

INFO MAP 2016-2017

Admission Process: New families to Bismarck Public Schools will need to make an appointment with the Central Registration office to register their children for school. Go online to www.bismarckschools.org and complete the required paperwork under the Registration & Transfer link on the left. Before a child can be enrolled, Bismarck Schools will need to establish residency. The Central Registration office will require a state-certified birth certificate, updated immunization records, etc. Call (701) 323-4110 with questions or to make an appointment.

Adult Education: Bismarck Public School District's Adult Learning Center is located in the Bismarck Technical Center, 1200 College Drive which is on the campus of Bismarck State College. Services include GED preparation, college prep., math and reading skill building, English Language Learning/ Civics, Displaced Homemakers, and Careers/Life Skills. Full time, part time and online classes are available on an open entry/exit basis with students moving at their own pace. Call (701) 323-4530 to get more information on registration.

Advanced Placement: Bismarck, Century and Legacy High Schools offer 12 Advanced Placement (AP) classes: biology, AB calculus, BC calculus, chemistry, computer science, government, physics I & II, psychology, English literature, English composition, and U.S. history. At the end of the course, students who successfully complete AP exams receive college credit from participating colleges/universities. To learn more, visit with a high school counselor.

After-School Programs: All of our elementary schools have fee-based after-school programs. Most offer BLAST (Bismarck's Life After School Time) run by the Parks and Recreation Department. Students participate in supervised arts and crafts activities, organized games and recreation. The program is run from 3-6 p.m. on school days. In 2016-17, BLAST schools are Centennial, Grimsrud, Liberty, Miller, Murphy, Northridge, Prairie Rose, Solheim, and Sunrise. Call the Parks and Recreation Department, 701-222-6771, for information. MREC (Missouri River Educational Cooperative) receives federal funds to run programs at Moses, Myhre, Pioneer, and Will-Moore. Lincoln has a fee-based program run by the MREC. Hours of operation are 7-8 am and 3-5:30 for the grant sites and 3-6 pm for Lincoln. MREC sites provide a healthy snack, recreation time, homework help, and 65% engaging academic time. Roosevelt and Highland Acres run their own after-school programs. Call those two schools for information.

Assessments: In grades K-5, the school district uses Aimsweb to measure student progress in both reading and math. This assessment is administered in the fall, winter and spring. We also use Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in reading and math twice a year in grades 3 through 8. The ND State Assessments (NDSA) is given in grades 3-8 and 11 each spring. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is given in grades 4, 8 and 11 every other year. Grades 9 and 10 take an ACT assessment called Aspire. All juniors take the ACT in the spring. To see some of these test scores, go to the "Testing" section of this document.

Athletics: (see "Extracurricular")

Attendance: School attendance is a high priority in the community. In 2015-2016, the average daily attendance rate in Bismarck Public Schools was 96.6%. North Dakota law requires compulsory attendance in public school for children under the age of 16. Student handbooks spell out specific attendance policies for elementary, middle level, and senior high students, including types of excused and unexcused absences. Senior highs have a final test exemption policy for regular attendance, which is outlined in their student handbooks.

BECEP: BECEP stands for Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program. Four different programs are available for eligible preschool-age children.

- Right Track provides in-home developmental screenings for children ages 0 to 3, and information and support services for their parents in Region VII. For information about BECEP programs, call (701) 323-4400 or go to 720 N. 14th St.
- Early Intervention is for children ages 0 to 3 with disabilities or delays in development in Region VII.
- Early Childhood Special Education is for children ages 3 to 6 with disabilities or delays in development in the Bismarck Public School District.
- Head Start provides preschool education for children ages 3 through 5 from income-eligible families in Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, Logan and McIntosh counties. Services are provided in Bismarck at the BECEP building, 720 N. 14th St.

