LIGHTNING LINK

Address: 5000 N. Ballard Rd, Appleton WI 54913
Phone: 920-852-5405 / Fax: 920-852-5406

Important Dates

Oct 2 - Homecoming Game: 7:00 pm
Oct 3 - Homecoming Dance: 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Oct 15 - Picture Retake: 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Oct 19 - North Choir: Concert For A Cause: 5:15 pm & 7:45 pm
Oct 22 - North String Concert: 7:30 pm
Oct 30 - No School / PSAT Testing: 7:30 am
Oct 30 - Haunted House: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm/6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Oct 31 - Haunted House: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm/6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Nov 5 - Parent Conferences In-Person: 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Nov 7 - Artisan Faire: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Nov 12 - Parent Conferences Virtual: 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Nov 24 - North Marching Band in Appleton Holiday Parade: 7:00 pm
Nov 25 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
Nov 27 - No School: Thanksgiving Break



REALITY CHECK

The Appleton Area School District and Community First Credit Union are bringing ***Reality Check*** back to local high schools! This hands-on financial simulation teaches students real-world budgeting and career planning in a fun, safe environment. Students leave with a truer understanding of the cost of living and stronger financial confidence—and it's all thanks to community volunteers like you. As a volunteer, you'll guide students through choices, answer questions, and process "payments."

Can we count on your support to empower local students?
Register as a Reality Check Volunteer

Date: Tuesday, October 27
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Important Notice for AASD Families:

MEAL BENEFITS EXPIRE OCTOBER 14, 2026

If your family received Free or Reduced Meals last school year, your carry-over benefits will expire on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. To avoid reverting to full pay on October 15, please complete a new annual application today.

- How to Apply: Log into the Parent Portal and select "Meal Benefits" on the center panel. Only one application is needed per household.
- CEP Schools: Students at CEP schools will continue to receive free meals automatically, but submitting an application is still encouraged to qualify for additional fee waivers.
- Milk Only Note: Free/reduced benefits only apply to full reimbursable meals. Single milk purchases are charged at the à la carte rate.

Please ensure your student's meal account has funds if you haven't applied for this year. Questions? Contact Food Service at foodservice@aasd.k12.wi.us or (920) 852-5314.

Now Available Online

YEARBOOK ORDERING

Ordering Your North Yearbook

Visit [**Jostens Ordering Page**] and search for your child by legal name (no nicknames) and grade.
Do not edit name/grade fields to ensure correct delivery.

Note: Students registered by Sept 5 are pre-loaded. In-person orders do not show online.
Questions, order verification, or missing names? Contact Mrs. Strom at strommichelle@aasd.k12.wi.us (school secretaries cannot access Jostens data).

FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

North High School will be using an online scheduling system, SignUp, to schedule conferences ahead of time. Link will be available to sign up starting **Sunday, October 18 @ 6:00 AM**. Please watch for the sign up in your emails next week.

Dates:

- November 5 (4:00 pm to 7:30 pm) - in person
- November 12 (4:00 pm to 7:30 pm) - virtual

For planning purposes, spring Parent Teacher Conference will be Thursday, March 4 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm - virtual only

GET STARTED / DUE OCTOBER 1 - MARCH 1

START COLLEGE NOW/EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT

Appleton Area School District offers three programs for eligible high school students wanting to enroll in courses through a University of Wisconsin two- or four-year campus, tribally controlled college, or participating private, nonprofit college/university in Wisconsin. The requirements are included in the table below. The application may be accessed by clicking on the link in each of the columns. The deadline to enroll in a *spring semester course* is October 1st of each academic school year. The deadline to enroll in a *fall semester course* is March 1st of each academic school year. If you have any questions please reach out to your School Counselor.

Start College Now

- Enrollment within Wisconsin Technical Colleges
- Available to 11th and 12th grade students.
- Students must have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least 2.0 at the time of the determination.
- The district board may reject an application from a pupil who has a record of disciplinary problems, as determined by the district board.
- Summer courses are not eligible.
- Students cannot participate in the Start College Now Program and the Early College Credit Program simultaneously.
- To learn more, click here

ARTISAN FAIRE

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

We are SO excited to bring the Appleton North Artisan Faire back to North this Fall!! We already have 100+ vendors signed up, with an incredible mix of artists, makers, creators and local small businesses coming together for one big day. This has been a longtime community tradition, and we can't wait to open the doors again and welcome everyone back to North.

