



Ballard Dimensions

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Time continues to march on—I don't know if all of you feel the same way, but to me this summer has seemed to fly by. As you read this, we will be at the beginning of another exciting school year.

As a district, we will work on a number of exciting ventures this year. The district, along with Lily Pad Learning Center, Miss Wendy's Preschool, The Whistle Stop Academy, and Wee-care Preschool have applied as a consortium to the state of Iowa to offer free 4 year-old preschool programming in the Ballard School District. Our consortium did receive funding allowing each of the 5 preschool programs to offer 4 year-old preschool free of charge. We have jointly worked for 3 years as a group for funding and are very pleased to have finally secured the financing necessary from the state to make this possible. If you are interested, contact the school or any of the 4 local preschools listed above.

Each building will continue to work toward the transitions taking place in the 2011/2012 school year. Upon completion of the new high school in August of 2011, we will begin the school year with a brand new grade configuration in each building. West will house 3 year-old preschool through 2nd grade, East will house 3rd through 5th grade, the current 7-12 building (the new Ballard Middle School) will house 6th through 8th grade, and the new high school will house 9th through 12th grade.

We look forward to an exciting and positive year—as always, our staff is committed to making your child's education challenging, meaningful, and focused on growth.

Have a great year,

John Speer

Superintendent

Ballard Schools

Back to School Night!

Tuesday, August 17

5:30-7:30 pm

West/East Elementary Students:

Meet your principal and teacher! Bring in your school supplies! Explore your building!

Junior/Senior High Students:

Meet your new advisor and pick up your class schedule, locker number and combination and sign up for conferences. Bring your school supplies and put them in your locker. Walk through your schedule and meet your teachers!

Principal's View

Hello to all returning students, faculty, families and friends! We are eagerly awaiting your return for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Although the summer always seems to fly by, we certainly hope everyone had the opportunity to make memories with friends and family while you had the time.

This school year our focus will be "transition". With the new high school looming on the horizon, we will be spending much time and energy preparing for the move. Teachers and administrators will be making final arrangements for the sixth grade to move into the middle school with the seventh and eighth graders. These students and staff will have the opportunity to join forces to make the middle-level learning experience exciting where there will actually be room to grow for a change!

The high school staff will continue to spend time in committees to finalize plans for our transition into the new building. This is an extremely time consuming job. These committees have explored and discussed everything from the color of the walls to scheduling. We will be keeping the public informed as we get to the point of resolve with the committees. We are keeping in mind that a brand new building is awesome, but how things are going to function is much more important.

These are exceptional times within the Ballard community. We are embracing change and managing the moderate growth our district has been experiencing over the past few years. Together, we realize that our students are our most valuable resource. The four communities that make up our district continue to support our school system with vigor and for that we are grateful.

In closing, we look forward to another great school year. As always, if you have any comment or questions do not hesitate to contact us. We will do our very best to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

John Ronca

Ballard Jr/Sr High Principal

Tom Maher

Ballard Jr/Sr High Assistant Principal

Ballard High School Academic Awards Night

Thursday, August 19, 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

Please join us for the 16th Annual Academic Awards Night. Academic letters will be awarded, new members of the National Honor Society will be inducted and the prestigious academic awards will be presented. It's a great night to celebrate excellence at Ballard High School, please plan to attend!

Ballard Community School District

District Office 602 N. Main (PO Box 307) Huxley, Iowa 50124 515-597-2811 Fax 515-597-2965

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Ballard Community Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.05 for elementary and \$1.15 for secondary; lunch costs \$1.90 for elementary and \$2.05 for secondary. Snacks cost (if available) for \$.50. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast, \$.40 for lunch and \$.15 for snack, if available.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the Iowa Eligibility Application for your household with all children (except foster children) listed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to a center that your child(ren) attend.**

2. Is a foster child considered a household of one? Yes. A foster child is considered a household of one and is not to be included in the foster parents' household application. Each foster child needs its own application.

3. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Assistance or FIP and most foster children can get free meals regardless of household income. Children enrolled in Head Start can get free meals regardless of income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

4. Who can get free milk? If your school participates in the Special Milk Program for half day kindergarteners, your kindergarten child may be eligible for free milk. **However, since Ballard School's kindergarten program is all day, children who buy extra milk with a meal or if they have an afternoon milk break are not eligible to receive free milk.**

5. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. Please call Ballard Superintendent's Office, Janice Halverson at 515-597-2975 to see if your child(ren) qualifies, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.

6. Who can get reduced price meals? Your child(ren) can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart on the back of this page.

7. I currently receive Food Assistance or Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits; do I need to fill out an application?

