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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 red Registration & Transfer tab on the left. Before a child can be enrolled, Bismarck Public Schools will need to establish residency. Central Registration 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 at the Bismarck Technical Center, 1200 College Dr. Services include GED preparation, college prep., Read Right tutoring, math and reading skill building, English Language Learning/U.S. Civics, Displaced Homemakers and career exploration. Full time and part time classes are available on an open entry/exit basis with students moving at their own pace. Call (701) 323-4530 to register.

Advanced Placement: Bismarck and Century 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 and 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. BLAST schools are Centennial, Grismrud, Liberty, Miller, Murphy, Northridge, Pioneer, 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 Lincoln, Moses, Myhre, Saxvik and Will-Moore. Roosevelt and Highland Acres run their own after-school programs. Please call those two schools for more 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 3 times per year in grades 3-8. This assessment is also administered in the spring to grades 2, 9, and 10. The ND State Assessments (NDSA) is given in grades 3-8 and 11 each spring; and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is given in grades 4, 8 and 11 every other year. Freshmen take an early ACT assessment called Aspire, and all juniors participate in the ACT in the spring. To review some test scores, go to the “Testing” section of this document.

Athletics: (see "Extracurricular")

Attendance: School attendance is a high priority in the community. In 2014-2015, the average daily attendance rate in Bismarck Public Schools was 96.1%. 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. Five 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.
- **Community Friends preschool** is for kids ages 3 to 4 who have strong social and language skills, as they will be in classes with children with disabilities. A fee is charged for this program and parents must provide transportation for a morning (8:15-11:15 am) or afternoon (11:45 am-3:15 pm) session held Monday through Thursday from September through May. For fee and other information, call 323-4400 or stop by 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](http://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 2015-2016 is about $150 million; 71.7% of school district revenue comes from state government, 20.6% is from local taxes, and 7.7% is from federal sources. On the expense side, about 85% 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, Networking and Introduction to Information Technology, 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 students at all Bismarck Public Schools. 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. 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. Reduced breakfast is 30 cents; reduced lunch is 40 cents.

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 2015-2016 is 20 students.

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 1.4 to 1 as of May 2015.

Conferences: Parent-teacher conferences are held at all public schools; schools set their own schedules for conferences, usually in the fall and spring. In 2015-2016, the parent-teacher conference days off will be November 25 and March 28 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 875-960 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 1,350 students. Legacy has 3 counselors for 850 students. South Central has 1 for about 100 students, and there are 2 career advisors serving the Bismarck Technical Center and Career Academy.
**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, North Dakota Studies, and career education are also required. Elective courses include band, orchestra, choir, art, study skills, home skills, industrial technology, foreign language, general business, physical education electives, 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](http://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](http://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 television services for approximately 47 area school districts. Bismarck also provides online/blended course opportunities for high school students through the use of our Learning Management System and other online tools. For more information, call the BPS Technology Director, (701) 323-4041.

** Dropout Rate:** In 2014-2015, Bismarck and Century High Schools had a dropout rate of 1.4% or 39 students.

**Elementary:** Bismarck Public Schools has 17 neighborhood schools, which served more than 6,000 students, grades K-5, at the beginning of 2015-2016. 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 KFYR 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 2015-2016 school year: teaching staff=1,050; support staff=943; professional support staff=93; administrators=53; total=2,139.

**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 2015-2016: kindergarten = 992; elementary (1-5) = 5,041; middle school (6-8) = 2,778; senior high (9-12) = 3,599; total = 12,410, an increase of 361 students over fall 2014.

**Extracurricular:** On the elementary level, the school district offers string musical instrument training for children beginning in grade 4. Band 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 November 20, February 26, and June 2 in 2015-16. Middle school and senior high students receive reports at the end of each nine weeks: November 1, January 17, March 27, and June 2. Standards-based progress reports are used in grades K-8: 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. Grades for traditional high school report cards are 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 2014-2015, 794 students graduated from Bismarck's three public high schools: BHS = 380; CHS = 380; SCHS = 34. In 2015-2016, graduation ceremonies for the Adult Learning Center will be at 7 pm, and South Central High School will be at 4 pm at the Career Academy on Thursday, June 2. Century and Bismarck High School seniors will graduate Sunday, June 7, at the Civic Center. CHS will be at 1 pm; BHS is at 5 pm.

