



Our Why: We believe every learner can change the world; therefore, we will provide a world class education.

Our Values: Northern Cass will commit to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families,

Update 11/3/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

1. **Survey from the Yass Prize:** At Northern Cass School District, we continually strive to enhance your child's educational experience. As part of our ongoing commitment to quality education, we were recognized as a Yass Prize finalist last year which rewards and celebrates education providers who deliver an education that is Sustainable, Transformational, Outstanding, and Permissionless. The Yass Prize team invites you to take part in a brief 10-minute survey aimed at understanding how technology can help parents like you stay informed about the state of education and educational policies in the US. By participating, you help us explore ways to better connect, communicate, and support your child's learning journey and earn a \$5 Amazon gift card! [Click here to take the survey.](#)
2. **Northern Cass Preschool Informational Meeting for 2024-25:** On Thursday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m., Northern Cass will host a virtual meeting to provide information for the 2024-25 preschool program. You will learn about the program, costs, and expectations. After this meeting concludes, registration will officially open for the upcoming year.
 - a. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82678854719?pwd=NepbTGUP3d2uUoSGh6Klm4hmRaa1IW.1>
 - b. Meeting ID: 826 7885 4719
 - c. Passcode: v891dd
3. **Northern Cass State of the District Virtual Presentation:** Northern Cass will be holding a virtual meeting on November 15th. Brad Bjerke, President of the Northern Cass School Board, will welcome attendees. You will also hear from leadership on highlights of the current year. A variety of topics will be discussed including:
 - a. Attendance, Inquiry Learning, Inclusion and ABLE PE, Community Connections, Research and Development
 - b. Interactive Discussion (**you will be placed in breakout rooms and have a chance to share your ideas on the following topics:**)
 - i. What ideas do you have to 'solve' our busing crisis?
 - ii. What are problems in our community we could have learners attempt to solve (little to big)?
 - iii. What is and is not family engagement?
 - c. Link to Connect: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86076499347?pwd=rTYDE3OBeJdKcX8heBDTLuqCrc22mO.1>
 - i. Meeting ID: 860 7649 9347
 - ii. Passcode: iH3M5X
4. **Attendance Matters:** Secondary learners have attended **1070 MORE** class periods this year compared to last year. Elementary learners have attended **31 MORE** days of school this year compared to last year! **Our overall school attendance rate is 97.41%!** We appreciate you sending your learners to school when they are healthy! A couple other need-to-knows:
 - Every month we calculate each learner's attendance rate.
 - The goal is to be above 90% daily attendance every month!
 - If your learner misses 5 or more days, you'll receive a phone call as our first contact with your family!
 - If your learner misses 7 days, you'll receive a letter in the mail per the state mandated policy.
 - We have also doubled the amount of medical notes turned into the office!
5. **Parent Portal:** We have added a [Jaguar Parent Portal](#) under Parents on the school website. This page is full of resources and information for parents and caregivers. Take a look!

6. **Amazing Opportunity with Old Yearbooks:** Northern Cass has invested in a TouchWall that allows individuals to access digital media from past school years. Please [click the link](#) to see what is currently included. The next step is to upload yearbooks from the prior schools, including each of the 6 communities, Dakota and Cass Valley North. This will allow the yearbooks to be uploaded to a website for everyone to access, even if you're not able to visit the school. To accomplish this task, we're looking for individuals to sponsor yearbooks at \$50 per book. Your name will be listed on the webpage as a sponsor for the year you have selected. Please contact Stacy Erickson at stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com to see if the year(s) you'd like to sponsor are available. The completed project will look similar to [Moorhead Public Schools](#).
7. **Fill The Dome:** We are looking to make Fill the Dome bring in more food and money than previous years. The link takes people to the virtual drive website, specific for our school. This helps people who want to get involved, but don't have any items to donate. Each School has a goal of raising \$5,000. Click on this link for more information: Northern [Cass Virtual Drive](#).
8. **The Village Family Service Center Partnership--Accessing Mental Health Services:** Northern Cass School partners with The Village Family Service Center to offer school-based mental health services by providing space for licensed Village therapists to offer sessions to learners. This allows learners to be away from the classroom less, and therapists are better able to collaborate with school personnel when necessary. The therapists assess the child's needs, create a treatment plan with the family during the initial intake appointment, and determine ways to address challenges or areas of growth. Depending on the child's needs, therapy can be weekly or bi-weekly and for as long as needed. If you are seeking services to be provided at school, please first reach out to our school counselors at Northern Cass – Mrs. Krinke for elementary and Ms. Davis for secondary. If it is not possible for your child to receive services from a Village counselor on-site at Northern Cass, you can also request an appointment by calling 1-800-627-8220 or by visiting www.thevillagefamily.org/locations for more information.
9. **Health and Wellness Center:** Click [here](#) for an update on the Northern Cass Community Health & Wellness Center project. You can also find past information and stay up-to-date by visiting [Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Task Force | Hunter ND | Facebook](#).
10. **Northern Cass Inquiry and/or Complaint Form:** As Northern Cass continues to expand opportunities for communication, please consider utilizing the Inquiry Form (under the Quick Links tab on the website) for questions/concerns you have about the district. Please click on the [Inquiry and/or Complaint Form](#).
11. **Maintenance Request Online Form:** Now available on our website under Quick Links, we have an online maintenance request form to help educators and learners report maintenance needs on the school property: [Maintenance Request](#)
12. **The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open!** If your child or family is in need - contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
13. **Parent Guidance:** Parents, do you find yourself looking for ways to connect with your child more? Parent Coaching is a free resource that connects you with a parenting coach and content created by therapists, to help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting. Click to register for support from a coach: <https://cookcenter.info/coaching>. Please also see the [Fall-coaching flyer](#).
14. **October is National Bullying Prevention month.** [Bullying - Coaching Flyer](#). Bullying and cyberbullying are serious problems in the United States.

