

School District of Altoona



Railroader Review

Engage • Equip • Empower

"Offering large school opportunities with a small school approach."



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A Note From Our Superintendent



For students, staff, and families, New Year's Day is September 1st, not January 1st! We spend time preparing and planning. We start a count-down. We gather with friends to celebrate. And, we commit to be our very best selves in the year ahead. The energy of back-to-school time is like no other! We are anxious to have everyone back together soon.

To help your family plan for back-to-school time, we have created this community-wide newsletter. Please be sure to look for information about our Welcome Back Day on August 30th.

If you have any questions specific to your child's school, the education and opportunities provided, or their individual needs, we encourage you to contact your child's school. Our staff are eager to help this be your child's best year yet.

There are great days ahead in Altoona! The future of our community is in our schools today, and we are honored to play such a key role in what that future will look like.

My best,
Heidi Eliopoulos
Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos
Superintendent



Welcome New Administrators!



Dr. Brian Misfeldt, Director of Finance & Operations

Brian Misfeldt joined us as our new Director of Finance and Operations on July 1st. He came to us from the Bloomer School District, where he served as their superintendent since July of 2017. Prior to going to Bloomer, Brian served as a social studies teacher, dean of students, middle school principal, and was the superintendent of the Antigo School District.

Brian's experience as a superintendent and his affinity for school finance will serve us well in Altoona. Additionally, he is highly regarded for his leadership. People working with him called him innovative, humble, transparent, thoughtful, empathetic, and a strong communicator. He was described as a "phenomenal leader."



Amy Dahms, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Amy Dahms joined us as our new Director of Curriculum and Instruction on July 1st. Amy has 19 years of experience in education. Her teaching experiences were as an elementary teacher and a math teacher. After her teaching years, she went on to serve as a dean of students and middle school principal. Most recently, Amy has been serving as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the Antigo School District.

Amy is not only highly knowledgeable in curriculum and instruction, but she is also highly committed to students and believes all students can learn. Previous colleagues speak highly of her, describing her as a respected individual among her peers. She was recognized as a skilled collaborator, a humble leader, a team-builder, and an effective communicator.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 1st, 2023 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, River Prairie

Come Visit the School District Booth at the Altoona Police Department National Night Out! Take a selfie with Spike, get an official Altoona tattoo, and enter to win the Altoona Backpack in the raffle!

LOVE ICE CREAM?

GET A FREE SCOOP!

Community Ice Cream Social

River Prairie

August 30th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF NORTHWESTERN
WISCONSIN



Railway Mentoring Program

at Altoona Schools

THE PROGRAM:

The child and the volunteer meet at the child's school during a set day/time, Monday - Friday. Matches participate in activities at that site such as: playing a board game, playground activities, making crafts, or just hanging out and talking. Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is as simple as doing the things you already enjoy and sharing them with a child!



"I care about the whole her."
-Big Sister Gloria

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 contact per week with a child.
- Matched based on mutual interests or complimentary personality traits.
- Spend at least 1 year with the child you are matched with.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.

For more information on volunteering contact us at:

715-835-0161
info@bbbsnw.org
www.bbbsnw.org

DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL



When compared to their non-mentored peers, our Littles are:

52% less likely to skip school. *

46% less likely to use illegal drugs. *

90% agreed their Big made them feel better about themselves. **

81% say their Big caused them to change what they thought possible in life. **

77% set higher goals than they would have on their own. **

65% say their Big helped them reach a higher level of education than they thought possible. **

* National research by Public/Private Ventures

** Harris Interactive Survey of adults who participated in our program as children

2023-2024 School Year Information

WELCOME BACK DAY & FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Students and families, please plan to attend Welcome Back Day on August 30th, between 12:00 and 5:00 PM. High School Freshman will attend Freshman Orientation on August 30th, from 8:20 AM - 12:45 PM. Freshman students and families may still attend Welcome Back Day following the orientation. Friday, September 1st will be the First Day of School for grades K-12. The First Day of School for 4K will be Tuesday, September 5th.

