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Union Star R-II School, Union Star, MO

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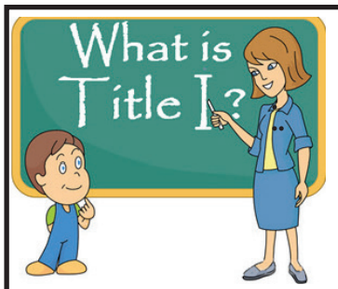
## Hey Trojans—‘Back-to-School’ time is just around the corner!

After another great summer, we’re ready for another fantastic year at Union Star R-II School!

As the Trojans return to school this coming month, they’ll notice the wonderful work that has been done by our maintenance staff to ensure that we all return to a clean, bright, safe building. Teachers and administrators have also worked to prepare rooms and offices for our back-to-school start date on Aug. 26.

Don’t miss our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, Aug. 20, and remember to check the district website and Facebook page regularly!




Title I Open House Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2026 (in the Title Room) 6:00-6:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

Welcome/Introductions
Sign-in and list role
Title I Communication Arts Participation-Eligibility Criteria
Master List Permission Form
School-Parent Compact
Parents Rights – Mrs. Miller
Complaint Procedures
Teacher Qualifications
Parent Involvement/Parent Engagement
Student Progress
Adjournment

## Upcoming Events

08/10: HS Fall official practices begin
08/13: JH/HS Registration- 4:30PM-6:30PM
08/17: JH Fall official practices begin
08/20: Back 2 School Night- 4:30PM-6:30PM
Back 2 School Night BBQ- 5:00PM-7:00PM
Tax Rate Hearing: 6:25PM
Board of Education Meeting: 6:30PM

08/22: HS King City Varsity Girls Softball Jamboree @ Maysville
Veale Ag Solutions Customer Appreciation Day: 5:00PM

08/26: First Day of School

08/27: HS Union Star Varsity Volleyball Match @ Lathrop- 5:00PM
HS King City Varsity Girls Softball Game @ Lawson- 5:30PM

08/28: Fall Pictures
HS King City Varsity Girls Golf Tournament: Savannah Par 3
HS King City Varsity Boys Football Game @ Stewartsville- 7:00PM

08/29: HS King City Girls Softball Game- Bill Hill Memorial Tournament @ Albany
08/31: HS King City Varsity Girls Golf Tournament: Maryville Best Ball
HS King City JV Boys Football Game @ St. Joseph Christian- 6:30PM

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# Calloway's Comments

Dr. Rick Calloway, Superintendent of Schools
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Welcome Back to Union Star!
Let me be the first to welcome everyone back for an exciting school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for another great year at Union Star. We are excited to welcome our students back for the first day of school on August 26. Our school theme this year is:
"Space: The Sky Is Not the Limit—It's Just the Beginning."
We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities.
Important August Dates
Several important events are coming up in August.
Junior High and High School Registration will be held on August 13 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. Please see the registration schedule by grade later in this article. If you have a scheduling conflict, you are welcome to attend another time slot. We have assigned times by grade to help reduce waiting times for students and parents. Families with children in multiple grades may register all of their students during any one of their assigned time slots.
Back-to-School Night will be held on August 20 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to bring in their school supplies, meet their teachers, and enjoy a delicious meal provided by the FFA. The Union Star Board of Education meeting and tax rate hearing will also be held that evening beginning at 6:25 p.m.
Welcoming New Staff
This school year brings several new faces, along with familiar faces taking on new roles within our building.

- Ms. Paige Menneke joins us as our new first-grade teacher as Mrs. Young transitions to Pre-K.
- Mrs. Washburn will move to kindergarten as Mrs. Law will serve in Title Reading and Math.
- Mrs. Lindsay Myers will become our fifth-grade teacher.
- Mrs. Wiederholt will move into the special education teacher position as Mrs. Randi McMillan will teach junior high language arts.
- Mrs. Sarah Schuman joins us as our high school science teacher.
- Ms. Devvan Ames and Ms. Lindsey Robben will serve as new paraprofessionals supporting our students and teachers.
- We also welcome Ms. Bianca Stewart as our new custodian/cook following the retirement of Ms. Janet Ware.

