

KOMET REPORT

KASSON-MANTORVILLE SCHOOLS



SCHOOL YEAR

26-27

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

KEY DATES

STAFF DIRECTORY

BUSING

ACTIVITIES

STUDENT SERVICES

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GENERAL DIRECTORY



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 Elizabeth Armstrong (Treasurer)
 Eric Mesa (Clerk)
 Patrick Madery
 Denise Heidt
 Aaron Stockard
 Kate Ryan
 Emma Engdahl*

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SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES

All Kasson-Mantorville School District Policies are available online by going to www.komets.k12.mn.us and clicking on "District" --> "District Policies."

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SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

Dear KoMet Families,

Welcome to the 2026 to 2027 school year.

As we begin another school year, I find myself reflecting on how grateful I am to be part of the Kasson-Mantorville community. My first year as your superintendent gave me the opportunity to get to know our students, staff, families, and community in a much deeper way. Thank you for the kindness and support you have shown me throughout the year. It has only strengthened what I have believed for a long time. Kasson-Mantorville is truly a special place.



One of the greatest joys of this past year has been seeing our schools through the eyes of our students. Whether I was visiting classrooms, cheering on the KoMets at an activity, attending concerts and performances, or simply talking with students in the hallways, I was reminded again and again what makes this district so special. Our staff cares deeply about kids, our families are invested in their success, and our community shows up in so many ways. That sense of connection is something you can feel every day.

We want every student to leave Kasson Mantorville ready for whatever comes next. Whether that path leads to college, the military, a trade, or straight into the workforce, we want our students to have the skills, confidence, and character to succeed. We also want them to know they belong, that they matter, and that someone here believes in them.

As we look ahead, we will continue building on the strong foundation that already exists. We will keep looking for ways to help students grow, support our outstanding staff, and create opportunities that prepare kids for the future. At the same time, we will hold on to the values that have always defined Kasson-Mantorville: high expectations, strong relationships, and a commitment to doing what is best for students.

If you are new to our district or considering Kasson-Mantorville Schools for your family, I hope you will come see what makes us so special. You will find caring teachers, students who are encouraged to explore their interests, and a community that genuinely supports its schools. We are proud of what we offer, but even more proud of the people who make this district feel like home.

Thank you for being part of our KoMet family. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to celebrating the many successes that are sure to come.

Here's to another great year.

Go KoMets!

Beth Giese, Superintendent



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2026-2027 Kasson-Mantorville School Calendar

August 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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30	TW					

September 2026

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27	28	29	30			

October 2026

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November 2026

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29	30					

December 2026

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27	★	★	★	★		

January 2027

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24	TW	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2027

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28						

March 2027

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28	Comp	PLC-A	31			

April 2027

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25	PLC-P	27	28	29	30	

May 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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DISTRICT CALENDAR KEY

Key

	Teacher Workday (no school for students)
	Vacation 
	First Day of School grades 5-12
	First Day of School grades K-4
	PLC - Early Dismissal 12:50P HS, 1P MS, 1:15P ES
	PLC - Delayed Start 10A HS/MS, 10:15A ES
	Homecoming
	Professional Development (no school for students)
	Quarter End
	No School/PTC Comp Day
	Last Day of School
	Graduation



K-M 2026-2027 Teacher/Student Days

	Teacher HS/MS/ES	Student HS/MS	ES
AUGUST	4	0	0
SEPTEMBER	21	21	19
OCTOBER	20	19	19
NOVEMBER	4	4	4
QTR 1 Totals	49	44	42
NOVEMBER	15	13	13
DECEMBER	17	17	17
JANUARY	15	14	14
QTR 2 Totals	47	44	44
JANUARY	5	4	4
FEBRUARY	20	19	19
MARCH	19	19	19
QTR 3 Totals	44	42	42
MARCH	4	2	2
APRIL	22	22	22
MAY	20	19	19
QTR 4 Totals	46	43	43
School Year Totals	186	173	171

FUTURE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDARS ARE DEVELOPED BY THE CALENDAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND K-M LEADERSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, THEN APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. THIS TYPICALLY OCCURS IN NOVEMBER EACH YEAR. ONCE FINALIZED, THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS AND POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIRST QUARTER (41 DAYS-MS/HS & 39 DAYS-ES)

Aug. 19-20.....New Staff Workdays
 Aug. 25-27, 31.....Teacher Workdays
 Tues. Sept. 1.....First Day of School grades 5-12
 Sept. 1-2.....Conference Days at Elementary School
 Thurs. Sept. 3.....First Day of School grades K-4
 Tues. Sept. 22...Early Dismissal 12:50p @HS, 1p @MS, & 1:15p @ES
 Fri. Sept. 25.....Homecoming
 Wed. Oct. 14.....No School - Professional Development
 Oct. 15-16.....No School - Education MN (MEA)
 Thurs. Nov. 5.....Last Day of First Quarter
 Fri. Nov. 6.....No School - Teacher Workday

SECOND QUARTER (45 DAYS)

Mon. Nov. 9.....First Day of Second Quarter
 Mon. Nov. 9.....Delayed Start 10a @HS/MS, & 10:15a @ES
 Nov. 25-27.....No School - Thanksgiving Holiday Break
 Wed. Dec. 9.....Delayed Start 10a @HS/MS, & 10:15a @ES
 Wed. Dec. 23...Early Dismissal 12:50p @HS, 1p @MS, & 1:15p @ES
 Dec. 24-Jan 1.....No School - Winter Break
 Mon. Jan. 4.....School resumes after break
 Mon. Jan. 18.....No School - Professional Development
 Fri. Jan. 22.....Last Day of Second Quarter
 Mon. Jan. 25.....No School - Teacher Workday

THIRD QUARTER (44 DAYS)

Tues Jan. 26.....First Day of Third Quarter
 Mon. Feb. 15.....No School - Professional Development
 Thurs. Mar. 25.....Last Day of Third Quarter
 Fri. Mar. 26.....No School - Teacher Workday
 Mon. Mar. 29.....No School - Spring Break

FOURTH QUARTER (43 DAYS)

Tues. Mar. 30.....First Day of Fourth Quarter
 Tues. Mar. 30.....Delayed Start 10a @HS/MS, & 10:15a @ES
 Mon. Apr. 26...Early Dismissal 12:50p @HS, 1p @MS, & 1:15p @ES
 Thurs. May 27.....Last Day of School
 Fri. May 28.....Graduation/Teacher Workday



NEW STUDENTS

All new students to the
 Kasson-Mantorville
 School District must
 enroll online at
www.komets.k12.mn.us

Further assistance is
 available at 634-1142

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Nov 12 & 19, 2026

Feb 11 & 18 2027

3:30-7:30 p.m.

(Scheduled individually)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oct 22, 2026

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Jan 12, 2027

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Mar 9, 2027

3:30-6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 5, 2026

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Dec 14, 2026

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Mar 1, 2027

3:30-6:30 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION



COMMUNICATIONS FROM SCHOOL

All emergency messages from K-M Schools will be sent using our mass notification system, posted on our school website komets.k12.mn.us, social media, and shared with local news and radio stations.

We use Finalsite MessagesXR for all school and district messages sent in mass. You'll receive calls, emails, and text messages for emergencies, weather alerts, school news, events, and reminders.

Save this number to ensure messages are not classified as spam: (507) 634-1100.

Messages will be sent from these email addresses to help you clearly identify messages from school:

- Communications@komets.k12.mn.us
- KMCommunityEd@komets.k12.mn.us
- KM-Elementary@komets.k12.mn.us
- KM-MiddleSchool@komets.k12.mn.us
- KM-HighSchool@komets.k12.mn.us

Missed a Call?

Use our Message Retrieval Line: (855) 809-0403 (call from the phone that received the original message).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out
K-M Schools'
Facebook page:
[www.facebook.com/
District204](http://www.facebook.com/District204)



Follow K-M
Schools on
Instagram!
[@kmdistrict204](https://www.instagram.com/kmdistrict204)

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

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For more information about the Activities Department, visit www.komets.k12.mn.us and click on "Activities" -> "Activities Office"



Fall Sport Registration Meeting: Monday, 8/3/26 @ 6pm
Fall sports participants **MUST** be registered by 8/12/26 in order to attend practice and tryouts on 8/17/26

Sports Physical Forms are linked here or can be found on our website. Completed Physicals are good for three years.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Kasson-Mantorville Schools employs a School Resource Officer, who is also a Police Officer for the Kasson Police Department, assigned to work full time at K-M Schools. Some of our SRO's responsibilities include law enforcement, criminal investigations, classroom presentations on various topics related to law enforcement and safety, teaching DARE and most importantly, building positive relationships with our awesome students. The SRO has an office in the high school and middle school and is accessible to all schools when needed.

If you need to contact the SRO, call 507-634-1110 (HS).



INFINITE CAMPUS ANNUAL UPDATE

Access grades, attendance, schedules, fees, and meal accounts all in one place with your Infinite Campus Parent or Student Account.



