

# STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



### Superintendent's Corner: Back to School

Dear Students, Families, Staff, and Community,

The start of the new school year is just around the corner. As your new superintendent, I'm excited to join this community and begin the 2025-2026 year at Sterling.

The first day of school is always an exciting time of the year. It's a time to set new goals, establish new routines, and build on the strong Sterling foundation that is already in place. Whether you're a student beginning your school journey, a teacher readying your classroom, or a parent settling into the school-year rhythm, the next few weeks are a fresh beginning for everyone.

In this first year, I'm looking forward to learning from you. I look forward to hearing your stories, understanding your experiences, and working together to support the success of Sterling Public Schools.

Thank you for welcoming me into this community. I'm proud to be here, and I look forward to a great year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Riley Armes  
Superintendent

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### From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

## Welcome Back - and Looking Ahead

As we kick off another school year, I want to say how proud I am of everything happening here at Sterling Public Schools. We're not just back in the classroom—we're back to doing what we do best: helping every student grow, learn, and feel like they belong.

Over the years, we've worked hard to make sure we're supporting all students, no matter where they are in their learning journey. Our staff has done a fantastic job improving how we meet students' individual needs—making sure no one slips through the cracks. It's been exciting to watch that grow, and I truly believe we're stronger than ever.

Our teachers are at the heart of it all. They care deeply about our students—not just about grades, but about who our kids are as people. And it shows. Whether it's academic achievements, sports, music, or other activities, our students continue to shine at every level. Their success reflects the care and commitment of the people who support them—both in school and across our community.

Sterling Public Schools is more than just a place for learning—it's the center of our town in many ways. From ball games and concerts to meetings and community events, our school is where people come together. It's part of what makes Sterling such a special place. And I truly believe we have one of the most supportive communities anywhere.

But we've also got some challenges we can't ignore. A big part of our school—the oldest section, built back in the 1920s—is showing its age. Our elementary classrooms are too small for the number of students we have now, with no room for future growth. Many of those classrooms don't even have windows. The heating, cooling, plumbing, and

electrical systems are outdated and expensive to fix—and those fixes happen more often than they should. The roof has recurring leaks, and repairs are temporary at best.

One of our biggest concerns is the kitchen and cafeteria. The kitchen was never meant to be permanent, and it's now literally pulling away from the building. It sits on posts that are sinking, and despite past repairs, the problem keeps coming back. Our cafeteria and activity spaces are also too small, which limits our ability to host events—both for students and for the community. We've even had to pass on hosting larger school events in the past simply because we didn't have the space.

The school board is currently exploring options to address these issues, and no final decisions have been made. But one thing is clear: if we want our school to keep serving as the heart of this community, we need to start planning for the future now.

I'm asking for your support as we move forward with these conversations. Whether you have kids in the district or not, our school touches every part of Sterling. This is about more than classrooms—it's about continuing to give our kids and our community a place to gather, grow, and thrive.

As always, thank you for being part of the Jet family. We're proud to serve this town, and we're excited about what's ahead—with your help.

**Go Jets!!!**

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## **BUS EXPECTATIONS**

As we gear up for another enriching school year, I want to highlight a crucial part of our students' daily routine: bus transportation. The ride to and from school is an opportunity for our students to practice respect, responsibility, and safety.

When our students step onto the bus, they represent Sterling Public Schools and are bound to the same expectations found in each of their classrooms. As such, we urge each rider to demonstrate kindness and consideration toward their peers and drivers. Let's make our bus rides an extension of the positive atmosphere we attempt to cultivate within our school.

Safety is paramount. Following the driver's instructions and staying seated while the bus is moving are vital for everyone's well-being. I kindly ask parents to reinforce these expectations at home, emphasizing punctuality and good citizenship.

Additionally, it's important to note that buses can only wait for a maximum of 5 minutes at each stop before they must proceed. This policy ensures that all students arrive at school on time. By adhering to this guideline, we collectively contribute to a smooth and punctual start to each school day.