Perhaps. School enrollment records have been compared to records from the Department of Human Services to identify children who are members of households receiving Food Assistance or FIP benefits. If ANY of your child(ren) are identified during this process all your children will be directly certified as eligible to receive free meal benefits and you will be notified of their eligibility by the school. Parents need to do nothing more for their children to receive free meal benefits.

Some eligible children may not be identified in this process. Households with children who were not identified should receive a letter of direct certification from DHS. Children on these letters will receive free meal benefits only if parents provide the letter to the school. Instructions to parents are included on the letter.

If you receive a notice from EITHER THE SCHOOL OR DHS that only SOME of your children are eligible because of direct certification, CONTACT THE SCHOOL. You may need to complete an application for the children who were not identified or provide additional information to the school.

8. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include overtime if you get it only sometimes.

9. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof. You are not required to provide proof with your application.

10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Assistance, FIP, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.

11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: John Speer, Ballard Superintendent's office, 602 North Main Avenue, Huxley, Iowa 50124, phone 515-597-2811.

12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

13. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. Foster children, however, should NOT be included in your household.

14. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

15. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income. There are currently no active Military Housing Projects in Iowa. For a listing of the Military Housing Projects by state visit the following web site: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing/mhpi.htm>.

16. What other benefits might I be eligible for? Your child may be eligible for other benefits including *hawk-i* (children’s health insurance) or for a waiver of school fees. Read the information on the back of the Iowa Eligibility Application for *hawk-i* information. A school fee waiver form is available from your school.

17. Can children with disabilities get food substitutions? If a child has a disability, as determined by a licensed physician, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the licensed physician. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information.

18. Income Guidelines effective July 1, 2010. If you have other questions or need help, call 515-597-2811.

Federal Income Chart

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For each additional person:					
	6,919	577	289	267	134

Households: Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or if you list a Food Assistance number, or Family Investment Program number, or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410*, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Public Release

The Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition, Health and Transportation Services, today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and the Afterschool Care Snack Program.

State and Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective 7-1-2010

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Free Meals</u>					<u>Reduced Price Meals</u>				
	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Twice a Month</u>	<u>Every two weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Twice a Month</u>	<u>Every two weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	14,079	1,174	587	542	271	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	18,941	1,579	790	729	365	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For each additional family member add:	4,862	406	203	187	94	6,919	577	289	267	134

Households may apply for free or reduced price meal benefits one of four ways as listed below.

- Households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free meals or for reduced price meals. Households may complete one application listing all children and return it to your child's school.
- Food Assistance households and children receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program (FIP) are eligible for free meals. Most children from Food Assistance and FIP households will be qualified for free meals automatically. These households will receive a letter from their children's schools notifying them of their benefits. Households that receive a letter from the school need to do nothing more for their children to receive free meals.
- Some Food Assistance and FIP households will receive a letter from the Department of Human Services(DHS) which will qualify the children listed on the letter for free meals. Parents must take this letter to the child's school to receive free meals.
- Food Assistance or FIP households receiving benefits that do not receive a letter from DHS must complete an application for their children to receive free meals.

Only complete applications will be approved by the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. If a family member becomes unemployed the family should contact the school to complete an application.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, instructions for making application for such children are contained on the

application form. Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals based on a completed application.

Households with children who are enrolled in the Head Start/Even Start Program or the Migrant Education Program or who are considered homeless or runaway by the school district's homeless liaison should contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. If households are dissatisfied with the ruling of the officials, they may make a formal appeal either orally or in writing to the school's designated hearing official. The policy statement on file at the school contains an outline of the hearing procedure. School officials may verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Federal criminal statutes. Households should contact their local school for additional information.

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Ballard Community Schools Website ***www.ballard.k12.ia.us***

The website is your source for school calendars, sports schedules, music schedules, bus times for athletes participating in out of town contests, homework as assigned by your child's teacher, teacher email addresses, school board agendas and meeting minutes, school closing and delay information, activity cancelations and postponements and much, much more!

Check it out!



Instructions for Completing Iowa Eligibility Application

Complete both sides of an application for each household. Each foster child is a household of one.

Part 1. All applicants should complete this part. This application may be used to apply for benefits in school meals or milk programs, children's care centers and home based care for children. Check all boxes that apply to your family. You may make copies of a completed application for each program in which your child participates.

If any household member receives FIP or FOOD ASSISTANCE, or your child is in Head Start or Even Start, follow these instructions.