Annual Update Required

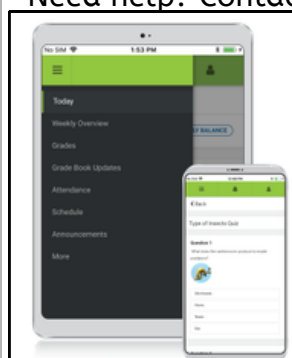
Complete the Annual Update by Friday, Aug. 28 for the 2026-27 school year. This replaces back-to-school forms and ensures we have your current addresses, contact details, health info, and permissions.

Only one parent/guardian per household should complete it.



Click here for instructions: <http://bit.ly/4wxvwIB>

Need help? Contact your school office.



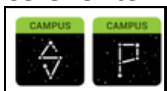
Download the Mobile App: Campus Student and Campus Parent

Announcements - Quickly see district announcements as they are posted
Assignments - Browse assignments by specific class or due date

Attendance - Review attendance events in summary and detail form

Grades - Immediate access to grades as they are posted

Schedule - Review schedule from anywhere



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



K-4 CONFERENCE & PICTURE DAYS

September 1st & 2nd

Student Conference Days allow teachers to meet individually with students and parents before the start of the school year on Sept. 3. Student Conference Days are Sept. 1-2. Parent/Guardians will have approximately 25 minutes to meet with their child's classroom teacher. During this time, the teacher will share with you important classroom and school information. Please visit [this link](#) to sign up for a time slot after August 3, when teacher assignments are viewable.

Picture Day

KMES Picture Day is
Sept. 1st & 2nd

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will be on
Tuesday October 6th from
9AM-1PM.

KMES participates in a number of programs during the year. With these programs, we either receive products to be used by the school or money that can be used to purchase items for the school. The following is a list of the programs we participate in.

***Target Take Charge of Education** - Every time you use a Target Visa or Target Guest Card, we receive 1% of the amount of your purchase.

***Casey's Rewards** - Donate your rewards points toward Casey's Cash for Classrooms.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES FOR K-4

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026



IMMUNIZATIONS

ATTENTION - Parents of incoming kindergarten students: Per state law, you must submit dates of your child's immunizations **PRIOR** to the first day of classes, or your child will not be able to attend school.

Legal exemptions are an option for any vaccine for anyone who chooses that option. This requires a signature of a notary along with parent/guardian signature(s). Please list each vaccination exemption by name on [this form](#).

School policies, "**530 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**" & "**533 WELLNESS**" can be found online at www.komets.k12.mn.us by clicking "District" -> "District policies"

KASSON-MANTORVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOURS: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

PHONE: 507-634-1234

ADDRESS: 604 16th St. NE

Kasson, MN 55944

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STAFF DIRECTORY



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 Eileen BurchAssistant
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 Tiffany Hanenberger.....Assistant
 Whitney Hanson.....Assistant
 Zulay Harris.....Assistant
 Sheila HaskinAssistant
 Rhonda Hubbard.....Assistant
 Brian Hunn.....Assistant
 April Hurley.....Custodian
 Dave Johnson.....Custodian
 Thomas Klinkhammer.....Custodian
 Alejandra Ochoa.....Assistant
 Jill Riker.....Assistant
 Jaci Robinson.....Assistant
 Robert Sanderson.....Custodian
 Holly Schaefer.....Assistant
 Deb Speer.....Assistant
 Porter Sullivan.....Custodian
 Joyce Swanson.....Assistant
 Linda Walbruch.....Assistant
 Tea Wytaske.....Assistant

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LISTS



KINDERGARTEN

1 - backpack (large enough to hold a binder, shoes, & snow gear)

1 - 1" **heavy-duty binder with clear front cover sleeve**

1 - **plastic** BLUE two-pocket folder with bottom pockets

1 - **plastic** three-prong folder

2 - wide-lined spiral notebooks, at least 70 pages

1 - large pink eraser

3 - 24-count boxes of **Crayola** crayons

2 - packs **Crayola** washable markers (**wide, classic colors**)

4 - highlighters (two colors)

4 - **WIDE EXPO** black dry erase markers

4 - **FINE EXPO** black dry erase markers

4 - **Elmer's** LARGE glue sticks

1 - pair of BLUNT scissors

1 - large box of tissues

1 - large container of disinfectant wipes

1 - 12-pack sharpened Ticonderoga pencils

2 - containers of 4oz. Playdoh

1 - Sterilite plastic pencil box 8.5"x 5.5"

Art shirt

Planner fee \$5.00 (Tentis)

Journal fee \$4.50

Tennis Shoes

Additional Donations Accepted:

Paper towels

Napkins

Quart size baggies

Paper plates

SHOES

Students need to wear non-marring athletic shoes to Physical Education.

ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of assistance, some supplies are available at the elementary office.

FIRST GRADE

1 - backpack large enough for binder, shoes & snow gear (no wheels)

24 - Ticonderoga #2 pencils (yellow, sharpened)

1 - pencil **box**

8 - **fat Expo low odor**, chisel tip, dry erase markers

3 - boxes of Crayola (24) crayons

2 - packs washable markers, wide, classic colors

4 - 3-prong folders with pockets

1 - Plastic folder

6 - large glue sticks

1 - dry erase eraser

1 - bottle Elmer's Glue

3 - wide-lined spiral notebooks

1 - pair of scissors (metal blades)

1 - large box of tissue

1 - container of disinfecting wipes

1 - pair of non-marring Shoes

1 - set of headphones*

1 - adult large old art shirt*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SECOND GRADE

(NOTE: Any supplies not specifically requested will be sent home. Do not label.

3-folders

3 - Single subject notebooks, wide rule

12- Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils, sharpened

2-Highlighters

1 - Plastic handheld pencil sharpener with filings catcher

1 - 1" 3-ring binder

1 - box of 24 crayons (no larger)

1 -pack of 12 colored pencils

1 - pack of washable markers

1 - cloth zippered pencil pouch

8 - dry erase markers (not washable)

1 - whiteboard eraser or sock

1 - large box of tissues (200+ count)

1 - Large package of Clorox Wipes

6 - small glue sticks

2- black sharpies

1 - glue bottle

1 - art shirt

1- container to hold art supplies

1-Headphones

1- non-marring shoes

1- Backpack

\$5 for a planner

THIRD GRADE

3 - folders-blue, red, & purple

1 - 1" 3-ring, hard cover binder (light colored)

1 - graphing notebook

2 - 1-subject, **wide-lined** notebook

1 - pair of scissors

1 - box of (24 count) crayons

1 - cloth, zippered pencil pouch

12 - dry erase markers (not washable kind)

1 - dry erase eraser or sock

1 - box of (200+ count)

Kleenex (unscented, non-lotion)

24 - Ticonderoga #2 yellow sharpened pencils

2 - highlighters

1 - small glue sticks

1 - container of Clorox Wipes

1 - plastic, handheld pencil sharpener with filings catcher

1 - art/paint shirt

1 - pair of headphones

1 - backpack

1- wireless computer mouse

1-pair of non-marring shoes

Supplies not specifically requested will be sent home. Most supplies will be community--please do not label.

FOURTH GRADE

Please do not label supplies

3 - wide-ruled, composition notebooks

4 - pocket folders-three-hole punched

2 - highlighters

8+ - dry erase markers

1 - dry-erase eraser or sock

1 - packs of (24 count) sharpened, Ticonderoga pencils

1- pack Colored Pencils

1 - 3 hole punch Pencil Bag

1 - pair of scissors

1 - roll of transparent Scotch tape

1 - roll of Scotch Masking

Tape

1 -pack index cards

1 - 1" binder

1 - block eraser

1 - box of (200+ count)

Kleenex

1 - container of Clorox wipes

1 - set of headphones

\$5.00 for planner

1 - art/paint shirt

1 - clear, plastic shoebox with lid

1 pair of non-marring shoes

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MIDDLE SCHOOL



GRADE 5 ORIENTATION

Please Mark Your Calendar! Our Grade 5 Student Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 3:30-4:30 pm. Students will meet their classroom teachers, receive a tour, visit with Mr. Larsen and Mrs. Simon, and discuss the transition from 4th to 5th grade. Parents and guardians are welcome to join.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The KMMS Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 4:30-6:30 pm. The Open House provides time for students to meet their teachers, walk their schedule, and set up their locker. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY NOTES

The **KMMS School Store** carries many items students may need for classes. If you need assistance attaining school supplies, contact Sarah Simon at s.simon@komtes.k12.mn.us. Classrooms are always willing to take donations of pencils, glue, scissors, colored pencils, and markers.

All backpacks must fit in lockers and must not have wheels. Band supply lists were emailed home. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Harwood at e.harwood@komets.k12.mn.us.

*Please remember to label your students' supplies.

Picture Day
KMMS Picture Day is
Thursday, September 10.

