



New London-Spicer 2025-26 School Calendar

Together with our communities, we will provide a world-class education and strive to be the district of choice for students and families.



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<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/academiccalendar>



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www.nls.k12.mn.us/menus



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EVERY STUDENT
EVERY DAY



New London-Spicer District Information

schools



Superintendent, Jamie Boelter

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 0



High School Principal, Bonnie Spohn

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 4
Attendance Line: 320.354.1417



Middle School Principal, Leah Zimmerman

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 3
Attendance Line: 320.354.1411



Prairie Woods Elementary Principal, Randy Juhl

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 2
Attendance Line: 320.354.1418



**Prairie Meadows Early Childhood Coordinator,
Jennifer Hellickson**

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 5



Community Education Director, Tricia Lilleberg

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 6



Activities Director, Thayne Johnson

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 6

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PTO

Interested in joining the pto?
email: contactpto@isd345.org
Web: www.nls.k12.mn.us/pto

nls sports boosters

Contact: Mike Novak, President
Email: MNovak@fischerlaser.com
Phone: 320.894.6151



weather

Weather Related Announcements
320.354.2252 Press 1

Committed to Enrichment

ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Band
- Choir
- Drama
- FFA
- Jazz Band
- Knowledge Bowl
- Letterclub
- Math Masters/League
- National Honor Society
- Pep Band
- Robotics

- Science Club
- Speech
- Student Council
- Visual Arts
- Yearbook



**NLS Toolcats Robotics Team
Attends Worlds in Houston, Texas!**

ATHLETICS

- Adaptive Bowling
- Alpine Skiing
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics

- Hockey
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Trapshooting
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

lunch



Please keep money in your student's lunch account for Ala Carte items and second helpings. Online payment is available using debit or credit cards through Parent Portal. If you have questions, please contact: Vicki Mickelson at 320.354.2252 ext. 2607.

Menus

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We ask all our families to complete the Educational Benefits Application that is included in this calendar or online at: www.nls.k12.mn.us/mealinfo

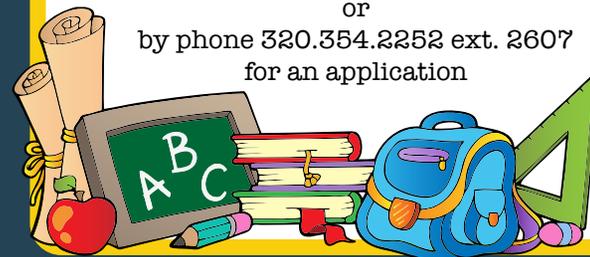
Lactose Reduced Milk Available At School

Attention Parents: Lactose Reduced Milk will be provided by Food and Nutrition Services upon written request of parents/guardians per the district's Special Dietary Needs Policy.

All kids need to be fed to be ready to learn! The Link along with local churches, service clubs, and businesses are continuing to provide the "BackPack Program" for NLS students. Student participants will receive a bag of food weekly to bring home over the weekend (2 snacks + 2 entrees + 2 juices + 2 breakfast items). This program is free of charge. To sign your student(s) up, please contact Vicki Mickelson, Food Service Clerk, by email mickelsonv@isd345.org

or

by phone 320.354.2252 ext. 2607
for an application



To watch live streaming
of our events, visit:
[www.nls.k12.mn.us/
hudstreaming](http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/hudstreaming)



PreK - Grade 4 Supply Lists

This list is also available on the school website
<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>

Cub Kids Preschool

1 pack regular markers
1 pack Crayola pipsqueak markers
1 pack dry erase markers
1 plastic folder (Please label with name)
1 spiral notebook for journaling (Please label with name)
1 inch 3-ring binder (Please label with name)
1 glue bottle
4 glue sticks (Elmer's purple glue sticks)
Crayola watercolor paint
2 containers of Play-Doh
1 can unscented shaving cream
Last name A-M: 1 box gallon ziplock bags
Last name N-Z: 1 pack 9" uncoated white paper plates for crafts
Kleenex
Disinfecting wipes
Water bottle (Please label with name)
Blanket for rest time (If full day student)
Extra outfit in case of an accident or spill (to be kept in locker)
Family Picture

Kindergarten

3 boxes of 24 count crayons
6 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original colors, broad line
1 box thin washable markers
2 black thin dry erase markers
1 yellow highlighter
2 plastic bottom pocket folders
Scissors with round tip, child sized (Please label with name)
1- 4oz bottle of school glue
12 small glue sticks
1 set of 8-color watercolor paint
1 four pack of playdough (4 oz or larger)
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 1

2 boxes of 24 count crayons
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original colors, broad line
1 pack of colored pencils
4 yellow highlighters

2-4 dry erase markers
1 blue folder
1 red folder
1 green folder
Scissors
Plastic pencil box with lid
10 glue sticks
Last name A-M: 1 box gallon ziplock bags
Last name N-Z: 1 container disinfectant wipes
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 2

