BELLEVUE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Sept 1 - No School

Sept 4 - Picture Day

Sept 12 - No School

September 16 - 9th-11th graders take practice ACT (**no school for 12th grade**)

Oct 4 - Homecoming, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Oct 10 - No School

Oct 15 - In-person Parent/Teacher

Conferences, 4-6pm

Oct 17 - No School

FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS: It is extremely important that you verify the spelling of your name in PowerSchool. For your diploma, the student's name needs to be EXACTLY how it is stated on the Birth Certificate (no initials for the middle name) it needs to be the FULL NAME, ABSOLUTELY NO NICKNAMES. The correct name is to be given to Donna

correct name is to be given to Donna Pearson/Counseling office by completing the link below no later than December 2, 2025.

<u>Diploma Verification Form</u>

PLEASE BE ADVISED: a \$25 reprinting fee will be charged for any reprints because of incorrect information.

Golden Feather Award

Students in grades 10-12 who earned a 3.25 GPA or higher last semester will receive their Golden Feather Award in Advisory during the month of October . Golden Feather is our Honor Roll Award. Students in grades 9-12 who earn a 3.25 GPA or higher this semester will be honored with a Golden Feather Award in January. Ask your child to show off their Golden Feather Award at home!



Testing Information

ACT Test Dates Registration Deadline Late Registration Deadline

September 6August 1August 19October 18September 12September 30December 13November 7November 24

**Register online at www.act.org/bts

SAT Test Dates Registration Deadline Late Registration Deadline

September 13 August 29 September 2
October 4 September 19 September 23
November 4 October 24 October 28

**Register online at www.sat.org/register



Fee Waivers for Testing

Juniors and Seniors who are on Free/Reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver for the ACT and SAT Tests. Students should see their counselor to get a fee waiver.



September 16th Testing Day

September 16th will be all school test day at Bellevue West HS. All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will take the practice ACT on that day. **12th graders don't have school.**

PSAT/NMSQT Exam

Bellevue West will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT on **Tuesday, October 28th** for any interested 9th, 10th, & 11th grade students.

Cost for the exam is \$20

Deadline to sign up for the PSAT is the end of the day, **Wednesday, September 3rd!!** To register for the test, please **bring your payment to the Counseling office**.

The PSAT/NMSQT exam assesses the academic skills that students have developed over the years, primarily through their coursework. These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.

The PSAT is co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. You must take the PSAT in 11th grade in order to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Testing Information

AP Exam Information 2025-26

Dear AP Students and Families,

Welcome to the 25-26 school year and the opportunity to earn college credit or advancement by enrolling in Advanced Placement classes. Taking the AP exam is an important culmination to an Advanced Placement class. Bellevue West High School encourages all students currently enrolled in an AP class to register for and take the corresponding exam in May of 2026.

How to Register for an AP Exam

- Create a College Board account or login to your account at myap.collegeboard.org.
- Be sure to make a note of your username and password for accessing AP Classroom throughout the year
- Connect to each of your AP classes using the specific join code from your teacher/class section
- Set your exam decision indicator to "YES" for each exam you would like to order for testing in May
- Any account left set to "Undecided" or "No" by October 31st, 2025 will not have an exam ordered, including students who dual enroll through UNO.

Payment of Fees for AP Exams

- The cost of each AP exam is \$100.00; Payments can be made online only through a check or credit card.
 NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT SCHOOL
- A \$40.00 deposit per exam ordered is due by October 31, 2025.
- The total cost of each AP exam for students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch is \$40.00.
- Dual enrollment students who wish to test must register for exams through MyAP and make the \$40 deposit by October 31, 2025.
- Students who dual enroll an AP course through UNO will have the cost of the exam for that course paid for by UNO.
- **PLEASE NOTE**: All students who plan to test in May MUST make a \$40 deposit online for each exam ordered through MyAP.
- Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE, except for UNO dual enrollment students that complete the exam in May. Refunds will be issued in June once testing is complete.
- ALL EXAM FEES FOR 25-26 LESS ANY DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2026.

Other Important Information

- Exams ordered between Nov. 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026 will be charged a \$40.00 late fee PER EXAM.
- Balance due will be billed in January through APTS, our online payment system.
- No exams can be ordered after March 1, 2026.

Scan this QR code now to make your deposit.

Payment by check or credit card can be made online at http://aptsusa.com/bwhs
Exams ordered or paid for after October 31
will be charged a \$40 late fee per exam.



More information is available at ap.collegeboard.org or on the Bellevue West webpage under "Academics" or contact melissa.minahan@bpsne.net

School Information

Academic Assistance for Students:

General Tutoring

3:10pm - 4:30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri Bellevue West Library

Math & Science Center:

7:00am - 7:45am Mon - Fri Room 335





College and Career Planning

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Additional scholarships for freshmen through seniors can be found on the Bellevue West website under Academics >Scholarships. Parents and students can also contact Kathie Britten, Scholarship Coordinator, with any questions relating to scholarships at 402-827-5990 or Kathie.britten@bpsne.net.

Southeast Community College Virtual Program Showcase

Students can attend as many as they'd like and will learn about <u>SCC's Programs of Study</u>.

<u>Register Now</u>

Exploring Programs for Students Ages 14-20

Exploring provides exciting activities and one-onone mentorship for youth looking to discover their
future. Whether you're a local organization looking
to strengthen the community or a young person
wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future,
Exploring is a great place to start. For more
information and dates, visit the website at
https://mac-bsa.org/programs-activities/exploring/

Senior Parent Presentation

Thank you to all parents who attended the Senior Parent Presentation during the Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 14th. We have posted the presentation and information on the transcript release on the Bellevue West web page. To find the information, go to bellevuepublicschools.org/choose Bellevue West under schools/Academics/College and Career. If you have any questions, please contact the counseling office.

