

BELLEVUE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Nov 11 - No School (Veteran's Day)
Nov 25-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec 17 - 19 - FINAL EXAMS
Dec 19 - Early Dismissal
Dec 22 - Jan 2 - No School (Winter Break)
Jan 5 - No School
Jan 6 - Return to School

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"ACT Online Test Prep - for 11th Grade Students"

All 11th graders will be getting access to a new ACT Online Test Prep program in November. Students will get login credentials and be shown how to log in to the system. Core subject area teachers will use the program to help students prepare for the NSCAS ACT that all 11th graders in the state of Nebraska have to take in March. Students are also encouraged to use the program to review and prepare for this test on their own.



Testing Information

“Tentative” December Finals Schedule

Semester 1 Final Exams

Semester 1 Final Exams will be held on December 17th, 18th, & 19th. Students are expected to complete exams on assigned test dates. If alternate test dates are required, students must get approval from administrators by December 5th. A request form is available in the Counseling Office. Alternative testing times may need to be scheduled outside of the regular school day. Below is a list of the periods scheduled to test on each date.

Wednesday, Dec 17th B Block

7:50-9:25 Block 1B
9:31-11:04 Block 2B
11:10-1:21 Block 3B
1:27-3:00 Block 4B Final Exam

Thursday, Dec 18th A Block

7:50-9:25 Block 1A Final Exam
9:31-11:04 Block 2A Final Exam
11:10-1:21 Block 3A Final Exam
1:27-3:00 Block 4A Final Exam

Friday, Dec 19th B Block

7:50-9:16 Block 1B Final Exam
9:22-10:48 Block 2B Final Exam
10:54-1:00 Block 3B Final Exam



Academic Assistance for Students:

General Tutoring

3:10pm - 4:30pm

Mon - Fri

Bellevue West Library



Math & Science Center:

7:00am - 7:45am

Mon - Fri

Room 335

Travel Opportunity:

There is an International trip available for students (and families) to the Dominican Republic June 2026 with Explorica. For more information email Jennifer Sedlacek jennifer.sedlacek@bpsne.net To sign up to travel click here: explorica.com/Sedlacek-1411 *This is school-adjacent but not school-sponsored; families will be responsible for all expenses/fees through Explorica.*



Testing Information

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 13	November 7	November 24
February 14	January 9	January 23
April 11	March 6	March 24
June 13	May 8	May 19

**Register online at www.act.org/bts

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
November 8	October 24	October 28
December 6	November 21	November 25
March 14	February 27	February 3
May 2	April 17	April 21

**Register online at www.sat.org/register



Juniors and Seniors who are on Free/Reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver for the ACT and SAT Tests. Students should see their counselor to get a fee waiver.

AP Exam Information 2025-26

- AP exams are strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Students order exams through their MyAP College Board account (myap.collegeboard.org).
- Each exam costs \$100.00 and must be paid for online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>.
- Initial deposit of \$40 per exam is due by October 31 st , 2025. Final payment of remaining fees must be made by March 1st , 2026.
- Students who dual enroll an AP course through UNO will receive a refund of total exam fees paid once exams are completed in May.
- All other deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Exams can be ordered after November 1st for a \$40.00 late fee per exam.
- Final ordering and payment deadline is March 1, 2026.
- AP classroom provides resources for students throughout the year to review and prepare for the exam in May. Students access AP classroom through their CollegeBoard accounts.

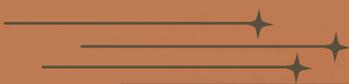


Payment by check or credit card can be made online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>

Exams ordered or paid for after October 31 will be charged a \$40 late fee per exam.

More information is available at ap.collegeboard.org or on the Bellevue West webpage under “Academics” or contact melissa.minahan@bpsne.net





Senior Checklist

For Seniors and Parents: It is extremely important that you verify the spelling of your name in PowerSchool. For your diploma, the student's name needs to be EXACTLY how it is stated on the Birth Certificate (no initials for the middle name) it needs to be the FULL NAME, ABSOLUTELY NO NICKNAMES. The correct name is to be given to Donna Pearson/Counseling office by completing the link below no later than December 2, 2025. [Diploma Verification Form](#)
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Senior photos are due by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 3:00pm

- Photos can be digital or print and must be front facing and vertical.
- No watermarks on photos.
- Backgrounds must not be distracting.
- Props, pets, or other people cannot be in the photo.
- School appropriate attire must be worn.
- Photos can be full color or black and white.
- Purchasing senior photos is between students/parents/guardians and photographers. The school is not involved.

