



# Ballard Dimensions

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## From the School Nurse...Tips for Handling Sick Days

Cold and flu season is here again. One of the problems that most often confront parents of school-aged children is whether or not to send their child to school if they are complaining of not feeling well. You don't want to send them to school if they really are sick, but you don't want to keep them home for something minor either.

The following are simply guidelines. If you have concerns about your child's health, we encourage you to contact your physician for their advice. Students should be kept home if he or she:

Has a fever 100 degrees or higher

Has been vomiting

Has diarrhea

If they are complaining of a severe sore throat and you see white spots in their throat. This could indicate strep throat and should be kept home and see a doctor.

Before returning to school we ask that these students be without the above symptoms without the aid of fever reducing medication (such as Motrin) for 24 hours. This will help us control passing on the illness to other students.

It can be difficult to tell the difference between a cold and the flu, but The Iowa Department of Public Health has developed the following guidelines on how to tell the difference.

Influenza has an abrupt (fast), significant onset. Colds may come on slowly, with mild symptoms. Flu infections involve a fever of 100 degrees or greater AND cough AND/OR sore throat. Influenza infections do not result in vomiting or diarrhea without respiratory symptoms. Colds may result in a low-grade fever.

In addition to respiratory symptoms, persons with influenza often have body aches, chills, and extreme malaise.

Influenza durations can vary from a few days to 2 weeks. Colds often linger longer than influenza, but symptoms are overall milder.

The flu can potentially be a serious illness. The best way to protect your child is to get them the flu vaccination; you can contact your physician's office about this. Also it is important to remind your child to wash hand frequently, to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues, and not to share personal items such as drinks or food. As a district we do our best to work with all students to help determine whether or not they are too sick to be in school and need to be sent home, or whether it is merely a cold and can finish a school day. Occasionally we see students with excessive absences from school. This may have a negative effect on a student's attitude, work habits and progress in school. When deciding on whether or not to keep your child home from school just use good common sense and remember..."You can't educate a child who isn't healthy and you can't keep a child healthy who isn't educated." ~Jocelyn Elders

Jessica Jimmerson, Ballard School Nurse

Wishing Tree Project Helps Families for the Holidays  
at the Ballard Community Clothes Pantry in Huxley

The Clothes Pantry "Wishing Tree Project" will begin the 2010 Holiday Season of Giving on **Sunday, November 21 and continue through Sunday December 5**. Residents living in the Ballard School District are eligible to request assistance with buying gifts for their children. Community members should come in during open hours and fill out a "Wish List" and put it on the tree.

Pantry hours are: Sundays 1 -3 P.M., Wednesdays 4 – 6, P.M. and Saturdays 10 – 12 A.M.

Community members wanting to fulfill these wishes should also come in during these days and take a "list" home to purchase some of the items requested.

Gifts purchased need to be **returned to the pantry by Saturday December 11**. It is up to the individual whether or not to wrap the gifts. It is recommended to put gifts in a large bag along with wrapping paper and tape as well as the list/glove they selected. Parents then could wrap the gifts themselves.

**Gifts may be picked up by families at the pantry on December 12 , 15, or 18** during open hours, unless other arrangements have been made.

For questions about the project or to select a family if these hours do not work, call Jeriann McLaughlin @ 597-2971 Ext: 207 at Ballard High School or email [jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us](mailto:jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us)

The pantry is located behind Ballard Creek Retirement Center on  
North Hwy 69 in

If you are seeking shelter with meals or assistance with rent or utilities please contact Emergency Residence Project for help by calling 515-232-8075 or by visiting their website at

<http://www.amesshelter.org/erp/>.



United Way of Story County



## Ballard East 5<sup>th</sup> grades SPEAK UP!

Do you worry or become nervous when you must stand before a group of people and speak? The Ballard East 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Fjelland's and Mrs. Ostrem's classrooms learned how to overcome the hurdles of public speaking by being involved in Central Iowa RSVP of Story County program called "Speak Up". During the months of October and November two wonderful volunteers, Sharon and Charlene came every Monday to lead the students in becoming good public speakers. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned various helpful techniques that they later incorporated into their speech, which was the finale of the program. The students enjoyed giving and listening to speeches by their peers. The "Speak Up" program was a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun!