IMMUNIZATIONS

ALL GRADE 7 STUDENTS

Students in 7th grade must show proof of the Hepatitis B series, 2nd MMR, Td booster, and Meningococcal immunization.

Also, a record of either having had chicken pox or having received 2nd varicella shot must be given to school nurse before school begins.

(Must have physician's signature to verify if student had disease of varicella/chicken pox).

Questions can be directed to our school nurse at 507-634-1608.

KMMS HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FIRST BELL rings at 7:55 a.m. Students are expected to be in their seats, ready for class, when the second bell rings at 8:00 a.m.

PARENT DROP-OFF & PICKUP

before and after school is located in the front lot, or north doors.

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY all student pickups must be from the MS Office.

ADDRESS: 1400 5th Ave. NE
Kasson, MN 55944

PHONE: 507-634-4030

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026-2027 KASSON-MANTORVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR GRADES 5-8



AT KASSON-MANTORVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IN STUDENTS COMING PREPARED FOR SCHOOL AND FOR LEARNING EVERY SINGLE DAY. STUDENTS SHOULD BRING ALL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WITH THEM ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. MATERIALS WILL BE ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT CLASSES AND WITHIN KOMET TIME. IN AN EFFORT TO STREAMLINE SUPPLY PURCHASING FOR OUR K-M FAMILIES, WE HAVE CREATED ONE SUPPLY LIST FOR ALL OF OUR KMMS STUDENTS. WE ARE EXCITED FOR ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR! GO KOMETS!

- 13-POCKET EXPANDING FILE FOLDER
- (5) SINGLE-SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULE 5/6)
- (2) PACKS OF LINED INDEX CARDS
- HEADPHONES - PLEASE AVOID BLUETOOTH
- PENCIL POUCH OR BOX
- 12- PACK COLORED PENCILS
- (2) 24-PACK PENCILS
- HIGHLIGHTERS (VARIETY OF COLORS)

6TH GRADE ONLY:

- GRAPHING NOTEBOOK
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK

- VARIETY PACK OF PENS (VARIETY OF COLORS)
- (1) BLACK SHARPIE
- 4-PACK DRY ERASE MARKERS
- 8-PACK MARKERS
- CALCULATOR: TI-30 XS MULTI-VIEW (GRADES 5-8)

COLLECTED IN KOMET TIME:

- (2) BOXES OF TISSUES
- (1) CONTAINER OF CLOROX WIPES

****OTHER SUPPLIES MAY NEED TO BE PURCHASED FOR SPECIFIC COURSES OR GRADE LEVELS****

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KMHS HOURS/INFO

8 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

NEW STUDENTS:

Please contact the Counseling Office to make an appointment for class registration

CONFERENCES:

Oct. 05 (first quarter)
 Dec. 14 (second quarter)
 Mar. 01 (third quarter)

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HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE AND FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

The High School Open House will be **Wednesday, August 26** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Families are welcome to meet teachers and put supplies in lockers. **Freshmen Orientation** will also be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the MNWifi Performing Arts Center.

9TH GRADE LINK CREW ASSEMBLY

This welcome assembly and orientation is for ninth-grade students only. Have fun with your classmates and junior/senior leaders, participating in small and large group activities to get ready for High School! This fun welcome event is on the first day of school at **8 am Tues. Sept. 1, in Alerus Arena.**

2026-2027 HS SUPPLY LIST

ALL CLASSES

- 1 - Notebook **per class** (Spiral, College Ruled)
- 1 - Folder **per class**
- 1 - pack Pencils
- 1 - pack Pens (Black or Blue)
- 1 - pack Highlighters
- Book Covers
- 1 - set of Earbuds
- 1 - Planner

BIOLOGY 1 & BIOLOGY 2

- 1 - Chemical Splash Goggles (School Store)

ALL SCIENCE CLASSES

- 1 - Ruler with Metric Measurements

GENERAL, CHEMISTRY 1, & COLLEGE

- 1 - set of Chemical Splash Goggles (School Store)
- 1 - Non Programmable Scientific Calculator
- 1 - Lab/Composition Notebook (Non Spiral)
- 2 - Dry Erase Markers

ENGLISH 9, ENRICHED, & HONORS ENG

- 1 - Spiral Notebook/Highlighter for Journaling (Worden only)

NONFICTION STUDIES

- 1 - pack of Blue, Pink, & Yellow Highlighters
- 1 - pack of 3x3 Sticky Notes (Post-Its)
- 1 - pack of multicolor page flags

Some classes will have a course fee that will be available to pay in the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus through the fees tab on the side pane.

Many items can be purchased at the School Store located inside the HS Learning Center during school hours.

Phy Ed

- 1 - T-Shirt
- 1 - pair of Shorts
- 1 - pair of Socks
- 1 - pair of Tennis Shoes
- Skating/Bowling Fee of \$5-10

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

- 2 - 4x6 Ruled Index Cards

MATH CLASSES

- 1 - 3-Ring Binder
- 1 - Dry Erase Marker
- 1 - TI-84 Graphing Calculator

Personal Finance & Accounting I & II

- 1 - Basic Calculator



ATTENTION: 2027 SENIORS

Make sure to regularly check the SENIOR INFORMATION webpage for important details throughout the school year. You can find the Senior Information webpage by going to www.komets.k12.mn.us and clicking "Schools" -> "KM High School" -> "Counseling Office" -> "12th Grade - Senior Information"

K-M DRIVER EDUCATION

K-M continues to offer driver education. Classes fill up quickly. Students may register at age 14, but cannot begin classroom instruction until age 15. Register online through the [K-M Community Education website](http://www.komets.k12.mn.us). Contact Danica Thornburg or Dillon Denter d.thornburg@komets.k12.mn.us or d.denter@komets.k12.mn.us with questions.

STUDENT PICTURES!

Jostens will be taking student pictures **Sept. 15. Retakes are Oct. 20.** All students in grades 9-11 **MUST** have a picture taken. More information will be sent later.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

HOMECOMING WEEK:
Sept 21-Sept 25, 2026

PROM:
Saturday, May 1, 2027

GRADUATION:
Friday, May 28, 2027, 7pm
Alerus Arena

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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DISCOVER KMCE

We're here to support learning and fun for everyone from newborns to retirees! Whether you're looking for early childhood classes, youth sports, adult enrichment, or summer camps, there's something for every member of your family. Our office is located in the K-M Community Education Building, attached to the east side of the K-M Elementary School. Keep an eye out for our seasonal class catalogs, which are mailed to all homes in Kasson and Mantorville. You can also explore and register for classes, camps, and events anytime online at:

kmce.komets.k12.mn.us

If you're interested in helping shape our programs by joining the Community Education Advisory Council, or if you'd like to teach a class or coach, give us a call at 634-4464—we'd love to hear from you!

NEW THIS YEAR!



Introducing Arux, your new digital home for Kasson-Mantorville Community Education Programs!

Replacing Arbiter, all of our programs will now be run through Arux – a simple, mobile-friendly portal that gives you access to manage registrations, information, and schedules.

- Scan the QR code or visit <https://kmce.arux.app/>
- Create your account: Register yourself as the primary account holder.
- Add family members: Under your account settings, select Manage Family Members to add your child/children as well as any other household members to the profile.



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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

PROGRAMMING

- Early Childhood Programs
- Youth Enrichment & Recreation
- Youth Athletics & Sports Camps
- Adult Enrichment
- Health, Fitness & Wellness
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) / GED / ESL
- Child Care (ages 6wks-12yrs)
- Community Engagement / Special Events
- Family & Intergenerational Programs
- 24/7 Fitness Center
- Youth Gymnastics
- Parent/Child Classes
- Performing Arts Series



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PROJECT BEGINNINGS & PROJECT KIDS CHILD CARE

AGE SIX WEEKS THROUGH AGE 12



Project Beginnings Child Care (Ages 6 weeks-33 months) is a licensed infant and toddler program, serving children ranging in ages from 6 weeks to 33 months. Project Beginnings is focused on creating a nurturing, safe, and inclusive environment for your child to grow and develop. Available Monday-Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Preschool Project Kids Child Care (Ages 3-5) is an enrichment program designed to provide Kasson-Mantorville's preschool students with a full-day child care experience around their school readiness preschool program. The program works closely with the K-M School Readiness staff.



Project Kids School Age Care (Grades Kindergarten - Grade 6) offers child care before and after school as well as on most non-school days.

Project Kids runs year round and is open 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located in the Community Education Building.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD CARE:

<https://sites.google.com/komets.k12.mn.us/kmprojectkids>

SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL

KOMET KIDS (3 & 4 YEARS OLD) is a preliminary school readiness preschool program. The curriculum is centered around five key domains that have been shown to be most predictive of kindergarten readiness: oral language development, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, mathematics, and social-emotional development. KoMet Kids class is for children usually two years before kindergarten.