Furthermore, if there are changes to drop-off or pick-up arrangements, these must be promptly communicated to the driver. Should a change arise during the day, please contact the front office. Our staff will work to ensure effective communication with the driver and a seamless transition for your child.

Lastly, remember that bus riding is a privilege that can be revoked due to repeated misbehavior. Let's work together to ensure a secure and pleasant journey for all. By upholding these standards, we're not only promoting safety but also nurturing the values that define Sterling Public Schools. Thank you all for your help in making the transportation portion of our students' day as smooth as possible.

### New Members of the Teaching Staff

**Mason Amundson**, also known as **Mr. A**, is starting his 9th year of teaching physical education. He brings his energy and experience to the field and court as the Junior High Boys Basketball and Football coach, as well as Assistant Boys Basketball coach. With strong local ties, Mason is no stranger to the community, and we're excited to welcome him to the Sterling team!

**Dani Janssen** is a Sterling Public Schools graduate ready to begin her first year of teaching! She's eager to inspire students and help them discover their own passions and potential. Welcome home, Dani - we're thrilled to have you back at SPS!

### Changes Around the Building

If you've visited the building over the summer, you might've noticed some staff members are on the move! Mr. Armes' office is in the main office, Mr. Davenport and Mr. Heusman have adjoining offices at the top of the high school stairs, and Mrs. Amundson is located in the downstairs high school hallway by the copy machine.

# STERLING JETS



## BOOSTER CLUB 2025-2026

The Sterling Jet Booster Club supports Sterling Public Schools students in grades PreK-12 by funding and promoting extracurricular activities and programs through sponsorships and fundraising. Join us in building pride, creating opportunities, and celebrating student success.  
**Together, we fly higher!**

Your ad will be featured on sporting events' programs and sports schedules.

<b>JET</b> \$25-\$99 Printed Name	<b>MAROON</b> 1/8th page \$100-249
<b>GOLD</b> 1/4th page \$250-499	<b>WHITE</b> 1/2 page \$500+ White Membership includes 2 Conference Activity Passes

**Current Fundraising Goals**

- Volleyball Net System
- Livestream Screen in Cafeteria/Lobby
- PreK-12 Activity Sponsorship
- Senior Scholarship
- Jumbotron for multi-use



## SAVE THE DATE



# BOOSTER BASH

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND  
5:00 PM**

**VIP SEATING/PARKING AUCTIONS**

**FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL SHOWCASES,  
BAND, CHEERLEADERS,  
PHOTO BOOTH,  
FUN ACTIVITIES,  
& FOOD TRUCKS  
(FOR PURCHASE)**





Return Completed Application to: Sterling Public Schools 250 Main St, P.O. Box 39 Sterling, NE 68443

**Part 1: Children in School**

List names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last).  
If all 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

Check all that apply:

Foster Child Homeless, Migrant, Runaway

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐**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.****1. Household Members**

List **everyone** in the household, current income each person earns in **whole dollars** (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's **personal** use income must be listed.

**2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received**

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☐ Free☐ Reduced☐ Denied☐ Income☐ Income

Reason for denial:

☐ Categorically eligible:☐ Income too high☐ SNAP/TANF/FDPIR☐ Incomplete application☐ Foster Child☐ Homeless/Migrant/Runaway:

(Official Documentation Required at School)

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

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

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# STERLING PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2025-2026 SUPPLY LIST

Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Sedivy

- 1 - pair of gym shoes that students can get on and off independently (Velcro or slip on)
- 1 - pair of rain boots to be kept at school for outdoor play when necessary
- 1 - pair of cold weather gear - hats and gloves
- 1 - refill package of baby wipes
- 1 - box of tissues - with a small opening so it easier for kids to only grab a few
- 2 - Washi tape or colored masking tape
- 1 - regular sized backpack (no mini backpacks, please)
- 1 - 1 ½ inch binder
- 1 - Playdoh
- 1 - watercolor palette (basic 8 color set)
- 1 - package of stickers of any kind
- 1 - stainless steel water bottle (Needs to have a top/spout that can be closed when not in use. We will wash these at school in the kitchen's high temp dishwasher, plastic bottles will melt.)
- 1 - blanket (Large enough to cover them. You may send an additional small stuffed animal or security item, but all nap items will need to remain at school. Travel size pillows are fine.)
- 1 - change of clothes (Please send a pair of shorts, pants, a shirt, 2 pairs of underwear, and socks. Please send this in a gallon zip lock bag with your child's name written on it.)

