



NEWSLETTER

EAST BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our Mission Statement:

To challenge students to think critically, communicate effectively, develop values and contribute to society

September/October 2018

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From Dan's Den

Daniel J. Fox,
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Welcome Back!!

We are currently in full swing for another great year. We have a lot going on this year with construction. Our project is really starting to take shape with the projected finish being November 1st.

A recap on what is going on right now in our district with construction:

- 1) Industrial Technology Building that is now connected to the school (projected to be completed by the middle of September)
- 2) New Gym/Stage, locker rooms, restrooms, concession stand and lobby
- 3) Safe Room
- 4) More Parking
- 5) GreenHouse
- 6) New Football Bleachers/Crows Nest



We still have a "Construction Zone" so at times parking could be a challenge until the project is complete. When all completed it will be a fantastic addition for the educational experience for our students.

Summer Cleaning and Maintenance

Again, this year our custodial staff did a great job giving the building a top-to-bottom thorough cleaning – it is amazing what these people accomplish during the summer. A lot of people think the summer is a down time in the school, but in reality it is quite busy keeping our facilities looking nice – continuous cleaning, upkeep and repairs.



Again this year - ALL VISITERS NEED TO REPORT TO EITHER THE HS OFFICE OR ELEMENTARY/CENTRAL OFFICE AS THEY ENTER THE BUILDING.

As our world is changing, so are we. For safety, all visitors will need to report to one of the offices as they enter the building. We will have limited access to our building throughout the day. We will have ID badges for visitors, mentors and volunteers that have a purpose for being in the building. If students are coming to school late they can be dropped off at the office by parents. We are looking to keep our students and staff safe, and one way is by limiting and identifying the visitors in our building.

Before and After School Pick Up and Drop Off – Please do this on Jackson Street. We have designated this street for parents only. Do NOT drop off students in the middle of 5th Street – this is unsafe.

Volunteers/Mentors

We as a district are always welcoming volunteers/mentors to help with students and staff. If you would like more information please call the office, 319-935-3660 or checkout the information on our website, eastbuchananschools.com under the District tab.

Please feel free to stop in and see me when you have a chance.

Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 3	No School-Labor Day
Sept. 12	School Board Meeting-5 pm
Sept. 23-29	Homecoming Week
Oct. 3	1:30 Dismal HS/MS Parent/Teacher Conference 1:30-8 pm
Oct. 10	HS/MS Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8 pm School Board Meeting-5 pm
Oct. 15	No School-Staff Development

East Buchanan Community School 2018-2019 Annual Goals



Sept./Oct. 2018
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Serving the communities of Aurora, Quasqueton, and Winthrop

Published so that the citizens of the district may be informed about the programs and activities of the East Buchanan Community Schools.

Board of Education Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. District residents are invited to attend.

Board of Education:
President -
Aaron Cook
Vice President -
Greg Schmitt
Board Members -
Scott Cooksley
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Shawn Stone

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment) marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. Individuals shall use the policy complaint form for policy number 102.E1. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Eric Dockstader, Principal, East Buchanan Community School, 414 5th St. N., Winthrop, IA 50682, 319-935-3767, edockstader@east-buc.k12.ia.us. Inquiries may also be directed, in writing, to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in Des Moines, the Director of the Region VII office of the United States Equal Opportunities Commission, or the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Kansas City, MO.

READING

Using the National Standard Scores (NSS) within the Iowa Assessment, our goal is to show an increase of individual students in the proficient categories within the 4th and 5th grades by comparing a matched cohort over time by comparing 2017-2018 NSS to the previous two years. *We did not reach our goal - 78% of our students were proficient in 2016-2017 and 64% of our students were proficient in 2017-2018. A focus we will make within our 4th and 5th grade classrooms.*

MATH

Using the National Standard Scores (NSS) within the Iowa Assessment, our goal is to show an increase of individual students in the proficient categories within the 9th, 10th and 11th grades by comparing a matched cohort over time by comparing 2017-2018 NSS to the previous two years. *We did reach our goal with 80.6% of our students proficient in 2016-2017 with an increase to 85% proficiency in 2017-2018.*

SCIENCE

Using the National Standard Scores (NSS) within the Iowa Assessment, our goal is to show an increase of individual students in the proficient categories within the 6th, 7th and 8th grades by comparing a matched cohort over time by comparing 2017-2018 NSS to the previous two years. *We did not reach our goal with 79% of our students in 2016-2017 reaching proficiency compared to 77.7% of our students in 2017-2018.*

CURRICULUM

Provide a curriculum that accommodates all learning needs in order to promote student achievement. *Professional Development is an ongoing process to help improve instruction and student success.*

DRUG/ALCOHOL

To decrease the number of alcohol and drug incidences per year. *This past year, as a district, we had two isolated incidences for alcohol and tobacco.*

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Our annual goals are put in place to help measure our “successes” and our “needs for improvement”. We do not always make our goals, but it is a measure we use on guiding our professional development and where we need to focus our energy on helping our students be prepared for life after high school.