Please take a few moments to introduce yourself to our new staff members during Back-to-School Night. We are excited to have these outstanding educators join the Union Star family. They have already demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm and are eager to meet their students and begin the new school year.
Fall Activities and Athletics
The MSHSAA dead week for athletics and activities runs from August 1–9. High school fall sports may begin practice on August 10, while junior high sports begin on August 17.
All student-athletes must have a completed physical on file before they may practice. Physicals are valid for two years; however, the pre-participation portion of the form must be completed annually. If you have questions about whether your student's physical is still valid, please contact the school. Please complete this requirement as early as possible and submit all paperwork to the Union Star Central Office.
Students must complete 14 practices before they are eligible to participate in contests.
Upcoming Athletic Events

- Volleyball opens its regular season at Lathrop on August 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- Football begins its regular season on Friday, August 28 at the Wildcards.
- Softball will participate in a preseason scrimmage at Maysville on August 22, with the regular season beginning at Princeton on August 27.

Registration Schedule
To help reduce congestion and wait times during registration, please plan to attend during your student's assigned time:

- 12th Grade: 4:30–4:45 p.m.
- 11th Grade: 4:45–5:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade: 5:00–5:15 p.m.
- 9th Grade: 5:15–5:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade: 5:30–5:45 p.m.
- 7th Grade: 5:45–6:00 p.m.
- 6th Grade: 6:00–6:15 p.m., followed immediately by 6th Grade Orientation.

During registration, students may review and adjust schedules, select lockers, and put away school supplies.
Students will also pay class dues and technology fees. The technology fee covers Chromebook use, printing, and paper supplies and is structured as follows:

- $25 for the first student
- $15 for each additional student in the family
- Maximum family fee: $50

Membership dues for organizations such as FFA, FBLA, and other student organizations will be paid directly to each sponsor after membership has been established.
Family athletic passes will once again be available for $60 for those who wish to purchase them during registration.
We Can't Wait to See You!
If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (816) 593-2294. Let's make this the most outstanding year yet at Union Star! We can't wait to see everyone on August 26. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon!
Sincerely,
Rick Calloway
Union Star R-II Superintendent

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever." — Mahatma Gandhi



**Refer to our website: www.usr2.com or our Facebook Page Union Star R-II for the most up-todate information regarding times and events!**

# Elementary Elements

## New Union Star R-II Staff for 2026-2027



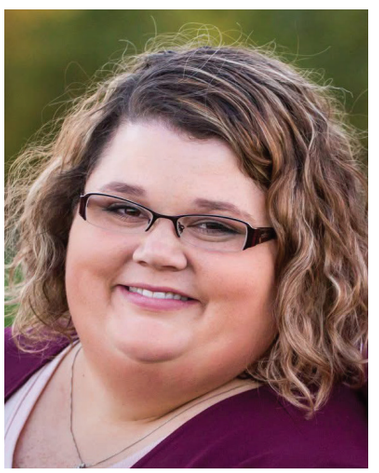
### Paige Menneke

Hello, everyone! My name is Paige Menneke, and I am the new 1st grade teacher at Union Star. This will be my first year teaching and I cannot wait to be a Trojan! I went to South Harrison and grew up on a beef cattle farm. I then furthered my education at Northwest Missouri State University. I am very excited about teaching first grade and cannot wait to get involved in my small-town school community.



### Lindsey Myers

Hello everyone, my name is Lindsay Myers, more affectionately (or at least I am going to say it is) known as Toby's mom here at Union Star. I am an alumnus of Union Star and started my teaching career here in 2008 after my oldest son Tennyson was born. My husband Travis and I have four kiddos, Tennyson who just graduated from King City and is heading to State Tech this fall to major in Automation and Robotics, Titus who will be a freshman at King City, Tobias, a seventh grader here at Union Star, and Temperance (aka Tempi) who will start second grade here in Miss Martin's class. I got my undergrad degree from Missouri Western State University, and my master's degree in Instructional Technology from Northwest Missouri State University. If you don't catch me in the classroom, you will catch me at the football field watching Toby, cheering on Titus from the cross-country sidelines, or either boy in a band parade or choir performance, at a gymnastics competition with Tempi or on a basketball court with any of the kiddos. When I left Union Star in 2012 when my husband was transferred to Mount Sterling, IL for work, we were sad to leave, however I can't be more excited to rejoin the staff here at Union Star for my twelfth year in the classroom as the fifth-grade teacher this fall. Once a Trojan is always a Trojan!