FAFSA - MUST COMPLETE

FAFSA is now open for the Class of 2026. Please complete the 2026-27 FAFSA at studentaid.gov or if you wish to opt out click on the link below:

[Class of 2026 FAFSA Opt Out form.](#)

Scholarships

The Bellevue Comprehensive Scholarship program is open and due by 2pm on December 19, 2025. This program is made up of local scholarships for Bellevue West seniors and allows the student to complete one application for multiple scholarships. Seniors can access the application in Schoology>Instructional Roster>Scholarships or click: [Scholarship link](#)

Seniors,

Not planning on going to college after high school but looking for some advanced training? Are you interested in earning a professional credential after graduation that can help you obtain a job? The Credential College program at Metro Community College provides additional training opportunities for high school students, with some offering FREE options. A Credential College representative will be coming to Bellevue West on December 2nd to meet with interested students. To schedule a time, visit <https://cal.com/awiesemcc> and choose the “Bellevue West Credential College Registration” at the bottom of the page. Then select a time on Dec. 2nd to meet with a representative. For a list of program opportunities, click [here](#).

Any questions, contact Mr. Schultz in the College and Career Center.



College and Career Planning



Kumor Career Center Tour

Sophomore parents,

On November 13th and 14th, all sophomores will be touring the Bellevue Public Schools Kumor Career Center to learn about the Aviation, Auto Technology, Education, and CNA Academies. These programs are available to Juniors and Seniors and offer a unique hands-on experience in a state-of-the-art facility. We want students to see first hand what the programs have to offer. Students will be transported to the Kumor Center and meet with Mr. Stueve, Coordinator of College and Career Education, for a tour of the four programs and then will return to Bellevue West.

If you have any questions or concerns about the in-district tour, please contact Mr. Schultz via email at randall.schultz@bpsne.net.

The EducationQuest Foundation

will be hosting several webinars during the month of November to help families with completing the FAFSA. Each webinar will walk you through the 2025-26 FAFSA, provide detailed instructions for confusing parts of the FAFSA, and explain the FAFSA submission summary. Click [THIS LINK](#) to register.

Nov. 4, 13, and 19 - FAFSA Completion Webinar, 6:30pm

Nov. 18 - Spanish Language Webinar, 6:30pm

Nov. 20 - YouTube livestream: Prepping for the FAFSA at 7pm

Henry Doorly Zoo Academy

The Henry Doorly Zoo Academy provides an innovative high school learning environment where students can make discoveries about the natural world and apply them to their learning. The Zoo Academy concept combines career exploration, classroom experiences, and research opportunities in a non-traditional high school setting. Students can choose either an Animal Science course pathway or a Conservation Research course pathway. This program is a 1-2 year program. Students attend classes at the Henry Doorly Zoo for half their school day.

Qualifications:

- *Must be a Sophomore or Junior for the 2026-2027 school year.
- *Must be on track for graduation and have excellent attendance
- *Zero tolerance discipline policy

Application Required:

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year will open November 1, 2025. Deadline November 30th. Additional information about the Zoo Academy can be found at www.omahazoo.com/zooacademy. Students can attend a Zoo Academy informational zoom session for more information. Click on the following link for more information.

[Zoo Academy Student Information Zoom Meeting Information Flyer](#)

Please contact Mr. Schultz in the College and Career Center for more information to apply!

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Metro Community College Secondary Partnership

The office of Secondary Partnerships at Metropolitan Community College supports early college experiences for high school students by providing the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Students can take advantage of different programs such as Career Academy, College Now!, Kickstart Online, and Concurrent Enrollment. Click here for more information on the different programs.

<https://www.mccneb.edu/secondarypartnerships>

Current Nebraska High School students, grades 9 - 12, are automatically eligible to take credit classes at no tuition cost through the Summer 2025 quarter. Students will be responsible for tools, textbooks, and any other associated course fees.