The following charts will show the comparison of East Buchanan students (grades 3rd-11th grades) to the Central Rivers AEA schools and to all students in the state of Iowa. The positive when looking at the charts is on an average we are above the AEA and the state. This is something that we will continue to work toward in broadening that gap and moving our students into the proficient and above categories. As a district we are always striving for student achievement.

Reading 2017-2018 Iowa Assessment Data

3 rd Grade	East Buchanan	Central Rivers AEA	Iowa
Non Prof.	12%	28%	25%
Proficient	65%	56%	56%
Advanced Prof.	24%	16%	18%
4th Grade			
Non Prof.	43%	29%	27%
Proficient	43%	47%	46%
Advanced Prof.	14%	24%	27%
5th Grade			
Non Prof.	29%	27%	25%
Proficient	48%	48%	47%
Advanced Prof.	23%	25%	28%
6th Grade			
Non Prof.	25%	29%	28%
Proficient	57%	48%	47%
Advanced Prof.	18%	23%	26%
7th Grade			
Non Prof.	33%	28%	27%
Proficient	48%	52%	52%
Advanced Prof.	19%	19%	21%
8th Grade			
Non Prof.	26%	27%	26%
Proficient	59%	52%	51%
Advanced Prof.	15%	21%	24%
9th Grade			
Non Prof.	23%	19%	18%
Proficient	57%	58%	57%
Advanced Prof.	21%	23%	26%
10th Grade			
Non Prof.	9%	16%	15%
Proficient	80%	64%	62%
Advanced Prof.	11%	20%	22%
11th Grade			
Non Prof.	13%	22%	23%
Proficient	76%	68%	66%
Advanced Prof.	11%	10%	12%

When comparing Reading percentages as a whole (3rd-11th grades) East Buchanan has 76.33% of our students in the proficient category compared to 75% in the Central Rivers and 76.22% statewide proficiency.

Math 2017-2018 Iowa Assessment Data

3 rd Grade	East Buchanan	Central Rivers AEA	Iowa
Non Prof.	21%	25%	24%
Proficient	38%	51%	50%
Advanced Prof.	41%	23%	27%
4th Grade			
Non Prof.	26%	26%	25%
Proficient	64%	51%	49%
Advanced Prof.	10%	23%	26%
5th Grade			
Non Prof.	21%	27%	27%
Proficient	52%	49%	47%
Advanced Prof.	27%	24%	26%
6th Grade			
Non Prof.	36%	27%	27%
Proficient	46%	50%	49%
Advanced Prof.	18%	23%	25%
7th Grade			
Non Prof.	26%	19%	19%
Proficient	60%	58%	58%
Advanced Prof.	14%	23%	23%
8th Grade			
Non Prof.	21%	25%	26%
Proficient	69%	52%	50%
Advanced Prof.	10%	23%	24%
9th Grade			
Non Prof.	19%	23%	23%
Proficient	74%	63%	61%
Advanced Prof.	8%	14%	16%
10th Grade			
Non Prof.	13%	18%	20%
Proficient	67%	64%	61%
Advanced Prof.	20%	17%	19%
11th Grade			
Non Prof.	13%	17%	19%
Proficient	68%	61%	59%
Advanced Prof.	18%	21%	22%

When comparing Math percentages as a whole (3rd-11th grades) East Buchanan has 78.22% of our students in the proficient category compared to 77% in the Central Rivers and 76.67% statewide proficiency.

Science 2017-2018 Iowa Assessment Data

3 rd Grade	East Buchanan	Central Rivers AEA	Iowa
Non Prof.	9%	23%	21%
Proficient	79%	58%	57%
Advanced Prof.	12%	19%	21%
4th Grade			
Non Prof.	24%	20%	18%
Proficient	60%	60%	60%
Advanced Prof.	17%	20%	22%
5th Grade			
Non Prof.	17%	23%	22%
Proficient	71%	60%	58%
Advanced Prof.	12%	17%	20%
6th Grade			
Non Prof.	24%	29%	26%
Proficient	65%	57%	57%
Advanced Prof.	12%	14%	16%
7th Grade			
Non Prof.	26%	24%	22%
Proficient	74%	65%	64%
Advanced Prof.	0%	11%	14%
8th Grade			
Non Prof.	18%	19%	18%
Proficient	82%	68%	68%
Advanced Prof.	0%	13%	15%
9th Grade			
Non Prof.	15%	22%	22%
Proficient	72%	62%	61%
Advanced Prof.	7%	16%	18%
10th Grade			
Non Prof.	22%	20%	19%
Proficient	69%	67%	65%
Advanced Prof.	9%	14%	16%
11th Grade			
Non Prof.	13%	21%	23%
Proficient	66%	59%	56%
Advanced Prof.	21%	20%	21%

When comparing Science percentages as a whole (3rd-11th grades) East Buchanan has 81.33% of our students in the proficient category compared to 77.67% in the Central Rivers and 78.78% statewide proficiency.

