



PERRY ★ LECOMPTON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER #1

JULY 2022 – DECEMBER 2022

A note from the Superintendent... J.B. Elliott

We all have found ourselves, once again, at the start of a brand new school year. I can't help but reflect on the past year, before I anticipate what is to come in the 2022-2023 school year.

If I was asked to describe the USD #343 students and their families, faculty, staff, Board of Education and community members in one word, I would absolutely say the word would be "GRIT." One definition of "grit" according to Webster's Dictionary is "a firmness of mind or spirit or unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger." It is without a doubt that we all persevered through the 21-22 school year in the midst of COVID-19 and all of the challenges and different directions the pandemic took us. The unwavering spirit of tenacity shown by all of us should be something we are proud of.

Remembering back to the beginning of last school year, the District applied for and was accepted to be a registered CLIA Testing Lab site and diligently began testing students, staff and their family members for COVID-19 at the Highland gym, then moved the Lab location to the District Office. At one point, we were all wearing masks again and navigating quarantines and social distancing. Rules and regulations changed often and we were able to adjust our masking and COVID testing policies. As a District, we adhered to the CDC's and State's guidelines that students would have a very limited number of days for remote learning, if necessary. I am happy to say that we did not utilize any of the days allowed for remote learning in the 2021-2022 school year. It was great to have all students in the classrooms!

The flexibility shown by our dedicated faculty and staff through the maze of changes that took place last year was remarkable. They were constantly adapting and adjusting depending on the State's direction. I am equally impressed with the grit of our students' parents and community members as the last school year unfolded and came to an end. The steadfast mindset of this special group of people did not go unnoticed by many.

I am most moved by the grit shown by the students of USD 343. It was such an inspiration to see the way our students progressed through the year-from our youngest in the Daycare, to the graduating class of 2022! Perry-Lecompton truly has the best students around!

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, I am excited, as I know that positive and productive outcomes from academics, sports and personal growth for all our students will take place. I am certain of this because of the notable display of grit and determination shown already from this great group of young people.

As the new year moves forward, keep in mind, I am always available. Feel free to email (jbelliott@usd343.org) or call me at 785-597-5138 to chat about anything and share what is on your mind. With the excellent group of faculty, staff, the Board of Education, parents and community members our District has, I have no doubt we can keep the optimistic and upbeat momentum going in our schools and community to help ensure the success of every student in the 2022-2023 school year. I know I say it often, but we should all be proud to be a KAW, as I know I am!!



Unified School District #343

2022-2023 Calendar

July 2022

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August 2022

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September 2022

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November 2022

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December 2022

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August

11-12 -- Inservice Days
16 -- Teacher Work Day
17 -- First Day of School

September

5 -- Labor Day (no school)

October

18 -- End of First Nine Weeks
19 -- No Classes - Workday 8-12 am & P/T Conf 2-8 pm
20 -- All Day Inservice/ P/T Conferences 4-8 pm
21 -- No School
24 -- 2nd Nine Weeks Begins

November

23 - 25 -- Thanksgiving Break (no school)

December

21 -- End of Second Nine Weeks
22 - 31 -- Winter Break (no school)

January

1 -- 3 Winter Break (no school)
2 -- Teacher Flex Work Day (no school)
3 -- Full day Inservice (no school)
4 -- 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
16 -- MLK Day - Inservice (no school)

February

15 -- Evening Only P/T Conferences 4-8 pm
16 -- No Classes - Inservice 8-12 am & P/T Conf 2-8 pm (6.5)
17 -- No School

March

9 -- End of the 3rd Nine Weeks
10 -- 1/2 Flex Work Day (no school) (3)
13 - 17 -- Spring Break (no school)
20 -- 4th Nine Weeks Begins

April

7 -- Good Friday (no school)
10 -- Inservice (no school)

May

24 -- Last Day of School
25 -- 1/2 Teacher Work Day
29 -- Memorial Day

11

January 2023

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February 2023

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March 2023

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April 2023

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May 2023

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June 2023

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- ☐ Inservice day
- ☐ Teacher work day
- ☐ Inservice & work day
- ☐ No classes & P/T confs.
- ☐ Evening only P/T confs
- ☐ School Closed



Board of Education meetings are held the
2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
(except March)

82
89
171

Days Taught - 171
Inservice Days - 9.5
Work Days - 3.5
Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3
Teacher Contract Days - 187



Perry & Lecompton Elementary Schools

Mark Lamb, LES Principal
*Lisa Whitehair-Carver, PES Principal/
Childcare Director*



It is the middle of summer and we hope you are enjoying some quality time with your families. As we approach the beginning of the 2022-23 school year we would like to remind you of some important information regarding upcoming events and current staff assignments for PLES below.

PLES Faculty and Staff:

<u>Principal:</u>	P.E.S. - Lisa Whitehair-Carver	L.E.S. - Mark Lamb
<u>Childcare Director:</u>	Lisa Whitehair-Carver	
<u>Admin Assist:</u>	P.E.S. - Ronda Green	L.E.S. - Meta Hetrick
<u>Preschool:</u>	Kelli Jewell & Sarina Smith	
<u>Kindergarten:</u>	Megan Bushouse, Jennie Powell & Kylie Mathews	
<u>1st grade:</u>	Grace O'Trimble, Todd Gish & Annie Wade	
<u>2nd grade:</u>	Christina Scheer, Jennifer Brown, & Carly Glennon	
<u>3rd grade:</u>	Allison Day, Megan Stahl & Desiree Browning	
<u>4th grade:</u>	Christina Bartlett, Lauren Parnell, & Jessica Christman	
<u>Physical Ed.:</u>	Matt Simmons & Tori Robertson	
<u>Music:</u>	Elca Wagner	
<u>Librarian:</u>	Tammara Capps	
<u>Counselor:</u>	Tracey Paramore	
<u>Title Teachers:</u>	Kellie Robb & Pam Powers	
<u>Special Ed.:</u>	Karen Stevens, Andrea King, & Kathy Shobe	

Important dates to Remember:

<i>Enrollment:</i>	July 21 st ONLINE enrollment is available
	August 1st from 2:00-7:00 pm @ P.E.S. and L.E.S.
	August 2nd from 4:00-7:00 pm @ P.E.S. and L.E.S.
<i>L.E.S. Sneak Peek:</i>	August 16 th 5:00 pm – L.E.S.
<i>P.E.S. Sneak Peek:</i>	August 16 th 6:00 pm – P.E.S.
<i>1st Day of School:</i>	August 17 th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sneak Peek provides an opportunity for children and parents to meet their new teachers, see the new classroom and drop off school supplies. This event alleviates some of the stress that occurs on the first day of school.