Part 2. If any household member receives FIP or Food Assistance list the name of the household member and the FIP or Food Assistance Case Number in the area provided. List the name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center attended for each child in your household. List one FIP or Food Assistance Case Number per household. Use the Case Number listed in the Notice of Decision. Eligibility based on Head Start or Even Start is available only if your child is enrolled in Head Start and documentation from the Head Start agency is provided. **NOTE: Medicaid, Title XIX, FIP card number and EBT card numbers are not acceptable.** Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of your child's ethnic and racial status if you do not fill this section in.

Part 3. Skip this section.

Part 4. Read the certification and fill in all the blanks in this section.

If applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions. A foster child is a child who is living with a household but who remains the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court, and is considered a household of one.

Part 1. Check the box for foster child.

Part 2. List the child's name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center attended. Use one application for each foster child. Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of your child's ethnic and racial status if you do not fill this section in.

Part 3. Complete this section only if the child receives money for personal use or has other regular personal income. If the child has no income, check the box indicating no income. A Social Security Number is not required. DO NOT include the stipend received by the foster family to provide care to the child.

Part 4. Read the certification and fill in all the blanks in this section.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions.

Part 2. List the name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center attended for each child in your household. Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of your child's ethnic and racial status if you do not fill this section in.

Part 3. Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Name: List the last and first names of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.

Age: List the age of each household member.

Check if No Income: Put a mark in the box if the household member **does not** have an income.

Gross Income last month and how it was received: Report the amount of income received in the appropriate Gross Income column (weekly, every 2 weeks, twice monthly, or monthly). List the **gross income** each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. If you have a household member for whom last month's income was higher or lower than usual, list that person's expected average income.

Other Monthly Payments or Income: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, adoption subsidies, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Veteran's benefits (VA benefits). In the **All Other Income Last Month** column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, cash withdrawn from savings, investments or trusts, interest and **ANY OTHER INCOME.** Use the Self-Employment Income Worksheet on the back of the application to calculate net income for self-owned businesses, farm, or rental income and report in the All Other Income Last Month column. **Do not report:** Scholarships, educational benefits, lump sum payments, combat pay or children's incidental income from occasional activities such as babysitting, shoveling snow, or cutting grass. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay do not include these allowances.

Social Security Number: If the application is being made on the basis of income, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security number" box. If you do not provide your Social Security number or mark the box, your application cannot be processed.

Part 4. Read the certification and fill in all the blanks in this section.

Iowa Eligibility Application							FFY 10-11				
Complete one application per household. Each foster child is a household of one.							School Year 10-11				
Part 1. Check all applicable boxes:		<input type="checkbox"/> school meals	<input type="checkbox"/> children in center	<input type="checkbox"/> children in home child care (HP)			Provider name: _____				
		<input type="checkbox"/> special milk (restrictions apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 home provider (HP)								
		<input type="checkbox"/> foster child (ONE APPLICATION PER CHILD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start/Even Start								
Part 2. Children enrolled. REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS. If applicable, list FIP or Food Assistance Case Number.											
List name(s) of all enrolled child(ren) in your household. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities are optional. Provide one or more if you choose (see code).											
Ethnicity: H-Hispanic or Latino, N-Non Hispanic or Latino		Race: A-Asian, B-Black or African American, I-American Indian or Alaska Native, P-Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, W-White									
FIP or Food Assistance Eligible: Enter the FIP or Food Assistance Case Number for ANY household member as listed in the Notice of Decision. NOTE: Medicaid, Title XIX, FIP card number and EBT card numbers are not acceptable.											
Name of household member with Case Number				List Case Number							
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Check box for FOSTER child	Date of Birth	Grade	OPTIONAL		Name of School/Head Start/ Child Care Center			
						ETHNICITY	RACE				
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
2.											
3.											
4.											
5.											
Part 3. Total Household Gross Income. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PART IF YOU LISTED A FIP OR FOOD ASSISTANCE NUMBER IN PART 2.											
Report the gross income received by EACH household member in the correct column: weekly, every 2 weeks, twice a month or monthly. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions, not take-home pay. Report all other monthly income received. Self-employed persons, see the worksheet on reverse side.											
List the names of everyone living in your household, including the children listed in Part 2. Attach a separate page if more space is needed. For FOSTER children, include only money available for child's personal use or child's own income.				Gross Income: Report income by how often the household member is paid.		Other Monthly Payments or Income Received.					
Last Name	First Name	Age	Check if NO Income	Gross amount received weekly	Gross amount received every 2 weeks	Gross amount received twice a month	Gross amount received monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony, adoption subsidies	Pension, retirement, social security, SSI, VA	All other income	
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
6.			<input type="checkbox"/>								
My Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____							<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number.				
If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. Foster parents completing this application for a foster child are not required to provide their Social Security Numbers. For all other applicants, providing Social Security Numbers is voluntary. See Privacy Act Statement in the parent letter.											
Part 4. Certification and Signature. REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS.											
I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported if required. I understand that I will receive benefits from Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal/milk benefits, and I may be prosecuted.											
Signature of Adult Completing Form			Printed Name of Adult Completing Form				Date Signed				
Address of Adult Completing Form			Town		ZIP Code		Work Phone		Home Phone		Cell Phone
Part 5. DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY.											
Income conversion factors for annual income: weekly X 52; two weeks X 26; twice a month X 24; monthly X 12											
Household Income: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually Household Size _____											
Application Approved:		<input type="checkbox"/> Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Income)	<input type="checkbox"/> FIP/Food Assistance			CACFP HP ONLY:				
		<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Migrant (Schools only)			<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 Area (Provider's own children)					
		<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Approval (zero income) expires in 45 days on (Mo.) (Day)			<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 Income (All children)						
Eligibility Determination:		<input type="checkbox"/> Free Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Price Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Milk			<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 Child (Tier 2 mixed)				
Application Denied:		<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete	<input type="checkbox"/> Over Income limits								
Determining Official Signature				Effective Date		Confirming Official Signature (Schools only)		Date			
						Follow-Up Official Signature (Schools only)		Date			

