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# Quarter 2 Newsletter

EMPORIA HIGH

October 2024



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## Electronic Device Update

EHS appreciates the support we have received from families in regards to our implementation of the electronic device policy. Because of this, we hope to see improvement in student achievement at EHS. Messages I have received from teachers is the engagement in our classrooms has changed and the attentiveness of students has increased as well.

## Upcoming No School Dates

- Thursday, Oct. 17
- Friday, Oct. 18
- Friday, Nov. 1
- Monday, Nov. 11
- Wed., Nov. 27
- Thursday, Nov. 28
- Friday, Nov. 29
- Friday, Dec. 20
- Monday, Dec. 23 through Monday, January 6th

## Jones Premier Scholarship

The Jones Foundation, named after Walter S. and Evan C. Jones, provides six qualified, eligible applicants a full ride to pursue a career in education or nursing at Emporia State University. Up to six high school seniors - one nursing student and one education student from each of the three counties served by the Jones Foundation (Lyon, Coffey, Osage) - will be awarded the Jones Premier Nursing & Education Scholarship.

Eligible students must have either a either a Weighted High School GPA of 3.7 or higher or an ACT Score of 28 or higher, and they must complete two required essays:

1. Why have you chosen to enter the Teaching or Nursing profession?
2. How will the Jones Foundation's investment in your education help improve lives in your community (Coffey, Lyon, or Osage county)?

A selection committee of ESU faculty, staff, and/or volunteers will select finalists and conduct interviews to determine each year's winners.

The application for the first cohort (Fall 2025) opened on September 16, 2024. Interested students should visit the [ESU Scholarship Portal](#) and follow the directions given there to apply.



## Senior Information

- If you would like for a specific senior picture to be used in our 24-25 school yearbook, then please read the following information: [Read Here](#)
- Graduation will be on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Graduation takes place at the WLW Civic Auditorium. ***In order to not exceed fire code regulations, each student will only be allowed to invite up to seven guests to attend the ceremony on May 18th.*** More details will be shared as we move through the year.
- EHS Counselors are planning to provide a FAFSA support night on Dec. 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Emporia High School. Students planning on enrolling in a postsecondary school will need to be prepared to complete the FAFSA. [For more information click here!](#)
- The Rudd Foundation Scholarship is available to apply for from October 1-December 1. This scholarship is a full-ride opportunity that students are able to use at Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, or Wichita State University. We have been lucky to have recipients chosen from Emporia High School. Students who apply for this scholarship must have the following: Plan to enroll full time in one of the named institutions for the Fall of 2025, an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, an ACT score, must be a Kansas resident, demonstrate financial need (FAFSA Pell eligible), be admitted to ESU, FHSU, WSU or KSU. More information and the application can be found at [www.ruddfoundation.org](http://www.ruddfoundation.org)
- Off blocks are allowed in the second semester for seniors. As a reminder, students who participate in athletics or KSHSAA activities must meet eligibility requirements for EHS. Visit with your counselor if you have questions.



## College Classes

- Students who take a college class that is not offered at EHS during the school day for one or more of their scheduled blocks, will need to make sure they communicate this with their counselor and seek approval from Mr. Fischer before enrolling. If a student is taking a college class on their own and it isn't part of their scheduled blocks of enrollment at EHS and they do not want it to show up on their high school transcript, then there is no pre-approval required. The number of options students have for taking college classes has grown in recent years. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to communicate and ask us questions about taking college classes that aren't offered at EHS.
- Dual Credit vs. Concurrent Credit
  - Dual Credit is when a student takes a college credit class from the college and it is taught by a teacher from the college. Students can also get high school credit for these classes if they appropriately complete the steps necessary at EHS. These steps can be reviewed with your counselor.
  - Concurrent Credit is when a student takes a class at the high school for college credit and high school credit. These classes are taught by our high school staff. Students must have pre-enrolled during pre-enrollment to take these classes.
  - It is best to communicate with your counselor to make sure steps are appropriately followed when utilizing college credit classes for high school credit.
  - Taking a college class at EHS does not mean the class is free. Tuition expenses vary depending on the class and institution granting the credit for college level classes.
  - *The cost of taking a college class during high school varies depending on the college.*



## Block Schedule Update

Starting on Nov. 25th our schedule will rotate odd and even days for the remainder of the semester. This will increase the number of CAP travel days for students as they near the end of the semester. We encourage your students to travel and get support with their classes during CAP time.

