CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT PACK INFORMATION

BACK TO SCHOOL!!



ELEMENTARY

Ms. Emily Bryant: 1st grade
Ms. Brooke Baugh: 5th grade
Mrs. Libby Lotter: 6th grade

JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Josh Schliefert: H.S. Math Mr. Jacob Belvery: Jr/Sr High ELA (7 LA, 10 English) Mrs. Allison Dworak: Journalism / Digital Media Mr. Mark Skiles: H.S. Science (Biological Sciences)

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Greg Huskey, most previously our 9-12 Science teacher, for his service and dedication to the Conestoga District community over the past 32 years!!

Enjoy retirement Mr. Huskey!

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HAPPY SUMMER CONESTOGA FAMILIES

SUPERINTENDENT, DR. BETH JOHNSEN

We're less than 4 weeks away from starting school on August 18, 2021 (with an early dismissal day)! School days will be the regular Tuesdays through Fridays, with the Elementary days at 8:00A to 3:45P and the Jr Sr High days at 7:50 to 4:00P

We're truly excited to start an exceptional school year and we want to have early information out to families about our School Startup Plan that involves possible COVID limits. We've met with the County Health Director and the District Pandemic Team to review and share the current recommendations:

- 1. Face masks will be optional
- 2. Buildings will continue to practice safe social-distancing protocols

These main 2 pieces of information are supported by Governor Ricketts and our Sarpy/Cass County Health Director. Nebraska's DHM expired and the Governor does not have a mask mandate. The DHHS is highly encouraging vaccinations and is advising families to have their 12–18-year-old children vaccinated as a preventative measure to quarantining and contracting COVID19.

Quick Information: At this point, masks will be a parent-choice for their children. We will follow the directives of the County Health Director if a positive case affects students and classes. Contact-tracing will be done and families will be notified by the Sarpy/Cass Health Department and/or Conestoga Public Schools. Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine if they have been verified as a close contact of a positive case (but are asked to monitor symptoms). The Health Director may recommend the following if your child(ren) are within a group or class that were exposed to a positive case: monitor symptoms, and/or wear a mask at school, and/or quarantine. Each positive case, through the contact-tracing and the number of positive cases within the school or county will dictate the recommendation.

Conestoga will do our best to minimize the spread of the virus as we know all families will monitor their children's symptoms before sending them to school daily. If we work together to maintain a zero to very low caseload, we can keep our community safe. It will take all of us to maintain this plan!

More information will be updated and posted on the district website: www.conestogacougars.org

Celebrating the Beginning of an Exciting School Year!

The District's homeless liaison is Dr. Beth Johnsen, Superintendent. Students in homeless situations who require assistance should contact the liaison at 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992 or in person at Conestoga District Office 8404 42nd Murray, NE 68409

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are currently being accepted for substitute clerical, paraprofessionals, food service and teachers. Interested applicants should contact the Superintendent's office, 8404 42nd Street, P.O. 184, Murray NE, call 235-2992 or 227-2992 to file an application. Conestoga Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A substitute is a person that can be called to help out on specific days.

All Board of Education Policies are available on the school district website at www.conestogacougars.org under the Board of Education tab

POLICY 5052: SCHOOL WELLNESS
The policy is also available in printed form in each building office. The superintendent is responsible for coordinating the implementation of this policy and for monitoring the district's progress in meeting the goals established by this policy. The superintendent will periodically report to the board on the district's progress in implementing this policy

POLICY 5045: STUDENT FEES The District's general policy is to provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution. The District also provides activities, programs and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free Instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide non specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches and sponsors for further regulations.

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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:

If a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, the student will be provided and charged for up to five limited "courtesy meals," such as a plain sandwich. Thereafter, if a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided. 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 a 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.

CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHILD FIND

In compliance with Nebraska State Statutes and the Nebraska Department of Education Rules and Regulations, all children with disabilities (birth to age 21), residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or wards of the State and children with disabilities attending nonpublic schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, shall be located, identified, and evaluated. A practical method shall be developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services. For infants and toddlers, districts shall demonstrate targeted efforts to meet the needs of children from historically under served populations, particularly minority, low-income, inner-city and rural populations, and children with disabilities who are wards of the state. 92NAC 51-006.01 If you, as a district resident, believe that you have a child who may need special education services, please contact Amanda Wright, Director of Student Services, at 402-235-2271 for more information regarding these services.

TEXTBOOK LOAN

Pursuant to NDE Rule-4, the Conestoga Public Schools participate in the textbook loan to private school children attending an approved private school under NDE Rule 10. To make application of loan of textbooks, contact the Superintendent of Schools.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individual who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust_html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT IS A LAW!!

All new enrolling students and kindergarten students must provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other reliable proof of the student's identity and age accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate. There is a thirty day period in which this may occur. Failure to comply shall cause the school district to notify the parents or guardian in writing. If after ten days, compliance has not occurred, the matter shall be reported to the local law enforcement agency. There is an immunity clause protecting schools from civil or criminal liability.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICALS

Students enrolling in the school district shall submit proof of immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, and chicken pox (varicella) as required by law. The student may be admitted provisionally to the school if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. *Contact the school office for a summary of school immunization rules and regulations. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. Students enrolling in preschool, kindergarten, beginner grade, 7th grade or students transferring to any grade in the district from out of state shall have a physical examination by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner within six months prior to the entrance and provide proof of such an examination to the school district.