See you at
SNEAK PEEK!

We are looking forward to a terrific school year!

JULY-AUGUST | 2022

PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Fall updates for the parents of the PLMS Kaws



COMMUNICATION

Message from the Principal

Together with our teachers and staff, I am excited to welcome our Kaw families to a new school year! I hope all of our families had an enjoyable summer full of great experiences. PLMS is ready to welcome students back for the 2022-23 school year to engage in meaningful learning experiences and continue to work towards our goal of building character locally, to be relevant globally. This year we will be working to implement some new supports for our students in addition to working on high-impact instructional strategies.

As in previous years we will continue our monthly newsletters, weekly email reminders, and regular social media postings to keep you up to date as to what is happening here at PLMS and in the classrooms.

If at any time during the school year you feel the need to contact me, please feel free to call 785-597-5159 ext. 1039 or via email at emoland@usd343.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Egnat Moland'.

- Instagram
 - <https://www.instagram.com/plmsofficialpage/>
- Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/PLMSKAWS/>
- Google Calendar
 - <http://bit.ly/PLMSstudentca>

Our social media accounts remain active during the school year. We often share important upcoming events and the most recent updates on events in case of inclement weather. Join us as we document our 2022-23 school year at PLMS!

New Staff at PLMS

We are excited to welcome some new faces into the building this fall!

Mr. Justin Dunnaway -
PLMS/PLHS Assistant
Principal & Transportation
Director

Ms. Kymbrie Ulrich -
Mathematics

Mrs. Anna Thompson - 5/6
Resource room

Mr. Steven Rathert - 5-12
Band

New 5/6 Classes

We are excited to announce that 5th and 6th grade classes will have new offerings during specials!

Students will have a rotating schedule which includes PE, Music, Art, and Typing.

August Dates to Remember!

- 7/21 - Online Enrollment Opens!
- 8/1 - In building Enrollment, 2-7 pm
- 8/2 - In building Enrollment, 4-7 pm
- 8/17 - 1st Day of School!

New Classes Offered at PLMS

- Entrepreneurship - Students who have an interest in running a business while helping with the concession stand!
- Sports History - Mr. Daniels will take students on a tour through the history of sports!
- Sports Conditioning - a new PE offering for students who wish to work on their skills as an athlete.

PLMS Office Reminders

Office Hours

The middle school office will be open for business beginning Monday, July 18th. Office hours will be 8:00a-3:00p through August 10th. Beginning August 11th, office hours will be 7:30a-4:00p.

Bus Lane Before School

When dropping off students before school, please do not use the bus drive in front of the school. Please remember our building does not open for students until 7:45 am.

After School Pick Up

When picking students up after school you may use the bus drive. Please do not block the gated drive where the buses will exit.

Fall Sports

We are ready for another great year of Kaw Sports!

All students must turn-in or have on file at the middle school a current completed physical form with parental permission signed. The physical must be dated after May 1st. Students may not participate or practice without this complete document.

All sport fees must be paid by the 1st competition

Coaches run their own programs. If you have questions, please contact the head coach for further information about practice schedules, procedures, games, and overall questions. Head coaches:
Cross Country: Coach Packard, kpackard@usd343.org
Football: Coach Robb, trobb@usd343.org
Volleyball: Coach Singleton, ksingleton@usd343.org



Perry-Lecompton High School

Mike Maloun, *Principal*
Justin Dunnaway, *Assistant Principal*



Parents and students, welcome back to a new year at Perry-Lecompton High School. Each new school year brings renewed optimism and excitement to continuing the success of PLHS both in the classroom and in all activities. Our successes are a result of teachers, coaches, students, and community members all working hard together. I believe we all want our school to be the best and our students to achieve at high levels. Together we can accomplish that. It takes hard work by everyone involved, I know I always felt the most successful when everyone was tired at the end of the day, because that meant we all put in the effort!

I want our parents and community members to be well informed of what is going on each week. To help with that I communicate important information in various ways. Each week you will receive an e-mail from me with a weekly calendar of events, as well as any other important reminders. Also, each week I post on our school's Facebook Page a video highlighting great things happening here and a rundown of the week's events. You can also find our PLHS Calendar online with the most recent updates by clicking [here](#), or by typing in this address <https://tinyurl.com/3up9jth4> Our students and staff are recharged and looking forward to a great year at PLHS!

This newsletter has some important dates and basic information to make the start of the school year run smoothly. Please take time to carefully read the information and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the PLHS office via my e-mail mmaloun@usd343.org or by calling the PLHS office at 785-597-5124, ext. 2004.

Follow us on twitter, @PLHСКАWS, and Facebook, Perry-Lecompton High School. I really hope to get to know all of our parents, so if you see me at events don't hesitate to talk with me, come share your positives about PLHS as well as any concerns you may have, or anything else that is on your mind.

Again, welcome back to a new school year, I look forward to seeing you at PLHS.

Mike Maloun
PLHS Principal



PLHS New Staff

Bruce Davies – Chemistry/Physics
Justin Dunnaway – Assistant Principal
Courtney Jarvis – Biology
Allison Molleker – Business
Steven Rathert – Instrumental Music
Kymbrie Ulrich – Mathematics

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Remember all students must have a current, completed physical form on file in the high school office along with the drug testing consent form, and a concussion form signed by a parent.

Students may not participate or practice without this completed document. The first practice for PLHS teams will be Monday, August 15th. Coaches control their own practice schedules. Please contact the head coach for further information about practice schedules, procedures, games, and overall questions about the program. Their contact information can be found below. The Fall Sports Parent Information Night will occur on Wednesday, August 10th, at 6:00 pm, in the PLHS Little Theater.



