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NOTICE OF MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF OVERTON, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education, of Overton, Nebraska will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Overton Public School LMC, which meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent, in the Overton Public School Building, 401 7th Street, Overton, Nebraska.

Jared Walahoski
Secretary of the Board

Board of Education
Heather Brennan Clayton Jeffries Logan Kizer Gordon Lassen Joel Meier Jared Walahoski

Overton Public Schools
Overton Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
Overton Public School District 24-0004

Board President or Presiding Officer: Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

The **March 9, 2026**, the regular monthly meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education is called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the school LMC and is now in session. Roll call.

	Present	Absent
Brennan	_____	_____
Jeffries	_____	_____
Kizer	_____	_____
Lassen	_____	_____
Meier	_____	_____
Walchoski	_____	_____

Excuse the absence of board member _____

		Yes	No
Present	Absent		
Brennan		_____	_____
Jeffries		_____	_____
Kizer		_____	_____
Lassen		_____	_____
Meier		_____	_____
Walchoski		_____	_____

Vote _____

Compliance Statement: To be in compliance with LB 898, the Nebraska Open Meetings Law, I would like to inform the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter. This meeting has been published in the **March 3, 2026**, edition of The Lexington Clipper-Herald and posted on the south doors of the school, Post Office, school’s web site and the Security First Bank. There are board packets provided for the public on the iPads found on the LMC counter.

Public Comment: At this time, visitors may address the board. The board welcomes patrons, and we appreciate your attendance at this board meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas with the board during the agenda item labeled “Public Comment”. This is the only time during this meeting when the public may speak. Comments or questions from the audience at any other time during the meeting will be declared out of order. Any person wishing to speak must abide by and adhere to board policies. Everyone wishing to speak must complete a speaker card (cards are located at the table near the entrance of the room). The board will receive public comments in order as printed on the speaker cards received. Everyone who comes forward must state your name, address, the name of any organization being represented, and the topic you are interested in before you begin. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed thirty minutes and each member of the public will be allotted not more than five minutes to address the Board. If a group wishes to speak on the same topic, please designate one spokesperson for the group. The board will not respond to comments or questions. The board will not act on the comments presented by the speakers but will direct the comments to appropriate staff members. If any person is considered unruly, abusive, or otherwise disruptive, the Board President may prohibit the person from speaking further or have the

person removed from the meeting. The board will now receive public comments printed on the speaker cards received.

Guests Present: See Attached Document A.

The following reports presented to the Board:

- 1. _____ - Topic - _____
- 2. _____ - Topic - _____
- 3. _____ - Topic - _____

The following communications were read or presented to the Board:

- 1. _____ - Topic - _____
- 2. _____ - Topic - _____
- 3. _____ - Topic - _____

A Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____

to approve the agenda of the March 9, 2026, meeting as presented.

Discussion:

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walhoski	_____	_____	
			Vote _____

A Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____

to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented.

Discussion:

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walhoski	_____	_____	
			Vote _____

A motion by _____ and seconded by _____

to approve the March bill roster in the amount of \$56,251.86 and March payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$345,615.08.

Discussion:

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walahoski	_____	_____	

Vote _____

Overton Public School District 24-0004
Overton Board of Education
Board Meeting: March 9, 2026
401 7th Street, Overton, NE 68863
School LMC

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

- 7:30 **A. Call meeting to order**
- 7:35 **B. Compliance Statement**
- 7:40 **C. With consent of the Board, receive reports from school personnel, patrons, or community groups**
- 7:45 **D. Read and consider communications**
- 7:50 **E. Approve the agenda**
- 7:55 **F. Approve minutes**
- 8:00 **G. Act on bills for payment**
- H. Matters pending before the board**
- 8:05 1. Discuss, Consider and take all Necessary action to accept Jordan Stutheit’s resignation effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 8:10 2. Discuss, Consider and Take all Necessary action to approve the teaching contract with Jacqueline Cahoy beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
- 8:15 3. Discuss, Consider, and Take all Necessary action to approve the teaching contract with Bryce Harrington beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
- I. Board Reports and Discussion**
- 8:20 1. **Board Reports:**
 a. Meetings Attended
 b. Upcoming Meetings
 c. Committee Reports
2. **Board Discussion:**
- J. Administrative Reports:**
- 8:40 1. PreS-4 Principal’s Report
- 8:55 2. 4-12 Principal’s Report
- 9:00 3. Superintendent's Report.

Closed/Executive Session: If, during the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Action Item: The board reserves the right to take action on an item that is on the adopted board agenda.

Next regularly scheduled meeting April 13, 2026

COMMENTS:

E.

1. Jordan Stutheit has turned in her resignation effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year and has met the board policy time frame.
2. Administration recommends the board approve the teaching contract with Mrs. Jacqueline Cahoy
3. Administration recommends the board approve the teaching contract with Mr. Bryce Harrington

DISCUSSION:

F.

1. **Board Reports and Discussion:**
 - a. Meetings Attended:
 - b. Upcoming Meetings: Schedule Provided
 - c. Transportation:
 - d. Interlocal:
 - e. Curriculum:
 - f. Negotiations:
 - g. Committee on American Civics: April 13, 2026, Public Input Meeting (7:15 p.m.)
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. Projects
 - b. April Board Meeting – April 13, 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 - c. Graduation – May 9, 2026, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the north gym
3. **Board Policy Review:**
 - a. 3007 Review of Bills
 - b. 3008 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
 - c. 3009 Audit
 - d. 3010 Insurance
 - e. 3011 Transportation
 - f. 3012 School Meal Program and Program Charges
 - g. 3013 Emergency Closings

G.

Administrative Reports:

Pres-4 Principal Report

1. Events Update
2. PreS-4 Updates

5-12 Principal Report

1. Middle and High School Updates
2. 2026-2027 Cell Phone Policy Revisions

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Option Enrollment -
 - Out – a. Raelynn Kenny – Overton to Elm Creek - Kindergarten
 - In - a.
- Change of status – None
2. Project Updates
3. Strategic Plan
4. Financial Review
5. Staffing Update
6. Other

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2026
7:30 p.m.

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

Board President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present:

Jeffries
Kizer
Lassen
Meier
Walahoski

Notification: The February 9, 2026, meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, The Lexington Clipper Herald, Overton Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

Open Meetings Information: To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

Administration Present: Mark Aten superintendent, Brian Fleischman Pres-4 principal, and Bill Johnson 5-12 principal.

Guests Present: J.D. Ourada

Public Comments: None

Reports: None

Communications: No Communications

Absence: Board excused the absence of member Brennan. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.

Other:

- a. None

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the February 9, 2026, regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
3. **Claims:** Moved by Kizer, seconded by Walahoski to pay the February General Fund bill roster in the amount \$47,352.52 and the February payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$364,605.71.

Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.

4. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to approve the contract with ESU 10 for the 2026-2027 Special Education Contract, Schedule A Budget Form, and Cooperative Service Agreement. Discussion: Board agreed it was better to contract with ESU 10 for SPED services rather than hire individual district employees. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
5. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve board policy 6040 Early Childhood Program. Discussion: Board has worked to improve the policy over the last several months and believe this will benefit students and provide parental choice. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
6. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the 2026-2027 contract with the PreS-4 principal. Discussion: Superintendent recommended the board approve the contract. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
7. Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to approve the 2026-2027 contract with the 4-12 principal. Discussion: Superintendent recommended the board approve the contract. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
8. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve Security First Bank and First Tier Bank as official depositories for all district funds. Discussion: Both banks work with the school district to provide banking services. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
9. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. Discussion: The board approved the calendar upon the recommendation of the administration and with input from the staff. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
10. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Kizer to approve the 2026-2027 Master Agreement with the Overton Education Association. Discussion: The board negotiations committee recommended the board review and approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.
11. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Discussion: Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Brennan.