## Subscribe to Dimensions!

Would you or someone you know like to receive Ballard Dimensions directly in your email in-box? It's easy! Simply visit our school website at [www.ballard.k12.ia.us](http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us) and click on the Subscribe to Dimensions button. You will be asked to enter your email address and click subscribe. That's it! Likewise if you wish to discontinue the delivery of Ballard Dimensions to your in-box; simply follow the same procedure but click 'unsubscribe'. You may be wondering why you received an issue of the newsletter when you haven't had a child in the district for some time. In an effort to reach as many people as possible in the district, we searched our entire database to retrieve any email address we had. While it is our desire to reach as many people as possible, we understand you may not wish to receive this newsletter. Please just follow the steps listed above to unsubscribe. Thank you for your patience while we work to eliminate the kinks in our process during these first few months.

**Ballard Dimensions**


**West Elementary~ Winter Vocal**  
**Music Concert 2010 Schedule**  
**(@ the West Elem. Gym)**


Please locate your child's homeroom teacher to find out what time and which night your child's concert will be. Please plan to arrive no more than 15-20 minutes before the 5:30, 6:30, or 7:30 concerts so the audience before your concert will have time to leave the building and parking areas. Concerts are generally about 25-30 minutes in length and this should give us enough time to switch and get our little ones home before it gets too late. Thank you for your patience. More information will come home with your child in the future and may be found on my page within the Ballard website. I appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to grow.

~~ Sue Vogel, West Elem. Vocal Teacher



**Monday, December 6, 2010**

5:30 PM KW – Mrs. Wierson  
 KU – Mrs. Upah  
 1S – Mr. Stichka  
 1Ra – Mrs. Raineri

6:30 PM 2T – Miss Trost  
 2B – Mrs. Brown  
 3J – Mrs. Johnson  
 3W – Mrs. Wilcox

7:30 PM 2C – Mrs. Cole  
 2P – Mrs. Payne  
 3C – Mrs. Corsbie  
 3A – Mrs. Angell

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

5:30 PM EKA - Mrs. Astarita  
 EKJ - Miss Jensen  
 KJ – Mrs. Jensen  
 KC – Mrs. Campbell

6:30 PM KN – Mrs. Nosekabel  
 KJo – Mrs. Johnson  
 1F – Mrs. Ford  
 1Ri – Mrs. Richardson  
 1D – Mrs. Dietrich

7:30 PM 2W – Miss Courtney  
 2E – Mrs. Elleby  
 2J – Mrs. Jensen  
 3Hn – Mrs. Hennessey  
 3Hd – Mrs. Hedges



Hi! Winter  
 Concert Time  
 is coming  
 soon!

# Join Impact!

Impact is free a afterschool program sponsored by Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. It is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Once parents fill out a registration packet found in the school offices, students are welcome to attend Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:00. Impact is held in room #123 at the Jr. High; 6th graders can easily take the bus over to our building. All students may ride the activity bus at 5pm which runs to Slater and Cambridge. Our afternoons are filled with snacks, active activities, games, volunteering, and we make time for homework too! Encourage your student to come to Impact, where they will enjoy a safe and comfortable space full of fun and educational opportunities. Feel free to contact Molly FitzPatrick, Site Supervisor, at [mfitzpatrick@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:mfitzpatrick@yss.ames.ia.us) or 515-451-8250.

## ***Dollars for Scholars 3-Point Shot Contest***

**Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars is again inviting hot shots to try their luck at the Halftime 3 Point Contest at 3 home basketball games.**

**What's the catch? Participants must be wearing a BCDFS Points For Scholars T-shirt, any vintage. This fun contest is highlighting our T-shirt sponsors and also has the potential to award a winner with \$50. Rules and sign-up are available at the information table that night.**

## **Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars is having a Fire Sale!**

**That's right, it's your Last Chance to fund a Scholarship Endowment for \$5000! As of Jan 1st, each new Endowment will be funded with a \$7000 donation. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact Danelle Jensen (233-0494), Brenda Brink (597-3487) or Valerie Allen (597-3628).**

# BALLARD POST PROM

Who says only the kids get a fun night out? While the students are enjoying Winter Formal, join us for our Second Annual Winter Dance Party at the Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Course, in Ankeny on January 29 from 8 pm-12 am. There will be music, food, dancing and prizes!! Limited number of tickets available (\$50 per couple). Contact us at ballardpostprom@yahoo.com or at www.ballardpostprom.webs.com if interested in tickets. Come enjoy the night while raising money for the post prom event!

Ballard quilt raffle to kick off soon--watch for available tickets at upcoming winter athletic events!

