

Ballard Dimensions

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Ballard Community Schools Annual Report 2010/2011

The district again last year experienced moderate growth for the school year—we had 30 more students roaming our hallways in the 2010/2011 school year than the year prior. This student growth can be attributed to many factors including an ideal location between Ames and the Des Moines Metro area, but moreover, families choose Ballard and the communities forming our district because of a concerted effort by the school and all of our local communities in forging a family friendly, caring atmosphere—we thank all of you for your help!

Construction of the new high school continued last year and opened in August. An addition at East Elementary is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion near December of this year. When that addition is complete, all of our buildings will have appropriate and enough space for the students attending school in that building.

The financial picture for schools, like families, in this downturn has been challenging. Ballard, as a district has been very diligent in the past 6 years to closely monitor our expenditures to always ensure that we are using our funds wisely. The district has made gains from a budgetary standpoint, but cuts in funding will have an impact. Ballard will continue to keep a close eye on the school budget during these challenging times. We can report that the district did again run a surplus for fiscal year 2011 (the 2010/2011 school year). We also have a cumulative positive balance in our general fund as we closed the 2011 fiscal year.

As always, we strive to be of service to not only the students, parents, and grandparents of students in our district, but hope to achieve our overarching goal of empowering all learners—this includes any person within the boundaries of our district or affiliated with our district. We thank you, the patrons of the Ballard Community School District, and each community (Cambridge, Huxley, Kelley, and Slater) for your continued support. We hope that through dialogue and open communication together we can continue to make Ballard a little better each day and a great place for students, families, and district patrons.

John Speer
Superintendent

DISTRICT PROFILE

Area Served: The cities of Cambridge, Huxley, Kelley, Slater and the surrounding rural areas make up the Ballard Community School District. The District consists of 83.4 square miles, which is home to approximately 7000 residents.

2010/2011 Total Enrollment: 1621 EK-12*****

Elementary (EK-6).....931	Jr./Sr. High (7-12)690
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Graduation Rate 2010/2011:

The District had a graduation rate of 98%.

Employees:

Administration7	Secretaries10
Teachers110	Para-Professionals27
Guidance Counselors4	Custodians7
Nurses2	Transportation14

Dropout Rates 2010/2011:

Of the 698 students in grades 7-12 in 2009/2010, 6 (.85%) were counted as drop-out during the academic year. These six students comprised 1.13% of the male population and 0.62% of the female population.

CLASS OF 2010 RESULTS

Core Program Completion:

The District had 100% of the graduating seniors complete a core program.

Pursuit of Post-Secondary Training:

97% of the senior class intends to pursue additional education/training.

College Entrance Exam:

The American College Testing Program (ACT) is the usual college entrance exam taken by students who intend to go to college. A score of 20 or higher on the 36-point scale for the test indicates probable success in college. 82% of the 2010 graduating class scored 20 or higher.

Ballard ACT Performance compared with the State and Nation:

	Ballard	State	Nation
Average	23.3	22.2	21.0
Composite			
% Taking ACT	75		

READING, MATH AND SCIENCE GOALS

ITBS/ITED READING PROFICIENCY

Reading Improvement Goals

Long-range goal: All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in reading comprehension.

2010/2011 Annual Improvement Goal for Reading:

To increase the percent of students scoring proficient or above in reading, using ITBS and ITED Reading Comprehension test scores as 2009/2010 6th grade students move to 7th grade in the 2010/2011 school year. On the 2009/2010 ITBS Reading Comprehension test, 70 of 120 (66%) 6th grade students were proficient.

We did meet our goal: On the 2008/2009 ITBS Reading Comprehension test, 103 of 124 (83%) 6th grade students were proficient. In 2009/2010, using the ITED Reading Comprehension test, 103 of 125 (82%) 7th grade students were proficient.

The chart below breaks down the Ballard reading test scores in grades 3,4,5,6,8 and 11 into two categories, not proficient (0 to 40th percentile), and proficient (41st to 99th percentile).

	Not Proficient	Proficient
3 rd Grade 08-09	18	82
4 th Grade 08-09	17	83
5 th Grade 08-09	20	80
6 th Grade 08-09	23	77
8 th Grade 08-09	21	79
11 th Grade 08-09	23	77

The chart below shows the rates of not proficient and proficient students in reading in grades 4, 8, and 11 over a period of three years (note that these are different students in different years).