Head Coaches Contact Information

Volleyball: Coach Kyle Billings - kylebillings830@gmail.com

Cross Country: Coach Kasi Packard – kpackard@usd343.org

Football: Coach Mike Paramore - mparamore@usd343.org

Tennis: Coach Shawn O'Brien - sobrien@usd343.org

AUGUST 2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., July 21st Online Enrollment Opens
Mon., Aug. 1st: PLHS Enrollment 2 - 7 pm
Tues., Aug. 2nd: PLHS Enrollment 4 - 7 pm
Wed., Aug. 10th: Fall Sports Info. Mtg. at PLHS - 6 – 7 pm
Mon., Aug. 15th: 1st day of Fall Sports Practice
Wed., Aug. 17th: Freshmen 1st day of school & Freshmen Orientation day
Thurs., Aug. 18th: 10th – 12th Graders 1st day of school



Helpful e~Funds Information

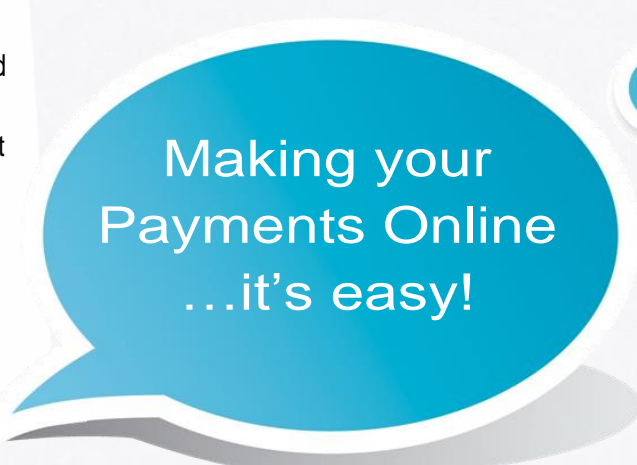


Creating a New **ACCOUNT**

1. Visit our school website at www.usd343.net and click on the Parents-Students Tab and select e~Funds for Schools' portal.
2. Click on "Register Here"
3. Provide requested information
4. Click "Sign Up!" after you have read and agreed to the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy
5. You will be brought to the Student Management webpage
6. Use the Student Number you school has provided your, along with your student's last name and click "Add"
7. Once all students have been added, click "Continue to Account Overview"

Step-by-Step

e~Funds for Schools! This service will allow you to make payments on behalf of your student(s) for all school related needs such as lunch payments, student fees and more!

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Making your
Payments Online
...it's easy!

MAKE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT

1. Sign in to your account
2. Under "Payment Options," click "Make a Payment"
3. Enter your Checking Account OR Credit/Debit Card information
4. Click "Save"
5. Click "Return to Payment"
6. Choose student(s) and/or item(s) you would like to pay for
7. Click "Continue"
8. Verify your payment information is correct and accept convenience fee(s)
9. Click "Submit" and print the receipt for your records

VIEW PAYMENT HISTORY

1. Sign in to your account
2. Under "Payment Options," click "View Payment History"
3. Your past 30-day history will be displayed
4. Click the drop down menu on the right to view payments for your current or previous school year

SCHEDULE RECURRING PAYMENTS

1. Sign in to your account
2. Under "Payment Options," click "Schedule a Pre-Authorized Payment"
3. Select the student you wish to schedule payments for
4. Enter the dollar amount you would like to deposit for each student
5. Select the date in which you would like to start your payments
6. Choose the frequency in which you would like the dollar amount deposited
7. Select the last payment date
8. Click "Continue"
9. Verify your payment information is correct and accept convenience fee(s)
10. Click "Submit" and print the receipt for your records

ADD LOW MEAL BALANCE PAYMENTS

1. Sign in to your account
2. Under "Advisory Services," click "Low Meal Balance"
3. Enter a Minimum Balance and Replenish dollar amount
4. Check the box under "Notice" to receive emails when your student's account is low
5. Check the box under "Auto Replenish" to automatically have the Replenish Amount added to your student's account when the Minimum Balance is low
6. Click "Apply Low Meal Balance Settings"

What you need to know...

ABOUT THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL MEAL CHANGES

The Household Application for Free and Reduced Priced School Meals will be available on July 1, 2022 and is now **an electronic form filled out online**. Students will not automatically receive FREE meals as they have in past due to Congress not approving an Act. In order for your student(s) to receive FREE or REDUCED cost school meals, you must submit an online application. When submitting a completed online Application, it will automatically send directly to your District's Determining Official for processing. Get started filling out your household's Free and Reduced Meal Application by going to:

<https://schoolmealsapp.ksde.org/Home/welcome/D0343>

Be sure to turn in a Consent Form

(found on the back of this flyer or by going to the Enrollment link on www.usd343.net), **along with your Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application! You MAY qualify for...**

- Free or Reduced testing fees for specific college entrance exams (ACT, SAT)
- Free or Reduced Textbook Fees
- Free or Reduced Instructional Materials

Be sure to complete an Application as soon as possible to avoid paying full price for your child's school meals. Don't forget....a completed Consent form is also needed, along with the application, as you may qualify for free or reduced textbook fees. For more information, email or call Deb Brehm at dbrehm@usd343.org or 785-360-2022.



PERRY★LECOMPTON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

Consent for Disclosure

(Sharing Household Income Information with Other Programs)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You do not have to sign or send in this form to get free breakfasts or lunches for you student(s). If you do not sign the Consent for Disclosure, it will not affect eligibility for or participation in any Child Nutrition Programs.

To save you time and effort, information about your children's eligibility for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify for additional benefits. For the programs listed below, we must have your permission to share your information.

☐ Yes, I DO want school officials to share information about my children's eligibility for Child Nutrition Program benefits only with the programs I have checked below.

☐ Enrollment Fee Waiver

☐ College Entrance Exam Waiver (ACT, PSAT, SAT)

Your household's 22-23 Free and Reduced Application AND this form must be completed within 30 days of your student's first day of attendance for your child's free meal benefit status to apply to these programs. Eligibility is only for households that qualify for free meals.

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below. *Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.*

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Mailing Address: _____

For more information regarding the Enrollment Fee Waiver program or College Entrance Exam Waiver program, contact your child's school.

For more information regarding this Consent Form related to the Child Nutrition Program, you may call or email:

Deb Brehm, USD #43 Determining Official

785-360-2022

dbrehm@usd343.org

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PERRY ★ LECOMPTON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn USD #343 Perry Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day.
Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.