Look for post prom information, upcoming fund raising events, and volunteer opportunities post prom on www.ballardpostprom.webs.com

## Ballard Dollars for Scholars Enrichment Fund Continues to Grow

- In Memory of Ed Ryan**.....Brian & Melonie Stall
- In Memory of Deb Jensen's mother**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Robert Phillips**.....Brenda Brink, Duane & Danelle Jensen, David & Jean Saveraid
- In Memory of Jordan McCain**.....Beth Meissen
- In Memory of Mike Macki's father**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Jennifer Burnes' father**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Howard Heaberlis**.....Louella Larson
- In Memory of Dale Johns**.....Tim & Sue Erickson
- In Memory of Jeriann McLaughlin's mother**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Zach Braatz**.....David & Verda Tesdall
- In Memory of Cheryl Pittman's mother**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Peggy Cole's mother**.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer

**Thank you to Town & Country Market in Slater for your donation.**

## 2010-11 Scholarship information available in the Guidance Center

Scholarship information is listed in the Ballard Dimensions as well as on our guidance office web site. Senior advisors also receive updated information on scholarships; dates college representatives will be visiting Ballard; dates of career and college fairs in the area; and registration deadlines for ACT and SAT testing. Students should make use of the guidance office for researching colleges and the numerous scholarships available.

Scholarship Name	Deadline	Requirements	Value
<b>FREE SEARCH</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a></li> </ul>	
Federal Student Aid		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start here. Go further. <a href="http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide">www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide</a></li> </ul>	
National Commission for Cooperative Education		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>185 Scholarships totaling \$4,500,000 are available through The National Commission for Cooperative Education</li> <li><a href="http://www.co-op.edu">www.co-op.edu</a></li> </ul>	Varies
Anycollege.com		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Random scholarship drawing three more times this school year</li> <li><a href="http://www.anycollege.com">www.anycollege.com</a></li> </ul>	\$2,000
Scholarships.com Find money for college		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free College scholarship search and financial aid information</li> <li><a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a></li> </ul>	
Simpson College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check their web site for numerous scholarships available</li> <li><a href="http://www.simpson.edu/admissions/financial/merit.html">www.simpson.edu/admissions/financial/merit.html</a></li> </ul>	\$11,000 to full tuition
Luther College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.luther.edu">www.luther.edu</a></li> </ul>	
The American Legion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship and financial aid information <a href="http://www.legion.org/needalift">www.legion.org/needalift</a></li> </ul>	
Kirkwood Comm. College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out their 2010-2011 scholarships at <a href="http://www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships">www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships</a></li> </ul>	
Northeast IA Comm. College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out their 2010-2011 scholarships at <a href="http://www.micc.edu">www.micc.edu</a></li> </ul>	
Vanderbilt University		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships">www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships</a></li> </ul>	
Iowa State University Academic Recognition Award	Offered admission by 03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO:</b></li> <li>Iowa Residents who,</li> <li>Have been offered admission to ISU, and</li> <li>Rank in top 11 - 15% of senior class</li> </ul>	\$500.00/yr for up to four years for a total of \$2,000
Iowa State University Academic Recognition Award	Offered admission by 03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO:</b></li> <li>Iowa Residents who,</li> <li>Have been offered admission to ISU, and</li> <li>Rank in top 10% of senior class</li> </ul>	\$1,000/yr for up to four years for a total of \$4,000
Iowa State University President's Award for Competitive Excellence	Offered admission by 03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO:</b></li> <li>Iowa residents who have been offered admission to ISU AND have successfully completed the college prep curriculum outlined below:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through 1 year of Calculus</li> <li>3 years from among biology, chemistry, and physics</li> <li>4 years of a single foreign language</li> <li>3.30 or higher GPA</li> <li>ACT of at least 28 (composite) or SAT of at least 1240 (Critical reading plus Math)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	\$1,500/yr for up to four years for a total of \$6,000
University of Northern Iowa Distinguished Scholar Awards	Offered Admission by 03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iowa resident, high school senior</li> <li>RAI of 320 or above</li> <li>RAI of 300 or above</li> </ul>	\$2,500 \$1,000
ISU H. S. Ostlin Memorial Scholarship	Offered Admission by 03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering freshman at ISU in fall 2011</li> <li>Selection is based on academic excellence.</li> </ul>	\$1,000/4 years
University of Northern Iowa Scholarship	Dec. 2010 – Feb. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous scholarships are available at UNI College of Natural Sciences</li> <li><a href="http://www.uni.edu/finaid/">www.uni.edu/finaid/</a></li> </ul>	\$500 up to \$7,000
Wayne State College Scholarships	12-01-10 thru 02-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out various scholarships and awards available at <a href="http://www.wsc.edu">www.wsc.edu</a></li> </ul>	
Grinnell College Howard R. Bowen Scholarship	12-03-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior, US Citizen who has a desire to attend Grinnell College</li> <li><a href="http://www.grinnell.edu">www.grinnell.edu</a></li> </ul>	\$25,000/yr for four year
AXA Achievement Scholarship	12-15-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you been active in the community, led a project that benefits others, or overcome personal challenges? You may qualify.</li> <li><a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a></li> </ul>	\$10,000 to \$25,000
Danforth Scholarship Washington Univ. St. Louis	01-15-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who embraces high ideals, whose life choices are guided by personal integrity, selflessness, a commitment to community, and a dedication to leadership and academic excellence.</li> <li>SEE MRS. YEAGER BEFORE APPLYING</li> </ul>	
Dordt College Presidential/Honors Scholarship Program	01-15-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior accepted for admission having a minimum GPA of 3.00 and a minimum ACT of 21 automatically awarded</li> <li><a href="http://www.dordt.edu">www.dordt.edu</a></li> </ul>	
J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship at Stetson University	01-21-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If interested, contact Mrs. Yeager</li> <li>HS senior with a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher, score of at least 30 on ACT, in top 5% of class, demonstrate leadership roles in high school or the community, participation in physical wellness (sports or fitness), strong character, integrity, creativity and imagination in art or science</li> </ul>	Full Tuition