UNL Application Fee Waiver

First-year students from Nebraska can use the code "HUSKER" to apply for free through November 1. Students who apply for admission by Nov. 1 will be notified of their scholarship awards on Feb. 11.

Metro Community College Secondary Partnership

The office of Secondary Partnerships at Metropolitan Community College supports early college experiences for high school students by providing the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Students can take advantage of different programs such as Career Academy, College Now!, Kickstart Online, and Concurrent Enrollment. Click here for more information on the different programs. https://www.mccneb.edu/secondarypartnerships

Current Nebraska High School students, grades 9 - 12, are automatically eligible to take credit classes at no tuition cost through the Summer 2025 quarter. Students will be responsible for tools, textbooks, and any other associated course fees.

For more information contact Alyssa Wiese, our MCC Navigator, at awiese@mccneb.edu.

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Bellevue Area College Fair

Bellevue West will be hosting a NACRAO College Fair at the Lied Center on September 17th from 8:00-10:00am. All juniors will be participating in the event. We will also be opening it up to seniors that may want to attend and a select group of current sophomores.

There will be over 50+ colleges and/or trade schools attending the fair making this a great opportunity to gather information on potential college/trade schools of interest. Below is a link to a list of schools that will be attending. If you would like to attend the college fair with your student, please reach out to Mr.

Schultz at randall.schultz@bpsne.net.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schultz or Mrs. Britten.

Dual Enrollment Information - Registration - Deadlines

Bellevue West has many opportunities for students to earn dual enrollment credit through UNO \mathcal{E} Metro Community College. Please click on this link to the Bellevue West website for the most updated lists and information. Bellevue West Dual Enrollment

The Metro Community College dual enrollment deadline is September 10th! UNO Dual Enrollment:

Students: There will be a Dual Enrollment meeting on Tuesday, August 26th at 10:25am in the auditorium with reps from UNO to ask questions or get information about UNO dual enrollment eligible courses. The UNO Dual Enrollment application is **due September 26th!**

UNO DUAL ENROLLMENT Family Information Night

We at the Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment would like to invite you to attend a virtual Dual Enrollment Family Information Night. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about what UNO Dual Enrollment can do for your student. We are offering this informal presentation over Zoom, and it should last about 20-30 minutes with a Q&A at the end.

Here are the dates for our Family Information Nights:

September 9, 6:00pm

September 23, 6:00pm

The Zoom link is in the date of each event. Both Kelly and Mary Clare will be available during this presentation. More information about <u>UNO Dual Enrollment</u> can also be found on our website.

Apply to College Days

We will be holding our annual Apply 2 College Days on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd. Seniors can sign up to come to the Career Center on those days to get help completing college applications. We will have admissions representatives from various colleges here on each day to help students with questions on their application. Seniors will receive information on how to sign up during their Senior Presentation.



Volunteer

CHI - Midlands Teen Volunteer Service

Are you looking for volunteer hours? Well, CHI
Health Midlands Teen Volunteer Program
currently has openings! To learn more about
joining the fun, please visit
www.chihealth.com/volunteer-services or
email Terra Smith at
terra.smith@commonspirit.org tor more
information. Midland Info Flyer

UNMC Volunteer Opportunities

UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Recreational
Therapy is looking for student volunteers ages 13 to
25 with a Covid vaccine. Volunteers will gain hands
on experience interacting with children and youth
with development disabilities. Please visit this link
for more information: <u>UNMC Volunteer</u>

The "Mayors Youth Council"

Created by the Bellevue Police Department and the City of Bellevue, selected students will hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the Bellevue City Council Chambers on Tuesday evenings. They will provide guidance/perspective to the Bellevue City Council on select topics, participate in community events, and other self-generated endeavors. Please see attached links for more info. Mayors Youth Council and Mayors



Administration/Athletic Department

Athletics Department

Mr. Jon Mauro, Activities Director, 402-293-4046, jon.mauro@bpsne.net Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052, Nicole.jaros@bpsne.net

Homecoming Game: Friday, October 3rd vs. South Sioux City - 7:00pm Kickoff - Homecoming Court announcements at halftime of the football game.

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, October 4th at Bellevue West - 7:00pm - 10:00pm - \$15 entry at the door that evening.

2025-26 Athletic Admission Prices:

Varsity Football: \$8 Adults, \$6 Students

All other Sporting Events: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students

All Bellevue West students with an Activity Card are admitted free into all regular season home games.

Winter Sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Boys Wrestling, Girls Bowling, Boys Bowling, Girls and Boys Swimming - Officially begin on Monday, November 17th. - Please contact coaches prior to tryouts for information.

Administration Staff

Mr. Kevin Rohlfs, Principal, 402-293-4049, kevin.rohlfs@bpsne.net
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Mr. Bradley Stueve, 9th Grade Principal, 402-293-4086, bradley.stueve@bpsne.net
Ms. Dorthena Wallace, Principal Secretary, 402-293-4049, dorthena.wallace@bpsne.net



Family Resources



Is your student having social, emotional, and/or behavioral problems at home or school? Does your student seem to be sad, angry, worried, or have difficulty following basic rules? Bellevue Public Schools has partnered with Family Connections, independent third party agency, to help your student with counseling support. Family Connections are Licensed Mental Health Practitioners and are located right in your student's school. Their confidential counseling services can help your student put the pieces together to cope with life's stressors. There are immediate openings and most insurances are accepted. Financial assistance is available as well. Please contact your student's school counselor for more information or to make a referral.

Find out more about these organizations on their websites: https://familyconnectionsiowa.com/