Meal Charges	Elementary		Middle or Jr. High		High School	
	Full Price	Reduced Price	Full Price	Reduced Price	Full Price	Reduced Price
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch	2.80	.40	2.90	.40	2.90	.40
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	1.70	.30	1.80	.30	1.80	.30
<input type="checkbox"/> After School Snack	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

A web address to complete an online application for free or reduced price meal benefits is provided in #5 of this letter. Information regarding the free and reduced priced meal application is also available online at www.usd343.net. Contact Deb Brehm at 785-360-2022; or email dbrehm@usd343.org with questions or to request an application be sent. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **Food Assistance (FA), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF)** are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children 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 based on certain Medicaid benefits or if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below, if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year 2022-2023			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	25,142	2,096	484
2	33,874	2,823	652
3	42,606	3,551	820
4	51,338	4,279	988
5	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	1,659
Each additional person:	8,732	728	168

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 please call or e-mail Josh Woodward, USD #343 Homeless/Migrant Liaison at 785-597-5138 ext. 5004 or email him at jwoodward@usd343.org for assistance.
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. Parents/guardians should be completing the online application, but if a paper application is completed, please return it to: Deb Brehm at the USD #343 District Office at PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073.
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 Deb Brehm at the USD #343 District Office at PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073; or call her at 785-360-2022; or email dbrehm@usd343.org immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes!! Please complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <https://schoolmealsapp.ksde.org/Home/welcome/D0343> to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Deb Brehm at the USD #343 District Office at PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073; or call her at 785-360-2022; or email dbrehm@usd343.org if you have any questions about the online application.
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. The 30 day Carry Over time frame for 30 service days will be using your child's lunch status from the 20-21 school year, as parents did not complete Free and Reduced Applications last year. Your child's carry over lunch status is only good for the first few days of this school year, **through September 29, 2022**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year based on being directly certified as Free with a case number for Food Assistance, TEMP Food Assistance, Migrant, Homeless, or Foster. ***If you do not complete 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 contacting J.B. Elliott by writing PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073 or calling J.B. Elliott at 785-597-5138 ext. 5003.
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 PAPER APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Deb Brehm at the USD #343 District Office at PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073; or call her at 785-360-2022; or email dbrehm@usd343.org 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 Food Assistance (FA) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-888-369-4777.

If you have other questions or need help, call 785-360-2022.

Sincerely,



Deb Brehm
USD #343 Determining Official

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Letter to Household – 3/2022

HERE COMES THE BUS!



**Justin Dunnaway,
Transportation Director**

The 2022-2023 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 17th for Kindergarten through 9th grade students. The first day of school for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will be Thursday, August 18th. The district would like to take this opportunity to make each of you aware of proper procedures and behavior expectations prior to loading a school bus or van. Our primary concern is the safety of all students, while still operating our school transportation system as efficiently as possible. Keeping the safety of our students and the idea of maximum efficiency in mind, we would expect the following:

- Bus and transportation schedules and routing maps will be updated annually prior to the opening of school. **Prior to the start of the school year, each bus route will be established based upon pickup at the home residence, pick up point, or a daycare provider in that attendance center. If the daycare provider changes, the new day care provider must be on an already established route for the student's attendance center.**
- Bus Drivers will contact you by Tuesday, August 16th with approximate pick-up and drop-off times. Please be patient. If you checked the needs transportation box during enrollment your child is on our list. We will contact you if there are any changes on pick-up or drop-off times.
- Students should be out near the road or pick-up point **when the bus arrives**. Parents should plan on five minutes on each side of the designated time for pick-up of the student. The driver will stop and open the bus door, and if the student is not in sight, the driver will continue on his/her route. **The bus will not wait on students.**
- Students should stay well away from the bus stop area and should not move toward the bus until it stops and the door opens.
- Students who must cross the road, either to enter or leave the bus, should wait until the driver signals for them to cross. Also, those students crossing the road to load or unload the bus should always cross in front of the bus and be at least ten feet ahead of the bus so they can be seen.
- The district approved policy is each student is to have **one (1) primary pick-up/drop off point and (1) emergency point**. It will be the **parent/guardians responsibility** to make arrangements to be at one of those two points. *District wide, there are typically a high number of special transportation changes for students throughout the year. With the responsibility of student safety being our primary concern, having multiple points and special circumstances, and special calendars creates confusion and delays especially for our substitute drivers.* Please refrain from using our districts buses for transporting to special events such as birthday parties, scouting, etc. Seating is often limited, with the addition of students who do not ordinarily ride, this can create confusion and delay for the rest of the route.
- If you **must** make a change from your child's primary point then you **must** call your child's attendance center **by 2:30 p.m.** The building secretary will give your child the required note which will allow them to board the bus. Do not call the bus barn or transportation director, as that may only cause confusion. Please include addresses of the location for your child to be dropped off rather than just names. Please do your best to help keep the transporting of our students safe and simple.
- If you know in advance your child needs to ride a different route home, please send a signed note to the office secretary. The secretary will initial the note, make a copy and give a copy back to your child. Your child should present this note to the bus driver. The note **MUST** be initialed by the office secretary to be considered valid. **This includes all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade.**
- The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. The student should obey the driver's request in a prompt and orderly fashion. **NO INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR OR LANGUAGE WILL BE TOLERATED.** Classroom conduct is to be observed by the students while on the bus. In the interest of safety, only low conversation is acceptable. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is not acceptable.



Transportation Information

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- **The driver will not discharge riders at other places besides the regular bus stop unless the driver has the proper authorization to do so.** Proper authorization is a note from a parent or guardian, **INITIALED** by the principal or his/her designated representative. Also, a phone call can be made to the school authorizing the principal, or his/her designated representative, to write a note for the driver. These calls should be made to the child's attendance center by **2:30 p.m.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be dropping off or picking up students at individual houses in Lecompton or Perry.** We will have two designated stops in both Lecompton and Perry. This is in addition to the grade schools. These stops are for the convenience of our students and a service to our communities, but we are not required to provide these extra stops. The stops at Lecompton will be the same as year's past. The stops in Perry will be determined before school starts and parents will be notified via the district's school messaging system.
- If a student is **not** riding the bus in the AM morning route, you must notify the **driver or the bus barn**. If you know in advance that your child will **not** be riding the AM route, you can call the bus barn. It is open from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at **597-5303**.
- If a change in transportation is necessary for the PM route, please call the school building where your child attends. Again, this call must be made before **2:30 p.m.** to ensure proper notification.
- When bus rules are not observed, disciplinary consequences may include the following: a verbal warning from the driver; the student being assigned a seat-no matter their grade or age level; parental contact; a meeting with the principal. If problems continue, the principal will issue a written warning, which could be followed by removal of the student from the bus. At any point, consequences will be determined by the building principal for each offense. Severe offenses could result in the loss of bus riding privileges.
- If a parent has a bus question or concern, they should contact the bus driver.

