

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Armes

As the new school year kicks off there is a lot of excitement surrounding the new building project. I've had a lot of people ask about the new elementary school and when construction will finally begin. I wanted to share a quick update on where things stand.

Right now, we're about three months behind our original timeline. When the final plans went out for pricing, the initial construction bids came back higher than expected because of market conditions that were beyond anyone's control.

Instead of making hasty cuts and rushing into construction, the school board, CMBA Architects, and our construction partners have spent the last several months carefully reviewing the project to bring costs back in line with the budget. Our focus has remained on building the school that was promised that meets the needs of our students and staff, while holding off on items that can be added later.

I know delays can be frustrating, but we would rather take the time to get this right than rush a project that will serve our community for generations. The decisions we make today will still matter long after we're gone, so we want to make sure we do this the right way.

We expect to have a much clearer direction over the next month. At this point, with current projections, construction likely won't begin until October, and the overall project will remain approximately three to four months behind the original schedule.

Thank you for your patience, your support, and your trust throughout this process. We'll continue to keep everyone updated as more information becomes available in the future. As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

Updated JH/HS Grading Practices for the 2026-2027 School Year

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, Sterling High School is making some updates to our grading practices to create more consistency and clarity for students and families. The goal of these changes is to ensure students across courses have similar expectations, opportunities to demonstrate learning, and support when challenges arise.

One of the biggest updates involves late work. Students will continue to have opportunities to make up missed assignments. Students will have two school days for every day absent to complete missing work. Assignments not completed within that timeframe will be marked as missing in PowerSchool, and students may be assigned Academic Success or Detention to provide additional time and support. Late work will continue to be accepted until the end of the grading period, but any work not submitted by that time will remain a 0%.

We are also strengthening opportunities for students to improve their learning. Students in grades 6-12 may retake a summative assessment (chapter tests, unit tests, section tests, etc.) once within one week of the original assessment and only after completing a reteaching opportunity with their teacher. The final score will be the average of the original assessment and the retake. Teachers may also allow corrections or retakes on formative assessments (daily work, quizzes, etc.) at the middle school levels (6th-8th grade) only.

To provide a more consistent grading experience, extra credit assignments will no longer be offered, although teachers may include bonus questions on existing assignments when appropriate. Teachers will also continue to provide regular opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning, with the expectation of at least one grade-changing opportunity each week.

Finally, grade categories will be more consistent across courses. High school grades will be calculated using **70% summative assessments and 30% formative assessments**, while middle school grades will use **60% summative assessments and 40% formative assessments**.

These changes are designed to create a grading system that is fair, consistent, and focused on student growth. We appreciate the continued partnership of our families as we work together to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and responsibility needed for success.

JH/HS Bell Schedule and Interventions

This year, we are making a small change to our bell schedule to provide students with more consistent academic support without taking away an entire class period.

Rather than rotating through class periods for intervention each day, we will split our current intervention block into two separate 20-minute periods, one focused on math and one on reading. To make this possible, regular class periods will be shortened by approximately four minutes each day.

This change will give students more total academic time while providing dedicated intervention time. Separating math and reading intervention will also allow teachers to focus on one skill area at a time, making the shorter intervention periods more targeted and productive.

Most importantly, this schedule will eliminate the need for students to miss an entire class period for intervention. Students will receive the support they need while maintaining more consistent access to their regular classroom instruction.

We believe this change will create a more focused, efficient, and positive intervention experience for students while maximizing instructional time throughout the school day.

BUS EXPECTATIONS

As we begin another school year, we want to remind families that the school day starts the moment students step onto the bus. Bus transportation is an important part of our school community and provides students with another opportunity to practice **The JET WAY: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful**.

Students are expected to follow the same behavior expectations on the bus that they follow at school. This means treating classmates and drivers with respect, following directions, remaining seated while the bus is moving, and helping create a safe and positive environment for everyone.

One important reminder for families: **buses can wait a maximum of three minutes at each stop**. Being ready and waiting when the bus arrives helps keep routes running on time and ensures students arrive at school ready to begin their day.

If your child's regular pick-up or drop-off plans change, please communicate those changes with the bus driver whenever possible. If a change needs to be made during the school day, please contact the school office. We will work with the driver to make sure the change is communicated and your child gets where they need to go safely.