	Not Proficient	Proficient
2007-2008 – 4 th Grade	22	78
2008-2009 – 4 th Grade	18	82
2009-2010 – 4 th Grade	17	83
2007-2008 – 8 th Grade	19	81
2008-2009 – 8 th Grade	15	85
2008-2009 – 8 th Grade	21	79
2007-2008 – 11 th Grade	22	78
2008-2009 – 11 th Grade	19	81
2008-2009 – 11 th Grade	23	77

The chart below shows the 2008-2009 reading proficiency rates for Ballard, Iowa, and National 4th, 8th, and 11th graders

State and National Reading Comparisons			
	4 th Grade	8 th Grade	11 th Grade
Ballard Students	83	79	77
IA Comparison	79.9	72.4	75.7
US Comparison	60	60	60

2011/2012 Annual Improvement Goal for Reading:

To increase the percent of students with an IEP scoring proficient or above in reading, using ITED Reading Comprehension test scores as 2010/2011 9th and 10th grade students move to 10th and 11th grade in the 2011/2012 school year. On the 2010/2011 ITED Reading Comprehension test, 3 of 16 (18%) 9th and 10th grade IEP students were proficient.

Math Improvement Goals

Long-range goal: All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in mathematics.

2010/2011 Improvement Goal for Math:

To increase the percent of IEP students scoring proficient or above in math, using ITBS math total test scores as 2009/2010 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade students move to 4th grade, 5th grade, and 6th grade in the 2010/2011 school year. On the 2009/2010 ITBS math total test, 4 of 21 (19%) 3rd grade students, 5 of 15 (33%) 4th grade students, and 5 of 17 (29%) of 5th grade students with IEP's were proficient. As a whole, 14 of 53 (26%) were proficient.

We did meet our goal: This year's 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students with an IEP: 4th grade 18/20 (90%), 5th grade 5/15 (33%), 6th grade 8/13 (62%)—total students proficient 31/48 (65%).

The chart below breaks down the Ballard Math test scores in grades 3,4,5,6,8 and 11 two categories, not proficient (0 to 49th percentile), and proficient (41st to 99th percentile) (note that these are different students in different years).

	Not Proficient	Proficient
3 rd Grade 08-09	19	81
4 th Grade 08-09	14	86
5 th Grade 08-09	17	83
6 th Grade 08-09	17	83
8 th Grade 08-09	17	83
11 th Grade 08-09	22	78

The chart below shows the rates of not proficient and proficient students in math in grades 4, 8, and 11 over a period of three years

	Not Proficient	Proficient
2007-2008 – 4 th Grade	17	83
2008-2009 – 4 th Grade	12	88
2009-20010 – 4 th Grade	14	86
2007-2008 – 8 th Grade	14	86
2008-2009 – 8 th Grade	11	89
2009-20010 – 8 th Grade	17	83
2007-2008 – 11 th Grade	19	81
2008-2009 – 11 th Grade	26	74
2009-2010 – 11 th Grade	22	78

The chart below shows the 2008-2009 Math proficiency rates for Ballard, Iowa, and National 4th, 8th, and 11th graders

State and National Reading Comparisons			
	4 th Grade	8 th Grade	11 th Grade
Ballard Students	86	83	78
IA Comparison	79.9	72.4	75.7
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2011/2012 Annual Improvement Goal for Math:

To increase the percent of male students scoring proficient or above in math, using ITBS math total test scores as 2010/2011 3rd grade males move to 4th grade in the 2011/2012 school year. On the 2010/2011 ITBS math total test, 47 of 60 (78%) 3rd grade male students were proficient.

Science Improvement Goals

Long-range goal: All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in science.

2010/2011 Improvement Goal for Science:

To increase the percent of students with an IEP scoring proficient or above in science, using ITBS science test scores as 2009/2010 2nd grade students move to 3rd grade in the 2010/2011 school year. On the 2009/2010 ITBS science test, 4 of 12 (33%) 2nd grade IEP students were proficient.

We did not meet our goal: This year, 12/14 (86%) 3rd grade students with an IEP were proficient

The chart below breaks down the Ballard Science test scores in grades 3,4,5,6,8 and 11 two categories, not proficient (0 to 49th percentile), and proficient (41st to 99th percentile).

	Not Proficient	Proficient
3 rd Grade 08-09	16	84
4 th Grade 08-09	12	88
5 th Grade 08-09	15	85
6 th Grade 08-09	17	83
8 th Grade 08-09	15	85
11 th Grade 08-09	18	82

The chart below shows the rates of not proficient and proficient students in Science in grades 4, 8, and 11 over a period of three years (note that these are different students in different years).