Elementary News

Dan Fox, Elementary Principal

FAST ASSESSMENT

The Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) is a suite of assessment tools designed to make assessment highly efficient and instructionally relevant. Assessments are designed for screening, progress monitoring, and program evaluation. It is our goal to use technology to automate the scoring, data entry, analysis, and reporting - so teachers spend less time engaged in assessment and more time engaged with instruction. The FAST is focused on reading. FAST will help our staff pinpoint struggling readers to give extra progress monitoring and interventions to help increase reading comprehension.

DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

East Buchanan will be using the Fountas and Pinnell Assessment to help further identify the needs of our struggling readers. This is a one-on-one assessment that will identify students' instructional and independent reading abilities. Students identified as "struggling" by FAST will then be assessed with the diagnostic assessment. Our goal using the diagnostic assessment will help our teachers better pinpoint the students' reading deficiencies and in result help the students become proficient and successful readers.

LITERACY

We will continue with the workshop model teaching method using the Lucy Calkins Curriculum. The mini lesson format and making our instruction more student centered has really guided our students in more reading and writing. This year we will also be incorporating Words Their Way – following the stages of spelling development that will feature materials needed to assist teachers to instruct phonics, vocabulary, and spelling.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken on Tuesday (PK and Elementary) and Wednesday (PK, MS, HS), September 18/19. Mailings will go out closer to the dates as reminders. Pictures will be done by Hoyle Photography.

HOMEcomings WEEK

September 23rd – September 29th

Traditionally, the elementary does not participate in the homecoming activities that take place during the school day throughout the week. We do, however, dress up on Friday to show our "Buccaneer Pride". Also on Friday, we will attend the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. This year the Bucs will play the GMG Wolverines, Go Bucs!

HALLOWEEN

Wednesday, October 31st, will be the Halloween Parties at School. This is a fun day for our elementary with students and teachers dressing up in costumes and each classroom having a party. Please no toy weapons of any kind. No face paint – Yes, it does look cool, but at school it becomes a mess. You can save that for the night of "Trick-or –Treating".

SECONDARY NEWS

Eric Dockstader, 6-12 Principal

For the 2018-2019 school year East Buchanan will be expanding as our construction is completed. The new areas should be finished by the end of October and we should be using our new gym, safe room, and shop area around that time. I believe the community will be very pleased with the new construction and the opportunities it provides to our students. I am looking forward to the start of the year and all that it brings. Nothing is ever stagnant in education, so we never know what it will bring us.

ATTENDANCE

Absences: We believe that in order for a student to receive a quality education they should be in school 174 days of the year. With that belief in mind we take it seriously when a student is absent. For that reason we have several things we would like you to keep in mind concerning any day that your student cannot make it to school.

It is important that you contact the office any time your student is going to miss school. If you cannot contact the school the day of the absence please send a note detailing the absence the next day. Please bring a doctor's note if the absence was an appointment with doctor, dentist, chiropractor, etc.. Second, it is important that the student contact the teacher the day they return to get any assignments or notes that might have been missed. Third, as far as Athletic Participation: Students have to be in school for a full day in order to participate in an activity. If a student has a medical appointment or similar reason for missing school, please contact the school and bring in a doctor's note so your student can participate. It is still a half day of attendance to practice for activities.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CHANGES IN THE HANDBOOK

East Buchanan has recently made a change to their textbook fees for concurrent enrollment classes, because of a recent change to state code. Textbooks are now the responsibility of the parents/students to purchase for concurrent enrollment classes. A textbook fee waiver is available. The changes to the handbook are below:

Concurrent enrollment courses may be made available pursuant to contractual agreements between East Buchanan Community School District and postsecondary education institutions. The concurrent enrollment option allows high school students to enroll in college courses through their high school academic year and receive college credits. Qualifying students in grades 9-12 who meet the eligibility standards as set by law may enroll in concurrent enrollment courses. Tuition for approved concurrent enrollment courses is paid for by the East Buchanan Community School District.

Students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course shall be responsible for buying, renting, or otherwise acquiring the textbook, if any, required for the course, unless the student qualifies for a waiver.

Students must request a textbook fee waiver from the high school office prior to the concurrent enrollment registration deadline, which shall be communicated to all students each concurrent enrollment semester. A written decision will be provided to the applicant within a reasonable amount of time. The following guidelines will be applied:

• **Full Waiver – A student shall be granted a full waiver of all fees if:**

1. The student or the student's family meets the financial eligibility criteria for free meals offered under the Child Nutrition Program.
2. The student or the student's family meets the financial eligibility criteria for participation in the Family Investment Program.
3. The student or the student's family is eligible for transportation assistance under open enrollment provided under 281 Iowa Administrative Code r. 17.9(3).
4. The student is in foster care.

* *Supplemental Security Income eligibility is not a qualifier, because a student may qualify for SSI without regard to financial circumstances.*

• **Partial Waiver – A student shall be granted a partial waiver of fees if:**

1. The student or the student's family meets the financial eligibility criteria for reduced price meals under the Child Nutrition Program.
2. A partial waiver shall be based on a sliding scale related to an ability to pay.

