

# Belle Fourche School District 9-1

*Acquiring Skills To Build Futures*

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## Beginning of School Information Newsletter

### **Mission Statement**

We, the members of the Belle Fourche Community, are committed to building a learning community and ensuring all learners equal opportunity for an excellent education program that results in learners who are responsible and accountable, who value lifelong learning and know how to learn; and who are capable of succeeding in a changing society.

A hard copy of this THIS NEWSLETTER may be obtained at the Administration Office

Belle Fourche School District  
2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

**WEBSITE LINK is [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us)**

**ALL STUDENT REGISTRATION IS BEING COLLECTED ONLINE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SELECT THE APPROPRIATE LINK. THERE WILL BE ONE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS AND ONE FOR NEW TO THE DISTRICT STUDENTS.**

## **School Registration**

**New Students:** All new students to the District must register online on our District's website at [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us) – click Enroll. Parents must also provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records.

**High School:** All returning students in grades 9-12 must register online. Make sure you click **RETURNING STUDENT** registration. Link will be available on the District website beginning July 21 with a deadline to register of August 1 for returning students.

**Freshmen and New Students Open House and Information Session:** Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. – High School gym. Parents are welcome to attend this as well and students/parents enter through front entrance doors.

**All Freshman** will report to the High School gym on Wednesday, August 13, at 12:15 p.m. for high school orientation. Freshman will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. **All High School students** will report to the High School on Thursday, August 14, at 7:50 a.m. Report to the High School gym. This will be a full day of school with students being dismissed at 3:37 p.m. Lunch will be served. Buses will be running on their regular schedule.

**All BFSD students, grades K-12,** will be issued a school owned laptop. Laptops for grades 5-12 can be taken home and students are expected to bring it to school in fully charged condition each morning. Elementary students may only take Chromebooks home for virtual learning days or at the teacher's discretion. All incoming 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as any students new to BFSD, will be required to pay a non-refundable \$25 deposit, or sign a waiver for self-insurance. Many home-owner's insurance policies will cover these laptops so you may want to look into that prior to the start of the school year. Students that qualify for free/reduced meals may have the deposit waived. Laptops will be checked out to students on their first day of school. Please have the deposit and waiver signed and returned by August 15.

**Students in grades 10-12** should plan to pick up their laptops in the student center on Wednesday, August 13, between 12:15 and 2:30 p.m.

High School's beginning and dismissal times are 7:50 a.m. and 3:37 p.m.

## **Belle Fourche Education Connection (BFEC)**

School Registration: All returning students planning on attending BFEC must register at BFEC (**2315 Dakota Avenue, Lower Level**) on Wednesday, August 13 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Best Buddies Mentoring Program**

The Best Buddies Mentoring Program provides Juniors and Seniors the opportunity to enrich elementary students' lives. This program is a great way for Juniors and Seniors to be role models and helps build scholarship opportunities. The mentoring program involves up to an hour of fun filled activities and memories for both the high school student and the elementary student. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration or contact Brian at 210-0056 or Kyle at 723-3350

**VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN A CHILD'S LIFE!**



### **High School After School Program (Grades 9-12)**

The High School After School Program (Grades 9-12) will run Monday through Thursday 3:40-5:00 p.m. sessions and Friday Intersessions as noted on the school calendar. A detailed schedule will be available for the start of the school year. Please contact the HS office 605-723-3350 for additional information..

**We encourage the use of EZSchoolPay to pay fees for annuals, class dues, laptop fees and student meal accounts.** Visit the District's website at [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us) under Documents/Parents for additional information on EZSchoolPay.

If not using EZSchoolPay, students should bring \$25.00 for an activity ticket. Adult tickets are available for \$45.00. This ticket will be for admission to athletic events. Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior class dues are \$3.00. All class dues are to be paid at the class meeting which will be held on the first day of school. 2025-26 High School Annuals will be on sale during registration for \$40.00. Annuals purchased after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$45.00. Activity tickets will not be available on EZSchool Pay.

## Phone Numbers

Administration Offices - 723-3355    Athletic Director - 723-3359  
High School - 723-3350    Special Education - 723-3356  
Middle School - 723-3367    Facilities - 723-3360  
South Park - 723-3382    Food Service - 723-3377  
North Park - 723-3379    Early Intervention - 723-9139  
Nurse - Contact your child's school building  
Education Connection (Alt School) - 723-0955  
Transportation (Buses) - 892-2683

**Middle School:** All returning students in grades 5-8 must register online. Make sure you click **RETURNING STUDENT** registration. **Link will be available on the District website beginning July 21 with a deadline to register of August 1 for returning students.**

**Homeroom Assignments** will be posted on the entrance doors at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11.

**For our 5th grade students/parents**, we will have a presentation at 1:00 on Wednesday, August 13. Please plan to meet in the Middle School gym to start things off **promptly at 1:00**. From there, we will be touring classrooms, organizing lockers, and participating in other fun activities.

**Open House for the students in grades 6-8 will take place on Wednesday, August 13 from 1:00 to 3:00.** Students/parents are invited to stop by their teachers' classrooms and check out the building at that time.

**ALL 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will start school on Thursday, August 14. This is a full day of classes.**

**Middle School** beginning and dismissal times:  
7:50 a.m. – 3:43 p.m.

**REMINDER: IF YOUR STUDENT WILL NOT BE AT SCHOOL, YOU MUST CALL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 605-723-3367 FOR ATTENDANCE.**

## Belle Fourche Band Night

*Thursday, August 7, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Band students (Grade 6 or new to Band or new students interested in Band) need to attend.*

*Location: BFMS Band & Choir Room*

Haggerty's will be here. Parents and students come and listen to the music stores rental plans, and make your selections of instruments, cleaning kits, reeds, valve oil, and lesson books. Orders will be taken, and delivery will be made at the school, the first week of school in time for the first lesson.