## Attendance Reminders

As a reminder, regular attendance and punctuality are expected in all classes and are essential for success in school.

- Students are allotted 10 excused days (48 blocks) for the school year. Students who miss more than 10 days due to illness during the school year may be required to supply documentation from a health care provider in order for absences to be excused.
- Tardies are a classroom disruption and will be handled as a disciplinary action. Students arriving more than 20 mins after the tardy bell will be marked absent. Parents may excuse their student for being late to school three times per semester with no disciplinary action. After the three parent excuses are used, all tardies to school will count toward the total number of tardies.



## Free Online Tutoring

Emporia Public Library welcomes Brainfuse!

This is an on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning to help students with their homework. HelpNow's features include:

- Homework Help Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests.
- Skills-Building Choose your topic to receive real-time help.
- Personalized eLearning Tools My File Sharing, My Session Replay, My Tutoring Archive, My Tests Archive, and more!
- 24-Hour Writing Lab Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.
- Homework Send Question Submit homework questions for expert guidance.
- Adult Learning Center Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more!
- Foreign Language Lab /Spanish-Speaking Support

Students will need to have an Emporia Public Library card to take advantage of this service. Visit the Emporia Public Library for more information.



## Academic Assistance

Students who fail a course required for graduation (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, generally) must repeat the course next year. This affects student enrollment requests and elective opportunities.

We encourage you to speak with your student and their teacher about ways your student could improve their grade. This MAY include turning in late work, re-taking an exam/quiz, or getting additional help during CAP.

We have found students who struggle to use their class time wisely, are tardy to class, and who are distracted by cell phone use often have difficulty passing classes. We ask for your continued support as we work on addressing these areas of student self-discipline.

- **After School Tutoring** - shuttle bus transportation is available for students who need it
  - Language Arts - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
    - Monday and Wednesday - Room 215 - Mr. Hutton
  - Mathematics - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
    - Wednesday - Room 123 - Ms. Barb-Tollett
  - Science - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
    - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - Learning Stairs - Mr. Helfrich
- **CAP** -
  - Students may travel to see any of their classroom teachers during CAP (advisory) from 9:40 - 10:20 a.m.



### ACT (National Testing Dates) -

For additional information (registration, study tips, etc) please refer to: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

#### Upcoming Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20

### ACT (State Testing - FREE junior students only) -

Juniors will be able to take the ACT test this February/March for FREE. Please fill out the linked Google form (from a student email account) to sign-up for OR decline the offer.

Link to Register: [Student sign-up form](#)

## ACT State Testing Data Spring 2023 / Spring 2024

	School Year	Composite Mean Score	Math Mean Score	Science Mean Score	English Mean Score	Reading Mean Score
State of Kansas - 2023	22-23	19.0	18.6	19.2	17.9	19.7
Emporia High School - 2023	22-23	19.0	18.8	19.6	17.5	19.6
State of Kansas - 2024	23-24	18.7	18.4	19.1	17.4	19.6
Emporia High School - 2024	23-24	18.7	18.5	19.1	17.2	19.6

Emporia High students' composite scores have been equal to those of the state of Kansas. Additionally, E.H.S. student math and science scores have been slightly higher or equal to the state average. English and reading scores have been slightly lower or equal to the state average.

Questions? Ask Kendra Bloomquist at  
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# Individual Plan of Study (IPS) News

Individual Plans of Study (IPS) are education and career plans that are tailored to each student’s personal interests and skills to help guide and focus their efforts throughout high school. IPS are both a product and a process. While each student will take a different path to achieve their personal college &/or career goals, IPS are intended to provide them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to help them accomplish those goals. Students at Emporia High School will continue to work to build their IPS during our CAP time. Students will use their IPS during student led conferences in the spring as they make enrollment decisions and look toward their post-secondary plans.