A physical form stating the results of a physical examination and signed by a physician, physician assistant, or an advance practice registered nurse must be on file before the first day of school at Conestoga Public Schools. The physical exam may be waived in writing. The sports physicals may NOT be waived. Students entering school for the first time, including kindergartners and transfer students from out of state, will be required to provide proof of a vision evaluation taken within six months prior to the student's entrance. The vision evaluation may be waived in writing. Additional information is available from the school office and Parent-Student Handbook, which each student will receive the first day of school.

A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MR. ERIC DENNIS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is my pleasure to welcome you and your child(ren) to the start of another school year at Conestoga Elementary! The beginning of the school year is always full of anticipation and excitement.

The elementary will begin this year with a kindergarten orientation on August 11th from 5-7. This orientation is for kindergarten students only. We will begin in the gym with an information meeting for the parents and conclude with a meet and greet with your child's teacher. On August 12th we will have an open house for students in grades 1-6 from 5-7. I encourage all parents and students to come meet their teacher at the open house. Please bring your school supplies with you on your open house night.

We will continue to have our arrival and dismissal procedures be the same as last year. For arrival, student drop off begins no earlier than 7:45 a.m. Parents should remain in their cars. Students are not to be walked to their classrooms by parents or guardians. Walking parents should bid farewell at the front doors and not escort students to classrooms.

When picking up your child(ren) after school, stay in your vehicles and wait in line. When parents are getting out of their vehicles it causes too much congestion and slows down the pick-up process. As you enter into the parking lot, make sure your car tag is visible, which you will receive at open house, and a staff member will tell you a number to pull to up to where your child(ren) will be waiting. If you live in town and walk to pick up your child(ren) wait at the South light pole and your child(ren) will walk to you. If you chose to park to pick up your child(ren), please park in the street by the park and walk to the South light pole to pick up your child(ren). This will ensure that children are not running across the street without supervision. We appreciate you cooperating with us to make sure the dismissal process is safe.

Class lists will be posted on the East doors at 5:00 on Friday, August 6th.In order to ensure proper balance, class lists will not be finalized until this time. Please remember in the interest of fairness, I do not accept parent requests.

Joining the staff this year will be Ms. Emily Bryant, Ms. Brooke Baugh and Mrs. Libby Lotter. I am excited to welcome these three great teachers to the Conestoga Elementary team.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the 12th. Enjoy the rest of the summer.



A NOTE FROM THE JR./SR. HIGH PRINCIPAL

MR. ROB GEISE

Dear Conestoga Jr/Sr High Families,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! My name is Mr. Rob Geise and I am the Jr/Sr High Principal at Conestoga Public Schools. Conestoga is a special place and it's an honor and a privilege to serve the students of the district. I couldn't be prouder of the perseverance and flexibility shown by our students and parents last school year. However, it reemphasized how much better we can be and how much more productive we are when we work together. Because of this, our theme heading into the 2021-2022 school year is "Better Together".

The staff and I are excited for the school year! We promise you that your child will not only receive the education they deserve, but a safe and caring environment as well. We take pride in providing a "student-centered" environment. Teaching is focused on research-based best practices to ensure all students are growing and reaching their full potential. The technology we possess and the training our teachers receive supplements and enhances the learning environment.

Our goal is to inspire and prepare students for life. Whether it be academic, extra-curricular or personal, we will work hard to provide resources and support so every student grows and reaches their highest level of proficiency. The high expectations we possess, as well as the rules and procedures we have in place, enable our school to run efficiently and safely.

Finally, we ask that you to take an active role in your child's educational endeavors. We strive to be transparent in our communication and encourage you to communicate with us as well. With your support and involvement, we can ensure your child is successful and has a positive experience. The school webpage is a great place to find important information pertaining to the school. The website is www.conestogacougars.org. While reviewing the website, please review the Student-Parent Handbook under the Jr/Sr High tab which outlines the procedures and practices of Conestoga Jr/Sr High School.

A suggested materials list can be found below as well as important dates regarding the upcoming school year. In addition, reminders will come via ParentSquare. I'm looking forward to an outstanding school year. Go Cougars!

SUGGESTED MATERIALS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

ALL STUDENTS

Spiral notebooks (one per class)
Pencils and pens (avoid red ink)
TI-34 Calculator (To ensure consistency within our Math Curriculum)
A small box of tissues for student's hallway locker
Book covers for textbooks
Change of clothes and clean gym shoes if enrolled in a PE / Weights classes

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 10: 5:30 pm 7th Grade Orientation

August 11: 9am - 12 pm Technology Check-Out for 8-12 Grade Students

August 12: 5pm - 7 pm Open House

August 18: 7:50 am Student First Day of School (2pm Dismissal)

7TH AND 8TH GRADE ADD:

A "Trapper-Keeper" style of notebook A Daily Planner if the student chooses Other materials may be requested by a classroom teacher

"Better Together"

There is nothing better than being a part of the Conestoga family! The Conestoga School District is full of great kids, great parents and great staff. Every day we walk into the building we have a responsibility to be our best and give our best. However, it's important to remember that we can't do it alone. At Conestoga Jr/Sr High School, we're "Better Together".

