



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:



The start of the 2022-2023 school year is almost here! I am honored to be starting my third year as your superintendent. It is almost time for us to begin our back-to-school traditions! We will see the back-to-school sale flyers come out; our fall athletes and club members will begin to gather again; and the mornings will start to feel a bit cooler. This is a great time of year! The energy of back-to-school time is like no other. To help our families and community get ready for school to start up again, we have put together this community-wide district newsletter. In it you will find dates and information about the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We hope you will find this resource helpful.

We are excited about the start of the year and the ongoing opportunities we will be providing for the students in our district. Our goal is the same as yours: to see them happy, healthy, engaged, and successful. We want the 2022-2023 school year to be their best year yet!

*Heidi Eliopoulos*

Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos  
Superintendent

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES & CLOTHING ITEMS.



# BACKPACK BASH

Sunday, August 14th | 1PM-4PM  
at 10th Street Park

Visionary Eyecare will be handing out Backpacks and schools supplies to the children in need in our community. Come have fun with your neighbors and enter to win cool prizes!

*Join Us For:*

GAMES • FACE PAINTING • BOUNCE HOUSES • MUSIC •  
JUGGLING • BALLOONS • AND MORE!

Students Must Be Present.



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It is the policy of the School District of Altoona that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, career and technical education or other program or activity because of the persons' race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats.

## District Scorecard Event

Districtwide Strand Team members participated in the District Scorecard Event on Wednesday, June 22nd. Team members met as a large group and as strand teams to close out the 2021-2022 Scorecard and develop the 2022-2023 Scorecard. Strand Teams will meet throughout the school year to check progress and adjust strategies as needed. See link below for more details!

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



District Scorecard Event  
Altoona High School  
June 22, 2022





# Welcome New Administrators!



## **Missy Lesik, Director of Student Services / Special Education**

Missy is coming from the School District of Cadott, where she served as the Director of Student Services / Special Education. In addition to her local work, Missy is also a leader at the state level, serving on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services.



## **Gus Knitt, Interim Director of Finance and Operations**

Gus Knitt will be serving our District during the 2022-2023 school year in an interim role. He has extensive experience with District-level leadership, as he has served as both a Business Manager and a Superintendent.



## **Cale Zuiker, AIS Principal**

Cale, an English teacher in the School District of Holmen and most recently, principal in the North Crawford School District, has a strong instructional leadership background. The intermediate school principal role, with its focus on both instructional leadership and collaboration, is a perfect combination for his knowledge and strengths.



## **Kyle Rundquist, AIS/AMS Dean of Students**

Before becoming a Dean of Students, Kyle served for 8 years as a teacher in grades 4-6. In the past two years as the Dean of Students at Menomonie High School, Kyle raised the bar with effective practices of how to proactively and responsively work best with students in the areas of behavior, culture and attendance. The experiences Kyle brings makes him a great addition to our School.



## **Andrea Steffen, Director of Curriculum & Instruction**

Andrea served our School District in the role as Intermediate School Principal and Director of Curriculum & Instruction since 2013. During that time, Andrea helped put AIS on the map with the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School recognition. With the need of a full time Director, Andrea has accepted the position as Director of Curriculum & Instruction and looks forward to continued student-centered work.



## CARE CLOSET

Located next to the High School at 809 7th St. W



The Care Closet will open on August 25th and is open the 2nd Wednesday from 8:30-11 a.m. and the 4th Thursday of every month from 3-5:30 p.m.

The Care Closet will be closed November 24th (Thanksgiving) and March 23rd (Spring Break).

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](mailto:carecloset@altoona.k12.wi.us)



School District Of Altoona

## *Back to School Ice Cream Social*

August 30 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM Front  
Porch Place, River Prairie

## 2022-2023 School Year Information

**WELCOME BACK DAY:** Students and families, please plan to attend Welcome Back Day on August 30th, between 12:00 and 5:00 PM. Please watch for an email from your child's school with additional details and instructions.

**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 2022 – 2023 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 Kari Holm, Registrar, at 715-838-7345 if you have any questions.



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

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. \*\*

DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL



\* National research by Public/Private Ventures

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

## Railway Mentoring Program

# Frequently Asked Questions:

**HOW ARE BIGS SELECTED?** Bigs are recruited from a number of sources. Big Brothers Big Sisters works with local businesses, service groups, colleges, or the general public at events to identify a diverse group of volunteers. We want to make a match that is based on mutual interests or complementary traits in order to create the strongest bond possible.