\*Please label all personal items with your child's name.\*

The following items aren't required, but are greatly appreciated:

roll of paper towels

sidewalk chalk

bubbles

bug catcher

pony beads

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/sterling/sterling-high-school>

The screenshot shows the Sterling Jets website with a navigation bar including Mens, Womens, Kids, Hats, Accessories, New & Trending, and Shop by Design. A banner at the top reads "Limited Time Only! Save 20% on orders \$75+ | Code SAVE20". Below this, there's a section titled "CUSTOMIZE IT" with a "CHOOSE ANY PRODUCT" section showing icons for a backpack, t-shirt, and hat. The "CHOOSE A NEW DESIGN" section shows three design options: "PROPERTY OF STERLING JETS", "JET STRONG", and "JETS". A note at the bottom states: "Every item is customizable, with hundreds of products and designs available. All printed to order in the USA." A "SHOP BY DESIGN" button is at the bottom.



THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY.  
**THEY ARE LOOKING FOR  
DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING  
STUDENTS PURSUING A  
SECONDARY EDUCATION.**

# STERLING K-5 2025-2026 SUPPLY LISTS

## KINDERGARTEN (Mrs. Hahn):

2 - Sets of Markers  
 Pair of Headphones (not earbuds)  
 Velcro P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)  
 Reusable Water Bottle  
 Extra Set of Clothes  
 Box of Kleenex  
 Pack of Dry Erase Markers  
 Hand Sanitizer  
 Big Eraser  
 Wide Ruled Notebook  
**Optional:**  
 Paper Cups/Bowls  
 Paper Towels  
 Quart Baggies

## FIRST GRADE (Ms. Ebberts):

Reusable Water Bottle  
 Large Pink or Cap Erasers  
 Glue Sticks  
 Wide Ruled Notebook  
 2 - Highlighters  
 Pack of Dry Erase Markers  
 Pencil Box  
 Pocket Folder  
 Velcro P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)  
 Headphones (to stay at school)  
 Box of Kleenex  
**Optional:**  
 Colored Pencils  
 Markers  
 Wet Wipes  
 Lysol Wipes  
 Sandwich Baggies  
 Paper Cups/Bowls/Plates

## SECOND GRADE (Ms. Retchless):

Pencil Bag  
 2 - Highlighters  
 Wide Ruled Notebook  
 Glue Stick  
 Set of Markers  
 2 - Dry Erase Markers  
 Plastic Folder  
 P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)  
 Reusable Water Bottle (to stay at school)  
 Headphones (not earbuds)  
 Box of Kleenex  
**Optional:**  
 Paper Towels  
 Wet Wipes  
 Paper Bowls/Plates

## THIRD GRADE (Mrs. Bianchi):

Crayons (24 pack)  
 Colored Pencils (sets of 12 or 24)  
 Markers (small pack)  
 Notebook  
 Scissors  
 Highlighters (small pack)  
 2 - Pocket Folders  
 Pencils - no mechanical  
 Pack of Dry Erase Markers  
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex  
 P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)  
 Glue Sticks  
 Headphones/Earbuds (to stay at school)  
 Pencil Box  
**Optional:**  
 Paper Cups/Bowls/Plates  
 Paper Towels

## FOURTH GRADE (Mr. Lempka):

Pair of Scissors  
 3 - Packages of #2 Pencils  
 Colored Pencils and/or Markers  
 2 - Packages of Dry Erase Markers  
 Pack of Erasers  
 2 - Glue Sticks  
 3 - Pocket Folders  
 2 - Spiral Notebooks  
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex  
 P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)  
 Headphones (to stay at school)  
 Water Bottle (to stay at school)  
 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

