



O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020

TIME SCHEDULE

MORNING Preschool - 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Mon. - Fri.)
AFTERNOON Preschool - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (MON. ONLY)
AFTERNOON Preschool - 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Tues. - Fri.)
Elementary - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Grades K - 6 (Tues. - Fri.)
Junior High - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Grades 7 - 8 (Tues. - Fri.)
High School - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Grades 9 - 12 (Tues. - Fri.)

All buildings will dismiss every **Monday at 2:30 p.m.** for Staff Development. Developing Eagles will begin at **2:30 p.m.** on Mondays for students.

If school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or other emergencies, the announcement will be broadcast on local radio, Facebook, Twitter and posted on the school website, www.oneillpublicschools.org. **Be sure your contact information is up-to-date at your child's school in order to receive updates via the telephone contact system. CALL 402-336-3775 WITH CHANGES**

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. Elementary and Junior/Senior High Handbooks are kept current online and can be found on the school's website, www.oneillpublicschools.org. Please take time to read over all the information before school starts.

**7th Grade Orientation will be Friday, August 16th
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided.
Meet in the Main Gym.**

Students in 8th-12th grade can come and pick up their class schedules anytime Mon.-Wed., Aug. 12th-14th. Schedules will also be available online through PowerSchool beginning August 1st. Schedules will NOT be sent to students via mail.

Guidance Office hours that week will be 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Elementary School Open House will be Monday, August 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will continue to use PowerSchool as our student information system. All parents are required to complete a number of on-line permission forms through PowerSchool. If you have forgotten your password or have questions on how to make changes, please call Central Office (402)336-3775.

2019-2020 CALENDAR

Staff Workshops..... August 15, 16 & 19, 2019
Opening Day.....August 20, 2019
Labor Day Vacation.....September 2, 2019
End of 1st Quarter.....October 18, 2019
Fall Break.....October 25, 2019
Thanksgiving Vacation.....November 28 & 29, 2019
End of 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester.....December 20, 2019
Student Christmas Vacation.....December 23- January 3, 2020
No School.....February 21, 2020
No School.....March 5 & 6, 2020
End of 3rd Quarter.....March 13, 2020
Easter Vacation.....April 10 & 13, 2020
No School.....April 24, 2020
High School Graduation.....May 16, 2020
Last Day of School.....May 21, 2020

NOTE: Weather, scheduling conflicts, cancellations, additions, etc. may result in this calendar changing throughout the school year. A current calendar can be found at 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 12th - 14th, 2019
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 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 students and the parents. The school administration suggests neat and unrevealing attire. Please review the new dress code expectations that are included in the 2019-2020 OHS Student Handbook that is now on the school website. A reminder that 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 student will be expected to change.

ADMISSION & SEASON TICKETS

Prices for all regular season games will be: Adults - \$5.00; Students - \$4.00. **Students attending O'Neill Jr. - Sr. High School (grades 7-12) may attend all home sporting events at no cost.** 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 Jennifer Gartner 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 & Federal requirements. Daily menus may vary between serving sites. Breakfast & lunch will be served on the first day of school. Meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$1.50 for breakfast and \$2.70 for lunch for all students. Adult breakfasts will cost \$2.25 and lunches are \$3.65 each. Free and reduced price 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/reduced price meals by August 17, please contact the school administrative offices at 402-336-3775. Information concerning free/reduced price 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, 2019**

Elementary & High School (Grades 1-12) 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through Labor Day

Elementary students should report to the Elementary Commons.

(Preschool begins August 22- Regular hours)

Staff will be available to direct Junior-Senior High School students to their assigned rooms.

LAPTOP CHECKOUT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1:30 - 3:30 ON AUGUST 20th.

Their computer fee of \$15 per student must also be paid prior to check-out.

NOTE: Breakfast (available from 7:20 - 7:50) and Lunch will be served on the first day of school.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

O'Neill Public Schools is a comprehensive school system offering education to students in preschool through the twelfth grade. Our school system meets and exceeds accreditation requirements of the Nebraska Department of Education and the AdvancEd 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, Career and Technical Education classes, Instrumental and Vocal Music, 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 O'Neill Academy of Career Development and other technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria should contact OHS Guidance Counselor, Cole Hilker at 402-336-2667 or by email to colehilker@oneillschools.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, where each student is assigned a 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 extracurricular 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 in O'Neill Public Schools.