Date: Saturday, November 7
Time: 9 AM–3 PM
Tickets are just $5 — buy ahead and use the presale VIP line to get in!
Grab your tickets now, invite your friends, and help us spread the word. We can't wait to see you there!
BUY ARTISAN FAIRE TICKETS

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

APPLETON SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

SPRING BREAK 2027

Where: Aspen, Colorado
When: March 25, 2027 to March 31, 2027
Early Sign Up: October 5-October 28, $1,600
After October 28, $1,700

See Ms. Stratton for more information

HOW TO REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES & APPOINTMENTS

Absence Procedures

1. To report an absence, a parent or legal guardian:
2. Call the North Attendance Office at (920) 852-5405. Press 1 for Attendance, then Press 1 to report an illness or Press 2 for appointments and other absences. Please call as early as possible on the day of the absence.
3. If leaving a message, please speak slowly and clearly. Include the student's full name (spell the last name), grade, and reason for the absence to ensure we record the correct information.
4. Press 7 for a Hmong interpreter or Press 8 for a Spanish interpreter. Please leave a message, and an interpreter will return your call.
5. Messages are checked continually throughout the day.

Appointments (Leaving During School Day)

1. All student appointments must be called in advance to the Attendance Office by a parent or legal guardian at (920) 852-5405. Press 1 for Attendance, then Press 2 for Appointments or Other Absences.
2. Once the parental call has been made to excuse the student, they can notify the teacher of the appointment.
3. The student MUST sign-out in the Main Office upon leaving the building.
4. Upon returning to school, the student must sign back in the Main Office. Parents DO NOT need to come in when picking up or dropping off your student.
5. Freshman leaving school for Lunch Hour must have a parent call in or come in the Main Office for pick up to be excused.

If your student needs to leave school and you are unable to call ahead, please **Press 3** to speak directly with Student Services. Leaving a voicemail may delay the checkout process.

Students are responsible for knowing their appointment times and reporting to the Main Office when it is time to leave. To avoid disrupting instruction, we do not call students out of class unless it is an emergency.

Tardy Procedures

To report an absence, a parent or legal guardian:

1. A warning bell will ring at 7:45 AM daily notifying students that they have 10 minutes to get to their class.
2. If a student arrives after the 7:55 AM bell, they must sign in through the Commons door, whether excused or tardy. After 8:10 AM, all check-ins must be completed in the Main Office.
3. After a student has 5 tardies in a semester, they will receive a detention.

Illness (absence for the entire day)

- All student illnesses must be called in advance to the Attendance Office by a parent or legal guardian at (920) 852-5405. Press 1 for Attendance, then Press 1 for Illness.

Health Room & Illness (Located in student services)

- If your student becomes ill during the school day, they should report to the Health Room in Student Services.
- If your student contacts you directly, please ask them to go to the Health Room first. Once evaluated by the nurse, they may call a parent/guardian to discuss next steps.
- Following this process helps avoid confusion and delays for families and office staff.

Advanced absences

- A parent/guardian may request that a student be excused from school attendance prior to an absence occurring.
- The student may be excused by the parent or guardian under this provision for not more than 10 days in the school year.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL POLICY

All medications administered by school staff are only available to students during school hours (7:30 AM to 3:30 PM).

Medications should be scheduled outside school hours whenever possible. If school administration is necessary:

- Requirements: Submit a signed Medication Consent Form alongside medication in its original, student-labeled packaging (pharmacy container for prescription, manufacturer box for OTC—no plastic bags). Send only the required school-day amount.
- Changes & Self-Carry: Any dosage or prescription changes require a new form and updated label. Students may not carry or self-administer medication without prior nurse approval and authorization forms.

The fastest way to report an upcoming absence is through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Submit an Absence Request to notify the school in advance. Follow the Absent Request guidelines for easy access.

ABSENT REQUEST

Parents can use this feature instead of calling the school office to report an absence. appletonwi.infinitecampus.org

DIRECTIONS

Portal: Campus Parent > More > Absence Request

1. Submit a new absence request
2. Mark student you want
3. Select a reason from the dropdown list
4. Select absence type
5. Enter comments
6. Click submit

ATTENDANCE CALL **QUICK GUIDE**

To Report an Absence:

1. **Call (920) 852-5405**.
2. Press 1 for the Attendance Line.
3. Choose one of the following:
    - Press 1 to report an illness.
    - Press 2 to report an appointment or other absence.
    - Press 3 to speak to a LIVE Attendance
4. Leave the following information:
    - Student's full name (spell the last name).
    - Time of the absence (or expected absence).

Important:

- All absences must be reported through the Attendance Line, not the Main Office.
- If you are calling for anything other than reporting an absence, press 4 to reach the Main Office.

SHOW YOUR NORTH LIGHTNING PRIDE!