Needing help isn't a sign of weakness, rather a sign of strength. Failing isn't the end, rather an avenue to grow and learn. Celebrating our accomplishments together is much more gratifying than celebrating alone. Together, we will inspire each other to push ourselves harder and achieve more than we ever thought possible.

<u>Students:</u> It's tough being a student and it's important to remember that the entire Conestoga staff is here to help our students accomplish their goals and to support them when they need it. It's also important the students support each other and push each other to be their best. A culture where students support and push each other to be their best will lead to a culture of greatness!

Staff: The entire staff relies on each other to get better! It's our job to do what's best for the students of Conestoga Public Schools. Through collaboration we not only sharpen skills as they pertain to best practices in the classroom, but collaborate to better understand strategies to meet the individual needs of all our students. Teaching is hard and teachers need support too. Whether it be students supporting teachers, parents supporting teachers, or teachers supporting teachers, they're all vital for success in the classroom.

<u>Parents:</u> The school needs you and your child needs you. We're in this together and the more we can work together to help your child, the more successful we will be!

My hope is that you have an outstanding 2021-2022 school year. We are on this journey together and at Conestoga Jr/Sr High School, we are always "Better Together"!

We ARE conestoga!

CONESTOGA CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENTMRS. LISA BERGMEYER

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope your summer has been restful and your family is ready for a great school year! Here is a brief overview of resources and assessments utilized at Conestoga. If you are interested in learning more about the curriculum resources utilized at Conestoga please check out our curriculum website at: https://sites.google.com/conestogacougars.org/conestogas-curriculum/home This site includes links to the teacher's contact information, the Nebraska State Standards, and the course offerings for the Junior Senior High.

Conestoga Public Schools utilizes various assessment systems to ensure not only student growth, academically and emotionally, but also mastery of Nebraska State Standards. The results of these assessments allow teachers and staff to prepare instructional strategies that will best engage the students of Conestoga. Although the assessment periods may seem long, we strive to ensure that valuable classroom instruction time is not lost due to "all the testing". Teachers will inform students of their approaching test date and begin recommendations for testing tips such as a good night's sleep and an energizing breakfast! Attached you will find a brief description of the assessments, the purpose, and the testing windows. If you have any questions regarding the assessments please reach out to me at lbergmeyer@conestogacougars.org.

Thank you for supporting the students and staff of Conestoga! Mrs. Lisa Bergmeyer Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Conestoga School District's 2021-202 Tentative Assessment Schedule

Conestoga School District's 2021-202 Tentative Assessment Schedule				
Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Testing Window(s)	Purpose	
NWEA Map Growth Testing	3rd-11th *2nd	Fall: August 24th-September 15th Winter: December 1st-15th Spring: May 10th-20th for grades 2nd, 9th, and 10th	The purpose of MAP Growth is to determine what the student knows and is ready to learn next in the areas of Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science. MAP Growth can track students' individual growth over time — wherever they are starting from and regardless of the grade they are in. For 3rd grade students, this information is used to determine qualifications for an Individualized Reading Intervention Plan per the state of Nebraska.	
AIMS Web Plus	K-2nd	Fall: August August 24th- September 1st Winter: December 1st-15th (January if needed) Spring: May 4th-14th	AimsWeb Plus is used for benchmarking, universal screening, diagnosing strengths and weaknesses in Reading and Math, and for progress monitoring. This information is used to determine qualifications for an Individualized Reading Intervention Plan per the state of Nebraska.	
Pre-Act	11th 10th	September or OctoberTBA March -TBA	PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects.	
ACT	11th	April 5th In case of emergency, April 19th	The purpose of the ACT test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. College admissions officers will review standardized test scores. In Nebraska, all Juniors are required to take the test.	
NAEP	4th, 8th, and 12th	Random Selection by Department of Education	The NAEP reading assessment measures the reading and comprehension skills of students in grades 4, 8, and 12 by asking them to read selected grade-appropriate passages and answer questions based on what they have read.	
NSCAS MAP Growth	3rd-8th	March 21st- May 6th	The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), pronounced "en-skass," is a new statewide assessment system that embodies Nebraska's holistic view of students and helps them prepare for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life. This assessment works cohesively with the Spring NWEA MAP assessment for these grades.	
ASVAB	11th	January- TBD	The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude	

			Battery (ASVAB) is a heavily researched and well-respected aptitude test developed by the Department of Defense. It measures a young adult's strengths and potential for success in military training.
ELPA-21	K-12 identified students	February 7th-March 18th	The English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) is the assessment used in Nebraska to measure English proficiency. The ELPA21 is an online assessment that measures English proficiency in the four domains of listening, reading, writing, and speaking.
SAEBERS	K-12	October, February, May by teachers and students	The SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) is a brief and efficient tool for universal screening of student risk for social-emotional and behavioral problems for students in Grades K through 12. Behavior and academic success are intimately connected and need to be intelligently addressed together. The SAEBRS is grounded in this conceptual model, which specifies that school success is predicated not just upon academic achievement, but also success within multiple inter-related behavioral domains. SAEBRS may be used to evaluate students' overall general behavior, as well as risk for problems.
OLSAT	*3rd-6th *identified students	After benchmarks *identified students	The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) is a multiple-choice K-12 assessment that measures reasoning skills with several different types of verbal, non-verbal, figural, and quantitative reasoning questions. It is designed to assess a child's performance across a wide variety of reasoning skill sets. The OLSAT is utilized for admissions into gifted and talented programs.