### Sarah Schuman

Hello!
My name is Sarah Schuman, and after spending several years substitute teaching at Union Star, I am thrilled to begin my first year as the high school science teacher. I'm excited for the opportunity to invest in the amazing students at Union Star—not only helping them succeed in the classroom, but also preparing them with the skills and confidence they'll use throughout life.
I believe science is all around us, and my goal is to make learning engaging through hands-on experiences, critical thinking, and real-world connections. After all, every aspect of life involves science in one way or another!
A little about me: I'm a proud 2005 graduate of Union Star High School and earned my degree from Northwest Missouri State University in 2009. My husband, Colby, our daughter, Addy, and I live on our family farm just outside of town, where we raise goats and other livestock.
I'm looking forward to an incredible school year filled with learning, curiosity, and fun. I can't wait to get to know each of you and make this a fantastic year together!




**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Union Star invites representatives from parentally placed private schools to attend a meeting. We are asking for input regarding Special Education Services offered to your students.

**Where:** Union Star School District
**When:** Thursday, August 20, 2026
**Time:** 5:00-5:30 PM

# Pearl's Principles

Matt Pearl, Middle/High School Principal mpearl@usr2.com

Hope you're all staying cool! Missouri weather almost always promises a hot spell right when you're beginning to think about the start of school.

And speaking of school starting—we're getting really close to that time, so there are a few yearly items to keep in mind as you get your middle or high schooler ready for the Wednesday, August 26 return to Union Star R-II.

The first is that August is beginning with our MSHSAA-mandated 'Dead Week,' during which there will be no practices or open gyms for our young athletes. Dead Week begins Aug. 1 and continues through Aug. 9.

On Aug. 10, fall practices for high school sports will begin – that's football, volleyball, softball, girls golf and cross country.

The following Monday, Aug. 17, marks the start of junior high (middle school) practices in fall sports.

We have registration for middle and high school planned for the evening of Aug. 13 in the USHS Commons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. During that time, students and families can finalize schedules, pay dues and fees for the year, pick up their planners for 2026-2027, drop off medications/sign medication releases with the school nurse and other important tasks to prepare for the start of school.

One note: the school will be changing how it dispenses its most common medications (I.E. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Antacids, etc.), several of which the district will keep in stock, rather than requiring families to bring individual meds to dispense to their children only. On registration day, you will be asked to indicate your preferences regarding how our stock meds are distributed to your child. The process for specialized/prescription meds will be the same as in previous years, and you can work out those details with Nurse Noble at registration as well.

The registration schedule will be as follows:

Seniors, 4:30 p.m.; Juniors, 4:45 p.m; Sophomores, 5 p.m.; Freshmen, 5:15 p.m.; 8th Grade, 5:30 p.m.; 7th Grade, 5:45 p.m. and 6th Grade, 6 p.m. As always, families with multiple students registering may come during whichever time slot best serves their schedule.

Additionally, we will be having 6th Grade Orientation following registration in the commons. At orientation, we review several of the most important points you and your student will need to know in transitioning from elementary school to middle school.

We're planning Back 2 School Night the evening of Aug. 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students may bring school supplies, locker items, gym shoes, etc. at that time, and all of their teachers should be on-hand to answer questions, or for you and your student to meet if you are new to the middle school or to the district.

That evening, bring your appetite, because the Back 2 School BBQ, hosted by the Union Star FFA Chapter, will be serving up dinner as well.

That same evening, the district's annual tax rate hearing, followed by the regular school board meeting for the month, will begin at 6:25 p.m. in the superintendent's office/board room.

We're all looking forward to a great year at USHS, and we hope all of our district's families will reach out to us with any questions they have regarding registration or the start of school.

There has never been a better time to be a Union Star Trojan, and we welcome each of you back to school for 2026-2027!