## FIFTH GRADE (Ms. Tucker):

Pair of Scissors  
 Pencils  
 Colored Pencils  
 Package of Dry Erase Markers  
 Pack of Erasers  
 4 - Glue Sticks  
 5 - Pens (assorted colors)  
 3 - Highlighters (assorted colors)  
 Markers  
 4 - Pocket Folders  
 5 - Spiral Notebooks  
 Composition Notebook  
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex  
 P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)  
 Wired Headphones (to stay at school)  
 Water Bottle (to stay at school)  
 Container of Disinfectant Wipes  
 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer  
 Pencil Pouch/Box

## 2025 Sterling Junior Jet Spirit Camp

### UPCOMING MUSIC DATES

Johnson County Parade 8/17

- 7-12 band members

- Details will be posted soon on Dojo!



**August 18, 2025**

Students in Grades K-6  
 2:00 - 3:30 @ GYM

Camp Day

**Friday August 22, 2025**

Performance at the

Back to School Booster Bash at the Park on the football field.  
 Be there by 5:45



# STERLING 6-12

# 2025-2026 SUPPLY LIST

## ART

Mrs. Hollman

Wire Bound Sketchbook  
Art Portfolio (12x18 or larger)  
NON-Mechanical Pencils  
Eraser

## SCIENCE/ELECTIVES

Mrs. Goracke

General Supplies  
3 Ring Binder or Spiral Notebook  
Dividers or Folders  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Pens/Pencils  
Earbuds

6th Grade Science  
Composition Notebook  
Earbuds

## S.T.E.M.

Engineering Notebook (consists of graph paper)

## SCIENCE

Mr. Matkins

7-8: Composition Notebook  
1 - 4 Color Pen or 4 Pens (Red, Green, Blue, and Black)  
Pencils  
9-12: Notebook  
Physical Science: Calculator  
Chemistry & Physics: Scientific Calculator  
A&P: 3 Ring Binder

## MATH

Mr. Pfeiffer

3 Ring Binder with 4 Dividers  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Pencils/Pens  
Scientific Calculator - Casio fx-300ESPLUS2 or  
NumWorks Graphing Calculator (Recommended  
for Juniors and Seniors)  
Dry Erase Markers

## 7-12 ENGLISH

Ms. Janssen

College Ruled Spiral Notebook  
Pens (Black, Blue, and Red)  
Pencils  
Pocket Folders/Binders  
Grades 9 & 11: Notecards, Highlighters

## Mrs. Matkins

### 6th Grade English

2 Composition Notebooks  
Pencils  
Pens (multiple colors)  
Highlighters (any colors)  
Headphones (used in multiple classes)

### 6th Grade Math

Pencils

### 6th Grade General Supplies

Pencil Pouch  
Headphones/Earbuds  
Binder/Trapper (optional but helpful)  
PE Shoes (indoor, to stay at school)

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Boldt

3 Ring Binder  
Dividers (at least 4)  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Colored Pencils  
Headphones/Earbuds (optional)  
Black, Blue, and Red Pens



\*UPDATED 7/8/2025\*



**6-12 COMPUTER CONVENIENCE FEES**

are due to the office by AUGUST 18 in order to receive your laptop for the 2025-2026 school year. Summer office hours are Mon-Fri from 9AM-3PM.  
Laptops will not be taken home by the students until payment is received.

<b>1 laptop - \$50</b>
<b>2 laptops - \$75</b>
<b>3+ laptops - \$100</b>

2025-2026 ACT TEST DATES		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 24

**ACTIVITY PASS PRICES**

Contact the office or Brent Heusman.