KOMET CONNECTIONS (4 & 5 YEARS OLD) is a developmentally appropriate school readiness program focusing on academics and each child's individual needs to be 'Ready to Learn' in kindergarten. Our curriculum provides intentional instruction in all learning domains: social-emotional development, oral language and vocabulary, beginning reading, beginning writing, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, physical development, and technology. Classes are taught by certified Early Childhood teachers. KoMet Connections class is for children usually one year before kindergarten.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRESCHOOL:

<https://sites.google.com/komets.k12.mn.us/kmearlyeducation/home>

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES LISTS

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please bring a copy of your child's current immunization record to your Meet the Teacher appointment in September. You can also upload it online when you do your online enrollment.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

We would like for each child to bring a change of underwear and a pair of pants in a Ziploc bag (labeled with their name) to keep at school. Occasionally we have "accidents" and the children feel more comfortable having their own clothing available to change into.

SHOES

We will be going outside and using the gym throughout the year. For your child's safety, tennis shoes and socks should be worn everyday.

SNACKS

We will be asking families throughout the year to donate snacks for the class to share. Suggestions for class snacks include crackers, cereal, fruit snacks, granola bars, fresh fruit or fruit cups, etc. If you would like to bring a special treat for your child's birthday, please let your child's teacher know in advance.

BACKPACKS

We recommend using a regular size backpack (at least 16 inches high). They are the perfect size for artwork, and your child can zip them shut in order not to lose any of their precious creations. This size backpack is also very helpful in the winter when your child's shoes need to fit inside them.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Supplies will be used by the class, no need to write the child's name on supplies.

- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 box Classic Color Crayola Washable Markers
- 4 pack Play-doh
- 1 pack Crayola Washable Project Paint (10 colors)
- 1 pack construction paper (assorted colors)
- 1 box Crayola Crayons
- 3 jumbo size glue sticks (washable disappearing purple works best)
- Snack for a class of 18: examples Cereal, Animal Crackers, Goldfish Crackers
- \$20 for classroom parties and field trips
- Change of clothes in Ziploc bag with name
- Last names A-I bring:
 - 1 pack of dry erase markers
 - 1 box Q-tips
- Last names J-Q bring:
 - 1 glue bottle
 - 1 sheet of stickers
- Last names R-Z bring:
 - 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
 - 1 pack 5 oz paper cups

MEET THE TEACHER AND PICTURE DAY

KOMET KIDS & KOMET CONNECTIONS, SEPT 1 & 2



On Sept. 1st and 2nd, parents and students will meet with their teacher before the start of the school year and take their school picture.

Parents of preschool students will receive an email detailing signup for scheduling a time to meet with the teacher. Preschoolers will begin classes for the year during the week of Sept. 3rd.



Year: 2026

Month: 7

Start Day: 1 1:Sun, 2:Mon

2026-2027

PreschoolCalendar

K-M Community Education
606 16th Street NE, Kasson, MN 55944
Phone: 507-634-4464
Fax: 507-634-1320



Meet the Teacher and School Pictures



First Days of Pre-School

No School

No A.M. Preschool

No P.M. Preschool



Last Days of Preschool

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 23 & 24 (no Prek classes)

February 10 & 17 (classes in session)

Morning Preschool: 8:30-11:00

Afternoon Preschool: 12:00-2:30

All-Day Preschool: 8:30-2:30

Early Childhood Screening

October 6

November 3

December 1

January 5

February 2

March 2

April 6

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FROM THE NURSES

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Medication forms are available to you online on our school's website: www.komets.k12.mn.us. Click on Services-> Health Services. You must complete a Medication Authorization Form if your child will be taking medications during the school day. All medications must be brought in by a parent/guardian and left in the nurse's office (this includes non-prescription meds like Tylenol, etc.). The school will not supply over-the-counter medication. Please contact the school nurse with further questions.

IMMUNIZATIONS

***Failing to abide by state law will result in your child not being able to attend school.** Prior to your student's first day of attending school, records must be submitted to the school.

*Legal exemptions are an option for any vaccine for anyone who chooses. This requires a signature of a notary along with the parent/guardian signature(s). Please list each vaccination exemption by name by clicking on [this form](https://www.health.mn.gov/people/immunize/basics/readyk12.pdf) or going to this link:
<https://www.health.mn.gov/people/immunize/basics/readyk12.pdf>

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

So much learning is accomplished through the senses of hearing and vision. For this reason, screenings are essential to help identify any barriers that may impair a student's ability to learn. The local Lion's Club will screen vision at the Elementary during Meet-the-Teacher and at the Middle School during Open House night. A student is always welcome to receive a screening at any point during the school year. Parents and teachers should call your school's building nurse with any concerns that you may have.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Minnesota State Law requires all children to be screened before entering Kindergarten and recommends Early Childhood Screening between the ages of 3 and 4-1/2 years old. This process identifies normal aspects of health development and potential problems for further evaluation. Early Childhood Screening includes developmental screen and vision, hearing, weight, and immunization review. You can register your child for screening on the K-M Community Education website. There is no charge for screening. Screening dates will be 10/6/26, 11/3/26, 12/1/26, 1/5/27, 2/2/27, 3/2/27, 4/6/27, and are listed on the Preschool Calendar.

DENTAL & FLU SHOT CLINICS



Dental Clinics: Oct. 19-20 & Apr. 19-20
Flu Shot Clinic: October 7th, 2026



NURSES

District-Wide Licensed School Nurse

Markayla Schorr
507-634-1108

Middle School Nurse

Ashley Greer
507-634-1608

Elementary School Nurse

Amanda Schroeder
507-634-1567

Early Childhood Screening Nurse

Jennifer Langemo
j.langemo@komets.k12.mn.us

VOLUNTEERS are appreciated for Early Childhood Screening days. If interested, please call Community Ed at 507-634-4464.

SCHOOL POLICIES

All K-M School Policies, including **530 Immunization Requirements**, **516 Student Medication**, and **533 Student Wellness**, can be found on the school website at www.komets.k12.mn.us-> "District"-> "District Policies"

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA, FOOD ALLERGIES, DIABETES, OR OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS?

Please share this information with the School Health Office, so we can care for your child at school. Please complete a health form update yearly and whenever your child's health status changes.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

K-M's transportation policy for walking distance to and from school is as follows:

Grades K-4.....am/pm no limitations
Grades 5-8.....am/pm 1.25 miles
Grades 9-12.....am/pm 1.5 miles

REMINDER: If you have changes to your student's transportation needs, please contact Sarah Vaith via email at transportation@komets.k12.mn.us, text 507-923-1904, or by phone at 507-634-1177.

The following links will help you also:

[Bus Behavior Tip Line Form](#)
[Transportation Change Form](#)



The Transportation Department will be emailing out busing information in August. Families can expect an email message with busing information. Overall, bus numbers, stops, and times are similar to prior years. Routes and bus assignments are created based on what families have indicated in the Infinite Campus Annual Update. It's critical every family completes this update to ensure there are no disruptions in your child's transportation services. If you are not seeing bus information for your child please update Infinite Campus as you will only be assigned once you have requested it. 📧

Reminder, all KM school buses have multiple video cameras installed for everyone's safety. These camera's have to the ability to see and hear almost everything that happens on a bus. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is something that needs to be reviewed.

REQUIRED BUS SAFETY TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

Safety first, students! The State of Minnesota mandates that all riders must undergo bus safety training and pass a test to continue enjoying regular, activity, or field trip buses. 🚌 Remember, riding the bus is a privilege, not a right! Let's ace those competencies:

- 1 Understand it's a privilege, not a right.
- 2 Know district conduct and safety policies.
- 3 Show appropriate conduct on the bus.
- 4 Explain school bus danger zones.
- 5 Master safe loading and unloading procedures.
- 6 Demonstrate safe crossing procedures.
- 7 Be ready for bus evacuation and emergencies!



📖 Learn the ropes! These competencies will be taught during the first week of school—both in class and on buses.

Heads up! Those not yet proficient will join special classes with our Transportation Director. But no worries, you can still get back on track! By the third week, we need everyone to be bus safety pros. 🎯

If needed, an evening class for parents and students will be scheduled. Together, we'll make bus riding safe and fun!