## IPS At A Glance



**Self-exploration** (students learn about their personal strengths and interests)

- School time dedicated to IPS activities
- Personal strengths & learning style inventories
- Career interest assessments (XELLO & YouScience)



**Career exploration** (students learn about careers that may fit their strengths & interests)

- College and career fairs
- Guest speakers at school
- Job shadowing
- Career-based field trips



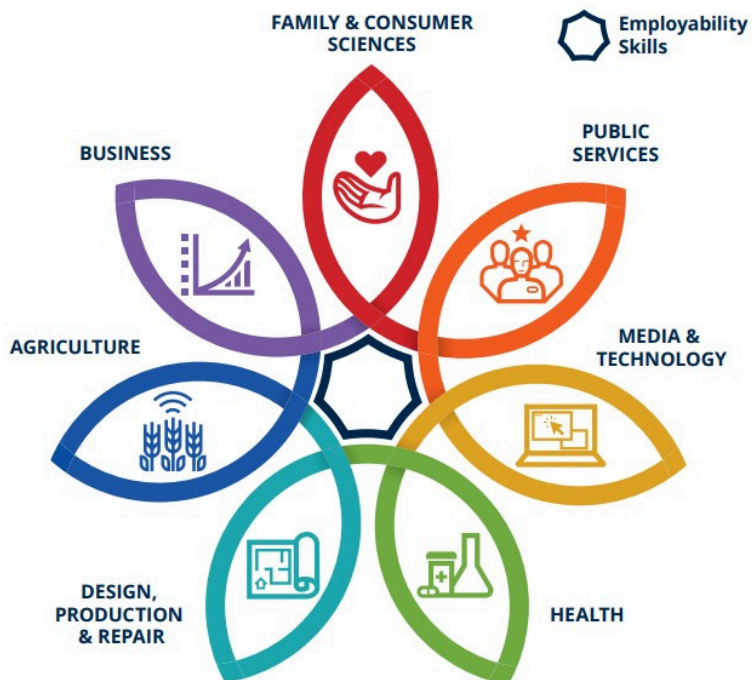
**College & career planning and goal setting** (students develop plans to achieve their college &/or career goals)

- Identify college & career goals and steps needed to accomplish them
- Multi-year class plan aligned with goals
- Post-high school plan (e.g., workforce, military, college)
- Student-led conference to report on goal progress



**College & career planning and goal setting** (students develop plans to achieve their college &/or career goals)

- Employability skills lessons
- Work-based learning (e.g., internships)
- Dual/concurrent enrollment (i.e., earn college credit in high school)
- Portfolio to document accomplishments and college &/or career readiness



## EHS Pathways

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| Business Management & Entrepreneurship       | Business Finance              |
| Marketing                                    | Teaching / Training           |
| Corrections, Security, Law & Law Enforcement | Digital Media                 |
| Construction & Design                        | Manufacturing                 |
| Engineering & Applied Mathematics            | Biomedical                    |
| Health Services                              | Restaurant & Event Management |
| Early Childhood Development & Services       | Animal Science                |
| Plant Systems                                |                               |

Questions? Ask Sheryl Leeds at [sheryl.leeds@usd253.net](mailto:sheryl.leeds@usd253.net)



# EHS Activities



**STUCO:** Blood drive in the EHS JV gym from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 24th.



Cocoa and Cram at EHS Library presented by STUCO. Come get ready for 1st semester finals with cocoa and some treats. December 16th from 3:30-6:00 p.m.



Trunk or Treat so Kids Can Eat at EHS Varsity Gym from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on 10/27/24. Open to all. We encourage to the community to bring canned goods to donate.



**School Picture Retakes:** Picture retakes are currently scheduled for October 24th.



**Seasonal Celebration:** December 11th and 12th at 7:00 p.m. at White Auditorium.



**Cheer and Dance:** Come support our Cheer and Dance teams as they compete at the KSHSAA Game Day Competition.

Dance--November 22nd  
Cheer--November 23rd



**Band:** EHS Marching Band at Day of the Dead Parade on 10/26 in downtown Emporia at 10:00 a.m.

EHS Drumline Freedom Fest at Sodens Grove, November 9th at 8:00 a.m.

EHS Marching Band at Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th at 9:30 a.m.

EHS Marching Band at Christmas Parade on December 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Downtown Emporia.



**Theater:** Improv Show and Senior 1 Acts. Come see both for only \$5. October 28th starting at 7:30 p.m.



Legally Blonde the Musical: Come watch EHS theater put on Legally Blonde on November 22 and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and a special matinee performance on November 24th at 2:30 p.m.



**Orchestra:** Combined Orchestra concert with EMS and EHS at 7:00 p.m. on October 24th.



Questions? Ask Brent Burns at [brent.burns@usd253.net](mailto:brent.burns@usd253.net)



**Winter Sports Physicals:** You must have a completed physical on file in the athletic office before you can participate in any interscholastic activities for the 2024-2025 athletic season. No athlete will be allowed to practice without a physical. Physicals can be turned into Jill Steinlage or Beau Welch.

