EPPLER EXPRESS

November 2, 2026

this week

Monday, November 2	Tuesday, November 3	Wednesday, November 4
• College Gear Monday • Chess Club, Rm 118, 2:55 - 3:55 pm • StuCo Officer Meeting at Lunch Counseling Office • 7 Football v Jeannette @ Swinehart (7th ONLY) 3:30 PM	 • Election Day No Students	• StuCo Meeting Media Center 7:00 AM • StuCo Donut Sale 1st Hour • StuCo Jets Pizza Fundraiser (21 and VanDyke) 4:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday,, November 5	**Friday, November 6**	**Saturday, November 7**
• Homework Club, 2:55 - 3:55 pm, Media Center • Magic: The Gathering, Room 126, 2:50 - 3:45 pm • AP Exam Deposit Payment Due • Pathways to Success @ HFII 6:00 – 8:30 pm Postponed.	• AVID Bagel Sales, 2nd Hr • MSU / U of M Spirit Day 	• Saturday School, Media Center, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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UCS Handbook
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Eppler Chieftain Code of Conduct:
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Reasonable... And above all, be kind to everyone.

Upcoming Activities

next week

Monday, November 9	Tuesday, November 10	Wednesday, November 11
• College Gear Monday • Chess Club, Rm 118, 2:55 -3:55 pm • Counselor SEL Presentations in English 7 Classes • UHS Drama Day Eppler Drama / Theater Students Visit Utica High • StuCo Sells Fall Dance Tickets All Lunches	• Homework Club Media Center 2:55- 3:55 PM • Counselor Presentations in English 8 Classes • StuCo Sells Fall Dance Tickets All Lunches • Pokémon TCG Club Room 106 2:50 – 3:50 PM	• Counselor Presentations in English 9 Classes • StuCo Sells Fall Dance Tickets All Lunches • NJHS Meeting Media Center 3:00 – 4:00 PM • Yearbook Dairy Queen Utica Fundraiser 4:00 – 9:00 PM
Thursday, November 12	**Friday, November 13**	**Saturday, November 14**
• Homework Club Media Center 2:55- 3:55 PM • Magic: The Gathering Room 126 2:50 – 3:45 PM • 9th Grade Yearbook Field Trip to UHS 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM • StuCo Sells Fall Dance Tickets All Lunches	• Hawiian Spririt Day • Fall Luau Dance 3:00 – 5:00 pm • AVID Bagel Sales 2nd Hour • 8th Grade Specialty Program Applications Due at 4:00 PM	• Saturday School Media Center 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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Eppler All Staff Contact Information HERE

Click here to view the 2026-2027 Districit Calendar

New Eppler Information

Donation Program

EPPLER CHIEFTAIN PRIDE

Donation Program

No Buying! No Selling! No Hassle!

100% of your donation directly benefits our school!

100% tax deductible

Name _____

Eppler Student(s) _____

Donation Amount $_____

Please make checks payable to: **EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH**

All money received is used to benefit students in a variety of ways:

Donations of school supplies are always welcome. Below is a list of the most popular items that we go through.

Pencils, glue sticks, 3x5 index cards, black and blue Expo markers, colored pencils, crayons, lined paper (loose leaf), facial tissue, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes. These items can be dropped off in the main office.

Purchase of Resources to Provide Every Child an Excellent Education Experience

Thank you for your generous support!

Yearbook

2026-2027 EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

IT'S MORE THAN A YEARBOOK

It's a collection of moments that define your year.

Order by: 11/20/26
Price: $44.00

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!
www.jostens.com/bts/1063174
(877) 767-5217
*Choose from a variety of easy payment options at checkout.**

PERSONALIZE YOUR COVER

Make your yearbook one of a kind by personalizing the cover with your name and icons that represent your unique interests.



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

See more of yourself and your friends in the yearbook.

STEP 1.
Scan the QR code to get started.

Or go to:
photos.jostens.com/upload

STEP 2.
Upload your favorite photos from the year.

STEP 3.
Tag yourself and your friends in the photos.

*Minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply. Taxes, service fees and delivery fees will be added, if applicable. One-time use. Exclusions apply (tax, shipping, gift cards, past purchases). Cannot be combined with other offers. Promo period varies by school, valid only during your school's selected dates. See https://www.jostens.com/officialrules/ for terms.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 6
Support your favorite team!
Participate in a Fun lunch activity
U OF M VS. MSU SPIRIT DAY
Sponsored by Student Council


GET OUT YOUR GRASS SKIRT & FLOWERED SHIRT!
LUAU DANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
3:00PM-5:00PM
Live DJ & Dancing
Temporary Tattoo Station
Photo Booth
Free Hawaiian Lei
Basketball
LUNCH PRE-SALE 11/9-11/12
DANCE TICKETS - $5.00 EACH
PIZZA SLICE - $2.00 EACH
POP/WATER - $2.00 EACH
CANDY - $2.00 EACH
MEAL DEAL - $5.00
(1 PIZZA SLICE, 1 DRINK, 1 CANDY)
A STUCO SPONSORED EVENT