Finally, please remember that riding the bus is a **privilege**. Repeated or serious behavior concerns may result in the loss of bus-riding privileges.

Thank you for partnering with us to make transportation a safe, respectful, and efficient part of the school day for all of our students!

The JET Way: A Common Language for Behavior

At Sterling Public Schools, we use **The JET WAY: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful** as a common language for helping students make positive choices.

Rather than simply scolding students when a behavior doesn't meet expectations, we often ask, "Is that the **JET WAY?**" This gives students a chance to pause, reflect, and self-assess their own behavior before making a better choice.

We invite families to use the same language at home. A simple "Is that the **JET WAY?**" can help reinforce the connection between home and school while encouraging students to take ownership of their choices.

Our goal is not just to correct behavior, but to help students develop the skills to consistently make safe, responsible, and respectful choices—even when no one is there to remind them.

Elementary Playground Update

We want to extend a huge thank you to our families, community members, businesses, and everyone who supported our efforts to raise funds for a new elementary playground. We reached our fundraising goal because of your incredible generosity and support!

While we are excited to move forward with the new playground, we are temporarily holding off due to the uncertainty surrounding construction of the new elementary building next to the current playground. Significant dirtwork will take place in the area, and depending on the construction schedule and site conditions, we may need to temporarily relocate recess to ensure students have a safe place to play.

If necessary, recess may temporarily move indoors or to the Purple (Village) Park. We will adjust our plans as construction progresses and will prioritize student safety throughout the process.

We are committed to building the new playground and will move forward as soon as it is feasible to do so. Thank you again for helping make this project possible!

New Staff Members

Robert Barney has been in the building all summer doing a fantastic job in the maintenance and custodial department! We're excited to officially welcome him to our team. When you see Robert in the building, be sure to say hello!

Kari Gray is a Sterling Public Schools graduate ready to begin her first year as a preschool paraprofessional! We look forward to the compassion and enthusiasm she'll bring to the classroom. Welcome back to SPS, Kari!

Sterling Junior Jet Spirit Camp

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Students in Grades K-6

1:00 - 2:30PM @ GYM

Friday, August 21, 2026

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



STERLING JETS



BOOSTER CLUB

2026-2027

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 color ad will be featured on sporting events' programs.
High Resolution image preferred.

JET

\$25-\$99

Printed Name

MAROON

1/8th page
Horizontal Ad

\$100-249

GOLD

1/4th page
Vertical Ad

\$250-499

WHITE

1/2 page

\$500+

White Membership includes 2
Conference Activity Passes

**NEW! \$50 & up
donation, can have
their driveway painted
with a maroon JETS!**

Current Fundraising Goals

- New Gym mats
- PreK-12 Activity Sponsorships
- Concert Socials
- School-wide Events

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



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

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

Part 1: Children in SchoolList 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 FDIPIR Benefits**Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR:

(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/FDIPIR☐ 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:

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2026-27
Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2026-27					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each additional person:	10,508	876	438	405	203

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, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and 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, audiotope, 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:

Mail:
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Mail Stop 9410
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax:
(202) 690-7442

Email:
program.intake@usda.gov

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STERLING PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2026-2027 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 - package of markers
- 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.)
- 1 - yoga mat for nap (Only new incoming students, these will be used for both years in the program.)

•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

PRESCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

OPEN HOUSE

August 24, 2026

5:30-6:30PM



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
Pack of Dry Erase Markers
Hand Sanitizer
Big Eraser
1 - Wide Ruled Notebook
Roll of Paper Towels

Boys:

Paper Cups

Girls:

Paper Plates

FIRST GRADE (Mrs. Norton):

Reusable Water Bottle
2 - Boxes of Kleenex
Pack of Dry Erase Markers
1 - Pencil Box
Pencils - no mechanical
Colored Pencils (sets of 12 or 24)
2 - Highlighters
1 - Wide Ruled Notebook
Glue Sticks
Large Pink or Cap Erasers
Headphones
Velcro P.E. Shoes (to stay at school)
Pocket Folder

Optional:

Wet Wipes
Paper Bowls/Plates
Markers
Crayons (24 pack)

SECOND GRADE (Mrs. Haughton):