2 boxes of 24 count crayons
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original colors, broad line
1 box of 12 colored pencils
4 black or blue low odor dry erase markers
2 highlighters
1 red pen
4 plastic bottom pocket folders (1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 red)
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
Scissors
Plastic pencil box with lid
12 glue sticks
1 container disinfectant wipes
Last name A-M: gallon ziplock bags
Last name N-Z: snack ziplock bags
3 boxes of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 3

Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
1 pack of 8-10 thin washable markers
4 black low odor dry erase markers
1 highlighter
1 red pen
1 blue pen
3 pocket folders
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
1 wide-ruled composition notebook

1 3-ring binder
Scissors (Please label with name)
Plastic pencil box with lid
1 large glue stick
2 containers disinfectant wipes
Last name A-I: gallon ziplock bags
Last name J-R: quart ziplock bags
Last name S-Z: sandwich ziplock bags
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 4

48 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 box of 12 colored pencils
12-24 black low odor dry erase markers
1 highlighter
1 black ultra fine point Sharpie felt tip or marker
3 black regular point Sharpie felt tip or marker
1 black 3-ring binder (one inch)
4 pocket folders
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
1 wide-ruled composition notebook
Scissors (label)
Pencil box
2 glue sticks
1 container of disinfectant wipes
Last name A-M: gallon ziplock bags
Last name N-Z: sandwich ziplock bags
2 boxes of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Our specialists (Art, Music, PE, STEAM) could use the following items for their students:

- Colored Pencils (8 to 10 Pack)
- 24 Count Crayons
- 8-12 Count Crayons (Primary Colors)
- Large Pink Erasers
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Washable Markers (8 to 10 Pack-Not Skinny Markers)
- Large Glue Sticks
- Expo Markers
- Sharpie Markers

OTHER ITEMS MAY BE REQUESTED OR NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

PARENT NOTE:
Lockers DO NOT accommodate book bags with wheels. Locker size is 6" x 10"

PW Student Headphones: We have transitioned our student devices to Chromebooks. All students will need to have headphones to utilize for daily instruction and testing. Families may purchase headphones through school or on their own. In addition, please talk to your child about taking care of their headphones as they will need to purchase another pair if they break. If purchasing on your own, we ask that the headphones be over the ear, plug directly into the device (not Bluetooth) and are compatible with **HP Chromebook 11 G9 Education Edition**. The two headphones will be available to purchase at school on our 2 back-to-school conference days.



Grades 5-8 School Supply List

GRADE 5

- 1 - Expandable folder or Trapper Keeper with 6 folder slots
- 1 - Pencil Pouch
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- **Headphones (*non-blue tooth*)
- 4 - Spiral Notebooks
- 1 - Box of Kleenex
- 2 - 24 pk of pencils
- 1 pack BLACK Dry Erase Markers
- Large Eraser
- Ink Pens
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Clorox Wipes
- 1 - Pencil Pouch
- 2 - Glue sticks

**Other items may be requested of need to be restocked*

GRADE 7

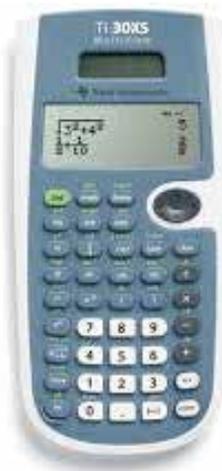
Scientific Calculator-TI 30XS MultiView (used in 6-7 grades)

**Headphones (*non-blue tooth*)

- 1 - LARGE Glue stick
- Large Eraser - LOTS of Pencils
- 2 - Dry Erase Markers
- Note Cards 100/4x6
- Colored Pencils and/or markers
- 5 - Folders or Organizer
- Highlighters
- 2 - Correcting Pens
- 2 - LARGE boxes of Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes
- Notebooks

BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 1 (for your instrument)



GRADE 6

- Expo Whiteboard Eraser
- Expandable Folder
- Markers (fine point)
- Erasers, Scissors
- #2 Pencils (several packages)
- 2 - Single Notebooks
- Pencil Pouch
- Colored Pencils (assorted colors)
- 1 - Composition Book
- 1 - Large Box of Kleenex
- 1 - Glue Stick or bottle
- 4+ - White Board/Expo Markers (low odor)
- Scientific Calculator-TI 30XS MultiView** (used in 6-7 grades)
- 1 - Clorox Wipes
- **Headphones (*non-blue tooth*)

BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 2 (for your instrument)

GRADE 8

- 1-5 Subject Notebook
- Expandable Folder or 8 Individual Folders
- 8 pk - Colored Pencils
- Pencils - MANY
- 2 - Correcting Pens
- 100 - 4x6 Note cards (lined)
- 3 - LARGE Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Multi Pack of Highlighters
- Calculator TI-84 Plus CE**
- 1 - Clorox Wipes
- 1 pk Page Flags
- 2 pks Post-It Notes/Sticky Notes
- **Headphones (*non-blue tooth*)

BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 2 (for your instrument)



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New London-Spicer Community Schools

Dear New London-Spicer Families,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones enjoying a restful and rejuvenating summer. As we prepare to launch the 2025–2026 school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning families and offer a special greeting to those joining our district for the first time.