• **Temporary Waiver – at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, a student may appeal for or be granted a temporary waiver of a certain fee or all fees in a hardship case.**

1. Temporary Waivers will be determined on a case-by-case basis and may be granted at any time during the school year.
2. The maximum length of a temporary waiver shall be one year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

STUDYING: In all the years I have worked with middle school students, one of the biggest problems they have is the lack of developing a plan for getting homework completed. They are going from being in one room to being in several rooms throughout the day. Here are a few simple ideas.

1. Set up a time each day for them to sit down and do homework. Make it a routine.
2. Set up a designated amount of time for them to study. This may need to vary from time to time but

they should understand that studying will not be a five-minute thing.

3. Set up a designated quiet area for them to study in.
4. Decide what subject they should work on first, second and so on. Have them do the most difficult class first to get it out of the way and the most fun class last so they have something to look forward to.
5. Make sure that they use their assignment notebook and that they bring the notebook home to you. Discuss their assignments and how they are doing on them. Show an interest in what they are doing and remind them of how important their homework is.

STUDY HALLS

Sometimes New Middle School students do not quite have the concept of study halls down yet. We do expect our students to study when they are assigned to a study hall. It is important that they bring something to work on, or a book to read. It is probable that if they do not, they may get themselves into trouble. They are not assigned to a study hall so they can play games on computers or phones. Please have a conversation with your student about responsible use of electronics and the purpose of study halls in their schedule.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A reminder to you, the first set of Middle School and High School conferences are Wednesday, October 3rd from 2-8 p.m.. This is a great time for you to have a conversation with the teachers about your student's progress and the teacher's expectations in the class. There will also be M.S./H.S. conferences on October 10th from 4-8 p.m..

FALL CONCERT

October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.. This will be the first 6-12 concert of the year involving both the band and choir.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

We will be having an academic awards assembly on September 12th at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. I would like to invite parents and the public to attend and look forward to acknowledging our academic scholars and their successes from the 2017-2018 school year.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 18th for PK-5th grade and on Wednesday, September 19th for PK and grades 6-12. Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, October 23rd.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming activities will begin Sunday, September 23th with the hallway decorating, and powderpuff game. The homecoming football game will be played on Friday, September 28th against GMG followed by the homecoming dance on Saturday. Dress up days will be announced that week.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

I would like to remind our parents and spectators to display sportsmanship throughout the school year. Let us always keep in mind that we are setting the tone for what sportsmanship looks like to the young people in our audiences and for those competing. It is important that we acknowledge the hard work and dedication that is being displayed by all students in our activities. Please keep this in mind when you observe a play you didn't agree with or a call that didn't go our way. We want to encourage people to referee and coach in the state of Iowa and in our conference, and it is important that they see our fans as some of the best in Iowa. Please keep it positive!

Counselor's Corner

Paula McGraw, 6-12 Guidance Counselor

*"Life is 10% of what happens to us
and 90% how we react to it"*

– Dennis P Kimbro

NEW FAFSA INFORMATION!!!!!!!

On October 1, 2018, students will be able to complete the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the 2019-2020 Iowa Financial Aid Application. The FAFSA is the standardized form used to determine eligibility for federal, state and in some cases, institutional financial aid. Upon completion of the FAFSA, all Iowa residents have the option to link directly to the Iowa Financial Aid Application (IFAA). The IFAA is the State of Iowa's supplemental scholarship/grant application that collects eligibility information for specific state-funded scholarships and grants.

Instead of applying for financial aid 8 months prior to starting college, students will be able to complete the FAFSA 11 months prior.

What this change means to you and your students:

- Students who will be going to college during the 2019-20 academic year can be encouraged to complete the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2018.
- The tax questions on the 2019-20 FAFSA will ask for data from tax year 2017. The IRS retrieval tool makes it easy for students/families to access their tax data from the IRS and transfer the data directly to the FAFSA.
- Students should be aware of the college/university FAFSA deadline, the state of Iowa deadline (July 1) and any other scholarship/grant deadlines to ensure their FAFSA is submitted by the earliest deadline. Some colleges/universities will be changing their FAFSA filing deadline as a result of the early FAFSA release.

As a reminder, the official FAFSA site is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filing the FAFSA is FREE; students should never pay to submit the application. Please note: if the student and parent want to electronically sign the FAFSA, they will each need their own Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID). In order to generate an FSA ID each person will need a different email address; families can't create multiple FSA ID's with a single email address. If a parent has multiple students, the parent only needs to create one FSA ID; that ID can serve as the parent's signature on multiple student's FAFSAs. FSA ID's can be requested at any time at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>

SENIORS

During August and September I will be visiting with all seniors regarding graduation, their credits and their plans upon leaving East Buchanan. So some information for parents: if your child is looking to attend college after graduation, take a college visit with your child, they can be filling out the application materials and request our office to send their transcripts. Has your child taken the ACT, maybe they have and are considering retaking it. The Guidance Office has ACT information available or go to the following website www.actstudent.org Community Colleges do not require ACT

scores but require a placement test, Hawkeye Community College and Kirkwood Community College require the ACCUPLACER test, I have information regarding that test as well.

We post a listing of scholarships on a regular basis, this information can be found on our website, www.eastbuchananschools.com go to MiddleSchool/HighSchool, then Scholarship information.