1 - Pencil Bag
1 - 1" Binder
1 - Wide Ruled Notebook
1 - Glue Stick
2 - Sets of Markers
2 - Dry Erase Markers
1 - 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
Paper Plates
Crayons
Watercolor Set

THIRD GRADE (Mrs. Bianchi):

1 - Notebook
Scissors
Highlighters (small pack)
2 - Pocket Folders
Pencils - no mechanical
Pencil Box
Glue Sticks
Pack of Dry Erase Markers
2 - Boxes of Kleenex
P.E. Shoes
Headphones (not earbuds)
Erasers

Optional:

Crayons (24 pack)
Colored Pencils (sets of 12 or 24)
Markers (small pack)

FOURTH GRADE (Mr. Lempka):

1 - Pair of Scissors
3 - Packages of #2 Pencils - no mechanical
Colored Pencils and/or Markers
2 - Packages of Dry Erase Markers
1 - 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)
*No personal pencil sharpeners

FIFTH GRADE (Ms. Tucker):

1 - Pair of Scissors
Pencils
Colored Pencils
1 - Package of Dry Erase Markers
1 - Pack of Erasers
4 - Glue Sticks
5 - Pens (assorted colors)
3 - Highlighters (assorted colors)
Markers
5 - Pocket Folders
3 - Spiral Notebooks
2 - 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

2026-2027 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22

6-12 COMPUTER CONVENIENCE FEES

are due to the office by AUGUST 17 in order to receive your laptop for the 2026-2027 school year. Summer office hours are Mon-Fri from 9AM-3PM.
Laptops will not be taken home by the students until payment is received.

1 laptop - \$50

2 laptops - \$75

3+ laptops - \$100

STERLING 6-12

2026-2027 SUPPLY LIST

7-12 ENGLISH

Ms. Janssen

Composition/Spiral Notebook

Pens (Black, Blue, and Red)

Pencils

Pocket Folders/Binders

Grades 9 & 11: Notecards, Highlighters

ART

Mrs. Hollman

9x12 Sketchbook

NON-Mechanical Pencils

Erasers

Mrs. Goracke

6th Grade Science

Composition Notebook

Earbuds

S.T.E.M.

Engineering Notebook (consists of graph paper)

3 Ring Binder or Spiral Notebook

Dividers or Folders

Loose Leaf Paper

Pens/Pencils

Earbuds

Mrs. Matkins

6th Grade English

2 Composition Notebooks

Pencils

Pens (multiple colors-Flair pens recommended)

Pencil Pouch

Headphones

6th Grade Math

Pencils

6th/7th Grade Speech/Communications

1 Composition/Spiral Notebook

6th Grade General Supplies

Folders

PE Shoes & Clothes

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

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Boldt

3 Ring Binder

Dividers (at least 4)

Loose Leaf Paper

Colored Pencils

Headphones/Earbuds

Black, Blue, and Red Pens

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





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

*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 Students are able to purchase coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company

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

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026-2027 VACATION PLANNER



To make your vacation planning a little easier, we've compiled the scheduled school breaks and long weekends for the 2026-2027 school year. We encourage families to plan trips during these breaks whenever possible, so students stay on track and avoid the stress of missing school. Regular and consistent attendance is critical for a student's success!

Don't forget, every Friday students are dismissed at 2:04PM and the last day of school is May 20th!

	SEPTEMBER 5-7 3 DAYS		JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1 3 DAYS
	SEPTEMBER 25-27 3 DAYS		FEBRUARY 12-14 3 DAYS
	OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1 3 DAYS		MARCH 5-8 4 DAYS
	NOVEMBER 7-9 3 DAYS		MARCH 12-14 3 DAYS
	NOVEMBER 25-29 5 DAYS		MARCH 26-29 4 DAYS
	DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 4 18 DAYS		APRIL 9-11 3 DAYS

We Fly With Jet Pride

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,
(rarmes@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.

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>

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.

