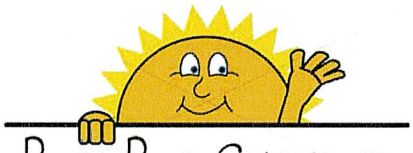
The Leigh Legend

August-September 2026



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Panther Nation,

I hope you've had a wonderful summer filled with time to relax, recharge, and enjoy family and friends. It's hard to believe the 2026–2027 school year is almost here, and I am excited to begin my fifth year as your 7–12 principal at Leigh Community Schools.

The start of a new school year always brings excitement, new opportunities, and a fresh beginning. Whether you're entering junior high for the first time or preparing for your final year as a Panther, I encourage every student to get involved, work hard, and make the most of every opportunity.

Our staff has been busy preparing classrooms and getting everything ready to welcome students back. We look forward to another year filled with learning, school spirit, athletic competition, extracurricular activities, and the many moments that make Leigh Community Schools such a special place.

Important Dates

- **Open House:** Wednesday, August 12, at 5:00 PM
- **First Day of School:** Friday, August 14 (1:00 PM dismissal)

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can help every student succeed and continue building a culture where we strive to **Be the Best** each day.

We're excited to welcome everyone back for another outstanding year. Let's make it one to remember.

Go Panthers!

Leigh Community Schools

PO Box 98 222 W. 4th Street Leigh NE 68643

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

On behalf of the Leigh Community Schools Administration, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our Leigh Panthers as we begin the 2026-2027 school year! I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing summer filled with time to recharge and make lasting memories. As we return to school, there is a renewed sense of excitement across our district. A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, build friendships, and create experiences that will last a lifetime.

Our teachers will report August 10th-13th for professional development, meetings, and classroom preparation as they get everything ready to welcome students back. The first day of school for K-12 students is Friday, August 14th. Students will meet their teachers, receive books and lockers, and begin settling into another exciting year of learning. This will be a 1:00 p.m. dismissal, with breakfast and lunch served, and buses will run accordingly. Pre-K students will begin on August 17th, providing additional classroom preparation time while also helping ease childcare needs for many families.

Next, I would like to introduce our new staff members. We are excited for these individuals to join LCS! Mrs. Kari Bazata 4-6 Reading, Mr. Haden Held Middle School/JH ELA/Writing, Mr. Connor Blum-JR-H/SR-H School Math, Mrs. Ellie Haan-Agriculture Education, Mr. Izac Reifenrath 4-6 Math. Mrs. Jaimie Blum-Kitchen, Mrs. Katie Rieck-Para Professional.

Please continue to visit our school website and Facebook page for important updates throughout the year, including calendars, activities, and announcements:
www.leighcommunityschools.org

The Leigh Community Schools Board of Education invites all students, parents, and guardians to our Open House on Wednesday, August 12th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Board members will be grilling burgers for everyone who would like to enjoy a meal together. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet their teachers, locate classrooms, drop off supplies, become familiar with their schedules, and 7-12 students can pick up their school computers with a parent or guardian present. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and celebrating the start of another great year.

We will continue our planned late-start Wednesdays on the first Wednesday of September, October, November, December, February, and April. School will begin at 10:00 a.m. on these days, allowing our teachers to participate in valuable professional development that helps strengthen instruction and enhance student learning.

Lunch and milk prices will remain the same this year. Milk will cost $0.50 per carton, K-6 lunches will be $3.00, 7-12 lunches will be $3.15, and breakfast will remain $1.80. We are also excited to continue offering a full salad bar for all K-12 students.

Learning Empowers Individuals to Great Heights

Cole Fischer, Superintendent *Andrew Faltys, Principal*
402-487-3301 *Fax 402-487-2607* *402-487-2228*

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As we begin this new school year, I encourage every student to embrace the opportunities ahead, challenge themselves, and strive to be their very best. Together, with the support of our outstanding staff, dedicated families, and incredible community, I know this will be another successful year at Leigh Community Schools.

There is tremendous excitement as we come together once again as the Leigh Panthers. Our traditions are strong, our future is bright, and we cannot wait to see all that our students will accomplish this year.

Thank you for your continued support of Leigh Community Schools. Here's to an outstanding 2026-2027 school year. We Are Leigh! #BETHEBEST

Cole Fischer

Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Counselor's Notes

Welcome Back to the 2026–2027 School Year!

We're excited to welcome everyone back for another fantastic year at Leigh Community Schools! A new school year means new opportunities to learn, grow, and make great memories!

Infinite Campus
We use Infinite Campus as our Student Information System. To access the site, just head to the school website and click on the Infinite Campus icon, it will take you right where you need to go for parent/student login. If you'd like to set up an account to view your child's grades, attendance, or lunch balance or if you need a refresher on your login please contact Mrs. Gall at mgall@leigh.esu7.org.

For Junior and Senior Parents
Be on the lookout for emails with important deadlines and updates throughout the year! From ACT registration to scholarship opportunities and college application timelines, there's a lot coming up and I'm here to help every step of the way!

Junior ACT
As part of Nebraska's state assessment requirements, all juniors will take the ACT during the spring semester. One of the best ways to build confidence and become familiar with the test format is to take an official National ACT on a fall or winter test date before the required spring administration. Taking the test ahead of time can help students become more comfortable with the timing, question types, and overall testing experience. If your child needs assistance with the registration process, please contact Mrs. Gall. I am happy to help students register and answer any questions you may have regarding the ACT. Here are the test dates:

Test Date:	Registration Deadline:
9/19/26	8/14/26
10/17/26	9/11/26
12/12/26	11/6/26
2/27/27	1/22/27
4/10/27	3/5/27
6/12/27	5/7/27
7/10/27	6/4/27

College-Level Courses
Online courses through Northeast Community College and Central Community College will begin on August 17th. If your student is registered for one of these classes, you will receive an email with more details from Mrs. Gall.

As the elementary and high school counselor, I get to work with students of all ages and I love it! Whether your child is learning how to handle big feelings in elementary or planning for life after graduation, I'm here to help. If you ever have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out! I'm always just an email or quick conversation away.

-Mrs. Gall

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2026

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on June 3rd, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on June 3rd, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)
Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held
Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J.
Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absences of Went, Higby

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Principal's Report – Transportation; Coaches Meetings; State Track; State Golf; Summer All-Star Contests; Upcoming Events; 2026-2027 Panther Home Contests.

Superintendent's Report – Facilities Update; State Reporting; Valuation Increases; Summer Camps; Summer Weights; Teacher Summer Workshops & Professional Development.