TRANSPORTATION STAFF

Kami Anderson	Kathy Packer
Tarra Boyum	Suzy Pedersen
Greg Brambrink	Jim Poff
Dale Brannan	Sheri Poff
Mark Brannan	Krissie Poffenberger
Melissa Broskoff	Paul Pongrantz
Mark Cassem	Jerry Reker
Jon Christensen	Adam Richards
Steven Dean	Keith Ryan
Paul Delzer	Jeff Schmidt
Adam Enloe	Greg Stucky
Lavonne Freerksen	Rob Thompson
Tom Fredrickson	Victoria Vincek
Al Hodge	Tena Walker
Richard Martin	Matthew Weiland
Judy McAdams	Marsha West
Kayla Mulholland	Tea Wytaske
Allen O'Donnell	

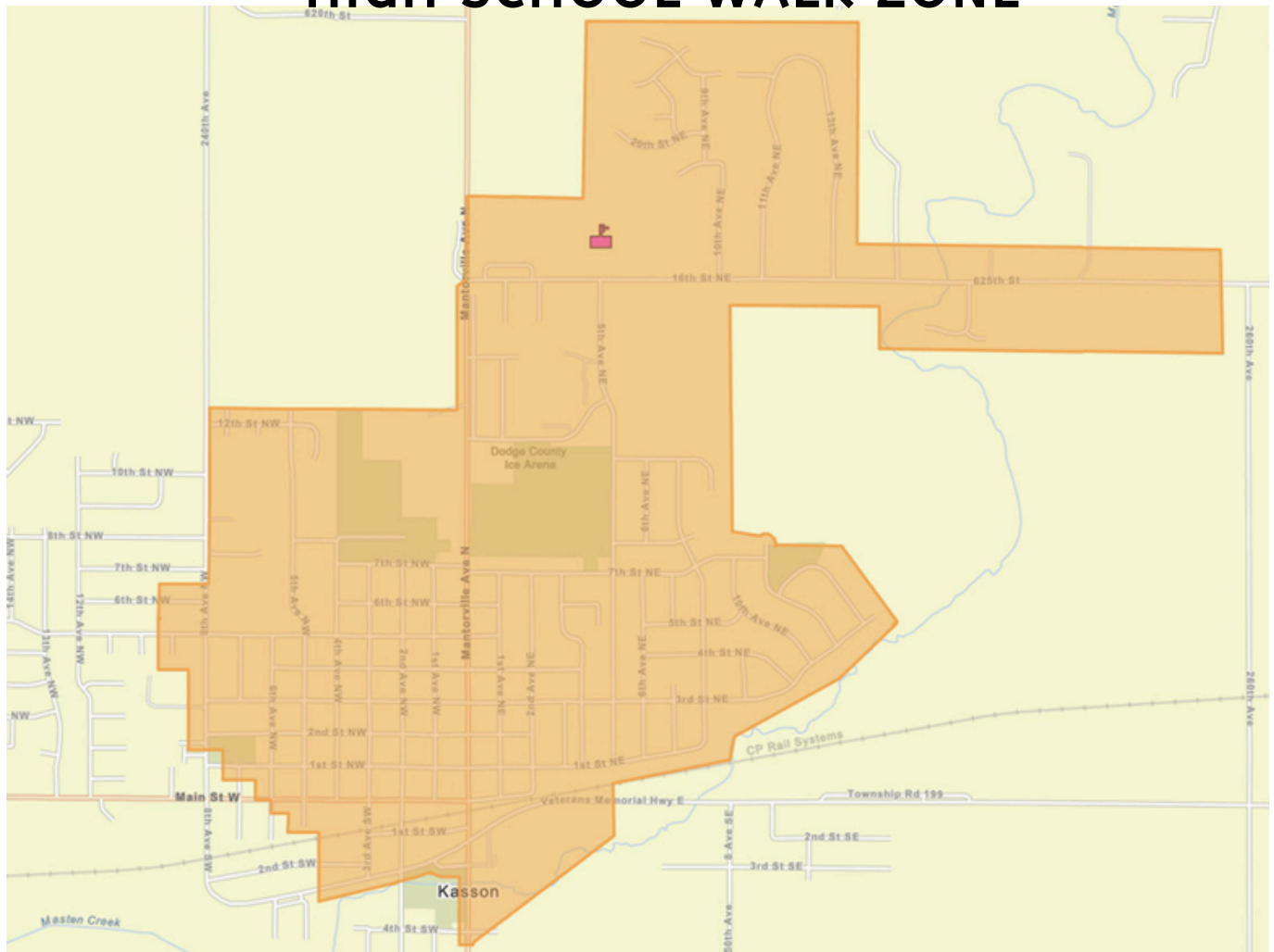
Sarah Vaith
Transportation Director
transportation@komets.k12.mn.us
507-634-1177 office
507-923-1904 cell

REMINDERS FOR RIDING THE BUS

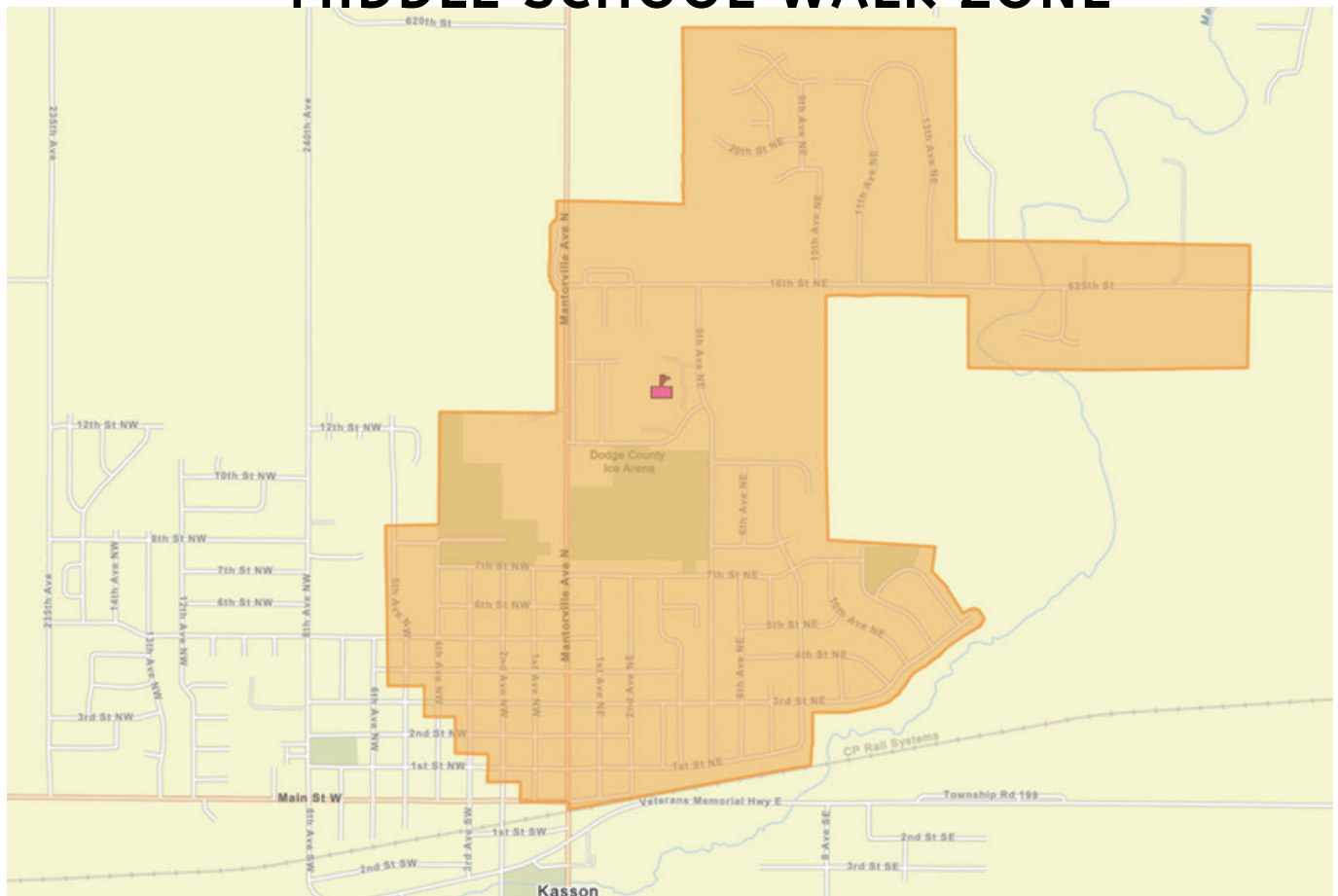
- Students should be at bus stops five minutes before the bus comes.
- During the first week of school, the bus drivers ask that students please come to their bus stops 10 minutes early.
- All students who need to cross the road at their bus stop, please wait for the bus driver to signal you across.
- Students must act responsibly and show respect for property at all bus stops.

HIGH SCHOOL WALK ZONE

HIGH SCHOOL WALK ZONE



MIDDLE SCHOOL WALK ZONE



NOTIFICATIONS

PHOTOGRAPH AND AUDIO/VIDEO TAPE PERMISSION

Each year, Kasson-Mantorville School District and Zumbro Education District share information about school activities and student achievements with the community through newspapers, media outlets, district publications, websites, and official district social media platforms. Student names, photos, videos, and audio recordings may be used to recognize students and highlight school events, programs, concerts, activities, and educational experiences.

Students may also be photographed, audio recorded, or video recorded for instructional, educational, or publicity purposes.

If you **DO NOT** want your student's name, photo, video, or audio recording shared publicly through newspapers, media outlets, district publications, websites, or official district social media platforms, please sign the form below and return it to the school.