Books: Necessary textbooks, non-consumables and lab materials are typically furnished by the school district. Parents must replace lost or damaged books. Principals and teachers can help suggest which consumable materials (paper, pencils, rulers, etc.) students should bring to school. There may also be supply fees in some classes such as sewing, art, etc. If a child needs financial assistance for school supplies or fees, please contact the school counselor.

Boundaries: The school district is divided by boundaries to help ensure appropriate distribution of students. To determine which schools your child will attend, go to www.infofinderi.com and type in your home address like you would on GPS with no punctuation and the direction at the end: 1847 Harding Ave N (example). Though parents are encouraged to send their children to the schools in their attendance areas, some transfers are allowed (see "Transfers").

Breakfast: (see "Child Nutrition")

Budget: The district budget for 2016-2017 is \$159 million. About 71% of school district revenue comes from state government, 21% is from local taxes, and 8% is from federal sources. On the expense side, about 83% of the budget is spent on salaries and fringe benefits. The rest is for purchased services, supplies and materials, capital improvements, utilities, and other expenses.

Busing: (see "Transportation")

Camp Edventure: In grades 1-5, there is a 6-week summer school program called Camp Edventure designed to boost academic success of all elementary students. It runs from 8 am to noon daily and is state-funded and free to students. Classes are no larger than 15 students per teacher. For more information on elementary summer school, call (701) 323-4280.

Career and Technical Education: Bismarck Public Schools offers a variety of Career and Technical elective course options for students. The three middle schools, Horizon, Wachter, and Simle, offer classes in Family and Consumer Science and Technology Education. Three high schools, Bismarck, Century, and Legacy, have courses in Family and Consumer Science, Marketing, Business/Marketing, and Medical Related Careers.

At the Career Academy and Technical Center located on the Bismarck State College campus, BPS students and other area high school students have an opportunity to take Aviation, Auto Technology, Auto Collision, Carpentry, Engineering, Math for the 21st Century, Horticulture/Botany (approved science credit for graduation), Applied Mechanics, Welding, Electronics, Graphic Communications, and Medical Related Careers. Articulation and Dual Credit arrangements with post-secondary institutions are available upon request. To learn more, call the Career Academy, (701) 323-4340.

Child Nutrition: Breakfast and lunch are available for all BPS students. Elementary students pay \$1.15 for breakfast; lunch is \$2.00. Middle school and senior high students pay \$1.25 for breakfast; \$2.50 for lunch, depending on a la carte items purchased. Reduce lunch for students is 40-cents. Adults pay \$1.75 for breakfast; \$3.25 for lunch. Applications for free or reduced meals are available from the Child Nutrition Office, (701) 323-4090.

Class Size: The district tries to keep class size at a maximum of 23 students in grades K-3 and 28 students in grades 4-5. If a classroom has more students than the preferred number, a teacher aide is usually provided. The average class size in grades K-5 in 2016-2017 is 20 students. For middle school, it was 24; for senior high it was 22.

Computers: Bismarck Public Schools has computers in all classrooms. Fixed computer labs and/or mobile laptop labs are available at all schools and grade levels. The student-to-computer ratio district-wide is 1.3 to 1 as of May 2016.

Conferences: Parent-teacher conferences are held at all public schools; schools set their own schedules for conferences, usually in the fall and spring. In 2016-2017, the parent-teacher conference days OFF will be December 23 and April 17 for students in grades K-12.

Counseling: All elementary schools have a full time or part time counselor. In addition, schools have student assistance teams made up of administrators, teachers, and other specialists. Middle schools serve 800-900 students and employ 3 counselors each. At the senior highs, counselors provide students with academic, career and personal guidance. Bismarck and Century High Schools each have 4 counselors for about 1,300 students. Legacy has 4 counselors for about 1,100 students. South Central has 1.5 counselors for about 50 students, and the Bismarck Career Academy and Technical Center combined have 2 career advisors.

Course Load: The minimum course load for high school seniors is 5 classes per semester; 6 classes for juniors and sophomores, 7 class periods for freshmen, and 7 to 8 class periods for middle school students.