Consent Agenda approved the May 14th, 2026 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved adoption of all required KSB policy updates; Approved annual review of Anti-Bullying Policy #5054; Approved annual status review/report of Multicultural Policy #6020.

Executive Session – strategy session with respect to a purchase agreement and to receive negotiating advice which is clearly necessary to protect the public interest.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 13th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

Leigh Community School
District #39 Colfax County
Special Public Hearing
Student Fees Policy 5045

July 13, 2026

President Kamin Held opened the Student Fees Hearing at 6:30 p.m. at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held. (Published on July 8th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on July 8th, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)
Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board Members Urban J, Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller. Absent were Wietfeld M, Higby. Also present were Superintendent Fischer and Secretary Brabec.

Discussion Item – Student Fees Policy 5045 for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Urban J to close the hearing at 6:32 p.m. All present voting "aye".

April R. Brabec
Secretary

Leigh Community School
District #39 Colfax County
Special Public Hearing
Parental Involvement Policy 5018

July 13, 2026

President Kamin Held opened the Parental Involvement Hearing at 6:35 p.m. at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). Verification of Notice by Kamin Held. (Published on July 8th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on July 8th, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)
Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board Members Went, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J. Absent were Wietfeld M, Higby. Also present were Superintendent Fischer and Secretary Brabec.

Discussion Item – Parental Involvement Policy 5018 for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Urban J, seconded by Machmueller to close the hearing at 6:37 p.m. All present voting "aye".

April R. Brabec
Secretary

Leigh Community School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.
Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on July 8th, 2026 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on July 8th, 2026 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)
Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held
Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Went. Also present were Superintendent Fischer and Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absences of Wietfeld M, Higby

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment – None

Superintendent's Report – Principal/Mr. Faltys Updates: Fall Practices; Upcoming FBall & VBall Camps; National FBLA & FCCLA Updates – Facility Update; Board Retreat; Back to School Letter/Plan; Staff Report August 10th; Staff/ Board Social Date; Board Back to Schools--Welcome Open House & August Monthly Meeting; Late August Special Mtg to End Budget Cycle; Budget Preparation.

Consent Agenda approved the June 12th, 2026 meetings minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll, Superintendent as School Representative for all State & Federal Programs & Leigh World as Newspaper for '26-'27 School Year.

Motions Passed: Approved resolution on increasing the school district's base growth percentage up to 7%; Approved '26-'27 NRCSA membership; Approved '26-'27 ELEM handbook; Approved '26-'27 JR/SR High handbook; Approved '26-'27 Teacher handbook; Approved with regret the resignation of Mrs. Alyssa Went at the end of the '26-'27 school year; Approved the purchase of 50 Macbook Neos & 5 ipads using REAP funds; Approved land purchase and authorization of Board President to execute a purchase agreement consistent with the Board's terms.

A Board Retreat will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026 at Josh Urban's shop.
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). A Special Board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138) for the end of the budget cycle.

April R. Brabec
Board Secretary

2026-2027 Leigh Elementary School Supply List:

Pre-Kindergarten

Morning Pre-K Class

1 large backpack
2 boxes of 12 count crayons
1 12 count box of pencils
1 pencil box (no pouches please)
12 glue sticks-NO SCENTED ONES
2 bottles of glue
1—2" three ring binder
1 pair blunt tipped scissors
1 watercolor paint set (Crayola Brand)
1 full set of extra clothes—stays inside backpack
1 Disinfectant Spray/Wipes
1 Box of tissues (small box)
**Please initial all individual items

Afternoon Pre-K Class

1 large backpack
1 box of 24 count crayons
1 12 count box of pencils
1 pencil box (no pouches please)
12 glue sticks-NO SCENTED ONES
2 bottles of glue
1—2" three ring binder
1 pair blunt tipped scissors
1 watercolor paint set (Crayola Brand)
1 full set of extra clothes—stays inside backpack
1 Disinfectant Spray/Wipes
4 Expo Markers (fine point)
**Please initial all individual items

Kindergarten Supply List

1 large backpack
2 boxes of tissues
2 boxes of 24 pack Crayola Crayons
(one box will be saved for 2nd semester)
1 box Crayola Classic Broad Line Markers pack of 10
1 squeeze bottle of glue
1 pair of scissors
1 pack of plain pencils (no mechanical pencils)
2 Expo Markers with an eraser (can use an old sock)
1 pencil box
1 container Clorox wipes
1 folder
1 wide ruled spiral notebook
2 black Sharpie fine point permanent markers
5 glue sticks (NO scented glue sticks)
1 large eraser
1 pair of headphones for iPad (no ear buds)

Due to our early lunch we would like everyone to bring a snack to share with the class during the first weeks of school. Examples: pretzels, goldfish, graham crackers, etc. After those snacks are used, I will message a few parents at a time to bring snacks

Your child will need a pair of tennis shoes for P.E. The shoes do not need to be new, but clean on the bottom. THESE SHOES WILL STAY AT SCHOOL. Your child will also need a pair of snow boots during the winter months.

** Please initial all supplies before coming to school. Individual crayons and markers do not need to have initials.

1st Grade Supply List

10 glue sticks
1 pocket folder
4 expo markers with an eraser (Can use an old sock)
1 notebook
1 package of pencils (no initials-they will be shared)
2 black sharpie markers
markers (**Crayola** 10 pack)
2 boxes of crayons (**Crayola** 24 pack or smaller)
pencil box or pouch
scissors
2 pink erasers
bookbag
2 boxes of Kleenex
1 Travel toothbrush case
Water bottle that can be brought back and forth from home
Optional Item—Clorox wipes or hand wipes

Due to our early lunch we would like everyone to bring a snack to share with the class during the first weeks of school. Examples: pretzels, goldfish, graham crackers, etc. A schedule will then be sent home for the remainder of the semester once these snacks are gone.

Headphones for ipad (I have your child's headphones from last year. They can use them if they would like. I can contact you after the first few weeks of school if they do not work.)

Your child will need a pair of tennis shoes for P.E. The shoes do not need to be new, but clean on the bottom. THESE SHOES WILL STAY AT SCHOOL. Your child will also need a pair of boots and snow pants during the winter months.

2026-2027 Leigh Elementary School Supply List:

2nd Grade Supply List

Book bag
1 bottom pocket folder
1 notebook
Pencil box
8 glue sticks
2 expo markers with an eraser NO SPRAY
Pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)
Markers (Crayola 10 pack)
Crayons (Crayola 48 pack or smaller)
Scissors
6 big pink erasers
3 black sharpie markers
1 highlighter
3 boxes of Kleenex
Deodorant
1 container of BABY WIPES
Headphones

Due to our early lunch we would like everyone to bring a snack to share with the class during the first weeks of school. Examples: pretzels, goldfish, graham crackers etc. A schedule will then be sent home for the remainder of the semester once these snacks are gone.