Parents/guardians may also opt their student out of having a school photo taken on picture day. Please note that opting out of school pictures may also result in the student not appearing in the yearbook.

NOTE: If this form is not returned to the school, the District will assume permission is granted to include your student in publicity and communication activities.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please complete and return to the building front office where your child attends school.

_____ No, I do not give permission to include my child(ren) in publicity activities, photos, videos, or audio recordings.

_____ No, I do not want my child(ren) to participate in school picture day photography.

Student Name(s)	Grade	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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OPT OUT FOR STUDENT STATEWIDE TESTING

Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 4a, requires the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to publish a form for parents/guardians to complete if they refuse to have their student participate in state-required standardized assessments. It includes some basic information to help parents/guardians make informed decisions that benefit their child and their school and community. The form to meet this legislative requirement is available at the link below. When completed, it must be returned to your student's district; your student's district may require additional information.

[Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing](#)

MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENT DATA

An amendment to the Data Practices Act, M.S. 13.32, Subd. 5a provides the following: A secondary institution shall release to military recruiting officers the names, addresses, and home telephone numbers of students in grades 11 and 12 within 60 days after the date of request, except as otherwise provided by this subdivision. A secondary institution shall give parents and students notice of the right to refuse release of this data to military recruiting officers. Notice may be given by any means reasonably likely to inform the parents and students of the right. Data released to military recruiting officers, under this subdivision: (1) may be used only for the purpose of providing information to students about military service; and (2) shall not be further disseminated to any other person except personnel of the recruiting services of the armed forces.

Pursuant to the requirements of ISD #204 regarding "military recruiter access to student data" (M.S. 13.32, Subd. 5a) the above constitutes the School District's annual notification to parents and students regarding military recruitment.

This notification must be given to the building principal within thirty (30) days of the publication notice.

_____ No, I do not give permission to release my child(ren)'s data to military recruiting officers.

Student Name(s)	Grade	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Please complete and return to the KMHS Guidance Office, 101 16th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944.

NOTIFICATIONS

DISTRICT SURVEYS TO COLLECT STUDENT INFORMATION; PARENT NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT

Pursuant to the requirements of ISD #204 regarding "District Surveys to Collect Student Information; Parent Notice and Opportunity for Opting Out" (Minn. Stat. § 121A.065), the school district gives parents and students notice of policy 520 Student Surveys. Parents will be informed at the beginning of the school year, if the district has identified specific or approximate dates for administering surveys and will give parents reasonable notice of planned surveys scheduled after the start of the school year. The district will give parents direct, timely notice when their students are scheduled to participate in a student survey by U.S. mail, email, or another direct form of communication. The district will give parents the opportunity to review the survey and to opt their students out of participating in the survey. This notification constitutes the school district's annual notification to parents and students regarding student surveys.

HS SURVEYS

MN Student Survey

(every three years; gr. 5, 8, 9, & 11) - next in 2028

SAEBRS - September, January, & May

MS SURVEYS

Student Wellness Survey - September & March

SAEBRS - September, January, & May

Student Engagement Survey - March/April

Student Life Survey - May

ES SURVEYS

Healthy Kids Survey - October & April/May

SAEBRS (gr. 2-4) - September, January, & May

DIRECTORY & YEARBOOK INFORMATION

REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT RECORDS:

Notice is hereby given: Kasson-Mantorville District School Board Policy **515 PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF PUPIL RECORDS:** under Minnesota law, **a school district may NOT designate** a student's home address, telephone number, email address, or other personal contact information as "directory information." Directory information at Kasson-Mantorville Schools does **NOT** include:

- >a student's social security number, telephone listing, electronic mail address, date and place of birth, student's parent(s)' address, telephone number;
- >a student's identification number (ID), user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by a student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems if the identifier may be used to access education records without use of one or more factors that authenticate the student's identity such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user;
- >a student ID or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge if the identifier can be used to gain access to educational records when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the student's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the student;
- >personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position, or nationality; or
- >data collected from nonpublic school students, other than those who receive shared time educational services, unless written consent is given by the student's parent or guardian.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY

Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools uses a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software are utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools posted on our Technology website: <https://sites.google.com/komets.k12.mn.us/k-m-technology/home> This list includes an outline of the student data elements within each tool. This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year.

Please contact us with questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF POLICIES: [515 Protection and Privacy of Pupils Records](#), [503.4 Homeless Students](#), [522 Title IX Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy](#), [609 Religion and Religious and Cultural Observances](#), and [722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests](#). All our policies can be found on our website at www.komets.k12.mn.us by clicking "District"-> "District Policies," or by clicking this paragraph.

NOTIFICATIONS

2026-2027 SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH KM SCHOOLS

Kasson-Mantorville Schools provides support to students through a full range of special education services. Students with disabilities are eligible for special education and related services when they meet IDEA's definition of a "child with a disability" in combination with state and local policies. IDEA's definition of a "child with a disability" lists 13 different disability categories under which a child may be found eligible for special education and related services.

If a student is identified as having a disability, an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is developed cooperatively between parents and school staff.

The special services provided by Kasson-Mantorville Schools include the following:

- **Audiology**
- **Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)**
- **Developmental Adapted PhyEd (DAPE)**
- **Developmental Cognitive Disability (DCD)**
- **Developmental Delay (Early Childhood)**
- **Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (EBD)**
- **Extended School Year (ESY)**
- **Hearing Impaired (HI)**
- **Occupational Therapy (OT)**
- **Other Health Disability (OHD)**
- **Physical Therapy (PT)**
- **Physically Impaired (PI)**
- **School Psychological Services**
- **School Health Services**
- **School Social Worker Services**
- **Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)**
- **Speech/Language Therapy (SL)**
- **Visually Impaired (VI)**

State of Minnesota and federal funds are used to help support special education programs. Parents and community members may review applications, reports, and evaluations of District activities supported by these funds.

For general information or if you suspect that your child (age birth through 22) may be in need of special services, contact District Special Education Director, **Nicole Kujath**
n.kujath@komets.k12.mn.us or
 507-634-1101.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 is an Act which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1) has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working);

2) has a record of such impairment; or

3) is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the K-M School District

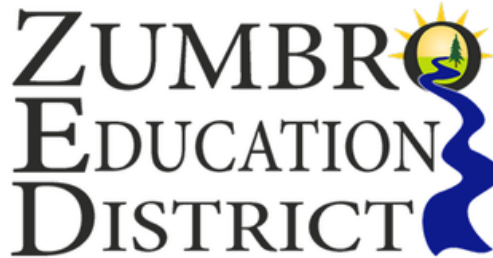
has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the district.

The student's school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the determination made by the staff of the district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to 1) inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2) make copies of these records; 3) receive a list of all individuals having access to those records; 4) ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5) ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and 6) a hearing on the issue if the district refuses to make the amendment. If there are questions, please feel free to contact Special Education Director, Nicole Kujath, who also serves as the District 504 Coordinator.

NOTIFICATIONS

SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH ZUMBRO EDUCATION DISTRICT



Zumbro Education District (ZED) provides many required services for special education as well as additional services for regular education. Since districts have so few students in some of these areas, it is more efficient to provide these through ZED. Services provided to the ZED member districts (Blooming Prairie, Byron, Hayfield, Kasson-Mantorville, Stewartville, and Triton) include the following:

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES/STAFF

- Special Education Director (must have Director's License)
- School Psychologist
- Autism/Behavior Specialist
- Early Childhood Specialist
- Education Coordinator
- Early Childhood Evaluation Manager
- Birth to three Speech/Language Pathologist
- Assistive Technology Consultant
- Teacher for Visually Impaired
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Teacher for Deaf-Hard of Hearing
- Educational Audiology Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physical Health Disabilities
- Licensed Consultant
- Extended School Year center-based program
- Child Find Activities/Federal Child Count
- Specialized Special Education Staff Development to Meet Identified Training Needs
- Third Party Billing Services Specialist and training
- Special Education due process and file compliance training

PROGRAMS

- ZED Campus (setting IV program for special education students grades K-12)
- Transition 2 Success (transition program for special education students ages 18-22)
- Birth-3 (home-based programming for special education students ages birth to 3 years old)
- Area Learning Center (alternative programming for students in grades 6-12)

GENERAL EDUCATION SERVICES/STAFF

- Multi-tiered Systems of Support Consultant
- Reading Interventionist
- Ongoing training in Curriculum-Based Measurement (FAST) and Problem Solving Model
- Carl Perkins Grant coordinator (career technical education initiatives)
- Minnesota Career Information Systems
- Traveling Art Show
- Gifted and Talented Specialist
- Professional Staff Development
- Dodge County Family Services Collaborative mandatory partner
- Community Child Find Activities
- Child Care Provider Trainings
- Region 10 Projects Fiscal Host
- English Learner Interventionist and consulting
- Parapro Assessment Testing Center

MEETINGS/COUNCILS

- Special Education Coordinator meetings
- Superintendent Council
- Governing Board
- Principal Leadership
- ZED Advisory Council (general education staff, general education administration)
- ZED SPED Advisory Council (SPED staff, SPED parents)
- Gifted/Talented Committee
- Interagency Early Intervention Committee

MEETINGS/COUNCILS

- ZED Activity Day
- Career Resource Fair
- Guardianship information night for parents
- Birth-to-six family activities (Fall Family Event, Family Fun Night)
- Creative Writing Contest
- Academic Triathlon
- Science fair
- Choral Festival
- Summer Academy
- Transition Fall Rec/Leisure Day Special Education

For more information about ZED programs and services, visit our website at www.zumbroed.org You can also subscribe to our electronic newsletter when you visit our homepage.

