



Unified School District 217

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Dear Parents & Patrons:

Enrollment for Pre-K through 12th grade will be in the high school office July 26th and 27th . You may come at any time between 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to enroll.

The **2022-2023 school year** will begin with Inservice and work days for teachers beginning on August 9th. August 16th will be the first day of school for grades PK-12, starting at 7:54 a.m for JH/HS and 7:50 am for Elementary, and dismissing at 4 p.m. The start time for elementary was moved ahead four minutes because we have been starting at that time anyway with our morning exercises. Students must be 4 years old by August 31, 2022 to be eligible for Pre-School. Buses will run regular schedules beginning the first day.

SUPPLY FEE

USD #217 is instituting a **\$35 supply fee** for all students enrolling in Rolla schools this year. Many schools now have a number of fees which cover such things as planners, textbooks, athletic participation, computer fees and many other things. In order to try to cover a few miscellaneous expenses without making it prohibitive for families to afford we have established this nominal fee for the 2022-23 school year.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Rolla Unified School District has an excellent breakfast and lunch program and all students and teachers are urged to participate. If you eat in the lunch room, remember that this is a privilege and you are expected to be orderly and mannerly at all times. Students should purchase meal tickets at the high school office.

Breakfast and lunch will be served the first day and throughout the year at the following prices:

Breakfast:	Grades PreK-5: \$2.05	6-12: \$2.15	Employees: \$3.00	Adult Guests: \$4.00
Lunch:	Grades K-5: \$3.05	6-12: \$3.15	Employees: \$5.00	Adult Guests: \$6.00
Extra Milk: .50	Yogurt: \$1.00	Sandwich: \$1.75	Seconds: \$1.75	Yogurt Parfait: \$1.75

MEALS ARE SERVED ON A CASH BASIS. You will need to send money for your child's meal account at the first of every week or the first of every month (whichever is most convenient). **Charges will no longer be allowed.** We are no longer sending out bills, or calling on a daily basis. It will be your responsibility to make sure your child has money in their account.

EZSCHOOLPAY

USD 217 now has access to EZSchoolPay.com. You may track your child's lunch account at any time if you choose to sign-up. EZSchoolPay will also send you an email when your child's lunch account gets low. This is a free service you may elect to use. If you wish to pay online with a credit card EZSchoolPay will charge you a \$3.00 convenience fee. Call the high school office if you have questions.

PARENTS ONLINE (POL) & STUDENTS ONLINE (SOL)

The district has a web-based program for parents and students to access grades and class information from any online computer. You must supply your personal email address to the high school office to be enrolled in the system and have access to your child's records. The program will be available as soon as the system has been updated with the necessary email addresses. Please submit yours as soon as possible. Feel free to call the high school office for more information. (593-4345)

SUPPLIES

The district will furnish all textbooks and teaching materials, except for online classes and college classes taken as dual credit. There are no book rental fees, but students must pay for damaged and lost books. Students will furnish their own paper, pencils, pens,

crayons, glue, gym shoes, etc. **The only items first and second grade students will need to bring is a book bag or backpack and a paint shirt for art. The Rolla Lions Club is donating all supplies for the Rolla First and Second grade students. The supplies will be available in their classroom on the first day of school. Supply lists for grades Pre-School-12th grade are enclosed.**

BAND RENTALS

If your child is in band they must pay for their instrument rental the first week of school each semester. If they still owe money from previous school years, they will not be able to participate until that money is collected. After the first week of school each semester, if your child has not paid their rental fee then they will be transferred to another class.

SHOP PROJECTS

A \$50 deposit is required for all students enrolling in a shop class, excluding Carpentry. This deposit will be applied to the total cost of the project. Students enrolled in a shop class must pay this fee by the end of the first week of the semester of the class or they will be enrolled in another class. Should a student enroll in multiple shop classes the deposit must be applied for each class.

SPORTS PHYSICALS for Grades 6-12 were held last spring. If you did not have a physical at that time, please contact the JH/HS school office for arrangements. If you had your physical last spring, please make sure you have turned the physical form into the office. **You cannot practice without your physical form and concussion form on file in the office.** First day of JH/HS FB, VB practice is August 16th. Practice schedules will be announced at a later date.

SCHOOL INSURANCE GUIDELINES

Information about school insurance policies concerning sports coverage will be distributed by coaches at the coaches/parents meeting on Thursday night, August 25th at the Booster Club Hamburger Fry/Bonfire in the lunchroom at 6:30 p.m. Insurance information and claim forms may be picked up in the school office if needed.