**HOW ARE BIGS AND LITTLES MATCHED?** Bigs and Littles are matched based on complementary attitudes and similar interests. Our process starts with an application to gather preliminary information and then an interview to help us assess all parties' hopes for the program. We find that the more our Bigs and Littles have in common from the get-go the better their match will go. We'll explain why we've selected your match prior to meeting so you'll have a chance to decide if it feels like a good fit to you.

**HOW LONG WILL MY CHILD BE MATCHED WITH A BIG?** We ask for a commitment of at least one year but matches can participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs until the Little has graduated from High School.

**WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES WILL THE BIG DO WITH MY CHILD?** Our team stresses mutually agreed-upon decision-making when it comes to match activities. That may be a game or a walk or simply talking. Think of things you'd expect friends to do and that's what we expect from our matches.

**IS THERE ANY COST TO PARTICIPATING?** There is no cost to participate in our programs.

**WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SUMMER?** Our school-based programs only meet during times that school is in session. When it comes to the Summer, your match will not meet - though we encourage matches to find an alternate way of communicating during break time. Maybe a postcard or a text message or just a short note to tell each other what's happening.

**WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION?** The information provided on our application is used to make safe matches, assess community needs, and determine match compatibility. No private information is ever shared, however, some demographic information is occasionally anonymized to allow our organization to assess and share demographic trends.

**WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM?** We have a great team of professionals that you'll work with. Initially, our CR team will guide you through the process and work with you. When you call 715-835-0161 you'll likely get our office manager, Cherity Germain. But once you're matched we assign a dedicated Match Support Specialist to work with your match and ensure it progresses in a positive way.

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY CHILD TO BE MATCHED WITH THEIR BIG?** Great question! Because of the personalized nature of our process, it can vary. We endeavor to match children as quickly as possible but factors such as volunteer compatibility or availability can cause delays.

**WHO SHOULD I TALK WITH AT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?**

Altoona Elementary: Amy Bauman - [abauman@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:abauman@altoona.k12.wi.us) - 715.839.6050

Altoona Intermediate: Brooke Kaldor - [bkaldor@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:bkaldor@altoona.k12.wi.us) - 715.838.7111

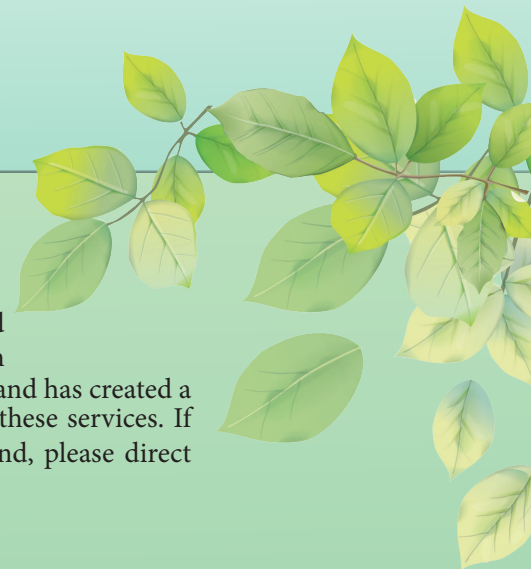
Altoona Middle: Heather Burich Holle - [hholle@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:hholle@altoona.k12.wi.us) - 715.839.6030

Altoona High: Jay Mielke - [jmielke@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmielke@altoona.k12.wi.us) - 715.839.6031

## School-Based Mental Health Scholarship Fund

Did you know there are students who are uninsured or underinsured and in need of mental health services? The School District of Altoona has partnered with Genuine Way Family Therapy, LLC, to attain counseling services at a reduced cost and has created a scholarship fund to support students who might not otherwise be able to access these services. If you would like to contribute to the School-Based Mental Health Scholarship Fund, please direct donations to the School District of Altoona at:

School-Based Mental Health Scholarship Fund  
Attn: Elys Bohl, 1903 Bartlett Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720



## Child Development Day

Recently, the School District of Altoona has discussed best practices when it comes to 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 be more in line 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.