## After School Jam Program (Grades 5-8)

The After School Jam Program (Grades 5-8) will run Monday through Thursday 3:40-5:00 p.m. sessions and Friday Intersessions as noted on the school calendar. A detailed schedule will be available for the start of the school year. Enrollment forms must be completed for After School JAM participation. These can be picked up at the MS office. Please contact the MS office 605-723-3367 or 605-641-3139 for additional information.

## Elementary – Grades K-4

**All returning students in grades 1-4 must register online.** Make sure you click **RETURNING STUDENT** registration. **Link will be available on the District website beginning July 21 with a deadline to register of August 1 for returning students.**

## Parents of ALL Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade

**students:** In early August, your student will receive an introduction letter from their new teacher. This letter will help you know where to go and what to bring for open house. Our open house will take place on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kindergarten open house will take place at North Park Elementary. Grades 1-4 will have their open house at South Park Elementary. This will be a great opportunity for you to bring your supplies, meet our teachers, and see our schools!

ALL 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students will start school on Thursday, August 14. This is a full day. Kindergarten students will start on either August 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the introduction letter from your teacher for your start date.

## Elementary beginning and dismissal times:

**North Park 8:10 a.m. at NP. Dismissal will be at South Park at 3:20 p.m. Look for information about this change to end of the day for Kindergarten students.**

**South Park: 8:00 a.m.-3:20 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\* Just a reminder to call Julie Egemo at North Park School (723-3379) when your child will not be at school. Julie does the attendance for both North Park and South Park Elementary Schools.**

## TRAK (Grades KG-4):

The After School TRAK Program (Grades KG-4) will run Monday through Thursday 3:20- 5:00 p.m. sessions and Friday Intersessions as noted on the school calendar. A detailed schedule will be available for the start of the school year. Student enrollment may be limited, and enrollment forms must be completed for participation. These can be picked up at the South Park or North Park Elementary offices. TRAK does not provide transportation. Please contact 605-206-0979 for additional information.

## **\*\*Elementary Parents Please Note\*\***

**Buses** will be loading directly in front of South Park on Valley Drive again this year. Stanley street will again be one way traffic during loading and unloading times. Please use Stanley Street to deliver your children to school. The routes will be similar to last year. Parents are requested to watch for the buses when they run their first routes on the first day of school. New residents along the bus routes outside of the city limits should contact the Transportation Office at 892-2683 to arrange pickup of their children. The School Board has authorized town K-8 students to ride the buses between schools. In the mornings, students in grades K-8 will be allowed to get on a bus at any of the regular school stops to their school of attendance. In the afternoon, they may again board a bus at their school of attendance and ride to any of the regular school stops. Parents wishing to utilize the in town busing service should watch the district website and get information during registration for a complete schedule showing locations, times and bus numbers. **REMINDER:** (A) Any bus discipline problems will result in forfeiture of the privilege to ride; and (B) Rural bus students will always have priority for space. High school students are not allowed to utilize the in town shuttles.

### **Checks written to Belle Fourche School District:**

Nonsufficient funds checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. For inquiries, please call 723-3355. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.



## **PROGRAM FEATURES AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AT BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-1**

We look forward to the coming school year at Belle Fourche School District as Lunchtime Solutions continues to provide the food service program in our schools. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with some idea of what to expect from our food service program. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please feel free to contact Angie Bohm, Food Service Director at 723-3377 or 720-813-6615 [a.bohm@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:a.bohm@lunchtimesolutions.com).

For your convenience, our menus are posted monthly on the School District website – [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us) – Food Service – K-12 Lunch/Breakfast Menus.

### **School Breakfast**

**Grades K-4** will be serving **breakfast in the classroom after the bell rings**. There will be NO breakfast served in dining areas before school for grades K-4. We encourage you to take part in this program, as research studies show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom. Grades 5-12 will serve breakfast in the dining areas before school starts.

### **School Lunch:**

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students. Entrees could include home-style chicken and noodles, Italian foods, Mexican foods, chicken nuggets, entrée salads, wraps and sub sandwiches. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable, milk choices, plus the unlimited fruits and cold veggies.

If your student is bringing lunch from home, it should either be a cold lunch or pre-heated at home. There are no microwaves available to K-4 students.

### **Extra Entrée – Extra Milk**

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as a part of the school lunch program. For example, if a student wants a second entrée, or additional entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the student's account. All students who first purchase a school meal can have extra servings of canned fruit, fresh fruit, vegetables and salads at no charge. All extra servings of these items are free. All students must have money in their account to receive an extra entree.

**High School** students are also offered the Bronc Grill meal, which is a “grab & go” meal that offers students 5 entrée choices daily (like cheeseburgers, hot sandwiches, and hotdogs) with fruit, veggies and a milk.

### **Snacks**

For Middle/High School students, snack items will be available during the lunch period. Snack items offered may include: fruit drinks, snack mixes like Chex mix, a variety of chips, cookies and granola bars. All snacks meet standards set by the Belle Fourche Wellness Policy. All students must have money in their account to purchase snack items.

### **School Lunch Account**

Lunch account deposits **must be made in the morning before school starts for the day.**

**WE ENCOURAGE THE USE OF EZSCHOOLPAY TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND/OR VIEW YOUR STUDENT’S MEAL ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS, BALANCE AND SET UP PAYMENT REMINDERS ONLINE!! Visit the District’s website at [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us) under Parents for additional information on EZSchoolPay.**

Payment by check may be mailed to: (or drop off at your student’s school office)

Belle Fourche School District 9-1

Attn: Food Service

2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Be sure to include your name, your student’s name, and your student’s lunch account number.

Also include any changes in your address or telephone number.

The District’s Lunch Account Policy for the 2025-2026 school year allows students to charge up to \$5.00 against their account. When an account balance is low, students receive a minimum of three reminders to bring lunch money. At this point, when an account reaches a negative \$10.00 all purchases will **stop**. If the student is a free student, they still will be able to purchase a school lunch. No extras will be allowed for any negative account.