Additional Assessments Used at Conestoga

Assessment	Program	Purpose
Reading Placement Assessments	 Early Interventions in Reading Corrective Reading REWARDS Phonics for Reading 	Administered to K-8 students to determine qualification for a reading intervention based on AIMS Web Plus and/or

	Imagine Learning	NWEA. • Used for progress monitoring throughout
Formative Assessments	 Journeys Into Math Elevate Science My World Nebraska Standards Referenced assessments 	Administered K-12 to assess student understanding of Nebraska state standards on a weekly to bi-weekly basis.

CONESTOGA ELEMENTARY STUDENT SUPPLIES 2021-2022

IT IS SUG<mark>GES</mark>TED ELEMENT<mark>ARY</mark> STUDENTS BRING A BOOKBAG TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.
STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR TENNIS SHOES ON P.E. DAYS. A SECOND PAIR OF SHOES MAY BE KEPT AT SCHOOL.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

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1 pkg of dry erase markers

Full size back pack

1 pkg Pipsqueak skinny markers

1 box of crayons

4 glue sticks

1 Skinny black EXPO dry erase marker

Large Bookbag (label please)- MUST HAVE

Beach towel or small blanket NO PILLOW- MUST HAVE

Bring 1-2 snacks each month for entire class (sealed & individually wrapped)

1 bottle of glue

1 box of facial tissue

4 pack Playdoh

3 pink eraser

1 box of 24 crayons

PRESCHOOL

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

Bring the following donated items according to the first letter of your child's last name (Do not label)

A-H

Foam Stickers (ABC)
1 bag of uncooked rice

I-O
Foam stickers (animal or character)
Stickers (animal or character)

Jumbo self adhesive jewels

Gallon ziplock bags Quart ziplock bags

P-Z

KINDERGARTEN

Sandwich ziplock bags

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

2 boxes 200 ct facial tissue

3 glue sticks

1 container of Playdoh

1 bottle of Elmers glue

1 pkg markers

1 pair child size scissors

wet wipes

*Bring the following donated items according to the first letter of your last name. (Do not label)

A-M Quart ziplock bags N-Z Gallon ziplock bags

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

Bookbag

Scissors

2 boxes low odor dry erase markers

1 fun folder

4 pink rectangular erasers

4 three pronged plastic folders (1 green, 1 purple, 1 blue, 1 red)

2 boxes of 24 crayons

36 #2 pencils (good quality)

3 glue sticks

Markers

Colored pencils

Pencil box

1 pkg of 4 highlighters

FIRST GRADE

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

1 large box/bag of individually wrapped class snacks

2-200 ct facial tissue

Earphones (their own set) headset style prefered

Magic erasers

Ziplock bags (sandwich or quart)

*Bring the following donated items according to the first letter of your last name. (Do not label)

A-M Gallon ziplock bags

N-Z Sandwich ziplock bags

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

1 box of colored pencils

1 box of 24 crayons

24 #2 pencils (good quality)

4 large erasers

1 box of washable markers

1 set of earbuds/headphones (will be their own

pair)

2 wide ruled spiraled notebooks

Scissors

Bookbag

2 "fun/fancy" folders

2 plain folders

8 glue sticks

1 bottle of glue

Pencil box

1 box low odor dry erase markers

1 plain white t-shirt (your childs size)

SECOND GRADE

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

1 box of ziplock bags (quart)

2 boxes of 200 ct facial tissue

1 set of earbuds/headphones (will be their own pair)

NO TRAPPER KEEPERS

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

Book bag (Label)

1 box of crayons

24 Ticonderoga #2 pencils

1 large eraser

2 plastic folder

1 box of colored pencils

1 pair of scissors

2 glue sticks

1 box of markers

1 pair of earphone or headphones (Label)

1 pkg low odor dry erase markers

1 pencil box

THIRD GRADE

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

2 boxes of facial tissue

1 box of ziplock bags (gallon, quart, or sandwich size)

FOURTH GRADE

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

Bookbag

Sharp point, good quality scissors

1 box of 24 crayons

24 sharpened #2 pencils (good quality NO MECHANICAL)

1 pkg of large erasers

5 plain colored pocket folders

1"fun" folder

3 1 subject spiral notebook

4 glue sticks

1 pkg WIDE ruled notebook paper

1 pkg highlighters (multiple colors)

2 boxes of odorless dry erase markers

Markers
Pencil bag or box
1 box of colored pencils
Headphones (Label)
1 pkg 3x5 notecards
1 bottle of glue
2 red pens
1 reusable water botte (Label)

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1 plain white t-shirt (your childs size)

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS

2 boxes 200 ct facial tissue 1 box of ziplock bags (quart)

baby wipes Post It notes

FIFTH GRADE

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

1 box of colored pencils

24 #2 pencils (good quality)

1 box of crayons

1"fun" folder

1 accordion folder or 4 pocket folders

3 spiral bound wide line notebooks

1 box of markers

2 pkg of colored ink pens

Pencil bag (no boxes)

1 pkg of highlighters (multiple colors)

Scissors

4 glue sticks

4 large erasers

Bookbag

1 box of dry erase markers

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS
2 boxes of 200 ct facial tissue

SIXTH GRADE

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

2 3 subject notebooks

Accordion folder or trapper kepper w/ folders

Scissors

Pencils

Blue or black pens

1 pkg markers

1 pkg of colored pencils

2 highlighters

Ruler w/ centimeters & inches

Glue sticks or bottle

1 pkg of notebook paper

2 1 subject notebook (at least 100 pages)

Book covers (optional)

Pencil box or bag

SUGGESTED DONATED ITEMS
2 boxes of 200 ct facial tissue

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Some of these items are consumable and we recommend they be replaced periodically throughout the year.

