

Friend Public School 2021-22 Calendar

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Qtr.	Ends	Teacher Days Scheduled
1	10/15	45
2	12/21	44
3	3/11	48
4	5/24	48
	Total	185

August

- 2 Flex day – Aug 2-13
- 16 PD/Teacher Workday
- 17 First Day of School-2:00 out

September

- 6 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 7 Teacher Cohort Day
- 29 PT Conferences-12:30 out

October

- 15 End Quarter 1
- 22 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break

November

- No School Nov. 24-26

December

- 21 End Quarter 2
- Holiday Break Dec -Jan
- NSAA Moratorium Dec 22-26

January

- 3 Teacher Work Day
- 4 Teacher Cohort Day

February

- 9 No School-Staff Report (host speech)
- 16 PT Conferences-12:30 out

March

- No School 3-4
- 11 End Quarter 3
- 21 12:30 out (host quiz bowl)

April

- No School 15 & 18

May

- 14 Graduation
- 19 Last Day of School-12:30 out
- 20 Teacher Workday

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Teacher Workday/No Students

No School Break Days

Flex Day

/ Dismiss 12:30

Dismiss 2:00

PT Conferences dismiss 12:30



From the

Superintendent's Desk

It is hard to believe that in less than a month, our students will be back in school and the summer has come to an end. I always get excited for a new school year as students come with the excitement of new teachers, class schedules, and a brand new start to a new grade.

I am also excited to take on the new role as Superintendent. Before coming to Friend, I was the 7-12 Principal at Fairbury Public Schools. This is my 19th year in Education. My family and I are excited to be a part of this great community and school system. In my very short time in the community, we have felt a warm welcome by many folks. We are settling in and excited to be a part of Bulldog Nation. We look forward to building strong friendships and ties to the Friend community.

Besides a few changes in staffing, it has been a flurry of activity as custodians work to get the school ready. They have done an outstanding job and have been a joy to work with. You may also notice some changes around the school. Currently, we are in the process of redoing the elementary bathrooms, we have wrapped the bell tower to prevent further leaking and we are in the process of some concrete work to replace worn sidewalks and get the greenhouse ready for the final stages of construction (hopefully done in October). We are also looking into replacing lighting in the new gym and catwalk.

Spring PT Conferences have returned to the school calendar and we still will have early dismissals on Fridays. Please refer to the school calendar with outlines of all early outs and vacation days.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back in the building on August 17th.

Mr. Anderson



We Are a Rainbow of Possibilities...



Hello, Parents and Students,

The summer season is winding down, and it is time to start the school year up again! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break with your family and friends, and you are ready for a fun year of learning. We are so excited to see you on the first day of school! *Our school-wide theme this year is: "We Are a Rainbow of Possibilities,"* which means when we work together as a team, the possibilities are endless! Please be compassionate and understanding of others and work as a team to achieve our goals! Believing in yourself and working hard will also help you achieve your individual goals!

Our maintenance staff has worked extremely hard once again this summer to make our school such a beautiful, clean, and welcoming place to learn. There have been different projects going on inside and outside of the school, which is very exciting! Everybody (staff and community members) always comment how great our facilities look. Thank you so much Jeff, Kevin, Colleen, Deb, Cortney, and Jon.

Thank you to our office staff who continue to work when everybody else leaves for the summer to make our school run successfully. These ladies go above and beyond for our students and staff, and they really put in the extra hours to prepare for every school year! Thanks Michele, Kim, and Stacy.

Our teachers have been working hard during their summer break to get their classrooms and curriculum prepared for an amazing school year! They have attended summer classes, professional development, run sports camps/weights, and put in the extra effort for our students. We are excited to have a new science curriculum to introduce to our students and watch their growth for years to come!

Thank you to our fantastic community members in Friend for always supporting our students at their events or our school-wide events in a positive manner and for being welcoming to our new staff members and families to Friend. I speak for everyone at Friend Public School when I say thank you; your support is felt and appreciated!

I feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this amazing team, community, and school district. Education and kids are my passion, and there is no better place than Friend to put my passion into full force. I am a Friend Bulldog through and through, and I am very passionate about Friend; just ask- I'll tell you! I love recruiting new staff members and families to work and live in Friend; it is such an awesome town and school! I am excited to be starting my 14th year in education, and I have loved every minute of it. I know this year we can be successful if we work as a team (parents, staff, and students) to help the students in Friend excel. I believe that with a positive attitude, hard work, and a great sense of humor, we can accomplish so many things!

Here's to a great school year in 2021-2022! Go Dawgs!!
Liz Stutzman- PreK-12th Grade Principal



Stutzman's Side Notes



"You Learn Something New Every Day"

Elementary Reminders:

- * Please have your immunizations and physicals complete and turned into the office so you are able to start class. This is a state law.
- * Any forms handed to you on the first day of school (handbook, internet safety, etc.) will need to be returned by **Friday, August 20th**.
- * **For Kindergarten-6th Grade, school runs from 8:00-3:25.**

Jr. High and High School Reminders:

- * Please have your immunizations and physicals complete and turned into the office so you are able to start class and participate in activities. This is a state law.
- * Only clear water bottles with water are acceptable in school. You will need to bring your labeled water bottle to school daily.
- * The school dress code needs to be followed at school and all activities.
- * Drop and Adds for classes need to be done between August 9-2^{3rd}. You'll need to fill out a form and have signatures from a parent, administrator, and teacher to complete the process.
- * Students, please park in the north lot by the Catholic Church.
 - Please walk the "catwalk" or sit in the old gym before the 8:00 bell, unless you are eating breakfast.
 - Any forms handed to you on the first day of school (handbook, internet safety, etc.) will need to be returned by **Friday, August 20th**.
- * If you would like to participate in softball, volleyball, or football, practices start on August 9th. **You will need to pay your \$30 Activity Fee** (that covers you for the whole year and you'll get an activity pass as well). You will also get forms from your coaches that will need to be handed in prior to you being able to start practice.
If you do not have these things completed, you will sit and watch the other students participate.
- * Cell phones need to be placed in the cell phone charts/turned into a designated classroom spot during class time.
- * **School will run from 8:05-3:29. Please be on time to school and class.**

Upcoming Dates:

August 12th: Walk to School Night for elementary (Preschool-6th Grade) students and families from 6:00-7:00. This is an Open House- please come and see your classroom, meet your teacher, and bring all of your school supplies.

August 12th: 7th Grade Orientation for incoming 7th graders and their parents. 5:15-5:45 in the cafeteria.

August 12th: 9th-12th grade sports parents/coaches and booster meeting at 7:15 in the new gym.

August 17th: First day of school (ALL students Preschool-12th Grade)= 8:05-2:00. You can enter at 7:45 if you are having breakfast. If you are NOT eating breakfast, you will need to be on the recess playground (elementary students), and secondary students need to be in the old gym. Please DO NOT come to school before 7:45 AM. Parents of elementary students, the best place to drop off your kids is the Kindergarten ramp doors. The buses drop off on the west side of the school.

Friday, August 20th: All forms need to be signed and handed into the office. It's your responsibility to get those to your parents and handed back into school.

Pre-School= 3 Year Olds=8:00-11:15 and 4 Year Olds= 12:15-3:25. Pre-School runs Mondays-Thursdays. No Pre-school on Fridays.

August 24th: School Picture Day (Don't forget your forms, please).

August 25th: "Get to Know Your Classroom Night" (PreK-6th) 6:00-6:25 and 6:30-6:55. This even is for parents only. Attending this short meeting with your child's classroom teacher will get you off on the right foot, and you will gain knowledge about expectations, homework, discipline, etc.. for your child's school year. You only need to attend one session per child.