HAWAIIAN SPIRIT DAY
Come dressed in your flowered shirts, grass skirts, leis, or anything tropical!
FRIDAY
NOVMEBER 13

Year Long Eppler Information

Daily Schedule

EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
DAILY SCHEDULE

1ST HOUR 7:55 – 8:53 AM

2ND HOUR 8:59 -9:55 A

3RD HOUR 10:01 – 10:57 AM

4TH HOUR 11:03 – 12:42 PM

A Lunch 11:03 – 11:34 Lunch
11:40 – 12:42 Class

B Lunch 11:03 – 11:34 Class
11:40 – 12:05 Lunch
12:11 – 12:42 Class

C Lunch 11:03 – 12:05 Class
12:11 – 12:42 Lunch

5TH HOUR 12:48 – 1:44 PM

6TH HOUR 1:50 – 2:46 PM

Doors will open at 7:30 am for breakfast. First bell rings at 7:45 AM.

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1ST EXAM 7:55 – 9:23 AM
2ND EXAM 9:29 – 10:57 AM

BE PROMPT!



Handbook

On September 10, 2026, we met with 7th, 8th and 9th grade students to address the 2026-2027 Student and Parent Handbook. Below you will find a few key points that we went over with all the students. Everything that we addressed can be found in the UCS 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook.

- Students must have a pass when they leave the classroom.
- Students must have their IDs on and visible.
- Students may carry wireless communication devices on their person, the device may not be used, seen or heard, from the time a student walks into the school at the start of the day until the final bell at the end of the school day.
- Big backpacks are not allowed in the classroom. Students need to be using their lockers and string backpacks.
- No food or drinks in the classroom or hallways. (Water is allowed)
- Attendance : regular attendance, being on time, and active participation in class contribute to student success. "Excessive absences" is defined as 10 or more in a semester. Please review the attendance policy with your student.
- Dress Code : Students' dress must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety and decency.



***No Hats/hoods**
Clothing must not show bare mid riffs, shoulders, cut too low or any derogatory or drug/alchol messages.

Cell Phone Policy



Utica Community Schools is committed to providing a high-quality education for students and a professional learning environment for staff—free from distractions—to support effective teaching, enhance student well-being, and maintain a safe, focused school environment.

Research studies indicate that cell phone use, particularly for social media and interaction, can interfere with a student's ability to focus on learning and can negatively impact students in many ways. Excessive use of cell phones and social media has been linked to lower academic performance, increased behavioral issues, and other conditions that hinder a student's ability to excel.

This policy prohibits student use of wireless communications devices on school grounds during instructional time. The Utica Community Schools Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent of Schools the responsibility for developing administrative rules and regulations for prohibiting the use of wireless communications devices during instructional time in accordance with the Michigan Revised School Code (MCL 380.1303a) and this policy. The Board of Education also recognizes additional restrictions may be necessary based on the age and/or grade level of the students.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their wireless communication devices. Utica Community Schools is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of a personal wireless communication device.

The use of wireless communications devices (WCD) by students is prohibited while on school grounds as follows:

While junior high/middle school students may carry wireless communication devices on their person, the device should not be used, seen or heard, from the time a student walks into the school at the start of the day until the final bell at the end of the school day.

At all levels,

a. WCD cannot be brought into testing rooms.

b. Use of a WCD is permitted in school vehicles as long as it is not used to violate any Board of Education Policy or any other school rule and is used in a way that is respectful to those around them.

c. Using the recording capabilities of wireless communications devices is prohibited without the expressed permission of a building administrator.

The following exemptions apply to the prohibition of wireless communications devices:

- Medically necessary devices determined in a student's health plan.
- District-owned devices, including, but not limited to, school-issued tablets and laptops.
- Devices designated by the District to be used for instructional purposes.
- Devices used for special education programming or devices provided as an accommodation to students as required under Section 504 of Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC 794, or as part of an Individualized Education Plan under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42, USC 12131 to 12165.
- Lesson-specific academic assignments, at the limited and direct discretion of a classroom teacher.
- Emergency situations, as described in the Utica Community Schools Emergency Operations Plan. Use of a wireless communications device must not interfere with school emergency protocols or the actions of first responders and must not endanger students or faculty.

Junior high/middle school enforcement mechanisms include:

In the first few weeks of school, the expectations will be shared in rules meetings with students.

The first violation will lead to a warning letter, issued when the parent/guardian picks up the phone from the office, explaining what will occur if there are continued violations.

The second violation will lead to detention(s) to be served during lunch or after school.

The third violation and each subsequent violation will lead to a one-day suspension.

At all violation levels, devices will be confiscated and a parent/guardian must arrange for the device to be picked up.

To avoid multiple violations, students, parents/guardians and the building administrator can agree to a plan such as turning the device in each day in the morning and picking it up at the end of the day.