Curriculum: Bismarck Public Schools curriculum is formally reviewed and revised on an ongoing basis. New courses, materials, and activities are frequently added. The Curriculum Director can provide further information. Call (701) 323-4084.

Elementary, K-5: The district offers a comprehensive elementary school curriculum which includes English Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking), math, social studies, science and health. All students also have a regular weekly library period, art, and music instruction. Physical education classes taught by trained P.E. instructors are offered in grades K-5.

Middle School, 6-8: In middle school, students take the following courses each year: English, social studies/history, math, science, and physical education. Other classes such as health, reading/communication and career education are also required. Elective courses include STEM, band, orchestra, choir, keyboarding, art, study skills, home skills, industrial technology, foreign language, general business, and other vocational courses. Contact any middle level school for a copy of its course catalog or visit a middle school under the "Schools" link at the top of the page at www.bismarckschools.org.

High School, 9-12: BPS requires students to have a minimum of 24 credits to graduate-- 15 required courses and 9 electives. The required core subjects include 4 credits of English, 3 credits of Social Studies, 3 credits of Math, 3 credits of Science, and 2 credits of Physical Education. Students receive their elective credits by choosing from a multitude of classes offered at Bismarck High, Century, Legacy, South Central, the Career Academy, and the Bismarck Technical Center. Contact any of these facilities for a complete course catalog or visit www.bismarckschools.org, choose the "Schools" link and navigate to a high school site.

Digital Learning: There are a variety of digital learning environments at Bismarck Public Schools. BPS is a member of the Great Western Network, an entity that provides interactive TV services for area school districts. Bismarck also provides online/blended course opportunities for high school students through a learning management system and digital resources. For more information, call the BPS Technology Director, (701) 323-4041.

Drop Out Rate: In 2015-2016, Bismarck and Century High Schools had a dropout rate of 0.7% or 19 students.

Elementary: Bismarck Public Schools has 16 neighborhood schools, which served 6,160 students, grades K-5, in fall of 2016-2017. Contact any elementary school for information or call the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, (701) 323-4068.

Eligibility: The North Dakota High School Activities Association governs extracurricular activities. For information on participation and eligibility requirements, call Bismarck School District's Activities Office, (701) 323-4080.

Emergency School Closings: The Superintendent of Schools may close schools in the event of hazardous weather, epidemics, or other emergencies that threaten the safety or health of students and staff. In the case of inclement weather, the Business and Operations Director will make a recommendation to the Superintendent by 5 a.m. If schools are to be closed, the Superintendent will alert all local news media. The official weather station is KFYZ AM 550. Once school starts, buildings will not be closed unless we are directed by authorities to do so. During bad weather, parents should use their own good judgment in determining whether their children should attend. Weather-related absences will not count against attendance or test exemption. For school information during an emergency, go to www.bismarckschools.org on the home page or under District Alerts on the left.

Employees: The Bismarck Public School District is an equal opportunity employer. Most employees are screened, tested and interviewed at length before being hired. The district is one of the largest employers in the city, with full-time, part-time and seasonal staff. The following is a breakdown of employees at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year: teaching staff=1,055; support staff=978; professional support staff=97; administrators=57; total=2,187.

English Language Learner (ELL): Bismarck Public Schools offers programming, as needed, at elementary schools for limited English proficient students under the ELL (English Language Learner) program. Call (701) 323-4290.

Enrollment: The Bismarck Public School District is the largest in the state. The opening day enrollment for 2016-2017: elementary (K-5) = 6,160; middle school (6-8) = 2,895; senior high (9-12) = 3,703; total = 12,758, an increase of 348 students over fall 2015.

Extracurricular: On the elementary level, the school district offers string musical instrument training for children beginning in grade 4. Band now begins in middle school in grade 6. The Bismarck Parks and Recreation Dept. runs our elementary athletic programs, (701) 222-6455. We also co-sponsor fall co-ed cross country meets and a spring track and field event.