The school insurance policy is a **supplemental** policy. Upon the event of an accident or injury, **you are responsible as the parent** to send **all** necessary paperwork and accident forms to **your** personal insurance company **first**. If for some reason your insurance company denies payment or there is a remaining balance due, it is then **your** responsibility to file paperwork with the district student insurance company. A copy of the accident report form may be obtained from the school offices.

HEALTH MATTERS

All **new** students from pre-school through high school must provide immunization records. By state law, failure to provide an up-to-date immunization record can result in expulsion from school. According to Kansas Law, any new student age 9 or under must have a child health assessment. The health assessment must be done within 12 months prior to school entry or within 90 days after school entry. Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten students should bring birth certificates and social security cards along with their immunization records.

All Pre-K through 9th grade students are required by state law to have the Hepatitis B series and one varicella (chicken pox) vaccination (or documentation of the disease by a physician) as well as all other required vaccinations. These immunizations may be obtained at the *Morton County Health Department* in Elkhart.

If it is necessary for your child to take medication at school, we recommend that you come to the school and administer it yourself. State law prohibits any student to carry or store any type of medication at school without a physician's written order. The school will provide a qualified person or persons to administer the medication if so desired. Since there is not a school nurse available at all times, this service might be delegated to trained and supervised personnel such as the school principal, teacher, or secretary. By signing this request for services, the parent/guardian of the student gives permission for the school nurse or school representative to contact the student's physician as he/she deems necessary.

Parents are permitted to send medications to school for their child to self-medicate, but the parent/guardian & physician signed **Permission for Self-Administration of Medication** form **must** accompany this medication.

The **Permission for Prescribed Medication** form must be filled out by the physician for all prescribed medications with dosage information and returned to the school office.

The **Over-the-Counter Medication** form must also be filled out with the dosage information and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the school office for any over-the-counter medications. We can no longer dispense medication with only phone permission from the parent; written parental permission **must** be on file in the office. This includes all over-the-counter medications such as cough drops, Tylenol, Motrin, allergy or cold preparations, etc.

If your child has a history of asthma and/or uses an inhaler, the **Inhaler Release** form also needs to be completed and returned. We do encourage all students to carry their inhaler with them so it is easily available.

New forms are required yearly and can be found online at www.usd217.org, even if medication or dosage does not change. Any time a medication or dosage **changes**, a new form must be obtained. If you have any questions, please call the JH/HS office at 593-4345 or the elementary office at 593-4731.

Please be advised that based on the advice of the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas State Board of Education, USD 217 will **not** supply Epi-Pens in the school facilities and school vehicles. If your child has known anaphylactic allergies and is in danger of needing an Epi-Pen, please contact your doctor and make appropriate arrangements. Contact a school office if a doctor prescribes an Epi-Pen for your child and you would like to make arrangements to keep one at school.

BUS ROUTES

- Bus drivers will call their students (riders) and inform them when the school is running mud & snow routes. The bus drivers will let the parents know when & where to meet the bus.
- **If parents are not at the designated pick up area at the appointed time, students will be returned to the school. Parents will be responsible for coming to the school to pick up their children.**

DISMISSAL OF SCHOOL BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

Parents are urged not to send their children to school when storm conditions exist or when road conditions are such as to create a definite hazard. School will not be dismissed because of storms that arise during the school day as long as it is feasible for students to remain safely at school.

If adverse weather conditions exist before school begins, the building principals will consult with the superintendent concerning dismissal of school. If severe weather conditions exist before school opens on a given day, and the superintendent decides the weather to be of such a nature that the safety of students is threatened, the administration will notify the following radio/TV stations and have a delayed start or school closing announcement broadcast. Such notification would be as early in the morning as possible.

There will be times when a delay of two hours for the start of school is necessary. This gives school officials time to determine if school will be closed or if conditions will improve enough that we can have school.

In the event that a two hour delay is called the following will occur:

- School will start at 10 a.m.
- There will be no breakfast served.
- Buses will pick up students approximately two hours later than the normal pick-up time.
- Lunch will be served at the regular time.

The two hour delay or dismissal will be broadcast on:

Radio stations: KJIL (99.1 FM), KKBS (92.7 FM), and KLDG (102.7 FM)

TV stations KSNG (Channel 11), KUPK (Channel 13), and KBSD (Channel 6).

Internet www.ksn.com; Facebook.; and the REMIND App.