As a result of this shift, for children ages 3 and up, until they enter kindergarten, we will no longer be holding a Child Development Day, as we have done in the past. Rather, we will be sending the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3) form home for families to complete, relative to their day to day observations of their child. If you have a child in this range, please look for this questionnaire to be delivered by US Mail to your mailbox by the end of September. Once complete, please mail the form back to Altoona Elementary School or drop off in the office for Kathy Roen, Early Childhood Teacher. Once received, the school district will 1] Score the assessment, 2] Summarize and provide explanation of results and 3] Provide resources to support the continued development of your child.

If you do not receive the questionnaire, or have any further questions regarding these changes, please contact Missy Lesik, Director of Student Services / Special Education at [mlesik@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:mlesik@altoona.k12.wi.us).

A link to the questionnaire is available by following the following webpage (see Child Find for Children 3-Years Old & Up to Kindergarten heading):

<https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/support-services/special-education-student-services>



### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

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.

Ready to Get Your Student Started?

Fill out the Membership Application at:

<https://cvclubs.org/local-clubs/eau-claire/>

Contact Kora Lang, Site Director,  
at [klang@cvclubs.org](mailto:klang@cvclubs.org) or 715-838-7358.

#### Membership includes:

- After school snack and dinner each day
- Breakfast, lunch, and two snacks during school breaks & summer programming
- Daily homework help & tutoring
- Over 40 fun, educational, and outcome-driven programs, based on five core areas:
  - Leadership & Service
  - The Arts
  - Education
  - Health & Wellness
  - Sports & Recreation
- Transportation to the Club from School



# School District of Altoona

## 2022-2023

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**June 23 & 24** Teacher InService  
**August 9 & 10** New Teacher Orientation  
**August 23, 24 & 25** Staff InService  
**August 30** 4K-12 Welcome Back Day  
**September 1** K-12 First Day of School  
**September 5** No School  
**September 6** First Day of 4K  
**September 30** Staff InService

**October 25** 4K-12 Evening P/T Conferences  
**October 27** K-12 Student Early Release; No 4K  
**October 27** 4K-8 Aft & Eve P/T Conferences  
**October 28** No School  
**November 21-25** No School  
**November 21 & 22** Staff InService  
**December 1** End of 9-12 Trimester 1  
**December 23-30** No School

**January 16** Staff InService  
**January 19** 9-12 Evening P/T Conferences  
**January 19** End of Semester 1  
**February 27** 4K-8 Evening P/T Conferences  
**March 2** End of 9-12 Trimester 2  
**March 2** K-12 Student Early Release  
     No 4K; 4K-8 P/T Conferences  
**March 3** No School  
**March 20-24** No School

**April 7** No School  
**April 27** 9-12 Evening P/T Conferences  
**May 29** No School  
**May 31** Class of 2023 Graduation  
**June 2** Student Early Release  
**June 2** Last Day of School

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2023 SUMMER SCHOOL

SESSION 1: JUNE 12TH-JUNE 29TH, MON-THU, 8AM-1PM

SESSION 2: JULY 10TH-JULY 20TH, MON-THU, 8AM-1PM

[HTTPS://WWW.ALTOONA.K12.WI.US/PARENTS/SUMMER-PROGRAMS](https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/parents/summer-programs)

# Absentee Hotline Number

Call: 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



# Board of Education



### MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of the Board of Education are typically held on the third meeting 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 715-838-7347.

### INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD?

Please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 6:00 pm at the District Office.

### 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/index>

# DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

## September 26, 2022

## 1903 Bartlett Avenue Pederson Commons

The Annual Meeting for the School District of Altoona will be held September 26th 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 2022-2023 budget.



# Celebrating Years of Service

The School District of Altoona would like to congratulate the following staff on reaching important service anniversaries and significant milestones. Thank you all for being such a valuable member of our Railroader team!



Celebrating 5 Years: (Left to Right) Justin Ranek, Chris Hugo, Cassandra Flackey, Laura Trachsel, Paul Henrichs, Jess Richards, Rachel Haling, Serena Misch, Emily Sibilski



Celebrating 10 Years (Left to Right): Stacy Sandstrom, Renee Martell, Bonnie Fagen, Deann Halverson, Michelle Sather, Brenda Gilmartin, Lisa Matz, Amy Thiede



Celebrating 15 Years (Left to Right): Amanda Mussehl, Jo Adrian, Kim Pearson, Krystle Ricci, Heidi Colbert, Erica Emerson



Celebrating 20 Years (Left to Right): Mike Laporte, Melissa Martin, Heather Burich Holle, Rachael Stilp



Celebrating 25 Years (Left to Right): Julie Scott, Kim Butnick, Tracy Boyd



Celebrating 30 Years: Sara Brahan

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

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

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

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.