**PIN NUMBERS:** All students will be using their Infinite Campus (our student management system) Person ID number as their meal account number.

### **Diet Modifications**

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if the child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation. Please contact the School Food Service office for paperwork and more information.

### **FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM**



The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides K-4 children with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options.

If you have any questions, please contact Food Service Director at 605-723-3377 or 720-813-6615 [a.bohm@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:a.bohm@lunchtimesolutions.com)

	Lunch	Breakfast
Grades K-5	\$3.75	\$2.40
Grades 6-8	\$3.90	\$2.40
Grades 9-12	\$4.00	\$2.40
Extra Milk (half pint)	50¢	

**Free & Reduced Meal Applications must be received in the Administration Office AND approved before school starts.**

**\*\*Note\*\*** Even if you have participated in the free and reduced meal program in previous years, a new application is required each school year. Use the QR code for easy access to the forms.





## Below are the income guidelines:

(effective from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

**Participants may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income is at or below the limits on this chart:**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTH	WEEK
1	28,953	2,413	557
2	39,128	3,261	753
3	49,303	4,109	949
4	59,478	4,957	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	1,927
For each add'l family member	10,175	848	196

Applications can be picked up at the District Administration Building or are available on the website at [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us) – Menu – Food Service – Free and Reduced Meal Application – Online Version.

They will also be available when you register your child/children. Please list all of your children's names on one application. You will be notified of the eligibility determination.

The information attached to the application explains eligibility and how to apply for meal benefits. If you have any questions or need help in filling out an application form, please contact Ashley Nielsen, Food Service Secretary, at 723-3355 ext. 2. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

School Districts are now automatically notified of children in approved SNAP and/or TANF households. Therefore, the printed notice will no longer be sent for the household to complete and submit to the School District.

## Parent Teacher Conferences:

### High School Conference Schedule:

Fall Conferences: October 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Spring Conferences March 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Middle School Conference Schedule

Fall Conferences: October 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Spring Conferences March 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Elementary Conference Schedule:

Fall Conferences: October 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Spring Conferences March 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Assignment to Students in District:

Belle Fourche School District students will be assigned to the various school buildings as follows:

**Kindergarten** - North Park School at 29 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-3379, Fax 723-3381

**Pre-School Special Needs** - Early Intervention at 29 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-9139, Fax 723-3381

**Grades 1-4** - South Park School at 1816 Valley Drive, Phone 723-3382, Fax 723-3384

**Grades 5-8** - Belle Fourche Middle School at 1302 Ziebach Street, Phone 723-3367, Fax 723-3374

**Grades 9-12** - Belle Fourche High School at 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-3350, Fax 723-3357

**Belle Fourche Education Connection** – 2315 Dakota Avenue, Lower Level, Phone 723-0955.

**Special Education** IEP teams may consider services in alternate locations, depending on the needs of the student.

**Mailing address for all school buildings is: 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

## **GoGuardian Parent App**

We would like to encourage all parents and guardians of our students to install the GoGuardian Parent app. The app provides complete visibility of their student's usage of their school device and complete control over how the device is used outside of school hours. Please see the school website for the complete setup instructions at <https://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us/o/bfsd/page/goguardian-information>

## High School Information

Attention parents of kids playing sports this fall! Below you will find important information pertaining to 'High School Athletes'. Our High School annual parent / coaches meeting will be Tues. July 29th at 6:00 pm in the High School Gym. Please make plans to attend because there will be a lot of information you need to know before the season officially starts. All athletic paperwork can be turned in at this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Activity Department.

## 2025-26 High School Fall Sports Start Dates

July 29th – Boys' Golf, Cross Country, HS Football, Soccer & Competitive Cheer – Student & Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm High School Gym.

Aug. 4th – Soccer & Competitive Cheer Practices

Aug. 11th – Boys' Golf Meeting / Practice @ Golf Course

Aug. 11th – Football (Grades 9th – 12th) & Cross Country Practice

Aug. 12th – Bronc Booster Fall Picnic – Lou Graslie Field starting at 6:00 pm

Aug. 14th – Volleyball Practice

Sept. 15th – Coronation at 7:30 pm High School Gym

Sept. 19th – Homecoming (Bronc Day) – Parade starts at 2:30 pm along 13th Ave.

**High School Sway Concussion Testing** ALL 7th – 12th graders participating in Competitive Cheer, Boys' and Girls' Soccer, High School Football, Middle School Football and High School Volleyball will need to test in order to get a baseline established.

## Sway Concussion Testing Schedule

Dates: July 28th, 29th and 30th

Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: High School Student Center

Additional Information: Please come to the test during the dates / timeframe listed above. Be sure to bring your fully charged cell phone with you and wear tennis shoes – no sandals!

Admission charges and activity tickets for the various activities are listed below. Platform information on how to purchase activity tickets online – pay attention to Belle Fourche Activities Department Website and read the next 2 pages of this newsletter.

## ADMISSION FEES:

K-12 with no activity ticket \$4.00

Adult with no activity ticket \$6.00

K-12 season activity ticket \$25.00

Adult season activity ticket \$45.00

Senior Citizen (Age 55).....Free Pass from HS

Prekindergarten.....Free

(Activity Tickets will not be honored at Tournaments or playoff games) If you are interested in volunteering to work for a free

activity ticket, please contact Brooks Audiss via email –

[Brooks.Audiss@k12.sd.us](mailto:Brooks.Audiss@k12.sd.us).

**Facility Rental:** Out of school groups wishing to use school facilities should contact Adam Nowowiejski at 723-3359.

## Middle School Information

Attention parents of kids playing Middle School football and volleyball or running cross country this fall! Below you will find important information pertaining to 'Middle School Athletes'.