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**
 - a. Transportation: No Report
 - b. Curriculum: No Report
 - c. Facilities: No Report
 - d. Negotiations: No Report
 - e. Interlocal Committee: Meeting in March

2. Discussion Topics:

- a. March Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, March 9, 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
- b. NASB Calendar of Events

3. Board Policy Review Schedule: 3000 Series

- 3001 Budget
- 3002 Deposits
- 3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement
- 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Funds
- 3004 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement
- 3005 School Activities Fund

Administrative Reports:

Prek-4 Principal Report:

- a. 2026-2027 School Calendar
- b. Board Policy 6040 Parental Agreement

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

- a. Cell Phone Policy for grades 5-8 and 9-12

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:

Out:

- a. None

In:

- b. None

Change of Status:

- a. None

- 2. Financial Update
- 3. Budget Review
- 4. AFLAC Tax Benefit Summary
- 5. Interlocal Funds
- 6. Development of Form to Administer PTO

	Overton Public School District		
	Bill Roster		
	Month:		March
	Status:		Official
3/9/2026	Total:		\$ 56,251.86
Vendor	Total Amount	New Code Description	
Airgas	\$ 554.80	Reg. Instruct. Ind. Tech. Supplies	
Amazon Business	\$ 128.75	Reg. Instruct. - Prek Supplies	
Amazon Business	\$ 284.51	Reg. Instruct.- Custodial Supplies	
Apple Inc	\$ 14,920.00	REAP/Title Account. - Technology (REAP Grant Funds)	
ATC Communications	\$ 163.44	Fiscal Services - Phone Service	
Black Hills Energy	\$ 3,460.18	Operations of Buildings - Natural Gas	
C&S Truck & Salvage	\$ 1,540.77	Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance - Bus Repairs/Inspections	
CenturyLink	\$ 62.76	Operation of Buildings Communications - Long Distance Phone	
Column - Lexington Clipper Herald	\$ 104.00	Printing and Publishing Services	
Country Partners Cooperative	\$ 2,629.33	Transportation - Fuel in Storage Facility	
Dan's Sanitation	\$ 320.25	Operation of Buildings Cleaning Services - Trash Removal	
Dawson Public Power District - Prek	\$ 246.46	Operation of Preschool - Electricity	
Dawson Public Power District - School	\$ 3,972.16	Operation of Buildings Electricity	
Dawson Public Power District - Trans.	\$ 315.01	Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance - Reg. Ed.- Bus Barn Energy/Propane	
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 248.97	Reg. Instruction - Copier Supplies	
East West Books	\$ 153.94	Reg. Instruct. LMC Books & Periodicals	
Engineered Controls	\$ 2,610.34	Building Repairs and Maintenance - HVAC Controls	
ESU 10	\$ 625.00	Mental Health Services	
ESU 10	\$ 625.00	Mental Health Services	
ESU 10	\$ 836.25	Technology Services	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 12.63	SPED Speech Path. & Audiology Ages Birth-2	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 6,025.07	SPED Speech Path. & Audiology - Elementary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 2,632.10	SPED Speech Path. & Audiology - Age 3-4	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 516.53	SPED P.T. Services - Elementary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 150.03	SPED Supervision - Birth - 2	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 150.03	SPED Supervision - Ages 3-4	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 516.53	SPED P.T. Services - Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 908.39	SPED O.T. Services - Elementary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 908.39	SPED O.T. Services - Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 650.67	SPED Supervision - Elementary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 227.09	SPED O.T. Services - Ages 3-4	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 227.09	SPED O.T. Services - Birth - 2	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 129.13	SPED P.T. Services - Ages 3-4	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 129.13	SPED P.T. Services - Birth - 2	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 83.61	SPED Supervision - Vocational Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 1,552.16	SPED Psychological Services - Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 1,552.16	SPED Psychological Services - Elementary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 388.04	SPED Psychological Services - Ages 3-4	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 388.04	SPED Psychological Services - Birth - 2	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 427.29	SPED Speech Path. & Audiology - Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 650.67	SPED Supervision - Secondary	
ESU 10 - SPED Services	\$ 408.33	SPED - Vision Secondary	
Foster Lumber Company	\$ 33.75	Reg. Instruct. Ind. Tech. Supplies	
Great Plains Communication	\$ 101.95	Internet Connection - Family Center	
HD Supply (Home Depot Pro)	\$ 510.44	Custodial Supplies	
KSB School Law	\$ 39.50	District Legal Services - Legal Services	
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc	\$ 386.50	Operation of Buildings Supplies - Lighting Supplies	
Matheson - 7379	\$ 227.85	Reg. Instruct. Ind. Tech. Supplies	
Mead Lumber Co.	\$ 405.90	Operation of Buildings Supplies	
NASB	\$ 450.00	Board of Education Dues & Fees	
Shively Repair	\$ 754.86	Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance - Small Vehicle Inspections and Repairs	
Village of Overton	\$ 337.00	Reg. Instruct. - Utility Services	
Village of Overton - PreS	\$ 49.00	Early Childhood Utility Services	
Village Uniform	\$ 520.08	Operation of Building - Uniform Cleaning	

Matters Pending Before the Board:

Motion _____ Second _____

1. **Action Item:** Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action to approve the accept Jordan Stutheit’s letter of resignation effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: To accept Jordan Stutheit’s letter of resignation effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walchoski	_____	_____	
			Vote _____

Motion _____ Second _____

2. **Action Item:** Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action to approve the teaching contract with Jacqueline Cahoy beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: To approve the teaching contract with Jacqueline Cahoy beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walchoski	_____	_____	
			Vote _____

Motion _____ Second _____

3. **Action Item:** Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action to the teaching contract with Bryce Harrington beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: To approve the teaching contract with Bryce Harrington beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walchoski	_____	_____	

Vote _____

Motion _____ Second _____

- 4. **Action Item:** Consider adjourning the meeting.

Motion: To approve adjourning the meeting at _____ : _____ p.m.

Discussion:

Votes:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Brennan	_____	_____	
Jeffries	_____	_____	
Kizer	_____	_____	
Lassen	_____	_____	
Meier	_____	_____	
Walahoski	_____	_____	
			Vote _____

2/6/2026

Mr. Brian Fleischman
Overton Public School
401 7th St. Overton, NE 68863

Dear Mr. Fleischman,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation from my position as First Grade Teacher and Head Track Coach at Overton, effective at the end of the 2025–2026 school year.

Over the past six years, I have had the privilege of working alongside the exceptional teachers and staff at Overton. As a classroom teacher, I have valued the opportunity to create engaging learning experiences, collaborate with colleagues in support of student success, and build meaningful relationships with both students and staff. As a coach, I have greatly enjoyed contributing to the development of student-athletes, helping grow the track program, the competitiveness of chasing state titles, and working with the community to support our teams.

While I have truly valued being part of the Overton community, my family and I have decided that it is time to relocate in order to pursue opportunities that align with new career plans.

I have appreciated the welcoming environment and support during my time here. Thank you for making me a better educator and for the opportunity to be a part of such a great community and school district. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this community and to have grown as an educator. I wish the administration, staff, and students of Overton continued success. Overton will always hold a special place in my heart.

Sincerely,

Jordan Stutheit

5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

"School success is 90 percent showing up; the other half is mental." Yogi Berra

Research on policies and practices that effectively encourage regular student attendance share some key components:

1. Education of parents regarding school attendance requirements.
2. Effective policies and practices to monitor attendance.
3. Clear definition of excessive absenteeism and a two-stage response to excessive absences.

The board has considered this educational research and used it to create the following policy on Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism.

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child. A copy of the required affidavit is attached to this policy.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5 Year Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request and to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies these requirements. Any

student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17 Year Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the attached form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a non-accredited school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending non-accredited schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Expectations for Regular Attendance:

1. Students are expected to attend every class, every day.
2. The only "excused" absences shall be:
 - a.) absences when a licensed health care provider has confirmed in writing that, in his/her professional medical opinion and within his/her scope of practice, the student or a child whom the student is parenting is so physically or mentally ill that attendance of the student is impracticable or impossible;
 - b.) absences when the Nebraska State Patrol confirms in writing that weather conditions have made the roads impassable so that the student's attendance impracticable or impossible;
 - c.) student attendance at a school-sponsored activity;

- d.) student has been suspended or expelled from school by the school district; and
 - e.) absences required by law enforcement, child protective services or a court of competent jurisdiction, confirmed in writing to the school district.
3. All other absences, including absences for minor illnesses, family events, routine medical appointments are simply "absences."
 4. Upon return from every absence or partial-day absence, students must remain after school for 30 minutes to meet with teachers, work on missed assignments or simply to study. The location and supervision of the student will be determined by the building principal in consultation with the student's classroom teacher(s).
 5. Students must not be absent from any course more than seven days in any given quarter in order to earn academic credit for that course for that quarter. Students who lose credit in any given course due to absences may appeal that loss of credit to his/her building principal.

Attendance Incentives:

Building principals will establish attendance incentives for their students. Those may include:

- Special Recognition of students who have 95% or greater attendance each quarter
- Excusal from certain classroom assignments (final exam, written report) for students with 95% or greater attendance each semester
- Special rewards (movie day, field day, extra recess) for students who have 95% or greater attendance

At the conclusion of each quarter building principals report to the board what incentives were implemented and the effectiveness of the incentive in improving student attendance and engagement.

When students are absent from school, district staff will respond as follows:

First Stage Response to Absences

1. A member of district staff will contact parent via telephone for every absence if the parent has not contacted the school in advance.
2. After a student's third absence in any given quarter, the school's attendance officer will schedule a meeting with the student's parents or guardians. That meeting will be documented on the attached form.
 - a. This meeting must be attended by attendance officer, parents, social worker or principal, and the student (if appropriate)
 - b. The meeting shall be documented
 - c. The meeting shall develop a collaborative plan to assist the student in improving his/her attendance

3. Building principals must meet with teachers who have 10% of their students miss seven or more days of class in any given quarter to review strategies to increase student engagement. A consistent pattern of student absences from a teacher's classes may result in a formal remediation plan.
4. The superintendent must meet with the building principal if more than 10% of students miss seven or more days of class in any quarter to review strategies to improve the school building's climate. A consistent pattern of building-wide absenteeism may result in a formal remediation plan.