Adult - \$60  
K-12 Student - \$30

In-District (over 65) - FREE  
Out-of-District (over 65) - \$25

MEAL PRICES	Breakfast	Second Chance Breakfast (6-12)	Lunch
PreK-5	\$2.20		\$3.20
6-12	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$3.35
Reduced	30¢	30¢	(PK-5) 30¢ (6-12) 40¢
Adults	\$2.50		\$5.00
Milk: 50¢			

**PREK - 12 REQUIREMENTS:**


Preschool - Birth Certificate and Current Immunization Records

Kindergarten - Birth Certificate, Physical including Vision Screening, and Current Immunization Records

All 7th Graders - Physical and Current Immunization Records

All 9th Graders - Physical

Students Participating in Sports (8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders) - Physical







# Student Injuries Can Happen

**Medical Expenses Can Be a Financial Hardship When the Unexpected Occurs**

**Approved By Your School/School District - Available for All Students PK-12**

## What is Student Accident Insurance?

- ◆ Coverage that provides financial assistance with your out-of-pocket medical expenses when your student sustains an accidental bodily injury.

## Why Consider Student Accident Insurance For Your Student?

- ◆ High Deductible/Copayments to your Family's Primary Health Insurance
- ◆ No Health Insurance for your Student
- ◆ Your Student participates in an interscholastic sport where an unexpected injury is more likely to occur.
- ◆ Your Student is prone to injuries

## Coverage Options Available Through Your School

- ◆ School Time Coverage - \$16.00
- ◆ Interscholastic Sports Coverage (w/School Time-\$91.00 or 24 Hour Coverage-\$174.00)
- ◆ 24-Hour/Full-Time Coverage - \$99.00
- ◆ Football Coverage - \$250.00 (Grades 9-12 for the football season)

- ◆ Extended Dental Coverage - \$9.00

*Premium Paid Once a School Year*

## To Enroll Your Student & Review Medical Benefits

**Go to:** [www.sas-mn.com](http://www.sas-mn.com)

*or scan this QR code with your smart phone to be directed to our website*



Please locate "K-12 Students & Parents" on our homepage. Within this division, you will be able to search for your student's school district. Once located, you will have access to the following information:

### ◆ Purchase Coverage

(Managed Online or by Printing/Mailing Enrollment Form and premium)

### ◆ Brochure (English & Spanish)

(Explains medical benefits, exclusions and coverage options)

### ◆ Claim Form

(fillable form when enrolled student sustains injury)

**For Questions, Call Student Assurance Services at (800) 328-2739**



**Specializing in Student Accident Insurance Since 1971.**

*The above information is just a brief description of Student Assurance Service's student accident insurance. For more information including costs, benefits, effective dates, exclusions, limitations, please refer to [www.sas-mn.com](http://www.sas-mn.com). Students are able to purchase coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company.*



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP) SCHEDULE

August 11-14	Teacher work days	closed	January 1-5	Christmas break	closed
August 18	1:37 dismissal/Preschool closed	open at 1:37	January 14	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
August 19-22	Preschool closed	open @ 3:37	January 28	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
August 25-26	Preschool closed	open @ 3:37			
			February 2	No school - Teacher inservice @ EEC	closed
September 1	Labor day	closed	February 12	1:37 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed
September 3	No elementary	closed	February 13	No school	closed
September 10	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	February 25	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
September 25	1:37 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed			
September 26	No school	closed	March 6	No school - State BB	closed
			March 11	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
October 8	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day	March 13	No school - State BB	closed
October 22	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	March 25	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
October 31	No school	closed	March 25	Kindergarten Round Up	open all day
November 5	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	April 3-6	No school - Easter break	closed
November 10	No school - Vocal clinic	closed	April 8	No elementary	closed
November 19	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day	April 15	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day
November 26-30	Thanksgiving break	closed	April 29	No preschool/No elementary/1:37 dismissal	open all day
December 10	No preschool/1:37 dismissal	open all day	May 13	Preschool last day	closed
December 19	End of 1st semester/1:37 dismissal (No preschool)	closed	May 14-15	Preschool closed	open all day
December 21-31	Christmas break	closed			

## Discrimination Statement

The Sterling School District hereby gives the statement of compliance and intends to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. This school district intends to take any necessary measures to assure compliance with such laws against any prohibited form of discrimination.