	Not Proficient	Proficient
2007-2008 – 4 th Grade	13	87
2008-2009 – 4 th Grade	11	89
2009-2010– 4 th Grade	12	88
2007-2008 – 8 th Grade	5	95
2008-2009 – 8 th Grade	3	97
2009-2010 – 8 th Grade	15	85
2007-2008 – 11 th Grade	15	85
2008-2009 – 11 th Grade	24	76
2009-2010– 11 th Grade	18	82

The chart below shows the 2008-2009 Science proficiency rates for Ballard, Iowa, and National 4th, 8th, and 11th graders

State and National Reading Comparisons			
	4 th Grade	8 th Grade	11 th Grade
Ballard Students	88	85	82
IA Comparison	79.9	72.4	75.7
US Comparison	60	60	60

2011-2012 Annual Improvement Goal for Science:

To increase the percent of male students scoring proficient or above in science, using ITBS science test scores as 2010/2011 7th grade students move to 8th grade in the 2011/2012 school year. On the 2010/2011 ITBS science test, 38 of 56 (68%) male 7th grade students were proficient.

Fiscal Oversight

	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10	FY10-11
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE				Estimate	estimate
Maximum District Cost	\$8,975,528	\$9,607,306	\$10,289,288	\$11,602,297	\$12,023,162
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,653,317	\$1,918,221	\$2,079,030	\$1,302,209	\$1,223,000
Previous Year Unspent Budget	\$434,803	\$263,885	\$546,970	\$578,089	\$500,000
Maximum Authorized Budget	\$11,063,448	\$11,789,192	\$12,915,288	\$13,482,595	\$13,746,162
Total Revenues	\$10,644,666	\$11,764,686	\$12,533,023	\$12,645,594	\$13,979,135
Total Disbursements	\$10,799,783	\$11,245,318	\$12,337,199	\$12,515,095	\$13,452,810
Beginning Cash Balance	\$46,581.31	(\$87,709.69)	\$534,969.00	\$1,025,405.48	\$750,000.00
Ending Cash Balance	(\$87,709.69)	\$534,969.00	\$1,025,405.48	\$1,181,961.18	\$750,000.00
Undesignated Fund Equity	(\$890,344.00)	(\$428,088.00)	(\$290,032.05)	(\$221,684.49)	\$200,000.00
Solvency Ratio	-8.36%	-3.64%	-2.31%	-1.75%	2.00%
TAX LEVIES					
Operating Fund:					
Regular Program	\$1,811,643	\$1,964,182	\$2,082,827	\$2,112,563	\$2,081,868
	11.11093	10.79208	10.47393	10.33752	9.64304
Instructional Support	\$303,356	\$338,738	\$363,509	\$371,881	\$479,116
	1.86051	1.86117	1.82797	1.81975	2.21922
Drop Out/At-Risk	\$195,000	\$248,751	\$248,751	\$326,396	\$363,896
	1.19595	1.36875	1.25089	1.59717	1.68554
Special Education Deficit	\$226,292	\$262,092	\$164,648	\$3,095.00	\$74,174.00
	1.38787	1.44005	0.82796	0.01514	0.34357
SBRC Allowable Growth					

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Open Enrollment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Students	\$73,708	\$112,908	\$305,352	\$308,358	\$43,280
	0.45208	0.62037	1.53552	1.50891	0.20038
Cash Reserve Levy:	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$280,000	\$615,000
		1.09889	1.00574	1.37014	2.84883
Management Levy:	\$230,000	\$290,000	\$308,000	\$280,000	\$315,000
	1.41061	1.59339	1.53878	1.37014	1.45905
Schoolhouse Funds:					
Physical Plant/Equipment					
\$0.33	\$71,768	\$75,831	\$83,184	\$89,847	\$95,002
\$0.675/\$.67	\$145,708	\$36,374	\$44,768	\$225,543	\$246,473
income surtax (.02)		\$117,587	\$127,952	\$139,291	\$139,291
Debt Service	\$477,778	\$474,965	\$481,051	\$1,102,670	\$1,165,928
	2.19698	2.06693	1.90839	4.05	4.05
TOTAL LEVY	\$3,535,249	\$4,003,841	\$4,280,090	\$5,100,353	\$5,479,717
	20.61489	21.32792	20.87678	23.22717	23.63558
TAXABLE VALUATIONS	*				
Boone	15,101,691	14,763,813	\$16,557,448	\$16,882,884	\$17,944,892
Polk	1,628,200	1,724,876	\$1,868,831	\$1,939,070	\$2,089,995
Story	146,320,424	165,513,417	\$180,432,520	\$185,536,827	\$195,858,501
TOTAL	\$163,050,315	\$182,002,106	\$198,858,599	\$204,358,781	\$215,893,388
DISTRICT WIDE T.I.F.	\$54,421,793	\$47,790,247	\$53,213,093	\$67,905,389	\$71,990,161
BUDGET ENROLLMENT	1359.8	1383.7	1443.2	1488.3	1495.7