Student responsibility for wireless communications devices:

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their wireless communications devices. The school system is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of personal wireless communications devices.

Id Requirements

Eppler Jr. High
ID Badge Requirements
(directly from the handbook)

EVERY student must WEAR his or her student ID while on school grounds.

- **Student IDs must be worn and visible at all times.**
- **Student ID must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.**
- **The front and back of the ID cannot be altered. Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.**
- **Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.**
- **Lost, stolen, altered, damaged, and/or defaced ID cards must be replaced immediately.**

Students who fail to adhere to the above are subject to an after school detention and replacement fee.

$6 ID REPLACEMENT for lost/broken IDs

3 times without ID = detention
6 times without ID = automatic $6 ID replacement & Saturday School

If you are caught not wearing your badge in school 6 or more times, another badge will automatically be printed, and a $6 fee will be placed on your student account to be paid. **(EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BADGE)**

**Students who are insubordinate or persistently disobedient are subject to further school consequences.

Lunch Deliveries

Food delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub are not permitted. If a student forgets their lunch, the may borrow against their lunch account in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their student. HOWEVER, if the food dropped off is from a restaurant, the student will be asked to eat it in the Main Office. Coffee, smoothies and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going leaving the office. If you would ike to apply for the free/reduced lunch program, or to establish a lunch account for your child, please click here.



Backpack Policy



BACKPACK

Beginning with the 26/27 school year, students are no longer able to carry their large backpacks during the school day from class to class. Backpacks became a safety issue in both our hallways and classrooms. Backpacks MUST remain in student lockers during the school day.

Students may carry a nylon drawstring tote. These hold a maximun of two books and/or the student's assigned laptop and can hang on the back of student chairs. Drawstring backpacks are available for purchase in The Chieftain Corner Store or can be purchased at local retailers.



Please check out the selection of Lost and Found Items outside of the counseling office.

School Safety



Safety remains a priority for our school . Eppler is once again providing training to our students and staff on our safety protocols. The protocols identify actions that students may be asked to take in the event of a potential incident: hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter. The protocols will continue to be part of the training while praticing our regular school safety driss, such as fire drill, security drills, tornado drills, evacuation procedures, etc.



Late Arrivals

Please be aware that there is no need to come into the building when you are dropping off your child late or after an appointment. If you are dropping off anything for your child, we ask you label the item with your students name for pickup



Early Dismissals

We have a new process for early dismissals. When you arrive at Eppler, please scan the QR code on the red “Scan For Early Dismissal” poster on the door, type in the requested information and we will call your student down to leave with you.





How to Report an Absence



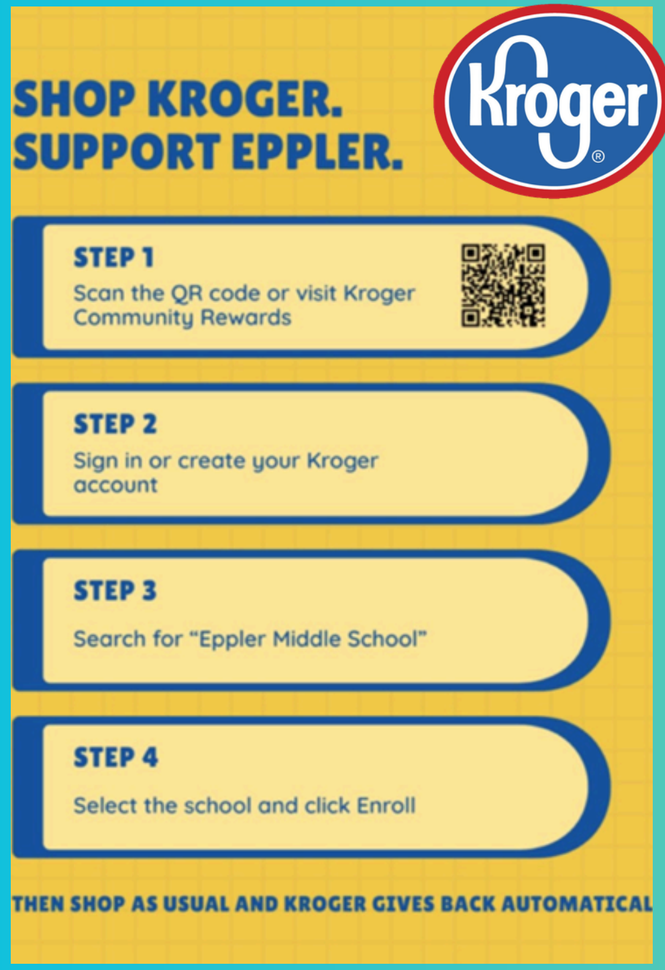
When a student is going to be asbsent, parents/guardians should report the absence before the school day begins. Calls to the attendance line can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Eppler Attendance Line is 586-797-2999. Absences will be input to PowerSchool by 4:00 pm on the day of the absence.