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 School Calendar

250 Main Street, PO Box 39 Sterling, NE 68443

(p) 402-866-4761 (f) 402-866-4771

www.sterlingjets.org

EVERY FRIDAY: NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN & K-12 EARLY OUT @ 2:04PM

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
						2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

December 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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No School PreK-12	First/Last Day of School
Early Out @ 2:04PM	Parent/Teacher Conferences

End of 1st Quarter - October 16, 2026

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June 2027						
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CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

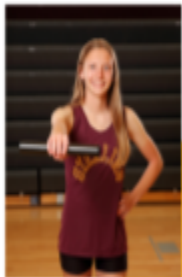
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End of 3rd Quarter - March 11, 2027

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP) SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY: NO PRESCHOOL/PRE-KINDERGARTEN & K-12 EARLY OUT @ 2:04PM

August 10-13	No school - Teacher work days	closed	January 1-4	No school - Christmas break	closed
August 17	2:04 dismissal/Preschool not in session	open @ 2:04	January 8	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
August 18-20	Preschool not in session	open @ 3:37	January 15	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
August 21	2:04 dismissal/Preschool not in session	open @ 2:04	January 22	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
August 24-25	Preschool not in session	open @ 3:37	January 29	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
August 28	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day			
			February 1	No school - Teacher inservice @ EEC	closed
September 4	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	February 5	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
September 7	No school - Labor day	closed	February 11	2:04 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed
September 11	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	February 12	No school	closed
September 18	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	February 19	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
September 21	No school	closed	February 26	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
September 24	2:04 dismissal - P/T conf (No preschool)	closed			
September 25	No school	closed	March 5	No school - State BB	closed
			March 8	No school - Teacher work day	closed
October 2	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	March 12	No school - State BB	closed
October 9	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	March 19	No preschool/No kindergarten (Round Up)	open all day
October 16	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	March 26-29	No school - Easter break	closed
October 23	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day			
October 30	No school	closed	April 2	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
			April 9	No school - Teacher work day	closed
November 6	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	April 16	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
November 9	No school - Vocal clinic	closed	April 23	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
November 13	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	April 30	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
November 20	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day			
November 25-27	No school - Thanksgiving break	closed	May 7	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day
			May 13	Preschool last day	closed
December 4	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	May 14	2:04 dismissal/Preschool not in session	open @ 2:04
December 11	2:04 dismissal/No preschool	open all day	May 17-19	Preschool not in session	open @ 3:37
December 18-31	No school - Christmas break	closed			



SENIOR & FALL SPORTS PICTURES

Location: FB Field & School Gym

Sponsored by the Sterling JET Booster Club



Tuesday Aug 11

9:30 AM - ALL HS FB Players (@ FB Field)

10:00 AM - ALL SENIORS

Composite Dress: Sterling sport uniform (vb, bb, track, fb, cheer), choir robe, band uniform, concert black, Sterling t-shirt, etc.

Banner Dress: Majority black top & jeans, black dress, etc.