Huxley Public Library

One-Stop shopping for Christmas!

Check out a craft book and create your own gifts!

We also have a large selection of gently used books that will make great gifts!

We have cook books for new holiday recipes
and lots of holiday themed novels to read.



Holiday Hours at the Library:

CLOSED-December 23, 24, 25, 26,
OPEN-December 27, 28, 29, 30 9:00am-5:00pm
CLOSED-December 31, January 1, 2



Student Council News

Pop Tab Collection

Ballard High School students have been (and will continue) collecting pop tabs to earn Spirit Stick points for their grade level. So far the High School as a whole has collected 55,319 pop tabs!

Current Standings:

Freshmen: 14,121

Sophomores: 6,029

Juniors: 23,373

Seniors: 11,796



**RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES**

At the end of the year, they will be donated to Ronald McDonald House, who use them to raise money for their programs.

“The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of children.”

One of the main programs run by Ronald McDonald House Charities is the Ronald McDonald House, which “allows families to stay near their hospitalized children for little or no cost.”

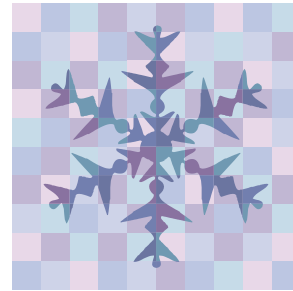
Holiday Cheer Deadline Extended!

If you would still like to send some holiday cheer to a Ballard Middle School or Ballard High School student, the deadline has been extended to December 15th! Stop by the middle school or high school office to fill out a form!!



The Ballard High School Student Council Presents. . .

**THE SECOND ANNUAL
SNOWCOMING WEEK!**



This Spirit week during the **fourth week of January** will involve dress-up days, competitions, decorations, and plenty of school spirit!

Ballard High School Winter Formal

When: Saturday, January 28, 2011

Where: Ballard High School Commons

Time: 8-11pm

Cost: \$7- single \$13- couple

**BALLARD COMMUNITY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
UNITES COMMUNITIES, INSPIRES YOUTH**

**Please consider becoming a part of this community
support for our 2012 Ballard graduates.**

I would like to set up a **\$7,000 Perpetual Scholarship**. This creates a permanent endowment fund, the interest from which provides a \$350 scholarship in the donor's name to be awarded each year.

I would like to contribute \$350 for a **Named Scholarship**. The scholarship will be named _____ . Donors at this level may be asked to have their donation redirected to the Enrichment Fund in the unlikely event that there are more Named Scholarships than recipients in a given year.

I would like to contribute to the **Enrichment Fund**. A donation may be given in any **dollar amount**. Accumulated donations create an endowment fund from which the interest earned will be used to supplement or "enrich" each of the Named and Perpetual scholarships awarded.

Planned Estate Giving can also be considered as a means to support post-secondary education.

If you have donated \$350 or more for a Named Scholarship, we would prefer non-designated gifts, however if you have a preference for the type of student to receive your scholarship please indicate. We cannot guarantee we can match a student to your preferences because many students are unsure of specific areas of study. We will make every attempt to match students with any particular preferences you indicate.

Donations at any level may be given in the name of a deceased loved one or in honor of a person or organization. Donors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Night awards ceremony held each spring. All donors at each level are acknowledged in the program that evening.

Return this form and donation to:

Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars
Valerie Allen, Treasurer
30718 Deer Drive
Huxley, IA 50124

PLEASE PRINT:

Funding provided by (name of contact): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Donation amount: \$ _____

Signature of donor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Dollars for Scholars Official: _____

BALLARD DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MEET

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

The Dollars for Scholars Committee met November 7, 2011 at the Ballard High School at 7:30. Present were: Doreen Blackmer, Brenda Brink, Sally Case, Danelle Jensen, Connie Lee, Sheila Norris, Anne Quick, Marita Rouse, and Jean Saveraid.