Our prime objective is to transport students safely and efficiently. We appreciate your cooperation and support!!!

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

This fall of 2022, the district will continue utilizing the online enrollment process with-PowerSchool Enrollment Express. **Student enrollment will be required to be completed online.** PowerSchool Enrollment Express is web based and the pages are mobile friendly. This will allow parents to complete the process on a computer, smartphone or tablet. Computers will be available in the buildings during onsite enrollment if you do not have access at home. In addition, we are strongly encouraging families to pay fees through the e-Funds link on our website.

Starting July 21st, parents can update current student enrollment information online through the Parent Portal. Please select the "Forms" button found on the left menu, for each student and complete **all** screens to ensure we have accurate information on file. If your child will be picked up from or dropped off at a daycare provider's home, please include that information in the Transportation section.

Next, patrons should go to the **Parents and Students** section of the District website (www.usd343.net) and open the **Enrollment** link. The necessary fee schedules are posted for your reference. Using that information, you may calculate your balance due. **Questions about fees should be directed to the appropriate school secretary or administrator.**

Payment may be made in one lump sum through e-Funds. Please keep in mind the system will charge \$1.00 for an electronic checking payment (from your bank account). The system carries a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charge if the payment is returned as such. Patrons using debit or credit cards will incur a \$2.65 flat fee per \$100, per transaction. These fees go directly to e-Funds and are not set by the district. For user's guides and more information on e-Funds please visit the [Online Payments](#) article on our website.

Patrons who prefer to write a check need to print out the Fee Schedules and send them with your check to the District Office (PO Box 729, Perry 66073).

For those families who choose to enroll in person, the school offices will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 1st and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 2nd. We are looking forward to a great school year in partnership with your family. Please feel free to contact your student's school principal if you would like more information about enrollment procedures.

2022-23 P.L.E.S. Supply Lists

Preschool (3 year old)

Backpack with child's name on it, big enough to fit a winter coat
 Large paint shirt or T-shirt for painting, with name on the tag
 Change of seasonal clothes in a bag, with name on the bag- pants/shorts, shirt, underwear, and socks
 Family picture for bulletin board (you will get back at the end of the year)
 1 1 in 3 ring binder, with name on it
 1 box of tissues
 2 containers Clorox wipes
 1 liquid glue & 1 stick glue
 1 box of Gallon size Ziploc bags
 1 package of baby wipes
 1 watercolor paint set

Preschool (4 year old)

Large paint shirt or T-shirt for painting
 1 inch 3-Ring Binder
 Change of clothes in a bag to include: pants, shirt, underwear and socks
 Backpack (lg. enough for binder and large papers)
 1 box of tissues
 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
 2 containers of Clorox wipes
 1 washable water color set
 Family picture for bulletin board
 1 box of markers
 1 box of 16 or 24 count Crayons
 1 can shaving cream
 2 black dry erase markers

Kindergarten

1 Plastic Pencil Box
 2 box facial tissues
 1 three ring binder (1 in.)
 4 boxes of crayons 24 ct.
 8 glue sticks
 1 large pink eraser
 1 box quart Ziplock bag
 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 1 container disinfectant wipes
 1 Fiskars scissors, blunt tip
 1 set of headphones
 2 box washable markers (8)
 2 dry erase markers (chisel tip)
 1 box of cereal for morning snack to share with the class



First Grade

1 set of headphones
 1 spiral notebooks (1 subject, wide ruled)
 1 box storage bags (sandwich size)
 1 plastic pencil box
 1 two-pocket folder
 2 box crayons (24 ct.)
 2 box washable markers (classic colors 8ct. Or 10ct.)
 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 4 large pink erasers
 8 washable glue sticks
 1 Fiskars scissors
 1 pack dry erase marker (chisel tip, black)
 1 box of Kleenex tissues
 1 disinfectant wipes
 Snack item (example: crackers, cereal, granola bars, graham crackers etc.)

2nd Grade

1 plastic pencil box
 1 pkg. #2 pencils
 1 Fiskars scissors
 1 box crayons (24 ct.)
 1 box washable markers (classic colors 8 or 10 ct.)
 1 watercolor paint set
 4 washable glue sticks
 2 spiral notebooks (1 subject, wide ruled)
 4 dry erase marker (chisel tip, black)
 2 pocket folders
 1 pkg. pink erasers
 2 box of facial tissues
 1 set of headphones
 1 disinfectant wipes container
 1 box Ziploc Bags (Brown-snack size, Kent- quart, Scheer- gallon)
 Snack item (example: crackers, cereal, granola bars, graham crackers etc.)



3rd Grade

1 pkg. earbuds with case
 4 dry erase marker (chisel tip, black)
 1 box washable markers (classic colors 8ct. crayola**)
 1 pr. pointed scissors (fiskar**)
 1 box of colored pencils (12 ct. crayola**)
 1 box crayons (only 24 ct. please crayola**)
 2 pkg. #2 pencils (yellow please - tioranda is a good brand)
 1 small plastic pencil box
 1 pkg. of 2 spiral notebooks
 4 washable glue sticks
 2 large pink eraser
 1 pkg. wide ruled notebook paper
 1 roll of paper towels
 1 box of of storage bags (Boys - Sandwich, Girls - Gallon)
 1 container of disinfectant wipes
 1 container of hand sanitizer
 1 box of facial tissues
 4 pocket folders
 2 highlighters (yellow chisel tipped is preferred)
 1 package of 3X5 index cards
 Snack item (example: crackers, cereal, granola bars, graham crackers, cheez-it)
 ** suggested brand

