

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform all parents and/or guardians about the K-12th registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. Our registration process will be completely online this school year as it was last year. Please read the information below regarding this process and/or answers to your possible questions. NPUSC will continue to use an online registration program called Power School Enrollment, formally known as “Infosnap.” Returning families will receive your student(s) snap codes to register online in a separate email later in July. For students new to NPUSC, use the registration quick link on any of the NPUSC school websites and contact your student(s) school. **Registration will open the week of July 17th-an email will be sent near that time when the online registration platform is officially open.**

For any issues with Online Enrollment call PowerSchool Parent Support at 1-(866)-752-6850. For any NPUSC specific issues with the online enrollment, you may contact Melissa Krycka at 574-654-7273 or 219-778-2814 or at melissakrycka@npusc.k12.in.us

What is the K-12 Grade Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Online Registration Process?

You may complete ALL of your paperwork, apply for free and reduced lunch, fill out emergency information, and obtain the optional iPad insurance) through the Power School Enrollment website before the start of the school year. If you do not have internet access through a home computer, you can easily access this online process via your cell phone. Communication regarding 6th-12th grade class schedules and obtaining parking passes for high school students will be communicated from your building principal.

When will my student get their iPad for the 2023-2024 school year?

All K-5 elementary students will get their iPad during the first week of school from their classroom teacher. All students must complete the online registration/enrollment process prior to receiving their iPad. Secondary level students have the following options for iPad pick-up prior to the school year beginning:

@ NPMS Cafeteria iPad pick up for middle and high school students on August 1st and 3rd (Tues & Thurs) from 11 am to 7 pm CST

@ NPMS Auxiliary Gym iPad pick up for middle and high school students during NPHS & NPMS Open House Night Tuesday, August 8th, from 4 pm to 7 pm CST

When are NPUSC Open House Nights and can I get transportation or food service information at Open House?

Below are the dates/times for each NPUSC School Open House Night (all times are central or school time):

Prairie View Elementary- August 8th from 5 pm to 6 pm

Olive Township Elementary- August 9th from 5 pm to 6 pm

Rolling Prairie Elementary- August 9th from 5 pm to 6 pm

New Prairie Middle School- August 8th from 4 pm to 6 pm

New Prairie High School- August 8th from 5 pm to 7 pm

*Families will be able to receive transportation information, or talk to NPUSC Health Services or Nutritional Services at all NPUSC Open House Nights. Representatives from each NPUSC department will be on-site during all Open House Nights, likely stationed in the gym or another common area of the school to receive information or ask questions

Why is there NO TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEE Collection this year?

The state of Indiana is now funding all textbook rentals: “Effective July 1, 2023, each school corporation is required to provide at no cost the curricular materials that have been adopted for use in that corporation to each student enrolled in the corporation. The requirement that curricular materials be provided at no cost applies regardless of when the materials were adopted. As such, school corporations may not charge parents/guardians to cover the costs associated with curricular material adopted prior to July 1, 2023 - curricular materials must be provided at no cost.” Please note Indiana Statute permits school corporations to assess and collect a reasonable fee for lost or significantly damaged curricular materials, and other fees, such as a technology fee, may be charged. NPUSC will not be charging a Technology Fee for 2023-2024, but will evaluate a possible Technology Fee in a future school year.

What is offered with the optional iPad insurance?

New Prairie United School Corporation will continue to offer individual device insurance plans. Plans must be purchased or waived prior to the receipt of the individual device by the student. Payments for the policy can be made via cash, check, money order or credit/debit card. Credit/debit card payments can be made only online at the NPUSC website. An additional processing fee will be charged for credit/debit card payments. Our repair facility guarantees that the student will have their iPad returned to them within 7-10 business days. The insurance plan covers two (2) damage claims per school year. The plan does not cover cases, power cords, or power adapters. If a student does not purchase device insurance they will be charged on their first damage claim. Repair costs will be evaluated

and set by the Treasurer’s Office, in conjunction with the Technology Department, at the start of a school year. For devices lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair, a \$329 replacement cost will be applicable. If a device is non-repairable, we may transfer the policy to a different device if it is determined that the non-repairable status is not the result of abuse or neglect. We will issue a replacement device if we determine that the device covered under our plan cannot be repaired or if it was lost due to theft. A new protection plan will need to be purchased for the replacement device

Student iPad Insurance.....\$20

iPad Insurance - Why You Should Purchase Coverage

Your student is provided an iPad each year to receive educational instruction and to work on school related assignments. Accidents happen, whether we like it or not. iPad repairs are costly. Repair bills start at \$120 for damages such as cracked screens. If you do not have insurance, your child’s device is NOT COVERED and you will be billed accordingly. iPad Insurance does not cover liquid damage, loss, theft, intentional damage, or anything deemed unreparable due to severe damage. If the device is considered unreparable you will need to purchase a new insurance policy for the replacement iPad.

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Why will my child be issued a NPUSC Student Email Account?

Students will be assigned email accounts for use of our Learning Management System (Schoology and Google Classroom), as well as being able to share work with their classroom teacher(s). The primary grades will use this feature through Google Classroom next school year and the 5-12 grade students will use it within Schoology. The email address will be in the form of username@npusc.k12.in.us.

What are the Acceptable Use Policies?

Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) are an integral part of any 1:1 technology framework. An AUP must be concise and clear, while at the same time covering the most important points about what users are, and are not allowed to do with their device on or off the school network. AUPs are written to protect the student and the school corporation. Our school board and legal counsel have approved this NPUSC Acceptable Use Policy. Parents will have to sign the AUP before their child begins the 2023-2024 school year to receive access to their iPad. A student may not have access to their iPads until this form is signed.

What is new to the Apple IDs and passwords?

NPUSC will continue to manage the Apple ID for each K-12th grade student. Apple has created managed Apple IDs for use of their Apple Classroom App, which allows more proficient backing up of data on the device in regards to content. This method will also help in terms of the privacy and security needs of the school system. All students will be required to use their assigned managed Apple IDs. Students will not be able to put individual passcodes on their devices and this feature will be disabled on each iPad for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions regarding either of these changes, you may contact Jim Nace, Director of Technology at jimnace@npusc.k12.in.us or 574-654-0228.

Is there anything I need to do with Transportation?

Bus cards are no longer mailed home to each individual student. Bus route information, including approximate pick-up and drop-off times will be sent to each family via email from transpo@npusc.k12.in.us approximately one week prior to the start of school. All of our in-district students are assigned to a bus unless we are informed otherwise. Note-out of district students WILL NOT be picked up at in-district sites or homes due to seating capacity on NPUSC school buses. Seats will be provided for in-district students only.

If you informed us last year that your student will not be riding, the system may still put your student on a bus. If you know your child will not be riding (they will be driving, being picked up and/or dropped off, etc) please contact our transportation office to let us know. This will help us to streamline our routes by avoiding unnecessary stops. If your student(s) situation changes, please give us a call. We keep all students in our system and can arrange transportation if needed. As a reminder, each student may have one morning pick up location and one afternoon drop off location. These locations need to be on file with the school office. Any questions or changes, please call the Transportation office 574-654-7373 or 219-778-9585.