Medical Record Requirements

- Children entering kindergarten will need to have a physical examination and a visual acuity exam completed, with documentation turned into school health office no later than the first day of school. These exams must be completed no more than 6 months prior to enrollment.
- **ALL** incoming 7th grade students will need a physical examination (dated on or after June 1, 2021) completed by physician before entering 7th grade. Please, make your appointments soon as we will need these on file no later than the first day of school to avoid exclusion. This physical will also serve as a sports physical for 7th grade students **only** for the current school year.
- Incoming 7th grade students are required by Nebraska State Law to receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster) before entering 7th grade. This vaccine must be obtained and documentation provided to school, no later than the first day of school to avoid exclusion.
- Since 1980, Nebraska State Law requires all students entering Nebraska (regardless of grade), to have a physical examination by a doctor before school starts
- **ALL** students in grades 7-12 wishing to participate in any sport will need a Pre-participation Physical Evaluation before he/she will be allowed to participate in chosen sport(s). All sports physicals must be dated on or after June 1, 2021, to count toward athletics of the 2021/2022 school year.
- If your student has asthma or allergies, please remember to have a treating physician complete a current Asthma/Allergy Action Plan during his/her physical or before the school year starts. This form is available in the school nurse's office or on the Friend Public School website (<https://www.friendbulldogs.org/>). This form must be updated every school year. Also, if your student uses an Epi-Pen, please be sure to supply one to the school nurse upon first day of classes to avoid any lapse in treatment.
- Various other health forms have been added to Friend Public School's website for your convenience; forms available include Diabetic Management, Medication Consent Forms, and Seizure Action Plans. Should your student have a history of any of these conditions, please complete the appropriate forms and return to the school nurse by the end of the first day of the 2019/2020 school year.
- Please take a moment to review the immunization schedule for your student's age/grade at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Immunization/School-Summary-RR-English.pdf>

- 7-12 grade students wishing to make **changes to their class schedules** may see Ms. Hottovy at school August 9-13 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 - *If you need to meet at a specific time, please schedule an appointment in advance by emailing Ms. Hottovy as soon as possible.* Otherwise, students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Be sure you have discussed proposed schedule changes with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
 - It's a good idea to have multiple options in mind just in case your first choice doesn't work.
 - Remember that changing your schedule is a team decision made by you, your parent(s)/guardian(s), your teachers, your school counselor, and your principal.
 - Once school starts on August 17, students have 5 days to finalize their schedules. No changes can be made after August 23.
- Students who earned **community service hours** over the summer should return completed paperwork to Ms. Hottovy during the first week of school.
- **Seniors** -- if you haven't started exploring colleges, *now is the time.*
 - Which school is the best fit for you? Which school offers programs that will meet your needs and interests? How will you pay to attend a certain college or university?
 - Many of these questions can be answered **ONLY** after you go on a college visit!
 - You will want to have begun narrowing your college choices before Apply2College Day in early October.
 - The goal is for you to have applied to at least 3 colleges before Thanksgiving.
 - Most colleges and universities have resumed on-campus visits. Check their websites to schedule a visit.
 - You can also find a wide variety of information about schools across the country, including virtual tours, on this website:
 - <https://campustours.com/>
 - Some colleges and universities offer early application or early decision opportunities.
 - Not sure what that means? Read this article from CollegeBoard to learn more: <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/early>.
- **Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors -- Set Yourself Up for Success**
 - It's never too early to consider taking the ACT. In fact, it is highly recommended that you take the ACT on your own at least once or twice before you take it as part of required state testing during your junior year of high school.
 - Visit this website for more information regarding the test, testing dates, and how to register: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>
 - As always, reach out to Ms. Hottovy with any questions.
 - If you need help paying for ACT registration, contact Ms. Hottovy for possible options.
- I hope all of our students are ready to get back to learning and growing. I can't wait to see you! ~ Ms. Hottovy