Second Stage Response to Absences

Students who accrue more than 20 absences in a school year may be referred to the county attorney for action under NEB. REV. STAT. § 43-247(3)(a) and (b).

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

Acknowledgment of Receipt

I understand that consistent school attendance is required by state law. I also understand that student achievement is directly linked to excellent attendance. I have received the board of education's new policy on student attendance and have reviewed it.

Student
Name _____

Student
Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Name _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____

Date _____

3007
Review of Bills

The president of the board of education shall appoint a board member or committee of the board to meet with the superintendent of schools each month to review all bills that are to be presented to the board for payment. The board member or committee shall report its recommendations to the board.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

3008
Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The school district encourages those who wish to make gifts, grants, bequests or devises of property, real or personal, to the school district to make such donations through the district's foundation. The superintendent or his or her designee is authorized to accept on behalf of the school district gifts of personal property that are consistent with the district's mission and objectives and which the superintendent reasonably believes has a fair market value of \$1,000 or less. In its sole discretion, the board of education may accept all other donations when they are consistent with the district's mission and objectives. Upon acceptance, donations shall become the sole property of the district. The donation will be under the complete control of the board or school district which will not have any obligation to replace it if it is destroyed or becomes obsolete.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

**3009
Audit**

The board of education shall appoint a certified public accountant or public accounting firm to audit all school accounts annually and report to the board of education. The audit shall include all areas required by law and the rules of the Nebraska Department of Education. The auditor is not obligated to follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) but shall conduct the audit according to the standards of the auditing profession.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

**3010
Insurance**

The board or education shall purchase such insurance as it deems appropriate to protect the district, the board as a corporate body, individual board members, appointed officers, employees, and volunteers from financial loss arising from any claim, demand, suit or judgment. The district may, but is not required to, solicit bids or quotes for insurance coverage.

The board shall review its insurance coverage before its expiration date, or as need dictates.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

3011 Transportation

The school district will provide free transportation, partially provide free transportation, or pay an allowance for transportation in lieu of free transportation on each day school is in session to the students who reside in the district and qualify for transportation according to the district's transportation plan. The families of students who will not be provided transportation pursuant to the district's plan or who must drive students to a pick-up point will be reimbursed according to statute if they qualify for such reimbursement. Parents seeking mileage reimbursement must submit requests to the district on forms which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

When a student who has been attending the district is placed into foster care, school district staff will collaborate with state and local child welfare agencies to determine whether transportation is required under state law when it is in the child's best interest that their school of origin be maintained. The district will only provide transportation to students placed in foster care when the responsible child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the school district for the cost of transportation or when transportation is otherwise required by law. The board designates the Superintendent of Schools as the initial point of contact for child welfare agency representatives to discuss transportation issues related to children in foster care.

Students who are homeless will be provided with transportation pursuant to Board Policy 5014.

The district will provide transportation to tuition students in accordance with the contract provisions, if any, for services from the contracting districts.

The use of buses for class parties, field trips, and similar purposes shall require the prior approval of the superintendent or appropriate principal.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

3012 School Meal Program and Meal Charges

Meal Program. The school district will make a school meal program available to students. The cost of the program will be determined by the board of education so as to make the program as nearly self-supporting as possible. With board approval, the district may contract with a private company or corporation for the management and/or provision of the program.

The district will notify the families with children attending school of the current guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals. A copy of the complete regulations and procedures regarding reduced-price and free meals shall be available in the office of the superintendent.

Meal Charge Policy. The district will notify students and their families of the policy for **Charged Meals**, meaning meals received by a student when the student does not have money in hand or in his or her food account. This policy applies to students who receive meals at the free, reduced, or full rates.

Notice of this policy must be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households that transfer to the school during the school year. Notice may be provided through the student handbook, student registration materials, online portal used to access student accounts, direct mailing or e-mail, newsletter, the district website, and/or any other appropriate means. Notice of this policy will also be provided all school staff responsible for the enforcement of it, including food service professionals responsible for collecting payment for meals at the point of service, staff involved in notifying families of low or negative balances, and other staff involved in enforcing any aspect of this policy.

The district's policy on charged meals is: Student food accounts need to be kept in good standing. If a student's account becomes twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more overdue, they will receive a sack lunch, that meets nutritional services guide-lines, for two weeks or until the account is brought up to date. Students may not eat breakfast during this time until the account is brought up to date. Thereafter, if a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided. This will continue until the student's food balance is paid in full or appropriate payment arrangements have been made with the Principal. Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.

If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in the free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

Collection of Delinquent Meal Charge Debt

The school district is required to make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The building principal or his or her designee will contact households about unpaid meal charges and notify them again of the availability of the free and reduced meal program and/or establish payment plans and due dates by telephone, e-mail, or other written or oral communication. If these collection efforts are unsuccessful, the school district may pursue any other methods to collect delinquent debt as allowed by law. Collection efforts may continue into a new school year.

In the event that the Nebraska Department of Education develops a state-level meal charge policy, it shall supersede that portion of this policy.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

3013
Emergency Closings

School shall be held on the dates set forth on the official calendar, and shall not be closed or dismissed except when superintendent or his or her designee determines that it is impossible or impracticable to hold school. When school is closed there will be no school-sponsored activities held without the permission of the superintendent or building administrator.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

3014
Use of School Property

1. Use of Specific Facilities by Application and Agreement
 - a. The district permits non-commercial use of the following facilities by individual patrons for their personal health and wellness: fitness center, track, gyms and wrestling room. The district understands that it would not be feasible to require a patron to apply to use facilities like the weight room on every occurrence. The facility uses defined in this paragraph are an exception to the general facility use requirements contained in this policy for ease of administration and efficiency. All other facility uses must comply with the other provisions of this policy.
 - b. These particular facilities may be used upon only one application and upon signing the district's written waiver and agreement.
 - c. Use of these facilities is governed by this and other district policy and the agreement signed by the user. A copy of each agreement will be maintained in the district's central office.

2. General Facilities Use Guidelines
 - a. School facilities may be used by various education and community organizations and individuals when it is in the interest of the general public.
 - b. School facilities may not be used for personal profit and other commercial purposes. The district opens its facilities to district patrons for the benefit of the public, not commercial uses. Due to the complications created by groups or individuals using district facilities for commercial purposes, these uses are prohibited. Booster clubs and other organizations raising money purely for the support of student groups, as defined below, and not for personal profit are not considered commercial uses but must comply with the district's policies which apply to these groups.
 - c. Any person or group using school facilities must assure that it will be responsible for maintaining order, protecting property, and providing security and safety.
 - d. Only those organizations and persons who are known to school

officials, who have financial resources sufficient to cover all rentals and possible damages, and who are willing to discharge such obligations shall be permitted to use the school facilities and equipment.

- e. The rental fees for school facilities shall be set by the board.
- f. Non-curricular student groups or non-student groups (as those terms are defined below) that wish to use the facility must submit a facility use application which may be obtained from the district's central office. The application must be received by the superintendent prior to the approval of any facility use.
- g. The shop and weight room may not be used by students when school is not in session, unless supervised by a district staff member or a responsible adult upon approval of the superintendent. Use of the shop and weight room in violation of this provision may lead to the students being denied access to these facilities or other consequences permitted by board policy and Nebraska law.
- h. Any person or group using the school facilities, for any purpose, must comply with all of the district's policies, rules, and regulations.

3. Definitions

- a. "Curriculum-related student groups" shall mean students participating in school-sponsored activities, supervised by district staff, related to the curriculum, and recognized by the board.
- b. "Extracurricular student groups" shall mean students participating in an extracurricular activity, sponsored by the district, supervised by district staff, and recognized by the board, such as athletic teams and academic teams which are not otherwise categorized as "curriculum-related student groups."
- c. "Non-curriculum related student groups" shall mean all other groups comprised primarily of students who attend the district participating in activities such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, political groups, religious groups, and other similar youth groups.
- d. "Non-student group" shall mean all other groups or individuals who apply to use district facilities.

- e. "Superintendent" shall mean the superintendent of schools or his/her designee.