Per UCS Policy, the following reasons for an absence will be accepted as an excused absence; student illness, hospitalization, doctor ordered bed rest, mandatory court appearance, death in the immeadiate family, family vacation, medical appointments and administrative permission. **All other absences will be unexcuted**.

586-797-2999

Calling all Shoppers

We would love to encourage families to select (or update) their current Kroger Community Rewards selection to - Eppler Jr High, so those funds can directly benefit our students, classrooms and teachers.



POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool is the district's student information system used for scheduling, attendance, grades, and delivery of report cards. Please find more information on this page on how to create and access your Parent Portal Account.

- UCS PowerSchool Website
- Directions for creating a Parent PowerSchool Account
- Resetting Your Password
- Adding a Student to Your Account
- Accessing Report Cards Through PowerSchool

Text Messaging Service

UCS Offers a texting service for parents. This service allow parents to receive important information such as school closings, reminders and more. To receive the text messages, simply text Yes to the short code 67587.

Parents may opt out at any time by replying Stop to one of the messages.



Laptop Care/Reminders





ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THIS OPTIONAL PLAN:

ACCESSORIES ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

- Accessories include, but are not limited to, a USB power adapter, charging cable and/or protective iPad case.
- Replacement of lost or damaged accessories is the responsibility of the student. Utica Community Schools recommends Original Equipment Manufacturer replacements.

DAMAGE DUE TO REMOVAL OF THE PROTECTIVE CASE IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

- If the assigned laptop is provided with a protective case, students must NEVER remove the case.
- Any damage that occurs due to the removal of an iPad case or a laptop protective case is considered INTENTIONAL DAMAGE and is not covered by insurance.

LOST OR STOLEN DEVICE

- Lost devices are NOT COVERED under this optional insurance policy.
- In the case of theft of an iPad or laptop, a copy of a completed police report MUST BE RETURNED to Utica Community Schools. A stolen device IS COVERED by the purchased insurance ONLY IF a police report is filed and a copy provided to the district.



Regular attendance and active participation in caclss are integral parts of a students education. Students can achiece educatioal benefits only thorugh regular class sttendance and a serious commitment to an educational program.

During the 26/27 school year, Eppler Administration will be sending text messages and emails to parents/guardians about their student's attendacne. Messages and emails may hav a number or email address that you do not recognize. If the messages are about atteneance and mention your student, it was sent to you by Eppler Administration.

Together, we know that stron attendance leads to stronger learning. When shcools and families partner to make daily attenance a priority, students are better prepared to succeed - both in the classroom and beyond.



Yearbook DQ fundraiser

Grab a sweet treat and help support Eppler Yearbook!
Join us at Dairy Queen in Utica on Van Dyke from 4:00 - 9:00 pm on the following dates:
Wednesday November 11
Wednesday, December 9

15% of proceeds will be donated back to the Eppler Yearbook. Bring your family & friends to DQ and treat yourself while supporting our yearbook staff.





IT'S DONUT DAY!

Vanilla sprinkle and chocolate donuts will be sold during first hour by Student Council.

$2.00 EACH

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4	WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3
WEDNESDAY, DEC.2	WEDNESDAY, APR. 7
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6	WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

JET'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

For every order, Jet's Pizza will donate 15% of that sale back to Eppler's Student Council.

1st WED of every month

JET'S PIZZA

46370 VAN DYKE
SHELBY TWP. 48317

586.731.3700

4-8PM
PICK UP
OR
DELIVERY

NOVEMBER 4
DECEMBER 2
JANUARY 6
FEBRUARY 3
MARCH 3
APRIL 7
MAY 5
JUNE 2

Eppler & Utica Athletics

Policies

Eppler Athletic Event Admissions Policy



1. **ALL students MUST present a school ID for enterance to the game and will ONLY be admitted with adult supervision.**
2. **The accompanying adult MUST attend the event with the student and MAY NOT leave the student unsupervised.**
3. **Between the end of the school day and the start of any event,any student attending MUST either wait outside or in the main lobby ONLY.**
4. **Student on the current Low Citizenship List MAY NOT attend any after school events.**

Utica Athletic Event Admissions Policy



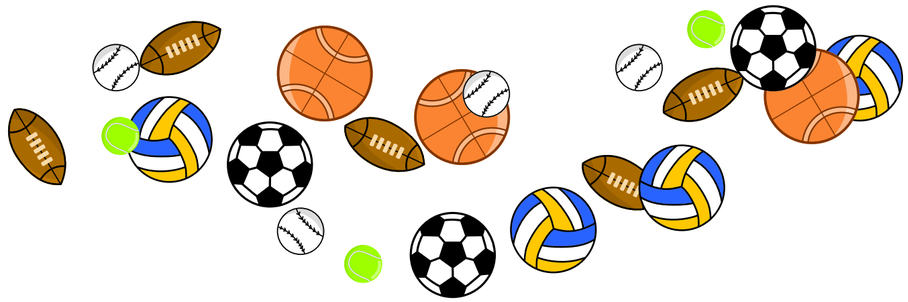
1. All students (home and visitor) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.
2. Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
3. All junior high / middle school students must present a school ID AND be supervised by an adult. The adult must attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.
4. Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
5. All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
6. All patrons must remain in the stands or concourse area. Only team and athletic department personnel are allowed on the sidelines.