CURRENT STUDENT ONLINE REGISTRATION: Please login to your Family Access and complete the Online Registration for each child that currently attends the School District of Altoona. The program allows you to verify and update your contact information, emergency contacts and health information. We ask that you leave the medical information BLANK if it does not apply. Please do not put N/A or none. You will complete ONE Food Service Application per family. If you have more than one child, please check the box stating you do not want to complete another application.

NEW TO THE DISTRICT (ALL GRADES): If you or someone you know has not yet enrolled their child for the 2023 – 2024 school year, please visit our district website to complete the online enrollment application at <https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wseualtoonawi/skyenroll.w>

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION (GRADES 6-12) New student registration will be by appointment only after the online enrollment process has been completed. A staff member will contact you to set up your registration appointment so your child may choose their classes.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: If you live outside the School District of Altoona boundaries, you may still be able to attend our schools through the open enrollment process. Additional information is found on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications/alternative> and on the School District of Altoona Open Enrollment website: <https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/open-enrollment> Please contact Emilee Perkins, Registrar, at 715-838-7345 if you have any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLY LISTS



AHS Supply List: <https://tinyurl.com/53s6dukD>

AMS Supply List: <https://tinyurl.com/2pd94vdm>

AIS Supply List: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh3y2t66dukD>

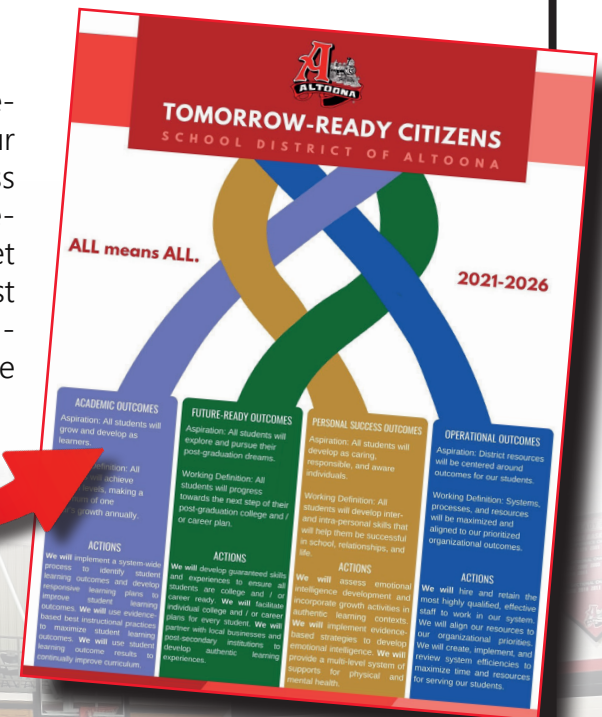
AES Supply List: <https://tinyurl.com/fuykfsyt6dukD>



District Scorecard Event

Staff members came together on Wednesday, June 6th to review progress from the 2022-2023 school year and set our goals for the 2023-2024 school year. There is great progress to be celebrated, especially our major growth in math achievement and career readiness! These staff members will meet again during the school year to check progress and adjust strategies as needed. To learn more about the community input event and resulting priorities that led to this work, please visit this website:

<https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/district/strategic-plan>



Boys and Girls Club After-School Program

Students 2nd-grade (must be 7 years old) through 5th grade are invited to join the After-School Boys and Girls Club Program. The annual membership fee is \$15 per kid or \$30 for a family of two or more kids. Scholarships are available upon request. The Boys and Girls After-School Club is located at the Altoona Intermediate School. Your membership includes:

- + After school snack and dinner each day after school
- + Breakfast, lunch, and two snacks during school breaks & summer programming
- + Daily homework help & tutoring
- + Transportation to the Club from School



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

Ready to Get Your Student Started? Fill out the Membership Application at: <https://cvclubs.org/local-clubs/eau-claire/>. Please contact Site Director Hannah Dolgner with any questions: hdolgner@cvclubs.org or 715-838-7358.