The Sterling School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, or other protected status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

### Students, Employees, and Others:

Riley Armes, Superintendent, 250 Main PO Box 39, Sterling NE 68443, (402) 866-4761,  
[rarnes@sterlingpublicschools.com](mailto:rarnes@sterlingpublicschools.com)

Complaints or concerns involving discrimination or needs for accommodation or access should be addressed to the appropriate Coordinator. For further information about anti-discrimination laws and regulations, or to file a complaint of discrimination with the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education (OCR), please contact OCR at 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, (816) 268-0550 (voice), or (877) 521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or [ocrkansascity@ed.gov](mailto:ocrkansascity@ed.gov).

Per Board of Education Policy #3028, Sterling Public Schools is required to share the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry link with all parents. Please check this registry from time to time to stay up-to-date on sex offenders that live in our school district.  
<https://sor.nebraska.gov>

## School Insurance

Information is available on the school website: [www.sterlingjets.org](http://www.sterlingjets.org) under Quick Links > Forms & Information. Remember, insurance is needed for **ALL** students participating in sports. This program covers K-12.

## Special Education

Handicapped children between the ages of birth and twenty-one years of age are eligible for special education services. To be eligible, the child must meet specific criteria established by the State of Nebraska in Rule 51.

If you believe that your child may qualify for any of these programs, please contact your local school superintendent so arrangements for diagnosis can be made. All these services are provided by Sterling Public Schools.

# AUGUST 2025 MENUS

<b>Monday - 18</b>	Muffins, Omelette, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Tuesday - 19</b>	Pancakes, Yogurt, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Corn Dogs, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Wednesday - 20</b>	Donuts, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Tacos, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Thursday - 21</b>	Sandwich, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk/Juice Pizza, Cake, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Friday - 22</b>	Tornado, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk/Juice Cheeseburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Monday - 25</b>	Danish, Yogurt Parfait, Ham, Fruit, Milk/Juice Hot Dogs, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Tuesday - 26</b>	Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk/Juice Nachos, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Wednesday - 27</b>	Waffles Sticks, Egg Patty, Fruit, Milk/Juice Sloppy Joes, Chips, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Thursday - 28</b>	Nuggets, Yogurt/Cheese Stick, Sausage, Fruit, Milk/Juice Biscuits & Gravy, Omelette, Hash Browns, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk
<b>Friday - 29</b>	Scone, Ham, Boiled Egg, Fruit, Milk/Juice Chicken Breasts, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar, Milk

\*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. \*Menu is subject to change without notice.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
SUMMER SCHOOL						
BAND CAMP - GRADES 6-8 - 9:30AM-12:30PM						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
GYM CLOSED FOR REFINISHING						
BAND CAMP - GRADES 9-12 - 8AM-12PM						
10	11 1st Day of Fall Sports Practices	12	13 K-12 Open House 5:30-6:30PM	14	15	16
TEACHER WORKDAYS						
17	18 EARLY OUT - 1:37PM 1st Day of School (K-12) School Board Meeting - 7PM	19	20	21	22 Booster Bash - 5PM FB Sports Scrimmage - 7PM	23
24	25 Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Open House from 5:30-6:30PM	26 FFA to Nebraska State Fair Sterling VB Jamboree (TC/HTRS) HOME - 5/7PM	27 1st Day of School (Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten)	28 VB vs. Diller-Odell - HOME - 5PM	29 FB @ Dorchester - 7PM Pioneer Conference Leadership Summit	30
31	Sept 1 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	2 VB vs. Freeman (JV,V) - HOME - 5:30PM	3 NO ELEMENTARY (K-5)	4	5 FB vs. Heartland Lutheran - HOME - 7PM	6 Freeman VB Invite @ Adams - 9AM

Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website: [www.sterlingjets.org](http://www.sterlingjets.org) for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!



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**When issuing checks to the school for various purposes like lunch, computer fees, activity passes, etc., kindly ensure that you write separate checks, as these funds need to be directed to different accounts.**

**Thank you for your help!**