In the event that conditions do not improve, please continue monitoring radio, TV, or internet to see if school has been canceled for the day. Please also check the school website at www.usd217.org for this information as well or the school facebook page at www.facebook.com/rollaks.

Please note that cell phones and other electronic equipment (MP3 Players, iPods, etc.) are not to be on or used during school hours. More information can be found in the student handbook.

DRESS CODE

In an attempt to establish conditions that are favorable to the growth and progress of each individual student, it is felt by the school administrator, faculty members, representatives of the student body, and community members that the Dress Code be revised. Although it is agreed that the dress code should be general and flexible, it also should have some specific limitations. These are to give security to those required to follow the regulations and stability to those who enforce them. All rules apply to male and female students. Exceptions to the dress code may be granted on designated days by the principal.

Blankets will not be allowed in the classroom. If students need help with appropriate cold-weather clothing, please see the high school office.

Dresses and skirts must be appropriate for **school and school-related activities**. Backless dresses or outfits or any type, midriffs, see-through blouses-slacks-or other garments, spaghetti strap outfits, or low cut blouses or dresses are not allowed. All shirts or blouses must be of a length that will cover and extend past the waistband of the skirt, shorts, jeans, slacks, or trousers. The stomach must not be exposed when standing normal. All straps on sleeveless shirts or blouses must be no less than three (3) fingers in width. Strapless tops are not allowed.

Shorts, dresses, and skirts (to include slits) must be lower than fingertip length (no finders on skin) when arms are extended down the individual's side. Underwear type "T" shirts, tank tops, or cutout garments are not allowed.

Leggings/jeggings/tights/skinny spandex jeans/yoga pants, etc., **may not be worn as slacks/pants** unless dress code appropriate top/shorts are worn over the top.

All students must wear shoes. House slippers or other footwear that may be deemed unsafe will not be allowed.

Items of wear may not advertise or display alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, violence, or inappropriate language. Clothing that has any connotations of immorality, obscenity, nudity, racial, or gang activity is not appropriate for school or school activities. Items of wear in poor taste or otherwise detrimental to the educational setting are not permitted.

Hats, caps, or other headgear will not be allowed in the building.

Jeans or pants with holes above the knee are not allowed. Holes at the knee that the administration considers as an attempt to circumvent this rule will also be determined unacceptable and subject to disciplinary action.

All clothing must be properly fitted and worn with the proper foundation. Shirts or blouses that have large armholes that expose undergarments or body parts are not permitted.

Gloves, bandannas, or other items of wear which have been related to gang recognition will not be worn.

Sagging trousers or the wearing of trousers in an inappropriate low manner is prohibited.

Chains are not to be worn as part of apparel.

Any display (earring, tattoos, or other) that depicts weapons, violence, drugs or obscenity is also prohibited.

All clothing must be appropriate for school according to weather and activity. Any manner of dress or grooming that is offensive or disruptive will be corrected.

If clothing is not appropriate, students will be required to change into clothing provided by the office for the first violation of the Dress Code. If the violation is determined to be unsuitable for the classroom and no other solution is available, the student may be sent to the principal's office immediately. The student will remain in office until suitable clothes are provided. Subsequent violations will receive (1) days of lunch detention. If the principal deems the behavior to be habitual or previous actions to be ineffective in deterring the behavior, more serious action may be required. The clothing provided by the office will be clean but perhaps not fashionable to all individuals. Examples: T-shirts, longer shorts, sweats.

It is impossible to list all of the acceptable and unacceptable types of dress and grooming and therefore a judgment decision must be made at certain times.

IF A STUDENT CHOOSES NOT TO CHANGE, THE PARENT/GUADRIAN WILL BE CALLED TO PICK UP THE STUDENT. THE ABSENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED.

ALL FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING SCHOOL DRESS WILL BE MADE BY THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL.

CALENDARS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2022-23 calendar is included, however changes are inevitable. If you would like to receive monthly school calendars and periodic updates as well as school announcements by email, please send an email to arodgers@usd217.org and request to be added to the calendar list. A monthly calendar will also continue being sent to the Rolla Community email list. Contact Phoebe Brummett at brummett@pld.com and ask to be included on the Rolla Community email list. You may also consult the school web page www.usd217.org or the school facebook page at www.facebook.com/rollaks. The school also uses the REMIND app for school announcements. You may add your name to the list to receive these announcements at enrollment.

All forms may be found online at www.usd217.org