August



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday


Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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	EMF	FFA Officer Retreat-Carol	Joy Holling Center-Ashland			
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	<p><i>Start of Fall Practice</i> SB, VB, FB</p> <p>BOE—7:30 Media Center</p>			<p>7th Grade Orientation 5:15-5:45</p> <p>Back to School Night (Preschool-6th) 6:00-7:00</p> <p>Fall Sports Meetings (9th-12th) 7:15</p>	<p>EMF FFA Chapter Meeting & Pool Party (Friend) 6:30-10:30</p>	
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	<i>Teacher Workday</i>	<p>First Day Of School</p> <p>First Day of Preschool</p> <p>2:00 out</p> <p>SB Jamboree TBA</p>			<p>2:00 out</p> <p>EMF FFA Officer Meeting (Friend) 2:30</p>	<p>SB Triangular vs. Centennial/Bishop Newman (Geneva) 10:00</p>
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	<p>SB vs. Aurora (Geneva) 5:00/6:30</p>	<p>SCHOOL PICTURE DAY</p> <p>SB @ Fairbury 5:00/6:30</p>	<p>Classroom Information Night (Parents Only) 6:00-7:00</p> <p><i>FCA Lunch Meeting</i> <i>Mr. Hitchcock's Rm</i></p>	<p>VB Triangle vs. Pawnee City/Lewiston @ Pawnee City 5:00/6:00</p> <p><i>NHS Lunch Meeting</i></p>	<p>2:00 out</p> <p>FB @ Conestoga 7:00</p>	<p>SB Fillmore Central Quad (Geneva) 10:00</p>
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	<p>JH & JV FB @ High Plains (Clarks) 4:30/6:30</p> <p>Marching Band & Dance @ NE State Fair 11:30</p>	<p>VB @ Aquinas (David City) 6:00/7:00</p> <p>SB vs. Southern Valley (Geneva) 4:30/6:00</p>				
29	30	31	<p>For the most current and up to date information, please go to: http://www.pioneerconference.org</p> <p>or view calendar on the school website: www.friendbulldogs.org/vcalendar/</p> <p>and click on Friend</p>			

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast Wrap Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar First Day of School 2:00 out 17	Breakfast Bites Hamburger/Bun Chips Pudding Fruit & Veggie Bar 18	Chocolate Covered Mini Donuts Hot Dog/Bun Chili Shredded Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar 19	Cherry Strudel Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 20
Breakfast Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar 23	Pancakes Soft Shelled Taco Toppings Corn Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 24	Scrambled Eggs Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun Cheesy Broccoli Fruit & Veggie Bar 25	Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Muffins Sloppy Joes Potato Smiles Fruit & Veggie Bar 26	Biscuits & Gravy Sub Sandwich Chips Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar 2:00 out 27
Donuts Meaty Nachos Toppings Shredded Cheese Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 30	Egg, Bacon Pizza Chicken Strips French Fries Bread/Butter Fruit & Veggie Bar 31	 <p>This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider</p>		

Breakfast.....\$0
Grades K-6 lunch.....\$0
Grades 7-12 lunch.....\$0
Extra lunch entrée.....\$1.00
Milk (extra or snack time) \$.35

2021-22 LUNCH PRICES

A student will be notified in writing if and when his/her account has a negative balance.

Get your EMF Bobcats Apparell!!!

The shop is open until Friday, August 6th!!

Log onto this website to order today:

<https://fancloth.shop/JCTCR>





Friend Public School

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Phone: 402-947-2781 Fax: 402-947-2026
www.friendbulldogs.org

Administration

Superintendent: Derek Anderson
Principal: Elizabeth Stutzman
Counselor: Amy Hottovy
Activities Director: Jim Pfeiffer

August 1, 2021

Friend Public School is participating in the USDA's waiver which allows schools to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Year 2021-2022.

What this means for you:

Your student will receive meals at no cost for the entire 2021-2022 school year.

(Extra Lunch Entrée (seconds)=\$1.00; Extra milk=\$.35)

Please complete the enclosed income eligibility application. Although your student will be receiving meals at no cost, completion of the application is important for the following reasons:

- **P-EBT Benefits:** Households may be eligible for Pandemic-EBT benefits through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. P-EBT benefits are based in part on eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price meals.
- **Fee Waivers and Health Insurance:** Student Free and Reduced-Price meal eligibility can be shared with other programs (with parental consent) for the purposes of fee waivers, scholarships, Medicaid and SCHIP.
- **School Benefits:** Your school receives State and local funding based on the number of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price meals.

