm B V Basketball @ Malcolm 5:30 pm V Bowling @ Hilltop Lanes 6 pm B V Wrestling vs. Shelby-Rising City @NBC	10 JH State SkillsUSA	11 1:00 pm V Bowling @ Sunset Bowl 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ West Point Beemer 5:00 pm B JH Basketball vs. Raymond Central @ NBE State One-Acts TBD	12 2:30 pm 4th-5th Grade Band/Choir Winter Concert	13 9:30 am BG V Wrestling @ NBC HS Snowball Dance 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm					
14 2 pm 6th-12th Grade Winter Concert	15 3:30 pm V Bowling @ Maplewood Lanes 4:30 pm G JH Wrestling @ Lyons-Decatur 6:00 pm G R Basketball 7:30 pm B R Basketball @ David City	4:00 pm V Bowling vs Humphrey @ NB 4:00 pm B JH Basketball vs. DC West @ NBE 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger	17 Semester Tests 8th - 12th Graders 4:30 pm G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball vs Pender @ NBC 4:30 pm B JV Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs Lakeview @ NBC 6:00 pm B V Wrestling @ DC West	18 Semester Tests 8th - 12th Graders 4:30 pm G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball vs Pender @ NBC 4:30 pm B JV Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs Lakeview @ NBC 6:00 pm B V Wrestling @ DC West	1:30 pm Early Dismissal Semester Tests 8th - 12th Graders 1:00 pm G V & JH Wrestling @ Wahoo	20 9:00 am B V Wrestling Invite @ Logan View 10 am B R Basketball vs. Cedar Bluffs & Columbus @ NBC 10 am G V Wrestling @ Tekamah-Herman					
21	22 No School Holiday Break 5:00 pm G R Basketball 6:30 pm B R Basketball vs. Howells-Dodge @ NBC	23 No School Holiday Break 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Yutan @ NBC	24 No School Holiday Break Moratorium	25 No School Holiday Break Moratorium 	26 No School Holiday Break Moratorium	27					
28 Moratorium	29 No School Holiday Break  <i>Holiday Basketball Tournament @ NBC</i> *See nbtigers.org for game times	30 No School Holiday Break	31 No School Holiday Break								



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

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						No School Holiday Break 	No School Holiday Break 9:00 am G V Wrestling @ Winnebago 5:30 pm G R Basketball 6:30 pm B R Basketball vs Lakeview @ NBC	No School Holiday Break 9:00 am G V Wrestling @ Winnebago 5:30 pm G R Basketball 6:30 pm B R Basketball vs Lakeview @ NBC	9:30 am B V Wrestling @ Shelby Rising City 1:00 pm B/G JV Basketball 2:30 pm G V Basketball 4:00 pm B V Basketball @ Milford		
4	No School Teacher In-Service 10:00 am V Bowling vs. Lakeview @ NB 6:00 pm GR Basketball vs GACC @ NBC	5 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Raymond Central @ NBC 6 pm B V Wrestling @ Bishop Neumann	6 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Raymond Central @ NBC 6 pm B V Wrestling @ Bishop Neumann	7 10:00 am G V Wrestling @ Columbus Field House 10 pm V Bowling @ Westbrook Lanes 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs Clarkson-Leigh @ NBC	8 10:00 am G V Wrestling @ Columbus Field House 10 pm V Bowling @ Westbrook Lanes 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs Clarkson-Leigh @ NBC	No School Holiday Break 	9 2:00 pm B V Wrestling @ Ashland-Greenwood MS 6:00 pm G R Basketball 7:15 pm B R Basketball @ West Point	10 10:00 am G Wrestling @ Winside 10:00 am B V Wrestling @ Aquinas			
11	4:00 pm JV Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig 5:30 pm V Bowling vs TC @ NB 6:00 pm GR Basketball vs Aquinas @ NBC 7:00 pm B R Basketball vs Arlington @ NBC 6 pm -7:15 pm Scholarship Work Night	12 4:00 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Arlington 6:00 pm BG V Wrestling vs Wis-Pil & Oak-C @ NBC	13 4:00 pm V Bowling @ Lucky Strike 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Arlington 6:00 pm BG V Wrestling vs Wis-Pil & Oak-C @ NBC	14 2:30 pm V Bowling vs. Newman Grove @ NB 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Logan View @ NBC	15 2:30 pm V Bowling vs. Newman Grove @ NB 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball vs. Logan View @ NBC	No School Holiday Break 	16 5:00 pm G V Wrestling @ Arlington	8 am Speech Meet @ Wisner 9:00 am V Bowling @ Kings Lanes-Norfolk 9:30 am B V Wrestling @ Arlington 1:30 pm GB JV Basketball 3:00 pm G V Basketball 4:30 pm B V Basketball vs, Bergan @ NBC			
18	10:30 am G V Wrestling @ Battle Creek 2:30 pm V Bowling vs. Howells-Dodge @ NB 5:00 pm JH Wrestling @ Wisner-Pilger	19 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Scotus	20 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Scotus	21 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Elementary Wild West Program @ NBC Old Gym	21 1:30 pm V Bowling @ Humphrey 4:30 pm JH G Basketball @ Bishop Neumann 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Oakland-Craig 6 pm G/B V Wrestling @ NBC	No School Holiday Break 	23 10:00 am BG V Wrestling @ Louisville	24 8 am Speech Meet @ NBC 9:00 am JH G Basketball @ Bancroft-Rosalie 9:00 am G/B V Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig TBA Ralston Cheer & Dance Competition			
25	4:00 pm B JH Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig 5:00 pm JH G Basketball vs Raymond Central @ NBE 6 - 7:15 pm Scholarship Work Night @ NBC	26 4:00 pm B JH Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig 5:00 pm JH G Basketball vs Raymond Central @ NBE 6 - 7:15 pm Scholarship Work Night @ NBC	27 4:30 pm B/G JV Basketball 6:00 pm G V Basketball 7:30 pm B V Basketball @ Wayne	28 9 am District FFA Livestock Judging	29 1 pm G V EHC Wrestling @ Lyons-Decatur 4:00 pm JH G Basketball vs. DC West @ NBE	No School Holiday Break 	30 1 pm B JV / G V Wrestling @ Raymond Central TBD EHC Girls Basketball Tournament	8 am Speech Meet @ LV 9 am G R Basketball 10 am B R Basketball @ Scotus 9 am V G Wrestling @ Cedar Bluffs 9 am V B EHC Wrestling @ NBC TBD EHC Boys Basketball Tournament			

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