Each new school year brings fresh opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. Our dedicated educators and staff have been working diligently to ensure our schools are ready to provide safe, engaging, and high-quality learning environments for every student. Whether your child is entering kindergarten, transitioning to a new school, or preparing for graduation, we are committed to supporting their success every step of the way.

This year, we are excited to continue advancing key initiatives that reflect our district's values—academic excellence, equity, innovation, and student well-being. From expanding mental health supports to deepening personalized learning and career pathways, we remain focused on helping all students thrive.

Strong partnerships with families are at the heart of student success. We encourage you to stay involved, ask questions, and connect with your child's teachers and school leaders. Your voice matters, and together, we can ensure this school year is one of growth, achievement, and meaningful experiences for every student.

Important back-to-school dates and information can be found on our district website [www.nls.k12.mn.us] or by contacting your child's school building directly.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. Let's make the 2025–2026 school year our best yet!

Jamie Boelter

New London-Spicer Superintendent
boelterj@isd345.org | 320.354.2252

DISTRICT WEBSITE: WWW.NLS.K12.MN.US





AUGUST 2025

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Need help with Parent Portal?

Contact Stacy Adams in the District Office:
adamss@isd345.org
320.354.2252 Press 0

<https://mncloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/nls.jsp>

Annual Verification Opens on Parent Portal

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New Teacher Training

Parent/Athlete Meeting
Grades 7-12
6:30 pm

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Fall Sports Start
Grades 9-12

Paraprofessionals
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Para Conference

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Annual Verification
Deadline on Parent Portal

HS Students/Staff
Picture Day
1-7 pm

HS Welcome Back Event
2-7 pm

Teacher Workshop

Staff Inservice
Days

Teacher Workshop

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First Day of School (9-12)

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First Day of School (PreK-8)

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Fall Sports Start Grades 7-8

K-8 Picture Day(s)
7:30-4:30 pm

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Back to School
Conferences (by appt)
Grades PreK-8

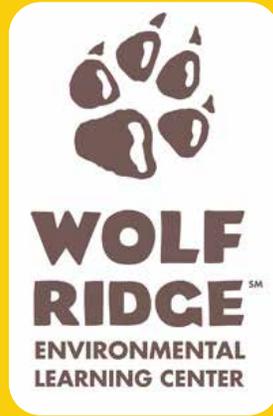
Grade 5
Wolf Ridge Pizza
Fundraiser Begins



AT WOLF RIDGE, OUR STUDENTS...

- Develop deeper relationships with students and staff
- Gain independence and confidence
- Connect with the environment
- Feel pride in their accomplishments

For information regarding Wolf Ridge expenses, fundraisers, and packing lists please visit: <http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/wolfridge>





SEPTEMBER 2025

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	1 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	2 Grade 5 Wolf Ridge Pizza Fundraiser	3	4	5	6
7	8 PreK Picture Day(s) 8:30 - 10:30 am Grade 5 Wolf Ridge Pizza Sale Fundraiser Ends	9	10 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	11	12 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	13
14	15 Duck Cup Memorial Public (evening) Grades 5-12	16 Band Open House Grade 5 Dine Out for PreK Fundraiser (Alley on Ash) 4:30 - 7 pm Duck Cup Memorial Grades 5-12	17	18	19 Wolf Ridge Pizza Fundraiser Delivery Day	20
21	22 Homecoming Week	23	24	25	26 Homecoming Game vs. Montevideo	27
28	29 5th Grade Wolf Ridge Trip Sept 29-Oct 3	30	<p>Need help with Parent Portal? Contact Stacy Adams in the District Office: adamss@isd345.org 320.354.2252 Press 0</p>			



NLS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND COUNSELORS

seek to help students overcome problems that impede learning and are here to promote success for all students. They are available to all students and their families for the following:

- Individual and group counseling for social, emotional, and academic issues or concerns
- Crisis intervention and as advocates for students
- Mental health education, resources, and referrals
- A link between the home, school, and community
- Academic counseling preparing for graduation and higher education opportunities

Reach out to your child(ren)'s Principal's Office to connect with a school social worker or counselor.





OCTOBER 2025

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			1 5th Grade Wolf Ridge Trip Sept 29-Oct 4	2	3 Grades 5-12 Grade Check MN Fallen Heroes Football Game (MNFHG) 5-9 pm	4
5	6	7	8 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	9	10	11 CatPAC Series: "The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John" presented by Michael Cavanaugh Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
12	13	14 PSAT for Juniors	15	16 Fall Break NO SCHOOL	17 Fall Break NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 Dance STARTS HS Band/Choir Concert 7:00 pm	21 Grades 5-12 Picture Retakes	22 Grades PreK-4 Picture Retakes	23 Prairie Meadows Fall Festival 5:30-7:00 pm	24 End of Quarter 1 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	25
26	27 Girls Hockey STARTS Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL	28 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	29 Quarter 2 BEGINS	30	31 HALLOWEEN	



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Campus Parent

To check your student's grades, attendance, and as a way to stay up to date with important information regarding New London-Spicer School District please be sure that your contact information is up to date in Parent Portal.

