

# O'Neill Public Schools

## 2013 - 2014

### TIME SCHEDULE

Elementary 8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. Grades K - 6 (Mon. - Fri.)  
 Junior High 8:00 a.m. - 3:23 p.m. Grades 7 & 8 (Mon. - Fri.)  
 High School 8:00 a.m. - 3:26 p.m. Grades 9 - 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

If school is closed due to adverse weather conditions or other emergencies the announcement will be broadcast on local radio and published on the school website [www.oneillpublicschools.org](http://www.oneillpublicschools.org).  
**BE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP-TO-DATE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE UPDATES VIA THE TELEPHONE CONTACT SYSTEM.**

### IMPORTANT RULES & PROCEDURES

Each year we remind parents of our operational rules and procedures. Some of the more important ones are listed for your information:

1. Call the building principal's office prior to 10:00 a.m. if your student will be absent from school for any reason.

Elementary: 402-336-1400  
 High School: 402-336-1544 or 402-336-2812

2. High School students who drive to school must park their cars upon arrival and are NOT allowed to drive or sit in the car until the school day is over OR the principal grants special permission. Your support of the driving rules is appreciated and makes conditions much safer for the students.

3. Each student in grades 7-12 will receive a planner when school begins. Review this with your child so parents and students alike will understand and be aware of all the rules and procedures in our school.

### 2013-2014 CALENDAR

Staff Workshops .....August 15 & 16, 2013  
 Opening Day .....August 20, 2013  
 Labor Day Vacation .....September 2, 2013  
 End of 1st Quarter ..... October 18, 2013  
 Fall Break ..... October 25, 2013  
 Thanksgiving Vacation.....November 28 & 29, 2013  
 End of 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester .....December 20, 2013  
 Student Christmas Vacation ..... December 23-January 7, 2014  
 Spring Break .....March 6 & 7, 2014  
 End of 3rd Quarter .....March 14, 2014  
 Easter Vacation..... April 18 - 21, 2014  
 High School Graduation .....May 17, 2014  
 Last Day of School.....May 22, 2014

NOTE: Weather, scheduling conflicts, cancellations, additions, etc. may result in this calendar changing throughout the school year. An updated calendar is sent monthly to KBRX, the Holt County Independent, Channel 5 on cable TV and posted on [www.oneillpublicschools.org](http://www.oneillpublicschools.org), to keep patrons and students informed of these changes.

### REGISTRATION

Students new to O'Neill Public Schools may register as follows:  
 Monday - Wednesday, August 12 -14, 2013  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All students should come to the Central Office (410 E Benton) to register.

NOTE: To expedite the registration process all new students are requested to bring an official notarized copy of their birth certificate, current immunization records, school physical and Social Security card.

### DRESS CODE

Student's dress will be the responsibility of the parents. The school administration suggests neat and unrevealing attire. No hats. Boys, no sleeveless shirts. No student shall have an exposed mid-section. Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages or drugs, or writing deemed unacceptable is not permitted. If dress or physical condition of dress is such as to detract from the learning atmosphere of the school, the parents will be informed and the student sent home to put on acceptable attire. If the physical condition of the clothing is a hazard to the individual or others, the student will be asked to comply and if needed, parents will be asked to sign a statement freeing the school from accident and control responsibilities. The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services will also be informed of the situation if needed.

### ADMISSION & SEASON TICKETS

Prices for all regular season games will be: Adults - \$5.00; Students - \$4.00. Season tickets are available as follows for regular season home events, excluding plays, dances and tournaments: Students - \$20.00; Adults - \$40.00; Family - \$100.00.

Golden Age passes with some restrictions are available for persons 65 and older. Anyone interested may contact Nick Hostert or Cheryl Ludwig at 402-336-1544, both at the High School.

### BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Both breakfast and lunch will be available for students at O'Neill Public Schools with serving sites at the Elementary and High School buildings. These meals will meet State and Federal requirements. Daily menus may vary between serving sites. Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Meal prices for the 2013-2014 school year will be \$1.30 for breakfast and \$2.45 for lunch for all students. Adult breakfasts will cost \$1.60 and lunches are \$2.95 each.

Free and reduce priced meals are available for qualifying families. Application forms will be mailed to the home of each O'Neill Public School student. Should you have any questions regarding the program, or if you do not receive an application for free/reduce priced meals by August 1, please contact the school administrative offices at 402-336-3775. Information concerning free/reduce priced meals will be held in the strictest confidence. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### ATHLETIC & P.E. PHYSICALS

Each year students in grades 7 through 12 who participate in athletics or take Physical Education during the school day must have a physical and a signed parental/guardian release form on file with the school. These forms are to be returned to the Activities Director, Coach or P. E. instructor, whichever is applicable. These forms must be on file before a student will be allowed to participate.

### OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

School will begin at O'Neill Public Schools on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013**  
 Time factors for the first day ONLY are:  
 Elementary & High School (Grades K-12) 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Elementary students should report to the Elementary Commons.  
 Staff will be available to direct Junior-Senior High School students to their assigned rooms.  
**NOTE: Breakfast (available from 7:20 - 7:50) and lunch will be served on the first day of school.**  
 Laptop checkout for students in grades 7-12 will take place from 2:00 - 4:00 on the first day of school. Students will receive their class schedules by mail, and also receive the necessary paperwork that must be signed and returned to school on the first day, along with payment, in order to check out the laptop.

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

O'Neill Public Schools is a comprehensive school system offering education to students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Our school system meets and exceeds accreditation requirements of the Nebraska Department of Education and the Advance Ed accrediting agency.