\* Middle School Football SWAY Concussion Testing à see information under 'High School Information'. \*

\* Aug. 7th – 4:30 pm Middle School Football Equipment Checkout (Helmets Only) followed by a Player & Parent Meeting in the Middle School Gym at 5:15 pm.

\* Aug. 11th – 4:00-6:00 pm Middle School Football Practice – 7th and 8th graders.

\* Aug. 14th – Middle School Cross Country Practice – Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

\* Aug. 18th – Middle School Volleyball Practice at 4:00 pm in the Middle School Gym – open to 7th and 8th graders. Player & Parent Meeting following practice at 6:00 pm.

Please make plans to attend because there will be a lot of information you need to know before the season officially starts.

**Reminder ALL athletic paperwork must be turned in prior to the first practice.** If you have any questions, please contact the Activity Department.

## For school athletic physicals:

· Tri-State Chiropractic (892-4845) – Offering FREE athletic physicals on Saturday, July 19th and Wednesday, July 23rd – ONLY. You must call ahead for an appointment and tell them it is for a school athletic physical. ALL the forms must be filled out and SIGNED at the time of appointment or we will not be able to see the athlete. Any other dates, the athletes will be CHARGED \$25.00.

· **Monument Health Medical Clinic (723-8970)** – Offering FREE athletic physicals. Athletes may see any provider of their choice, but appointments are required. A parent or guardian must complete forms before the physical can be performed. Forms are available at the clinic.

· **Gentle Touch Chiropractic PLLC (723-5024)** – Offering FREE athletic physicals during the month of July. After July, the athletes will be CHARGED \$50.00 for physicals. Must call to book appointment – no walk-ins. A parent or guardian must complete forms before the physical can be performed – forms are available at location.

· **Belle Chiropractic (723-3434)** – Offering athletic physicals at the COST of \$50.00. You must call ahead for an appointment and tell them it is for a school physical. A parent or guardian must fill out all forms prior to appointment. Forms are available at location.

See District website (Activities Department) for complete details regarding physicals: [www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us](http://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us)

**Watch the Broncs LIVE!!!**

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/belle-fourche-high-school-belle-fourche-sd>

**Belle Fourche Activities Department Website:**

<https://www.bellefourche.k12.sd.us/o/athletics>

## Greetings Belle Fourche BRONCS,

We are excited to announce that starting Fall of 2025, we will be a full partner with BOUND, a full-scale athletic, activities, and facilities management system. This partnership will create a seamless and engaging experience for all **BRONCS** stakeholders - all our schedules, ticketing, scores and standings, and fundraising opportunities will be in one location!

**BOUND Public Website** - To get you started, click on the following link ([be sure to bookmark this page](https://www.gobound.com/sd/schools/BelleFourche)). This is the landing page for **BELLE FOURCHE BRONC** families, fans and students. You and your family will be able to get everything you need from this one site!

<https://www.gobound.com/sd/schools/BelleFourche>

**Notifications** - As parents or guardians of active BFHS students, you need to keep up with any changes or adjustments to schedules in real-time. By utilizing the “Notifications” feature in Bound, you will be able to sign up to receive notifications of changes, postponements, or cancellations in scheduled events. At the top of the **BELLE FOURCHE BRONCS** Bound public site, notice the green “Notifications” button below our mascot. This button is in the same location on each page as you navigate from activity to activity.

If you want school-wide notifications, click on this button on the Home screen and sign up - name, email, phone number and what notifications you would like to receive. From there, navigate to the activities your student(s) are participating in or ones you want to follow and do the same. For example, if you want girls basketball notifications, you will click on Activities and basketball. Once you land on the basketball home page, click on the ‘Notifications’ button and sign up for notifications specific to girls basketball. Repeat this process for any activities you need to stay up to date and in the know!



**Schedules, rosters...and more** - We would invite you to take a test drive around the site while you are there. Click on the links at the top of the page, you'll see all the activities that we offer at BFHS. This site will be your one stop shop for your family's athletic and activities information and resource needs.

**Tickets and Passes Information** - We will be offering digital ticketing options for the upcoming 25-26 school year. Belle Fourche is excited to offer this option and make the gate admission process easier and more convenient for our families and students. We will be offering several admissions pass options to help you and your family save money all year long at our home events - including the *(include your pass options here - all sports pass, student pass, flex passes, etc.)*. You can pre purchase your passes or individual tickets online ahead of time OR make use of our credit/debit card readers at the gate. No more scrambling to remember to stop by the gas station on the way to the game to get cash...use your card or Apple Pay at the gate. Click on “Tickets” at the top of the Belle Fourche Bound public site to begin your ticketing experience today. **Don't worry, if digital ticketing is not for you, we will still be accepting cash at the door.**





**BOUND APP** - BOUND is available on any smart device under "Bound Sports." Please download the app for you to have access to your student(s) athletic program notifications on the go! You can scan the QR code on the flier from your phone to get started! You will need to select ALL the programs you are interested in if this is your first time.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When downloading and logging in to the app for the first time, it is crucial to **use the same email address** that is associated with your family account. It works just like any other app/shopping site, if you create an account on the computer, you must log in to the app with the same email address and vice versa.

Here are some helpful resources to answer some of the questions you may have:

Buying tickets in the app

<https://intercom.help/boundhq/en/articles/10189800-buying-and-accessing-tickets-and-passes-in-the-bound-app>

Accessing tickets in the app

<https://intercom.help/boundhq/en/articles/10220793-using-tickets-with-a-qr-code>

Sharing tickets in the app

<https://intercom.help/boundhq/en/articles/10220857-sharing-tickets>

Adding tickets to the apple or google wallet

<https://intercom.help/boundhq/en/articles/9788376-adding-tickets-to-your-apple-or-google-wallet>

For Bound support you can click the B in the lower right corner of the web browser or clicking the menu button in the app. There are a couple questions to help guide directions, but rest assured there is a person on the other end who will help you. You can also email [support@gobound.com](mailto:support@gobound.com) for assistance.

