

NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL — SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The 2009 Iowa Legislature adopted new laws related to Iowa's Sex Offender Registry (SOR). This bill makes a number of changes to Iowa's sex offender statute and moves Iowa toward compliance with the federal Adam Walsh Act. While there are some new details about who has to register, etc., generally the law prevents those on the SOR from being present on school grounds. Anyone on the SOR wishing to be on school grounds must get permission from the Superintendent of Schools; who has the authority to determine whether to grant access to registrants who have committed a sex offense against a minor. Questions regarding this legislation should be directed to Superintendent Barb Schwamman at 641.732.5381.



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ANNUAL NOTICES TO FAMILIES

HOMELESS CHILDREN

Each state educational agency shall ensure that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth.

The definition of homelessness as covered by the McKinney-Vento Act is any child or youth without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence is considered "homeless" under the law. This includes students who are:

- * Living with a friend, relative or someone else because they lost their home or their family is having temporary financial problems.'
- * Staying in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground because they have nowhere else to go.
- * Living in a shelter, including emergency or transitional shelters, domestic violence shelters, and runaway and homeless youth shelters.
- * Staying in substandard housing
- * Living in places not ordinarily used for sleeping, including cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, or bus or train stations
- * Awaiting foster care placement
- * Abandoned in a hospital

School districts must make sure students who are homeless can enroll and succeed in school. School districts must make sure these young people receive appropriate services, including transportation, preschool, special education, English language learner services, and vocational education. The school must make referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health services or other care providers.

Resources can be accessed through the District's Homeless Liaison, Michelle Dohlman. Please contact her at 641.732.3102 or at mdohlman@osage.k12.ia.us.

GENERAL EDUCATION INTERVENTION (GEI)

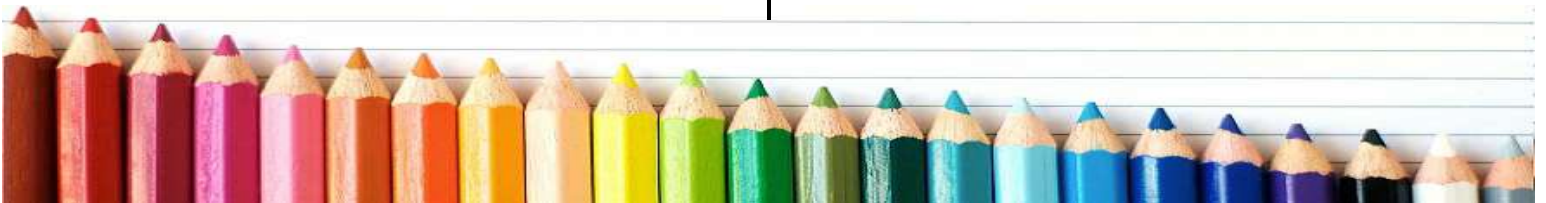
The General Education Intervention (GEI) process is available to all students. This process is interactive and ongoing. It involves teams of individuals collaborating with one another to create academic/behavioral interventions designed to meet the diverse needs of individual students. Members of GEI teams include parents, educators, caregivers, administrators, AEA 267 support staff, and others who are knowledgeable about the educational needs of a student.

The purpose of our GEI process is to identify and implement academic/behavioral intervention strategies that address individual student needs in general education classroom settings. The GEI process involves direct and frequent monitoring of student progress in the area of concern. It is also part of the assessment

COMPETENT PRIVATE INSTRUCTION (CPI) / HOME SCHOOLING

The rules and guidelines for CPI have changed over the last couple of years. If you wish to instruct your student in your home, please call the Office of the Superintendent for more information or go to the Iowa Department of Education website: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/faq-categories/competent-private-instruction>

Parents who will be dual enrolling their child(ren) during the 2017-18 school year are reminded that state law requires that you annually complete Competent Private Instruction forms. These forms are available on the district website or in the Office of the Superintendent. All forms must be completed and returned by August 31, 2017. Please call Renae Trettin at 641.732.5381 with questions.



PHYSICALS & IMMUNIZATIONS



All students entering preschool and kindergarten must have a current physical along with the state required immunizations. All students entering 7th grade need to have an updated Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) immunization; as required by state law. Students entering 9th grade need a dental exam.

Additionally, students in grades 7-12 are required to have an athletic physical prior to participating in extracurricular sports. Middle School age students often require immunization boosters, so please check with your doctor's office.

