



## School Information and Updates

### Thursday, July 22, 2021

#### **School Registration - Approximately 50% of Families Have Registered**

- All Prairie families **MUST** complete this electronic form prior to students starting classes this fall.
- Get started by logging into the [Infinite Campus Portal](#). This link is located on the district homepage. If you have lost your portal username or password, please use the “Forgot Password” or “Forgot Username” link on the login page. You can also call (319) 848-5240 between 8am and 4pm weekdays.
- Once you are logged into the Portal, click on “more”, then the Online Registration link is located at the bottom of the page.
- For those who need assistance or computer access, please contact District Enrollment Specialist Jennifer Armour (319)-848-5202 or email [jarmour@crprairie.org](mailto:jarmour@crprairie.org).
- **Registration Event July 28th from 8:00am-12:00 pm and July 29th from 3:00pm-7:00pm at the District Office**. Please note the new location, and plan ahead for construction closures around campus, see specific details below.

#### **Busing Requests for 2021-2022 School Year**

All requests for busing must be received prior to the start of the school year. Our department is currently working on bus routes for the 2021-22 school year. Please use the link below to make any requests for daycare busing, open enroll busing, and high school busing. This busing information must be requested every year and does not carry over. We will automatically route for every student from their primary address. Only one bus will be allowed for each student, except for split household situations, similar to what we did last school year.

<https://www.crprairie.org/departments/transportation/>

If your student WILL NOT be using busing at all this school year please contact our office at 848-5205 so that we can remove them from any transportation lists.

Busing information will be available to view in your Portal accounts by mid August. Thank you for your help in making sure that we have accurate information to start the school year.

#### **Food & Nutrition**

All breakfast and lunch meals will be FREE TO ALL STUDENTS for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who bring home lunch are welcome and encouraged to go through the service line for a serving of fruit, vegetable, and a carton of milk for free. If students only want a carton of milk, there is a charge of \$0.50 per carton. A la carte items such as cartons of milk and extra main items are available for purchase at all grade levels. In grades 5-12, additional snacks and beverages are available for purchase. A la carte items are available for purchase through a student’s meal account as long as there are sufficient funds in the account to cover the purchase. Please watch [this](#) training video with your student(s) to better help them to understand how to make a free lunch meal.

**K-4th Grade Birthday Treats/ Classroom Snacks** for SY 2021-2022 are available for purchase. Sign up [here](#).

### **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION AND FEE WAIVER:**

Even though meals are free for all students, if your household would like to be considered for free or reduced price fees or for future P-EBT cards, please complete the free and reduced price meal application and fee waiver. The application and waiver can be completed online or on paper forms.

Applications for free and reduced price meals and a waiver for school fees can be completed online or by completing a paper version. The online version is available by visiting <https://family.titank12.com/>. Click on "Apply for Meals Today". Printable versions: Fee and [Application](#) If you would prefer a paper version of the form or have any questions, please contact Ginny Scott by phone, 319-848-5337 or email [vscott@crprairie.org](mailto:vscott@crprairie.org). Return completed paper forms to Food & Nutrition, Prairie Hill Elementary, 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Once the application has been processed we will send a letter or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus with the determination. If you do not receive a letter or email, please contact Food and Nutrition.

Some students are directly certified through the state. Usually we are notified two times per month of students who qualify via direct certification. If we are notified that your child has been qualified for free or reduced price meals, we will send a letter or email to the primary contact listed in Infinite Campus. Directly certified students do not automatically qualify for free or reduced fees. A fee waiver form still needs to be completed and returned to Food & Nutrition, Prairie Hill Elementary, 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

**Meal Account Payments:** Funds can be added online using Touch Base. <https://ia-collegecommunity.intouchreceipting.com/> OR Check or cash can be sent to the clerk or to the office in your student's building. Please enclose the payment in a sealed envelope and label the payment with the student's name, grade, and teacher's name.

**Menus:** Printed versions of the menus are sent home with K-6 students each month. The menu can also be found online on Nutrislice [Here](#). Nutrislice also offers a free app on Apple or Google Play. Want Alexa to read the menu to you everyday? Enable Nutrislice.

**Diet Modification:** We can make accommodations for children with allergies or other needs requiring a diet modification. In order for us to make accommodations, a "medical authority" that is authorized by state law to write medical prescriptions: In Iowa this includes only Medical Doctors (MD), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Physician's Assistants (PA), or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP). One of the medical professionals listed above must complete the diet modification form. A printable version of the form can be found [here](#). Once the form has been completed, a parent or guardian also needs to complete the bottom of the form. Return completed forms CCSD Food & Nutrition, Prairie Hill Elementary, 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, for approval and implementation. If the modification is for fluid milk, USDA only allows USDA approved soy milk. Ripple milk is USDA approved as a substitution for fluid milk for students with milk, nut, and soy allergies. Parents/ guardians may supply a substitution of their choice.

- [USDA Nondiscrimination Statement](#)
- [Iowa Nondiscrimination Statement](#)

## **Become a Substitute Teacher for College Community Schools**

### **Benefits of becoming a substitute teacher include:**

- Earn \$15.75 an hour.
- Choose which days you work with flexible scheduling.

### **Requirements:**

- An Iowa teaching license, or a substitute teacher license, or paraeducator certification.
- To acquire a substitute authorization license, you will need:
  - An associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree, or a minimum of 60 college credits completed through a regionally accredited college or university
  - Complete the substitute authorization course
  - And be at least 20 years of age.

### **How to Apply:**

- If you are eligible to substitute teach, please apply at the [SubCentral Registration Website](#).
- More information can also be found at the [GWAEA Substitute Teaching](#) website.

## **Volunteering in our Schools**

The annual online volunteer registration form is now available. Please consider volunteering in our schools. For the safety of our students, staff, visitors and volunteers, all volunteers at College Community Schools must fill out an application once per school year at least 24 hours before volunteering. Please remember that you must be an approved volunteer to chaperone field trips with your child.

All volunteers are checked against a national sex offender database and will have a criminal background check performed as part of the registration process. Volunteers during the school day must sign in at their building and wear the yellow identification badge.

Become a volunteer! Click here to [complete the form](#) for the 2021-22 school year. If you have any questions or would like help finding a place to volunteer, contact Ali Alldredge at 848-5224 or [alialldredge@crprairie.org](mailto:alialldredge@crprairie.org).

This application applies to AK-12th grade volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at the Early Childhood Center or in a preschool classroom, please contact ECC at 319-848-5296.

After school volunteer hours (PMA, Boosters, parent groups, clubs etc.) can be logged [here](#).