Child Development Day

The School District of Altoona has discussed best practices regarding Child Find activities. Upon receiving guidance from the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, we have decided to refine our process to align with a "comprehensive child find system."

Comprehensive child find systems are ongoing efforts to support families in the understanding and awareness of developmental needs, from birth to 21 years of age, therefore, recognizing children with disabilities. For children ages 3 and up, until they enter kindergarten, we will send the Ages and Stages Questionnaire form home for families to complete relative to their day-to-day observations of their child. Once complete, please mail the form back to Altoona Elementary School (157 Bartlett Ave., Altoona, WI 54720) or drop it off in the office for Alex Franseen, Early Childhood Teacher. Once received, the school district will do the following:

- Score the assessment
- Summarize and provide an explanation of the results
- Provide resources to support the continued development of your child

If you have any further questions regarding these changes, please contact:

Alex Franseen, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, 715-838-7300 or 715-839-6050 ext 263
Missy Lesik, Director of Special Education and Student Services, 715-839-6032
Laura Trachsel, 4K Coordinator, 715-839-6050



Over 40 fun,
educational, and
outcome-driven
programs, based on
five core areas:

Leadership & Service

The Arts

Education

Health & Wellness

Sports & Recreation

Why Attendance Matters

Why is attendance important?

Regular attendance in school is very important to a child's learning. When a child is absent more than other children in kindergarten, their achievement in reading, math and general knowledge is lower in 1st grade. Regardless of other challenges a child faces, absences from school negatively impact achievement. The same trends are seen in other grade levels. The more school a child misses, the more difficult it is for that child to stay on pace with their peers in learning.

The practice of good attendance not only helps your child learn and grow academically, but it also sets good habits for attendance in post-secondary classes and future jobs and careers. Ensuring that your child is attending school sets him or her up for success in the present as well as the future.

What does good attendance look like?

Good attendance means missing less than 10% of school days. Sometimes absences are necessary, such as when a child is ill, however, both excused and unexcused absences equally affect a child's success in school. In Altoona, we have 172.5 days of school each year. This means missing less than 17.25 days of school per year, or less than 2 days per month. For middle school and high school students, it is also important to consider class period attendance to ensure your child isn't missing the same class multiple times for illness, orthodontist or doctor appointments, etc.

Where can I find support for my child's attendance?

We realize that every family faces challenges: illness, transportation, child care, or scheduling demands. Please contact your child's teacher, counselor, or principal if your family needs help dealing with these challenges to your child's good school attendance. We will do our best to help your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA

ABSENTEE HOTLINE NUMBER

 715-839-6095



Altoona High School: Enter 1 | follow the prompts

Altoona Middle School: Enter 2 | follow the prompts

Altoona Intermediate School: Enter 3 | follow the prompts

Altoona Elementary School: Enter 4 | follow the prompts

School District of Altoona
2023-2024



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August 8 & 9 New Teacher Orientation
August 15, 16, 22, 23, & 24 Staff InService
August 30 4K-12 Welcome Back Day
September 1 K-12 First Day of School
September 4 No School
September 5 First Day of 4K
September 22 Staff InService

October 2023

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October 24 4K-8 Evening F/T Conferences
October 26 K-12 Student Early Release; No 4K
October 26 4K-12 Aft & Eve F/T Conferences
October 27 No School
November 20-24 No School
November 20 & 21 Staff InService
December 1 End of 9-12 Trimester 1
December 25-29 No School

January 2024

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January 1 No School
January 15 Staff InService
January 18 9-12 Evening F/T Conferences
January 19 End of Semester 1
February 26 4K-8 Evening F/T Conferences
February 29 K-12 Student Early Release; No 4K
February 29 4K-8 Aft & Eve F/T Conferences
February 29 End of 9-12 Trimester 2
March 1 No School
March 25-29 No School