NOTIFICATIONS

TITLE I NOTIFICATION

The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title I also ensures that all children will reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Title I is a program funded by the Federal Government to give students extra help in reaching and mathematics. At Kasson-Mantorville Elementary, Title I is a targeted assistance program, which means all teachers are considered Title I and all students are Title I students. The intent of the program is to provide supplemental instruction to students not yet successful in achieving standards at their grade level.

Any students may receive help in Title I. Teacher recommendations, classroom performance, and test results are used to select children who could benefit from instruction. Teachers work in small groups or individually. Title I attempts to further the child's education through more practice and more small group instruction to raise their level of achievement.

Parents have the right to access information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including the following: whether the teacher is licensed for the grades and subjects assigned; whether the teacher is teaching with a waiver; the academic preparation of the teacher; and whether their child is provided services by a paraprofessional and their qualifications. If you would like to discuss the Title I program, please call Mr. Eric Schofield at 507-634-1234.

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER TESTING

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every five years. Kasson-Mantorville Schools has historically conducted and continues to conduct Lead in Drinking Water testing per the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. If found, the District remediates lead levels following the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and completes retesting prior to use. Lead in water testing was last completed on May 11, 2022.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Kasson-Mantorville Schools is committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, marital status, with regard to public assistance, disability, or any other group or class against which discrimination is prohibited by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 363, and other applicable state or federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance should be referred to Teaching & Learning Director Jessica Marquardt, who also serves as the District Human Rights Officer.

HOMELESS EDUCATION

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines "homeless children and youth" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This may include children and youth living in a shelter; in a motel or campground due to the lack of adequate alternative accommodations; in a car, park, or abandoned building; or doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

If you believe your children may qualify, please contact Abigail Bense, KM Homeless Liaison, at a.bense@komets.k12.mn.us or 507-634-1153. [42 U.S.C. 11432\(g\)\(6\)\(A\)\(vi\)](#), McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)



HEALTH & SAFETY INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Kasson-Mantorville Schools has an indoor air quality management plan. The management plan outlines specific policies and procedures that will be used to address indoor air quality issues. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality, or would like to use the EPA tools for schools checklists, please contact the district indoor air quality coordinator, JJ Williams at 507-634-1172 or jj.williams@komets.k12.mn.us

NOTIFICATIONS

KASSON-MANTORVILLE SCHOOLS PESTICIDE NOTICE

All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property. Pesticides include chemicals that are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law (M.S. 123B.575, Subd. 9). In order to provide the required information, schools must maintain a list of parents/guardians and school employees who request notification. Schools must also provide information about individual pesticide applications upon request, including the name of the pesticide product and the time and location of the planned application. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the Buildings & Grounds Office. Pesticides and non-chemical treatments may be used in combination in and around schools for a variety of reasons, including the control of pests that have the potential to bite, sting, spread disease, cause asthma, and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Pesticides may also be used to prevent or control damage to materials within the school building or to the school building itself, or to control pests or weeds that are seen as a nuisance. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their smaller size and rapid growth and development. Also, their playful behavior may expose them to more pesticide residue. To limit the potential pesticide exposure, this school follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products, which are used in and around school buildings, are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including building sites, application rates, re-entry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. To be notified about pesticide applications, please contact JJ Williams at 507-634-1172 or jj.williams@komets.k12.mn.us

AHERA ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

During the past school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- "Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice."

- Semi-Annual (1) Periodic Surveillance Inspection and third year Inspection
 - Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)
 - Training of District Personnel Kasson-Mantorville Schools has contracted through the Southeast Service Cooperative with the Institute for Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services.
- The complete updated Asbestos Management Plan for Kasson-Mantorville Schools can be found in the Buildings & Grounds Office or in the administrative office. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.25 per page. Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to JJ Williams at 507-634-1172.

NOTIFICATIONS

MINNESOTA K-12 EDUCATION TAX CREDIT & SUBTRACTION

Income Tax Fact Sheet

Minnesota has two programs to help families pay expenses related to their child's kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) education: the K-12 Education Subtraction and the K-12 Education Credit. Both programs lower the tax you must pay and may even provide a larger refund when you file your Minnesota income tax return.

The amount of your subtraction or credit is based on the actual qualifying expenses you paid during the year for your child's K-12 education - for which you have documentation - up to the maximum amount allowed.

Required Documentation

To claim either the subtraction or credit, you must have documentation (such as itemized receipts or invoices) to prove all specific qualifying expenses. Be sure to save your receipts and other documentation. The Minnesota Department of Revenue may ask you to provide these for review.

You may claim the subtraction and credit only to the extent of your actual expenses, and you cannot use the same expenses to claim both the subtraction and the credit.

We may require additional information, including the name of the organization or the qualified instructor to whom you paid fees for classroom or individual instruction.

Eligibility Requirements

To claim either the subtraction or credit, you must have paid qualifying expenses during the year to help your qualifying child's K-12 education. For details, see the "Qualifying Child" and "Qualifying Expenses" sections.

What is the subtraction and who qualifies?

If you purchased educational material or services for your child's K-12 education, you may be able to subtract your qualifying expenses from your taxable income (up to certain maximum amounts) when you file your Minnesota income tax return.

Unlike the K-12 Education Credit, there is no income limit to qualify for the K-12 Education Subtraction. Although you may qualify for the subtraction regardless of your filing status, your child must have attended a school located in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.

What is the credit and who qualifies?

The education credit is a refundable credit that reduces your state income tax liability. If you qualify, you may claim a credit on your Minnesota income tax return equal to 75% of the qualifying expenses you paid during the year for your child's K-12 education, up to the maximum amounts.

For tax years 2022 and earlier you must use household income to see if you qualify for the K-12 Education Credit.

Generally, household income includes your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) plus nontaxable income. To calculate household income, see the line instructions for Schedule M1ED, K-12 Education Credit.



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MINNESOTA K-12 EDUCATION TAX CREDIT & SUBTRACTION

To qualify for the education credit, your filing status must not be Married Filing Separately.

Additionally, your adjusted gross income must be below a certain limit for the year.

Income requirements. To qualify for the credit, your adjusted gross income must be under a certain limit based on the number of qualifying children you have in grades K-12 (see Qualifying child).

If your total number of qualifying children is:	Your household income limit is:
1 or 2	\$81,820
3	\$84,820
More than 3	\$87,820, plus \$3,000 for each additional child

Qualifying Child

A qualifying child must meet all of these requirements:

- Meet the definition of a qualifying child for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit
- Have been in grades K-12 during the year
- Have attended public or private school

Qualifying Expenses & Additional Info

Go to <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/k-12-education-subtraction-and-credit-0>

Assistance

Additional forms and information, including fact sheets and frequently asked questions, are available on Dept of Revenue website.

Website: www.revenue.state.mn.us

Email: individual.incometax@state.mn.us

Phone: 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094

Does your child have health insurance? If not, help may be available.

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families qualify.

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>.



TAHER FOOD SERVICE

2026-2027 LUNCH INFO

Lunch and breakfast meals are free for all students.

STUDENT MEALS / A LA CARTE PURCHASES

MEALS are defined as a tray containing three of the five following components:

- 1) Meat/meat alternatives
- 2) Grain
- 3) Fruit
- 4) Vegetable
- 5) Milk

Any tray not containing the required components will be charged full price. Food Service staff will make every effort to assist students in meeting the component requirement, so their meals are free.

Any other a la carte items or extra items will be charged to the student's lunch account, i.e. extra milk, extra meals, cookies, drinks, fruit snacks, etc.

Students that bring a cold lunch from home that would like milk or any other beverage will pay full price for that beverage.

Students must have a positive lunch account balance to purchase a la carte items. A la carte are considered extra items and are NOT included in free meals.

All snacks sold at school (Middle and High School) must meet the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Guidelines. If you would like more information about these guidelines, go to www.healthiergeneration.org

If you do not want your student to purchase extra breakfast or lunch meals, or a la carte items, please call the Food Service office (634-4462) or send an email to hs.kitchen@komets.k12.mn.us to place your request. A block will be placed on your child's account, and he/she will not be able to purchase a la carte on their lunch accounts. Blocks will carry over year to year, unless we receive notice from a parent/guardian.