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<https://www.gorails.net>

# ALTOONA ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



## Getting Involved in Co-Curriculars

School activities play a significant part in the development of our students. Co-curricular activities have become a fundamental part of school life that aids in promoting the development of a well rounded education through structured sports, clubs, activities and competition. Participation in co-curriculars teaches valuable skills and can help students with their social and emotional skill development. Even better, the same skills desired by employers are found to be greatly impacted by co-curricular participation. The Redefining Ready Initiative, which measures college and career readiness using research-based metrics, shows that student participation in two or more organized co-curricular activities is an indicator of future success.



*Get Your Season Game Schedule Here!*

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

## Prior to Participation...

### STUDENT ATHLETES AND THEIR FAMILY MUST:

- 1) COMPLETE THE ATHLETICS ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR EACH STUDENT ATHLETE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD
- 2) HAVE THE PHYSICAL OR ALTERNATE YEAR CARD ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL FOR EACH STUDENT ATHLETE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD
- 3) READ, ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

PHYSICALS ARE VALID FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EXAMINATION AND SHOULD BE UPLOADED TO THE ATHLETICS ONLINE REGISTRATION. ALTERNATE YEAR CARDS ARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES ONLY AND ARE COMPLETED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE HIGH SCHOOL MANDATORY CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING ON JULY 24TH, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM THE AD OFFICE THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION AND A FORM THAT MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATING.

August 6th, 8:30 AM-Noon

## COMMUNITY KICK OFF RALLY

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

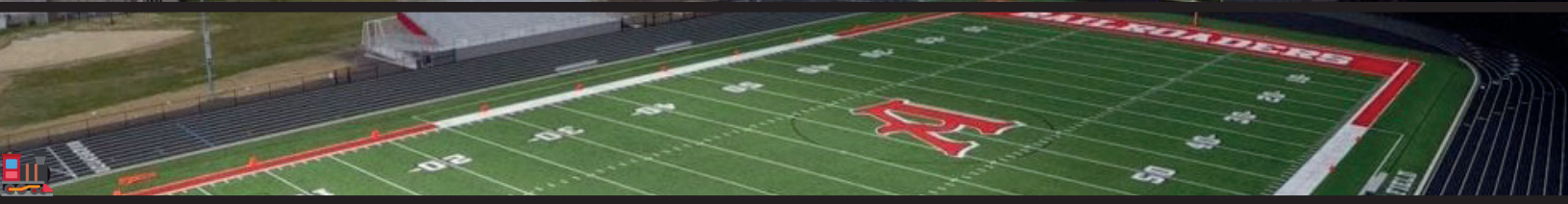
*Interested in working an event or becoming a licensed official? Connect with us!*



Elissa Upward, CAA  
6-12 Athletics & Activities Director  
[eupward@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:eupward@altoona.k12.wi.us), ext. 416

Kristi Springer  
Administrative Assistant  
[kspringer@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:kspringer@altoona.k12.wi.us), ext. 560

Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy Statement – As mandated by the current provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and under the regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("the federal Title IX regulations"), 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 (as designated below), 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. District Title IX Coordinators.



# Athletic Offerings & Season Start Dates

## High School

FALL: CROSS COUNTRY, DANCE, FOOTBALL, GIRLS GOLF, BOYS SOCCER, GIRLS TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL

WINTER: GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL, GIRLS HOCKEY, BOYS HOCKEY, WRESTLING, DANCE

SPRING: TRACK & FIELD, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, BOYS GOLF, BOYS TENNIS, GIRLS SOCCER



WIAA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
SEASON START DATES:

[HTTPS://WWW.WIAAWI.ORG/PORTALS/0/PDF/CALENDARS/EXTENDEDDATES.PDF](https://www.wiaawi.org/portals/0/pdf/calendars/extendeddates.pdf)