<https://mncloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/nls.jsp>

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Election Day

NO SCHOOL for PreK

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11 **VETERAN'S DAY**

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FFA's
Annual Veterans
Breakfast - 7 am

Prairie Woods
Veterans Day Program
1:15 pm

Prairie Meadows
PTO Meeting

Grades 5-12 Grade Check

CatPAC Series:
"The Barricade Boys:
West End Party" 7 pm
Get tickets:
nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales

Gymnastics STARTS
Girls Basketball STARTS
Boys Hockey STARTS

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Wrestling STARTS
Boys Basketball STARTS

ASVAB Testing for
Grade 10
8-11 am

HS Musical 7 pm

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27 **THANKSGIVING**

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PreK Families Craft Day
10-11:15 am

Teacher Workshop
NO SCHOOL

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We are continually adding events to our Academic Calendar, be sure to stay connected by viewing: www.nls.k12.mn.us/academiccalendar



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New London-Spicer District will be utilizing up to five eLearning days when school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

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DECEMBER 2025

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 CatPAC Series: "An Elvis Christmas" 7 pm Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
7	8	9	10 Grade 1 Program 1:15 pm	11	12 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	13
14	15 MS Grades 5-8 Band Concert 6 pm Choir Concert 7:30 pm PW Book Fair	16	17	18 Prairie Meadows Cookies & Milk with Santa 5-7 pm	19	20
21	22 HS Grades 9-12 Band Concert 6 pm Choir Concert 7:30 pm	23	24 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	30	31	 <p>IMPORTANT! Senior Photos are due February 1. Information about Senior Photos can be found on the High School Webpage.</p>		



To check scheduling of NLS Activities, please go to:
<http://wcconference.org/> and click on New London-Spicer.

To watch live streaming of our events,
<http://nls.k12.mn.us/HUDLSTREAMING>



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Download the
Campus Parent Portal app
for easy access

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

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WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL

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End of 1st Semester

End of Quarter 2

Grades 5-12 Grade Check

Teacher Workshop
NO SCHOOL

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Staff Development
NO SCHOOL

Semester 2 Begins
Quarter 3 Begins

Prairie Woods
PTO Meeting

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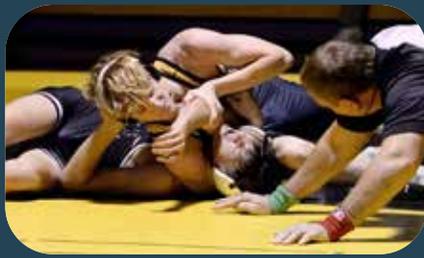
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Kindness Retreat
Grade 4

Grades 5-12 Grade Check



#NLSWILDCATS be sure to check the WC Conference Link below for up to date information on activities throughout the year! Also, available through this link is the option to sign up for the free **"notify me app"** which will send you notifications to your cell phone when changes occur.

<http://wcconference.org/public/genie/16/school/2005/>

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FEBRUARY 2026

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1 Senior Photos Due Submit to Cammie Holmquist	2	3	4	5 Dine Out for PreK Fundraiser at O'Neil's 4:30-7 pm	6	7
8	9	10	11 PW Grade 2 Program 1:15 pm Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	12 PreK Families Muffins in the Morning 10-11:15 am	13 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL (Possible Student Snow Make-up Day)	17 NO SCHOOL Staff Development (Possible Student Snow Make-up Day)	18	19	20 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	21 National FFA Week —
22 National FFA Week —	23	24	25	26 WCC Speech @ NLS	27	28



Enroll Your Little One In Cub Kids Preschool!

The mission of Cub Kids is to ensure that no child starts behind; and that every child is ready to enter Kindergarten as a confident and capable student. Cub Kids serves children ages 3-5 years old. Download and complete your application at: www.nls.k12.mn.us/earlychildhood



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FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) www.fafsa.gov

**Please Note: You never pay to apply for FAFSA. Any site, person, or form that asks for payment is a scam.*

Scholarships – We have a large variety of scholarships available to our seniors. Criteria can range from merit, major, volunteer work, career or technical skill, and more. Please encourage your senior to apply for these scholarships.

NLS scholarship information is available at
www.nls.k12.mn.us/scholarships

**Please Note: Additional scholarship opportunities can usually be found through college websites.*

Remember your high school counselor is available to help!



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MARCH 2026

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1	2	3 Senior Scholarship Application Deadline	4	5 High School Spring Play 7pm	6	7 CatPAC Series: "Duelly Noted" 7 pm Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
8	9 Softball Practice STARTS Track/Field Practice STARTS HS Grades 9-12 Band/Choir Concert 7:00 pm	10	11 PreK Families Donuts with Dudes 10-11:15 am Kindergarten Program 1:15 pm Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	12	13 DARE Graduation Grade 5 2:15 pm Grades 5-12 Grade Check End of Quarter 3	14
15	16 Golf Practice STARTS Baseball Practice STARTS SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21
22	23 Boys Tennis STARTS Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL	24 Quarter 4 BEGINS Book Bingo Grades K-4 6:30 pm	25	26 Sloppy Joe Supper 4:30-7:30 pm Kids Carnival hosted by Student Council 4:30-7:30 pm	27	28
29	30	31	<p>Are you new to the district or had a new baby?</p> <p>Get them added to our census by going to our website: www.nls.k12.mn.us/enrollment</p> 			



GET LOTS OF REST. STAY HYDRATED. EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST. STAY ACTIVE.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are the standardized tests in reading, math, and science that public schools in Minnesota give to students. The state uses the tests to see how well schools are teaching the state academic standards and grade-level benchmarks for the standards. For practice tests, go to: <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/>



We offer
Community Education
classes all year round.