Thank you,  
Adam Nowowiejski, CMAA  
Activities Director  
Belle Fourche School District

**GO BRONCS!**

## Driver's Education

Contact information: Kari Smith, 605-394-5120 or 605-721-7453. Email: [kssmith@bhssc.org](mailto:kssmith@bhssc.org)



## Teammates Mentoring of Belle Fourche

Teammates is a school based mentoring program that matches adults in our community with students in grades 3-12. Matches meet at school once a week to have lunch, play a game, or just talk. Our goal is to help students reach their full potential through mentoring. To find out more go to [www.teammates.org](http://www.teammates.org) or email Ann-Marie.Hostetter@k12.sd.us.

## Important Services for Students

**DID YOU KNOW...?** The Belle Fourche School District provides free, appropriate public education for all children with disabilities from birth through age 21, including any eligible child within the jurisdiction of the District, including those enrolled in any public or private agency or school. Special Education services provide an educational program based on the concept of least restrictive environments (LRE). The goal of LRE is to educate children with disabilities with children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. **If your child is not performing up to his/her ability, is not able to keep up with peers academically, emotionally, or socially, and you feel other options are needed, please contact the Special Education Director, Caleb Case at 723-3356 for information regarding the special education referral process.**

**\*\*SNOW DAYS\*\*** When the decision is made that school will not be in session due to bad weather, the announcement will be made via our automated phone calling system.

**Please remember that any days missed during the school year due to weather or other events will be made up and scheduled as soon as possible as determined by the School Board OR will transition to Virtual Learning for the day(s).**

***Patrons of the Belle Fourche School District who claim mileage for the 2025-2026 school year, must turn in mileage vouchers to the Administration Office by May 29, 2026.***



## **Schedule of School Beginning and Dismissal Times:**

**North Park** - Kindergarten: 8:10 a.m. - **3:20 p.m. (dismissed from South Park)**

**South Park** – grades 1-4: 8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

**Middle School** – grades 5-8: 7:50 a.m. - 3:43 p.m.

**High School** – grades 9-12: 7:50 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

Beginning and dismissal times may be changed when deemed appropriate or necessary by the District.

## **Child Custody Notification**

By law, if parents are legally separated or divorced, each parent has equal rights to the custody of the child/children UNLESS a parent has a court order that indicated which parent has sole custody of the child/children.

The school **MUST HAVE A COPY** of the court order on file, otherwise either parent may check the child out of school with proper identification.

## **Administration/Contacts**

Orion Thompson, Superintendent	723-3355
Susan Proefrock, Business Manager	723-3355
Mathew Raba, High School Principal	723-3350
Kevin Smidt, Middle School Principal	723-3367
Dr. Julie Hatling, Elementary Principal	723-3382
Adam Nowowiejski, Activities Director	723-3359
Caleb Case, Special Education Director	723-3356
Tommy Coyle, Director of Fac/Trans	723-3360
Transportation/Bus Barn	892-2683
Brandi VanSickle, School Nurse	723-3382
Angie Bohm, Food Service Director	723-3377 or 720-813-6615

## SUPPLIES FOR 2025-26 KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

### \*NO PEANUT PRODUCTS\*

#### KINDERGARTEN

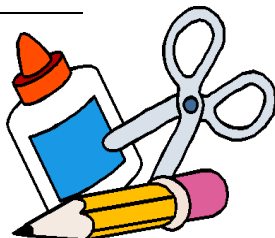
1 ream white copy paper  
1 Large pink eraser  
2 boxes of 8 Crayons, regular size  
1 pack small Glue sticks (not Elmer's liquid or rolling glue)  
Fiskars blunt scissors (metal)  
Box for supplies, plastic (**no larger than 8" x 5"**)  
No. 2 wooden pencils (**no plastic or glitter coated pencils**)

Watercolor paints, Crayola or Prang brand  
1 Kleenex (large box)

Back pack  
8 wide-tipped Crayola markers (classic colors only)  
1 box of colored pencils  
1 spiral bound wide-ruled notebook  
2 – containers of Clorox wipes  
2 boxes snacks per month  
REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.  
\*Wired head phones (no ear buds)

#### FIRST GRADE

Box of Crayons, 24 pack  
4 - large Glue sticks  
2 - large green or pink erasers  
Fiskars scissors  
12 - No. 2 lead pencils - plain yellow  
2 - Kleenex (large boxes)  
1 - box crackers per month  
(individually wrapped for 24 students every month)  
8 - Crayola washable wide-tipped markers (Classic colors only)  
3 - Clorox wipes  
2 - 2 pocket folders – sturdy plastic  
School box – 8" x 4" x 1 3/4" (pencil box)  
Colored pencils  
REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.  
\*Wired head phones (no ear buds)



#### SECOND GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils – 1 pack  
2 - Glue sticks  
2 - Large pink erasers  
Box of 24 crayons  
Fiskars scissors  
8 - Crayola washable markers (optional)  
Kleenex (large box)  
School box, about 8" x 4" x 1 3/4" deep  
2 - Clorox wipes  
Dry Erase Markers – 2 packs  
1/2" (inch) binder  
REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.  
\*Wired head phones (no ear buds)

#### THIRD GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils-package of 12 (no mechanical pencils)  
2 - large pink erasers  
1 - wide-ruled spiral notebooks  
Scissors (Fiskars recommended) – 7" long (inch) recommended

**\*Headphones – if you would like your child to have their own pair (not wireless), we can supply them if you prefer.**

#### THIRD GRADE CONTINUED

3 - white Glue sticks  
Washable markers  
2 - Kleenex (large boxes)  
Plastic box for supplies  
2 - large containers of Clorox disinfecting wipes  
1 - box of crackers per month  
Colored pencils  
4 - Dry Erase Markers  
REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.  
\*Wired head phones (no ear buds)