You must have completed your FinalForms including an MHSAA Physical on or after Aprill 15, 2026 BEFORE you can tryout.



Athletic Forms	
Required Forms:	Final Forms
Pay to Participate:	PaySchools
Athletic Schedules:	eppler athletics
Physical Forms :	MHSAA



7/8th Football

Eppler's 8th Grade football team finished the season 5-0-1 and took 1st Place in the MAMSAA Gold Division.



Congrats Chieftains!

7th & 8th GRADE
FOOTBALL 2026

Game Times: 3:30 pm first game, second game to follow.
R = Game will be played @ Runkle Field SW = Game will be played @ Swinehart Field
*8th Grade Game Only

Monday, November 2
7th Grade Only
Bemis vs. Davis (SW)
Jeannette vs. Eppler (SW)

UHS Athletics



Utica High School Boys Basketball Tryout Info

Tryout Sign-up: Please use the following Microsoft Forms QR code to sign up if you intend on trying out

Criteria

- Academics
- Citizenship (relationships with teachers and administration)
- Attendance (absences and tardies)
- Attitude
- Application of drill work to game situations
- Athletic ability
- Work ethic
- Basketball knowledge/IQ
- Being Coachable
- Being a GREAT TEAMMATE
- Commitment

Prerequisites

- Eligibility (June 2026 final grades and current)
- Physical on File: A valid 2026-27 physical examination must be completed on or after April 15, 2026 and uploaded to **Final Forms**

Boys Basketball Tryout Schedule

- **Freshmen (Grade 9 ONLY)**

November 11th	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Main Gym (meet in cafeteria at 6:15 pm)
November 12th	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Main Gym (meet in cafeteria at 6:15 pm)
*November 13th	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Main Gym ***If needed, coach's discretion***

*****All athletes will enter Utica High School through Door #5 for tryouts*****

Please ***be on time*** for all scheduled events. It will be a great indicator of what you are all about!

****Please know that these dates and times for tryouts are subject to change based on rulings from the MHSAA and Utica Community Schools****

Contact the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dave Hinkle if you have any follow-up questions at david.hinkle@uticak12.org

Utica High Boys' Swim & Dive

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, November 11th

6:00 PM in the ECC



No Experience Needed
If you are unable to attend, please contact Coach Joe at (586) 216-4143

Follow us on Instagram **@uticaboys_swim.dive**

Eppler Clubs & Organizations

EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH
2026-2027
AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

At Eppler Junior High School, we want to help your child have a successful school year. The Homework Club will be available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 2:55 PM to 3:55 PM in the Eppler Media Center. Students can use this time to get academic assistance, complete assignments, work on projects, and/or study for tests. A few high school tutors are usually available.

Each student should bring all necessary materials and books to the media center by 2:55 PM. **Please be advised that if a student comes to Homework Club with nothing to work on, they will not be admitted to Homework Club that day**. All students will be expected to remain in the Media Center until 3:55 PM. Students will need to sign in each day that they participate. Phones use will not be allowed during Homework Club. Students need to arrange for their own transportation home and may use their phone, if needed, to contact their ride at the end of Homework Club. *Supervision will not be available after 4:00 PM.*

If you would like your child to be able to attend Homework Club, please complete the bottom portion of this form and have your child bring it with them the first time they attend Homework Club (only one slip is needed, and the student may come as often as they like for the school year). Phone calls, emails, and other notes will not be accepted in place of this signed permission slip.

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club, please contact your child's school counselor (Last names A-K: April.Raupp@uticak12.org / Last names L-Z: Autumn.Blanchard@uticak12.org).



EPPLER HOMEWORK CLUB PERMISSION SLIP
2026-2027



My child, (please print) _____, grade _____, has my permission to participate in Homework Club. I understand that I must provide transportation for my child at the end of the session. **My child understands that it is their responsibility to arrive on time, to bring all necessary materials to the Media Center, and to be prepared to work.** My child also understands that Eppler Junior High school rules apply and will be enforced. Misbehavior, sleeping, or refusal to work can lead to dismissal from being a participant in the Homework Club. Students will sign in, and if I ever want to verify my child's attendance, I will contact my child's school counselor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Student Signature: _____

S.T.A.T.I.C.

STUDENTS TAKING ACTION TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Come together in faith, friendship, and fun!

MEETING DATES:

September 24
October 22
November 19
December 17
January 26
February 9
March 16
April 27
May 25

WHERE:

Room 136
2:55-3:45pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mrs. Blanchard, Counselor
Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org

Clubs Cont.