4. Use of School Property by Student Groups

a. Curriculum-related and Extracurricular student groups

- i.) Curriculum-related and Extracurricular student groups may use school facilities at no cost to the group, if they restore the facilities to their prior state after using them.
- ii.) The district shall bear any costs associated with use by these groups (*e.g.*, the fee paid to a cook or a custodian required to be in attendance).
- iii.) Curriculum-related and Extracurricular student groups have priority over non-curriculum related student groups and non-student groups.

b. Non-curriculum related student groups

- i. Non-curriculum related student groups may use the school building during non-instructional time. Such use shall be without charge.
 - (1) Such uses shall occur while the building is normally open and there is a minimum of interference with custodians or other student and staff facility use.
 - (2) These groups may use the school buildings in the evening for meetings if the group is sponsored by an adult and the adult (1) files the application to use the facilities on behalf of the group and (2) assumes responsibility for cleanup and placing the area back in the condition it was in prior to use.
- ii. Non-curriculum related student groups must apply for use of the facilities and secure the superintendent's permission before using school facilities.
- iii. Non-curriculum related student groups may meet only on school premises at times and places determined by the superintendent.

- iv. Non-curriculum related student groups must meet each of the following conditions to secure the superintendent's permission to use school facilities:
 - (1) The facility use will occur during non-instructional time.
 - (2) The district has facilities available to accommodate the group.
 - (3) The use is voluntary and for the general benefit of the student participants.
 - (4) The use will not substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities and other programs within the school.

5. Use of facilities by non-student groups

- a. The superintendent may authorize the use of any school facilities for non-school activities by non-student groups.
- b. In addition to the guidelines listed elsewhere in this policy and other board policies or administrative protocol, the superintendent will consider the following when making determinations regarding use of district facilities by non-student groups:
 - i. The local education association may hold meetings when classes are not in session and staff members are not on duty.
 - ii. Non-student groups which provide education-related programming and services for students and staff may be given priority of use over other outside groups. The superintendent has sole discretion in determining whether proposed uses relate sufficiently to the district's educational standards and programs.
 - iii. Non-student groups which provide programming and services for community members and others living within the district may be given priority of use over other outside groups.

- c. Denial of access
 - i. The superintendent may limit or deny access to school buildings, grounds, and activities to any person whom the superintendent deems to be using the facilities inappropriately and contrary to the district's mission.
 - ii. Upon determining that a person or group has engaged in, or is engaging in conduct that constitutes grounds for exclusion under this policy, the superintendent shall take such action as he or she determines appropriate, including directing the person to cease engaging in the conduct or to leave the school premises or activity immediately. The superintendent may request assistance from law enforcement authorities to remove an offending person from the school grounds. A person who enters school premises in violation of these conditions shall be deemed to be trespassing.
 - iii. The superintendent shall have the authority to fix the time when, and the conditions under which, the offending person may return to school premises.
- 6. Students, staff, and community members may use or lease school equipment for non-school use only if they have received the prior permission of the superintendent.
- 7. Proof of Insurance
 - a. When any non-curriculum related or non-student group utilizes school district facilities, the group submitting the facility use application may be asked to provide proof of insurance up to the current tort claims limits applicable to political subdivision in the State of Nebraska. Currently, those limits are \$1,000,000 per person for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence and \$5,000,000 for all claims arising out of a single occurrence.
 - b. The district may require the non-curriculum related or non-student group to include the district as an additional insured on any such policies and may refuse access to its facilities until proof of satisfaction of this requirement is submitted to the superintendent.

8. No Fees for Admission

- a. Non-curriculum related and non-student groups may not charge a fee to participate in or be a spectator at any recreational activity, event, or other such gathering occurring on district grounds unless approved in advance by the superintendent.
- b. If the district retains control over the area of the premises in which the non-curricular and non-student group desires to use, meaning the district provides supervision, staffing, custodial services, or otherwise maintains its control during the group's use of the facilities, the group may not charge a fee for admission under any circumstances.
- c. Non-curricular and non-student groups may charge for parking or vehicle entry onto the premises unless otherwise prohibited by the superintendent.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

Overton Cell phone Policy Committee: Spring 2026

Principal: Bill Johnson

Middle School:

Miss Folk

Mrs. Lassen

High School:

Mr. Pulliam

Mrs. Wyatt

Purpose:

1. To clarify compliance with Nebraska State Law LB140
2. To eliminate phones during school hours for 5-8th graders.
3. To eliminate phones from being used during instructional time for grades 9-12.
4. To eliminate phones from ALL, Bathrooms, Locker Rooms.

Challenges:

1. Middle School Students asking to go to lockers to use cell phones.
2. High School students are currently taking cell phones into the bathroom/locker room with them. (Putting cell phone on the teacher's desk in order to go to the rest room is an option).
3. HS cell phone use is only allowed by teacher during non Instructional time.
 - a. If you see it, take it and issue a detention.
 - b. All teachers MUST enforce this equally

Articles:

1. [10 Policy Recommendations](#)
2. [School Leaders say cell phones hurt academic performance](#)
3. [Studies on the impact of cell phones on academics.](#)

Top 10 Reasons Middle School Students Should Not Carry Cell Phones During School

1. **Fewer Distractions = Better Learning**
Phones pull attention away from instruction, discussions, and independent work.
2. **Improved Academic Focus**
Students are more engaged and retain more information without constant notifications.
3. **Reduces Social Drama**
Cell phones often escalate conflicts through texting, social media, and group chats.
4. **Prevents Cyberbullying During the School Day**
Limiting access helps protect students from online harassment while at school.
5. **Encourages Face-to-Face Social Skills**
Middle school is a critical time for learning how to communicate in person.
6. **Supports Classroom Management**
Teachers can focus on teaching—not policing phone use.
7. **Protects Student Privacy**
Phones can be used to record or photograph others without consent.
8. **Promotes Responsibility and Independence**
Students learn to manage time, materials, and problem-solving without relying on devices.
9. **Reduces Anxiety and Screen Dependence**
Time away from phones helps students reset and focus on the present.
10. **Ensures a Safer, More Respectful School Environment**
Fewer devices mean fewer disruptions, misunderstandings, and safety concerns.

1st Draft: Proposal for 2026-27 School Year:

CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES Grades 5-8

The use of electronic communication devices (cell phones) by pupils on school property during the **school day** is prohibited and in compliance with LB140.

- The **school day** begins at the 8:05 bell and ends at 3:33 pm.
- During the **school day**, a student's cell phone will be stored in their locker at the beginning of the school day, and shall NOT be used without permission from a school authority.

Other types of electronic devices are also prohibited during the school day if they have the potential to be disruptive to the educational process. Use of a camera phone to invade the privacy of, or to cause embarrassment to, another person is prohibited, and shall be considered a level of behavior that is intended to cause another individual physical or mental harm.

VIOLATIONS

Devices not stored in lockers turned off or on vibrate, will be in violation of this policy and will be seized.

- 1st violation—student will serve a 30 min. detention and the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- 2nd violation—student will serve a 30 min. detention and the phone will only be returned to the parent or guardian.
- 3rd violation—student will serve a day in ISS and the phone will only be returned to a parent or guardian and a plan will be discussed to deal with the cell phone/electronic device.

Any further violations will result in disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the principal. The parents will be notified.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, e-mailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in possession of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or other state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES Grades 9-12

The use of electronic communication devices (cell phones) by pupils on school property during the **school day** is greatly limited in compliance with LB140.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell Phone usage is allowed for grades 9-12 at only following times:

- Before school, between classes, at lunch,
- After school when dismissed from class by the classroom teacher.
- When given prior permission, by Teacher/Administrator.

- Cell Phones are not to be used during **Instructional time** unless it is absolutely necessary and you have prior teacher permission. The student is not allowed to take the phone to the restroom or locker.
- iWatches and other devices with cell service are to follow the same rules as cell phones except they may be worn during class time if the student is not using it. I-watches etc should NOT be used during classes to check messages.

VIOLATIONS

- Use of phone without permission.
- Any alarm or ringer going off during class.
- Use of a cell phone/watch/other electronic device at times other than those authorized.

- 1st violation—student will serve a 30 min. detention and the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- 2nd violation—student will serve a 30 min. detention and the phone will only be returned to the parent or guardian.
- 3rd violation—student will serve 1 day in ISS and the phone will only be returned to a parent or guardian and a plan will be discussed to deal with the cell phone/electronic device.

Any further violations will result in disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the principal. The parents will be notified.

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Current policy:

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices: Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices while at school, except as permitted in this handbook.

Students may use cell phones or other electronic devices between classes and during lunch periods, so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students may not have cell phones or other electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms or restrooms. During school hours students should keep their cell phones or other electronic devices in lockers or a personal vehicle.

Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices while riding in a school vehicle unless they have express permission to do so from the vehicle's driver.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of a cell phone or any calls made on a cell phone.

Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones or other electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated devices to the offending student after serving a detention for the first violation. All subsequent violations will result in the following discipline: the device will be confiscated and turned into the administration, a detention will be served, and the phone must be picked up by the offending student's parent/guardian. Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, e-mailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in possession of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or other state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

Amherst Schools: Cell Phone Policy:

STUDENT CELL PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES-POLICY 6025

Students are prohibited from using cellular phones or other electronic devices while at school, except as provided in this policy.

