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Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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Standards Based Grading

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Over the past two years you may have heard the term “standards-based grading,” wondered what it was, and if it or will be happening at Maquoketa Valley. This is a grading system that is gaining support throughout the state and the nation. In a standards based grading system, each course has clearly defined learning content standards and learning targets for which students will aim. Assignments and tests are matched to specific learning targets, and expectations for proficiency are made clear to students ahead of time. Results are reported in terms of how well a student has learned a particular standard or how close they are to reaching the learning target. This approach is more informative than to say a student earned a “B” or “76%.” It allows students, parents, and teachers to know which standards or learning targets a student knows and which they need to continue to work on.

Because standards-based grading is focused on measuring how well a student has learned a standard, it should measure achievement only, not effort or behavior. When the goal is ensuring that students reach the learning targets, teachers continue to teach and provide learning and practice opportunities for students, which is why the practice of “retakes” or “re-dos” occurs to determine that students have indeed mastered the required learning even if it does not happen on the first attempt. So what does this mean for Maquoketa Valley? At MV, we have been and will continue to take a slow and deliberate approach to the concept of standards-based grading. A group of K – 12 instructors have served as our District Assessment Team and have made thoughtful recommendations and decisions at the district level using research based data and evidence, as well as input from our instructors throughout the system to develop our MV Assessment Philosophy and Practices for the district. These were reviewed by our MV Leadership Team and supported by the Board.

The standards-based approach to grading will be used with our Kindergarten and 1st grade students this year. Instead of a number for a grade (“My child has a 3 in Reading”), parents will receive information about how well their student is doing on well-defined essential literacy and math standards. Each year, additional elementary grade levels will begin to use this approach to report a student’s progress. Obviously when students reach the high school level, traditional letter grades will continue to be reported, perhaps in combination with a standards-based report. Additional research will need to be conducted by our District Assessment Team before a process is put into place. As a part of our most effective practices conversations, our district developed an assessment philosophy that will guide our student assessment process. As you review the following statements, you will be able to ascertain that some statements will be more appropriate for the secondary level than the elementary level.

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Maquoketa Valley Community School District

Ensures High Levels of Learning to Empower All Students For Lifelong Success.

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The District Assessment Philosophy is based upon the following:

1. Non-academic factors will be communicated to students and parents with a separate employability skills (soft-skills) report card. This will be based on 4 ratings and will not be factored into student grades. Research has demonstrated that if a student is proficient in these soft or employability skills, they will be college or career ready. Some of those skills include:

- Attends class on time and school regularly
- Is prepared for class, homework done on time and ready when class begins
- Is actively engaged in instruction
- Stays focused on a task till completed
- Completes quality work in a timely manner
- Works and interacts positively with others
- Takes initiative and responsibility for their actions
- Follows verbal and written directions
- Uses positive coping skills

2. Support for learning will be provided to all students when support is needed.

3. Grades will not be determined using a curve.

4. Extra credit will not be calculated into grades.

5. Group grades will not be given. Students will be graded based on their individual contributions.

6. A zero will not be given for a final score until learning supports have been put into place and multiple attempts have been made to remind students of work completion. Parents will be contacted if a pattern of zeros or incomplete work occurs.

7. Projects, quizzes, and summative assessments may have timelines. There may be possible point reductions for not meeting deadlines as established by the instructor but the deductions will not exceed 10% of the grade.

8. Students unable to complete their work on time will have a conversation with the instructor and develop a completion plan together. If the student does not follow through, lack of timeliness may be factored into point deductions ranging from a few percentage points to no more than 10%, depending on how late.

9. Late assignments for the unit will not be accepted for credit after the summative assessment for the unit has been taken. Exceptions include absence, extenuating circumstances, or conditions specified in the completion plan. Teachers will clearly communicate well in advance when summative assessments will occur.