P.O. BOX 164 MURRAY, NE. 68409 OFFICE 402-235-2206

Transportation Managers, Don and Nancy Schultz

- · All bus routes are scheduled by the transportation managers. If you want your child to ride the bus, you MUST register, even if you child rode previously This is to avoid confusion regarding students who may have moved or are attending another school district.
- · New Families may contact the Transportation Office at 402-235-2206 to arrange transportation. There is no charge for transportation at Conestoga.
- · It is requested that children are at his or her bus stop five minutes prior to their scheduled time. The bus may arrive 5 minutes prior to your scheduled pickup time or up to 5 minutes after.
- · We do require a courtesy phone call if your child is not going to be on the bus in the A.M. One or two miles makes a huge difference in time for our rural routes.
- · If your child is only going to ride once or twice a week, we would prefer to have you on our WILL CALL list. If you are not sure if your child will ride the bus this year, complete the Paperwork so your house will be added to a route but, your child will be on the WILL CALL list until you notify transportation that you are ready to become a part of the bus route.

We have had families that Option In from another district request transportation. Our guidelines are:

- · If you live on an existing route, you may ride the bus.
- · If you live close to an existing route, you may meet the bus and ride.
- · The school district will not expand a route to include an option student.

Call 402-235-2206 if you need to find out where the nearest bus route is.



ALL STUDENTS WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION MUST REGISTER, EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED LAST SCHOOL YEAR.

BUSING SERVICE REQUEST FORM

This form MUST be filled out for ALL busing requests, even if your child(ren) rode the bus previously. If you think that some time during the year you will be using the bus service, please fill out the form and we will put you on the WILL CALL.

Please complete and return to: First Student School Bus

P.O. Box 164

Murray, NE 68409

	Parent/Guardian Name:	
Directions from Murray to Residence: (be specific: miles, side of road you live on, etc.) Children's Names Grade Date to begin riding the bus: Additional information that might be helpful while transporting your child(ren) to and from school on the bus:	Residence Address:	
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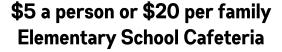
Conestoga Public Schools contracts busing services through First Student School Bus, Inc.

Please contact Don or Nancy Schultz at 402-235-2206, if your child(ren) will not be riding the bus or if you have any concerns regarding the busing service you are receiving.



TACO BAR

School Open House August 12th 4:30-7:00 pm





Help support the Conestoga TeamMates Mentoring Program

Be there...
be there for a kid like me
show up. listen
remind me I have unique potential
help me see my strength



Mentor a young person once a week at Conestoga. We currently have 6 students who are waiting to be matched with a mentor. For more information, or to apply online, visit www.teammates.org or email our TeamMates coordinator, Deb Leffler at dleffler@conestogacougars.org There are many ways to get involved with TeamMates to make a presentation at your work, civic group or buisness.

A great place to feed your family and fill out all that paperwork!

CHILD FIND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND 504 ACCOMMODATION PLANS

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES, MRS. AMANDA WRIGHT

Child Find for Special Education Services and 504 Accommodation Plans

Conestoga Public Schools has a duty to locate, evaluate and identify any child residing in the District who qualifies for Special Education services or any child attending the public schools who may require Section 504 accommodations or services.

Children who may be eligible for special education include those children with disabilities including autism, deaf-blindness, deafness, developmental delay, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech or language impairment, specific learning disability, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment who, because of such an impairment, need special education services.

Children who may be eligible for Section 504 accommodations or services include those children who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.

If you suspect your child has a disability and may need special education services or 504 accommodations, or if you would like additional information, please contact the District's Student Services Director, Amanda Wright at 402-235-2271.

CONESTOGA COUGARS ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, MR. JASON AHRENS

Parents/Guardians of 7th-12th grade students,

To participate in activities at Conestoga students must meet certain requirements. This information and other important information can be found below.

All students in grades 7-12 that participate in an activity are required to pay an annual participation fee this is mandated by the Conestoga School Board Policy 5045. The fee is a one-time fee and is the same amount regardless of how many activities a student participates in. For high school students it is a \$50 fee and for junior high students the fee is \$30. With this fee the student will receive an activity pass at the time of payment that will allow them access to all home sporting events, excluding tournaments, and district competitions. If your family qualifies for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, this fee may be waived if the proper paperwork is completed at the Conestoga District Office.

Additional paperwork needed to make sure your son/daughter is able to participate in the first practice of the season includes a completed physical exam (After May 1, 2021) for all 7th- 12th graders, NSAA Parent Consent form, and school waivers these forms can be turned in directly to the coaches of their sport/ the high school office. Any student that does not have these completed forms on file with the high school WILL NOT be allowed to participate in practice or contests. The student will still be required to attend practice during this time.