Students may use cell phones or other electronic devices on school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school, during passing periods, and during lunch so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption and comply with all other policies and handbook provisions.

By bringing their cell phones and other electronic communication devices to school, students consent to the search of said devices by school staff when the staff determines that such a search is reasonable or necessary.

Students may not have cell phones or electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms, or restrooms. During school hours student cell phones or electronic devices must remain in lockers, assigned areas, or be locked in a personal vehicle. Students may use cell phones or other technology in classrooms only with the express permission of the classroom teacher.

Students are strictly prohibited from sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails, or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device while at school. Students who possess prohibited material on their cell phone or other electronic device while at school shall be subject to disciplinary consequences as articulated by the student handbook.

Students may use cell phones or electronic communication devices while riding in school vehicles, including listening to music, unless otherwise directed by the supervising teacher or driver.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. The district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of a cell phone or any calls made on a cell phone.

Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to discipline, including, but not limited to suspension.

Consequences for misusing an electronic device in the classroom or during school hours:

1st Offense: Student receives a warning, and student picks up device from office.

2nd Offense: Student receives a 30-minute detention, parent is notified, and student picks up device from the office.

3rd Offense: Student receives a 30-minute detention, parent is notified, and parent must pick up device from office.

4th Offense: Student receives a 1-hour detention, parent is notified, device will be held in the office for 14 days. The parent(s) and student will have a contract for further cell phone infractions.

Some exceptions to the electronic devices may be made but they will have to be with special permission from the principal.

Other offenses may result in suspension.

Elm Creek: Cell Phone Policy 25-26

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices while at school, except as permitted in this handbook.

Students may use cell phones or other electronic devices on the school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school, or during lunch time so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, restrooms, or classrooms.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage of electronic devices or cell phones.

If a cell phone goes off in the classroom, the teacher will confiscate it and turn it into the office. The student will be required to turn the phone into the office every day for the remainder of the semester. The student can retrieve their cell phone at the end of the school day.

Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones or other electronic devices confiscated immediately. Consequences may include a 30 minute detention and administration will return the confiscated device(s) to the offending student at the conclusion of the detention. Students who repeatedly violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in possession of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or other state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution, and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

Summary of Law:

Nebraska's LB140, signed into law by Gov. Pillen in May 2025, requires public school districts to adopt policies restricting student use of cell phones and electronic devices during school hours. Effective for the 2025-26 school year, the law aims to reduce distractions, with exceptions for emergencies, health needs, and authorized educational use.

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 140

Approved by the Governor May 20, 2025

Introduced by Sanders, 45; at the request of the Governor; Hardin, 48; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to develop and adopt a policy relating to use of electronic communication devices by students as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Cell phone means a mobile or cellular telephone; and

(b) Electronic communication device means any device which transmits by electronic means any writing, sound, visual image, or data of any nature to another electronic communication device. Electronic communication device includes a cell phone.

(2)(a) Prior to school year 2025-26, each school board of a public school district shall adopt a policy that establishes rules and standards concerning use of electronic communication devices by students while on school property or attending a school instructional function. The development of the policy shall include stakeholder participation to ensure that such policies are responsive to the unique needs and desires of students, parents, and educators in each community. Such policy:

(i) Shall, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, prohibit the use of an electronic communication device by students while on school property or attending a school instructional function; and

(ii) May include student discipline and enforcement mechanisms that limit access to electronic communication devices by students only if the school board adopts such policy as part of the rules and standards adopted in accordance with the requirements of section 79-262.

(b) A policy adopted pursuant to this section shall not prohibit a student from using an electronic communication device while on school property or attending a school instructional function under any of the following circumstances:

(i) When required by a student's individualized education program developed under the Special Education Act and any rules and regulations adopted or promulgated pursuant to the act or a plan developed under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794;

(ii) When authorized by the school district for educational purposes during instructional time;

(iii) In the case of an emergency or perceived threat of danger;

- (iv) When necessary to monitor or manage a student's health care; or
 - (v) When determined appropriate by the school board or otherwise allowed by an appropriate school employee.
- (3) This section should not be interpreted to authorize monitoring, collecting, or otherwise accessing any information on an electronic communication device not owned by or provided for academic use by the school district.

Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Overton Public School
Certificate of Deposits
Security First Bank & First Tier Bank

3/2/2026

<u>Fund Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Depreciation Fund	\$ 493,057.51
Site & Building	\$ 123,787.95
General Fund (CEDARS)	<u>\$ 1,190,303.10</u>
Total	\$ 1,807,148.56

<u>Certificate Number</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Last Maturity</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>
5399	Site & Building Fund	12 Month	4.1144%	10/25/2025	5/27/2026	\$ 123,787.95
5401	Depreciation Fund	12 Month	4.1144%	10/25/2025	5/27/2026	\$ 176,836.38
5397	Depreciation Fund	12 Month	4.1144%	10/25/2025	5/27/2026	\$ 316,221.13
1030893979 (CEDARS)	General Fund	7 Month	4.0600%	10/1/2026	10/1/2026	\$ 341,305.93

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30957	02/05/2026				OVERTON1	OVERTON 1 STOP	1,019.30		
30978	02/10/2026				NOELMIC	MICAH NOEL	42.78		
30979	02/13/2026				DASSTATE	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE	317.87		
30980	02/13/2026				GICC	GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC	32.00		
30981	02/18/2026				USBANK	US BANK	777.59		
30982	02/20/2026				LOUDJUL	JULIANA LOUDON	21.27		
30983	02/20/2026				ELMCRE2845	ELM CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL	28.00		
30984	02/25/2026				EMILYBROO	EMILY BROOKS	22.45		
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Checking Account ID: 5

Check Type: Automatic Payment

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33	02/18/2026				TASC	TASC	3,690.00
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Checking Account ID: 5

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19390	02/03/2026				DUSTYCL	DUSTY CLOUSE	280.00
19391	02/03/2026				JOSEPHP	JOSEPH PELTON	280.00
19392	02/06/2026				BRENTSAM	BRENT SAMUELSON	150.00
19393	02/06/2026				JERRYJ	JERRY JOHNSON	150.00
19394	02/06/2026				NEWCCRA	CRAIG NEWCOMB	150.00
19395	02/06/2026				DUSTYCL	DUSTY CLOUSE	280.00
19396	02/06/2026				GRABCOO	COOPER GRABENSTEIN	280.00
19397	02/06/2026				RANDYBIEN	RANDY BIENHOFF	150.00
19398	02/06/2026				MARTYKRAC	MARTY KRACL	150.00
19399	02/06/2026				SWEDCOL	COLLIN SWEDBERG	150.00
19400	02/10/2026				SOREMEG	MEGAN SORENSON	14.76
19401	02/10/2026				AMAZON	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	52.20
19402	02/10/2026				FLINNSC	FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.	513.00
19403	02/11/2026				LITTLEC	LITTLE CAESAR'S	107.82
19404	02/11/2026				WESTNEAL	WEST NEBRASKA ALL STAR SPORTS	50.00
19405	02/11/2026				NEFCCLA	NEBRASKA FCCLA	180.00
19406	02/12/2026				USFOOD	US FOODS	40.90
19407	02/12/2026				CASHWA	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	661.45
19408	02/12/2026				CHESTER	CHESTERMAN CO.	997.50
19409	02/12/2026				CHESTER	CHESTERMAN CO.	168.00
19410	02/13/2026		X	02/27/2026	FKCCONF	FKC CONFERENCE	442.00
19411	02/16/2026				CASH	CASH	330.00
19412	02/16/2026				NSAA	NSAA	30.00
19413	02/16/2026				NSAA	NSAA	60.00
19414	02/16/2026				FKCCONF	FKC CONFERENCE	937.00
19415	02/16/2026				FOODPROGR	FOOD PROGRAM	124.49
19416	02/16/2026				GOLDKYL	KYLE GOLDENSTEIN	156.00
19417	02/16/2026				JIMLANGIN	JIM LANGIN	156.00
19418	02/16/2026				JAKESAMUE	JAKE SAMUELSON	156.00
19419	02/16/2026				BUCKJER	JERRY BUCK	80.00
19420	02/16/2026		X	02/27/2026	JAYCEDUEL	JAYCE DUELAND	80.00
19421	02/16/2026				HANIBRAN	BRANDON HANIKA	80.00
19422	02/16/2026				KEITHKROUP	KEITH KROUPAL	150.00
19423	02/16/2026				MARSHALLE	MARSHALL EVERITT	150.00
19424	02/16/2026				TODDWARDY	TODD WARDYN	150.00
19425	02/18/2026				USBANK	US BANK	802.37
19426	02/20/2026				MARSHALLE	MARSHALL EVERITT	80.00
19427	02/20/2026				CHRISMRO	CHRIS MROCZEK	93.33
19428	02/20/2026				RIEDDEA	DEAN RIEDEL	93.33
19429	02/20/2026				ROSNTOD	TODD ROSNO	93.33
19430	02/20/2026				CHASTONB	CHASTON BURGESSON	158.33
19431	02/20/2026				MARSHALLE	MARSHALL EVERITT	158.33
19432	02/20/2026				CHRISMRO	CHRIS MROCZEK	158.33
19433	02/20/2026				MARSHALLE	MARSHALL EVERITT	87.33
19434	02/20/2026				CHRISMRO	CHRIS MROCZEK	87.33
19435	02/20/2026				TIMOTHYV	TIMOTHY VALLEAU	87.33
19436	02/20/2026				COLER	COLE ROBINSON	315.65
19437	02/20/2026				HARCO	HARCO ATH. RECONDITIONING, INC.	1,170.00
19438	02/20/2026				LASSALI	ALICIA LASSEN	109.50
19439	02/20/2026				JORDANRU	JORDAN STUTHEIT	129.37
19440	02/25/2026				WESTNEAL	WEST NEBRASKA ALL STAR SPORTS	50.00
19441	02/25/2026				NEFFA	NEBRASKA FFA STATE ASSOCIATION	75.00
19442	02/25/2026				NSAA	NSAA	485.25
19443	02/27/2026				ANDEBEN	BEN ANDERSON	99.33