April 2024

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April 25 9-12 Evening F/T Conferences
May 27 No School
May 29 Class of 2024 Graduation
May 31 Student Early Release
May 31 Last Day of School



Summer School Dates: Session 1: June 10th-27th, Monday-Thursday | Session 2: July 10th-24th, Monday-Thursday

CARE CLOSET

Located next to the High School at 809 7th St. W., the Care Closet provides “no cost” shopping for clothing, hygiene items, and offers weekend meals to meet the needs of any student and family enrolled in the district. For more information: carecloset@altoona.k12.wi.us

CALENDAR: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2AUNXB9J](https://tinyurl.com/2AUNXB9J)

Open 2nd Wednesday of every month from 8:30-11 a.m. and the 4th Thursday of every month from 3-5:30 p.m.

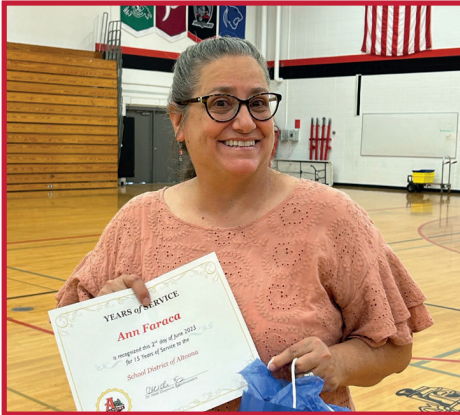
Celebrating Years of Service



Celebrating 5 Years: (Left to Right) Brandon Kronenberg, Carrie Carlson, Matt Mercer, Jenae Werner, Elizabeth Cole, Larissa Smith, Cheri Bresina



Celebrating 10 Years (Left to Right): Jenna Baxter, Jenn Varsho, Brittany David, Andrew Lierman, Kimberly Goettl, Emily Mabie, Liz Drayton, Karri Larson, Andrea Steffen, Denise Madison, Vicki Howell



Celebrating 15 Years: Ann Faraca



Celebrating 20 Years (Left to Right): Jen Robertson, Jay Mielke, Amy Bauman, Sarah Roff, Gary Buske, Deb Stuckert

The School District of Altoona would like to extend its congratulations to the following staff members who have reached important service anniversaries and significant milestones. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for your valuable contributions as a part of our Railroader team!



Celebrating 30 Years: Kelly Steward (pictured here with AMS Principal Steve Buss)

JOIN OUR TEAM!

<https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/district/employment>

The School District of Altoona posts vacancies to their District website and uses the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) website for accepting applications for job vacancies. All applications must be submitted electronically through WECAN. The School District of Altoona does not accept unsolicited applications. Please do not send application materials unless applying for an open position. Unsolicited application materials will not be processed.

Peggy McKillip
Human Resources, Payroll, and Benefits Coordinator
pmckillip@altoona.k12.wi.us, ext. 504

The School District of Altoona is an equal opportunity employer. Personnel hiring and administration in the District are to be conducted so as not to discriminate against applicant or employee on the basis of age, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation, disability/ handicap, citizenship status, marital status, pregnancy, national origin, creed, color, political or religious affiliation, genetic information, ancestry, arrest or conviction record, military service, genetic information, use or nonuse of a lawful product off school premises during nonworking hours, declining to attend a meeting or participate in any communication about religious or political matters, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions to this policy may only be made in accordance with state and federal laws. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for qualified individuals with a disability or handicap, unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship to the District. The District shall also accommodate the religious practices of an employee to the extent required by law. The District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX's requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to a District Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, or to both. The District's commitment to nondiscrimination under Title IX and under other state and federal laws is further defined in the following policies of the School District: Policy 113, Policy 411, Policy 411.1, Policy 511, and Policy 512.

Board of Education

MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of the Board of Education are typically held on the third Monday of the month and begin at 6:30 pm, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are held in the District Office at 1903 Bartlett Avenue.