**Eligibility:** Students must pass 6 out of their 8 classes to be currently eligible. To be eligible for all of semester 1 during the 24-25 school year, students must have passed 6 of 8 classes during semester 2 of last school year. All incoming freshman will be eligible to start the school year.

**Winter Sports Locations:**

**Basketball:** Emporia High School

**Wrestling:** Emporia High School

**Swimming:** Emporia High School

**Bowling:** Flint Hills Lanes

*All Practices begin November 18th*

**Digital Tickets:**

Digital tickets have been a great addition to our sporting events at EHS! For a list of events and to purchase tickets online, use this link. [Digital Tickets](#)

**AED Locations:**

AED's are located on sight at all sporting events. They're located in the swimming pool commons area and between the gyms at EHS for swim, basketball, and wrestling.

**Fall Athletic Buffer Week:**

Nov 11- Nov 17 is KSHSAA Fall Buffer week also known as dead week. ALL athletic facilities at EHS will be closed before & after school to students. No formal or informal conditioning or shoot-around. See KSHSAA rule 9.2.1 Thank you for staying in compliance.

**Concussion Testing (Winter Sports)**

All freshman, juniors and new students who plan to participate in athletics need to attend concussion screening with Mrs. Cole. Baseline concussion testing is done by all freshman and junior athletes to get subjective data on how an athlete reads, processes and reacts to information. This computerized test is used in conjunction with a 5 step return to play protocol to ensure that the athlete is healed enough from a diagnosed concussion to safely return to sports and competition. Dates and times of this concussion screening will be determined after coaches practice schedules are released in November.

**Athletic School Attendance Policy**

Attendance

- a. A student must attend the entire day of school on the day of an event or practice in order to participate in or attend the event or practice.
- b. An absence may be excused if it is an emergency or unavoidable circumstance other than illness. It must be verified by the parent and approved by the administrator. The decision of the administrator is final.
- c. If the absence is not discovered until the next day the athlete will not be eligible for the next contest.
- d. If an athlete is under any type of suspension from school, he/she may not participate in practices or competitions.

Questions? Ask Beau Welch at  
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## Contact Information

Wondering who you need to contact or communicate with if you have questions about EHS? Here is a list individuals you can contact at EHS:

- EHS Main Office Phone Number-620-341-2365
- Head Principal - Dathan Fischer - [dathan.fischer@usd253.net](mailto:dathan.fischer@usd253.net)
- Attendance Secretary-Alba Maciel---[alba.maciell@usd253.net](mailto:alba.maciell@usd253.net)
- Guidance Counselor's Secretary-Bruna Delgado---[bruna.delgado@usd253.net](mailto:bruna.delgado@usd253.net)
- Head Principal/Finance Secretary-Lisa Gutierrez---[lisa.gutierrez@usd253.net](mailto:lisa.gutierrez@usd253.net)
- Athletic Secretary-Jill Steinlage— [jill.steinlage@usd253.net](mailto:jill.steinlage@usd253.net)
- Registrar/Student Records-Rebecca Smith---[rebecca.smith@usd253.net](mailto:rebecca.smith@usd253.net)
- School Nurse-Jaime Nelson---[jaime.nelson@usd253.net](mailto:jaime.nelson@usd253.net) or Juanita Horn—[juanita.horn@usd253.net](mailto:juanita.horn@usd253.net)
- Guidance Counselors based on Student Last Name
  - Ali Macias-students last name beginning with the letter A-E---[alexandria.macias@usd253.net](mailto:alexandria.macias@usd253.net)
  - Dallas Shafer-students last name beginning with the letter F-Le— [dallas.shafer@usd253.net](mailto:dallas.shafer@usd253.net)
  - Troy Chapman-students last name beginning with the letter Li-Ri---[troy.chapman@usd253.net](mailto:troy.chapman@usd253.net)
  - Roxana Peraza-students last name beginning with the letter Ro-Z---[roxana.peraza@usd253.net](mailto:roxana.peraza@usd253.net)
- Assistant Principals based on Student Last Name
  - Beau Welch-Athletic Director/Assistant Principal students last name beginning with A-E---  
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