Checking Account ID: 5

Check Type: Check

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19444	02/27/2026				CURLJAK	JAKE CURL	99.33
19445	02/27/2026				SCOTTJOHN	SCOTT JOHNSON	99.33
19446	02/27/2026				NSAA	NSAA	1,730.93
19447	02/27/2026				ELMCRE2845	ELM CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL	27.87
19448	02/27/2026				FRANKL	FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL	124.43
19449	02/27/2026				WILCOX	WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL	136.67
19450	02/27/2026				LOOMISPUB	LOOMIS PUBLIC SCHOOL	34.33
19451	02/27/2026				SPORTBOARD	SPORTBOARDZ	50.25
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Activity Account Financial Summary 2025--2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Aug. 2025	\$ 13,669.06	\$ 108,042.10	\$ 94,373.04	\$ 375,126.55
Sept.	\$ 20,560.16	\$ 27,702.97	\$ 7,142.81	\$ 382,269.36
Oct.	\$ 17,990.65	\$ 19,453.42	\$ 1,462.77	\$ 383,732.13
Nov.	\$ 16,117.25	\$ 12,109.95	\$ (4,007.30)	\$ 379,724.73
Dec.	\$ 23,684.39	\$ 19,775.26	\$ (3,909.13)	\$ 375,815.60
Jan.	\$ 24,112.79	\$ 12,653.89	\$ (11,458.90)	\$ 364,356.70
Feb.	\$ 17,561.70	\$ 23,784.77	\$ 6,223.07	\$ 370,579.77
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Aug-26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fiscal Year	\$ 120,026.94	\$ 115,480.26	\$ (4,546.68)	
School Year	\$ 133,696.00	\$ 223,522.36	\$ 89,826.36	

Fund: 05

Chart of Account N	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance
	ATHLETICS FUND BALANCE	133,233.38	9,584.96	7,955.86	131,604.28
05 704 2111	GRAD CLASS OF 2026	1,788.45	0.00	0.00	1,788.45
05 704 2112	GRAD CLASS OF 2027	4,384.42	0.00	0.00	4,384.42
05 704 2113	GRAD CLASS OF 2028	4,285.81	0.00	0.00	4,285.81
05 704 2114	GRAD CLASS OF 2029	6,360.40	0.00	0.00	6,360.40
05 704 2115	GRAD CLASS OF 2030	7,910.90	0.00	0.00	7,910.90
05 704 2116	GRAD CLASS OF 2031	5,422.62	0.00	0.00	5,422.62
05 704 3010	YEARBOOK	1,616.93	0.00	0.00	1,616.93
05 704 3011	BBB CLUB	1,382.74	315.65	0.00	1,067.09
05 704 3020	CHEERLEADING	(151.72)		255.71	(80.12)
05 704 3025	DANCE TEAM	380.59	110.87	2,108.99	2,378.71
05 704 3030	CONCESSIONS	(2,957.36)	786.90	1,876.08	(1,868.18)
05 704 3041	FB CLUB	838.84	0.00	0.00	838.84
05 704 3042	PEE WEE FOOTBALL CLUB	305.52	0.00	0.00	305.52
05 704 3043	PEE WEE WR CLUB	975.96	0.00	0.00	975.96
05 704 3048	FFA CLUB	1,266.22	965.66	3,399.60	3,700.16
05 704 3049	FBLA	550.46	0.00	0.00	550.46
05 704 3050	FCCLA	6,615.73	820.08	1,058.50	6,854.15
05 704 3051	GBB CLUB	1,064.20	66.96	0.00	997.24
05 704 3060	HONOR SOCIETY	274.25	0.00	0.00	274.25
05 704 3070	MUSIC	(67.78)	0.00	0.00	(67.78)
05 704 3090	SCHOOL PLAY	1,118.95	0.00	0.00	1,118.95
05 704 3100	SHOP	2,253.39	0.00	0.00	2,253.39
05 704 3110	STAFF LOUNGE	5,067.05	168.00	0.00	4,899.05
05 704 3120	STUDENT COUNCIL	314.79	0.00	364.00	678.79
05 704 3121	VB CLUB	1,986.04	100.00	0.00	1,886.04
05 704 3122	WR CLUB	3,143.42	65.24	138.56	3,216.74
05 704 3123	TRACK CLUB	782.39	583.67	1,670.00	1,868.72
05 704 3124	CROSS COUNTRY	627.73	0.00	255.50	883.23
05 704 3125	GREENHOUSE PROJECT	3,137.70	0.00	0.00	3,137.70
05 704 3126	GOLF CLUB	373.41	0.00	0.00	373.41
05 704 4000	MISC/ACT. DEPOSITS	6,200.00	0.00	0.00	6,200.00
05 704 4010	GENERAL/125 PLAN	75,666.74	3,690.00	4,375.47	76,352.21
05 704 4015	EHA	1,276.06	0.00	0.00	1,276.06
05 704 4020	SITE	2,403.33	0.00	0.00	2,403.33
05 704 4025	SUMMER READING PROGRAM	1,144.03	0.00	0.00	1,144.03
05 704 4030	REVOLVING/COCA COLA SCHOLARSHIP	364.34	0.00	0.00	364.34
05 704 4035	ACTIVITY SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT	62,707.52	0.00	0.00	62,707.52
05 704 4037	IPADS	13,555.08	0.00	34.00	13,589.08
05 704 4040	GRANT \$	445.58	0.00	0.00	445.58
05 704 4070	FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	5,500.76	119.60	292.50	5,673.66
05 704 4080	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (1) ELEMENTARY	223.29	0.00	0.00	223.29
05 704 4081	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (2) SECONDARY	22.78	0.00	0.00	22.78
05 704 4090	SCHOOL STORE	561.76	0.00	0.00	561.76
	Fund Total:	364,356.70	17,561.70	23,784.77	370,579.77

Check Register by Checking Account
 Food Program

Checking Account ID: 6

Check Type: Check

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5346	02/10/2026				PLUMBHEAT	PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESAL, INC	2,095.00
5347	02/10/2026				AMAZON	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	140.52
5348	02/12/2026				CHESTER	CHESTERMAN CO.	36.00
5349	02/12/2026				HILAND	HILAND DAIRY	1,868.14
5350	02/12/2026				CASHWA	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	3,304.21
5351	02/12/2026				USFOOD	US FOODS	4,912.00
5352	02/12/2026				BIMBO	BIMBO BAKERY	165.60
5353	02/19/2026				USBANK	US BANK	33.05
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Hot Lunch Financial Report

Balance :

2/1/2026 \$ 56,828.73

Reiepts:

Meal Sales		\$ 5,887.71
Summer Food Program		\$ -
Fed. Reimbursement	Jan	\$ 9,428.73
State Reimbursement	Jan	\$ -
Loans to Program		
Other Local Misc		\$ 598.26
Transfer from General		\$ -

Total receipts \$ 15,914.70

Balance & Receipts \$ 72,743.43

Disbursements

Food		\$ 9,972.45
Salaries	Feb	\$ 7,673.41
Benefits	Feb	\$ 2,835.26
Other Expenses		\$ 2,235.52
Pre K, Ala Carte, Juice, Catering		\$ 346.55
Loan Repayment		\$ -