Your child will need a pair of winter boots and tennis shoes for P.E. They don't need be new, but clean on the bottom. These shoes WILL stay at school.

No rulers or pencil sharpeners. **Please initial all supplies before coming to school.**

3rd Grade Supply List

1 box of pencils
1 eraser
2 dry erase markers
dry eraser if possible (or sock, etc.)
3 glue sticks
Scissors
Crayons
colored pencils
2 folders with pockets
1 composition notebook
1 spiral notebook
pencil pouch
2 boxes of kleenex
1 pair of headphones or earbuds (with a cord)
Deodorant (to keep in locker)

Winter boots and P.E. shoes will be needed.
PE shoes do NOT need to be new, but clean on the bottom and they will stay at school.
*No pens or mechanical pencils please

4th, 5th, 6th Grade Supply List

*1 zipper binder (2 Inch 3-Ring Binder Rings & Tab Expanding File)
--click link or scan QR code for the preferred binder

Binder Link (Go to school webpage under Summer Forms and click on Binder Link)

1 box of pencils-24 count
1 five subject notebook-wide ruled
Deodorant for PE/Recess
1 pair of scissors
1 box of tissues
PE Shoes

--Winter boots & P.E. shoes will be needed. P.E. shoes do **NOT** need to be new, but clean on the bottom and they will stay at the school.
*As your child enters the 2026-2027 school year they will have multiple teachers and move between several classrooms throughout the day. Because students will be managing materials for different classes, we have worked to simplify the school supply list so they have fewer items to organize, carry, and keep track of.
You may notice that a zipper binder is a suggested item on the supply list. We understand this can be a larger purchase than some traditional school supplies. To help balance that cost, we intentionally reduced the number of additional supplies families are asked to provide. The zipper binder will help students keep class materials organized in one place as they transition between classrooms.
The school will also be providing some classroom supplies, including items such as colored pencils/crayons and glue for each student.
We are excited about this transition and the opportunities it will provide for our students. If you have questions regarding the zipper binder or school supplies, please feel free to reach out to the school.

STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES INCORPORATED

Student Injuries Can Happen

Medical Expenses Can Be a Financial Hardship When the Unexpected Occurs

Approved By Your School/School District - Available for All Students PK-12

What is Student Accident Insurance?

- Coverage that provides financial assistance with your out-of-pocket medical expenses when your student sustains an accidental bodily injury.

Why Consider Student Accident Insurance For Your Student?

- High Deductible/Copayments to your Family's Primary Health Insurance
- No Health Insurance for your Student
- Your Student participates in a interscholastic sport where an unexpected injury is more likely to occur.
- Your Student is prone to injuries

Coverage Options Available Through Your School

- School Time Coverage - $16.00
- 24-Hour/Full-Time Coverage - $99.00
- Interscholastic Sports Coverage
  (w/School Time-$91.00 or 24 Hour Coverage-$174.00)
- Football Coverage - $250.00
  (Grades 9-12 for the football season)
- Extended Dental Coverage - $9.00

Premium Paid Once a School Year

To Enroll Your Student & Review Medical Benefits

Go to: www.sas-mn.com

or scan this QR code with your smart phone to be directed to our website

Please locate "K-12 Students & Parents" on our homepage. Within this division, you will be able to search for your student's school district. Once located, you will have access to the following information:

- Purchase Coverage
  (Managed Online or by Printing/Mailing Enrollment Form and premium)
- Brochure (English & Spanish)
  (Explains medical benefits, exclusions and coverage options)
- Claim Form
  (fillable form when enrolled student sustains injury)

For Questions, Call Student Assurance Services at (800) 328-2739

Specializing in Student Accident Insurance Since 1971.

The above information is just a brief description of Student Assurance Service's student accident insurance. For more information including costs, benefits, effective dates, exclusions, limitations, please refer to www.sas-mn.com Students are able to purchase coverage only if his/her school district is a policyholder with the insurance company

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STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES INCORPORATED

Los estudiantes pueden sufrir lesiones

Los gastos médicos pueden ser una dificultad financiera ante situaciones imprevistas
Aprobado por su escuela o distrito escolar - Disponible para todos los estudiantes de preescolar a 12.° grado

¿Qué es el seguro estudiantil contra accidentes?

- Es una cobertura que le proporciona asistencia financiera con sus gastos médicos de bolsillo si su estudiante sufre una lesión corporal accidental.

Tener un seguro estudiantil contra accidentes para su estudiante le resultaría conveniente si:

- El seguro de salud principal de su familia tiene copagos o un deducible altos
- Su estudiante no tiene un seguro de salud
- Su estudiante participa en un deporte interescolar que suele provocar lesiones imprevistas
- Su estudiante es propenso a sufrir lesiones

Opciones de cobertura disponibles a través de su escuela

- Cobertura de tiempo escolar: $16.00
- Cobertura de tiempo completo (24 horas): $99.00
- Cobertura de deportes interescolares
  (con cobertura de tiempo escolar por $91.00 o cobertura de 24 horas por $174.00)
- Cobertura de fútbol americano: $250.00
  (De 9.º a 12.º grado para la temporada de fútbol americano)
- Cobertura dental extendida: $9.00

La prima se paga una vez por año escolar

Para inscribir a su estudiante y revisar los beneficios médicos

Visite: www.sas-mn.com

o escanee este código QR con su teléfono inteligente para ir a nuestro sitio web

Busque "K-12 Students & Parents" (Padres y estudiantes de preescolar a 12.º grado) en nuestra página de inicio. Dentro de esta división, podrá buscar el distrito escolar de su estudiante. Una vez que lo encuentre, tendrá acceso a la siguiente información:

- Adquisición de cobertura
  (Administrada en línea o mediante la impresión o el envío por correo del formulario de inscripción y la prima)
- Folleto (en inglés y español)
  (Detalla los beneficios médicos, las exclusiones y las opciones de cobertura)
- Formulario de reclamación
  (formulario que debe completarse cuando un estudiante sufre una lesión)

Si tiene preguntas, llame a Student Assurance Services al (800) 328-2739.

Especialistas en seguros estudiantiles contra accidentes desde 1971.