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, 992 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 12 elementary library media specialists serving 17 elementary schools. In grades 6-12, there are 6 library media specialists serving 3 middle schools and 4 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 850-950 students, for a total population at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year of 2,778 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. Family and community members 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 Patron tickets are available. There is usually a fee for multi-grade music programs and/or concerts held at an outside venue, like the Bismarck Events 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 4 full-time and 3 part-time school nurses to serve our 17 elementary schools. There is also a FT nurse at BECEP and a FT nurse funded through 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: The district has reading specialists in all 17 public elementary schools for students who need supplemental help in this area. In 2015-2016, 9 elementary schools (Lincoln, Miller, Moses, Myhre, Northridge, Pioneer, Roosevelt, Saxvik, and Will-Moore) will receive federal funds through Title I; the other 8 elementary schools are district-funded through the District Supplemental Reading Program. Title I also serves eligible non-public schools in Bismarck (Martin Luther, Shiloh, St. Mary’s Elementary School, St. Anne’s and Cathedral). For more information, call (701) 323-4250.

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. 20, Feb. 26, June 2) and every nine weeks during the school year for grades 6-12 (Nov. 1, Jan. 17, Mar. 27, June 2). 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 2015-2016 are Lawrence King, president; Scott Halvorson, vice president; Heide Delorme, Karl Lembke, and Matt Sagsveen. 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 1,331 students on the first day of school in 2015-16 Century High opened in 1976 and had a population of 1,349 students on opening day this year. Legacy opened this fall with 851 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; the first seniors will graduate in 2017. 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; 104 students were signed up on the first day of school this fall. Total senior high enrollment (grades 9-12) at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year was 3,599. 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 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. 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 $467 in school taxes. The average cost to educate a child in Bismarck in 2014-2015 was $10,424 compared with the same year’s North Dakota average of $10,131.

**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, 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 2014-2015 were as follows: BHS = 19.8; CHS = 21.6; 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.

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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 those 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 three public middle schools and three public high schools. Students must live inside the school’s attendance boundary to be eligible.

Rural, Special Needs, or HeadStart 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”)

2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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June 2
Last Day of School
Adult Learning Center Graduation @ Career Academy, 4 PM
South Central High School Graduation @ Career Academy, 7 PM

June 3
Teacher Work Day

June 5
CHS Graduation @ Civic Center, 1 PM
BHS Graduation @ Civic Center, 5 PM

June 13-July 26
Camp Edventure Elementary Summer School (no classes July 4 & 5)

June 13-July 1
Middle/Senior High Summer School #1

June 6-July 26
Middle/Senior High Summer School #2 (no classes July 4 & 5)

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

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Centennial  323-4290    Michele Svihovec  2800 Ithica Dr.
Grimsrud 323-4150 Willie Nelson 716 St. Benedict Dr.
Highland Acres 323-4160 Shawn Oban 1200 Prairie Dr.
Liberty 323-4320 Terry Kuester 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 Shawn Oban 613 Avenue B West
Saxvik 323-4250 Linnett Schmidkunz 523 N. 21st St.
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 at Richholt 323-4400 Michelle Hougen 720 N. 14th St.

Middle Schools (6-8):
Horizon Middle School 323-4550 Dr. Tabetha Rabenberg 500 Ash Coulee Dr.
Simle Middle School 323-4600 Russ Riehl 1215 N. 19th St.
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 3400 E. Calgary Ave.
South Central High 323-4520 Joe Kalvoda 406 S. Anderson St.
Adult Learning Center 323-4341 Dale Hoerauf 1200 College Dr.
Bismarck Technical Center 323-4340 Dale Hoerauf 1200 College Dr.
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Bismarck Public Schools
Elementary Attendance Areas

Boundaries of Elementary Schools Feeding into Middle & High Schools

**Bismarck High Feeder** (21)
- Wachter Middle School (20)
- Lincoln Elementary School (5)
- Moses Elementary (7)
- Myhre Elementary (9)
- Prairie Rose Elementary School (12)
- Solheim Elementary School (15)
- Will-Moore Elementary (17)
- Manning Elementary School

**Century High Feeder** (22)
- Horizon Middle School (18)
- Centennial Elementary (1)
- Grimsrud Elementary (2)
- Highland Acres Elementary (3)
- Liberty Elementary School (4)
- Northridge Elementary (10)
- Roosevelt Elementary School (13)

**Legacy High Feeder** (23)
- Simle Middle School (19)
- Miller Elementary (6)
- Murphy Elementary (8)
- Pioneer Elementary School (11)
- Saxvik Elementary School (14)
- Apple Creek Elementary School
- Menoken Elementary School
- Naughton Elementary School
- Sterling Elementary School

- Riverside Educational Center
- South Central High & Life Education (24)
- Hughes Educational Center (25)
- Home of Legacy High School, 2014-15

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