Scholarship Name	Deadline	Requirements	Value
Des Moines Women's Club Performing Arts Scholarship	01-28-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who plans to pursue a degree in Art, Literature, vocal or instrumental music, drama, dance, performance, set design and directing</li> <li>Resident of Polk, Boone or Story County</li> <li><a href="http://www.desmoineswomensclub.org">www.desmoineswomensclub.org</a></li> </ul>	\$1,000
Des Moines Women's Club Thelma French Kappelman Scholarship	01-28-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who plans to pursue a degree in special education</li> <li>Resident of Polk, Boone or Story County</li> <li><a href="http://www.desmoineswomensclub.org">www.desmoineswomensclub.org</a></li> </ul>	\$1,000
Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics at U of Iowa	01-31-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who has applied for admission to the University of Iowa and declared physics or astronomy as their major</li> <li>Student must take the Drake Physics Prize exam (deadline to register is Dec.)</li> <li><a href="http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/scholarship/strayer-rairden/">www.physics.uiowa.edu/scholarship/strayer-rairden/</a></li> </ul>	\$1,000
Morningside College	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out numerous scholarships and grants at</li> <li><a href="http://www.morningside.edu">www.morningside.edu</a></li> </ul>	
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.	02-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior – principal criterion is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas</li> <li><a href="http://www.gi-iowa.org">www.gi-iowa.org</a></li> </ul>	\$2,000
Hixson Opportunity Award-Iowa State Univ.	02-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who demonstrates financial need, resident of Story County, faced challenges of personal and/or financial hardship, possesses the potential to succeed and plans to attend ISU</li> <li><a href="http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/">www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/</a></li> </ul>	\$14,000
Iowa Newspaper Foundation	02-11-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several scholarships offered for Iowa students preparing for a career in the newspaper industry.</li> <li><a href="http://www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php">www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php</a></li> </ul>	\$500 - \$1,000
World Class Mediacom Scholarship	02-11-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who plans to attend institution that provides further training and education beyond high school.</li> <li><a href="http://www.mediacomworldclass.com">www.mediacomworldclass.com</a></li> </ul>	\$1,000
La Societe Forty and Eight Nursing Scholarship	02-15-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior</li> <li>Plan to pursue a nursing degree</li> </ul>	
Boone county Pork Producer Scholarship	03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS senior who is a resident of Boone County</li> <li>Plan to enroll in an accredited 2 or 4-year institution and pursue a course of study related to agriculture.</li> </ul>	\$500
Grand Lodge of Iowa MCEC Technical Scholarship	03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who plans to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College</li> <li><a href="http://www.gi-iowa.org">www.gi-iowa.org</a></li> </ul>	
H.S.Ostlin Memorial Scholarship – ISU	03-01-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior, resident of Polk or Story County</li> <li>Plan to attend ISU with preference given to students who pursue engineering majors</li> <li><a href="http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu">www.financialaid.iastate.edu</a></li> </ul>	\$1,000
US Bank Scholarship	03-31-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior who plans to enroll next fall at an eligible four-year college or university participating in this scholarship</li> <li><a href="http://www.usbank.com/scholarship">www.usbank.com/scholarship</a></li> </ul>	Varies
La' James International	03-31-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS Senior based on academics, leadership, character, citizenship, and financial need</li> <li><a href="http://www.lajamesinternational.com">www.lajamesinternational.com</a></li> </ul>	
Ashford University	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean's Scholarship: 3.00 to 3.24 Cum GPA</li> <li>Provost's Scholarship: 3.25 to 3.49 Cum GPA</li> <li>President's Scholarship: 3.50 and up Cum GPA</li> </ul>	\$10,000 \$12,500 \$15,720
NW Missouri Scholarships	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out numerous scholarships available at</li> <li><a href="http://www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid">www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid</a></li> </ul>	Various
<b>Updated 11-23-10</b>		<b>INDICATES NEW SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE LAST UPDATE</b>	

# NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

## KNOW THE RULES:

### Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008.** This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

### Test Scores

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements can be found at [https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1\\_standards.pdf](https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1_standards.pdf)
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

### Grade-Point Average

- Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.
- **Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- **Division I** grade-point average is determined by a sliding scale which includes core grade point average/test scores. Go to [https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1\\_standards.pdf](https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/d1_standards.pdf) for a more detailed chart.
- **The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

#### DIVISION I

##### 16 Core-Course Rule

###### 16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

#### DIVISION II

##### 14 Core-Course Rule

###### 14 Core Courses:

3 years of English.

2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses. Division II has no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (verbal and math sections only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- 14 core courses are currently required for Division II. However, beginning 2013, students will be required to complete 16 core courses.
- 16 core courses are required for Division I.
- The SAT combined score is based on the verbal and math sections only. The writing section will not be used.
- SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts will not be used.
- Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

For more information regarding the rules, please go to [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org) Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting." Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

# Open Enrollment Information

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the State of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

March 1, 2011 – Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2011-2012 school year.

If the student meets the definition of good cause under 281-Iowa Administrative Code 17.4(1) because of a change in residence or is entering kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year the application can be accepted **after March 1, 2011** for the 2011-2012 school year.

A pupil who transfers school districts under open enrollment in all grades 9 through 12, **shall not be eligible** to participate in varsity contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer.

Parents/guardians of open-enrolled students whose income falls below 160 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend.

If a request to transfer a student to another district is denied by the Board of Education for failure to show good cause or for not meeting the request deadline, the parent or guardian may appeal the decision either to the Director of the Department of Education or to the State Board under Iowa Code Chapter 290.

For further details, contact the Ballard Administration Office: Janice Halverson – 515-597-2975. Contact person at the State Department of Education: Wilma Gajdel, Consultant – 515-281-5332.

## PAYSCHOOLS

Please remember that you can add money to your child's lunch account, pay a driver's education fee, pay the district registration/technology fee or pay preschool fees on line. This on-line payment system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week anywhere the internet is available. The system may be accessed from our school home page and works like many other 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 you pay a bill or add money to your child's lunch account, it does not automatically transfer to the school's 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 anyway. 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.

## FAFSA APPLICATIONS

Information regarding FAFSA forms (application for college financial aid) is available in the Guidance Office. Applications may be completed on line at [www.Fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.Fafsa.ed.gov). Students planning to attend college next fall should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.

## ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS

Register by December 23 for the  
January 22 SAT Test

Register by January 7 for the  
February 12 ACT Test

Registration packets are available in the guidance office or on line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT test or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT test. **The Ballard school code to be used on the application for either test is 162-110.**

HOMES ON TOUR:



Brent & Julie Emerson  
530 Meadow Lane



Billy & Deanna Farbus  
803 N 5th Ave.



Richard & Cheryl Harmon  
302 N. 4th Ave.



Jason & Alisha Berkland  
1103 Centennial Circle



Kirk & Liz Peterson  
53733 Highway 210



Roger & Stephanie Zielle  
1221 Sand Cherry Lane

# Holiday HERO Tour of Homes

## HUXLEY'S 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday, December 5th, 3 - 6 PM

Homes around the area have graciously opened up their beautiful homes, decorated for us to enjoy.

Purchase tickets for \$8 each at:  
Blumster's, 3C's, Chicken Shed Primitives, Moose on the Loose  
or Quicks Hardware Hank.

Proceeds going to local Huxley Food Pantry and  
the Huxley Community Wishing Tree Project.

Tickets are \$10 at homes-the day of event.

*Please no children under the age of 10. Free babysitting will be available at LilyPod Learning Center during the tour.*

*Maps available at ticket sale locations.*



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## 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](http://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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