Community Support of education is important for our school system to remain strong. We encourage parents to serve on a variety of district and school committees. 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. Summary information regarding the district's curriculum, testing, and surveys can be found on our district's website www.oneillpublicschools.org.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellen Boshart
Jim Wakefield

Gene Chohon
Aaron Troester

Amy Rowse
Colby Welke

ADMINISTRATION

Amy Shane..... Superintendent
Corey Fisher..... High School Principal
Jim York..... Elementary Principal
Jill Brodersen..... Elementary Assistant Principal
Steve Brown..... Building & Grounds Supervisor
Shannon Stelling..... SPED Director
Nick Hostert..... Activities Director

ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS

Becky Corkle & Midee Hilker

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Becky Corkle & Cole Hilker

TEACHERS

Kaye Appleby
Denice Atkins
Ashley Belmer
Danielle Birch
Erin Boyle
Steve Brown
Teri Brown
James Burtwistle
Derek Camp
Bryan Corkle
Chad Dean
Rebecca Dean
Rylee Dexter
Brock Eichelberger
Paula Evans
Jody Fox
Ann Fritz
Heidi Froman
Katrina Gotschall
Sarah Havranek
Wayne Hesse
Lynae Hilker
Kristina Hobbs
Gary Hostert
Kathy Hostert
Molly Jennings
Seth Kallhoff
Amy Kaup
Holly Keil
Brianna Kelly
Amanda Knight
Rachelle Koch
Becky Kohtz
Jill Langan
Kristi Langan
Heather Larsen
Ann Mann
Lori Mathews
Chelsea McIntosh
Kelli Meusch
Alexandra Miller
Kevin Morrow
Mary Jo Nordby
Tara Osborne
Mike Peterson
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Julie Pistulka
Teresa Pongratz
Chuck Price
Michelle Reiman
Danielle Reinhardt Sigler
Janene Reynolds
Rhea Rider
Katherine Rowan
Rita Schueth
Crystal Shoemaker
Nic Simonson
Charissa Sladek
Kelly Snader
Kenneth Spader
Allen Spangler
Melanie Stepp
Michelle Tomjack
Jennifer Troester
Karen Tschida
Kendra Vanderbeek
Sally Wallace
Brandi Walters
Ethan Wick
Tricia Wiseman
Rebecca Wohlert
Ashley York
MEDIA SPECIALIST
Michaela Braun
TECHNOLOGY
Greg Buller
SECRETARIES
Chris Bohn
Melanie Ehmen
Jennifer Gartner
Terry Kloppenborg
Kathy Marvin
Kelley Price
PARA EDUCATORS
Paula Becker
Colleen Bordovsky
Kris Bulau
Joyce Burival
Karen Cahoy
Lisa Everett
Shelly Frank
Kasey Hoffman

Regina Howard
Monica Huber
Roxanne Kraft
Meredith Krysl
Lisa Krysl
Michelle McKay
Barb McCain
Darla Mundhenke
Laurie O'Neill
Angie Robertson
Lizeth Rodriguez
Brianna Romshek
Brenda Schmeichel
Margaret Schultz
Marie Meza-Serrano
Molly Sholes
Erin Williamson
Sarah Wilson
NURSE
Stephanie Prouty
Grace Matthews
SPEECH THERAPISTS
Mary Jo Benson
Katie Owens
PSYCHOLOGIST
Kay Mudloff
CUSTODIANS
Alicia Eaton
Kristy Elliott
Lucy Hammerlun
Gary Heese
Brandon Jackson
Lennie Kraniewski
Dustin Mudloff
John Rash
Doreen Tibbetts
Steve Yates
DRIVER
David Schramm
Deb Sawyer
DEVELOPING EAGLES CO-DIRECTORS
Deb Sawyer & Margaret Schultz

PHYSICALS AND VISION EXAMS REQUIRED

A current school physical and vision evaluation (within the last six months) is required for all children prior to entering Nebraska Schools for the first time (Pre-K or K, transfers, and other students new to Nebraska) Nebraska Revised Statute 79-214

HEALTH AND SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

School officials are required by law to see a copy of a child's birth certificate prior to entrance into the beginning grade (PK or K) or if they are 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

2019-2020 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, 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.
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th 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, 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.
Students entering 7th grade.	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (must contain pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered

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 legally authorized representative if the student is a minor, stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practice 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 2019-2020 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 Schools 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, the policy will be reviewed at school and is available for students and parents online at oneillpublicschools.org

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 amyshane@oneillschools.org.

NOTICE: TITLE IX

Michaela Braun has been appointed Title IX Coordinator for the O'Neill Public Schools. Anyone with discrimination concerns should contact Michaela Braun at P.O. Box 230, O'Neill, NE 68763 or phone 402-336-1544 or by email michaelabraun@oneillschools.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

Shannon Stelling is the 504 Coordinator for Handicapped and Disadvantaged students at O'Neill Public Schools. Anyone with special education needs or concerns should contact Shannon Stelling, P.O. Box 230, O'Neill, NE 68763 or phone 402-336-1948 or by email shannonstelling@oneillschools.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 un-served children with disabilities, aged 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 Shannon Stelling at 402-336-1948 or Amy Shane at 402-336-3775. You may also contact Nebraska Child find at (888) 806-6287.