At the middle and high school level, the district offers many co-curricular activities. Fine arts include a wide variety of music, visual art, speech, and drama opportunities. The fall sports program has football, girls' volleyball, girls' swimming, girls' golf, boys' cross country, girls' cross country, boys' soccer and boys' tennis. The winter sports program offers boys' basketball, boys' hockey, girls' hockey, girls' basketball, gymnastics, figure skating, wrestling, and boys'

swimming. In the spring, we have boys' track, girls' track, girls' soccer, girls' tennis, girls' softball, boys' golf, and baseball. The number for the Activities Office is (701) 323-4080.

Field Trips: (see "Transportation")

Foundation: BPS has a non-profit foundation for accepting donations for programs, scholarships, teacher mini-grants, etc. Call (701) 323-4093.

Gifted Program: Bismarck Public Schools has a Levels of Service program. Coordinators work with classroom teachers in the school district's 17 elementary schools. For more information, contact the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, (701) 323-4068.

Grading: Elementary school grades are given at the end of each trimester, which are Nov. 18, Feb. 17, and May 25 in 2016-17. Middle school and senior high students receive reports at the end of each nine weeks: Oct. 28, Jan. 13, Mar 24, and May 25. Standards-based progress reports are used in grades K-5: a score of 1 means the student has limited understanding of the benchmark/goal, a 2 means the student has partially met the benchmark/goal, and a 3 means the benchmark/goal has been met. In grades 6-12, letter grades are used, though middle school will be converting to standards-based report cards in a few years. Grades for traditional report cards are as follows: A = excellent, B = above average, C = average, D = below average, F = failing, and I = incomplete. Senior highs also allow students to take one elective class per semester on a pass/fail or S/U basis: S = satisfactory and U = unsatisfactory. This enables students to receive credit for taking a class without having a letter grade affect their Grade Point Average (GPA).

Graduation: In 2015-2016, 822 students graduated from Bismarck's three public high schools: BHS = 369; CHS = 428; SCHS = 25. In 2016-2017, graduation ceremonies for South Central High School will be at 4 pm at the Adult Learning Center at 7 pm at the Career Academy on Thursday, May 25. Bismarck High, Century, and Legacy seniors will graduate Sunday, May 28, at the Bismarck Event Center. LHS will be at 1 p.m.; BHS at 4 p.m.; CHS is at 7 p.m.

Graduation Requirements: Bismarck Public Schools requires students to have a minimum of 24 credits to graduate (15 required core subjects and 9 electives). Required subjects are 4 credits of English, 3 credits of Social Studies, 3 credits of Math, 3 credits of Science and 2 credits of Physical Education. The state of ND requires 22 credits.

Head Start: (see "BECEP")

Health Curriculum: In elementary school, BPS uses a comprehensive health curriculum called Health and Wellness. These materials cover growth and nutrition, personal health and safety, drugs and disease prevention, community and environmental health, and mental, emotional and social health. The elementary health curriculum also includes Toward-No-Tobacco (TNT) to address tobacco issues, and LIFESKILLS, which teaches values such as caring, truthfulness, and responsibility. One semester of health is offered to all 7th grade students, along with additional elements of health being addressed in grades 6-8, some of which may include the Lifeskills program. In senior high, students may elect to take a more in-depth health class, which also includes family and parenting education. Health at the high school level is also integrated throughout the physical education curriculum. For more information on the health curriculum, call the Curriculum Director, (701) 323-4084.

Home Education: The State of North Dakota provides an option for parents through which they can educate their own children at home. More details can be found in our Home Education Handbook and by calling (701) 323-4074.

Homeless (see “Students in Transition”)

High School (see “Senior High” or “Curriculum”)

Indian Education: Services for American Indian students are in the form of tutorial services, home/school liaison, school supplies and cultural programs that are offered through the Johnson O'Malley program (tribally funded) and the Title VII Indian Education program (federally funded). To learn more, call (701) 323-4050.