La información anterior es solo una breve descripción del seguro estudiantil contra accidentes de Student Assurance Services. Para obtener más información, incluidos costos, beneficios, fechas de entrada en vigencia, exclusiones y limitaciones, visite www.sas-mn.com. Los estudiantes pueden adquirir la cobertura solo si su distrito escolar es titular de una póliza de la compañía de seguros.

Leigh Community Schools

July 20, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Leigh Community School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **$1.80**; lunch costs **$3.00 for grades K-6 and $3.15 for grades 7-12. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals.** In accordance with the Nebraska Hunger-Free Schools Act, reduced price breakfast is **$.30** and lunch is **$.40** for school year 2026-2027. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 25, 2026** to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Cole Fischer at 402-487-3301 or cfischer@leigh.esu7.org** .

3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **April Brabec, PO Box 98, Leigh NE 68643**.

4. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free meals?

No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **April Brabec, 402-487-3301** immediately.

5. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school, or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

Leigh Community School

20 de Julio 2026

Estimado padre/madre/tutor:

Los niños necesitan comidas saludables para aprender. **Leigh Community School** ofrece comidas saludables todos los días escolares. El desayuno cuesta **$1.80 para grados PreK-12** ; el almuerzo cuesta **$3.00 para los grados K-6 y $3.15 para los grados 7-12. Sus hijos pueden calificar para comidas gratis o a precio reducido**. De acuerdo con la Ley de Escuelas Libres de Hambre de Nebraska, el desayuno y el almuerzo a precio reducido son $.30 El desayuno, El del almuerzo $.40 para el año escolar 2026–2027. Si su(s) hijo(s) calificaron para comidas gratis o a precio reducido al final del último año escolar, usted debe presentar una nueva solicitud antes del **25 de Septiembre d 2026** para evitar una interrupción en los beneficios de comidas.

Este paquete incluye una solicitud de beneficios de comidas gratuitas o a un precio reducido y una serie de instrucciones detalladas. A continuación, se presentan algunas preguntas y respuestas comunes que le ayudarán con el proceso de solicitud.

1. ¿QUIÉN PUEDE CONSEGUIR COMIDAS GRATUITAS O A UN PRECIO REDUCIDO?

    - Todos los niños que vivan en hogares que reciban beneficios del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP), del Programa de Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF) o del Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, FDPIR) son elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas.

    - Los niños en custodia que se encuentran bajo la responsabilidad legal de una agencia de acogida o de un tribunal son elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas.

    - Los niños que participen en el programa Head Start de su escuela son elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas.

    - Los niños que cumplan con la definición de desamparados, fugitivos o inmigrantes son elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas.

    - Es posible que los niños reciban comidas gratuitas o a un precio reducido si el ingreso familiar se encuentra dentro de los límites establecidos en las pautas federales de cumplimiento de requisitos de ingresos (Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines). Es posible que sus hijos califiquen para recibir comidas gratuitas o a un precio reducido si su ingreso familiar se encuentra en el límite o debajo de los límites que se detallan en dicho cuadro.

2. ¿CÓMO SÉ SI MI HIJO CALIFICA COMO DESAMPARADO, INMIGRANTE O FUGITIVO? ¿Los miembros de su hogar no tienen una dirección permanente? ¿Se alojan en un refugio, hotel u otro tipo de alojamiento transitorio? ¿Su familia se traslada dependiendo de la temporada? ¿Viven niños con usted que han elegido dejar sus familias u hogares anteriores? Si considera que los niños de su familia cumplen con estas descripciones y no le han informado que recibirán comidas gratuitas, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a **Cole Fischer at 402-487-3301 or cfischer@leigh.esu7.org** .

3. ¿DEBO COMPLETAR UNA SOLICITUD POR CADA NIÑO? No. *Utilice una Solicitud de comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido para todos los estudiantes de su familia.* No podemos aprobar una solicitud que no esté completa. Por ello, asegúrese de completar toda la información solicitada. Envíe la solicitud completa a la siguiente dirección: **April Brabec, PO Box 98, Leigh NE 68643.**

4. ¿DEBO COMPLETAR UNA SOLICITUD SI RECIBÍ UNA CARTA ESTE AÑO ESCOLAR EN LA QUE DECÍA QUE MIS HIJOS YA FUERON APROBADOS PARA RECIBIR COMIDAS GRATUITAS? No, pero lea la carta que recibió atentamente y siga las instrucciones. Si en la notificación de elegibilidad falta algún niño de su familia, comuníquese con **April Brabec, 402-487-3301** de inmediato.

5. LA SOLICITUD DE MI HIJO FUE APROBADA EL AÑO ANTERIOR. ¿DEBO COMPLETAR UNA NUEVA? Sí. La solicitud de su hijo solamente es válida para el pasado año escolar y para los primeros días de este año escolar.

6. I get WIC. Can my children get free meals?
Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked?
Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?
Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **COLE FISCHER, PO BOX 98, LEIGH NE 68643; 402-487-3301.**

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?
Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

10. What if my income is not always the same?
List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make $1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900, put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

11. What if some household members have no income to report?
Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

12. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?
Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

13. What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family?
List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **April Brabec, 402-487-3301,** aprilbrabec@leigh.esu7.org to receive a second application.

14. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?
To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call **402-487-3301**

Sincerely,

Andrew Faltys, Principal

Debe enviar una nueva solicitud, excepto que la escuela le informe que su hijo es elegible para el nuevo año escolar. Si no envía una nueva solicitud aprobada por la escuela o si aún no ha recibido una notificación acerca de si su hijo es elegible para comidas gratuitas, su hijo deberá pagar el precio total de las comidas.

6. PARTICIPO EN EL PROGRAMA PARA MUJERES, BEBÉS Y NIÑOS (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN, WIC). ¿MIS HIJOS PUEDEN RECIBIR COMIDAS GRATUITAS? Los niños que viven en hogares que participan en el programa WIC pueden ser elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas o a un precio reducido. Envíe una solicitud.

7. ¿SE COMPROBARÁ LA INFORMACIÓN QUE ENVÍE? Sí. Es posible que también le solicitemos un comprobante escrito del ingreso familiar que informe.

8. SI NO CALIFICO AHORA, ¿PUEDO ENVIAR LA SOLICITUD MÁS ADELANTE? Sí, puede enviar la solicitud en cualquier momento del año escolar. Por ejemplo, los niños que tengan un padre, madre o tutor que quede desempleado pueden volverse elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas y a un precio reducido si el ingreso familiar queda debajo del límite de ingresos.