The secretary's minutes from September 2011 are available at the Ballard School District's website under the Dimensions section.

Valerie purchased Quick Books to help with the DFS recordkeeping.

Brenda reported that the Homecoming meal went great. About 300 meals were served and it was once again a great fundraiser for DFS. Brenda requests \$90.28 in reimbursement for expenses related to Homecoming meal.

Sally reported on AAN and thought it went well. She would like to have a volunteer to head up AAN and she will assist them until they feel comfortable. Sally requests reimbursement of \$116.50 for expenses related to AAN.

Anne Quick motions to approve reimbursements, Connie Lee seconded the motion. Motion approved by members.

Kathy Robinson and Brenda Brink are going to the Technology Platform Workshop in Ankeny for Dollars for Scholars. Brenda requests reimbursement of \$70.00 for the class fee.

Marita Rouse motions to approve reimbursement. Seconded by Doreen Blackmer, motion approved by members.

Mary Ellen Sabers is resigning from DFS.

Danelle Jensen discussed Points for Scholars. She has received all donations from sponsors and Doreen has sent all the thank you notes out. No shirts were thrown out at football games, but did get some shirts distributed at volleyball games.

DeAnn Thompson provided us with a presentation on our investments and our investments are doing well.

In December requests for new donors will be sent out.

Marita Rouse made motion to adjourn, seconded by Doreen Blackmer. Approved by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Norris, Secretary



Congratulations!

Hunter Rose on representing Ballard East Elementary in the 2011 5th and 6th grade OPUS Honor Choir

Ballard East Concerts

in the high school auditorium

Thursday Dec. 8th - 4th & 5th vocal

Students need to arrive at 7:10

Tuesday Dec. 13th - 3rd vocal

Angell, Hennessey, Hedges

arrive at 6:10

Cook, Wilcox, Johnson

arrive at 7:10



5th-8th Band

in the high school auditorium

Tuesday Dec. 20th

Arrive at 6:45



Ballard Elementary PTO Fall Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Teachers' Lounge.

President, Jenni Burnes welcomed all in attendance which included Marty Jimmerson, Jamie Coquyt, Sue Smith, Cherri Johnson, Julie Astarita, Michele Hennessey, Samantha Wheeler, Kate Sparks, Deanna Wohlgenuth, Jenni Burnes, Julie Long and Sharon Chism.

Marty Jimmerson, Ballard West Principal, extended appreciation from the staff at West for PTO providing an evening meal for the teachers during conferences. Mr. Jimmerson discussed the upcoming food drive and his appreciation of our community's support of this worthwhile project.

Jamie Coquyt, Ballard East Principal, shared the results of the box top fund raiser which generated more than \$1,200 which will be utilized for technology update purchases. He expressed his appreciation of the East Elementary students and family's that made this project a success. Currently there are six sections in both 3rd and 4th grade and five classrooms of 5th graders.

The 30 minute a day Reading Skinny program began with the 3rd Grade this week and is off to a good start.

Technology packages have been installed in five classrooms and will be included in the six classrooms in the new addition this year. This will include the fifth grade rooms in the new addition.

The staff at East appreciated the PTO providing an evening meal for the teachers during conferences.

Treasurer's Report, after the fall fundraiser expenses, the savings account balance is \$47,000.

Old Business

The Magic Show for students who sold 12 or more items for the fall fundraiser was held on the evening of November 7.

A penny drive for technology may be a March-April student fund raiser this year.

New Business

Approved \$100 per elementary teaching staff, specials, and nurse to be utilized for classroom supplies for the student use. The 2010 allocation was \$100 each.

Current needs at West Elementary include colored card stock paper for class room use and science kit materials at both elementary buildings. Cost estimates will be provided for these needs and funds will be allocated.

Assemblies were brought up again. Samantha Wheeler brought information on "Sheltered Reality" a group that plays drums w/choreography. We agreed to find acceptable dates for the elementary buildings. Also discussed, having a return visit from Ronald McDonald. We will look into and discuss at January meeting.

No December PTO meeting due to an East elementary music concert being the same evening. The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 at the Middle School Teacher's Lounge.