Important: Your student(s) will continue to receive meals at no cost for the 2021-22 school year regardless of the eligibility determination of your household's SY2021-22 application.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

**Friend Public School
PO Box 67
Friend NE 68359**

August 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Friend Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$0**; lunch costs **\$0**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$0 for breakfast and \$0 for lunch. 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 30, 2021, in order 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 that 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: FPS, Derek Anderson, Superintendent, 402-947-2781, derek.anderson@friendschool.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: Michele Johnson-Clouse, FPS, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359

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 Michele Johnson-Clouse, 402-947-2781, immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if your school district makes this option available. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. *(Not available at Friend Public School).*

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. 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.
10. 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: Derek Anderson, Superintendent, 402-947-2781, derek.anderson@friendschool.org
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 Michele Johnson-Clouse, 402-947-2781, to receive a second application.
16. 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 402-947-2781, EXT 210.

Sincerely,

Michele Johnson-Clouse

Business Manager

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

For 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), follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.
Part 2: Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

For households with FOSTER, HOMELESS, MIGRANT or RUNAWAY CHILDREN, follow these instructions:

If all children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

If some of the children in the household are foster children or are homeless, migrant or runaway children:

- Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the appropriate box.
Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.
Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

- Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
- Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
- Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

- Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or Disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and *Regular* cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Please note: Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant or runaway, are eligible for free meals. However, the school district must have documentation on file from a migrant coordinator, homeless/runaway liaison or the district's Direct Certification list to approve the child for free meals.

For ALL other households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all children, the school they attend and their grade.

Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

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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 2020 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.

Return Completed Application to: **Friend Public School, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359**

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	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR:
(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: 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 Categorically eligible: SNAP/TANF/FDIPIR Foster Child Homeless/Migrant/Runaway: (Official Documentation Required at School)

Reason for denial: Income too high Incomplete application

Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date Approved: _____

FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:

Signature of Confirming Official: _____ Date Confirmed: _____

Signature of Verifying Official: _____ Date Verified: _____

Date Withdrawn From School: _____

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2021-22					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Each additional person:	8,399	700	350	324	162

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Sharing Information with Other Programs - Optional

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify.

For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.

- Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Activity Program / Participation Fees.
- Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Guidance Counselor for Scholarship opportunities.

If you checked "yes" to any or all of the boxes above, complete the following form to ensure that your information is shared for the child(ren) listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call Michele Johnson-Clouse at 402.947.2781 or email at michele.clouse@friendschool.org

Return this form to: FPS, PO Box 67, Friend NE 68359 **by** September 25, 2021

**AUG
13TH
6:00PM**

**FIRST FFA MEETING OF
THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**



**EMF FFA
CHAPTER
POOL
PARTY**



**FOOD,
MEETING**

**LAWN
GAMES**



**FRIEND POOL
MEETING, SUPPER AND GAMES 6:00PM
POOL TIME 7:30PM TO 9:30**

School District Member:

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON BACK EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN

Each year the school is required by State Law 79-578 to take a census of the school district. The main purpose is to locate all children between the ages of birth to 21.

We ask your cooperation in filling out and returning the form on the next page. Please drop the form off at the school office in Friend or mail to: Friend Public Schools, P.O. Box 67, Friend, NE 68359.

The information collected is confidential and will not be made available to the public. This information is a necessary part of the formula to determine the amount of State Aid received by the school district. It is also used to obtain a list of incoming kindergartners and to project future enrollment. College students under the age of 21 should be listed if they live at home during the summer.

If you are moving, please return the completed form with your moving date written on the form. If you know who will be living in your present home, we would appreciate the information.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 402-947-2781. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Derek Anderson
Superintendent

State of Nebraska School Law

79-578, CLASS I, II, III, IV, VI SCHOOL DISTRICT; OR I SECRETARY; SCHOOL CENSUS; DUTY TO TAKE; TIME ALLOWED. The secretary of a Class I, II, III, IV, or VI school district shall take, or cause to be taken by some person appointed for the purpose by a majority vote of the school board, the census of the school district and then make, or cause to be made, a list in writing of the names of all the children belonging to such district, from birth through twenty years of age, together with the names of all the taxpayers in the district. A copy of this list, verified by oath of the person taking such census or by affidavit appended to or endorsed on the list, setting forth that it is a correct list of the names of all children belonging in the district from birth to twenty years of age and that it reflects such information as of June 30, shall be maintained as provided in section 79-524 (Laws 1881;1889; 1931;1949; 1957; 1967; 1976; 1978; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1996; 1999)

Residents of Household:
(Last Name, First
Name)

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Below list all persons in the household under 21 years of age

Name	Birthdate					Place of Birth
	Mo.	Day	Yr.	Male	Female	

Thank you for all of your support and assistance.