9. ¿QUÉ SUCEDE SI NO ESTOY DE ACUERDO CON LA DECISIÓN DE LA ESCUELA CON RESPECTO A MI SOLICITUD? Debe hablar con los funcionarios escolares. También puede solicitar una audiencia llamando o escribiendo al siguiente contacto: **COLE FISCHER, PO BOX 98, LEIGH NE 68643; 402-487-3301**.

10. ¿PUEDO PRESENTAR UNA SOLICITUD SI ALGÚN INTEGRANTE DE MI FAMILIA NO ES CIUDADANO ESTADOUNIDENSE? Sí. No es necesario que usted, sus hijos u otros miembros de su familia sean ciudadanos estadounidenses para solicitar comidas gratuitas o a un precio reducido.

11. ¿QUÉ SUCEDE SI MI INGRESO NO SIEMPRE ES EL MISMO? Indique la cantidad que normalmente cobra. Por ejemplo, si normalmente cobra $1000 por mes, pero el mes pasado perdió algunos trabajos y solo ganó $900, indique que gana $1000 por mes. Si normalmente recibe pago por horas extras, inclúyalo, pero no lo incluya si trabaja horas extras solo de vez en cuando. Si se quedó sin trabajo o le redujeron las horas o el salario, indique su ingreso actual.

12. ¿QUÉ SUCEDE SI ALGUNOS DE LOS MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA NO TIENEN INGRESOS PARA INFORMAR? Le solicitamos que en la solicitud informe si hay miembros de la familia que no reciben ciertos tipos de ingreso o que no reciben ningún ingreso. En este caso, escriba 0 en el campo. Sin embargo, si alguno de los campos de ingresos queda vacío o en blanco, esos también se considerarán ceros. Tenga cuidado cuando deje campos de ingresos en blanco, ya que asumiremos que fue su intención hacerlo.

13. PERTENECEMOS AL SERVICIO MILITAR, ¿INFORMAMOS NUESTROS INGRESOS DE MANERA DIFERENTE? El sueldo básico y las bonificaciones en efectivo deben informarse como ingresos. Si recibe alguna asignación en efectivo para vivienda fuera de la base, alimentos o vestimenta, también debe incluirlos como ingresos. Sin embargo, si su vivienda forma parte de la Iniciativa de Privatización de Viviendas para Militares, no incluya su asignación para vivienda como ingreso. Cualquier otro pago adicional por combate que resulte de un despliegue tampoco debe incluirse como ingreso.

14. ¿QUÉ SUCEDE SI NO HAY ESPACIO SUFICIENTE EN LA SOLICITUD PARA TODOS LOS INTEGRANTES DE MI FAMILIA? Incluya a los miembros adicionales de su familia en una hoja separada y adjúntela a su solicitud. Comuníquese con **April Brabec, 402-487-3301; aprilbrabec@leigh.esu7.org** para recibir una segunda solicitud.

15. MI FAMILIA NECESITA MÁS AYUDA. ¿HAY OTROS PROGRAMAS EN LOS QUE PODRÍAMOS INSCRIBIRNOS? Para obtener información acerca de cómo enviar una solicitud para el SNAP u otros beneficios de asistencia, ingrese a ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov o llame al 1-800-383-4278.

Si tiene otras preguntas o necesita ayuda, comuníquese al **402-487-3301.**

Atentamente,

Andrew Faltys, Principal

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2026-27

Return Completed Application to: ***(Insert School Name & Mailing Address here)***

Part 1: Children in School

List names of all children in school (**First, Middle Initial, Last**). If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.	Grade	Name of School Child Attends	Check all that apply: Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑

Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR: _____
(Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.

1. Household Members List **everyone** in the household, current income each person earns in **whole dollars** (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's **personal** use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received					
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often

Total Number of Household Members: (Children and Adults) _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _ _ _ _ Check if no SSN ❑

Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Sign here: Print name: Date:

Street Address (if available): Zip: Daytime Phone:

Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional

Check one Ethnic Identity: **– and –** **Check one or more Racial Identities:**

❑Hispanic or Latino
❑Not Hispanic or Latino

❑Asian
❑White
❑Black or African American
❑American Indian or Alaskan Native
❑Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52; Every 2 weeks X 26; Twice a month X 24; Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: _____

Total Income: _____ per
❑Year ❑Month ❑2 X Mo ❑Every 2 Wks ❑Week

❑Free ❑Reduced ❑Denied
❑ Income ❑ Income
Reason for denial:
❑Income too high
❑Incomplete application
❑ Categorically eligible:
❑ *SNAP/TANF/FDPIR*
❑ *Foster Child*
❑ *Homeless/Migrant/Runaway:*
(Official Documentation Required at School)

Signature of Determining Official: Date Approved:

FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:

Signature of Confirming Official: Date Confirmed: Date Withdrawn From School:

Signature of Verifying Official: Date Verified:

Solicitud familiar de comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido (Completar una solicitud por familia) Anexo C: 2026-27

Devuelva la solicitud completada a: *(Escriba el nombre de la escuela, dirección postal aquí)*

Parte 1: Niños que asisten a la escuela

Indique el nombre de todos los niños que asisten a la escuela **(primer nombre, inicial del segundo, apellido)**. Si todos los niños nombrados son niños en custodia, salte a la Parte 4 para firmar el formulario. Si algunos de los niños son niños en custodia o sin hogar, migrantes o refugiados, complete todos los pasos de la solicitud.	Grado	Nombre de la escuela a la que el niño asiste	Marque todas las que correspondan: Niño en custodia	Niño sin hogar migrante o refugiado
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑
			❑	❑

Parte 2: Programas de asistencia: Beneficios de Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP), del Programa de Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF) o del Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, FDPIR)

Indique el **NÚMERO DE CASO MAESTRO** (Master Case Number) en caso de que la familia califique para los programas SNAP, TANF o FDPIR:
(No se aceptan número de Seguro Social, número de Medicaid ni número de transferencia electrónica de beneficios [Electronic Benefit Transfer, EBT]). Pase a la Parte 4.

Parte 3: Ingresos brutos totales de la familia (Debe informar el monto y la frecuencia)

1. Miembros de la familia
Indique el nombre de **todos** los miembros de la familia, el ingreso actual de cada uno en **dólares, en números redondos** (sin centavos) y la frecuencia con la que lo recibe. Ingresar "0" o dejar el campo de ingreso en blanco certifica que no existe ningún ingreso para informar. Debe incluirse el ingreso para uso **personal** del niño en custodia.