If your child is planning to work after graduation, help them with a budget, can they afford to live on their own? Maybe your child has decided to join the military, they need to be talking with the recruiters and get their plan made.

If you have any questions about what to do or who to contact, feel free to call my office 319/935-3367.

COLLEGE VISITS

Seniors will be granted three (3) college visitation days during the year. Juniors will be granted two (2) college visitation days during the year. Students need to stop in the Guidance Office to pick up a visitation form which needs to be signed by their parent, the counselor, the college contact person and returned to the Guidance Office after their college visit.

Several colleges will also be visiting East Buchanan. Students are notified, through the daily announcements, when the visits will take place. Typically the University of Northern Iowa offers a College Fair in early September, many colleges and military branches attend this College Fair and we have taken students to gather information. Encourage your junior or senior child to sign up, it is a great way to learn about many colleges.

MS/HS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please plan to schedule a time to visit with your child's teachers, see what they are doing and find out how are they doing.



PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The PTO looks forward to another exciting year in 2018-19. With the school year fast approaching, many teachers and staff are preparing for the upcoming school year. The PTO or Parent Teacher Organization is gearing up to support their efforts and we are seeking the communities support to aid in making the school year a successful one. We are a not for profit organization this is composed of a group of parents, teachers and community members who work to raise money to help the teachers enrich student's education with a holistic opportunity above and beyond the classroom. Many of our teachers work hard and have limited resources and the PTO is there to help support their cause.

As a community, you may support our efforts by clipping the BoxTops for Education coupons that are on a variety of products and return these clippings to the school. Efforts are under way to have collection containers to be placed around the community in businesses that many of you may support in the East Buchanan School District. We are asking that you cut the coupons and return these coupons to the school and/or to these collection containers.

The PTO appreciates the community support with our fall fundraiser done annually to sell giftable and food items prior to the holiday season. We will be selling through Believe Fundraising this year and will be kicking off sales in September. Please look for Elementary students who will be out selling through a catalog this fall that contain many wonderful products. The money made from profits from the fundraiser and BoxTops for Education program goes directly to support the school and teacher's efforts. The PTO annually purchases the ribbons for field day, reduced pricing on the t-shirts worn by students and families for field day and friends and family day, a donation for post-prom activities, a field trip for students to visit the Grout Museum for their veteran's exhibit and a donation for funds for the future. In addition to these contribution, the PTO was able to provide a variety of books for Elementary classrooms libraries to have updated books which students can take home to read as well. Teachers are also able to make requests for items that they are in need of to support the learning environment throughout the year.

Please help with our efforts to enhance the learning process for the students of East Buchanan Community and please thank the teachers who put in so many hours and their own resources to help our students.

Lori Gee is our President and Nina Simmons is our Treasurer. We appreciate your support and welcome participants in our meetings. The fees are \$5.00 for a single membership and \$8.00 for a family. We are always welcoming to new members to the PTO, please indicate if you would like to join or to be notified of meeting dates and times.

Thank You!!!

Please complete the form below and return it with your membership donation made payable to the PTO.

Mail to: PTO Treasurer, Nina Simmons, 2802 275th Street Winthrop IA 50682

Name: _____

Single _____ Family _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take a moment to thank you for your previous donation(s) that have helped make our organization so successful. Your contributions (both monetary and time) have helped us accomplish many great things for our students, staff and school.

Some of our 2017 - 2018 contributions include: guest directors, music plaques, clavivova, marching band podium, dance uniforms, art display panels, Jive for Five Band performance, Funds for the Future scholarships, color guard flags and uniforms, craft/supply donation for elementary teachers, CTE Career Fair Speaker, Mock Trial Competition!

We are once again asking for your help so we can continue to support our students and staff at EB. Please consider donating to this wonderful organization!

Conductor of the Arts \$500

You will receive recognition in the music programs, \$50 gift certificate to Designs Unlimited and 4 tickets to the play.

Director of the Arts \$250

You will receive recognition on the music programs, \$25 gift certificate to Designs Unlimited and 4 tickets to the play.

State of the Arts \$100

You will receive recognition on the music programs and 4 tickets to the play.

Patrons of the Arts \$50

You will receive recognition on the music programs and 2 tickets to the play.

Friends of the Arts \$25

You will receive recognition on the music programs.

Please fill out the form below and return it to:

**Jami Crawford
Fine Arts Treasurer
2724 280th Street
Winthrop, Iowa 50682**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Level of Donation: _____

May we contact you for volunteer opportunities?

Yes _____ No _____

East Buchanan Community School 2018 Needs Assessment Survey

The following survey is designed to gather ideas and opinions of parents and community members in the East Buchanan Community School District about important aspects of the K-12 educational experience in our community.