You can out to me via email at mpearl@usr2.com, or call the school at (816) 593-2294.

# MILLER'S Main Ideas

Sherri Miller, Elementary Principal smiller@

As summer comes to an end and backpacks are filled with new school supplies, I am excited to welcome my students and families back to Union Star for another great school year!

Whether your child is new to the district or a returning student, the beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. It brings new opportunities to learn, make friends, and grow.

The teachers and staff have been busy getting classrooms ready and planning engaging lessons for every child can succeed.

I know the first day of school can bring a mix of excitement and nervousness for both students and parents. I want you to know that the teachers and I are here to support your child every step of the way. Our goal is to make Union Star a place where every student feels safe, valued, and excited to come to school each day.

This year, students will have many opportunities to build strong skills in all subjects while exploring their creativity through art, music, and physical education.

I also look forward to the many activities that bring our school community together.

I encourage families to stay involved throughout the year. Whether you volunteer, participate in your child's education, or simply take a few minutes each day to ask your child about school, your support has a positive impact on their success.

I am looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and new memories. Thank you for being part of the Union Star family. I am so glad you're here, and I can't wait to see what this school year brings!



## Randi McMillen

Here's my bio, and I will get a picture to you by tomorrow:

Husband: Chris (teacher and coach at King City)

3 grown children (2 sons and 1 daughter): Matt, police officer in Maryville, Shelby, insurance broker in Independence, Kierstyn, athletic trainer at Peru State in Nebraska.

Pets: 4 cats (my babies...Sophie, Carl, Clyde, and Cecil)

Education: HS: Stanberry R-2 1992, Northwest Technical School: Nursing (I am an LPN) 1997, NWMSU: BS in Middle School Education: Science and Language Arts, 2006, MS in Educational Leadership: Principal K-12, 2013

Work History: JH Science at King City 2006-2019
HS Science and English at Maysville 2019-2024, 6-12 Principal at Pattonsburg 2024-2026

I'm super excited to be back in the classroom, and teaching Language Arts (my favorite class in school back in the late 1900s...). I can't wait to meet my Union Star kiddos, and get to know the folks in the Trojan community.

## UNION STAR R-II SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2026 – 2027

**Pre-School**
- A backpack
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- 1 box quart zip lock bags (girls)
- 1 box gallon zip lock bags (boys)
- 2 Bottle Elmer's Glue
- 4 Pack Playdoh
- Prang Watercolors
- 2 Packs of Crayola Markers
- Headphones (no earbuds, must have a cord)
- 1 pair of gym shoes with socks (labeled) to be left at school
- 1 complete set of clothing (labeled) to be left at school for emergency use
- KinderMat (Blue and Red, 1 inch thick)

**Kindergarten**
- A backpack
- #2 Pencils
- 1 Large Pink Erasers
- 2 Box of 24 pk Crayola crayons
- 2 Bxs of Washable Crayola Markers
- 6 Large glue sticks
- 1 Pkg. Clorox Wipes
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Complete set of clothing (labeled) to be left at school for emergency use
- 1 Pair of gym shoes (labeled) to be left at school
- 1 Pkg Quart Size Zip Lock Bags
- 1 Pair of Fiskars scissors
- 1 Pkg. Gallon size Ziploc Bags (boys)
- Headphones (New Bee brand is a great option. Please make sure they are corded & DO NOT need charged.)

**1st Grade**
- 1 Boxes of Crayola crayons
- 1 Pkg. of Crayola markers
- 2 Pkgs. of #2 yellow pencils
- 1 Pkg. of Large Pink Erasers
- 1 Pkg. dry erase markers
- 1 Pkg. of highlighters
- 1 Bottle of glue
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 2 Plain plastic folders
- 2 Notebooks
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- Gym Shoes (to be left at school)
- Art / Supply box
- 1 Box quart zip lock bags (boys)
- 1 Bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 Box gallon zip lock bags (girls)
- 1 Clorox wipes
- Headphones (no earbuds)