Check it out at www.nlscommunityed.com



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<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Seniors please take time to look through the resources available to you. For information regarding the Senior Class Trip, Yearbook, and Senior Photos, please visit: https://www.nls.k12.mn.us/seniorresources			1 Prairie Woods Grade 3 Program 1:15 pm	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 EASTER	6 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	7 ACT - Juniors Senior EMT Testing	8 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 Community Education Theater	14	15	16	17	18 CatPAC Series: "A John Denver Tribute presented by Ted Vigil" Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
19	20 Staff Appreciation Week	21	22	23	24 PreK Families Grandparents Day 10-11:15 am Retirement Celebration 3:30 pm Grades 5-12 Grade Check	25
26	27	28 AAPPL Test Senior Spanish 8-12 pm	29 High School Honors and Awards Night 7 pm	30		

At NLS, we encourage

Respect Ownership Attitude Responsibility

behaviors for all students.
These expectations follow our students
throughout their K-12 experience.





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SATURDAY



Sign up for PALS Before/After School Program

(NLS K-4th graders only)

Check out: www.nlscommunityed.com or the NLS Community Ed catalog for the 2026-27 school year PALS program!

Deadline to register is August 9 (unless filled prior).

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Grand March 3 pm

Prom

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Grade 4 Showcase
1:15 pm

HS Fine Arts Awards
7 pm

Band Concert
MS 6 pm
HS 7:30 pm

FFA Plant Sale
in Greenhouse

Choir Concert
MS 6 pm
HS 7:30 pm

10 MOTHER'S DAY

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FFA Banquet 6 pm

AP Calculus and
AP Precalculus Exams

HS Athletic Awards
7 pm

Grades 5-12 Grade Check

SENIORS LAST DAY

17

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19

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23

GRADUATION
2 pm

PreK Trike-A-Thon &
End of the Year Celebration
4-5:30 pm

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

24

25 MEMORIAL DAY

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Teacher Workshop

Start of Summer Office
Hours: Monday-Thursday
7 am - 5 pm

Graduation!



HONOR YOUR SENIOR

Dedicate a seat in the NLS Performing Arts center to honor your senior!

\$250 per seat, two lines of text, max of 15 characters per line.

For more info, contact: Megan Norgren, norgrenm@isd345.org

Dedicate a seat today!



June 2026

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH	20
					Buildings Closed	
21 FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	7th-12th Activity Registration for the 2026-27 School Year - Opens After July 1st  <p>Make sure your child's sports physical is completed prior to the start date of any athletic practice. Students will not be allowed to practice without a current physical on file in the Community Ed/Activities Office. All incoming 7th graders & most 10th graders will need a physical. Physicals are good for 3 years. To check your child's physical date please call the Activities Office at 320-354-1406</p>			

It is the mission of the New London-Spicer educational Foundation to enhance the quality of education in the New London-Spicer School District by helping fund programs for the benefit of all students. Donations made are tax deductible under the Foundation's 501c3 status and will be used to support programs and innovative opportunities that cannot be supported by the limited school funds.



Two endowments, Two focuses

- The Community Endowment for the Arts (CEFA) supports the Arts for all students PreK-12 through a yearly grant program.
- The NLS Educational Endowment supports Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) initiatives throughout the district.



Open to all –

Dedicate A Seat in the Performing Arts Center. Each dedication is \$250.00. Dedications are silver with black lettering and are mounted to the back of the theatre seats as a permanent fixture.

For more information, please contact, Megan Norgren via email: norgrenm@isd345.org or by phone 320.354.2252 Ext. 2422.

To donate: www.nls.k12.mn.us/educationalfoundation





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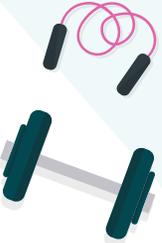
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Become an NLS Fitness Center Member</p> <p>for more information about our fitness center, visit: www.nls.k12.mn.us/fitnesscenter</p>			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NLS Board of Education



Go Wildcats!