Please take the time and fill out the survey and return to the school: East Buchanan CSD, 414 5th Street N, Winthrop, Iowa 50682 or fill out the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/2018EBSurvey> or you may access the link through our home website under district at <http://eastbuchanan schools.com/>

1. I am a...

- Parent of a student(s) enrolled at East Buchanan Community School.
- Non-Parent

- Strongly disagree
 - Not enough information to respond
- Comments:

2. My child is enrolled in the ...

- Elementary School (grades PK-5)
- Middle School (grades 6-8)
- High School (grades 9-12)

3. Overall, the East Buchanan School District's K-12 education program prepares students for college and beyond.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

4. The East Buchanan Community School District does a good job of preparing students in the area of **READING**.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

5. The East Buchanan Community School District does a good job of preparing students in the area of **MATH**.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond.

Comments:

6. The East Buchanan Community School District does a good job of preparing students in the area of **SCIENCE**.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

7. In the East Buchanan Community School District, students are generally motivated to learn.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree

8. Students in the East Buchanan Community School District are given opportunities to gain the social skills necessary to succeed in life.

- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Not enough information to respond
- Comments:

9. It seems that teachers in the East Buchanan Community School District are interested in learning better ways to teach and work with their students.

- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Not enough information to respond
- Comments:

10. The East Buchanan Community School District is open to input from parents. (Please answer with the school in mind that you have the most experience with. In the "comment" section of this question, please type which school (elementary/middle school/high school).

- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Not enough information to respond
- Comments:

11. The East Buchanan Community School District is interested in pursuing partnerships with the business community. What suggestions do you have for helping that happen?

- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Not enough information to respond
- Comments:

12. The East Buchanan Community School District's staff makes parents feel welcome in our school district.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

13. The East Buchanan Community School District does a good job of informing the public about test scores and the progress of students academically.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

14. I believe students are safe in the East Buchanan Community School District.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

15. Rules for behavior are generally enforced in the East Buchanan Community School District.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

16. The East Buchanan Community School administrators are prompt to act when problems occur.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond.

Comments:

17. Each student in the East Buchanan Community School District feels connected to at least one adult in the school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree

- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

18. The technology available at the East Buchanan Community School will prepare students well for life after high school.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

19. The East Buchanan Community School District's facilities are clean and well maintained.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

20. Students in the East Buchanan Community School District are accepting of other cultures in our school and community.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Not enough information to respond

Comments:

21. The biggest strength of the East Buchanan Community School District is...

22. The biggest challenge of the East Buchanan Community School District...

2018-2019 PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

At the district level, it is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District that parents of ALL participating children have the opportunity to be involved in the development of the district plan and the district's review process for the purpose of school improvement. The district provides coordination, technical assistance and other necessary support in the planning and implementation of parent involvement activities. The district encourages parent involvement and supports the partnership between home/school/community by providing understandable information about standards and assessments; providing training and materials, such as literacy training and use of technology, for parents to help their children and to involve other parents; educating school personnel about involving parents and the value of parent contributions; and developing meaningful roles for community organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools.

This written policy is developed, agreed upon, and distributed to parents of participating Title I children and ALL parents in the district through the back-to-school newsletter in the fall. East Buchanan believes that parents can help students succeed in the following ways:

- * by reinforcing skills taught to students
- * by learning about ideas that parents can use to help students learn
- * by supporting students and the school's effort to educate them
- * by making decisions which foster student learning
- * by providing an environment which is conducive to learning
- * by open communication regarding student progress

East Buchanan provides the following reasonable support services for parental involvement activities in the following ways and any other parent involvement activities that parents request:

- A-Team: Parents are invited to join regular and special educators, AEA personnel, administration, and other related staff to meet and discuss problem solving strategies to help students who are experiencing difficulty in school.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parents are invited to meet with classroom teachers to discuss student progress.
- Welcome Back Night: Parents are invited to find classrooms, bring supplies, and meet the teachers.
- Friends/Family Day: K-2 parents, relatives, and friends are invited to visit classrooms to view student programs.
- Parent Volunteers: Parents, grandparents, and community members are asked to volunteer time during the school day helping and mentoring students.
- Parent Visitation: Parents are encouraged to request a visitation to their student's classroom to observe learning in progress, as well as encouraged to attend parent involvement conferences.

- PTO: Parents are invited to join the Parent-Teacher Organization as they plan and prepare for activities during the year.
- Title I Open House/Parent Teacher Conferences: Parents of Title I students and their families are invited by mail to attend an annual open house. Here they learn about the requirements of the Title I program, reasons for their child's participation, and curricular instruction methods used in the program, as well as sign a Parent Compact. This compact was developed and reviewed by the Title I Parent Advisory Council. The Title I program is | evaluated at this time.
- Student Performances: Various grade levels present band and vocal music presentations for the public.
- Parents have the right to request information about the qualifications of their children's teachers and of any paraprofessionals who instruct them.

All information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent to parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

East Buchanan shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement program and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Program, and Preschool Youngsters, the Parent as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

The district will educate teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners building ties between parent and school.

The district's school improvement plan will be shared with patrons through the district's fall newsletter. Information shared will be

- * Proficiency levels for students
- * Student assessment results
- * A school performance profile
- * District performance standards



2018-2019 EQUITY INFORMATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

- March 1, 2019 – Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2019-2020 school year.
- If the student meets the definition of good cause under 281 – Iowa Administrative Code 17.4(2) because of a change in residence the application can be accepted after March 1st for the 2018-2019 school year.
- If the student will be in kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year, the application may be accepted at any time before enrollment into kindergarten and not later than September 1, 2019.