**2nd Grade**
- 1 Bx Crayola Crayons - 24 count
- 1 Bx Washable Markers–8 basic colors
- 2 Packages of #2 pencils (No plastic wrapped pencils)
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair Fiskars Scissors
- 1 Large eraser
- 1 Large boxes tissue
- 1 Pkg. construction paper (120 sheets Assorted Colors)
- 1 Highlighter - Yellow
- 1 Spiral notebooks - 70 pages
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Lysol or Clorox Wipes **(Girls Only)**
- 1 Bottle of GermX **(Boys Only)**
- 1 Package of dry erase markers
- 1 Folder with pockets **(To stay in desk)**
- Art box
- Gym shoes (Please label)
- Headphones

**3rd Grade**
- 1 Plastic Supply Box
- 2 Pkg. 4 Dry Erase Markers
- 4 Single subject notebooks
- 3 Pocket folders
- 1 Pair Scissors
- 1 Box Crayons
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Pkg. Washable Markers
- 2 Pkgs. #2 pencils
- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 – 1 1/2" binder
- 2- Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Clorox Wipes (Boys)
- 1 Bx Sandwich Size Ziplock bags **(Girls)**
- 1 Pair of Headphones, no earbuds please
- Yamaha recorder instrument
- Gym shoes (labeled)

**4th Grade**
- 2 Pkg. 4 dry erase markers
- 2 Pkgs. #2 Pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 4 Single subject notebooks
- 2 Folders
- 1 – 1- ½ inch binder
- Gym shoes (please label)
- Earbuds or headphones
- 2 Large Tissue Boxes
- 1 Small supply box
- 1 Clorox Wipes (boys)
- 1 Bottle liquid Elmer's Glue
- Yamaha recorder instrument
- 1 box Ziplock bags- Sandwich sized (Girls)
- 1 Pkg. Loose leaf Paper (Wide Ruled)

**5th Grade**
- 2 Pkg. 4 dry erase markers
- 2 Pkgs. #2 Pencils (sharpened)
- 1 Pkg. 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Large Pair of Scissors
- 2 Pink Eraser
- 1 Highlighters
- 4 Glue sticks
- 2 Black Pens
- 2 Red Pens
- 1 Pkgs. Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
- Gym shoes (please label)
- Earbuds or headphones
- 2 Large box tissue
- 1 Small supply box
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 4 Composition Notebooks (will be labeled at school)

****Please write your child's name on all supplies.****

## Union Star R-II School Junior High and High School Supply List 2026-2027

**Junior High and High School Students**
- 2 Clorox Wipes (9th - 10th grade)
- 2 Hand Sanitizers (11th - 12th grade)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex (Junior High, 1 to JHLA)

**Junior High Core Classes**
- 3 - 1" 3-ring binders (Math & Sci)
- 1 - 1.5" - 3-ring binder (SS)
- 2 - Pkg. loose leaf paper (1 to JHLA)
- 1 Package of mechanical pencils
- 1 Package of black ink pens
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Pkg. ea. Pencils (wooden #2 & mechanical)
- Set of 5 dividers (Science)
- Markers & colored pencils
- 1 - 1 Subject spiral notebook (SS, 8th Science)
- 2 - 3 holed pocket folder (LA & SS)
- 1 - 100-page college ruled composition ntbk. (8th Science)
- 1 - 3 ring supply pouch
- 1 - Jumbo Book cover (Science) (6th SS)
- 1 – Composition notebook (JHLA)
- Earbuds (LA)
- Flash Drive
- Scientific Calculator (7th & 8th) (Recommended TI 30X IIS)

**Junior High Electives**
- 1 - 2" - 3-ring binder (1 per Ag class)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (Ag)
- Accessory bag/pouch with pencils for 3-ring binder (Ag)
- 1 - 1.5" 3-ring binder (Exp. Computer)
- 1 - USB thumb drive
- 1 - Pair of earphones/buds (Computer)
- 1 - Pkg. Sharpie Ultra Fine Point
- 1 - Pkg. Sharpie Fine Point
- 2 - Elmer's Glue Stick
- Shorts, T-shirts, & indoor tennis shoes (PE)
- 1 Bx Tissues or Kleenex (Ag, Art, Band)
- 1 Chlorox Wipes (Art)
- 1 – 4 oz. Rubber Cement (Art)
- 1 – Hand Sanitizer (Art)