This form has a second part that is on the next page!

hawk-i/Medicaid Information Form: Read this information and sign if you do not want your name released to hawk-i or Medicaid.

If your children do not have health insurance, you will be interested to know that many families getting free and reduced price meals can also get free or low-cost health insurance for their children.

The law now requires schools to share your free and reduced price meal eligibility information with Medicaid and hawk-i, the State's medical insurance program for children. Specifically, we will give them your child's name and your name and address. Medicaid and hawk-i can only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance and then to contact you. They are not allowed to use the information from your free and reduced meal application for any other purpose.

You are not required to allow us to share information from your children's free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or the hawk-i program. It will not affect your children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals. If you do NOT want your information shared with Medicaid or hawk-i, you must tell us by completing the information below at the time you complete this eligibility application. If you want further information, you may call hawk-i at 1-800-257-8563.

I DO NOT want school/home sponsor/child care or Head Start center officials to share information from my free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or hawk-i. Also, if you are already receiving Medicaid or hawk-i, please sign below. This will avoid another contact.

Child's Name: _____ School/Child Care/Head Start Center: _____

Child's Name: _____ School/Child Care/Head Start Center: _____

Child's Name: _____ School/Child Care/Head Start Center: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Self-Employment Income Worksheet: This worksheet will assist you in calculating the amount to report if you engage in farming, are self employed or have income from other sources.

Persons who are engaged in farming or who operate other types of private businesses may experience variations in cash flow or monthly income throughout the year. These persons may use their income tax records from the preceding calendar year as a basis for applying for the free and reduced price meals. The income to be reported is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for persons expenses such as medical expenses and other non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

If you have additional income from other kinds of employment, this income must be treated as separate and apart from the income generated from your business venture. USDA **DOES NOT** recognize income the same way as IRS. USDA does not permit a loss from a business venture to off-set earnings from wages or salary. Though your business may have suffered a net operational loss, for purposes of this application, it is not possible to have a negative income. The least self employed income possible is zero (no income). For example, if you operated a business at a net loss but held another job where you received wages, your income for purposes of applying for free or reduced price meals would be the income from your wages only. The loss from the business cannot be deducted from the amount of the income earned in the other job.

A prior year loss from farming or other private business operation cannot be used to reduce the current year net income for determining free and reduced price eligibility. Wages paid to a spouse or other family member in the operation of a farm or private business must be shown as household income in Part 3 of the application.

The least income possible is zero (no income).

Income from private business operations is to be taken from your most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return - Form 1040. Use the lines from the 1040 that are identified.

Line 12 - Business income or (loss)	\$ _____
Line 13 - Capital gain or (loss)	\$ _____
Line 14 - Other gains or (losses)	\$ _____
Line 17 - Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.	\$ _____
Line 18 - Farm income or (loss)	\$ _____
	Total \$ _____
	Total : 12* = _____

*Enter amount in the "All Other Income Last Month" column in Part 3 on the front of the Iowa Eligibility Application. The least income possible is zero (no income).

Please return both pages of the application!

2010-2011 STANDARD FEE WAIVER APPLICATION GRADES EK-12

Date _____

All information provided in connection with this application will be kept confidential.