The NLS Board of Education meets on the second Monday of each month. The meetings begin at 4:30 p.m., and are held in the District Conference Room located in the high school (101 4th AVE SW, New London, MN). Although rare, when it is necessary, the public will be informed of instances when a special meeting or a change of meeting dates or times must be called. In both instances, the public will be informed of such meetings whenever possible. Meetings are open to the public. For meeting agendas, minutes, and the school board calendar, please visit: www.nls.k12.mn.us/schoolboardagendas

Dates and times are subject to change for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

NEW LONDON-SPICER COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS



CATPAC SERIES

All Showtimes will be at 7pm
NLS Performing Arts Center
101 4th Ave SW, New London, MN

OCT
11

The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John starring
Michael Cavanaugh

NOV
14

The Barricade Boys:
Broadway Party

DEC
6

Anthony Shore presents an
Elvis Christmas

MAR
7

Duelly Noted

APR
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Ted Vigil:
A Tribute to John Denver

Sponsored by: Dooley's, Jennie-O, Rambow, and Willow Creek Counseling

Season Tickets On Sale Now (\$135)
Through Oct. 1 - A \$20 savings!

GET YOURS TODAY!

NLS.K12.MN.US/TICKETSALES

Individual Tickets Available August 1



BUY TICKETS



MORE THAN AN APPLICATION

We ask that ALL our families complete the Educational Benefits Application to help ensure continued funding for our schools:
www.nls.k12.mn.us/mealinfo



COLLEGE APPS, SAT, ACT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT FEES

DISCOUNT ON FEES ASSOCIATED WITH APPLYING FOR COLLEGE AND TAKING ACADEMIC TESTS.

SCHOOL FUNDING

INCREASED FUNDING TO ENSURE STUDENTS RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO RECEIVE A COMPREHENSIVE, WORLD CLASS EDUCATION.



COMPUTER NETWORK

RECEIVE MORE FUNDING FOR INTERNET ACCESS, WIRELESS AND NETWORK SERVICES. MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS



QUESTIONS?
 CONTACT: VICKI MICKELSON
 EMAIL: MICKELSONV@ISD345.ORG
 PHONE: 320.354.2252 EXT. 2607



Join the Wildcat Fun!

Be a Season Fan!

Season Passes
 More information after August 10

Adult Individual Pass.....	\$70.00	Family Pass	\$150.00
Senior Individual Pass (Over 55).....	\$50.00	Senior Golden Pass	
Student Individual Pass	\$50.00	(Over 62 & live in the NLS School District)....	\$0.00

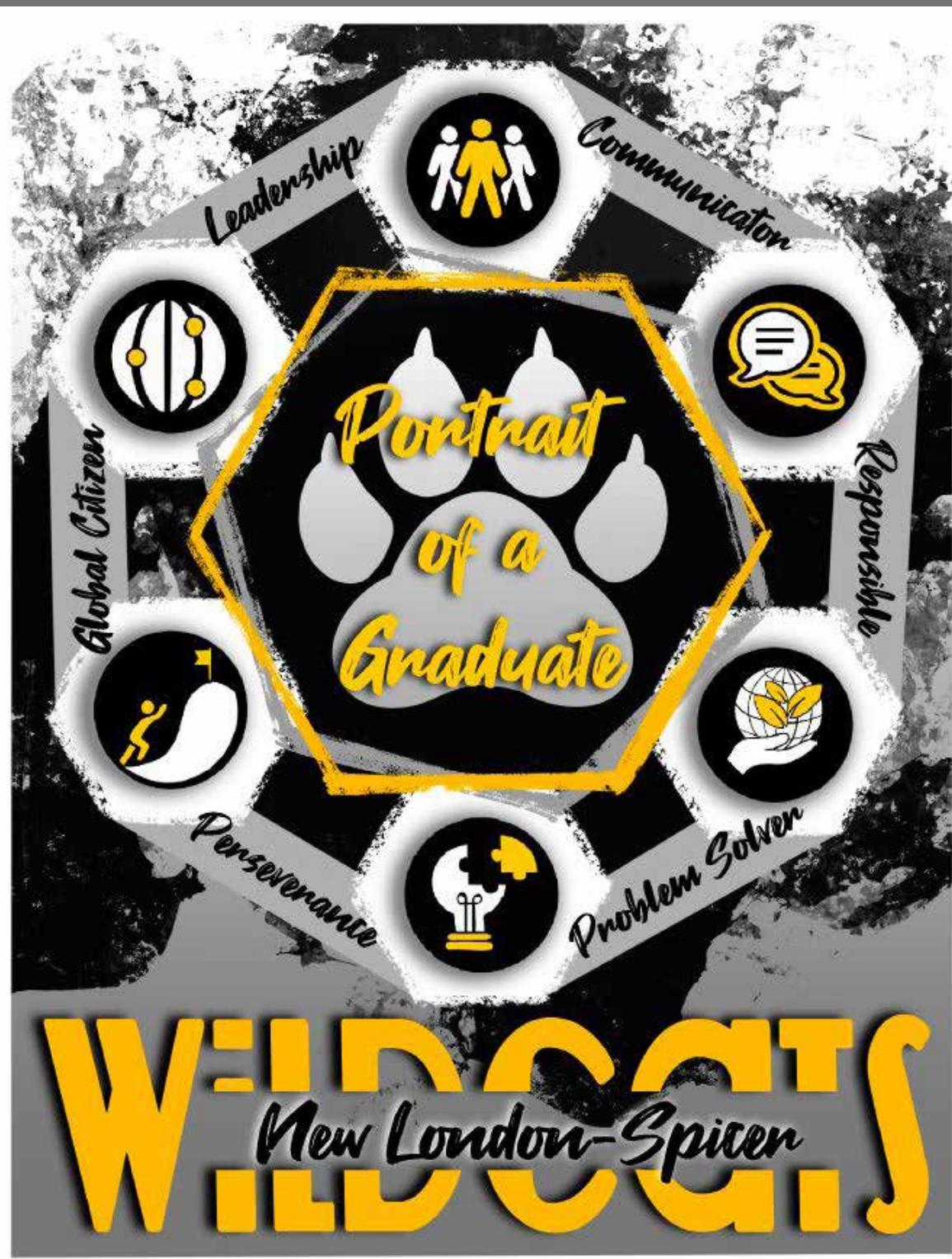
Seniors 62+ that reside in the NLS School District may sign up for a yearly Golden Pass. This pass gives you free admission to all home events during the regular season. (playoffs and tournaments are not eligible for the discounted admission) -- To sign up you may go online at www.nlscommunityed.com and your pass will be waiting for you at the gate when you arrive, register in person at the gate at the first event you attend, or mail in your registration and your pass will be at the gate for you.