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

If you have a son/daughter in the grades 9-12 that plans on participating in a fall sport please request membership to their sport specific TeamApp. Fall practices are set to begin on August 9th. If you have any sport specific questions please direct them to the appropriate coach.

Football- Trent Clausen, tclausen@conestogacougars.org Softball- Sarah Dewispelare, sdewispelare@conestogacougars.org Cross Country- Ryan Burns, rburns@conestogacougars.org Volleyball- Kyleigh Lewis, klewis@conestogacougars.org

Junior High Information

If you have a son/daughter in grade 7/8 that plans on participating in football, volleyball, or cross country this fall practices will not begin until after the start of the school year. Informational meeting times will be communicated during the first week of school.

We appreciate the support you give to our studentathletes. If you have any questions please let me know.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORMS

Insurance is available through Student Assurance Services for Conestoga students, at parent expense. available through each building office. Premium costs for each plan are:

Full-time Coverage no sports	Grades PK-12	\$99.00
Full time Coverage with all int	terscholastic sports (except 9-	\$174.00
12 football School-time Cover	rage Grades PK-12	\$16.00
School-time Coverage with al	l sports (except 9-12	\$91.00
Football Coverage	Gr. 9-12 Football	\$250.00
Coverage		
(football, grades 7 & 8	are covered by the All Sports	\$9.00
Coverage) Extended Dental	Grades PK-12	

All Middle School and High School athletes must show evidence of insurance before any participation in sports is allowed. This insurance policy acts as secondary insurance to existing policies held by

NEBRASKA 'S CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

CHIP is health care coverage for qualified children who are without other health insurance and who do not qualify for Medicaid. Federally called the Children's health Insurance Program (CHIP), it provides the same services covered under Medicaid. For more information about the Nebraska Children's Health Insurance Program, call the toll-free number 1-855-632-7633.



SEASON PASSES

Student Activity Card	\$30.00 (K-8)
Covers admission into most extracurricular events. ***Recommended for all students not involved in activities.	\$50.00 (9-12)
Student Participation Fee	\$50.00 (Adult) \$30.00 (7-8)
The student participation fee includes a student activity card which covers	\$50.00 (9-12)
admission into all extracurricular events.	
The student participation fee is required of all students who participate in a	thletics and/or
extracurricular activities. (Maximum \$200 per family)	

Gate prices: Varsity \$4 students; \$5 adults Lower Level: \$3 students and 4 adults



2021-2022 Conestoga Booster Club Membership Application

Conestoga Booster Club is a non-profit organization that supports all Junior and Senior High students by encouraging School Spirit and Participation by providing support to all activities within our school.

Become a Member Today!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. All members receive a reminder email about meeting dates and times with previous meeting minutes attached.

Stay Informed - Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Team App and through monthly emails.

Examples of Support - Funding for HUDL program for coaches and athletes, athletic uniforms and warm ups, camera to film live stream games, buzzers for Quiz Bowl, hotel stay for junior high cross country, weight room equipment, milk and PB&J program for all strength and conditioning classes, school record boards, Homecoming support and school scholarships. In addition, we organize and provide meals during Parent Teacher Conferences, host events to create awareness and provide recognition of activities, and provide all organizations the opportunity to work concessions (all equipment purchased by the Booster Club) so that they can raise funds for their activity. Check out the new membership for Junior High Parents!

Support ALL Conestoga Activities by becoming a Booster Today! Get ONE FREE Activities Pass (Value \$50, free admission to all home activities) by selecting either GOLD Membership Level!

Levels of Participation	Junior High Family Membership \$30	High School Maroon Level \$60	High School Gold Membership 1 Activity Pass Included Individual \$110	High School Gold Membership 1 Activity Pass Included Family \$125
One Activity Pass Included				
Booster Club T-Shirt		(A)	(A)	x2
Listed on LED Big Screen	EX			5
Listed on Sports Rosters				62
Exclusive Tailgate Events				
Included on Meeting Emails				
Voting Privileges				(A)

Junior High	Maroon	Gold Indiv.	Gold Family
Family Membership	Membership	Membership	Membership
□ \$30	□ \$60	□ \$110	□ \$125

Return form w/check to: Conestoga Booster Club Conestoga Jr/Sr High PO Box 40 Murray NE 68409 Venmo @conestoga-boosterclub

Name(s) as they will ap	pear for recognition_		
Address			
Phone Number		_Email(s)	
Student	Grade	Student	Grade
Student	Grade	Size of T-shirt(s)	(unisex sizing)

School Meals at No Charge for All Students

Effective for School Year 2021-22, Conestoga Public Schools will serve meals at no charge to enrolled students. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved use of the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which allows local school districts to provide no-cost meals to all enrolled students for the duration of the 2021-22 school year.

The new school year requires a new meal application. Although school meals will be provided at no cost to all children, school funding depends on completed meal applications. It is important to submit a complete SY2021-22 meal application as soon as possible.