JOM (Johnson O'Malley): See “Indian Education”.

Kindergarten: The school system offers free full day, every day kindergarten for children who are five years old by July 31 of that school year. Registration starts in January. To learn more, call Central Registration, (701) 323-4110. At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, 998 kindergarten children were enrolled in the school district.

Library: All Bismarck School libraries are staffed with certified library media specialists. In grades K-5, there are 16 elementary library media specialists serving 16 elementary schools. In grades 6-12, there are 7 library media specialists serving 3 middle schools and 5 high schools. All of the school libraries have at least one library aide. Libraries are open before and after school each day. The district Library Media Office at Hughes Educational Center is open year round and provides instructional resources to all BPS educators, as well as area public and private schools who are members of the Teacher Center. The district library web page is at <http://www.bismarckschools.org/library/>. Individual school library web pages have a link from the district library web page and also at the top of each school's home page. For more information on library media services, call (701) 323-4075.

Lunch: (see "Child Nutrition")

Middle School: Bismarck has three schools serving grades 6-8: Horizon, Simle and Wachter. They each serve 870-1,030 students, for a total population at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year of 2,895 students. For information on curriculum in these schools, call the school office or the Curriculum Director, (701) 323-4084.

Music: The district employs trained music teachers to provide one hour of instruction each week for all students in grades K-5. In addition, students in grades 4 and 5 may participate in an extracurricular string instructional program. Band instrument instruction is available for 6th graders five days per week. Middle school and senior high students may choose a variety of band, choir and orchestra electives as part of their regular class schedule. They may also take additional music courses as extra-curricular activities. Parents are invited to concerts throughout the school year. These concerts are free at the elementary and middle school level; there is a charge at the senior highs, but booster tickets are available. There is usually a fee for multi-grade music programs and/or concerts held at an outside venue, like the Event Center or Belle Mehus Auditorium. To learn more, call the Fine Arts Office, (701) 323-4082 (see "Extra-curricular").

Noon Hours: Lunch times vary from school to school. Middle school students must stay on campus during the noon hour; senior highs have an open campus policy.

Nurses: Bismarck Public Schools has 3 part-time and 4 full time school nurses to serve our 16 elementary schools, 1 FT nurse serving BECEP/Head Start, and 1 FT nurse serving Special Education. To learn more, call (701) 323-4024.

Open Enrollment: (see “Transfers”)

Parent-Teacher Conferences: (see "Conferences")

Parent-Teacher Organizations: Every public school has a parent-teacher group, which provides input to the principal and organizes special school activities and fundraisers. To join, call the school principal.

Physical Education: The district employs trained physical education instructors to run its physical education program. Students in grades K-3 receive at least 60 minutes of physical education instruction per week; at least 90 minutes for children in grades 4-5. Middle level and senior high students must take one semester of physical education per year.

Physicals: Medical exams are recommended for kids starting kindergarten or 1st grade. Physicals are required each year for students participating in middle or high school athletics.

Pre-School Services: (see "BECEP").

Promotion/Retention: Decisions regarding promotion and retention are made cooperatively between the parent, child, teacher and principal. Factors such as physical and social maturity, stress, health, attitude, effort, and opportunity to improve are considered. It is strongly suggested that retention take place early in a child's school career (K-2), though retention and promotion are not limited to these grades.

PowerSchool: The school district uses the PowerSchool online system to keep track of student attendance and lunch accounts. All teachers use PowerTeacher Gradebook to enter grades and standards. Parents are assigned a code by the school so they can access this information. To learn more, contact the school secretary.

Reading Programs: district has reading specialists in all 16 public elementary schools for students with the greatest need for support. In 2016-2017, 8 elementary schools (Northridge, Lincoln, Miller, Moses, Myhre, Pioneer, Roosevelt, and Will-Moore) will receive federal funds through Title I; the other 8 elementary schools are district-funded through the District Supplemental Look-a-like Reading Program. Title I also serves eligible non-public schools in Bismarck (Shiloh, St. Anne, St. Mary's, Cathedral, and Martin Luther). For more information, call (701) 323-4320.