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Board meeting agendas, packets, and minutes are posted on the Board of Education website. Paper copies of the agenda or minutes can be requested by calling the district office at 715-839-6032.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information about Board meetings, contacting Board members, or participating in public comment may be found on the Board website (<https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/district/school-board/>).

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD?

If you are interested in running for the Board of Education, please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm at the District Office.



Left to Right: Rich Hager, Hillarie Roth, Jeremy Zook, Lauren Otto, and Rick Risler.

September 25, 2023

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

1903 Bartlett Avenue
Pederson Commons

The Annual Meeting for the School District of Altoona will be held September 25th at 6:30 pm in the Pedersen Commons. The meeting will include an annual report on the state of the District and a review of the draft 2023-2024 budget.

At the Annual Meeting, residents of the School District of Altoona will have the opportunity to participate in a hearing on the draft budget for 2023-2024. The budget will be presented by fund and will include for discussion any additional proposed debt service payments. Residents of the District will vote on the tax levy at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing.

Anyone who meets the below criteria is eligible to vote at the meeting:

- Is at least 18 years of age
- Is a resident of the School District of Altoona for a minimum of 28 consecutive days preceding the meeting
- Is not a convicted felon
- Is not under guardianship by a court appointment or has been deemed incompetent

The agenda for the Annual Meeting will be posted on September 22, 2023 at the following public locations:

- On the District website
- At the Altoona City Hall
- At the Altoona Post Office



2023-2024

ALTOONA ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

<https://www.gorails.net>



Altoona Athletics Calendar:

<https://middleborderconference.org/public/genie/91/school/664/>

Student Participation in School-Based Athletics and Activities

Co-curricular activities are an essential part of school life for students, promoting a well-rounded education through activities that teach problem-solving, leadership, critical thinking, and communication skills. They also contribute to social and emotional development. Students who participate also engage in community service, which fulfills course requirements and boosts the chances of obtaining a college degree by 22%. Additionally, participating in community service is linked to improved academic performance, increased self-confidence, and the development of valuable soft skills such as networking, problem-solving, and character building.

2023 Spring Student-Athlete Awards

Congratulations to the following student athletes in being named to the Middle Border Conference All-Conference Team, Spring 2023! **Baseball:** First Team, Colin Boyarski (WBCA 2023 Northwest Academic All District), Trent Cornell, Evan Gustafson (WBCA 2023 Northwest 2nd Team All District), CJ Varsho (WBCA 2023 Northwest 2nd Team All District), and Bennett Stokke (MBC Player of the Year, WBCA 2023 Northwest District D2 Player of the Year and 2nd Team All District). Second Team, Ben Kuenkel (WBCA 2023 Northwest Academic All District) and Kellen Smith. Honorable Mention, Cameron St. John. **Girls Soccer:** First Team, Xeng Her, Second Team, Amelia Pederson and Alayna Jastrow. **Softball:** First Team, Breeley Gluch and Rylee Spindler (MBC Player of the Year, WFSCA First Team All-State honors).



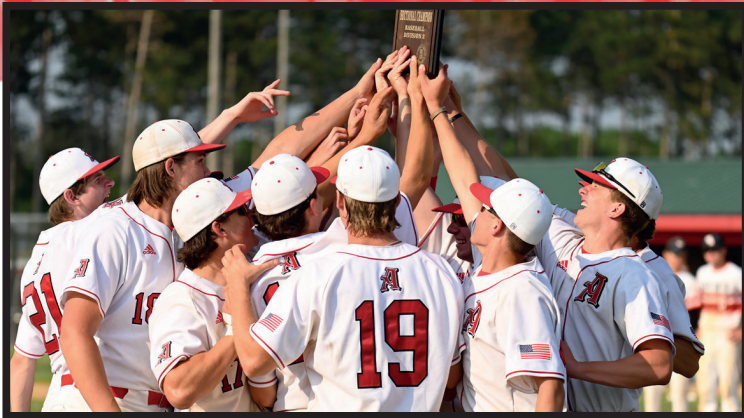
Congratulations to the Altoona High School girls' varsity volleyball team for earning the 2023 USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award, announced July 13th! View the official AVCA press release here: <https://www.avca.org/awards/avca-team-academic-award.html>