Name of Students (s)	Grade in School	Attendance Center
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Printed names of parent/guardian, legal or actual custodian: _____

Please check type of waiver desired:

Full waiver _____ Partial waiver _____ Temporary Waiver _____

Please check if the student or student's family meets the financial criteria or is involved in one of the following programs:

Full waiver:

- _____ Free meals offered under the Children Nutrition Program
- _____ Family Investment Program (FIP)
- _____ Transportation assistance under open enrollment
- _____ Foster care

Partial waiver:

- _____ Reduced priced meals offered under the Children Nutrition Program

Temporary waiver:

If none of the above apply, but you wish to apply for a temporary waiver of fees because of serious financial problems, please state the reason for the request.

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. One of these benefits is school fees. If you sign this waiver, your child(ren) will be considered for a full or partial waiver of school fees. I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free and reduced price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for waiver of school fees ONLY.

I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made.

Signature of parent, guardian, legal or actual custodian _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Denial of a waiver may be appealed pursuant to the District Student Complaint Procedure Board Policy 529.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approved for:

Full waiver _____ Partial waiver _____ Temporary Waiver _____ Denied _____

Date _____ By _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

School registration fees are due August 2, 2010.

DO NOT TURN IN REGISTRATION MONEY AND FORMS ON "BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT"!

Mandatory registration fee per student is as follows:

(Maximum \$90/family)

West Elementary-\$10.00 (EK - 3rd Grade)

East Elementary-\$20.00 (4th Grade-6th Grade)

Jr/Sr High School-\$25.00 (plus-\$16.00 PE uniform fee if student has not already purchased a PE uniform.)

Fees such as an activity pass, parking, and driver's education are optional.

- PLEASE FILL OUT ALL REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS.

THE REGISTRATION REMITTANCE FORM IS FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEB SITE ALONG WITH ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AT: www.ballard.k12.ia.us

Attendance/Transportation Changes

Will your child be late or absent? Will they be going home via an alternate method? Please alert their school and the bus barn by calling or emailing as follows:

Ballard West : 515-228-3890

Ballard East : 515-220-4306

Or via email at *attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us*

To report a Ballard Junior Senior High student late or absent, please call 515-597-2971 ext 307.

Class of 2010 Graduation Pictures

Pictures taken of the Class of 2010 graduates receiving their diploma are available in the guidance office and should be picked up as soon as possible.

Back to School Night!

Tuesday, August 17

All Grades EK-12

5:30-7:30

IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

August 2 – 6, 2010

The best way to investigate Iowa private colleges and universities is in person. Iowa Private College Week from August 3 through August 6 is designed to help you do that and save money. Application fees will be waived at any of the institutions you visit or at any of the 29 private colleges and universities if you visit three or more during the week. Campus tours and information sessions will be held twice each day, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

To arrange visits, contact participating private colleges. Peggy Wilson in the guidance office can provide toll free phone numbers. Call her at 597-2977, ext. 400. You can also register online. at www.thinkindependently.com.

2010 – 2011 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7 – 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

BALLARD SCHOOLS MAIL-IN REGISTRATION REMITTANCE SLIP

Please itemize fees by student and indicate their grade.

FEES:	Child #1	GR	Child #2	GR	Child #3	GR	Child #4	GR	Child #5	GR
Child's Name										
Registration Technology Fee (*) <i>West - \$10.00</i> <i>East - \$20.00</i> <i>Jr/Sr - \$25.00</i> Max. Fee/Family: \$90.00										
Parking Sticker \$2.00										
Jr/Sr PE Uniform <small>(Only for students who have not already purchased a uniform)</small> \$16.00										
Activity Pass \$40.00										
Athletic Punch Card \$20.00										
Drivers' Ed. \$340.00										
TOTAL:										

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

() Per approval of Fee Waiver Application, reduced rates would be \$4.00 @ West; \$8.00 @ East; and \$10.00 @ Jr/Sr High.*

Please cut on the dotted line and return this form with your payment and any other required registration forms.

Forms and payment should not be turned in on Back-to-School Night or the first day of school!

Please mail as soon as possible. All registration forms and fees must be received by August 2, 2010.

If you make your payment via PaySchools, you still need to complete and mail all required forms.

Please make sure you have added enough postage when you mail in your registrations forms!

MAIL FORMS TO:
Peggy Wilson
Ballard Schools
P. O. Box 307
Huxley, IA 50124-0307



BALLARD LUNCH ACCOUNT MAIL-IN REMITTANCE SLIP

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Child's Name: #1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

#4 _____

#5 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please cut on the dotted line and return with your payment and remittance form to:

Grant Chapin, Taher
Ballard Schools
PO Box 307
Huxley, Iowa 50124-307

Homecoming T-Shirts 2010

Once again the Ballard Chapter of the *NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY* is sponsoring the sale of Homecoming T-shirts.