7th Grade Families- Orientation Night

August 12= 5:15-5:45 in the cafeteria

Walk to School Night

For Elementary (Preschool-6th Grade) Students and Families

August 12th - 6:00-7:00

9th-12th Grade Sports Parents/Coaches and Booster Meeting

August 12th = 7:15 in the new gym



Please Welcome our New Staff for the 2021-2022 School Year

Hayley Heath- Music/Band

Khrystyne Elsberry-Language Arts

Derek Anderson-Superintendent

Judy Kunert-Cook

Erika Arp-Elementary Para

Melissa Pedersen-Preschool Para

Teri Opfer- Speech

Welcome!! We are excited to have you join our awesome team at Friend Public School!

Fridays are 2:00 Early Releases for all students.

Other 2:00 Early Release Days= (due to not having a Friday that week)

August 17, October 21, November 23, December 21, March 2, and April 14

12:30 Release Days= September 29, February 16, March 21, and May 19





Your Yard Has Gone to the Dawgs!

Brutus & Belinda May Be Coming to Your Yard!

August 15-May 15

HOW IT WORKS

Support the Friend Booster Club while having some Bulldog fun! Send the form below and a \$40 donation payable to the Friend Booster Club to Friend Public Schools, 501 S. Main St., Friend, NE 68359. You can send Brutus and Belinda to anyone in the Friend district. For an additional \$40 donation, the recipient can decide where Brutus and Belinda will visit next. No Additional Donation is required. The Dawgs will move to another yard the following week regardless of donation. For example, John can donate \$40 to nominate the Dawgs visit Robert's lawn. Robert can donate \$40 to send the Dawgs to another lawn the following week or Brutus and Belinda will move to another nominee on the list.

BULLDOG INSURANCE

Don't want Brutus and Belinda to make a mess in your yard? No problem! We now offer Bulldog Insurance! For a \$50 donation, Brutus and Belinda will stay off your lawn. Questions? Call or text Katie Spohn at (402) 499-3879.

Donor: _____ Phone (if questions): _____

Name & Address for the Dawgs to visit: _____

Insurance Donation:





7th-12th Grade Supply List

In General:

1. Pencils
2. Notebooks
3. Pens
4. Binders

Specific needs if you have this teacher:

MATH (7-12) = Mrs. Klooz/Mrs. Niemeier

1. 3-ringed binder: 1.5" (1" will be too small)
2. Notebook paper: Loose leaf is best
3. Dividers for binder (4 is plenty)
4. Calculator: (*Recommended*) TI-34 Multiview or TI-84 Plus for higher-level classes



FFA = Mrs. Kohtz

1. All 9th-12th grade Ag. Students
250 sheets- spiral notebook

HISTORY = Mr. Martin

1. 12th Graders
binder for your election project
2. 7th-11th Graders
notebook, colored pencils, glue sticks, and a pair of scissors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS = Ms. Elsberry

1. 1 composition notebook that will stay in the classroom
2. 1 pair of scissors
3. colored pencils
4. 2 highlighters
5. 2 glue sticks
6. 2 expo markers
7. earbuds or headphones



Preschool Recommended Supplies List



3-Year-Old Morning Class

- (1) Backpack (regular sized--toddler sized are too small)
- (1) Change of Clothing (seasonal)
- (3) Elmer's JUMBO Glue Sticks
- (1) Pack Fine Point (skinny) Dry Erase Expo Markers
- (1) 4 pack of Play-Doh
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (3) Containers of Clorox Wipes
- (1) Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- (1) Box of Snack Sized Zip-Lock Baggies

