

Monticello School District Annual Notices for 2021-2022

Independent School District No. 882

Notice for Pesticide Applications

A Minnesota state law requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office.

State law also requires that you are notified that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

If you would like to be notified before pesticide applications are made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please contact Bruce Hanson at 763-272-3091.

Asbestos - Annual Notification of Availability of the Management Plan and Related Activities

Our district has been inspected for asbestos under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986. Some asbestos-containing materials were found in Monticello Middle School and Pinewood Elementary. There is no known asbestos in the remaining buildings. A management plan detailing the location and description of the asbestos-containing building materials has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and is available for your inspection at the Administrative Office and at respective school offices. The areas containing asbestos materials are in good condition. ISD 882 has an ongoing annual project to systematically remove asbestos to further reduce the amount of asbestos in our schools.

As required by federal law, the condition of asbestos in our district is surveyed every six months as part of an ongoing operations and maintenance program. The most recent surveillance was done before the July 9, 2021 deadline. At the Middle School, some asbestos-containing floor tile and floor mastic was abated. At Pinewood Elementary some asbestos containing roof drains were abated. The asbestos is inspected every three years by a certified asbestos inspector. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to our asbestos designated person, Bruce Hanson Head High School Custodian at, 763-272-3091.

Indoor Air Quality Management Plan

Independent School District 882 has adopted an Indoor Air Quality Management Plan. This plan will be used by the school district to identify and implement the district's commitment to the best indoor air quality for the student, parents, and staff. The plan contains maintenance procedures, building surveys, IAQ policies, and procedures for handling indoor air quality concerns and complaints. If you would like to view the Indoor Air Quality Management Plan or if you have any questions or concerns regarding indoor air quality at any of the district's buildings, please contact Bruce Hanson Head High School Custodian at 763-272-3091.

Last school year we installed state-of-the-art Cold Plasma systems to fight the spread of COVID and other airborne illnesses. The research behind this technology can be summed up with the following statements:

- It provides health benefits beyond the current emergency (asthma, flu, allergies). This system creates the safest environments possible for our students and staff.
- Installation of the system created an educational space that is as safe and clean as a hospital and safer than any standard home HVAC system (that has not installed Cold Plasma or a UV System upgrade).

Unpaid Meal Policy

All meal purchases are to be prepaid before the meal service begins. Families may add money to a student's account through the School District's website or send payment with the student to pay at the school office.

When a family's account falls below \$0, an automated phone call, text and or email will be made to the parent/guardian informing them of the low balance, and that money will need to be put into the account. The food service meal system will notify the families three times during the week on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. When a student has a negative account balance, the student will not be allowed to charge a la carte items regardless of the meal benefit status. This process will continue until the student's balance becomes greater than \$0.

Once a student's account reaches -\$20.00, the Food Service Director will send a letter to the family requesting payment for the negative balance and will send a free/reduced meal application in case there has been a change in financial circumstances. Once a student's account reaches past -\$40.00, a second letter will be sent to the family requesting payment for the negative balance and will send a free/reduced meal application in case there has been a change in financial circumstances. If a student's account reaches past -\$60.00 and is not paid prior to the end of the school year, a final letter will be sent notifying the family the account will be turned over to a collection agency and the student account will be reset back to a \$0.00 balance.

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Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), requires the Monticello School District to notify you and allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities may include student surveys, collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing surveys, and certain physical exams and screenings. A student survey (the MN Survey) is given to students in grade 6-12 (District Policy 520). At this time, the Monticello School District has not scheduled any additional activities. If additional surveys or activities are scheduled after the school year starts, the Monticello School District will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration, notification and provide an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys.

Policies/Handbooks

Parents and students may access Protection of Pupil Rights policies on the district website. For a complete list of policies, please visit: www.monticello.k12.mn.us. Policies directly related to students are organized in the 500 category. The following are examples of student policies:

Immunizations - 530	
Student Discipline Policy - 506	Bullying Prohibition Policy - 514
Student Medication Policy - 516	Student Sex Nondiscrimination - 522
Internet Acceptable Use Policy - 524	Hazing Prohibition Policy - 533
Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records Policy - 515	
Notification of Staff Regarding Placement of Students with Violent Behavior Policy - 529	
Community Notification of Predatory Offenders - 906	

It is also the responsibility of our students, parents, and staff to uphold the expectations set in each school's handbook. Policies are embedded throughout handbook expectations. Handbooks are a primary tool for communicating expectations to family and students, and every school building will spend time teaching students about behavior and academic expectations throughout the school year.

Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Monticello School District recognizes its responsibility under Title IX to avoid discrimination on the basis of sex. No student will be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under an educational program or activity operated by the district on the basis of sex.

Any complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex should be reported to the Title IX officer. For more information, contact the Administration and Human Resources office at 763-272-2000.

Digital/At-home Learning Days for Inclement Weather or School Emergencies

Public School Districts in the State of Minnesota are allowed to declare Digital/At-home Learning Days in the event of inclement weather during the school year. As defined by the State of Minnesota, an "E-learning day" means a school day where a school offers full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement weather. A school district or charter school that chooses to have e-learning days may have up to five e-learning days in one school year. An e-learning day is counted as a day of instruction and included in the hours of instruction under section [120A.41](#).

In Monticello School District, families should understand that our school calendars have been built on giving students scheduled breaks throughout the year. For the second year, we have 165 school days. This is the minimum number of school days. Because of this, we will not have traditional "No School Days" in the event of inclement weather. Instead we will declare a Digital and At-Home Learning Day. While we understand the nostalgia associated with snow days, we also believe that building in the correct number of educational days, well-timed breaks, and appropriate professional development time for our staff is the best way to successfully educate Every Kid, Every Day.

School Calendar 2022-23 and 2023-24

We will utilize a calendar committee in the Fall of 2021 to create two years worth of school calendars (2022-23 and 2023-24). These calendars will first be brought to the Monticello School Board in December, with plans to complete final adoption of both the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school calendars by February 2022. Please call Eric Olson at 763-272-2001 if you are interested in working on the calendar committee this Fall. Participation on the calendar committee comes with a total of a 5-10 hour commitment spread across evenings this Fall.

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Student's Educational Records

Annual notification of rights:

- Parent has a right to inspect and review the student's educational records.
- Parent has a right to seek amendment of the student's education records to ensure that those records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
- Parent has a right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except if covered by federal or state law.
- Parent has a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education regarding an alleged failure by the School District to comply with the requirements of Federal Law.
- Parent has a right to criteria for determining a school official and what constitutes a legitimate education interest.
- The School District forwards education records on request to a school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Records may include suspension and expulsion records and, if applicable, a student's history of violent behavior.

Lead in Water Notification

As of July 1, 2018, MN Schools are required to test all drinking water sources in their facilities for the presence of lead. Monticello Public Schools has started the testing process; all school buildings must be tested once every five years. Test results are posted on the school website. If you would like a hard copy of the results or have questions pertaining to lead in drinking water, contact Bruce Hanson Head High School Custodian at 763-272-3091.

Section 504 Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working);
2. Has a record of such impairment; or
3. Is regarded as having such impairment. [34 CFR 104.3(j)]

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Monticello School District is responsible for nondiscrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and learners. No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

Monticello Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Monticello School District has adopted a Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for the 2021-22 school year. That plan, which will be updated and revised throughout the school year, can be found [here](#).