Records: Bismarck schools keep cumulative records of grades, achievement tests, attendance and immunization records, and other pertinent student data. These records are confidential and will not be released without parent permission. Records are automatically transferred when a student changes schools within the district. If a student moves outside of the district, copies of the records are provided to the child's new school free-of-charge upon request. Senior high graduates who request copies of transcripts for higher education or employment use will be charged \$2 per transcript. Records are kept at the high schools for 3-4 years. After that, call (701) 323-4056.

Report Cards: Progress reports are issued at trimesters for grades K-5 (Nov. 18, Feb. 17, and May 25) and every nine weeks during the school year for grades 6-12 (Oct. 28, Jan. 13, Mar. 24, and May 25). Report cards are distributed at parent-teacher conferences in the fall and spring. If parents do not attend, report cards are mailed or sent home with students (see "Grading").

Retention: (see "Promotion/Retention")

School Board: There are five members on the Bismarck School Board who are elected for four-year terms. Elections are held in June. The board members for 2016-2017 are Matt Sagsveen,

president; Karl Lembke, vice president; and members Heide Delorme, Rick Geloff, and Scott Halvorson. The Board holds regular meetings the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Tom Baker Room at the City/County Building at 221 N. 5th St. Watch the meetings live or rebroadcast on cable government channel 2.

School Day: Elementary schools (grades K-5) start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:05 p.m. Middle schools (grades 6-8) typically start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Senior highs (grades 9-12) run from 8:25 a.m. to 3:28 p.m. Some early bird classes are also offered at the high schools.

Senior High: Bismarck Public Schools has 4 high schools. The present Bismarck High structure built in 1934 was remodeled in the 1990's, and had 1,229 students on the first day of school this year. Century opened in 1976 and has a population of 1,233 students. Legacy opened in 2015 and had 1,125 students in 2016-17 on opening day. South Central High School is an alternative senior high started in 1983 for students who have dropped out of a conventional high school. The schedule at SCHS is more flexible, and classes are smaller so students receive more individualized instruction; 116 students were signed up on the first day of school this fall. Total senior high enrollment (grades 9-12) at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year was 3,703. To learn more, call the senior high schools or the Curriculum Director, (701) 323-4084.

Special Education: The Special Education Department provides special education and related services to young people with disabilities ages 3-21. Individualized Education Program (IEP) planning teams determine eligibility for services. Our goal is to support the education of students with disabilities in the general education environment. Call (701) 323-4029.

Sports: (see "Extracurricular")

Student Handbooks: Elementary and senior high schools have handbooks, which contain more detailed information about individual school policies and curriculum. Middle school policies are contained in their student planners.

Students in Transition/Homeless: Bismarck Public Schools is committed to ensuring that children who are homeless have access to quality education. Eligible families or youth are those who lack a stable, adequate, and permanent place to sleep at night. If you or people you know are living in make-shift conditions (motel, car, camper, tent, or with relatives/friends) until they can afford a place of their own, the Students in Transition program can help. Call (701) 323-4051.

Summer School: In grades 1-5, there is a 6-week summer program called Camp Adventure designed to boost academic success of all elementary students. It runs from 8 am to noon daily and is state funded and free to students. Classes are no larger than 15 students per teacher. For more information on elementary summer school, call (701) 323-4280. Middle schools and senior highs offer a growing number of free summer school classes in June and July, based on student demand and teacher availability. There is a waiting list, so students are encouraged to register early (January-February) at their schools.

Taxes: On a \$100,000 home, the average taxpayer would pay about \$449 in school taxes in 2016-17. The average cost to educate a child in Bismarck in 2015-2016 was \$9,926 compared with the same year's North Dakota average of \$10,523.