- Only one meal application is needed for each household.
- Applications are available online at www.conestogacougars.org

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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31 Corn Dogs Tatar Tots Brownie Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	24 Chicken Sandwich Tri-Tatars Gold fish Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk			TUESDAY Salad Bar offered everyday to all 3rd thru 12th graders
	25 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	18 Nachos Corn Fruit Snack Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	Welcome Back	WEDNESDAY
	26 Fiestada Green Beans Cookie Dough Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	19 Crispito Lettuce Salad Frozen Juice Cup Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	K-6	THURSDAY
	27 Personal Pizza Lettuce Salad Bomb Pop Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk	20 Popcorn Chicken California Vegetables W/ Cheese Sauce Pretzel Fruit and Vegetable bar Milk		FRIDAY

CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH PROGRAM

Welcome back to a new and exciting year! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from our local health department the school lunch program is launching the school year off a little differently. This year, each student will be served the same meals exactly as stated on the lunch menu. The only exception will be items substituted for those students with food allergies and intolerances. There will be no choices between menu items as in the past. Purchasing of a la carte items must done when initially going through the lunch line. There will be no returning for seconds or a la carte purchases.

2021-22 Breakfast and Lunch Pricing

Meal Prices		<u>a la carte Pric</u>	<u>es</u>
Student Breakfast	\$2.20	Milk	\$.45
K-6 Student Lunch	\$3.05	Main Dish	\$2.50
7-12 Student Lunch	\$2.70	Vegetables	\$.85
		String Cheese	\$.65
Adult Breakfast	\$2.70	Chips	\$ 1.00
Adult Lunch	\$3.80	Cookies	\$.55

Students are required to have funds available in their lunch account at the beginning of the school year. Funds can be sent with the child in an envelope marked as lunch money or deposited via the online e~Funds payment portal. The link for e-Funds is located on the Conestoga Public Schools website at www.conestogacougars.org located under the "About Us" tab and titled "e-Funds Link". On a mobile device, you may need to select view full site and then click on the menu icon on the top left corner to access the e-funds link. The direct URL for the Conestoga Public Schools e~Funds page is https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/55934/. In order to establish your e~Funds account, a parent or guardian will need to contact the Food Service Manager, Mary Meisinger at 402-235-2341 or the District Office at 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992, to request the student numbers for each student in the household. This student number is different from the student's lunch and Powerschool code and allows the parent or guardian to link their payment portal with their student's lunch account. A parent registration guideline is located on the login page and can further assist you with the log on procedure. There are charges assessed to the parent or guardian for using e~Funds. The fee schedule for e~Funds is as follows:

- Credit or Debit Card Payments: Flat fee of \$2.65 per each \$100 transaction.
- ACH Checking or Savings Account Payments: Flat fee of \$1.00 per each \$100 transaction.
- Uncollectible Payment Fee: \$2.50 charged to the school and paid by the parent or guardian.
- Not Sufficient Funds Fee: \$35.00 charges to the school and paid by the parent or guardian

The district assigns every student a lunch code that they key into the computer when they purchase breakfast or lunch each day. Each purchase deducts from their lunch account. As students deplete their lunch account and funds run low, they are alerted by staff that more money is needed in their account. Please provide your email address to the office secretaries if you would like email notifications of low balances. Parents will receive lunch balance alerts if a student's balance is less than \$10.00. This alert could come via a phone call, email, or letter. You may also check your student's lunch balance at any time through Powerschool. Powerschool also has an option that allows you to be sent balance alerts via email. Simply turn on email notifications by clicking the edit button next to your name on the parent screen in Powerschool.

The district has previously encountered a large number of unpaid charges and is unable to allow the practice of charging. However, emergencies can always arise. A call to the school or food service manager by a parent OR the student himself or herself speaking with a food service employee will allow the school to arrange for the student to charge a lunch. An administrator or the food service manager, Mary Meisinger, must clear a charge in an emergency.

The food service personnel and staff on cafeteria duty make sure that every child eats a healthy lunch at school every day. Staff will not approve charging arrangements for a student wanting a la carte items. A la carte items are components of the meal served individually. Examples include seconds of the main dish, fries, vegetables, cookies, etc. A student can purchase a la carte items or "extras" ONLY if they have a positive balance in their account or pay with cash. We do not allow students to run a negative lunch account balance for a la carte items. Please be aware that purchasing a la carte items could cost more than a full meal. Our food service staff will mention to a student that they could save money by getting a full tray rather than a la carte items, but we cannot make them take a full tray instead. It is the parent's responsibility to inform students if they do not want a la carte items purchased.

We are excited to be in the kitchen and looking forward to seeing your faces!

Thank You.

Mary Meisinger, Food Service Director

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Conestoga Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0; lunch costs \$0. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0 for breakfast and \$0 for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by October 7, 2021 in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. Who can get free OR REDUCED PRICE meals?
- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary
 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free
 meals.
- · Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income
 Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the
 limits on this chart.
- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS homeless, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Dr. Beth Johnsen, Superintendent, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator, 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992; bjohnsen@conestogacougars.org**
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Conestoga District Office 8404 42nd St, Murray, NE 68409; 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Neleigh Trofholz**, 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992, ntrofholz@conestogacougars.org immediately.
- 5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if your school district makes this option available. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit www.conestogacourgars.org to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Neleigh Trofholz, 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992, ntrofholz@conestogacougars.org if you have any questions about the online application.
- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- 7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

 9. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 10. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Dr. Beth Dr. Beth Johnsen**, **402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992 or Allison Welch**, **Board President**, **402-235-2539**
- 11. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

- 12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 14. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a O in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 16. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. **Contact Neleigh Trofholz, 402-235-2992 or 402-227-2992 or ntrofholz@conestogacougars.org to receive a second application.**
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WEMIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278. If you have other questions or need help, call **Neleigh Trofholz**, **402-235-2992** or **402-227-2992**.