The Appleton North Lightning Online Spirit Store is open **24/7**, making it easy to gear up anytime!
https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/wisconsin/appleton/appleton-north-high-school

Whether you're cheering on the Lightning at football games, supporting our teams all season long, or looking for the perfect birthday or holiday gift, you'll find something for every North fan. Shop favorites like apparel, hats, bags, chairs, drinkware, decals, and more!

Shop in 3 Easy Steps

1. Visit the North Website.
2. Browse and add your favorite Lightning gear to your cart.
3. Securely check out with your credit card.

Wear your blue and gold, fill the stands with Lightning pride, and help support our North community.

DRIVER EDUCATION & ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

As your student begins Driver Education, please keep a few important attendance guidelines in mind to help minimize disruptions to their school day:

- **Schedule Ahead**: Whenever possible, we strongly encourage scheduling your student's behind-the-wheel instruction before or after school hours to keep student learning on track.
- **Behind-the-Wheel Appointments**: If a behind-the-wheel session must take place during the school day, it is treated like any other medical or personal appointment. Standard attendance call-in protocols must be followed.
- **Excusing Students**: Parents/guardians are required to directly contact the school to excuse a student. Please note that Driver Education companies cannot call students out of class on your behalf.
- **How to Submit**: We recommend submitting these absences in advance through the Absent Request option in your Parent Portal. If you have a full schedule of driving dates and times, you can list them all in the comment section at once! Alternatively, you can call the school attendance line to leave a message.

PSAT REGISTRATION AND TESTING DAY DETAILS

Appleton North High School will host the PSAT on **Friday, October 30th, 2026**.

- **Test Details:** The PSAT serves as a practice SAT and acts as the official qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- **Who & How:** This test is optional for juniors. Students who wish to participate have registered directly through the School Counseling Office.
- **Logistics & Arrival:** Please note that October 30th is a non-school day, so families must provide their own transportation. Participating students need to be punctual and arrive at school by 7:55 AM on test day.

Good luck to all of our test-takers!

JOIN THE FUN

APPLETON NORTH BOOSTER CLUB

The Appleton North Sports Booster Club supports all Appleton North athletic programs by enhancing opportunities for our student-athletes. Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, the Booster Club helps provide equipment, improve facilities, promote school spirit and sportsmanship, and create a positive experience for every Lightning athlete.

How We Support North Athletics

Funds are raised through:

- Donations
- Fundraising events
- Annual Summer Golf Outing
- Concession sales

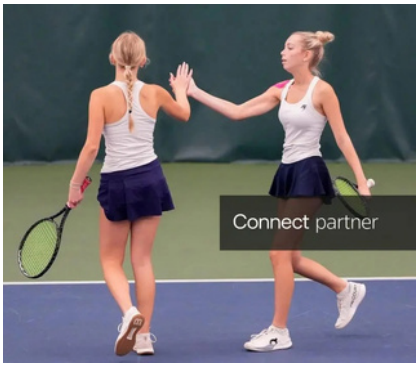
Our Booster Club is powered by dedicated volunteers, and we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can volunteer at an event, help behind the scenes, or serve on the Board, your time and talents make a lasting impact on our student-athletes. Contact: anhsboosterclubpresident@gmail.com

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Winter Sports Season is Almost Here! We're excited to kick off another great year of athletics! If your student is planning to participate in a winter sport, please note the official start dates below.

Girls Basketball - November 9
Hockey - November 9
Boys Basketball - November 16
Boys Swim & Dive - November 16
Wrestling (Boys & Girls) - November 16

We look forward to welcoming our student-athletes back for an exciting Winter season! **Please complete and submit all required athletic forms online before the first day of practice. Be sure your physical is current!** Coaches will share additional season information as practice approaches.







GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

HUDL Sponsorship

Matthew Berlowski
Activities Director/Associate Principal
Appleton North High School
berlowskimatth@aasd.k12.wi.us
(920) 852-5405 Ext.53023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - MATT BERLOWSKI

We are reaching out to see if you would be interested in sponsoring Appleton North Athletics through our HUDL livestreamed events. Our goal is to build partnerships with local businesses while using HUDL sponsorship revenue to help offset the cost of this valuable resource. This past year, the Athletic Department's HUDL cost was $18,680, and we anticipate that cost continuing to increase. In 2025, there were over 16,000 viewers on Appleton North HUDL Fan Livestream.

HUDL benefits our athletic programs throughout the year by providing coaches and student-athletes with practice and game film, video breakdown and analysis, and livestreaming of athletic events for our families and community. Sponsorship revenue would first be used to help offset the annual cost of HUDL. If sponsorship revenue exceeds that cost, the additional funds would remain within the Athletic Department and be used to directly support our teams with needs such as equipment and uniforms.