Teacher Training: The district is committed to hiring and retaining the best staff possible. Since hundreds of teachers apply for a limited number of openings each year, the school system is able to hire qualified, experienced teachers. The district provides many courses and in-service opportunities so teachers can improve their instructional skills. In BPS, about 50% of teachers have masters degrees or above.

Test Scores: Bismarck students consistently do well on national standardized tests. For example, the most recent American College Test (ACT) composite scores for high school seniors for the most recent year available (2014-2015) were as follows: BHS = 20.5; CHS = 22.5; ND = 20.6; USA = 21.0. A perfect ACT score is 36. Only a few Bismarck seniors take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) because it is not required for admission to most Midwest colleges and universities.

Also, most BPS students score in the proficient or advanced ranges on the North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA), and they outscore state averages of other N.D. students. Reading and math scores below are from spring of the 2014-15 school year; science scores are from fall 2014.

	Reading	Math	Science
Grade	ND/BPS	ND/BPS	ND/BPS
3	46%/44%	51%/54%	-----
4	43%/41%	43%/49%	66%/68%
5	49%/48%	37%/41%	-----
6	43%/49%	36%/38%	-----
7	43%/44%	38%/35%	-----
8	42%/46%	35%/40%	60%/60%
11	55%/63%	37%/41%	64%/64%

The above scores represent students who are proficient or advanced in math, reading and science on the State Assessment. Scores include all students participating in the NDSA, including students with disabilities who were tested with accommodations. ND Alternate Assessment scores are not included in these calculations. For more information, go to “Assessments” above.

Transcripts: (see “Records”)

Transfers Between Schools in Bismarck: Students who live in Bismarck and want to attend a Bismarck Public School outside of the attendance area in which they live must complete a Transfer Request Form. K-12 forms are available online at www.bismarckschools.org under Registration & Transfer on the left or contact Central Registration, (701) 323-4110. Requests are approved on a space-available or needs basis. For more information, call the Asst. Superintendent of Elementary, (701) 323-4068, or Asst. Superintendent of Secondary, (701) 323-4074. There is no open enrollment for students living **outside** of Bismarck.

Transportation: See the information below or call (701) 323-4502 if you have questions.

Elementary (K-5): Busing is available for elementary students who live beyond a half mile from their school. Students must live inside the school’s attendance boundary to be eligible.

Secondary (grades 6-12): Busing is provided to students who live more than one mile from our 3 public middle schools and BHS, CHS and Legacy high schools. Students must live inside the school’s attendance boundary to be eligible.

Rural, Special Needs, or Head Start Busing: We provide transportation for all students living outside the city limits and within the school district boundary. Transportation is also provided for some special needs students as assigned by the Special Services Department, and for eligible Head Start preschool students.

Vocational Education: (see “Career and Technical Education”)

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 22-24	Staff Development/Work Days	
Aug. 25	First Day of School	
Sept. 5	Labor Day	
Oct. 19	Staff Development Day	No School
Oct. 20-21	Teacher's Convention	No School
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day	No School
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Break	No School
Dec. 22	Last Day before the Holidays	
Dec. 23	Parent-Teacher Conference Day Off	No School
Jan. 3	School Reconvenes	
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day	No School
Feb. 20	President's Day	No School
Feb. 21	Staff Development Day	No School
Mar. 10*	Possible Storm Make Up Day	No School
Mar. 13	Staff Development Day	No School
Apr. 14	Good Friday	No School
Apr. 17	Parent-Teacher Conference Day Off	No School
May 25	Last Day of School	
	SCHS Graduation @ Career Academy, 4 PM	
	ALC Graduation @ Career Academy, 7 PM	
May 26*	Teacher Work Day	
May 28	LHS Graduation @ Event Center, 1 PM	
	BHS Graduation @ Event Center, 4 PM	
	CHS Graduation @ Event Center, 7 PM	
June 5-July 18	Camp Edventure Elementary Summer School (no classes July 3 & 4)	
June 5-June 23	Middle/Senior High Summer School #1	
June 26-July 18	Middle/Senior High Summer School #2 (no classes July 3 & 4)	

** Designated storm make-up days; students may have to attend school on those days!*

Bismarck Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities which it operates, and that it is required by Title IX and Part 86 of the Dept. of Education regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. This requirement not to discriminate extends to educational programs and activities, as well as to employment. Questions? Call Lisa Kudelka, BPS Human Resources Manager, 701-323-4071.