10. Criteria have been established to “re-do” summative assignments/ assessments include:

- Student must contact teacher within a week of getting the test/assignment back to schedule a re-do.
- All homework necessary for success on the re-do, as determined by the instructor, must be turned in. Late work may not earn credit with the exception of absence, extenuating circumstances, or conditions specified in the completion plan.
- If determined by the instructor, corrections or some form of self-analysis may be made on the original test/ assignment and turned in.
 - A study session with the instructor may be held if necessary.

Why are we in this deliberate process of change? It’s simple. We want to be clear with our students and our parents about where students are in their learning in relationship to clearly defined learning targets. We want to know exactly where students are being successful and where they are struggling. This way we can differentiate our instructional approach to meet the needs of each child. We want to evaluate our students on what they know and what skills they have acquired, not on their behavior, and this is why extra credit and grades based on curves are not part of our grading practice. Homework is considered practice, and we allow students the opportunity to take advantage of “re-do’s.” A part of our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for ALL of our students. This is another one of the steps that we are taking to empower our students to be lifelong learners by providing opportunity for them to take more control of their own learning.

Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Four board members were present. There were six staff members present and three visitors. The agenda and consent items were approved.

Roger Worm, from OPN Architects, presented the board with a process of defining goals for our district's facility needs assessment, focusing on the high school. The Board took some time to define items that were important to them during this process.

The Transportation and Business handbooks were approved.

Language changes to board policy 104.000F1 Anti-Bullying/Harassment Summary Form, 501.010 Compulsory Attendance, 504.050 Use of Motor Vehicles, 601.20 School Calendar and 803.02 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment were reviewed. The Board approved to waive the second reading and adopt these policies on the first official reading.

Three open enrollment requests out as well as four open enrollment requests in were approved.

The board approved Dawn Mausser, Vo-Ag instructor, permission to take students to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin on September 30th. Our students will be participating in the Central National Dairy Judging, Dairy Foods and Forage Analysis contests. The Board also approved Mrs. Mausser to take students to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 28th - November 1st as well as Mrs. Ries, Spanish instructor, to take students to Palenque, Merida and Isla Murjeres with a tentative trip date of July 20 - July 28, 2015.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Rose Tumey - employed as part-time Delhi Cook

The Board adopted the RESOLUTION OF INTENT to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program and set the hearing for September 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room. A roll call vote was answered all ayes.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to update the Board on the process for the Iowa Teacher Leadership and Compensation grant which needs to be submitted to the State no later than October 31st.

The Delhi Little League recently made a \$3000 donation to the Activity Fund. In previous years they have purchased new score boards on the softball and baseball fields, donated and paid for half the costs to roof the baseball/softball concession stand and have donated \$10,000 for an endowed fund with Dollars for Scholars. The Board as well as Supt. Tuetken and Athletic Director, Kevin Kudrna, expressed their appreciation to the Delhi Little League and their continued support for activities at Maquoketa Valley.

At 8:31 p.m. in a motion by Kunde, seconded by Feldmann the Board entered into a closed session pursuant to Chapter 21.9 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of discussing strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the school who are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement. Roll call vote was answered all ayes.

At 8:43 p.m. the Board returned to open session. Roll call vote was answered all ayes.

The Board waived the \$30 for family and \$10 for single insurance premium contribution for all non-certified 260 day employees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MV Speech Upcoming Events

***Contest Speech Parent Meeting:**

Monday, September 8, 6:00 pm, HS auditorium.

Fine Arts Booster Club meeting to follow parent meeting.

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser:

Saturday, November 22nd, 10-Noon, High School



Weather Calls



MV reports their school closings and cancellations to 3 TV stations: KGAN (2), KWWL (7) , and KCRG (9), by 6:25 a.m. They also report them to these radio stations: KMCH and KDST When bad weather hits, please turn to one of these TV or radio stations. Please DO NOT call the school. Their lines will be busy contacting personnel, other schools, bus drivers, etc.

If you would like to be added to the MV Text alert, contact Cheryl Gates at 563-922-9411.