We would love the opportunity to partner with your business while providing exposure throughout our livestreamed athletic events. Please let us know if you would be interested in becoming a HUDL sponsorship partner with Appleton North Athletics.

HUDL SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION AND FORM

FENCE & SIGN SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION AND FORM









SIGNING OF REQUIRED FORMS

ATHLETIC FORMS

AASD will continue using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to collect required co-curricular form signatures. Forms will appear under “Required Documents” as:

High School Co-Curricular Forms (Grades 9-12) — Required for students participating in co-curricular activities and require **both parent/guardian and student signatures.**

Please note: Athletic forms are not considered complete until **both signatures are submitted.** Forms expire at the end of each school year and must be completed annually.

To access the forms, log in through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal app or the AASD Parent Portal website.

If you require assistance obtaining your Campus Portal account information, please contact the AASD Helpdesk via email or phone at **(920) 852-5555 ext 63159.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT FALL SPORTS

Interested in joining a fall sport this school year? Connect with our coaches and learn more about each program and access important season information.

Appleton North Winter Athletic Information
2026-2027 School Year

Girls Basketball
Head Coach: Tyler Guenther - guenthertyler@aasd.k12.wi.us

Hockey (Boys)
Head Coach: Mike Brolsma - mikebrolsma@hotmail.com

Boys Basketball
Head Coach: John Nonemacher - nonemacherjohn@aasd.k12.wi.us

Swim & Diving (Boys)
Head Coach: Eric Hirsbrunner - hirsbrunnereric@gmail.com

Wrestling (Boys & Girls)
Head Coach: David Granatelli - granatellidavi@aasd.k12.wi.us







SCHOOL SCHEDULES HAVE MOVED

Public schedules are now available in **Arbiter Live**. Use Arbiter Live to view schedules, check scores, and stay updated on upcoming events.

https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=667

ROAD PASSES

The Fox Valley Association Conference will not be selling on the Road Passes this school year.

STAY CONNECTED

sportsYou

Communication Platform

The Appleton North Activities Department will use SportsYou as its primary communication platform for parents and student-athletes. SportsYou can be downloaded through your App Store or accessed online at **SportsYou.com**. http://sportsyou.com

Use SportsYou for event updates, weekly announcements, schedule changes, cancellations, fundraising information, and important co-curricular communications. The platform also provides a convenient way to connect with the Activities Department.

To join AN Activities on SportsYou, create an account and enter the access code: **45D9-GBZJ**.

ONLINE TICKETS & CARD PAYMENTS

Skip the line—buy your tickets online!

Purchase tickets or passes anytime, anywhere for all ticketed sporting events. Save time, skip the wait, and head straight to the game. Cash and card payments are also accepted at the gate. Click on the link below to purchase your tickets today and get game-ready!

https://justagame.com/clients/appleton-north

We'll see you at the game!

Important REMINDER

Most athletic forms for the upcoming school year will be completed online. However, a new physical exam must be submitted as a paper copy (signed by a medical professional) before participating in practices or tryouts.

Before Practice/Tryouts:
New Physical Exam — Paper copy submitted to the Main Office
Alternate Year Card — Completed online (if applicable)

Before Competition:
Concussion & Sudden Cardiac Arrest Agreement — Completed online
AASD & ThedaCare Consent to Treat Form — Completed online
Permit & Liability Form — Completed online
WIAA Eligibility Form — Completed online
Code of Conduct Agreement — Completed on the North Athletics website
$50 Participation Fee — Submitted to the Main Office

Please complete all required forms and fees before the season begins to ensure your student-athlete is eligible to participate.

Sports Physicals CHEAT SHEET

Physical taken on April 1 or **after** of current year is valid for:

- The following 2 years, with an alternate year card in year
- Ex: Physical taken on April 1, 2026 (**or after**)
  - Physical good for 2026-2027 school year.
  - Alternate Year Card for the 2027-2028 school year.
  - Will need a new physical going into the 2028-2029 school year.

Physical taken **before** April 1 of current year is valid for:
- the remainder of that year and good for the following year with an alternate year card filled out.
- Ex: Physical taken **before** April 1, 2026
  - Alternate year card is good for the 2026-2027 school year.
  - Will need a new physical going into the 2027-2028 school year.

Any Physical prior to April 1, 2025 needs to be renewed!

IMPORTANT LINKS

USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Appleton North High School Website
Appleton North Bell Schedule
Appleton North Calendar
Athletic Forms
Athletic Calendar