4th grade

2 large, sturdy pencil bags
 1 plastic pencil box
 1 set of earbuds with case
 1 medium-sized pair of scissors
 1 box washable markers (8-10 ct) thick
 1 box of colored pencils (12 or 24 ct)
 1 box crayons (24 ct.)
 1 small bottle of Elmer's washable glue
 8 washable glue sticks
 2 yellow highlighters
 1 ruler (12", plastic, inch & cm)
 2 large pink erasers
 3 1-subject wide-ruled notebooks
 2 plastic pocket folders
 2 boxes of facial tissues
 18-24. #2 pencils (mechanical is allowed)
 1 box of gallon (last names A-M) quart (last names N-Z) baggies
 2 lg. containers of disinfectant wipes



PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



5th GRADE:

- ☐ 1 large box of Kleenex - no lotion
- ☐ 3 large packages of #2 pencils (**sharpened**)
- ☐ 1 set of 12 Crayola colored pencils (long)
- ☐ 4 pocket folders - horizontal pockets
- ☐ 3 composition books, not spiral
- ☐ 1 package wide lined notebook paper
- ☐ 1 black Sharpie marker - fine point
- ☐ 1 pair pointed sharp scissors - adult size
- ☐ 1 small bottle Elmer's glue
- ☐ 8 Expo dry erase markers
- ☐ 4 rolls of scotch tape
- ☐ 1 set of 4 colored highlighters
- ☐ 1 package index cards
- ☐ 2 erasers
- ☐ 1 small post it note pad
- ☐ 1 set wired ear buds/headphones (**wired required**)
- ☐ 1 container Clorox wipes
- ☐ 1 small pencil box

Optional: Planner

Some supplies may need to be replaced

6th GRADE:

- ☐ 1 set wired ear buds/headphones (**wire required**)
- ☐ 2 expo dry erase markers
- ☐ 5 composition notebooks - math, science, LA, reading, Soc. Studies (**5 different colors***) **Non - Spiral**
- ☐ Index Cards (3x5 lined)
- ☐ 2 boxes #2 pencils
- ☐ 1 box of 12 or 24 colored pencils
- ☐ 1 large student eraser **or** pencil top erasers
- ☐ 2 large boxes of tissues
- ☐ 1 hand held pencil sharpener

6th GRADE CONTINUED:

- ☐ 5 plastic folders with center clasp for math, science, LA, reading, Soc. Studies & homework
- (Plastic - Same colors as composition notebooks)**
- ☐ pencil pouch
 - ☐ 4 rolls scotch tape
 - ☐ 1 pair scissors - adult size
 - ☐ 4 glue sticks
 - ☐ 1 small post-it note pad
 - ☐ 1 container Clorox Wipes
 - ☐ 2 black Sharpie - Extra Fine Point marker
 - ☐ 2 highlighters
 - ☐ 1 box quart size bags
 - ☐ 1 set of 8 Crayola markers (**thick line**)

***** NO TRAPPER KEEPERS *****

7th GRADE:

- ☐ 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 1 extra fine point black Sharpie (SocStu)
- ☐ 2 fine point black Sharpies (Art)
- ☐ 4 pocket folders (Math, SocStu, Sci, LA)
- ☐ 2 packages 3.x5 ruled note cards
- ☐ 1 pack of blue or black ink pens
- ☐ 3 composition notebooks (Math, Sci., LA)
- ☐ 1 spiral notebook (LA)
- ☐ 1 package of colored pencils (at least a 12 pack)
- ☐ 3 packages of loose-leaf college ruled notebook paper
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Scientific calculator, TI-30XS-Multi-View
- ☐ college ruled notebook & folder (with 2 pockets for choir)
- ☐ 1 set wired ear buds/headphones (**wire required**)
- ☐ pencil pouch
- ☐ 2 containers Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 2 expo dry erase markers

8th GRADE:

- ☐ 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 2 fine point black Sharpie markers (Art)
- ☐ 1 extra fine point black Sharpie (SocStu)
- ☐ 2 packages 3x5 ruled note cards
- ☐ college ruled notebook & folder (with 2 pockets for Choir)
- ☐ colored pencils (at least a 12 pack)
- ☐ erasers/pencil top erasers
- ☐ highlighters (at least a four pack)
- ☐ 3 packages loose-leaf college ruled notebook paper
- ☐ pencils
- ☐ red ink pen and blue or black ink pen
- ☐ 4 pocket folders (LA, Math, Sci, SocStu)
- ☐ Scientific calculator, TI-305XS Multi-View
- ☐ 1 set wired ear buds/headphones - (**wire required**)
- ☐ 3 composition notebooks (LA, Math, Science)
- ☐ pencil pouch
- ☐ 2 containers Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 2 expo dry erase markers

PE (7th & 8th ONLY):

- ☐ shorts & t-shirt
- ☐ court shoes & sock

DISTRICT AND BUILDINGS' GOOGLE CALENDAR LINKS

Google calendars for each building in the district are available to anyone, as is the Public District Calendar. The biggest positive of using or subscribing to any of these Google calendars, is that events are in "real time". This means that any event changes will be accurate on the electronic version.

USD #343 will not provide printed versions of the district calendar again this year. We believe most parents and students are subscribing to the free electronic calendars that are synced to their phone, tablet, or home computer. **However, for those people who still want a printed copy, we have made this calendar available in a PDF format so you can simply print it. If you are unable to print a calendar, please contact the District Office and they will be happy to print a hard copy for you.** Be aware that the PDF version may have a few inaccuracy throughout the course of the school year due to rescheduled events. *Again*, the most **up-to-date** calendars will be the electronic versions you can open in your web browser or add to your calendar program.