10:30 AM - ALL HS VB Players

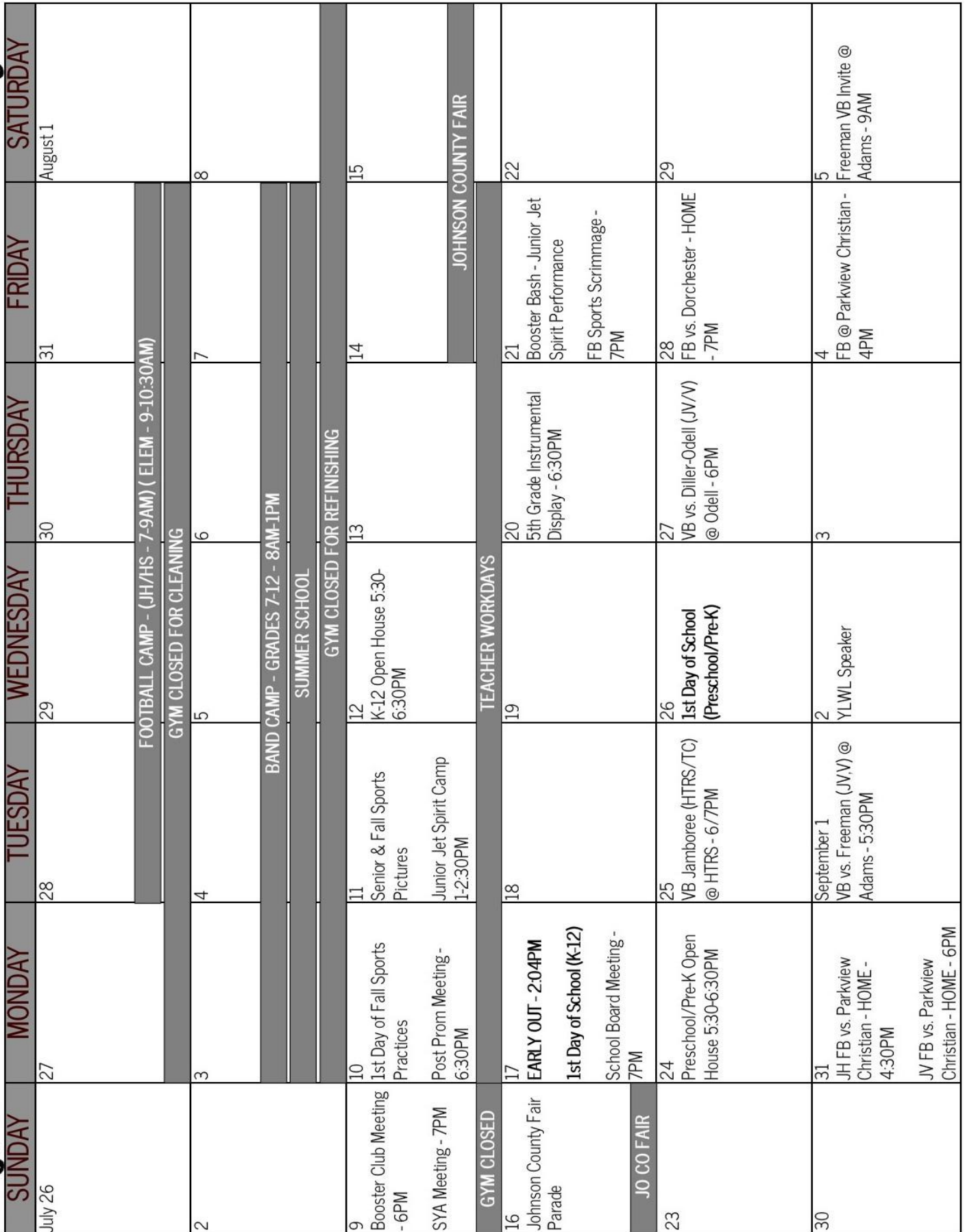
10:45 AM - ALL HS Cheer

HS Athletes will need their uniforms including shoes. Team and individual pictures will be taken. Order forms will be available in August and will be due the day of pictures. Coaches and student managers included.

  AUGUST 2026 MENUS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17	18	19	20	21
BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:
Pancakes	French Toast Sticks	Combo Bar	Fried Egg	Cereal
Sausage	Fried Egg	Egg Patty	Hash Brown	Yogurt
Yogurt	Ham	Sausage	Ham	Sausage
LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:
Chicken Tenders	Spaghetti	Teriyaki Chicken	Corn Dog	Fajitas
Mac & Cheese	Breadstick	Rice	Beans	Rice
				Beans
24	25	26	27	28
BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:	BREAKFAST:
Biscuit w/ Jelly	Muffin	Pizza	Yogurt Parfait	Waffles
Ham	Yogurt	Scrambled Eggs	Ham	Egg Patty
Egg	Sausage	Cheese Stick	Hash Brown	Sausage
LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:	LUNCH:
Rib Patty	Popcorn Chicken	Salisbury Steak	Tacos	Hamburgers @ the Park!
Dinner Roll	Pudding	Mashed Potatoes	Beans	
31				
BREAKFAST:				
Corn Dog				
Boiled Egg				
Ham				
LUNCH:				
Hot Dog				
Tater Tots				

MEAL PRICES				
	PreK-5	6-12	Reduced	Adults
Breakfast 	\$2.20	\$2.50	\$0	\$2.50
Grab & Go 	—	\$2.00	\$0	—
Lunch 	\$3.20	\$3.35	\$0	\$5.00
Milk 	50¢	50¢	—	50¢

Breakfast is served with Fruit, Milk, Juice. Lunch served with Fruit, Veggie, Salad Bar. Menu is subject to change.



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SUPERINTENDENT

Riley Armes

PREK - 12 PRINCIPAL

Jacob Davenport

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

**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!**