2. Ingreso bruto (sin impuestos) y frecuencia con la que se recibió

Ganancias de trabajo antes de las deducciones		Asistencia pública, manutención de menores, pensión alimenticia		Pensiones, jubilación y demás ingresos	
Ingreso	Frecuencia	Ingreso	Frecuencia	Ingreso	Frecuencia

Número total de miembros de la familia: (Niños y adultos) _____

Últimos cuatro dígitos del Número de Seguro Social (Social Security Number, SSN) del adulto que firma este formulario: XXX – XXX – _ _ _ _

Marque esta opción si no hay SSN ❑

Parte 4: Firma del adulto e información de contacto - Un miembro adulto de la familia debe firmar la solicitud.

"Certifico (prometo) que toda la información de esta solicitud es verdadera y que se han informado todos los ingresos. Comprendo que esta información se proporciona en relación co la recepción de fondos federales y que los funcionarios escolares pueden verificar (comprobar) la información. Comprendo que si proporciono información falsa de manera intencione mis hijos podrían perder los beneficios de comidas, y yo podría ser procesado en virtud de las leyes estatales y federales vigentes".

Firme aquí: Nombre en letra de imprenta: Fecha:

Dirección (si está disponible): Código postal: Teléfono durante el día:

Parte 5: Identidades étnicas y raciales de los niños (opcional)

Marcar una identidad étnica: – y – **Marcar una o más identidades raciales:**

❑Hispano o latino
❑No hispano ni latino

❑Asiático
❑Blanco
❑Negro o afroamericano
❑Indio americano o nativo de Alaska
❑Nativo de Hawái u otra isla del Pacífico

No complete la sección siguiente (Para uso escolar solamente)

Conversión del ingreso anual: Semanal X 52 | Cada 2 semanas X 26 | Dos veces al mes X 24 | Mensual X 12

Cantidad total de integrantes de la familia:_____

Ingreso total:_____por
❑Año ❑Mes ❑Dos veces al mes ❑Cada dos semanas
❑Semana

❑Gratuitas ❑Reducidas
❑ Ingreso ❑ Ingreso
❑ Elegible según categoría:
❑ *SNAP/TANF/FDPIR*
❑ *Niño en custodia*
❑ *Sin hogar/Migrantes/Refugiados:*

❑Rechazado
Motivo del rechazo:
❑Ingreso demasiado elevado
❑Solicitud incompleta

(Se requiere la documentación oficial en la Escuela)

Firma del funcionario que determina: Fecha de aprobación:

PARA EL PROCESO DE VERIFICACIÓN SOLAMENTE:

Firma del funcionario que confirma: Fecha de confirmación:

Firma del funcionario que verifica: Fecha de verificación:

Fecha de retiro de la escuela:

Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals can use their 2025 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced-price meal application. The income to report is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

When completing this form, **losses** (negative numbers) reported on any of the lines below are included when determining the **total** self-employed income. If the total income is a negative number, it is to be recorded as zero on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from use of the 1040 Form does not require follow-up.

Important Reminders from the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:
Line 1 cannot be used to report current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 9 (Total Income) and line 11 (Adjusted Gross Income) cannot be used for the purpose of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The five line items listed below are used to determine allowable self-employment income.

From the first page of the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:

Line 7 Capital Gain or (loss) _____

From the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 – SCHEDULE 1 - under **Part 1 - Additional Income:**

Line 3 Business Income or (loss) _____

Line 4 Other Gains or (losses) _____

Line 5 Rental Real Estate, etc. _____

Line 6 Farm Income or (loss) _____

Total of the above five lines: _____ **equals annual self-employed income** *

* Report this figure on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the meal application.

NOTE: This form is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming. If any members of the household have income from other jobs, the gross income from those jobs must be reported on the meal application form.

Cálculo de Ingresos de Personas Autoempleadas

Las personas autoempleadas o que se dedican a la agricultura pueden experimentar variaciones en el flujo de efectivo y no pueden informar fácilmente un ingreso mensual. Estas personas pueden usar su ANEXO 1 del Formulario 1040 - Declaración del impuesto federal sobre el ingreso personal en los Estados Unidos de 2025 para informar ingresos por autoempleo para la solicitud de comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. El ingreso que debe informarse es el ingreso derivado de la empresa comercial menos los costos operativos incurridos en la generación de ese ingreso. No se permiten deducciones por gastos personales, tales como intereses sobre hipotecas de vivienda, gastos médicos y otros artículos no comerciales similares para reducir los ingresos brutos del negocio.

Al completar este formulario, las **pérdidas** (números negativos) informadas en cualquiera de las líneas a continuación se incluyen al determinar el ingreso total por autoempleo. Si el ingreso total es un número negativo, se registrará como cero en la solicitud de comidas en la categoría etiquetada como "Todos los Demás Ingresos".

El ingreso cero resultante del uso del Formulario 1040 no requiere seguimiento.

Recordatorios Importantes del Formulario 1040 - Declaración del impuesto federal sobre el ingreso personal en los Estados Unidos:
La línea **1** no se puede utilizar para informar los ingresos actuales. Los ingresos por sueldos o salarios deben informarse en la solicitud del mes más reciente.

La línea 9 (Ingresos totales) y la línea 11 (Ingresos brutos ajustados) no se pueden utilizar para solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.

Los cinco elementos de las líneas a continuación se utilizan para determinar el ingreso permisible por autoempleo.

De la primera página del Formulario 1040 - Declaración del impuesto federal sobre el ingreso personal en los Estados Unidos:

Línea 7, Ganancia (o pérdida) de capital _____

Del ANEXO 1 del Formulario 1040 - Declaración del impuesto federal sobre el ingreso personal en los Estados Unidos - debajo de la Parte 1 - Ingresos Adicionales:

Línea 3, Ingresos (o pérdidas) del Negocio _____

Línea 4, Otras ganancias (o pérdidas) _____

Línea 5, Bienes Inmuebles de Alquiler, etc. _____

Línea 6, Ingresos (o pérdidas) por actividades agrícolas _____

Suma total de las cinco líneas anteriores: _____ **igual al ingreso anual por autoempleo***

* Informe este monto en la solicitud de comidas en la categoría etiquetada como "Todos los Demás Ingresos".

Si el total de las líneas anteriores es un número negativo, debe cambiarse a cero antes de transferirlo a la solicitud de comidas.