Here are links to the various calendars:

To View in a Web Browser:

PLES - http://bit.ly/PLES_Web

PLMS - http://bit.ly/PLMS_Web

PLHS - http://bit.ly/PLHS_Web

To Add to Your Google Calendars, Outlook Calendar, or Apple Calendar:

PLES - http://bit.ly/PLES_Sync

PLMS - http://bit.ly/PLMS_Sync

PLHS - http://bit.ly/PLHS_Sync

Printable District Calendar:

<https://bit.ly/343Calendar22-23>

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	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>PHONE/TOLL FREE NUMBER</u>
PL Daycare	PES	785-597-5156
Lisa Whitehair-Carver, Director	PL Daycare	785-597-5156
Bus Barn		785-597-5303
Food Service		785-597-5872
Mike Maloun, Principal	PLHS	785-597-5124 / 877-236-7138
Eryn Moland, Principal	PLMS	785-597-5159 / 877-256-5065
Justin Dunnaway, Assist. Principal	PLMS/PLHS	785-597-5124 / 877-256-5065
Lisa Whitehair-Carver, Principal	PES/PLPK	785-597-5156 / 877-569-1640
Mark Lamb, Principal	LES	785-887-6343 / 866-282-2232
Justin Dunnaway, Transportation	PLHS	785-597-5124 Ext. 1012
Mike Paramore, 5-12 Athletics/ Activities Director	PLHS	785-597-5124 Ext. 1006

Email addresses for USD 343 staff may be found by accessing the District's web page at www.usd343.net and following the appropriate links.

USD #343 Mission Statement

Preparing students to become successful citizens.

USD #343 District Beliefs

- Our focus is on being a **UNIFIED** school district.
- Our schools must be centers of **OPPORTUNITY**.
- Mastery of **READING** and **MATH** is fundamental to a quality education.
- **INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY** is an important element in a quality school experience.
- The success of our schools is accomplished because all stakeholders accept **RESPONSIBILITY**.
- For students to learn effectively they must have a school environment that demands **RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY AND SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL**.
- The **EFFECTIVE USE and APPROPRIATE APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY** are essential for the success of our schools.
- **GOOD CITIZENSHIP** and **RESPECT FOR COUNTRY** by staff and students are important cornerstones of our educational system.
- Building a **STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM** is a key to a child's success.

Note: District Beliefs are listed in random order

FREE INFANT / TODDLER SCREENING

Keystone Learning Services invites you to bring your child to a **FREE** screening clinic for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, 0-5 years of age. The purpose of the screening is to see how your child is developing. If you have questions concerning your child's walking, seeing, hearing or learning, the screening clinic will provide help. Trained professionals in the areas of speech and language development, concept development, social skills, vision and hearing will be there to screen your child. To find out the screening dates and to schedule an appointment, please contact Keystone at 785-876-2214.

Keystone Learning Services
Administrative Offices
500 E. Sunflower Blvd.
Ozawie, KS 66070
785-876-2214 phone
785-876-2629 fax
www.keystonelearning.org

IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Should it become necessary to close school due to inclement weather, road conditions, or other emergency situations, Perry USD #343 will notify parents through the district's school messaging system. Additionally, USD #343 will make immediate contact with the following broadcast stations:

WDAF TV – Kansas City, TV Channel 4
WIBW – Topeka, TV Channel 13, AM 580 AM and FM 94.5

We recommend staying tuned to one of the stations listed above in order to receive this information in a timely manner.

Other media to be notified as time permits are the following:

KLWN – Lawrence, AM 1320
KANU – Lawrence, 91.5 FM
KSNT – Topeka, TV Channel 27
KTKA – Topeka, TV Channel 49
KTPK – Topeka, FM 106.9
Sunflower Cable - Lawrence, TV Channel 6

Broadcasts will begin at 6:00 a.m. for all stations and will be reported approximately every 15 minutes until 9:00 a.m. Closing announced the preceding day would be broadcast on the 10:00 p.m. newscast. *In every case, the final decision regarding school attendance during inclement weather rests with the parents.*

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

USD 343 Perry Public Schools provides student accident insurance for all students in pre-school through grade twelve. This insurance provides the following coverage to students while they are:

- attending regular school sessions
- participating in or attending school-sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities
- participating in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic sports, and
- traveling directly to and from school for regular school session; and while traveling to and from school sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities in school-provided transportation

The coverage the school district provides is supplement to your family health insurance. It only pays out after your family health or auto policy does, then within the limits of the policy's benefits. For more information regarding the District's accident insurance, contact your child's school secretary.

Title I Support for Students

USD 343 offers Title I support to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade who qualify for services. Your child's school counselor is designated as the Parent Involvement Coordinator for their school site and would be happy to hear from you. By law, our District must provide the following information to parents or guardians upon request:

- ❖ *Whether the teacher has met the State requirements for licensure and certification for grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;*
- ❖ *Whether the teacher is teaching under provisional or other emergency status;*
- ❖ *The college major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree; and*
- ❖ *Whether the child is provided service by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.*

USD 343 is required to notify patrons about the accreditation status of each Title I school. All schools in the USD 343 District are fully accredited.

For more information about USD 343 Title I services, contact Josh Woodward, Assistant Superintendent, at jwoodward@usd343.org.

The USD 343 *District Report Card* is available to view by following the link below:
https://www.usd343.net/pages/uploaded_files/PLHS_343_Accountability.pdf

If you have any questions about the USD 343 District Report Card, please call the District Office at 785-597-5138.

*** NOTIFICATION OF KANSAS STATE REGULATIONS ***

Article 36-13-2

Article 36-13-2 states "Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the operator of the bus, unless otherwise assigned by proper authorities. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the operator shall be sufficient reason for refusing transportation to any pupil. The operator of any school bus shall be responsible for the order and conduct of the pupils transported. Drivers are required to report misbehavior by students on the bus."

GENERAL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Students must be ready to load the bus at the established pick up time. If student doesn't appear, driver will honk the horn. Driver is to depart at designated pick up time. Please remember that if ten different students are one minute late, the bus is 10 minutes late for school.
- Students must ride their assigned bus. In order to ride a bus that they are not assigned to, they must present the driver with a signed note from the building office.
- Students won't be dropped off at a location different from the enrollment form unless the driver has a note or radio confirmation from the school office.
- Students must remain seated at all times.
- Students must face the front and sit in an upright position at all times.
- Absolutely no movement from seat to seat while bus is in motion.
- If the voice of a particular student can be heard, he/she is too loud.
- Students must enter and exit the bus in a safe manner.
- The aisle is to remain clear of feet, bags, etc.
- No horseplay, inappropriate language or name calling.
- High school and middle school students cannot ride in another student's car to PES or LES, then attempt to board the bus for the evening route.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

- Students who fail to follow the established rules will receive an oral warning from the driver.
- If a **second incident** occurs, the driver will contact the parent/guardian. A copy of the "Bus Discipline Report" form will be given to the building principal.
- If a **third incident** occurs, the driver will complete a "Bus Discipline Report" form and submit it to the building principal. Repeated rule violations can result in an assigned seat or suspension of bus riding privileges. Specific issues such as fighting, vandalism, use of drugs and/or behaviors that concern the general safety/welfare can result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges.