Yes, that's right. It's hard to believe, but we are thinking about Homecoming t-shirts already! Homecoming 2010 is Friday, September 24th with the Ballard Bombers playing the Boone Toreadors. Since homecoming is early this year, time will be short after the first day of school to order shirts. This is also a very busy time for our supplier. Students and parents will be able to start ordering their homecoming t-shirts immediately. The last day to order will be Friday, August 27th. T-shirts will be delivered to the students before homecoming.

The shirt will be available in our school colors and have the Homecoming theme:

“Save a Bull – Take Down the Toreadors”

Order forms and payment are due by Friday, August 27. The T-shirts cost \$12.00 each and will be delivered to the students before homecoming.

Youth Sizes

Quantity

Medium _____

Large _____

Adult Sizes

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X-Large _____

XX-Large _____

XXX-Large _____

Number of shirts ordered _____ @ \$12 each. Total Due

Name _____ teacher or

advisor: _____

Payment must accompany each order form. Check should be made out to Ballard Schools. Please return your order form by Friday, August 27.

Thanks,

JR/SR HIGH SCHEDULE INFORMATION

2010-2011 Schedules Go Live in Infinite Campus on August 2

Parents and students at the junior-senior high level, please check your schedules to make sure the courses and classes are correct. If high school students have a conflict, open periods or it has been indicated on their schedule to “See Mrs. Yeager”, please call the guidance office at 515-597-2971 ext. 400 to set up an appointment with Mrs. Yeager. Mrs. Yeager will be in her office on Monday, August 16 from 10:00 – 3:00 for schedule changes. Please call the guidance office before coming to the school

Students and parents can also email Mrs. Yeager with schedule changes at lyeager@ballard.k12.ia.us

Junior high students with schedule conflicts, changes, or additions also need to call the guidance office to make arrangements with Mr. Delagardelle regarding their schedule.

All changes in schedules should be made prior to Tuesday, August 17.

Absolutely no schedule changes will be made on Back-to-School Night or the first two days of school. These days are reserved for new students only.

PAYSCHOOLS

Reminder that you can add money to your child’s lunch account, pay a driver’s education fee, or pay for the district registration/technology fee on-line. This on-line payment system is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week anywhere the world-wide-web is available. The system may be accessed from our school home page at www.ballard.k12.ia.us. Simply click on the PaySchools button at the bottom of the home-page. The system works like many other online systems, requiring you to register.

The school has no access to any of your personal or financial information—the information is simply used by PaySchools to start an account for you to use after registering with their system. Keep in mind that although the district receives electronic confirmation after paying a bill or adding money to your child’s lunch account, it does not automatically transfer to the schools financial software. A day or two lag may occur between your payment and the payment being assigned to the appropriate bill or account.

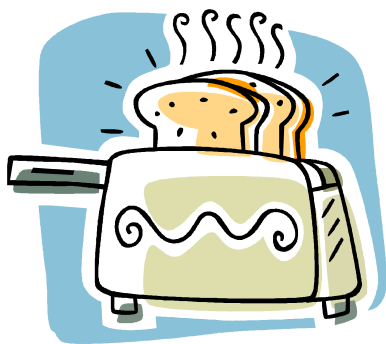
Ballard Schools will not profit from the use of PaySchools in any way—we offer this as a convenient way for those that choose to use it to manage school bills and lunch accounts. The school district is charged a 3.5% fee by PaySchools to have this program.



Ballard Youth Football is ready to kick off season number two! Practice begins August 23. The 2010 season begins with scrimmages on September 11 and 12 at West Des Moines Valley. League play will begin on September 18 and 19 and post-season play will be held October 23 and 24.

You can order Ballard Jets apparel through our website, www.ballardjets.com or by obtaining an order form at Huxley Physical Therapy. The logo shown above will be available on apparel and posters. Deadline for orders is August 19.