**HS Students Core Classes**
- 2- 3 in 3 ring binder (HS Science)
- 1.5 – 3 ring binder (Math)
- 1–Package of blue or black pens
- 1 - 1.5" - 3 ring binders (LA)
- 1 – 1" – 3 ring binder ( Science)
- Scientific calculator
- 1 - Pkg. pencils (wooden #2 or mechanical)
- 2 - Packages of loose-leaf paper
- 1 - 1 - subject spiral notebook (SS & HS Science)
- Colored pencils
- Crayola Markers (LA)
- 2 - Red pens
- Highlighter
- Note cards (3" x 5") (SS)
- Sticky Notes (3" x 3") – 2 pkgs (LA)
- 1 - Two pocket folder (SS)
- 1 Set of 8 dividers (LA)
- 1 - Pair of earphones/buds (Computer)
- Flash drive
- 2 Boxes of tissues or Kleenex
- Glue sticks or glue tape (LA)
- Chlorox Wipes (HS Science)

**High School Electives**
- 1" - 3-ring binder (1 for each Ag class) (ACT Prep/College Prep)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (Ag)
- Accessory bag/pouch with pencils for 3-ring binder (Ag)
- 1 - 1.5" 3-ring binder (1 for each business class)
- 1 - Pair of earphones/buds (Computer)
- 1 - Pkg. Sharpie Ultra Fine Point
- 1 - 1 - Pkg. Sharpie Fine Point
- 1 – King Size Sharpie (Art)
- 1 - Package drawing pencils (Art)
- 1 - White eraser (Art)
- 1 - Pkg. assorted paintbrushes (Art)
- 1 – Sketch Book (Art)
- Shorts, T-shirts, & indoor tennis shoes (PE)
- 1 Bx of Tissues or Kleenex (Ag, Art, Band)
- 1 Chlorox Wipes (Art)
- 1 – 4 oz Rubber Cement (Art)

***Please label art supplies - "ART"**

## UNION STAR NEW FFA PARENT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND**
**@ 7:00 P.M.**
**UNION STAR AG CLASSROOM**

**Topics for the meeting include:**
Agriculture Education Program Information, FFA Calendar, FFA Dues, Official FFA Dress, Chapter T-Shirts, Chapter Fundraising, Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects, Student/Parent Communication Policy

## 2026-2027 DUES AND FEES

**Junior High Class Dues: $10.00**
**High School Class Dues: $20.00**

**Chromebook Fee: $25.00**

**Second Child: $15.00**

**Third Child: $10.00 Total max: $50.00 per family**

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**Breakfast: $1.85**

**Lunch K-5: $2.95 • 6-12: $3.20**

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## NOTICE OF TAX RATE HEARING FOR THE UNION STAR R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

A tax rate hearing will be held at 6:25 p.m. on August 20, 2026, at the Union Star R-II School, Office of the Superintendent, at which time property tax rates will be set for the Union Star R-II School District. Prior tax year and current year estimated assessed valuation, tax information, and tax rates are listed below.

| | Prior Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|---|---|---|
| **Assessed Valuation:** | **2025** | **2026** |
| Real Estate-Residential | 7,106,600 | 7,140,090 |
| Real Estate-Agriculture | 2,467,250 | 2,479,510 |
| Real Estate-Commercial | 17,767,880 | 17,815,160 |
| Locally Assessed-RE | 19,540 | 15,185 |
| Personal Property | 4,482,674 | 4,812,656 |
| Locally Assessed-PP | 20,195 | 19,008 |
| **TOTAL** | **31,864,139** | **32,281,609** |

Increase in Assessed Valuation for 2026 417,470

Increase in Percentage of Assessed Valuation for 2026 1.3101%

| | Prior Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|---|---|---|
| **New Revenue:** | **2025** | **2026** |
| Construction Work in Progress | 30,799 | 21,866 |
| New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements | 13,570 | 13,576 |
| New Revenue from Reassessment | 53,316 | 10,944 |
| Percentage of New Revenues From Reassessment | 3.4159% | 0.6734% |
| Tax Rate Ceiling | 5.1082 | 5.1102 |

## JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

August 13th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

To reduce the numbers of people in the commons for registration, we are asking for parents and students to come by grades at certain times.