Slater Public Library



Open House

The Slater Public Library will be celebrating its 20 Year Anniversary at its current location on December 4 with an Open House from 2-4 pm. Please stop in to see some of the renovations that have been made in the last year. There will be yummy treats by Let's Talk Cake, piano music, and stories for the kids at 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Please stop by and help us celebrate!

December Programs

Early Out Program - Wed., Dec. 7, 1-3 pm
Christmas Party, Wed., Dec. 21, 1-3 pm

Storytimes - No Storytimes in December

Book Club - Thurs., Dec. 15, 2 pm and 6 pm

Afternoon Movie and Popcorn - Thurs., Dec. 22,
1-3 pm and Thurs., Dec. 29, 1-3 pm

Coffee - Fridays - 10 am

January Programs

Storytimes - Toddler and Preschool combined
Wednesdays, 10 am (Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25)

Book Club - Thurs., Jan. 19, 2 pm and 6 pm

Afternoon Movie and Popcorn - Mon., Jan. 16,
1-3 pm

Coffee - Fridays - 10 am

We will be closed
December 23-26
January 2



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 2011 Holiday Season of Giving on **Wednesday, November 16 and continue through Wednesday, December 7**. 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 10**. 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 11, or 14, 17 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: 2190 at Ballard High School or email jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us

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

Please take time to help make a difference in your community!

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
- **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
- **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 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. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting." Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org

2011-12 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
FREE SEARCH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.fastweb.com 	
Federal Student Aid		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start here. Go further. www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide 	
National Commission for Cooperative Education		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 185 Scholarships totaling \$4,500,000 are available through The National Commission for Cooperative Education www.co-op.edu 	Varies
Anycollege.com		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Random scholarship drawing three more times this school year www.anycollege.com 	\$2,000
Scholarships.com Find money for college		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free College scholarship search and financial aid information www.scholarships.com 	
Simpson College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check their web site for numerous scholarships available www.simpson.edu/admissions/financial/merit.html 	\$11,000 to full tuition
Luther College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.luther.edu 	
The American Legion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship and financial aid information www.legion.org/needalif 	
Kirkwood Comm. College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out their 2011-2012 scholarships at www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships 	
Northeast IA Comm. College		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out their 2011-2012 scholarships at www.nicc.edu 	
Vanderbilt University		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships 	
Iowa State University Academic Recognition Award	Offered admission by 03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO: Iowa Residents who, Have been offered admission to ISU, and Rank in top 11 - 15% of senior class 	\$1,000/yr for up to four years for a total of \$4,000
Iowa State University Academic Recognition Award	Offered admission by 03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO: Iowa Residents who, Have been offered admission to ISU, and Rank in top 10% of senior class 	\$1,250/yr for up to four years for a total of \$5,000
Iowa State University President's Award for Competitive Excellence	Offered admission by 03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED TO: 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"> Through 1 year of Calculus 3 years from among biology, chemistry, and physics 4 years of a single foreign language 3.30 or higher GPA ACT of at least 28 (composite) or SAT of at least 1240 (Critical reading plus Math) 	\$1,750/yr for up to four years for a total of \$7,000
University of Northern Iowa Distinguished Scholar Awards	Offered admission by 03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iowa resident, high school senior RAI of 320 or above RAI of 300 or above 	\$2,500 \$1,000
Morningside College	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out numerous scholarships and grants at www.morningside.edu 	
Ashford University	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean's Scholarship: 3.00 to 3.24 Cum GPA Provost's Scholarship: 3.25 to 3.49 Cum GPA President's Scholarship: 3.50 and up Cum GPA 	\$10,000 \$12,500 \$15,720
NW Missouri Scholarships	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out numerous scholarships available at www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid 	Various
AXA Achievement Scholarship	12-1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior, active in community, overcome personal challenges and/or led a project that benefits others www.axa-achievement.com 	\$,2000
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship	12--02-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior, US Citizen Involved in leadership, community service, extra-curricular activities www.elks.org/enf/scholars 	\$4,000 up to \$60,000
Grinnell College Howard R. Bowen Scholarship	01-15-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who has a desire to attend Grinnell College Must complete Grinnell College Supplement and the Common Application by January deadline www.grinnell.edu/admission/apply/iowa 	\$25,000/yr up to \$100,000
The Art Institute Fashion Scholarship	01-20-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter a category that fits your passion www.artinstitutes.edu/passion4fashion 	Half-tuition
Ronald McDonald House Charities U.S. Scholarship Program	01-27-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who is an exemplary role model in their community and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals www.rmhc.org 	Varies
Des Moines Women's Club Scholarship	01-29-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior female who plans on pursuing a degree in business at a college or university/complete audition competition www.desmoineswomensclub.org 	\$1,000