TICKET SALES

Starting this fall, the A.D. Office will introduce admission fees for all high school athletic events. AHS 9th-12th students and SDA staff members can attend for free by showing their school identification. All Students K-8 must be accompanied by an adult to attend events. 2023-2024 Ticket prices for the regular season will be:

- Adult: \$4
- Senior Citizens: Free
- Students (K-12th Grade): \$2
- Family Pass: \$100
- Adult Pass: \$50

A Family or an Adult Pass for all regular season 2023-2024 athletic events can be purchased through the A.D. Office during the school year or at the gate/door of any event. Family passes include immediate family members listed in Skyward. Tickets/passes sold during the regular season do not include WIAA tournament events.



Above, the Altoona Baseball team celebrates their 3-0 win over West Salem in the WIAA Div. 2 Baseball Sectional Championship at Cinder City Park. The win solidified Altoona's trip to the WIAA Div. 2 State Baseball Championships that took place at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute.



Congratulations to Ryan Hays, who qualified for the 2023 Boys Tennis State Individual Championships, Flight 1 Singles. The tournament took place June 1st-3rd, 2023 at Nielsen Stadium in Madison.



Congratulations to the Boys Track & Field 4x800 team who competed at the 2023 WIAA State Track & Field Championships that took place at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse. The team consisted of Ayden Darnell, Levi Day, Mason Hoepner, Joey Ludy, Ethan Michels and Ryan Stanislawski. Pictured above are Mason Hoepner (left) and Levi Day (right).



Friday, August 11th @ Oakleaf Stadium | 5:30-8 PM

COMMUNITY KICK OFF RALLY

- Interactive High School Practice
- Youth Punt, Pass, & Kick
- Autograph Session
- Altoona Fire Trucks and Local Celebrity, Donut the Service Dog!

A.D. Office Newsletter

The Athletics/Activities Department will be sending out monthly newsletters to highlight students and provide important updates for families and the Altoona community. These newsletters will be linked in communications of building principals throughout the school year.

For July 2023 Issue, go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/3ye56fxj>



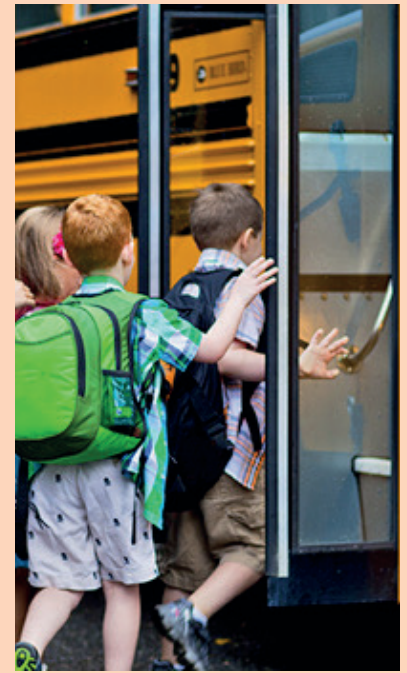
A message from Student Transit :

Student Transit would like to welcome you and your child to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to serving the families of the School District of Altoona each year. We understand the excitement and apprehension the very first day of school brings to students and families. It is our goal to make this day, as well as every day, a safe and pleasant experience.

Our staff is available each day, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Know that any issues that come up should also be mentioned to your driver, as they are the first contact. During the school year, our staff is available to answer your questions from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM during the summer months (715-839-5116).

To ensure your child has a safe, efficient and enjoyable ride to and from school each day, please take the time to read over the following information.