**Seniors: 4:30-4:45 p.m.**
**Juniors: 4:45-5:00 p.m.**
**Sophomores: 5:00-5:15 p.m.**
**Freshmen: 5:15-5:30 p.m.**
**8th Grade: 5:30-5:45 p.m.**
**7th Grade: 5:45-6:00 p.m.**
**6th Grade: 6:00-6:15 p.m.**

If you cannot make the time set for you, please let us know and we can set a later or earlier time if needed. Students will be able to review and change classes, pick their lockers, and put up their school supplies. Students will be expected to pay their $25.00 technology fee for Chromebook use and insurance and printing and paper usage as well. Class dues and fees for their organizations that they are involved in can also be paid at that time.

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| **Tax Rate: (Rollback .10)** | **5.1082** | **5.1102** |
| Incidental Fund | 3.7500 (73.41%) | 3.7102 (72.60%) |
| Teacher Fund | 0.7500 (14.68%) | 0.8000 (15.66%) |
| Capital Projects Fund | 0.6082 (11.91%) | 0.6000 (11.74%) |

| Revenue Fund | Amount of Estimated Calculated Tax Revenue | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2025-2026 | 95% Collection | 2026-2027 | 95% Collection |
| Incidental | $1,194,882 | $1,135,137 | $1,197,649 | $1,197,650 |
| Teacher | $238,944 | $226,997 | $258,336 | $245,419 |
| Debt Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Capital Projects | $193,857 | $184,16 | $193,669 | $183,986 |
| **Total** | **$1,627,683** | **$1,546,298** | **$1,649,654** | **$1,627,055** |

Union Star R-II Board of Education
Jake Klawuhn, President
Rick Calloway, Superintendent
Stephanie Marriott, Board Secretary

Attachment F

PUBLIC RELEASE

7/20/2026

**Union Star R-2 School District** announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

| Household Size | Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals | | | Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Annually | Monthly | Weekly | Annually | Monthly | Weekly |
| 1 | $20,748 | $1,729 | $399 | $29,526 | $2,461 | $568 |
| 2 | 28,132 | 2,345 | 541 | 40,034 | 3,337 | 770 |
| 3 | 35,516 | 2,960 | 683 | 50,542 | 4,212 | 972 |
| 4 | 42,900 | 3,575 | 825 | 61,050 | 5,088 | 1,175 |
| 5 | 50,284 | 4,191 | 967 | 71,558 | 5,964 | 1,377 |
| 6 | 57,668 | 4,806 | 1,109 | 82,066 | 6,839 | 1,579 |
| 7 | 65,052 | 5,421 | 1,251 | 92,574 | 7,715 | 1,781 |
| 8 | 72,436 | 6,037 | 1,393 | 103,082 | 8,591 | 1,983 |
| Each add'l member | +7,384 | +616 | +142 | +10,508 | +876 | +203 |

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the **Determining Official, Samantha Gillip** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the **Hearing Official, Rick Calloway**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

Attachment F (Continued)

USDA Non-discrimination Statement:

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

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

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

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

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT BULLYING

## What is bullying?

- Bullying is an aggressive behavior that must include:
- An imbalance of power including physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity. This power is used to harm others.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or twice.
- Deliberate: Bullying behavior is on purpose.**How**

## can you help?

- Help your kids understand what bullying is.
- Keep open lines of communication – check in with your children often.
- Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.
- Inform the school counselor of behavior that you see.



**Let's EAT!!! August Breakfast and Lunch Menus will be posted to the Union Star Website during the school year. Check it out at: www.usr2.com**

## UNION STAR R-II SPECIAL EDUCATION PUBLIC NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Union Star R-2 School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation/intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blind-

The Union Star R-2 School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps

The Union Star R-2 School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement, or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Union Star R-2 School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information, and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at Union Star R-2 School District, Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.




**Union Star R-II**

# OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH**
**4:30-6:30PM**

Students are welcome to bring supplies & briefly meet their teachers. FFA Back-to-School BBQ 5-7 p.m. in the Commons.