Total Disbursements: \$ 23,063.19

Balance

2/28/2026 \$ 49,680.24

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799									
800	Food Program 2025-2026								
801	Date	Lunch Meals	Breakfast Meals	Summer Food	Disbursements	Receipts	Profit/Loss	Days Served	Balance
802	Aug-25	2514	477	0	\$ 8,749.75	\$ 59,521.07	\$ 50,771.32	17	\$ 77,421.97
803	Sept.	2720	549	0	\$ 23,870.21	\$ 17,788.91	\$ (6,081.30)	18	\$ 71,340.67
804	Oct.	3378	585	0	\$ 20,613.53	\$ 1,843.13	\$ (18,770.40)	21	\$ 66,713.31
805	Nov.	2154	404	0	\$ 20,491.14	\$ 16,931.10	\$ (3,560.04)	14	\$ 63,153.27
806	Dec.	2365	367	0	\$ 16,812.26	\$ 10,621.17	\$ (6,191.09)	15	\$ 56,962.18
807	Jan.	3147	556	0	\$ 14,842.46	\$ 14,873.09	\$ 30.63	19	\$ 56,828.73
808	Feb.	2696	478	0	\$ 23,063.19	\$ 15,914.70	\$ (7,148.49)	18	\$ 49,680.24
809	March					\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
810	April					\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
811	May					\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
812	June					\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
813	July					\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
814	Aug-25				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
815	Fiscal Year				\$ 119,692.79	\$ 77,972.10	\$ 9,050.63	0	\$ -
816	School Year				\$ 128,442.54	\$ 137,493.17	\$ 9,050.63	0	\$ -
817	Totals	18974	3416	0				122.00	
818	All Meals	22390							
819									

	2025-2026						
	<u>Free Lunch</u>	<u>Reduced Lunch</u>	<u>Full Pay Lunch</u>	<u>Free Breakfast</u>	<u>Reduced Breakfast</u>	<u>Full Pay Breakfast</u>	<u>Totals</u>
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	857	447	1392	265	144	69	3174
January	1059	516	1572	333	155	68	3703
December	756	360	1249	215	104	48	2732
November	715	336	1103	250	93	61	2558
October	1092	502	1784	323	145	117	3963
September	912	413	1395	315	144	90	3269
August	931	363	1220	278	104	95	<u>2991</u>
Totals	6322	2937	9715	1979	889	548	22390

-9.88%

	2024-2025						
	<u>Free Lunch</u>	<u>Reduced Lunch</u>	<u>Full Pay Lunch</u>	<u>Free Breakfast</u>	<u>Reduced Breakfast</u>	<u>Full Pay Breakfast</u>	<u>Totals</u>
July	943	0	0	943	0	0	1886
June	1009	0	0	1009	0	0	2018
May	702	304	1080	274	93	111	2564
April	1056	461	1638	368	138	165	3826
March	950	436	1575	364	116	174	3615
February	905	439	1422	286	116	148	3316
January	987	545	1650	334	167	153	3836
December	699	446	1213	250	170	133	2911
November	748	494	1351	235	193	117	3138
October	1004	714	1852	323	265	141	4299
September	851	591	1477	278	236	233	3666
August	989	571	1409	293	199	219	<u>3680</u>
Totals	6183	3800	10374	1999	1346	1144	24846

2026/27 BUDGET AUTHORITY AND ALLOWABLE RESERVE PERCENTAGE CERTIFICATION

COUNTY: DAWSON
COUNTY-DISTRICT NUMBER: 24-0004-000
DISTRICT NAME: OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Certified Budget Authority	\$5,500,023	Budget Based
Allowable Reserve Percentage	45 %	
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority	\$6,641	

Certified Budget Authority:

Certified Budget Authority is calculated three ways. The greater of the Budget Based Calculation, the Student Growth Adjustment Calculation, or the Formula Needs Calculation becomes a district's Certified Budget Authority.

Budget Based Calculation: $((GFBE - SGF - SPED - GFLE) \times 1.025)$

Student Growth Adjustment Calculation: $((GFBE - SGF - SPED - GFLE) + (SGA +/- SGACORR))$

Formula Needs Calculation: $((FN \times 1.10) - (SPED \times 1.025))$

		Data Source
GFBE	2025/26 General Fund Budget	2025/26 LC-2 Line B-100
SGF	2025/26 Special Grant Funds	2025/26 LC-2 Line B-110
SPED	2025/26 Special Education Budget	2025/26 LC-2 Line B-120
GFLE	2025/26 General Fund Lid Exclusions (Schedule A)	2025/26 LC-2 Line B-130
SGA	2026/27 Student Growth Adjustment	2026/27 State Aid
SGACORR	2026/27 Student Growth Correction	2026/27 State Aid
FN	2026/27 Formula Needs	2026/27 State Aid

2026/27 Basic Allowable Growth Rate (BAGR) is 2.5%.

Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority:

This amount is equal to the lesser of 2% of 2025/26 adjusted expenditures (2% of LC-2 Line B-140) or 2025/26 Total Unused Budget Authority (LC-2 Line B-175) if the district has Unused Budget Authority available.

Please Note: To access this additional budget growth, the amount must be manually entered on Line A-355 of the 2026/27 LC-2.

For further information on how this data was calculated, see the "Budget Text" document available here www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district. For questions, contact School Finance at (402) 540-0649 or (402) 450-1418.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL FINANCE & ORGANIZATION SERVICES
2026/27 STATE AID CERTIFICATION

OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (24-0004-000)

FORMULA STUDENTS CALCULATION

(Fall Membership	ADM/FM Ratio)	+	Contracted Out	=	Formula Students
(248	0.9967095946)	+	0	=	247.18
KDG Adjustment	(0 students	x .5)		times ADM Factor	=	0.00
Early Childhood (002)	(10 students	x 780.0 hours / 1,032 hours		x .6)	=	4.53
<i>Total Formula Students</i>						<i>251.72</i>

FORMULA NEEDS CALCULATION

Basic Funding	4,698,405
Poverty Allowance	0
Limited English Proficiency Allowance	0
Focus School & Program Allowance	0
Summer School Allowance	0
Special Receipts Allowance	302,248
Transportation Allowance	93,670
Elementary Site Allowance	0
Distance Education & Telecommunications Allowance	4,672
Averaging Adjustment	0
New School Adjustment	0
Student Growth Adjustment	0
Community Achievement Plan Adjustment	0
Limited English Proficiency Allowance Correction	0
Student Growth Adjustment Correction	0
Poverty Allowance Correction	0
Non Qualified LEP Adjustment	0
Total Calculated Formula Needs	5,098,995
Formula Needs Stabilization	0
Total Formula Needs	5,098,995

FORMULA RESOURCES CALCULATION

Yield From Local Effort Rate	475,750,015 / 100 x 1.0000000000	4,757,500
Net Option Funding		483,602
Allocated Income Tax Funds		30,920
Other Actual Receipts		771,727
Community Achievement Plan Aid		0
Foundation Aid Included in Resources		226,547
Total Formula Resources		6,270,296

Some numbers may be rounded for presentation. For further information, see the "Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act" document available on the FOS/State Aid website. For questions, contact (402) 450-0867 or (402) 471-4320.

Due to delayed federal poverty low-income data, prior-year data was used.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL FINANCE & ORGANIZATION SERVICES
2026/27 STATE AID CERTIFICATION

OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (24-0004-000)

STATE AID CALCULATION

Equalization Aid	0
Net Option Funding	483,602
Allocated Income Tax Funds	30,920
Community Achievement Plan Aid	0
Foundation Aid Included in Resources	226,547
Foundation Aid Outside of Resources	151,031
Total State Aid Calculated	892,100
Prior Year (2025/26) State Aid Correction	1,672
Total State Aid	893,772
Carryover Adjustment from years prior to 2026/27	0

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Overton Public School
State of the Schools Report
Strategic Plan



Mission Statement
Shared Vision

The mission of the Overton Public School is to provide an inclusive education that results in academic success, virtuous character, and positive social outcomes.

We provide opportunities for everyone to be **engaged**, **empowered**, and **enlightened**.