annual notifications & handbook

www.nls.k12.mn.us/annualnotifications

Families are mandated to review the policies and notifications annually with their children. The school district is also required to provide families access to these policies. These policies and notifications can be found in our District Wide Handbook, on our District's Website (nls.k12.mn.us/annualnotifications), or in print upon request.

- Policy 402 - Disability Nondiscrimination
- Policy 404 - Employment Background Check
- Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence
- Policy 419 - Tobacco Free Environment
- Policy 440 - Discrimination Prohibition/Title IX
- Policy 502 - Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person
- Policy 503 - Student Attendance
- Policy 506 - Student Discipline
- Policy 514 - Bullying
- Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination
- Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 526 - Hazing Prohibition
- Policy 531 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Policy 533 - Wellness
- Policy 550 - Student School Fees
- Policy 560 - Meal Charging
- Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements
- Policy 618 - Assessment of Student Achievement
- Policy 709 - Student Transportation Safety
- Educational Benefits Information
- Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal For Student Participation in Statewide Testing



Special Education Info

NLS provides inclusive and comprehensive special education services for students with disabilities from birth through 22 years of age. Special education is instruction, specific to the child, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. Students with disabilities are general education students first. They receive special education support services in conjunction with the general education curriculum. Special education is an instructional service, not a place.

Special education services are available to address the educational needs of students that are identified through a comprehensive special education evaluation with one or more disabling conditions. If you suspect your child is not progressing in their education and may have one of the disabling conditions, please contact a special education coordinator:

Prairie Meadows (Birth-Preschool Age)

Sarah Goelz
goelzs@isd345.org

Prairie Woods (Kindergarten-Grade 4)

Sara Weiss
weiss@isd345.org

NLS Middle School (Grades 5-8)

Paula Turnquist
turnquistp@isd345.org

NLS High School (Grades 9-12)

Amy Shimek
shimeka@isd345.org

Questions?

Contact: Hannah Hanson, Director of Special Education,
Hannah.Hanson@swwc.org or
by phone: 320.231.5184 Ext. 2312

Vocational Opportunities Annual Public Notification

New London-Spicer Schools offers a variety of vocational opportunities through the Agriculture Education, Business Education, Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Science Departments.

This notice is to inform students, parents, employees and the general public that these opportunities are offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. Admission in the specific courses is determined by grade level, and in some cases, completion of prerequisite courses.

The district has designated the following individuals to coordinate compliance with the federal laws Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Section 504 Coordinator:

Name: Ann Dobmeier

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
Ext. 2389

Alternate Section 504 Coordinator:

Name: Brian Westby

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
Ext. 2680

Title IX Coordinator:

Name: Jamie Boelter

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
ext. 2100

Alternate Title IX Coordinator:

Name: Thayne Johnson

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
ext. 2603

PROGRAMS

AGRIBUSINESS

Exploring Agribusiness
Vet Science
Landscaping
Welding I and II
Small Engines and Power
Electricity
Agriculture Structures
Advanced Metals
Ag CO-OP

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Accounting I
Computer Applications
Computer Programming,
I and II
Desktop Publishing
Entreneurship
Merchandising and Sales
Personal Financial Management
Web Page Design
Yearbook Production
You and the Law

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Architecural Design
Introduction to Woodworking
Advanced Cabinetry
Industrial Technology
Robotics
Digital Media I and II
Cateye Broadcasting
Cateye Production
Transportation Technology

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Beginners Sewing Fun
Teen and Family Issues
Child Development
Creative Foods
Life Skills

The link below will take you to the district website for the career and technical course descriptions for the above courses that are offered.

hs.nls.k12.mn.us/hscounselors/courseinfo
then click on **Curriculum Guide**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison

Jamie Boelter
320-354-1401

State Coordinator

Roberto Reyes
651-582-8302

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche

Services for Students with Disabilities

Elementary and Secondary 504 Services

Notice of parent/student rights in identification, evaluation, and placement of individuals with disabilities.

In compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, hereinafter Section 504, the following Notice of Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement shall be utilized in the New London-Spicer Schools.

The following list of rights is given to ensure the parent/guardian's awareness of the regulations about the evaluations of and/or special instruction which may be offered to his/her child. Should the parent/guardian have any questions, contact Matt Dahl, Ann Dobmeier, Brian Westby (contact information below). The parent also has the right to meet with the superintendent or designee and/or the local school board to resolve any objections to either the evaluation or educational placement of the student.

1. Section 504 is administered by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). If you need information about Section 504, the contact information is as follows:

Office for Civil Rights, Chicago Office (Region V)
U.S. Department of Education
500 W. Madison Street Suite 1475
Chicago, Illinois 60661
(312) 730-1560
FAX: (312) 730-1576
TDD: (312) 730-1609
Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

2. The following is a description of the rights created by federal law to individuals with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:
 - A. Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
 - B. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
 - C. Receive, notice with respect to the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
 - D. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
 - E. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
 - F. Have your child receive special education and related services if s/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and/or general education intervention/modifications outside of special education under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 - G. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information and sources, and by persons who know the student, evaluation data, and placement options.
 - H. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the school district.
 - I. Have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the school district.
 - J. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
 - K. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
 - L. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
 - M. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.

- N. Request an impartial hearing, and an appeal of any decisions or actions taken by the school district regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. The costs for these due process procedures will be borne by the school district. You and your child may take part in these proceedings and have an attorney represent you. Requests for due process must be made to the superintendent or the Section 504 coordinator. The following details the procedures:
1. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or with the provisions of a free appropriate public education for his/her child, the parent/guardian may make a request for a hearing to the superintendent, indicating the specific reason(s) for the request.
 2. The school district may initiate a hearing regarding the identification, evaluation, or education placement of the student or the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. The school district shall notify the parent/guardian of the specific reason(s) for the request.
 3. Such hearings shall be conducted within twenty (20) instructional days after the request is received, unless the hearing officer grants an extension, and at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parent/guardian. Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the superintendent shall appoint the independent hearing officer. The school district shall bear all costs pertaining to the hearing, including the transcription, hearing officer fee and expenses, but shall not be responsible for the fees and expenses incurred by the parent/guardian except for those detailed below. The parent/guardian involved in a hearing shall be given the right to have the child who is the subject of the hearing present, open the hearing to the public, and be represented by counsel or any other representative.
- O. Request a review (appeal) of the hearing, should you not prevail. The following details the procedure:
1. A petition to review (appeal) the decision of the hearing officer may be made by any party to the hearing. The request must be filed with the superintendent and the opposing party, be specific as to the objections, and be filed within twenty (20) instructional days of the date the hearing officer's decision is received. The school district is responsible for the appointment of an independent appeals officer to conduct an impartial review of the record as a while and may, at his/her election, conduct the review with or without oral argument. Such review shall be conducted within twenty (20) instructional days of the receipt of the petition to review, unless either party requests an extension of time.
 2. The appeals officer shall ensure that a transcript of the review is prepared and made available to any party upon request.
 3. Any party disagreeing with the decision of the appeals officer may appeal to a civil court with jurisdiction.
 4. A parent/guardian represented by legal counsel during the proceedings of a due process hearing, appeal, or civil action may be entitled to reimbursement of legal fees if the parent ultimately prevails.

The people in this school district who are responsible for assuring that the school district is in compliance with Section 504 are:

Matthew Dahl, Middle School Dean of Students
 New London-Spicer Middle School
 101 4th Ave SW
 New London, MN 56273
 (320) 354-2252 ext. 2403

Ann Dobmeier, School Social Worker
 Prairie Woods Elementary
 101 4th Ave SW
 New London, MN 56273
 (320) 354-2252 ext. 2389

Brian Westby, Dean of Students
 High School
 101 4th Avenue SW
 New London, MN 56273
 (320) 354-2252 ext. 2680

This procedure does not deny the right of the grievant to file a formal complaint in Federal court or with the U.S. Department of Education. This document provides general information and is not to be a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law, including timelines for filing a complaint, may affect your rights.





New London-Spicer District Office
 101 4th Avenue SW
 New London, MN 56273

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SAVE THE DATES



August 20

- Back to School Event for Grades 9-12

August 25

- First day of school for Grades 9-12
- Back to School Conferences for Grades PreK - 8

August 26

- Back to School Conferences for Grades PreK - 8

August 27

- First day of school for Grades PreK - 8

POSTAL PATRON

ACTIVITY FEES

	<u>High School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
Sport (each)	\$165	\$110
Cheerleading	\$120	N/A
Speech	\$115	\$100
Drama	\$75	\$75
Knowledge Bowl	\$75	\$75
Math League	\$65	N/A
Band/Choir	No Charge	No Charge
Math Masters	N/A	Varies

Maximum Fee: \$495/Individual • \$900/Family