NOTA: Este formulario se utiliza únicamente para informar de los ingresos procedentes del autoempleo y/o de la agricultura. Si algún miembro de la familia tiene ingresos de otros trabajos, los ingresos brutos de esos trabajos deben ser reportados en la solicitud de comidas.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 08-25-26

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- avoid bright neon colors
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Leigh Community School - 2026/27 School Calendar

Jul-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Aug-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					15

11-14-Teacher Workday (10th-Optional)

14-First Day/1pm Dismissal

17-PreK

Sep-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			21

7- Labor Day

Oct-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	21

7-Late Start

14-PT Conferences/2:00 pm Dismissal

30-Fall Break

Nov-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					17

4-Late Start

26-28-Thanksgiving Break

Dec-26

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
~~27~~	28	29	30	31		
						15

2-Late Start

21-Teacher Workday -

-(Optional if work Aug. 10th)

Jan-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						20

4th-Teacher Workday

5-Start 2nd Semester

Feb-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						20

3-Late Start

Mar-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			19

4-Teacher Workday

4, 5, 8-Spring Break

26, 29- Easter break

Apr-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	22

7-Late Start

May-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					15

19-Last Day/2:00 pm Dismissal

20,21- Workday

Jun-27

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- Teacher PD
- No School
- Late Start
- PT Conferences
- Pre-K
- Contract Count

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 **12:00AM** VB - Top 10 in Kearney	29 **12:00AM** VB - Top 10 in Kearney	30	31	Aug 1
2	3 **12:00AM** FB Conditioning Week	4 **12:00AM** FB Conditioning Week	5 **12:00AM** FB Conditioning Week **6:00PM** School Board Retreat **6:00PM** JH FB Camp 6-7:30 p.m. @ Leigh High School	6 **12:00AM** FB Conditioning Week **6:00PM** JH FB Camp 6-7:30 p.m. @ Leigh High School	7 **12:00AM** FB Conditioning Week	8
9	10 **12:00AM** NSAA Fall Practices Begin **7:50AM** Teacher Work Day (Optional) @ Leigh High School	11	12 **5:00PM** Back to School Open House - 5:00-7:00 p.m. @ Leigh High School **7:30PM** Regular School Board Meeting @ Leigh High School	13	14 **8:05AM** 1st Day of Classes - 1:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL @ Leigh High School	15 **8:00AM** Cyclone Youth Softball Camp - Grades 1-3 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **10:00AM** Cyclone Softball Youth Camp - Grades 4-8 @ Centennial Park Softball Field
16	17 **8:05AM** 1st Day of Pre-K Classes **3:45PM** JH Practices Begin	18 **6:45AM** Dance Practice @ Leigh High School **4:00PM** One Act Auditions @ Leigh High School	19 **12:00AM** EHC - Kick Off	20 **6:45AM** Dance Practice @ Leigh High School **5:00PM** Polk County vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **6:00PM** Leigh vs High Plains Community @ High Plains Community High School **6:30PM** Polk County vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field	21	22 **Schuyler Scramble** **9:00AM** Schuyler Scramble @ Schuyler Golf Club **9:00AM** Schuyler Scramble @ Schuyler Golf Club
23	24 **Highway 91 vs Boone Central** **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs Boone Central @ Albion Sports Complex **6:30PM** Highway 91 vs Boone Central @ Boone Central High School	25 **6:45AM** Dance Practice @ Leigh High School **8:00AM** SCHOOL PICTURES @ Leigh High School **Pierce vs Highway 91** **5:00PM** Pierce vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **6:30PM** Pierce vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field	26 **6:30PM** Special School Board Meeting @ Leigh High School	27 **6:45AM** Dance Practice	28 **7:00PM** Leigh vs Palmer @ Palmer High School	29 **9:00AM** NEN Viper Softball Tournament @ Wisner River Park
30	31 **5:00PM** Volleyball Triangular @ Leigh High School	Sep 1	2	3	4	5

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 **5:00PM** Volleyball Triangular @ Leigh High School	Sep 1 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **2:30PM** Stanton Girls Golf Quad @ Stanton High School **4:30PM** Wisner-Pilger vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **Blue River vs Highway 91** **5:00PM** Blue River vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **6:30PM** Blue River vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **Leigh 26-27 vs Madison** **6:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Madison @ Madison High School North Gym **5:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Madison @ Madison High School North Gym	2 **10:00AM** 10:00 a.m. LATE START	3 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **9:00AM** 2026 Stanton Girls Golf Invite @ Stanton High School **5:00PM** Bancroft-Rosalie Volleyball Quad @ Bancroft-Rosalie High School North Gym **Event** **6:30PM** Highway 91 vs Logan View/ Scribner-Snyder @ Robert Hunt Sports Complex **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs Logan View @ Robert Hunt Sports Complex	4 **7:00PM** Madison vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	5
6	7 **8:05AM** NO SCHOOL - Labor Day	8 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **4:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Stanton @ Stanton High School Middle School Gym **Stanton vs Leigh** **4:30PM** Stanton vs Leigh @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field **6:00PM** Stanton vs Leigh @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field **Ponca vs Highway 91** **6:30PM** Ponca vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field **5:00PM** Ponca vs Highway 91 @ Centennial Park Softball Field	9 **7:00AM** 7:00 a.m. One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **8:00AM** FFA - Greenhand Leadership Day	10 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **1:30PM** Quad @ Club 91 Golf Course **Highway 91 vs Twin River** **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs Twin River @ Twin River High School **6:30PM** Highway 91 vs Twin River @ Twin River High School **East Butler vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** East Butler vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** East Butler vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	11 **7:00PM** Osceola vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	12 **8:00AM** Wisner-Pilger JV Volleyball Classic @ Wisner-Pilger High School Main Gym **9:00AM** Leigh Jr High Volleyball Tournament @ Leigh High School **9:00AM** Columbus Lakeview Softball Tournament @ Columbus Lakeview High School Bradshaw Park - Softball Complex
13	14 **9:00AM** Battle Creek Girls Invite @ Evergreen Hill Golf Course **4:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic @ Beemer City Park **6:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic @ Beemer City Park **7:00PM** One Act Practice (Cast & Crew) @ Leigh High School	15 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **2:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Winside @ Winside High School **5:00PM** Triangular (Riverside, Stuart, Leigh) @ Riverside High School	16 **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School	17 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **4:30PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Aquinas Catholic @ Aquinas Catholic Middle & High School St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel **NEN vs Highway 91** **6:30PM** NEN vs Highway 91 @ Holstein Park Fields **5:00PM** NEN vs Highway 91 @ Holstein Park Fields **Mead vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** Mead vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** Mead vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	18 **7:00PM** Leigh 26-27 vs Bancroft-Rosalie @ Bancroft-Rosalie Football Complex	19 **9:00AM** Arlington Softball Tournament @ RVR Sports Complex **9:00AM** Boone Central Invitational @ Albion Country Club