Student COUNCIL

- MANDATORY Meeting Dates are Subject to Change
- Meetings will be held Wednesdays, in the Media Center, 7:00 am

Wed 11/04/2026
Wed 12/02/2026
Wed 01/06/2027
Wed 02/03/2027
Wed 03/03/2027
Wed 04/07/2027
Wed 05/05/2027

Eppler CHESS CLUB

Whether you're a chess master, a beginner, or someone who doesn't even know the difference between a king and a knight, EVERYONE is welcome!
We'll teach you how to play, help you develop strategies, and give you the opportunity to challenge your friends in some friendly competition.

Chess Club meets every Monday from 2:55–3:55 PM in Room 118.

And the best part? It's completely FREE to join!
No experience necessary. Just bring your curiosity, your competitive spirit, and your best game face!
Your move, Eppler!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Mandatory Meetings: Meetings are held in the Media Center from 2:50-3:25 pm (may end earlier). Please make sue you have a ride or plan to get home. If you are unable to attend, please let Mr. Hornibrook (Room 132) know prior to the meeting.

Wednesday 11/11/2026
Wednesday 12/09/2026
Wednesday 02/10/2027
Wednesday 03/17/2027
Wednesday 04/14/2027

MAGIC THE GATHERING

Semester 1
Club Meeting Dates:
Room 126 / after school - 4:00pm

October 29
November 10
November 12
November 19
December 3
December 10
December 17



Tuesdays, 2:50 - 3:50

Room 106

Come on over to play with your cards. Play the TCG, show off your cards and maybe rip open a pack or two. Come on over for the Pokemon TCG Club

EPIC

The Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC) meeting thoroughout the school year. All parents are invited and welcoe to attend. Meetings are held in the Media Center from 9:00-10:00 am

Wednesday, 11/18
Thursday, 12/17
Wednesday, 01/20
Wednesday 02/24
Tuesday, 03/23
Thursday 04/22
Tuesday, 05/18

Parent Involvement Matters

Visiting a UCS School



We are asking for your support to help keep our students safe.

All visitors in Utica Community Schools will be asked to swipe their Government Issued Photo ID upon entry to the main office. This swipe will provide an immediate check against the sex offender registry. This process is for anyone who is going beyond the school office.

It is strongly recommended parents/guardians download the Raptor Safe app in order to create a visitor profile. The Raptor Safe app offers a convenient and secure way for visitors to manage and verify their identify before arriving at school. This profile provides a Raptor Passport which can be used to quickly and easily check in at the school office via the app.

If you plan to volunteer in our classroom, work directly with a student and/or chaperone a field trip, etc. you will need to have a volunteer background check on file. The new volunteer application form is located at this link: www.uticak12.org/volunteer. The background check involves multiple state and federal law enforcement databases.





We appreciate your partnership in maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for our students and staff. As a reminder, all visitors must follow these important safety protocols:

- All visitors must use the intercom at the front door to notify the office of their arrival. Office staff will ask to see your identification and confirm the purpose of your visit before granting access to the building.
- Visitors volunteering in classrooms or conducting business beyond the main office must register through the Raptor Visitor Management System, which includes a background check.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to school safety. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 586-797-2900.



Do your students know what they want to do after high school? Let the recently updated Pathfinder help them find career and school pathways that fit them. Pathfinder allows you to compare pathways to find the right route. Help them get started at [pathfinder]





2026-27 AP EXAM DEADLINES

25 SEPTEMBER	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR AP EXAM ON MYAP.COM
1 OCTOBER	INVOICES FROM APTS SENT TO PARENT EMAILS
5 NOVEMBER	EXAM DEPOSITS DUE ($40 PER EXAM)
16 NOVEMBER	LATE REGISTRATION OPENS ($40 LATE FEE PER EXAM)
12 FEBRUARY	REMAINING BALANCE DUE ($70 PER EXAM)

IMPORTANT

E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Safety is always our priority.

Riding electric bicycles or electric scooters is prohibited on UCS property.
Dismount and walk e-bikes and e-scooters immediately upon entering district grounds.

Prohibited areas
Parking lots • Sidewalks • Driveways • Bus loops • Playgrounds
Building entrances • Bike areas • Courtyards • Athletic fields

Parking rules
- Park only in designated bicycle areas.
- Do not block entrances, sidewalks, fire lanes, accessible routes or traffic.
- Users are responsible for securing their own device.

Device requirements
- Class 3 e-bikes cannot be operated by individuals under 14 years old. (MCL Sec 257. 662a)
- Electric motorcycles or e-moto bikes must be licensed as a moped or motorcycle and must be operated by a licensed/insured driver. (MCL258.658)

Safety requirements
- Helmets are required for riders under 18 years old on Class 3 e-bikes. (MCL Sec 257. 660)
- Helmets are required for riders under 19 years old on e-moto bikes.
- Lights and reflectors are required when riding in the dark. (MCL Sec 257.662)

Consequences for violations
- Violation activates a warning and parent notification.
- May include revocation of privilege, disciplinary consequence and/or law enforcement referral.