For more information contact Alyssa Wiese, our MCC Navigator, at awiese@mccneb.edu.

Clarkson College High School

Preview Days:

Hello! Clarkson College is hosting two High School Preview Days this fall on Friday November 15th.

Students interested in attending one of their High School Preview Days should register at this link: [Event Registration](#)

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Annual HBCU Tour sponsored by Engaged Insight and the Urban

League of Nebraska. The info meeting is Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 PM and will be held at the North High School Viking Center.

Omaha North High is located at 4410 N 36th street.

HBCU Tour – March 15-21 (Omaha Public Schools Spring Break)

Tentative School List: Albany State Univ, Clark Atlanta Univ, Fisk Univ, Georgia State Univ, Harris-Stowe State Univ, Johnson C. Smith Univ, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T Univ, Spelman College, and Tennessee State Univ.

See attached flyer for more info: [HBCU INFO](#)

UNMC High School Alliance

The University of Nebraska Medical Center offers the UNMC High School Alliance program where students have an opportunity to observe, shadow, and work alongside health care professionals and researchers at UNMC. Students take classes (2 classes each semester) on the UNMC campus from 1:00-3:00 p.m. each day. Class offerings may include Behavioral Health, Biology and Prevention of Cancer, Biomedical Research, Dimensions of Community Health,

Exploration of Human Anatomy, Human Genetics, The Study of Patient Care, Infectious Disease, Pathology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical Imaging, and the Art and Science of Decision Making.

Application required:

The UNMC application for the 2026-2027 school year opens November 1st and closes on January 23, 2026. Eligible students must be a current junior or sophomore, at least 16 years of age by August of 2025; have completed and received a grade of "B" or above in Algebra I, Biology, a Physical Science course; be concurrently enrolled in a third year of science; and be on track for graduation.

If students meet the requirements and are interested in applying, they should go to www.unmc.edu/alliance to complete the application.

Volunteer



Volunteers
needed

UNMC Volunteer Opportunities

UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Recreational Therapy is looking for student volunteers ages 13 to 25 with a Covid vaccine. Volunteers will gain hands on experience interacting with children and youth with development disabilities. Please visit this link for more information: [NE Med Volunteer](#)

Project Extra Mile Youth Group

We are excited to share with you that Project Extra Mile's annual Youth Leadership Retreat will be held this year from June 25th-27th in Omaha. This opportunity is open to all incoming 8th-12th graders interested in developing their leadership and advocacy skills to help prevent underage drinking and its harms. Youth can register by visiting our website at www.projectextramile.org. The registration fee is \$75 and includes two nights at a local hotel, a t-shirt, food during the training, etc.; however, scholarships are available for those who need them.

Salvation Army

November – Turkeyfest

On the day before Thanksgiving and on Thanksgiving day itself, volunteers are needed to help prepare food, deliver meals to homebound seniors and help manage traffic and pack meals into cars at the Kroc Center, where this event takes place. [Volunteer link](#)





Athletics Department

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Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052,
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Athletic schedules can be found at: mhsaaconference.org
Streaming info can be found at: fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds

2025-26 Athletic Admission Prices:

Varsity Football: \$8 Adults, \$6 Students

All other Sporting Events: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students

All Bellevue West students with an Activity Card are admitted free into all regular season home games

Winter Sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Boys Wrestling, Girls Bowling, Boys Bowling, Girls and Boys Swimming - Officially begin on Monday, November 17th. - Please contact coaches prior to tryouts for information.