20	21 **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **4:00PM** St. Edward vs Leigh @ Leigh High School **Neligh-Oakdale vs Leigh 26-27** **4:30PM** Neligh-Oakdale vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field **6:00PM** Neligh-Oakdale vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field **Highway 91 vs North Bend Central** **6:30PM** Highway 91 vs North Bend Central @ North Bend Central High School Softball Field **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs North Bend Central @ North Bend Central High School Softball Field	22 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **8:00AM** School Picture - ReTakes **1:30PM** Quad @ Club 91 Golf Course **Wakefield vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** Wakefield vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** Wakefield vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	23 **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **8:00AM** FBLA State FLC @ Midland in Fremont	24 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **5:00PM** Triangular (Wausa/Creighton) @ Wausa High School **O'Neill vs Highway 91** **6:30PM** O'Neill vs Highway 91 @ Holstein Park Fields **5:00PM** O'Neill vs Highway 91 @ Holstein Park Fields	25 **9:00AM** Panther Tournament @ Club 91 Golf Course **7:00PM** Clarkson vs Leigh @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	26 **9:00AM** Tekamah-Herman SB Tournament @ Tiger Softball Complex **9:00AM** Leigh Volleyball Invite @ Leigh High School
27	28 **6:00PM** Leigh vs Cross County @ Cross County High School Football Field **7:00PM** One Act Practice (Cast & Crew) @ Leigh High School	29 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **3:00PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **3:30PM** Central City/Fort Calhoun/ Highway 91 SB Tri @ Leigh High School **Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** Archangel Catholic vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	30 **12:00AM** NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TODAY **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **8:05AM** Highway 91 Career Fair - Grades 9-12 @ Leigh High School **8:05AM** JH College Visit	Oct 1 **6:45AM** Dance Practice **7:00AM** One Act Practice @ Leigh High School **Highway 91 vs Tekamah-Herman** **5:00PM** Highway 91 vs Tekamah-Herman @ Tiger Softball Complex **6:30PM** Highway 91 vs Tekamah-Herman @ Tiger Softball Complex **Randolph vs Leigh 26-27** **6:30PM** Randolph vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School **5:30PM** Randolph vs Leigh 26-27 @ Leigh High School	2 **8:00AM** Homecoming **7:00PM** Winside vs Leigh 26-27 @ Colfax County Fairgrounds - football field	3 **8:00AM** Wisner-Pilger JH Volleyball Tournament @ Wisner-Pilger High School Elementary Gym **9:00AM** OC Girls Golf Invite @ Oakland Golf Club

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10 **Milk is available with all meals** **Fruit & Vegetable bar is available at lunch**	11	12	13	14 **BR:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit & Juice **L:** Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips	15
16	17 **BR:** Pancake on a stick **L:** Pizza	18 **BR:** Cinnamon Roll **L:** Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli	19 **BR:** French Toast Sticks & Sausage **L:** Taco, Refried Beans	20 **BR:** Apple Turnover **L:** Meatball Sub, French Fries	21 **BR:** Uncrustable **L:** Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown, Juice	22
23	24 **BR:** Cherry Turnover **L:** Goulash, Corn, Garlic Bread	25 **BR:** Blueberry Muffin **L:** Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges	26 **BR:** Breakfast Sandwich **L:** Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Cooked Carrots	27 **BR:** Long John **L:** Fajita, Mexi Corn, Spanish Rice	28 **BR:** Rice Krispie Bar **L:** Hamburger, Chips, Beans	29
30	31 **BR:** Tornado **L:** Sausage & Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli			This institution is an equal opportunity provider	Menu is subject to change	

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **BR:** Apple Fritter **L:** Chicken Nuggets, French Fries	2 **LATE START- NO BRKFST** **L:** Corn Dog, Baked Beans	3 **BR:** Yogurt Parfait **L:** Pasta Bake, California Blend	4 **BR:** Pop Tart **L:** Sub Sandwich, Sun Chips	5
6	7 **NO SCHOOL**	8 **BR:** Omelet, Toast, Hashbrown **L:** Chicken-Bacon-Ranch Pizza	9 **BR:** Churro **L:** Walking Taco, Refried Beans	10 **BR:** Breakfast Sandwich **L:** Orange Chicken, Rice, Broccoli	11 **BR:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit **L:** Hot Ham & Cheese, French Fries	12
13	14 **BR:** Tornado **L:** Potato Bowl, Dinner Roll, Corn	15 **BR:** Cinnamon Roll **L:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Garlic Bread	16 **BR:** Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Sausage **L:** Pulled Pork, Potato Wedges	17 **BR:** Apple Turnover **L:** Ham & Mac Casserole, Baked Beans	18 **BR:** Granola Bar **L:** Sausage, Hashbrown, Omelet, Cinnamon Roll, Juice	19
20	21 **BR:** Muffin **L:** Chicken Noodle Casserole, Broccoli	22 **BR:** Pancakes & Sausage **L:** Philly Steak Sandwich, French Fries	23 **BR:** Donut **L:** Burrito, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice	24 **BR:** Breakfast Pizza **L:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn	25 **BR:** Uncrustable **L:** Hamburger, Chips, Beans	26
27	28 **BR:** Pancake on a stick **L:** Spaghetti, Breadstick, Green Beans	29 **BR:** Long John **L:** McRib, Cheesy Potatoes	30 **BR:** Breakfast Burrito **L:** Taco, Refried Beans	**Milk is available at all meals** **Fruit & Vegetable bar is available at lunch**	This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menu is subject to change	

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2026-2027 School Lunch Prices:

Breakfast & Lunch Prices for the 2026-2027 Year are:

Milk (for ELEM Milk break) **$.50/Milk**; 20 day milk ticket $10.00

LUNCH: **Elementary $3.00/meal**; 20 day meal ticket $60.00

Jr/Sr High $3.15/meal; 20 day meal ticket $63.00

Grab N Go **Breakfast: K-12 $1.80**

Seconds accounts are available for all students

REMINDERS:

* Incoming PreK & Kindergarten forms need to be turned in to the office by the beginning of school—contact the office if you need additional forms or have any questions.

* Sports Physicals need to be completed and turned in to the office PRIOR to beginning fall practices (Aug. 10th for H/S; Aug. 17th for Jr High)

* ALL Incoming 7th Graders need a physical. This physical form and any updated Immunizations need to be turned in to the office by the beginning of school

The following forms can be found on the school web page in the NEWS section:

26-27 Elementary School Supply List
NSAA Physical Forms
Lunch Program Application Forms
School Assurance—Accident Insurance Information