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2012 Hixson Opportunity Award	02-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who plans to attend Iowa State University Show financial need and must have faced challenges of personal and/or financial hardship www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/ 	\$15,000 (half-tuition scholarship)
AXA Achievement Community Scholarship	02-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior, active in community, overcome personal challenges and/or led a project that benefits others www.axa-achievement.com 	\$2,000
Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship	02-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior with service to school and community with special emphasis on leadership roles in these areas www.grandlodgeofiowa.com 	\$2,000
The Art Institute Culinary Scholarship	02-03-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter The Best Teen Chef Competition www.artinstitutes.edu/BTC 	\$4,000
KFC Colonel's Scholarship	02-08-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior (US Citizen) with a minimum GPA of 2.75 Plan to enroll in a post-secondary institution in Iowa Demonstrate financial need www.kfcscholars.org 	Up to \$20,000
Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship	02-10-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior working for Hy-Vee and/or subsidiary who began employment on or before 09-15-11 or parent employed by Hy-Vee Entering college for first time www.hy-vee.com 	\$1,000
World Class Mediacom Scholarship	02-15-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who plans to attend a post-secondary institution www.mediacomworldclass.com 	\$1,000
Buena Vista Award	02-15-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who has applied for admission to BV Have a 2.75+ Cum GPA Visit campus between October 15, 2011 and February 15, 2012 	\$1,000-\$3,000
GE-Reagan Foundation	02-17-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who demonstrates exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships 	\$10,000/yr up to \$40,000
Ls Societe Forty and Eight	02-28-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior pursuing education in the nursing field 	
H. S. Ostlin Memorial Scholarship	03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who plans to attend Iowa State University and pursue a degree in engineering www.financialaid.iastate.edu 	\$1,000 (renewable for three years)
Boone County Pork Producers	03-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior who plans to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year institution and to pursue a course of study related to agriculture. 	\$500
The Art Institute Fashion Scholarship	03-02-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter The Art Institute Storytellers Photography Competition www.artinstitutes.edu/photocontest 	Varies
Iowa School of Beauty HS Achievement Scholarship	04-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWO \$2,500 scholarships guaranteed per school www.iowaschoolofbeauty.com 	\$2,500
Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship	05-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous scholarships are offered – check them out at www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid 	\$500 up to \$6,000
Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship (MidWest One Bank)	05-01-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Senior of Protestant faith, resident of Iowa and a full time student at the University of Iowa 	\$400
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2011-2012 ACT and SAT Testing Dates

ACT testing dates ACT Registration Deadline SAT testing dates SAT Registration Deadline

February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 28, 2012	December 30
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
		June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

Registration packets and practice tests are available in the high school guidance office or register online for the ACT at www.actstudent.org the SAT at www.collegeboard.com

The ACT basic fee is \$34.00 and the SAT fee is \$49.00.

Financial Aid Applications

Information regarding FAFSA forms (for college financial aid) is available in the guidance office (597-2971 ext 2177). Applications can be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students planning to attend college next fall should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Register by January 13 for the February 11 ACT Test

Registration packets are available in the guidance office or register online at

Www.actstudent.org for the ACT test

Www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test

The Ballard school code number to be used on either application is 162-110

ATTENTION: Juniors

HERBERT HOOVER UNCOMMON STUDENT AWARD

**A \$5,000 Scholarship Program
for Iowa High School Juniors.**

Send in a project proposal you feel demonstrates problem solving and organizational skills. The problem can focus on specific issues or problems in your school, church, or community.

Grades, test scores, and financial need are not part of the selection process. Students will be selected on **good works, not grade-point average**.

Approximately fifteen juniors will be selected to complete their proposed projects. These students will be required to spend a weekend in June in West Branch, Iowa at the Hoover Presidential Library. Each student completing their project will receive \$750 and qualify to compete for three (3) \$5,000 scholarships.

**The application and two recommendations
must be postmarked by March 31, 2012.**

Application packets are available in the junior-senior high school guidance office or apply online at: www.hooverassociation.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, 2012 – Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 school year the application can be accepted **after March 1, 2012** for the 2012-2013 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: Eric Heitz, Consultant – 515-281-4726.