A student who transfers school districts under open enrollment in all grades 9 through 12, shall not be eligible to participate in varsity interscholastic contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer.

Parents/Guardians of open-enrolled students whose income falls below 160 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend.

PARENTAL DENIAL FORM

If for any reason you do not wish your child's name published in the paper or newsletter (Honor Roll, NHS, Honor's Recognition at Graduation, Perfect Attendance, or other), please stop in the office and fill out the required forms.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Section 9528) requires that high schools must provide military recruiters access to student names, addresses and telephone listings. Parents or students may request that this information NOT be provided without written parent/guardian consent and the districts must comply with all such requests. If you wish to make the request to withhold the release of private information to military recruiters, please stop in the High School Office and fill out the appropriate forms. (Note: Opt-Out forms are available in the HS Office. This form must be completed by October 1, 2018.

STUDENT ABUSE

Any student that has been abused either physically or sexually by a school employee shall make a written report of this to the level one investigator immediately. The level one investigator is Daniel Fox, Superintendent of Schools, or in his absence, Eric Dockstader, Secondary Principal. Report forms are available in any administrative office.

"Physical abuse" means non-accidental physical injury to the student as a result of the actions of a school employee. Physical abuse may occur as the result of intentional infliction of injury or excessive, unnecessary, or unreasonable use of force. "Sexual abuse" means any sexual offense as defined by Iowa Code chapter 709, Iowa Code section 728.12(1), or any sexual act with or directed toward a student. The term also encompasses acts of the school employee that encourage the student to engage in prostitution as defined by Iowa law.

EAST BUCHANAN COMMUNITY PARENT NOTICE

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against a person with a disability in any

program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the East Buchanan School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and/or practices of the school system.

The East Buchanan School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligations to identify, evaluate, and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to: 1) inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2) make copies of these records; 3) receive a list of the individuals having access to those records; 4) ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5) ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violated the child's rights; and 6) a hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact Daniel Fox, Section 504 Coordinator for the East Buchanan School District, at phone number 935-3767.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

All school property is held in public trust by the Board of Directors. School authorities may, without a search warrant search a student, student lockers, desks, work areas or student automobiles under the circumstances as outlined in the following regulations to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search.

It is recognized that such illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials generally cause substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors on the school premises. Items of contraband may include but are not limited to nonprescription controlled substances, such as marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, barbiturates, apparatus used for the administration of controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, weapons, explosives, poisons and stolen property. Such items are not to be possessed by a student anywhere on the school premises.

All non-maintenance searches must be based on a reasonable suspicion and be reasonable in scope.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment) marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. Individuals shall use the policy complaint form for policy number 102.E1. If you have questions or a

grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Eric Dockstader, Secondary Principal East Buchanan Community School, 414 5th St. N., Winthrop, IA 50682, 319-935-3367, edockstader@east-buc.k12.ia.us.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students of the East Buchanan Community School District are protected in their exercise of freedom of expression by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa. Understanding the meaning of the First Amendment's protection of free speech is an important part of the learning process, and school is an appropriate place for inquiry and learning through the expression and exchange of ideas. Students' expression in official school publications is specifically defined and protected under Iowa law.

It is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District that all official school publications shall be free from prior restraint by school officials except as provided by law. An editorial board comprised of participating students under the supervision of publications advisers shall be responsible for the content of official student publications. The editorial board shall be guided by the Iowa Code and by ethical standards adopted by professional associations or societies of journalism. All publications shall provide students a full opportunity for the exchange of ideas and robust debate about topics of student interest, including those that may be controversial.

Student expression in official school publications is not an expression of school policy. Schools possess a substantial educational interest in teaching student writers journalistic skills. Journalism advisers shall supervise student writers to maintain professional standards of English and Journalism and to comply with Iowa law including the restrictions against unlawful speech in Iowa Code section 280.22.

It is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District to encourage the resolution of complaints arising from the application of this policy through an appeal process. The administration is directed to develop a Code of reasonable rules including time, place, and manner restrictions respecting official student publications in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Iowa. Administrative Rules and Regulations are available in each office and may be read by any student so they understand the rules of School Publications.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

It is the policy of the East Buchanan Community School District to provide equal educational opportunities and not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status or disability in its educational programs, activities or its employment and personnel practices.

This agency shall provide program activities, a curriculum and instructional resources which will reflect the racial and cultural diversity present in the United States and the variety of careers, roles and life styles open to both men and women in our society. One of the objectives of the agency's programs, curriculum, services and teaching strategies is to reduce stereotyping and to eliminate bias on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status, and disability. The curriculum, programs and services shall foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity found in our country and an awareness of the rights, duties and responsibilities of each individual as a member of pluralistic society.

A fair and supportive environment will be provided for all students regardless of their race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status or disability. Harassment of a sexual nature or with demeaning intent related to race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status or disability, made from employee to student, from a student to employee and from one student to another is a violation.