The elementary curriculum includes language arts (reading, writing, speaking and listening), phonics, mathematics, science and social studies. All K-6 grade students participate in physical education, health, art, vocal music and technology. Instrumental music is available for 5th and 6th grade students.

A full range of academic and elective courses are offered at the Junior-Senior High School including: college preparatory, business, vocational, technology, music, agriculture and foreign language. O'Neill High School offers the following career and technical education programs for all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, including those with limited English proficiency, sex or disability: business, trades and industries, agricultural education, family and consumer science and technology. Persons seeking further information concerning the career and technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria should contact OHS Guidance Counselor, Danny Fernau at 402-336-2667 or by email to [dfernau@esu8.org](mailto:dfernau@esu8.org). To obtain this information in a language other than English call 402-336-1544. Our high school also offers many college and dual credit classes. Our junior-senior high school has embarked on a 24/7 learning initiative, each student is assigned a Mac laptop for their use during the school year. The computer is a learning tool that can be used at school and at home. We are preparing our students for the technology rich world they will be working in.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities are also offered at both the elementary and secondary schools. These range from athletics to fine arts to academic clubs. There is something for everyone at O'Neill Public Schools.

Community support of education is important for our school system to remain strong. Emphasis on good study habits and proper conduct is a cooperative effort on the part of the parents and school. You are encouraged to visit our school and be involved in the education of our youth.

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### HEALTH AND SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

School officials are required by law to see a notarized copy of a child's birth certificate and their Social Security card prior to entrance to the beginning grade or new to this school system. Students are also required to meet the following immunization and vision requirements:

#### Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

2013-2014 Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
2-5 year olds enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age, * Hib not required after child reaches 5 yrs of age. 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age, 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age. * Pneumococcal not required after child reaches 5 yrs of age
Students from K through 12th Grade, including all transfer students from outside of the State of Nebraska and any foreign students	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age. 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month, For 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only - 1 dose of Tdap (must contain pertussis booster) - this dose can be received any time after 10 or 11 years of age depending on which brand of vaccine is received. 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease they do not need any varicella shots.

### ALL Students Attending O'Neill Public Schools:

Immunization shall not be required for a student's enrollment if in the health care provider's opinion the specified immunization(s) would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household (this MUST be signed by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner), or a notarized affidavit signed by the student or by a legally authorized representative if the student is a minor, stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is an adherent or member, or that the immunization conflicts with the personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs of that student.

Any student who does not comply with all immunization and vision requirements shall not be permitted to continue in school.

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

Substitute teachers are needed for the 2013-2014 school year. A valid *Nebraska Teaching Certificate or Nebraska Substitute Teaching Certificate is required. A Local Substitute Teaching Certificate* may be issued to persons who do not have a teaching certificate but meet certain standards established by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Contact the O'Neill Public School's Administrative Office at 410 East Benton or call 402-336-3775 to register for substitute teaching or for information on a local substitute teaching certificate.

### DRUG FREE POLICY

In accordance with federal drug free policies, each student will receive a copy of the O'Neill School District's drug free policy. The policy will be reviewed at school and a copy will be sent home with each student.

### NOTICE: TITLE VI

Superintendent Amy Shane has been appointed Title VI coordinator for the O'Neill Public Schools. Anyone with concerns should contact Amy Shane at P.O. Box 230, O'Neill, NE 68763, phone 402-336-3775 or by email [ashane@esu8.org](mailto:ashane@esu8.org).

### NOTICE: TITLE IX

Nick Hostert has been appointed Title IX coordinator for the O'Neill Public Schools. Anyone with discrimination concerns should contact Nick Hostert at P.O. Box 230, O'Neill, NE 68763 or phone 402-336-1544 or by email [nhostert@esu8.org](mailto:nhostert@esu8.org).

### NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Students, their families and potential employees of O'Neill Public School are hereby notified that the O'Neill Public School does not discriminate on basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in employment career and technology programs or activities as set forth in compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations. Any persons having inquiries concerning O'Neill Public School's compliance with Title II, Title IV, Title VI, Title IX and/or Section 504 may contact Superintendent Amy Shane at 402-336-3775 or by email to [ashane@esu8.org](mailto:ashane@esu8.org).

### NOTICE: ASBESTOS

The Institute for Environmental Assessment prepared an asbestos management plan identifying the presence of asbestos within some of the school buildings. This plan was implemented as of July 9, 1989. Periodic surveillance is conducted to provide a continuous assessment to assure safety-conscious management of asbestos-containing materials.

If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office.

### NOTICE: HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Kathy Grossnicklaus is the 504 coordinator for handicapped and disadvantaged students at O'Neill Public Schools. Anyone with special education needs or concerns should contact Mrs. Grossnicklaus at P.O. Box 230, O'Neill, NE 68763 or phone 402-336-1948 or by email [kgrossnicklaus@esu8.org](mailto:kgrossnicklaus@esu8.org).

### CHILD FIND

The O'Neill Public School asks you to assist us in our "Nebraska Child Find" efforts. This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, ages birth through 21.

If you know of a child who is experiencing difficulties with motor development, speech and language, vision, hearing or learning, please refer the parent to the number below. The O'Neill Public School District will provide an educational evaluation at no cost to the parent. If the child qualifies under Nebraska law, a free and appropriate educational program will be developed to meet his/her educational needs.

To contact us please call Kathy Grossnicklaus at 402-336-1948 or Amy Shane at 402-336-3775. You may also contact Nebraska Child Find at 888-806-6287.