MISSION: All students will have the academic, social, and personal skills to be college, career, and community ready.

VISION: Together, we inspire a passion for learning, discovery, and excellence.

DIRECTORY: (The area code for North Dakota is 701)

Administration, Hughes Building, 806 N. Washington Street:

Receptionist	323-4000	Fax: 323-4001
Superintendent	323-4054	Tamara Uselman
Asst. Supt. Elementary	323-4068	Dr. Fran Rodenburg
Asst. Supt. Secondary	323-4073	Dr. Ben Johnson
Special Education Director	323-4029	Cindy Wilcox
Human Resources Manager	323-4070	Lisa Kudelka
Technology Director	323-4041	Tanna Kincaid

Community Relations Director 323-4091 Renae Walker

Facilities & Transportation, 705 S. 9th Street:

Receptionist	323-4500	Fax: 323-4505
Business & Operations Manager	323-4057	Darin Scherr
Asst. Director of Transportation	323-4508	Bob Brown
Asst. Director of Facilities	323-4501	Jason Mittlstadt
Transportation Coordinator	323-4502	Jen Clooten

Elementary Schools (K-5):

Centennial	323-4290	Michele Svihovec	2800 Ithica Dr.
Grimsrud	323-4150	Willie Nelson	716 St. Benedict Dr.
Highland Acres	323-4160	Dr. Shawn Oban	1200 Prairie Dr.
Liberty	323-4320	Linnett Schmidkunz	5400 Onyx Dr.
Lincoln	323-4310	Shelly Swanson	3320 McCurry Way
Miller	323-4170	John Alstad	1989 N. 20th St.
Moses	323-4180	Dr. Jason Hornbacher	1312 S. Columbia Dr.
Murphy	323-4190	Matt Fricke	611 N. 31st St.
Myhre	323-4200	Alivia Wamboldt	919 S. 12th St.
Northridge	323-4210	Kathy Rooke	1727 N. 3rd St.
Pioneer	323-4220	Jim Jeske	1400 E. Braman Ave.
Prairie Rose	323-4280	Brenda Beiswenger	2200 Oahe Bend
Roosevelt	323-4240	Dr. Shawn Oban	613 Avenue B West
Solheim	323-4260	Charles Dalusong	325 Munich Dr.
Sunrise	323-4300	Lynn Wolf	3800 Nickerson Ave.
Will-Moore	323-4270	Brad Barnhardt	400 East Ave. E
BECEP@Richholt	323-4400	Michelle Hougen	720 N. 14 th St.

Middle Schools (6-8):

Horizon Middle School	323-4550	Dr. Tabby Rabenberg	500 Ash Coulee Dr.
Simle Middle School	323-4600	Russ Riehl	1218 Simle Dr.
Wachter Middle School	323-4650	Lee Ziegler	1107 S. 7th St.

Senior High Schools (9-12):

Bismarck High School	323-4800	David Wisthoff	800 N. 8th St.
Century High School	323-4900	Steve Madler	1000 Century Ave.
Legacy High School	323-4850	Tom Schmidt	806 N. Washington St.
South Central High	323-4520	Joe Kalvoda	406 S. Anderson St.
Adult Learning Center	323-4341	Dale Hoerauf	1500 Edwards Ave.
Bismarck Technical Center	323-4340	Dale Hoerauf	1200 College Dr.
Career Academy	323-4340	Dale Hoerauf	1221 College Dr.

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