District-Wide Safety & Security Information

District-Wide Emergency Drills

Each of the school buildings in the district has an Emergency Preparedness Procedures booklet in the office and in most classrooms. It addresses many possible situations, some of which involve moving students out of the schools to a secure off-site location. In order to ensure familiarity with the plans with staff, drills are held periodically during the year. Families and community may or may not be notified in advance of these drills.

In an actual emergency requiring relocation, families will be contacted through School Messenger and instructed as to reunification procedures.

School Safety Plans and Crisis Management Plans

The issue of safety at schools throughout the nation is a major concern. Perry-Lecompton School District has implemented several actions to address the issue of safety at all of our schools. The district will continue to implement measures which we believe will assist in this effort. We work cooperatively with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to plan methods to address the safety of our students, staff and property. The support and cooperation of the community is appreciated. More detailed information is posted on the district website under two tabs: School Safety Plans and Crisis Management Plans.

Drug-Free Schools Policy

Maintaining drug-free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the district's students. The unlawful possession, use, sale or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited. This policy is required by the 1989 amendments to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, P.O. 102-266, 103 St. 1928. As a condition of continued enrollment in the district, students shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Tobacco Use Policy

The use of all tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco) is prohibited in or on all school district property. The policy applies to everyone working on, working in, using or visiting school district properties. It applies to personal vehicles on school district property and district-owned vehicles. This policy further prohibits tobacco industry advertising, marketing, and sponsorship on district property, at school functions, and in school publications. In addition, the exhibition of tobacco-oriented gear or paraphernalia by staff and students is prohibited.

Weapons Policy

No student or patron may knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be construed to be a weapon at school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event. This shall include any weapon or device being used as a weapon, or any facsimile of a weapon. The school district reserves the right to ensure safety by conducting voluntary searches of bags, purses, backpacks, or other containers being brought onto school property at any time. Persons violating this policy shall be reported to appropriate law enforcement agencies; in addition, juveniles shall be reported to DFS or the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice.

Penalties for Students Possessing a Firearm or Other Weapon

Possession of a firearm or other weapon shall result in expulsion from school for a period of one calendar year, unless modified by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis, following an expulsion hearing conducted by the Superintendent's designee. Possession of a facsimile of a weapon may result in suspension or expulsion from school.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (Board Policy IDEA)

Surveys

Parents have the right to inspect any survey created by an outside agency before it is administered to their children, and to opt them out of such surveys unless they are directly connected to an educational outcome approved by the Board of Education.

Physical examination

This requirement does not apply to routine dental, hearing and vision screenings required under Kansas law. Parents will be notified of the need to conduct any non-emergency invasive physical examination of their student, and may opt them out on a case-by-case basis.

Marketing information

The schools do not collect any information for the purpose of marketing or selling it. Information may be collected for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services to students or to educational institutions.

FERPA Rights

Unless the information collected from student is designated as directory information, no information gathered about students is released to third parties without the express written consent of the parent or eligible student.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the objective of Perry Lecompton High School (PLHS) to assure equal opportunity in all aspects of education to all students. No qualified person with a designated disability or 504 Plan will be excluded from, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any courses, or programs. Students with disabilities will be integrated into any and all programs with their non-disabled peers as much as possible.

It is the policy of PLHS to provide equal opportunities to all special education and regular education students in all courses and programs including, but not limited to Career and Technical Education, internships, apprenticeships, and work/teaching studies. PLHS is committed to maintain and promote nondiscrimination regarding race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, gender, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, religion, political philosophy, or age in all phases of educational practices and in accordance with all applicable State and federal laws and Executive Orders

ASBESTOS ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Unified School District 343 has some asbestos containing materials throughout its buildings. All friable asbestos materials have been removed from our school buildings. Non-friable asbestos materials requiring attention include floor tile and some pipe insulation coverings which are covered and not accessible.

As required by AHERA, a certified asbestos inspector and management planner must inspect all school facilities and develop a management plan for each facility. The buildings are being managed and maintained according to law. The floor tile presents no immediate danger to students and staff and can be maintained for an indefinite period of time.

All asbestos information and a master plan are open to the public and available in the Central Office.

Digital Citizenship and Computer Policy

Use of any social networking sites is prohibited during school hours on school days.

Cell phones may be used for personal communication any time except during class, subject to the following limitation: text communication from staff to students must include the building administrator or athletic director as a recipient.

Personal handheld devices (including but not limited to DS and iPods) may be used as specified in each building's rules. The district accepts no liability for loss or breakage of such devices.

Employees/Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or other official communication systems. E-mail messages shall be used only to conduct district business and for educational purposes. All employees/students must use appropriate language in all messages. Employees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and to use the system according to these guidelines and other guidelines published by the administration. Students are expected to use the system following guidelines approved by teachers and administration.

Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers or computer systems is subject to monitoring by the administration. The district retains the right to duplicate any information in the system or on any hard drive. Employees who violate district computer policies are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Students who violate these rules, or any other classroom rules relating to computer use are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

Positive Learning and Working Environment

The district is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free from discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Any act of harassment or discrimination directed toward a student or employee shall be reported promptly to the building principal or the district compliance coordinator for investigation and corrective action. Any student or employee who engages in conduct in contravention of this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school or termination of employment.

Discrimination against any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or religion in the admission or access to, or treatment in, the district's programs and activities is prohibited.

Superintendent, PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073-0729 (785-597-5138) has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.





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USD #343 Perry Public Schools
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION
INFORMATION

The USD 343 Newsletter will be published two times a year. The July-December issue will be distributed the first of July and will “look ahead” at enrollment and upcoming events. The January-June issue will be distributed the first of January and will “look back” over fall semester highlights. If needed, there will be an issue in May that will feature highlights from the spring semester, including updates from the Superintendent. Please submit articles to Meghan Roger’s attention by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter being published. Articles may be submitted by email to mrogers@usd343.org or mailed to USD 343 District Office, PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073.

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District’s Facebook page at
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website at www.usd343.net
for additional important and timely information!**