#### FOURTH GRADE

8 - Dry Erase markers  
3 - Spiral notebooks, wide-rule – hole punched  
5 - glue sticks  
10 - No. 2 pencils  
Small erasers for pencils  
Crayons  
Scissors (large/pointed)  
2 - Kleenex (large boxes)  
Colored pencils  
1 - Pocket Folder  
Small pencil sharpener, with cover  
1 – 1" (inch) White 3 ring binder – (2 binders for teacher McCrackin)  
3 - Clorox wipes  
Small pencil box or zipper pouch  
3 prong folder for Music  
REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.  
\*Wired head phones (no ear buds)  
Markers for teachers Janovy and Hostetter's class



**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Supplies:** 1 Baroque Soprano Recorder. You may bring your own recorder to be approved by the music teacher or information about ordering recorders will be made available in January.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Supplies:** 1 pocket folder with fasteners, 1 pencil, 1 pocket folder with fasteners, 1 pencil and 1 Soprano Baroque Recorder. You may bring your own recorder to be approved by the music teacher, or information about ordering recorders will be made available in January. **4<sup>th</sup> Grade students can use the same recorder from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.**

(SOME OF THESE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Please put your child's name on all supplies.  
Everything listed per grade level is required.

#### Supply list for Early Intervention Students

1 – regular sized backpack (large enough for papers & supplies)  
2 – large purple glue sticks  
1 – ream of white paper  
2 - boxes Kleenex  
2 - containers of Clorox wipes

#### Screening dates for Early Intervention are:

Friday, August 15, 2025 – 8:30 am - 2:00 pm;  
Friday, October 17, 2025 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm;  
Friday, January 16, 2026 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm; and  
Friday, March 20, 2026 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.

# SUPPLIES FOR 2025-26, 5TH - 12TH GRADE

**Grades 5-8: Lock for locker required (may rent or purchase your own)** - combination locks are offered in the office for \$5.00, which will be refunded when the lock is returned. If you use a key lock, please give an extra key to the homeroom teacher. NO LASER LOCKS.

**No self-enclosed pencil sharpeners allowed!**

## **5th GRADE**

2 - Fine tip black permanent marker  
3 hole pencil case with zipper  
(No book bags on wheels, as they do not fit in lockers)  
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
24 - No. 2 pencils (re-supply as needed)  
Colored pencils (12 count only)  
12 - Glue sticks (re-supply as needed)  
Scissors – larger size  
4 - black Expo markers (Math)  
Erasers/pencil top erasers (re-supply as needed)  
3 - Composition notebooks for Reading & Math (**100 pages each notebook**)  
1 - folder with 3 prongs (Math)  
1 - composition notebook (Science) (graph if available)  
2 - Kleenex (large boxes)  
Markers (10 count) – (**thin and thick**)  
Earbuds or headphones **required**  
2 - large Clorox wipes  
**5<sup>th</sup> MUSIC** – 2 pocket folder  
**Computer Class** – 2 pocket folder



## **6th GRADE**

Combination Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
(you may want a separate lock for PE locker)  
1 - Trapper for carrying materials between classes  
4 - 3 hole punched folders (for organizing papers in trapper)  
3 - large boxes of Kleenex  
1 - Earbuds or headphones for computer – optional (no wireless)  
2 - large pink erasers  
2 - packages No. 2 pencils  
3 - pens (blue or red)  
1 - scissors  
3 - glue sticks  
1 - package loose-leaf lined paper  
3 - Composition notebooks  
Expo marker  
Dry erase eraser  
1 bag pencil top erasers  
2 - large Clorox wipes  
2 - highlighters  
**Computer Class** – 2 pocket folder  
**BAND/CHOIR – 6-8 grade** – 1 box Kleenex and pencil.

**(FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS - SOME OF THESE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

## **7th GRADE**

3 - Composition notebooks  
6 - heavy duty folders  
1 - 2" 3-ring binder  
1 - package wide-line composition paper  
Twistable Colored pencils  
Blue or black pens  
Red pens or pencils  
3 - Elmer's glue sticks  
1 - trifold – 48" x 36" only (Science Fair)  
3 - jars of rubber cement  
No. 2 lead pencils - 4 packages of 12  
Pencil top erasers  
Corded headphones (not Bluetooth)-replace as needed  
3 - Kleenex boxes  
3 - containers of Clorox wipes  
2 – 1 lock for locker & 1 lock for gym locker  
Pack of Expo markers  
Dry erase marker  
**Computer Class** – 2 pocket folder  
**BAND/CHOIR – 6-8 grade** – 1 box Kleenex and pencil.



## **8th GRADE**

Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
Laptop bag, satchel or backpack  
Refillable water bottle  
No. 2 lead pencils (replenish throughout the year)  
Colored pencils  
2 - Kleenex (large boxes)  
Loose leaf paper (replenish throughout the year)  
Folders or Trapper or binder with dividers (optional)  
Earbuds or headphones (no wireless)  
1 large Clorox wipes  
**Computer Class** – 2 pocket folder  
**BAND/CHOIR – 6-8 grade** – 1 box Kleenex and pencil.

**P.E. SUPPLY LIST - 5-8 Grade** - gym bag, shorts, shirt, socks, solid (not spray) deodorant, and tennis shoes (shoes may be an old pair). Sweats for cold weather. Combination lock for PE locker (no key locks).

## **HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12) SUPPLY LIST**

2 -Three ring binders (1 ½" or 2" inch), No. 2 lead pencils or mechanical pencils, black or blue pens, 5-7 spiral notebooks. Bag or backpack with a sleeve specifically for carrying a laptop. Clorox wipes.



# NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR PARENTS UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

The purpose of this notice is to inform parents and students of the rights granted to them under Section 504. The federal regulations that implement Section 504 are found at Title 34, Part 104 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and entitle parents of eligible children and the student themselves to the following rights:

1. You have a right to be informed of your rights under Section 504. The School District must provide you written notice of your rights under Section 504. (This document represents written notice of rights required under Section 504). If you need further explanation or clarification of any of the rights described in this notice, contact Caleb Case, Section 504 Coordinator, at 605- 723-3356, and he will assist you in understanding your rights.
2. Under Section 504, your child has the right to an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.
3. Your child has the right to free educational services, with the exception of certain cost normally also paid by the parents of nondisabled students. Insurance companies and other similar third parties are not relieved of any existing obligation to provide or pay for services to a student who becomes eligible for Section 504 services.
4. To the maximum extent appropriate, you child has the right to be educated with children who are not disabled. Your child will be placed and educated in regular classes, unless the District demonstrated that his or her educational needs cannot be adequately met in the regular classroom, even with the use of supplementary aides and services.
5. Your child has the right to services, facilities, and activities comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
6. The School District must undertake an evaluation of your child prior to determining his or her appropriate educational placement or program of services under Section 504 and also before every significant change in placement.
7. If formal assessment instruments are used as a part of an evaluation, procedures used to administer assessments and other instruments must comply with the requirements of Section 504 regarding test validity, proper method of administration, and appropriate test selection. The District will consider information from a variety of sources in making its determinations, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, reports of physical condition, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, health records, report cards, progress notes, parent observations and test scores.

8. Placement decisions regarding your child must be made by a group of persons (504 committee) knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation date, possible placement options, and the requirement that to the maximum extent possible, disabled children should be educated with nondisabled children.
9. If your child is eligible under Section 504, he or she has a right to periodic evaluations to determine if there has been a change in educational need. Generally an evaluation will take place at least every three years.
10. You have the right to be notified by the Belle Fourche School District prior to any action regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
11. You have the right to examine relevant documents and records regarding your child (generally documents relating to identification, evaluation or placement under Section 504).
12. You have the right to an impartial due process hearing if you wish to contest any action of the District with regard to your child's identification, evaluation, or placement under Section 504. You have the right to participate personally in the hearing or to be represented by an attorney if you wish to hire one.
13. If you wish to contest an action taken by the Section 504 committee by means of an impartial due process hearing, you must submit a notice of appeal or request for hearing to the District's 504 Coordinator (Caleb Case, 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, Ph. 605-723-3356). A date will be set for the hearing and an impartial hearing officer will be appointed. You will be notified in writing of the hearing date, time and place.
14. If you disagree with the decision of the hearing officer, you have the right to seek a review of the decision before a court of competent jurisdiction (normally the closest federal district court).
15. With respect to other issues surrounding your child's education that do not specifically involve identification, evaluation or placement, you have a right to present a grievance or complaint to the District's 504 Coordinator, who will then investigate the situation, taking into account the nature of the complaint and all necessary factors, in an effort to arrive at a fair and speedy resolution.
16. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education. The address for the regional office that covers the Belle Fourche School District is US Dept. of Ed., 10220 North Executive Hills Blvd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City MO 64153-1367, Ph. # (816) 880-4200.

## ATTENTION: PROJECT CHILD FIND BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Belle Fourche School District will continue conducting a child identification project which will identify and evaluate children under the age of 21 who may require special education services. ANYONE who may know of a child in the District with unserved special needs is asked to contact Caleb Case, Special Education Director at 723-3356 or Julie Erskin at 723-9139.

After children have been referred, the District will gather all needed data to determine if an evaluation is warranted.

Parents' permission will be obtained before any evaluation will be completed.

Following a comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation, a meeting will be held with the parents, child (if appropriate), diagnostician, and other appropriate individuals to determine needs and develop an appropriate education program.

Parents need not know that their child has special needs before referring; instead the Belle Fourche School District encourages any parents who have concerns regarding their child's development to contact the District.

Quarterly screenings are made available to the public and are conducted at the Belle Fourche School District Early Intervention Classroom (North Park), 29 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with collaborative efforts of Head Start, Butte County Public Health Nurse, and The Parents Resource Network/Parents as Teachers.

### Screening dates for Early Intervention are:

Friday, August 15, 2025 – 8:30 am – 2:00 pm;  
Friday, October 17, 2025 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm;  
Friday, January 16, 2026 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm; and  
Friday, March 20, 2026 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.

Please watch for further information regarding Child Find efforts.

Caleb Case  
Special Education Director  
723-3356

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINT POLICY AND TITLE X PART C -HOMELESS EDUCATION

A parent, student, employee, or District stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to resolve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the District's superintendent.

Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including interdistrict disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the District Office. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the School's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian

or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are resolved.

1. The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision, within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.
2. The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.
3. The complainant will be allowed one week to react to the decision before it becomes final.
4. The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgement in writing, addressed to the superintendent.
5. If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the School Board for further review. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the District's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.
6. Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure).

### Equal Opportunity Title IX-504

The Belle Fourche School System is a nondiscriminatory institution that offers education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or disability. Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedures – Specific allegations of violation may be submitted in writing to Title IX Co- Coordinators, Adam Nowowiejski/Caleb Case, 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, (605)723-3359 or (605)723-3356, within thirty (30) days of the grievance.

1. Within five (5) days, the coordinators will evaluate the grievance and render a written decision.
  2. Grievances will be discussed with the immediate principal involved and action through the principal with cooperation of the involved person(s) and the coordinations will ensue.
  3. At the discretion of the principal, or coordinator, filee or involved person, a formal hearing can be conducted with concern persons resent and with a third uninterested party conducting the proceedings.
  4. This will be done within ten (10) days of the initial decision of the coordinator.
  5. If there is to be a hearing, all interested parties will be notified by writing as to the time and place.
- The decision of the coordinator or the decision resulting from the hearing may be appealed within five (5) days after the coordinator's written decision.
- The following three steps shall be followed to appeal: (a) principal, (b) superintendent, (c) School Board. The School Board will act at its first meeting following the superintendent's decision. Following each step of appeal, a decision must be rendered within five (5) days. Correction or recommendation of discrimination practices will begin immediately following a judgment of discrimination. Accurate records of all proceedings, actions and discussions shall be kept by the coordinators.

# IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All children entering the Belle Fourche School District this fall must have their immunizations current. The immunization record must show that your child has had: (1) DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 4 doses- at least one after age 4; (2) Polio – 3 doses – at least one after age 4; (3) MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses; and (4) The parent must provide proof that the child has had chicken pox or the child must have a chicken pox immunization before entering kindergarten. Children and adults need a tetanus booster every 10 years. Hepatitis B Series is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. Parents of kindergarten and transfer students must bring the immunization record to school at the time of registration. All children entering school must be in compliance with South Dakota's immunization requirements. Each child's record must show the above immunizations.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Vaccination Requirement:**

**South Dakota requires all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to get:**

**One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on or after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. See District website for complete details.**

FAILURE TO SHOW PROOF OF THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING SENT HOME UNTIL THE PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS ARE OBTAINED. Call your physician for an appointment or the Public Health Office at 892-2523 for immunizations. When registering your child for school, please notify the school if your child has allergies or any health concerns. We do our best to adjust the child's schedule to accommodate health problems of any kind. NOTE: the school will no longer purchase non-prescription pain reliever for student use at school unless under the direction of the School Nurse. If your child needs prescription or non-prescription medication, a parent or guardian must come to school and fill out the proper forms. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year!

~Brandi VanSickle, School Nurse~



# BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

The U.S. Government and the State of South Dakota require that we notify you annually of asbestos in our buildings. The law requires all school buildings to be inspected for asbestos. The first inspection took place in 1988. The report showed the areas that contained asbestos. Since then, the school has established a maintenance program to monitor and repair asbestos continuously. The law requires that we inform you of any removal of the asbestos.

In the past, we have informed you of areas that have had removal. Previously, removal was done at the High School.

The law further requires that we keep a copy of our Asbestos Management Plan on file and available for public viewing. A copy is on file with the Facilities office at 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. For more information, please call Facilities at (605) 723-3360.

## Parent Portal

Parent portals, via the internet, are available as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents. The portal allows parents to view their own child's school records anywhere at any time via an internet connection. The portal is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Belle Fourche School District. Parents may stop in at the Administration Office to pick up the forms necessary to access this service or print the form from the District website.

## Badlands Head Start

Badlands Head Start is recruiting families with pre-school aged children (3 and 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>) who meet household income eligibility guidelines or have special needs. Please call 605-723-8837 for more information.

## **INTERESTED IN SUBSTITUTE TEACHING?**

A substitute teacher in-service will be held  
**Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at the Middle  
School Library at 2:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE** - To promote safe and healthy schools, the Belle Fourche School District will continue to conduct unannounced random drug searches of our facilities. These drug searches may be conducted by, but not limited to, a school administrator, the School District Resource Officer, a private contractor hired by the School District or police. All drug searches will be conducted in a prudent and professional manner under the direction of a School District Building Supervisor or Superintendent of Schools.

## **INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL PERMISSION FORM**

We are pleased to offer students of the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 access to the internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the form to the principal's office. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further education goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### **District Internet and E-Mail Rules**

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network. Network storage areas and e-mail may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance and they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

## **DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY**

The Belle Fourche School District will provide all students with a strong foundation of knowledge, fitness, nutrition and healthy choices in a challenging and changing world. The District will provide an environment that promotes, protects and preserves health. Effective health education is a shared responsibility that begins in the home and reinforced in the community by its citizens, health agencies and schools. Hardcopies of the District Wellness Policy are located in each school attendance center and the Central Office. There is also a link to the District Wellness Policy on the School District's webpage. Direct any questions concerning the District Wellness Policy to the Superintendent's office. (723-3355)





# Welcome Letter:

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I hope this message finds you well and that you and your family have enjoyed a restful and rewarding summer. As the start of the new school year approaches, there's a familiar sense of excitement in the air, a time for students to reconnect with friends, meet new teachers, and return to the joy of discovery and growth.

As Superintendent of the Belle Fourche School District, it is both a privilege and an honor to welcome you back. Entering a new school year brings a renewed sense of purpose, and I am incredibly optimistic about what lies ahead for our students, staff, and families. Our District continues to be grounded in strong relationships, shared values, and a deep commitment to public education, where every student has the opportunity to thrive both academically and socially.

This year, we are excited to launch the **Belle Fourche Learning Innovations Program**, a flexible learning option designed to support students who live within our district but are not currently attending one of our schools. While this program is not a replacement for in-person learning—which remains the best method for developing young minds—it is one of several proactive steps we are taking to address enrollment challenges and to better meet families where they are. This initiative also serves a larger purpose: to reaffirm the strength, inclusivity, and excellence of our public schools.

We are proud to celebrate successes from last year, including a major leap in reading performance at the elementary level where at the end of the school year, 88% of students were reading at or above grade level! This growth reflects the dedication of our educators and the resilience of our students. Building on this momentum, our **District-wide academic focus for the upcoming year will be mathematics**. Math is a cornerstone of problem-solving, critical thinking, and lifelong success, and we are committed to giving all students the tools they need to excel.

The Belle Fourche School District is home to talented educators, caring support staff, and innovative programs all working toward a shared mission: to educate, challenge, and empower every student. As superintendent, I am committed to sustaining this excellence, nurturing community partnerships, and ensuring every learner has a pathway to success.

Please know that your voice matters. Parent involvement, whether through daily conversations, volunteering, or sharing feedback, remains essential to our success. Let's continue to communicate openly, collaborate fully, and support one another in creating the best possible learning experience for all students.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. I look forward to the year ahead with great excitement and with deep gratitude to serve this incredible community.

Warm regards,

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