More information will be available during Back-to-School Conferences. If you have any further questions about the immunization schedule for your child, you may contact Mitchell County Public Health at 641.832.3500.

DENTAL SCREENING

Beginning in 2008, Iowa law requires that children entering kindergarten, ninth grade and out-of-state transfer students receive a screening for dental disease. Proof of the dental screening must be documented on specific forms available from your school nurse.

No child will be prevented from attending school without proof of dental screening. If families have difficulty meeting the requirements, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and local public health will provide assistance to children and schools to ensure that the necessary dental screenings are obtained. IDPH encourages parents of children entering kindergarten or ninth grade to contact their health provider to check their child's records and to make appointments for check-ups if necessary. For more information on dental screenings, contact your school nurse.

District Nurse: Kristi Aschenbrenner

CHILD ABUSE

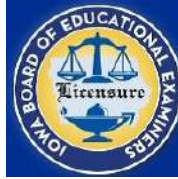
All certified school personnel are Mandatory Child Abuse Reporters according to state law. Suspected child abuse must be reported to the appropriate authorities.

BULLYING / HARASSMENT

Harassment, bullying and abuse are violations of school district policies rules and regulations and, in some cases, may also be a violation of criminal or other laws. The school district has the authority to report students violating this rule to law enforcement officials. A complaint form is available in each district office or on the district's website.

DISTRICT LEVEL I INVESTIGATORS

Barb Schwamman, Superintendent
Greg Adams, Lincoln Elementary



Iowa Board of
Educational Examiners

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents and guardians of students in the Osage Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teachers.

- ◆ State licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught
- ◆ Current licensing status and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree

The information is available online at www.state.ia.us/boee, or by contacting your building principal.



BUILDING SECURITY



Please be advised that the school doors will be locked during school hours. Visitors will need to go to the main entrance of each building to buzz into the secretary at each office. **ONLY** upon approval of who you are and why you are entering, will you be able to gain entry into the building. All other doors will be locked. **NEVER** come to a different door and request a student to open the door for you. All buildings utilize cameras for the safety and security of our students and our premises.

TOBACCO FREE POLICY

In an effort to provide a healthy, safe and productive environment to work and learn, the following board policies have been adopted.

- ◆ ALL district buildings, grounds and vehicles are tobacco free.
- ◆ Employees of the district are prohibited from the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs.



ASBESTOS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has guidelines for schools to use in identifying asbestos within buildings. The EPA has designed a system for determining relative risks and suggesting appropriate safety responses. Friable and non-friable asbestos containing materials will be maintained in good condition and appropriate precautions will be followed when the material is disturbed. If there is a need to replace asbestos, it will be replaced with non-asbestos containing materials.

Osage school facilities are inspected twice a year. All inspections are done by a certified asbestos inspector, as required. A copy of the district's asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices. Please direct any questions to Asbestos Program Manager, John Cramer at 641.732.5381.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student accident insurance is available to all students. Brochures which list coverage and costs are distributed at registration. This insurance is optional.

ABUSE OF STUDENT BY DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Recent legislation has specific guidelines pertaining to what will be considered acts of physical or sexual abuse by school employees, including inappropriate as well as intentional sexual behavior towards students. All such activities are clearly in violation of the policies of the Osage Community School District.

To ensure compliance, each building administrator has been appointed as the district's Level I investigators, with a designated Level II as their alternate. If the complaint is found to be without grounds, the Level I investigators can cause the complaint to be dropped. If legal action is required, or the incident becomes under the auspices of the Department of Human Services, then the appropriate agency is notified. The investigators may also refer the case to the Level II investigator, as can another person if the disagree with the Level I findings.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents/Guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child(ren) in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

- ⇒ **September 1, 2017:** last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under "good cause" definition for the 2017-18 school year.
- ⇒ **March 1, 2018:** last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2018-19 school year.

Students who open enroll and participate in sports may have to sit out for 90 school days. Contact Renae Trettin at 641.732.5381 or at renae.trettin@osage.k12.ia.us with any questions.

AT-RISK

The Osage Community School District has established the following definition of "At-Risk:" an At-Risk student is any student who needs additional support and who is not meeting the established goals of our educational system (academic, personal/social, career/vocational). At-risk students include, but are not limited to students in the following groups: homeless, lack of effort/low commitment, poor attendance, low achievement, low socioeconomic status, potential dropout/dropout, misbehavior, parenthood, and/or has a learning or emotional disturbance.