Sincerely, Dr. Beth Johnsen, Superintendent

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FREE & REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

For households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.
- Part 2: Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
- Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH FOSTER, HOMELESS, MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY CHILDREN, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

If all children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1: List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
- Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

If some of the children in the household are foster children or are homeless, migrant or runaway children:

- Part 1: List all children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the appropriate box.
- Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
- Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
- Column 1 Household Members: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary. Column 2 Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

·Salary, wages, cash bonuses

Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental

Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)

·Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

·Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation

·Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government

·Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits

·Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

·Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)

·Private pensions or Disability benefits

Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and Regular cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "O" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4:Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Please note: Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant or runaway, are eligible for free meals. However, the school district must have documentation on file from a migrant coordinator, homeless/runaway liaison or the district's Direct Certification list to approve the child for free meals.

FOR ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all children, the school they attend and their grade.

Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary. Column 2 – Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

·Salary, wages, cash bonuses

Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

·Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental

Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)

·Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

·Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation

·Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government

·Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits

·Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

·Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)

·Private pensions or Disability benefits

Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and Regular cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "O" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

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Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2021-22							
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459		
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620		
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782		
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943		
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105		
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266		
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428		
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589		
Each additional person:	8,399	700	350	324	162		

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Total Number of Household Members: (Children and Adults)		st four digits of Social ult signing this form:	•	· · · · · ·	Check if no SSN 🗖	
Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Inform	nation –	An adult household	member must sign	the application	n.	
"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."						
Sign here:	Prir	nt name:		ا ِ ا	Date:	
Street Address (if available):			Zip:	Daytime Phone:		
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Signature of Verifying Official:			Date Verified:			
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Sharing Information with Other Programs - Optional

Dear Parent/Guardian:						
To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify.						
For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.						
Yes! I <u>DO</u> want school officials to share informal Meals Application with any of the following assocheck appropriate selection.						
Conestoga Activity Fee (Student Season Pa	ass, as determined in Policy #5045 Student Fees)					
Conestoga Participation Fee for extracurricu (Student Season Pass, as determined in Policy PSAT Test (Preliminary SAT, 11 th grade) ACT Test (American College Testing, grade) Duke TIP (7 th grade) Field Trips Music, Band and Vocal Laptop/Ipad Consent/Usage Fee Backpack Lunch Program Scholarships Cheer or Dance Team Ag Program If you checked "yes" to any or all of the boxes at that your information is shared for the child(remonly with the programs you checked.	above, complete the following form to ensure					
Child's Name:	School:					
Child's Name:	School:					
Child's Name:	School:					
Child's Name:	School:					
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:					
Printed Name:						
Address:						

For more information, you may call Neleigh Trofholz or Dr. Beth Johnsen at 402-235-2992; 402-227-2992 or email at ntrofholz@conestogacougars.org

Return this form to 8404 42nd St, P.O. Box 184, Murray, NE 68409 by or before the first date of attendance.

DID YOUR CHILD(REN) ATTEND CONESTOGA LAST YEAR? If yes, you will be receiving an email from PowerSchool <u>August 6th</u> to update any information that may have changed.

- Please go to www.conestogacougars.org, access the powerschool registration link on the district webpage, click returning students and put in the "snapcode" that will be attached to your email.
- If you do not receive the email, please call the district office at 402-235-2992 and update your information with us.
- If you do not have any changes, there is NO need to access registration.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Neleigh Trofholz, Conestoga District Office at 402-235-2992 or ntrofholz@conestogacougars.org

CENSUS UPDATES NEW TO THE AREA?? MOVED RECENTLY??

Conestoga Public Schools strives to keep informed of the changing needs of the community and its population. The Nebraska Department of Education mandates a census of all children age 5-18, to be taken and reported during the summer for this purpose.

Are you new to the area? Is there a change in your household?

We would appreciate you taking a few minutes to call the District office with the information 402-235-2992.

Complete this form and mail it to the district office; PO Box 184 Murray, NE 68409

<u>or</u>

Email ntrofholz@conestogacougars..org

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

During the course of the year, there may be times when it is necessary to start school late, dismiss early, or not have school at all. (Weather, emergencies, etc.). When this is necessary, every effort will be made to get announcements out early.

Please do not call administrators or other school personnel at home. This will only tie up their phone lines and prevent them from making all the necessary calls to get the closing messages distributed.

Local television and radio stations telecast announcements pertaining to schedule changes or closings.

An automated calling service (ParentSquare) is used by the district to notify families of important school information (closings, late starts, early dismissals, or even information the patrons of the district need to know). This calling service is generated from the phone numbers in the PowerSchool program. It is important to keep your information current with the school offices.

2021-2022 CONESTOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

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School In Session	High School Hours: 7:50 - 4:00				-Sr. Hi	yn:	(402) 235-2271; (402) 227-3745
No School	K-6 Early Dismiss: 1:45				trict:		(402) 235-2992; (402) 227-2992
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Teacher Days = 164 Student Days = 149

1st Quarter - August 18 - October 15 = 35 days 2nd Quarter - October 19 - December 17 = 35 days

3rd Quarter - January 5 - March 16 = 42 days

4th Quarter - March 22 - May 25 = 37 days

Second Semester = 79 days

First Semester = 70 days

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