Ballard Schools *food service menus*
are available on the Ballard web-site



www.ballard.k12.ia.us
'Food Service'
'Menus'

BALLARD BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEES

FIRST CLASS _____ \$500 (Two Passes & a Plaque) PILOT _____ \$200.00 (Two Passes)
CO-PILOT _____ \$100.00 (One Pass) NAVIGATOR _____ \$75.00 (One Punch Card)
FLIGHT CREW _____ \$25.00 Punch Card Passes are available in the office for \$20.00

OR

Make a donation of your time helping with club sponsored meals, tournaments & home athletic events!!
(See below)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Ballard Athletic Booster Club**

MAIL APPLICATION TO: **Ballard High School, P.O. Box 307, Huxley, IA 50124 – attention Terri Weeks**

EMAIL APPLICATION TO: **athleticboosters@ballard.k12.ia.us**

All funds support grades 7 - 12 Ballard Athletic Programs

I would like to help with the following: (please check the ones you would like to help with.)

_____ Football Pre-Game Meal – Oct. 22 – 5:00-7:00 pm
_____ Youth Wrestling Tournament – Date TBA
_____ Youth Basketball Tournament – Date TBA
_____ Golf Outing – Date TBA

_____ Chain gang for sub varsity games (moms or dads) _____ Ticket takers for any home athletic events

_____ Oversee the running of home event concession stand _____ Sell Merchandise during home events

If you are looking for a way to become involved in the Ballard Community – here's your chance!
It is lots of fun and a great way to meet new people and to help our athletes.

??? QUESTIONS ???

CALL: Terri Weeks @ 597-2972 ext. 302



ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE DRIVER'S EDUCATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!!

ALL students who will be taking Driver's Education at Ballard are required to attend a mandatory initial meeting at the beginning of the school year. ONLY ONE MEETING WILL BE HELD EACH YEAR. This fall's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. At least one parent or guardian must attend this meeting with their child. There will be a sign-in sheet at the meeting for parents and students.

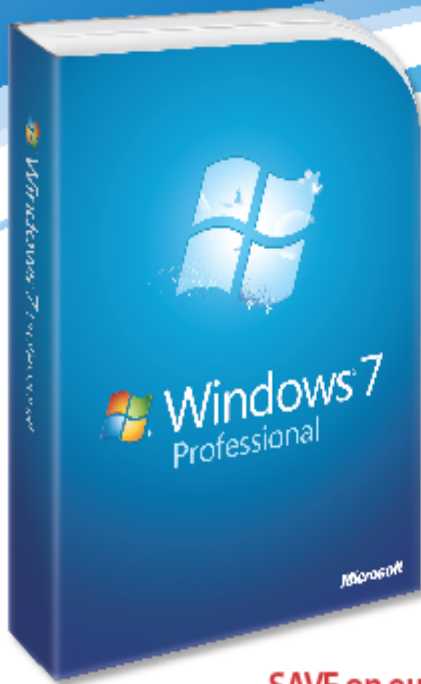
Chief Pote of the Huxley Police Department, Don Sears, Driver's Education teacher, and John Ronca, Principal, will be conducting the meeting. Please make arrangements to attend.

Any student who does not attend the meeting will not be allowed to take Driver's Education this school year. This includes the fall, winter and summer sessions of 2010-2011.

Students

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Staff



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**We made a *splash*
at the
Huxley Public Library
this summer!!
Over 200 kids attended
programs each week.

*Keep up the reading!!***

**4th-6th graders: Don't forget the Youth Book Club will begin again this fall. We meet in the library on early-out Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00. Join us for a snack, a good book, a game or contest.
First meeting will be September 15.**

Adult Reading Group continues to meet each month. We'll meet August 16 and September 13 at 10:00 AM in the library. Join us for coffee and good discussions. Come in August to help choose titles for the coming year!

After a successful summer of programs for all ages, we'll return to our regular story hour schedule in late August.



Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers is every Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:30 AM starting August 24.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE – Huxley Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting applications for fall programming staff including, head youth volleyball instructor, youth soccer, flag football, and volleyball referees and part-time staff for supervising the 3C's Family Recreation Center. All interested applicants must complete a City of Huxley application and required department training. Applications are available at the front desk and online.

FALL YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS – Registration deadlines are quickly approaching (July 31) for all fall youth recreation programs to begin later this summer and last into the early fall. Flag football (grades 1st-6th), soccer (Kiddie Kickers, U6, U8, U10), and volleyball (grades 3-6) are all taking place. Don't delay and sign up your son or daughter today so these programs can begin on time!

JOIN THE HUXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE BLANK PARK ZOO – Join us at Railroad Park under the amphitheater on Monday, August 2 for an interactive presentation with the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo and this program offered by the Huxley Public Library. Snakes, alligators and more creepy critters will be present in a "show & tell" atmosphere. The program begins at 10:00am and is free.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE CAPTAINS MEETING – An adult softball league captains meeting will be held on Monday, August 2nd at 7pm in City Council Chambers at 3C's for all teams participating in this year's programs. Each team must have at least one representative at the meeting to begin play on August 8th.