4-Year-Old Afternoon Class

- (1) Backpack (regular sized--toddler sized are too small)
- (1) Change of Clothing (seasonal)
- (3) Elmer's JUMBO Glue Sticks
- (1) Pack Fine Point (skinny) Dry Erase Expo Markers
- (1) 4 pack of Play-Doh
- (1) Box of Kleenex
- (3) Containers of Clorox Wipes
- (1) Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- (1) Box of Gallon Sized Zip-Lock Baggies

Kindergarten

- (2) boxes of 12 count Crayons
- (1) 24 pack of #2 yellow pencils (Ticonderoga)
- (10) large glue sticks
- (4) 2 pocket folders
Red, Yellow, Green, Blue
- (1) box Zip-Lock bags

Girls: Gallon size Boys: Sandwich size

- (3) containers of Clorox wipes
- (1) bottle of hand sanitizer
- (3) boxes of Kleenex
- (1) Pair of Scissors

**** Do not need to label items as we put them all together****

Grade 1

- (1) Pencil box
- (2 boxes) Washable markers
- (1) boxes 24 Crayons
- (1) Scissor
- (1) Big Pink Eraser
- (4) Dry Erase Markers
- (1) Clorox Wipes
- (2) 2-pocket folder
- (1) Spiral Notebook

Grade 2

- (1) 24 count Crayons
- (24) #2 yellow Pencils
- (2) Glue sticks
- (1) Big boxes of Kleenex
- Markers
- (1) Scissors
- (1) Spiral Notebook
- (2) Erasers
- (2) 2-pocket folders
- (1) container of Clorox Wipes
- (2) Dry Erase Markers

Grade 3

(Please bring your supplies on Walk To School Night)

- (2) large boxes of Kleenex
- (2) container of Clorox Wipes
- (1 Pack) Sharpened #2 pencils
- (2) red pens
- (2) spiral notebooks
- (1) hand sanitizer
- (2) 2 pocket folders
- (1) pack of sticky notes
- (4) dry erase markers
- (1) big eraser
- (2 Packs) markers
- (2 Packs) crayons
- (1) scissor
- (1) composition notebook
- (1) pencil box
- (1 set) earbud headphones

Grade 4

- (4) No. 2 pencils
- Crayons or markers
- (1) big boxes of Kleenex
- (2) spiral notebooks single subject
- (1) big eraser
- (2) red pens
- (4) Odorless Dry Erase Markers
- (1) container of Clorox Wipes
- (2) Glue sticks
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- (1) 3 ring binder

Grade 5

- (2) single subject spiral notebooks – wide ruled
- (6) #2 pencils
- (4) red pens
- (1) large boxes of facial tissues
- (1) large eraser
- (1) box crayons
- (1) box markers
- Metric/standard measurement ruler
- (4) odorless dry erase markers
- (3) 2-pocket folders
- **One each Red, Blue, Yellow,**
- (1) large glue stick
- (1) scissors
- inexpensive pair of earbuds

Grade 6

- Pencils
- (4) red ball point pens
- (2) single subject spiral notebooks
- (6) odorless dry erase markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Calculator
- Markers or colored pencils
- (2) large boxes of Kleenex
- Inexpensive ear buds

2021-22 Friend Elementary Supplies





Washington DC and New York City Tour 2022

Due to COVID, the previously planned trip in 2020 and 2021 had to be postponed. We are hoping that the thirdtime's a charm. The same student tour is scheduled for late May of 2022 and we are allowing others to sign up at this time. The tour is scheduled through EF or Education First. The 5 day tour is packed with highlights such as the U.S. Capital, White House and monuments of Washington DC before traveling to New York City to see the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Central Park, as well as other noted tour stops. For many years, domestic and international tours have been organized and offered to Friend students.

Any student in the 7th grade or above is invited to participate in this great learning opportunity. The tour also allows parents or other adults to participate. If you wish to get more information about this wonderful opportunity, please contact Margo Houlden at margo.houlden@friendschool.org If you wish to be part of an in person meeting during August, please contact Mrs. Houlden as well.

More details are available at:

<https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2469153NA>



**Congratulations
to
Sue Eigsti
for being
selected for the
Nebraska
American
Legion Teacher
of the Year
Award!!!!**

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