Administration Staff

Mr. Kevin Rohlfs, Principal, 402-293-4049, kevin.rohlfs@bpsne.net

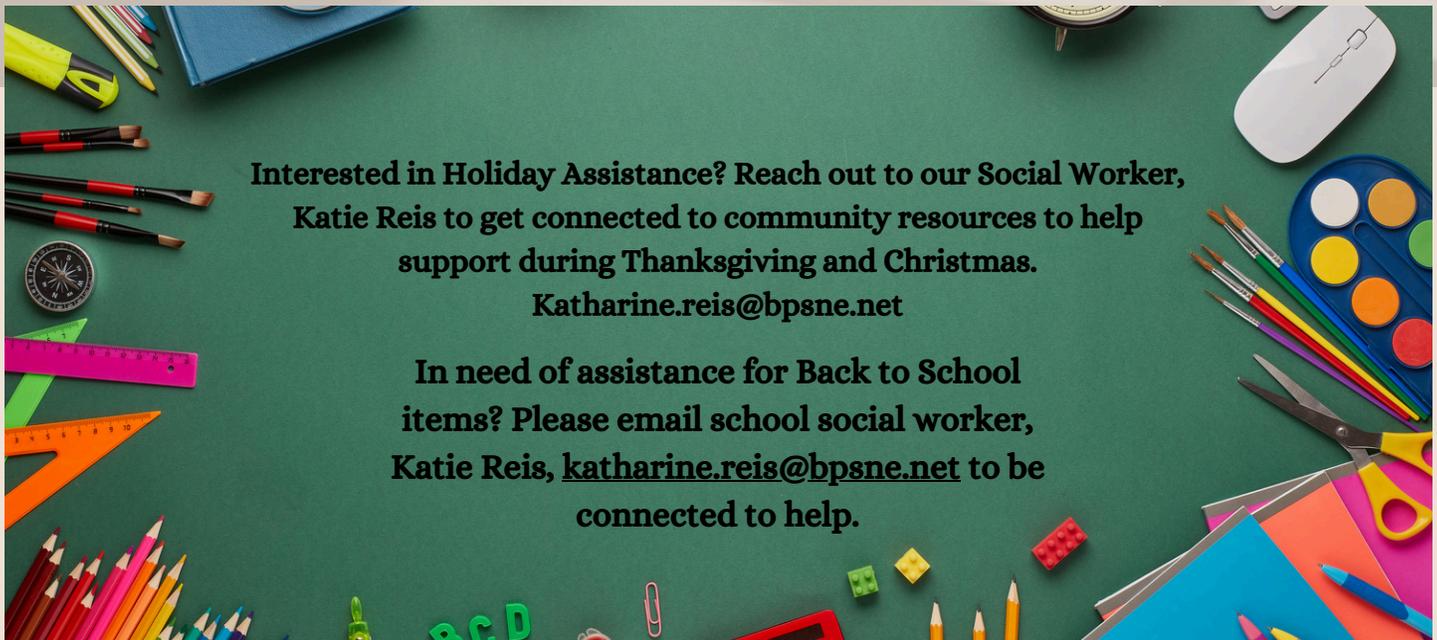
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Family Resources



**Interested in Holiday Assistance? Reach out to our Social Worker, Katie Reis to get connected to community resources to help support during Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Katharine.reis@bpsne.net**

In need of assistance for Back to School items? Please email school social worker, Katie Reis, katharine.reis@bpsne.net to be connected to help.

Is your student having social, emotional, and/or behavioral problems at home or school? Does your student seem to be sad, angry, worried, or have difficulty following basic rules? Bellevue Public Schools has partnered with Family Connections, independent third party agencies, to help your student with counseling support. Family Connections Providers are Licensed Mental Health Practitioners and are located right in your student's school. Their confidential counseling services can help your student put the pieces together to cope with life's stressors. There are immediate openings and most insurances are accepted. Financial assistance is available as well.

Please contact your student's school counselor for more information or to make a referral. Find out more about these organizations on their website: <https://familyconnectionsowa.com/>

Nebraska SMART

a free online tutoring program developed by the Nebraska State Colleges in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), has now expanded statewide, providing all K-12 students with access to one-on-one academic support at no cost.

Funded through an NDE Innovation Grant, Nebraska SMART connects students with teacher education majors from Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges who provide individualized help in a secure online environment. In its first year, the program served students in ESUs 1, 4, and 13, as well as NRCSA member schools, and is now open to every Nebraska student.

How Nebraska SMART Works:

- Parents must register their children for tutoring through the Nebraska SMART website.
- Once registered, students (or parents) can schedule sessions or connect instantly using our on-demand feature.
- Tutoring is available in 15-, 30-, 45-, or 60-minute increments; on-demand sessions are available in 10-minute blocks.
 - All sessions take place on Pearl, a secure online tutoring platform that records and manages communication.
- Tutors are education majors who have been admitted to their programs, completed background checks, and are mentored by College Program Coordinators.

The Nebraska SMART flyer (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) can be distributed electronically or printed for your schools.