Payments are accepted at all three schools and online payments are available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to KM SCHOOLS and send to: Taher, Inc. (located at the Kasson-Mantorville High School) 101 16th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944. One check is acceptable for all children in your family. In the memo section on your check, please note student name(s) and/or how the check should be divided. If no name is in the memo, the amount will be automatically split between all students in your family. Please request a cash receipt when paying with cash. The Food Service Department is not responsible for cash payments without a receipt. Our staff will be set up at the various schools during Open Houses to accept lunch payments and answer questions about our program.



OUR MISSION

Recognizing that good nutrition has a positive effect on learning and good health, our mission and commitment is to provide high quality, fresh wholesome foods and nutritionally-balanced and appealing menu selections to every student and staff at K-M Schools. We will strive to offer foods which are minimally processed, minimizing trans fats and reducing saturated fat, added sugars and artificial ingredients. We incorporate fresh, regionally-grown produce whenever feasible. Our menus are analyzed for nutrient balance, and each of our recipes meets our stringent standards promoting the wellbeing of our customers. Additionally, we commit to assist in educating our elementary customers to adopt a more nutritious lifestyle with classroom education by our Food Service Director, a Registered Dietitian. Menus and their nutritional analysis are posted monthly on the KoMet website under "Food Service Department." The lunch program utilizes a computerized lunch ticket system with picture IDs.

Breakfast is offered daily at all schools before the start of school. There is no charge for breakfast for any students this year.

Elementary students receive a hot lunch along with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. All meals meet the USDA recommendations for the new food guidelines.

Middle School and High School students and staff have the choice of regular hot lunch, deli sandwiches, Grab & Go salads, and a wide variety of fresh choices. We offer homemade Taher pizza on our Pizza Parlor line on specific week days. This meal includes a slice of pizza, choice of fruit, vegetable and milk.

LACTOSE INTOLERANT STUDENTS Parents of lactose-intolerant students can make a written request to have the school provide lactose-reduced milk for their students. The written request should be directed to the Food Service Office, and we will arrange for the individual school site to order lactose-reduced milk from our vendor for those students involved. We cannot offer juice as a substitute for milk.

PEANUT AND OTHER FOOD ALLERGIES Please contact the Food Service Office if your child has special diet needs. In order to provide a special diet, we will need a note from your child's physician. We will make every attempt at providing a substitution within reason. If an item contains peanuts or peanut butter, it will be appropriately labeled.

LUNCH ACCOUNT & LOW BALANCE NOTIFICATION All students receive an individual lunch account. Students are assigned a lunch number that carries over year to year. If you do not use your account, please call our office to have it inactivated. All active lunch accounts will receive low lunch balance notifications via email, when balances fall below \$6 and each subsequent day the balance remains below that amount. Students will be reminded at Point of Sale that their balance is below \$6. Parents will be called weekly when the account hits a negative balance of \$10 and will be asked to bring a bag lunch after a negative balance of \$25. Parents can view their child's lunch purchases and lunch balance on the Parent Portal at any time. No a la carte items are sold to students with a negative balance.

Additional info may be found in our [School Meals Policy](#).

TAHER FOOD SERVICE

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FRAM Applications for Educational Benefits should still be completed by families to qualify for educational benefits, such as reduced class fees, reduced activity fees, program scholarships, and more.

Applications for educational benefits are accepted at any time during the school year and are available to complete online here: <https://kassonmantorville.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/kassonmantorville.jsp> --> **log in and choose "More" in the left hand column at the bottom --> then, choose "Meal Benefits."** The application is also on page 35 of this KoMet Report. If you have a new application, please submit it to the District Office prior to school starting if you would like to receive educational benefits beginning on the first day of school. Please keep in mind that applications may take a few days to process.

Please pay any negative lunch balances that carried over from the previous school year before school starts. Parents and students can view their lunch transactions and lunch balance at any time on the Parent Portal:

<https://kassonmantorville.infinitecampus.org/campus/kassonmantorville.jsp>

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Although no application is required to receive free meals, FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS IS STILL IMPORTANT!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school offers healthy meals each day. We are part of Minnesota's Free School Meals Program. All students can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Although no application is required to receive this free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Education Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced program, class, and activity fees, and more. Your application also helps the district to receive additional funding, which supports various educational opportunities and provides grants and scholarships for our students and families.

To apply, complete online here:

<https://kassonmantorville.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/kassonmantorville.jsp> --> **log in and choose "More" in the left hand column at the bottom --> then, choose "Meal Benefits."**

Who should complete this application? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can qualify for additional non-meal benefits without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can qualify for additional non-meal benefits if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size in the instructions on the next page below.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get non-meal educational benefits? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify. Children may be eligible depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for you to complete an application.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval, will be protected as private data. For more information, see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval.

If you have other questions or need help, call 634-1100 or email Karlyn Petersen at k.petersen@komets.k12.mn.us

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

MAXIMUM TOTAL INCOME

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2026-27 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown (**gross earnings before deductions**, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

House size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Add each +1	10,508	876	438	405	203

Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.
- Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
- Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
 - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
 - Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.
 - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
 - Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
 - Any Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from all other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.

Step 4: Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Do not share" box in Step 4.

Optional: Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

Mail or return completed form to: (School/District Information)

2026-27 Application for Educational Benefits

STEP 1: List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Read How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If children in the household attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application at each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (Y)
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						☐
						☐
						☐
						☐

STEP 2: Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFP or FDIPI? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3.

If YES > Enter SNAP, MFP or FDIPI Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) _____ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

STEP 3: Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member: XXX-XX-☐☐☐☐ Or Check if Adult has No SSN: ☐ Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults) ☐

B. Child Income.

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$	☐	☐	☐	☐

C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself). For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs				Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?		Any Other Gross Income						
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$	☐	☐	\$	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
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STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature. "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

☐ I have checked this box if I do not want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form Daytime Phone

Address (if available) Apt# City Zip

SIGN HERE: Signature of Household Adult Date

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use Conversions to Annualize All Income:	X52	X26	X24	X12	X1	☐ Verified? Attach Tracker	☐ No change	☐ Free After Verified	☐ Reduced After Verified	☐ Denied After Verified
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2X Month	Monthly	Annualize					
All Total Income (include child and adult income)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Household Size:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Determining Official Signature: _____ Date: _____										
Confirming Official Signature: _____ Date: _____										

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one): ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Step Two: Race (check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
- Earnings from work - Social Security - Disability payments - Survivor's benefits - Income from person outside the household - Income from any other source	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages - A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security - A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits - A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money - A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
- Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) - Net income from self-employment (farm or business) - If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Cash Assistance from State or local government - Supplemental Security Income - Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	- Social Security - Disability benefits - Regular income from trusts or estates - Annuities - Investment income - Rental income - Regular cash payments from outside household

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number.' Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

At public school districts and charter schools, each student's eligibility status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law.

Nondiscrimination statement: In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

KASSON-MANTORVILLE FOOD FOR FRIENDS

What is Food for Friends?

Food for Friends is a program that provides nutritious, child-friendly, and easy-to-prepare foods to Kasson-Mantorville students who would benefit from additional assistance on weekends and on school breaks. There is no cost to the student or family to participate in Food For Friends.

- Preschool and Elementary: Students receive a backpack filled with food on a weekly basis.
- Middle School: Students can access an in-school food shelf on a weekly basis.
- High School: Students can access an in-school food shelf on a weekly basis.

How can I sign my student up?

Application is below or can be picked up in the Elementary/Middle School Office or by contacting the below contacts. High School students can contact the Guidance Office at 507-634-2981.

Interested in donating to Food for Friends? Make an online payment at:

<http://stjohnskasson.org/food-for-friends/>

Checks can be made payable to Food for Friends and dropped off in the offices at KMES, KMMS or St. John's Lutheran Church.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS APPLICATION

If you are interested in receiving Food for Friends, please complete, sign, and return the bottom of this form to the office or mail the form to the address below:

K-M ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

c/o Jackson Hull
604 16th St. NE
Kasson, MN 55944

K-M MIDDLE SCHOOL

c/o Jesse Torres
1400 5th Ave NE
Kasson, MN 55944

You will be contacted at a later date about eligibility and start dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Hull or Mr. Torres at j.hull@komets.k12.mn.us or j.torres@komets.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely, Jackson Hull and Jesse Torres, School Social Workers

FOOD FOR FRIENDS PROGRAM

Please indicate children who live in your household for the 2026-2027 school year Student

Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Allergies: _____

*I give my permission to share this information to Food for Friends committee members and St. John's Lutheran Church for the purpose of meeting program needs and delivering food to students.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national nonprofit with one mission: no kid sleeps on the floor in our town – and that includes the Kasson and Mantorville communities. There is no cost to receive a bed and no income guidelines. If a child doesn't have a bed, SHP wants to help.

Scan the QR code or visit the links below to apply for a bed or to support a family in our community:

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