DEVICE/SAFETY INFORMATION



The UCS Legacy of Learning

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Be Where You Belong

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Attendance Area Update

Utica Community Schools is continuing to address long-standing issues with school attendance areas. The review is in conjunction with facility improvements across the district.

When reviewing attendance area configurations, safety, the age of the facility and enrollment trends are being considered.

Currently, the district's Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (a standing citizens group with representatives from each school that reviews attendance areas) is assessing patterns for schools that feed into Stevenson High School and continuing its review of Henry Ford II High School feeder schools. Also, portions of the Monfort and Flickinger attendance areas are under review based on how they are embedded or in close proximity to the attendance boundaries of Dresden, Harvey and Ebeling elementary schools.

The attendance areas under review are on the second page of this fact sheet. Changes to these attendance areas would be effective for fall of 2028-2029 in conjunction with facility improvements.

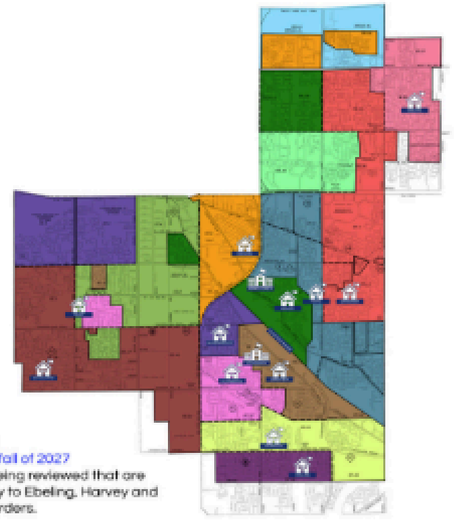
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More Information:
www.uticak12.org/buildingforthefuture

Overview

- Through the implementation of facility improvements, UCS is addressing complexities in attendance areas that were largely developed 50 years ago.
- Current attendance areas feature some neighborhood subdivisions geographically disconnected from neighboring communities and boundaries that do not take advantage of major landmarks and roadways.
- The facility review process includes a long-range facility improvement plan and consolidation of buildings.
- By improving select elementary schools and consolidating school attendance areas, UCS would create greater access for students to updated facilities that support growth and achievement.
- Schools are being evaluated based on three criteria: overall safety, age of the facility and enrollment trends for the school.
- Attendance areas currently under review include feeder schools to Stevenson High School and Henry Ford II High School. Consolidation may also impact students assigned to nearby areas that feed into Utica High, such as Monfort and Flickinger Elementary.
- Input is being received from the Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC), comprised of community representatives from each school.

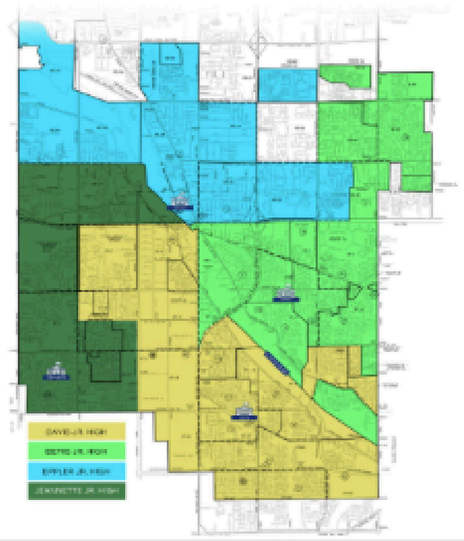
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SCHUCHARD
SCHWARZKOFF
FLICKINGER**
MONFORT**



*Reflects changes northeast of the Clinton River approved for fall of 2027
**Portion of attendance areas being reviewed that are embedded or in close proximity to Ebeling, Harvey and Dresden elementary school borders.

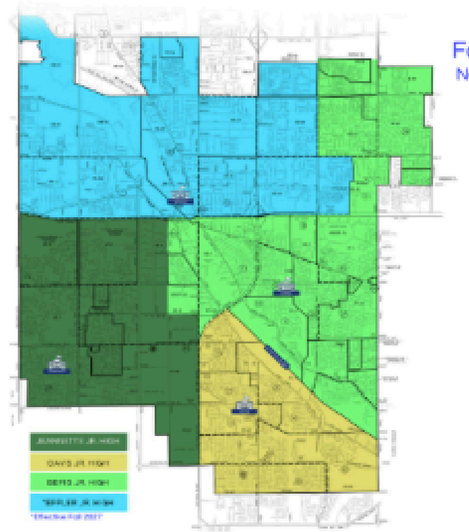
School	% Current Capacity (K-6)	% Capacity (K-5)	Age of Building	Junior High*	High School*
Burr	79.2%	65%	74	Jeanette	Stevenson
Collins	74.2%	63%	57	Davis	Stevenson
DeKeyser	97.3%	83%	1	Davis/Jeannette/Bemis	Stevenson/ Henry Ford II
Dresden	62%	53.2%	68	Bemis/Eppler	Henry Ford II/ Utica High
Ebeling*	92%	79%	47	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Flickinger	66%	56%	61	Eppler	Utica
Graebner*	70%	85%	53	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Harvey	62.8%	53%	63	Bemis/Jeannette/Shelby	Henry Ford II/ Stevenson/ Utica
Havel*	78%	105%**	53	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Monfort	71%	60%	57	Shelby	Utica
Oakbrook	97.7%	81%	54	Bemis/Davis	Henry Ford II/ Stevenson
Plumbrook	64.3%	54%	63	Davis/Jeannette	Stevenson
Schuchard	80.1%	63%	47	Jeannette	Stevenson
Schwarzkoff	81%	71%	59	Davis/Jeannette	Stevenson