FLAG FOOTBALL COACHES MEETING – A mandatory National Alliance for Youth Sports flag football coaches meeting will take place on Thursday, August 5th from 6-9pm at City Council Chambers at 3C's for all head and assistant coaches coaching in this year's program and is also open to any prospective coaches. Coaches already enrolled for this year's program will have their fee waived while the fee for other attending coaches will be \$20. Pizza and pop/water will be provided as well. Please contact our office with any questions.

SOCCER COACHES MEETING – A mandatory National Alliance for Youth Sports soccer coaches meeting will take place on Monday, August 9th from 6-9pm at Nord Kalsem Park Community Center for all head and assistant coaches coaching in this year's program and is also open to any prospective coaches. Coaches already enrolled for this year's program will have their fee waived while the fee for other attending coaches will be \$20. Pizza and pop/water will be provided as well. Please contact our office with any questions.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND BUILD – We are looking for 20 volunteers for 3-5 hours to assist with installation of our new playground at Berhow Park on Saturday, August 7th beginning at 8:00am. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. If interested, please contact our office.

SILVERSNEAKERS® OPEN HOUSE – There will be a SilverSneakers® open house on Monday, August 9th beginning at 9am at the recreation center in Huxley. Come learn more about this nationwide program as it now begins in Huxley and also try a class for free.

IOWA HEALTH MOBILE HEARTREACH LAB IN HUXLEY – The Iowa Health HeartReach Mobile Lab will be in Huxley on Friday, August 27th beginning at 7am. This event is sponsored by Huxley Family Physicians with screening packages ranging from \$35 to \$135 and a \$25 coupon available at locations throughout Huxley including Huxley Family Physicians and 3C's Family Recreation Center. To make an appointment, stop by either location, call 1-866-935-5432 or go online at www.iowahealth.org/heartreach

LOCAL NFL PUNT, PASS, AND KICK DATE SET – Huxley's local NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick event will be Saturday, August 28 immediately following the Huxley Prairie Festival Parade (roughly 11:00am) at Rich Strouse Football Field in Huxley. Sign up at the office or online at <http://www.nflppk.com/competitions/register/index/1475>

SUMMER AMUSEMENT PARK CONSIGNMENT TICKETS – The Huxley Parks & Recreation Department will again offer discount tickets to various summer amusement parks throughout the Midwest this summer. Tickets are offered at a discounted rate from the gate price through a consignment program with the Iowa Park & Recreation Association and also help support your local parks and recreation department. Tickets are now available and limited quantities are available, so be sure to get yours early!

3C'S FAMILY RECREATION CENTER OF HUXLEY - As always, don't forget we are also your one-stop recreation shop and include the Ballard areas most complete recreation center with a walking track, cardio and weight equipment, racquetball court, and gymnasium. Stop by for a daily pass or membership information at 515 North Main Avenue in Huxley in the brick building adjacent to Ballard High School. A reminder that summer hours are now in effect and are as follows: Monday through Friday 5:00am to 8:00pm, Saturday 7:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday 7:00am to 2:00pm. You can follow us on Twitter at *huxleyparksrec* or on Facebook at *Huxley Parks Recreation* for all the latest program and event updates as well as occasional specials and discounts.

For information on these and all programs and activities taking place, please contact us at (515) 597-2515.

Ballard School District Phone Numbers

Ballard West Elementary (Grades K-3)

105 E. Main, Slater, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	228-3890
Office	228-3890
Fax	228-3892
Bus Riding Changes	228-3890

Administration Office

602 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa

Superintendent	597-2811
Business Manager	597-2975
Fax	597-2965

Ballard East Elementary (Grades 4-6)

505 W. 4th, Cambridge, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	220-4306
Office	220-4306
Fax	220-4310
Bus Riding Changes	220-4306

Other District Numbers

Bus Barn	597-2979
Success Center	597-2970
Taher, Inc (HS Kitchen)	597-2978
West Kitchen	228-3893
East Kitchen	220-4893

Ballard Jr-Sr High (Grades 7-12)

509 N. Main, Huxley, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	597-2971 (ext 307)
Office	597-2971
Fax	597-2964
Principal's Secretary	597-2971 (ext 301)
Activities Secretary	597-2971 (ext 302)
Guidance /Registration	597-2971 (ext 400)
Guidance Fax	597-2818

Ballard Website-
www.ballard.k12.ia.us

Attendance/Bus Riding Changes

*The preferred way to contact the **elementary** sites regarding your child's absence or to report bus riding changes is via an email to **attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us**.*

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