School Improvement Goals

1. Overton Public Schools will increase reading skills
2. Overton Public Schools will increase math skills

Goals and Objectives

Activities Fund Goals/Objectives:

- a) Continue to purchase equipment and uniforms on an approved cycle and as needed
- b) Maintain current extracurricular offerings
- c) Continue coaches Evaluation Tool
- d) Other Goals or Objectives

Curriculum/Staffing Goals/Objectives:

- a. Student Assessments: Continue to use the MAP, PLAN, ACT, scores, STAR Reading, AIMS, SPED assessments, NSCAS, and classroom assessments to measure student growth. The administration will continue to provide updates to the board and public on student progress and goals.
- b. Support current curricular and staffing requirements:

- i. Continuing with curriculum cycle. Aligning with Nebraska Standards
- ii. Continue to offer the On To College Prep Program
- iii. Maintain the current seven days of professional in-service for staff (177-184)
- iv. Continue the iPad 1:1 Initiative
 - v. Continuing classroom iPad cart replacement
- vi. Continuing to support professional development for certificated staff
- vii. Continuing to implement career exploration opportunities
- viii. Encourage students to enroll in college classes
- ix. Continuing training staff in APL
 - x. Continue to train the entire staff in CPR/First Aid/AED
- xi. Continuing to contract with ESU 10 to provide SPED services
- xii. Other Goals or Objectives

c. Classified assignments:

- 1. Continue to have Paras in prek/elementary/middle school classrooms
- 2. Continuing to provide professional development training for paras
- 3. Continue to utilize local custodians/maintenance and grounds personnel
- 4. Continue to utilize the ALICAP Safe Schools program to provide safety training
- 5. Other goals and Objectives
- 6. Update the roles of office personnel

d. Administration

- 1. Continue to utilize the PreS-4 Principal and the 5-12 Principal structure
- 2. To grow our own administrative staff when possible

Building and Grounds (Facilities) Goals/Objectives:

- a. Continue to remodel the 1924 structure as needed. At some point in time, plans will need to be developed on what to do when the 1924 building is near the end of its life expectancy. Continue to utilize a structural engineer to continue to review the status of the building.
- b. Monitor Hydronic HVAC units and well field life expectancy. Options on replacing the well field.
- c. Continue to paint, carpet and remodel as needed
- d. Interlocal Grounds - Continue with \$3000 annual contribution to help with maintenance of interlocal grounds and facilities.
- e. Copier replacement schedule
- f. Continue to upgrade security cameras and e-doors

- g. Update project list
- h. Review the Project List (attached to the plan)
- i. Other Goals or Objectives

Finance Goals/Objectives:

- a. Reserve Summary - target cash reserve amount - \$3,800,000
- b. Review financial budget summary
- c. Maintain current budget of expenditures as allowed by law
- d. Grant Funds - SPED/IDEA, Title 1, Title 11A, ESSA,
SPED/IDEA - maximum of \$63,000.00
Title 1 - \$43,000.00
Title 11A - \$7,100.00
REAP - minimum of \$31,000.00 per year
- e. Other Goals or Objectives

School Improvement (CIP) and Student Performance Goals/Objectives:

- a. CIP process (NDE Model)
- b. CIP Goals – Mathematics and Reading
- c. Data Analysis opportunities for staff - Utilize the ESU 10 professional development staff
- d. Maintain current CIP structure with the steering committee overseeing the process
- e. Other Goals or Objectives
- f. Continue to review student/class performance in assessments that include but are not limited to: ACT, NSCAS, MAPS,
- g. Other Goals or Objectives

Climate/Culture/Safety Goals/Objectives

- a. Continue to train and utilize the Standard Response Protocol
- b. Safety - Policies, annual report
- c. Bullying - Policies, annual report
- d. Digital Citizenship - KSB Law Firm
- e. Continue to utilize ALICAP's Safe School resources
- f. Other Goals or Objectives

Transportation Goals/Objectives:

- a. Continuing with the current bus purchase cycle (5 years)
- b. Vehicle Purchases – Vans/SUV
- c. Continue to apply for bus rebate program with NDEQ
- d. Other Goals or Objectives

Governance Goals/Objectives:

- a. Three-year board policies review cycle
- b. Maintain exiting board committee structure and function
- c. Professional development training opportunities for board members

- d. Continue updating handbooks to align with board policies
- e. Continue contract with KSB Law Firm to update board policies
- f. Develop and improve current lines of communication between the school and stakeholders (parents and patrons)
- g. Other Goals or Objectives

Technology Goals/Objectives:

- a. Review and update the technology plan
- b. Continue to update Wireless/Wired Network -- ERATE Grant Funding
- c. Continuing to update the network infrastructure and servers, with ESU 10 personnel providing recommendations. Utilize grant funding when available.
- d. Survey staff to determine needs and repairs.
- e. Continue to purchase both apple and pc computers/devices - staff and students
- f. Encouragement in the integration of technology into the curriculum
- g. Continue iPads 1:1 initiative
- h. Continue the purchase of MacBook's for juniors and seniors
- i. Provide training opportunities for staff - ESU 10 and other professional conferences/workshops
- j. To continue to review student cell phone usage
- k. Other Goals or Objectives

Updated: 3/3/2026		Overton Public School Strategic Plan Projects/Purchases			
<u>Facilities/Grounds/Technology Projects</u>					
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
Update Cameras as Needed	2026	\$ 5,000.00	CEI	General Fund	
Aluminum Benches in Locker Rooms	2026	\$ 2,000.00	TBA	General Fund	
Fitness Center Updates - Weights and Benches	2026	\$ 5,000.00	TBA	General Fund	
Technology Purchases Device/Network	2026	\$ 32,000.00	Apple and TBA	General Fund/Grant Funds	
Boiler Replacement	TBA	\$ 32,000.00	Conditioned Air	General Fund	
South Gym Scoreboards	TBA	\$ 15,200.00	Fair-Play	Activities Fund	
Playground Equipment	TBA	\$ -	TBA	Depreciation Fund/General Fund	
Copier Purchases	2028	\$ 10,000.00	Eakes	General Fund	
Electronic Door Update	TBA	\$ 15,000.00	CEI	General Fund	
Classroom Flooring Updates	2026	\$ 25,000.00	Converse Flooring	General Fund	
Network and Server Updates	Each Year	\$ 5,000.00	TBA	ERATE Grant and General Fund	
Pressbox Updates	2026	\$ 1,500.00	Menards	General Fund	
Total		\$ 147,700.00			
<u>Transportation Purchases</u>					
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
School Bus	TBA	\$ -		Depreciatooon/General Funds	
Small Vehicles	TBA	\$ -		Depreciatooon/General Funds	
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
Total		\$ -			
<u>Athletic Purchases</u>					
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
Volleyball Uniforms	2026	\$ 2,000.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-VB	
Football Helmet Reconditioning	Each Year	\$ 1,500.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-FB	
Football Helmet Purchases	Each Year	\$ 2,700.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-FB	
Girls Basketball Uniforms	2027	\$ 4,500.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-GBB	
Girls Basketball Warm-ups	2030	\$ 4,500.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-GBB	
Boys Basketball Uniforms	2028	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-BBB	
Boys Basketball Warm-ups	2030	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-BBB	
Junior High BB Jerseys and Uniforms	2026	\$ 1,400.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-BBB	
Track Uniforms (Girls and Boys)	2028	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-TR	
Cross Country Uniforms (Girls and Boys)	2026	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-CC	
Wrestling Singlets (Girls)	2026	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-WR	
Wrestling Singlets (Boys)	2027	\$ 2,500.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-WR	
Wrestling Mats	2026	\$ 24,000.00	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-WR	
Golf Bags	TBA	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-WR	
Golf Polos	2027	\$ -	TBA	Activity Fund-ATH-WR	
North Gym Refinishing	2027	\$ 30,000.00	Midwest Flooring	Activity Fund	
Football Field Lighting	2026	\$ 40,760.90	Border States	Depreciation/Activity Fund-ATH-FB	
Track Resurface	2031	\$ 80,000.00	Fisher Tracks Inc.	Depreciation/Activity Fund-ATH-TR	
Total		\$ 193,860.90			
<u>Curriculum Purchase/Cycle</u>					
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	
ELA	2022	\$ 50,000.00	TBA	General Fund	
Mathematics	2023	\$ -	TBA	General Fund	
Social Science (Middle & High School)	2026	\$ 7,500.00	HMH Licenses (six years)	General Fund	
Social Science (K-3)	TBA	\$ -	TBA	General Fund	
Science	TBA	\$ -	TBA	General Fund	
Health	TBA	\$ -	TBA	General Fund	
Business	TBA	\$ -	TBA	General Fund	
Total		\$ 57,500.00			
**Note: The curriculum is reviewed every seven years.					

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2026 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FINANCE COMMISSION MEETINGS & RESOURCES

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1st Day of the 2026 Legislative Session

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

School Board Member Week in Nebraska

January 25-31, 2026

Legislative Issues Conference

January 25-26, 2026 - Lincoln

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FEBRUARY

President's Retreat

Monday, February 16, 2026 - Kearney

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MARCH

Budget & Finance Workshop

Tuesday, March 10 - Seward

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COSSBA Annual Conference

March 12-15 - Louisville, KY

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Budget & Finance Workshop

Tuesday, March 24 - West Point

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NAEP State Convention

March 24-25 - Kearney

APRIL

Budget & Finance Workshop

Tuesday, April 7 - Ogallala

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Amplified Budget & Finance Workshop

Wednesday, April 8 - Kearney

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NSBA Annual Conference

April 10-12 - San Antonio

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2026 NASB Federal Advocacy Fly-In

April 26-29 - Washington, DC

MAY

Statewide Primary Election - Tuesday, May 12

JUNE

NASB Member Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 10 - Kearney Country Club

School Law Seminar

June 10-11 - Kearney

SUMMER

ALICAP Summer Workshops

Candidate Workshops

FALL/WINTER

Area Membership Meetings - August through September

Statewide General Election - Tuesday, November 3

State Education Conference - November

New Board Member Workshops - December