The chart above lists areas being reviewed this fall with the UCS Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee.
The chart reports current capacities and projected enrollment based on review of K-12 Building Capacities.
**Reflects previously approved attendance area changes that are effective in August 2027.*
***Enrollment declines and closure of in-district transfers and new Schools of Choice will address overall capacity.*



Current Attendance Areas

DAVIS JR. HIGH
BEMIS JR. HIGH
EPPLER JR. HIGH
JEANNETTE JR. HIGH



Fall 2028 Attendance Areas

Note: Portion of Eppler will be adjusted for West Utica beginning Fall 2007

DAVIS JR. HIGH
BEMIS JR. HIGH
EPPLER JR. HIGH
JEANNETTE JR. HIGH

Wellness

Utica Community Schools works to support the physical, mental and social-emotional development of all students. Our wellness pages contain a variety of resources for students, teachers, staff, parents and community members. Check out resources such as, Wellness Podcast, Community Resources and much more at:

UCS THRIVE

care OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

care solace
Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care

Tutoring

FREE Online Tutoring

Do you need one-on-one help with your homework?

To access the free tutoring:

- On your ClassLink dashboard, select **Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com** (the orange icon with the letter "t" on it).
  - You will need your PowerSchool number to log in. You can email your counselor to ask for your PowerSchool number (Marla.Ostrom@UticaK12.org or Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org). To log in:
    - Barcode: ucs########## (ucs followed by PowerSchool number)
    - Your password is your 2-digit birth **month** and 2-digit birth **day** (example 0408 for April 8)
  - Choose ***GET A TUTOR NOW***. If you want a short tutorial on how the site works, you can select ***Take the tour.***



CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

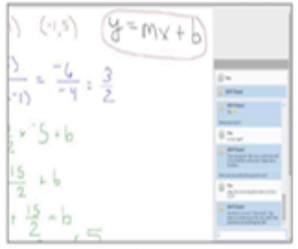
Connect to a tutor quickly and easily. Select your topic, subject and grade level. Then, to get the best tutor for your problem, type out your question and, if you have a file or picture, attach it to your request.

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CHAT WITH YOUR TUTOR

Use our online classroom to chat with your tutor and share your work on the whiteboard. You and the tutor can draw, type, paste images and use graph paper on the interactive whiteboard.



UCS Food Service

SCHOOL MEALS

Familes are asked to complete the School Meals & Summer EBT application or the Education Benefits form by clicking here.

Completion of the EBT application is critical for those who may be eligible for pay to play funding, price reductions/waivers for testing fees, etc. Snacks and a la carte items are available for purchase.. Parents can also send money to their childs account via https://utica.familyportal.cloud

UCS MEALS ARE NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS!

We use the same brand-name food that you purchase for your students at home, like Tyson, Kellogg's, Land-O-Lakes, Jennie-O, General Mills, Pillsbury and more. We try to make our menus reflect the taste of the students. Your student may see their favorites; like chicken nuggets, pizza and macaroni and cheese. But as a parent, you can feel good knowing these items are healthier than the versions they might be used to.

Each school meal is made up of 5 components: Fruit, vegetable, meat/meat alternate, grain and milk. Students may take all 5 or they may decline 1-2 meal components, however 1 fruit or vegetable must be selected to be considered a lunch. For example, they select a piece of pizza. Pizza contains 2 components (meat & grain). To qualify for a meal, the student would have to then choose at least 1 fruit or vegetable. For this example, the student chose an apple and then qualified for the meal price. To qualify for free and reduced meals, a meal must be purchased with at least 3 of the components, with one of those being a fruit or vegetable. All a la carte items, such as bottled water, chips, cookies and a second entrée, are not covered under the free & reduced meal program and must be paid for by the parent or student.

MENU

UCS NUTRITION SERVICES

FREE MEALS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are happy to announce that all student meals will remain at no charge for the 2026-2027 school year. Meals are free to students through federal and state funds.



Although meals are free to all students, families are still requested to complete the Education Benefit Form found on the family portal site utica.familyportal.cloud. The completed form helps support services and programs in each student's school building.

Meal Magic® Family Portal Utica Community Schools

Additionally, qualifying families will benefit by a reduction or elimination of fees on certain items such as AP testing, college applications, and pay-to-play sports, to name a few.



In Case You Missed It