- + Communicate to Student Transit any health issues, such as peanut or bee allergy, that would be important for us to know, or if your child is Special Needs. Direct communication with our office staff and your student's driver ensures your child will receive the support necessary for a positive school bus experience.
- + Go over the bus expectations and discuss riding safely. Your efforts will help us reinforce good bus rider behavior.
- + Write your child's name, address and phone number inside of their backpack and jacket.
- + Please have your child ride the bus the first few days of school if they will normally ride each day. This will help us get to know your student, establish the routine of the route, and help your child become more comfortable riding the bus each day.
- + Please be patient if your child's bus is running a few minutes late the first few days of school. We want to give our newest riders the time to say goodbye if needed.
- + For those with a Kindergarten student, please remind them to sit at the front. This helps our driver get to know and to help remind them when we reach their stop.
- + If you wish to allow your child to ride home with a friend, please call or send a written request with your child. This must be signed by the school office. Without written permission your child will not be allowed to be dropped anywhere except their designated stop.
- + Most locations will be at corners. Unless your child is the only one at a pick up location, there's no need to call us if they won't be riding. To help keep the bus on schedule, please be sure that students are at the bus stop a few minutes prior to pick up.
- + It is important to let us know of any changes in pick up or drop off locations.



School Bus Expectations

Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible!



AT THE BUS STOP

- Stay on or behind the sidewalk and off the road
- Be at your bus stop on time
- Wait your turn
- Keep hands to yourself
- Play Safely
- Respect the property of others
- Know your Route



BOARDING THE BUS

- Stay back and wait for bus to stop
- Be Ready
- Wait for door to open
- Walk, use handrails, and take one stair at a time
- Load Single File
- Voice Level 1 or 2
- Find your seat quickly



RIDING THE BUS

- Keep aisles clear
- Stay seated
- No eating or drinking
- Listen to adults
- Voice Level 1 or 2
- Treat others kindly
- Be helpful and take care of our bus
- Backpack in lap
- Be a problem solver



IN AN EMERGENCY

- Voice Level 0
- Follow Drivers directions
- Voice Level 0
- Stay calm
- Help one another
- Stay together



GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Stay seated until the bus stops
- Be ready and clean up your space
- Get off at your stop
- Unload single file, front to back
- Take one stair at a time
- Step away from the bus
- Listen to adults
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Voice Level 1 or 2



LEAVING THE BUS STOP

- Follow your Driver's directions
- Step away from the bus
- STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN
- Play safely
- Respect the property of others
- Go straight home



Contact Information

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Altoona Middle School (6th – 8th Grades)

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Altoona Intermediate School (4th – 5th Grades)

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Visitor Procedures

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We want our schools to be open and welcoming places for our families, volunteers, and the community. At the same time, it is important that they are safe and secure places for our students and staff.

Visitors to our schools are asked to please do the following call ahead to set up an appointment with the staff member you are visiting. Unannounced requests often are not possible due to staff schedules.

All visitors are required to do the following:

- Bring your driver's license (or government identification card). At your first visit to our school, you will use a self-service kiosk to scan your identification card for a criminal background check.
- Wear the visitor's badge in a place that is easily visible to staff and students.
- Remain in the specific area of the building where your meeting or visit is scheduled.
- Check back out after your visit.

Thank you for your help in keeping our schools safe!

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

2023-2024 CONCERT DATES

- 7PM Monday, November 27, 2023 - HS Choir, Auditorium
- 6:30PM Monday, December 4, 2023 - MS Choir, Auditorium
- 7PM Monday, December 11, 2023 - MS/HS Band Winter Concert, HS Gym
- 7PM Monday, February 12, 2024 - HS Choir/Show Choirs, HS Gym
- 7PM Monday, March 11, 2024 - MS/HS Band Winter Concert, HS Gym
- 6:30PM Monday, May 6, 2024 - MS Band/Choir, HS Gym
- 7PM Monday, May 13th, 2024 - HS Band/Choir, HS Gym