## Middle School

### 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ATHLETIC OFFERINGS:

FALL ATHLETICS: CROSS COUNTRY, GIRLS TENNIS, FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BOYS SOCCER

WINTER ATHLETICS: WRESTLING, BOYS BASKETBALL, GIRLS BASKETBALL

SPRING ATHLETICS: BOYS TENNIS, TRACK & FIELD, GIRLS SOCCER

### 6TH GRADE STUDENTS ATHLETIC OFFERINGS:

FALL ATHLETICS: CROSS COUNTRY, GIRLS TENNIS, BOYS SOCCER

WINTER ATHLETICS: WRESTLING

SPRING ATHLETICS: BOYS TENNIS, GIRLS SOCCER



SEASON START DATES: [HTTPS://WWW.ALTOONA.K12.WI.US/SCHOOLS/MIDDLE-SCHOOL/INDEX](https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/schools/middle-school/index)

2022-2023

# MUSIC

## Concert & Event Dates

Monday, November 28, 2022 - HS Choir, 7PM, Auditorium

Monday, December 5, 2022 - MS Choir, 6:30-7:30 PM, Auditorium

Monday, December 12, 2022 - MS/HS Band Winter Concert, 7PM, HS Gym

Saturday, January 28, 2023 - Locopalooza

Monday, February 13, 2023 - HS Choir/Show Choirs, 7PM HS Gym

Monday, March 13, 2023 - MS/HS Band Winter Concert, 7PM HS Gym

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Solo & Ensemble, Fall Creek High School

Monday, May 8, 2023 - MS Band/Choir, 6:30-8PM HS Gym

Monday, May 22, 2023 - HS Band/Choir, 7PM HS Gym



## *A Message from Student Transit:*

Student Transit would like to welcome you and your child to the 2022-2023 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 parents/guardians. 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.

## *Congratulations, Class of 2022!*

For more photos of the Class of 2022 Graduation, go to:

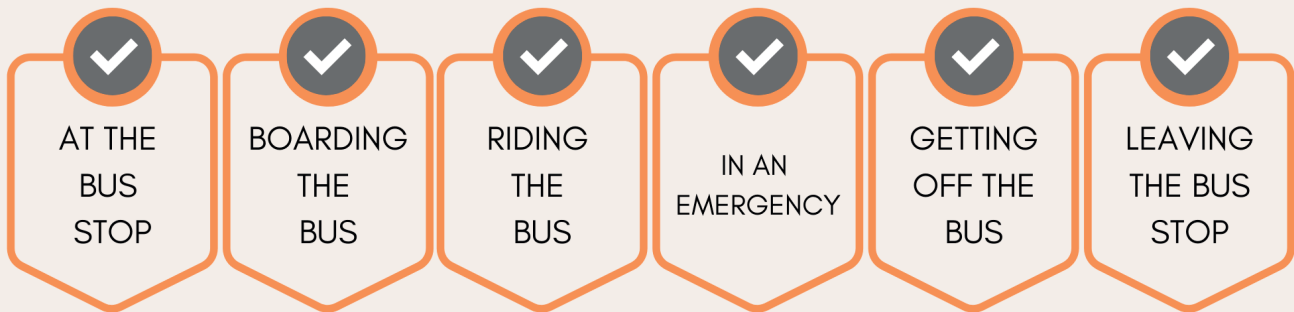
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*Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible!*



## SCHOOL BUS EXPECTATIONS



### 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 ne 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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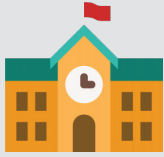
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# A NOTE TO Visitors

WE WANT OUR SCHOOLS TO BE OPEN AND WELCOMING PLACES FOR OUR FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERS, AND COMMUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE SAFE AND SECURE PLACES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS WILL BE ASKED TO PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

**CALL AHEAD** TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PERSON YOU ARE GOING TO VISIT.

**BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION** AND BE PREPARED TO SHOW IT IF REQUESTED.

**SIGN IN** AND WEAR THE ASSIGNED VISITOR BADGE.

**REMAIN IN THE SPECIFIC AREA** OF THE BUILDING WHERE YOUR MEETING OR VISIT IS SCHEDULED.

**SIGN OUT** AND RETURN THE ASSIGNED VISITOR BADGE.

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## WHERE'S SPIKE?

Our Mascot **Spike the Conductor** has partnered up with the Altoona Athletics Booster Club to hide [7] train icons in this issue of the Railroader Review! Find and circle all 7 trains and bring your findings to the AD Office for a concession stand voucher, good for (1) FREE bag of popcorn or (1) FREE bottled water at a 2022-23 sporting event! **Go Rails!**

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