Inquiries or grievances related to this policy may be directed to Jan Short, Winthrop, Iowa, 935-3367, to the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission or to the Director of Region VII Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Kansas City, Missouri.

QUESTIONING OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The school will cooperate with law enforcement officials in investigations involving students, while still protecting the rights of students.

Law enforcement officials will be granted permission to interview students (non-suspect) in the school setting. This generally will occur following approval of school officials and in the presence of a school official.

It shall be the responsibility of the investigator in abuse cases to determine who will be present during an interview. Officials who request an interview for a child abuse investigation and the investigator determines that the child should be interviewed independently of his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) and the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, school officials will allow the investigation without contacting the parent(s) or guardian(s).

While school officials generally will allow interviews of students (non-suspects) without parental notification, law enforcement has the responsibility to notify parents of any interrogation of minors. The school will do everything possible to see that parents are notified prior to any interrogation of student. In the event that parents are not available, a school administrator shall be present at the interview and serve as an advocate of the student.

TITLE 1 NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

The East Buchanan Community School will provide the following information to parents upon request.

- Information on professional qualifications of their student's classroom teacher.
- State teacher qualifications and licensing criteria for subject areas and grade level.
- Degrees and certification held by teachers and area of discipline.
- Information about teachers who are teaching with conditional licenses.
- Qualifications of paraprofessionals who provide services to students.
- Information on student performance levels on each state assessment.
- Timely notice of 4 or more weeks of teaching by teachers not fully qualified.
- When a child is placed in a Limited English Proficient Program.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2018

- Monday, September 3 No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 4 XC @ Central City - 4:45 pm
Freshman VB @ Ed-Co w/Cascade - 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 6 MS VB @ Alburnett - 4:00 pm
VB @ Bellevue Marquette - 5:15 pm
Friday, September 7 V FB (H) Ed-Co - 7:00 pm
Monday, September 10 5th Grade Instrument Night - 5:00 pm
JV FB (H) Ed-Co - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 11 XC @ Starmont w/MS - 4:00 pm
MS VB (H) Starmont - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 12 HS Academic Awards, HS gym - 8:15 am
Thursday, September 13 MS VB @ Ed-Co - 4:00 pm
XC @ Central Elkader w/MS - 4:30 pm
MS FB (H) Starmont - 4:30 pm
VB (H) Midland - 5:15 pm
Friday, September 14 V FB @ Grundy Center - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 15 V VB @ Gladbrook-Reinbeck - 9:00 am
JV VB @ Starmont Tournament - 9:00 am
Monday, September 17 JV FB @ Grundy Center - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 18 School Pictures - PK/Elementary
MS VB (H) Maquoketa Valley - 4:00 pm
XC @ CPU w/MS - 4:15 pm
VB (H) North Linn - 5:15 pm
Wednesday, September 19 School Pictures - PK/MS/HS
Thursday, September 20 MS VB (H) North Linn - 4:00 pm
MS FB @ Alburnett - 4:30 pm
VB @ Springville - 5:15 pm
Friday, September 21 V FB (H) North Tama - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 22 XC @ Independence w/MS - 8:45 am
Monday, September 24 JV FB (H) Jesup - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 25 MS VB @ Springville - 4:00 pm
XC @ Jesup w/MS - 4:15 pm
VB (H) Alburnett - 5:15 pm

- Thursday, September 27 MS VB (H) Central City - 4:00 pm
MS FB (H) North Linn - 4:30 pm
VB @ Central City - 5:15 pm
Friday, September 28 V FB (H) GMG - Homecoming - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 29 5 Seasons Marching Band, CR
Homecoming Dance

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- Monday, October 1 MS FB @ Ed-Co - 4:30 pm
JV FB (H) GMG - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 2 MS VB (H) Alburnett - 4:00 pm
XC @ West Delaware - 4:15 pm
VB @ Starmont - 5:15 pm
Wednesday, October 3 Early Dismissal - 1:30 pm
MS/HS P/T Conferences - 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday, October 4 MS VB @ Starmont - 4:00 pm
MS FB (H) Lisbon - 4:30 pm
VB (H) Ed-Co - 5:15 pm
Friday, October 5 V FB @ BCLUW - 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 6 State HS Marching Band, Dubuque
V VB @ Hudson Tournament - 9:30 am
Monday, October 8 V FB @ BCLUW - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 9 VB @ Maquoketa Valley - 5:15 pm
Wednesday, October 10 MS/HS P/T Conferences - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday, October 11 Conference XC @ Ed-Co w/MS - 4:00 pm
MS FB @ GMG (Garwin) -4:30 pm
Conference VB @ TBD
Friday, October 12 V FB @ Wapsie Valley - 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 13 Conference VB @ TBD
Monday, October 15 No School - PD
JV FB @ Wapsie Valley - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 16 Regional VB @ TBD
Thursday, October 18 State Qualifying XC @ TBD
Friday, October 19 V FB (H) Hudson (Sr. Night) - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 23 School Picture, Retakes
MS/HS Fall Concert, Vocal/Band - 7:00 pm

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