Parents: Share a Laugh, Explore an Adventure, Become a Mentor

Mentoring Connection for Delaware County might be the volunteer opportunity you are looking for. The lunch-time mentoring program would give you a chance to volunteer once a week to help a young person. You would be matched with a child in the elementary school where you would eat lunch with him or her once per week and spend the remainder of your time together doing an activity. It might be helping with school work, just sitting and talking, or doing something fun that you chose together.

Getting involved has some very satisfying benefits. You get to play an active role in a young person's development. You can be a positive role model and teach a young person just by being a caring person. Think of the personal satisfaction you will feel when you see your young person smile as you enter the room.

The child you mentor will receive benefits too. It has been shown that a child who has a mentor has improved school attendance, develops positive habits that lead to success not only in school but in life, has a higher self esteem and has a more positive attitude.

All mentoring programs are overseen by Ellen Krogmann, Mentoring Connection Coordinator. If you would like more information, please contact Ellen at (563)379-3454 or e-mail her at ekrogmann@helpingservices.org. Visit our website at www.helpingservices.org or friend us on FaceBook.

Picture Day

On Tuesday, September 16th Life Touch Photography will be taking school pictures at Earlville and Johnston Elementaries. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 17th at Delhi Elementary, Middle School and the High School. Watch for information flyers from the photography company to be given to all students early in September.

Spring pictures will be taken in March for the Elementary and MS.

Athletic Boosters Need YOU!!!

The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters are looking for members who would like to be involved in helping organize and run our events. The Athletic Boosters meet the **first Wednesday of every month** (except July) at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Please consider sharing your time & talents so that we may continue to provide the needed assistance to our athletic programs.

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A summary of the 2013-14 Annual Progress Report for Maquoketa Valley Schools can be found on the district website in mid October.

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>	<p>2 PIG N BLANKET BAKED POTATO SWEET POTATO FRIES CORN BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>	<p>3 CHICKEN TETRAZZINI W/G PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH PEAS ROMAINE LETTUCE PEARS APPLES</p> <p>SAUSAGE EGG MUFFIN</p>	<p>4 TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>	<p>5 BBQ PORK SANDWICH CHEESY POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES COLESLAW GRAPES APPLESAUCE</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>
<p>8 GRILLED CHICKEN WHOLE WHEAT ROLL ROMAINE LETTUCE BROC. CHEESE & RICE ORANGES PEARS</p> <p>COMBOS</p>	<p>9 LASAGNA WH. WHEAT FRENCH BREAD ROMAINE LETTUCE FIESTA SALAD TROPICAL FRUIT STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>	<p>10 HAMBURGER ON A BUN CHEESE FRENCH FRIES WINTER MIX FRUIT COCKTAIL STRAWBERRIES</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL</p>	<p>11 SUB SANDWICH HASHBROWN CARROT STICKS CELERY STICKS PINEAPPLE BLUEBERRIES WH. GRAIN CHERRY CRISP</p> <p>PANCAKES/SAUSAGE</p>	<p>12 PORK ROAST/GRAVY MASHED POTATOES BREAD & BUTTER SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE GREEN BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT BANANAS</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>
<p>15 TURKEY BURGER W/G BUN FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS BAKED BEANS KIWI ORANGES CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>16 CHICKEN NUGGETS WH. WHEAT ROLL MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN BROCCOLI FRUIT COCKTAIL PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>	<p>17 SPAGHETTI WH. WHEAT FRENCH BREAD ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBER STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>	<p>18 TENDERLOIN NATURAL CUT FRIES CARROT STICKS BAKED BEANS PEARS BANANAS</p> <p>W. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL</p>	<p>19 FISH NUGGETS WH. WHEAT ROLL POTATO PUFFS COTTAGE CHEESE WINTER MIX KIWI PEARS</p> <p>COMBOS</p>
<p>22 NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>	<p>23 CHICKEN STRIPS CURLY FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE BROCCOLI PEACHES WATERMELON</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>	<p>24 MAIDRITE ON A W. WHEAT BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES SAVORY CARROTS KIWI STRAWBERRIES FRUIT PIZZA</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>25 SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE PEACHES</p> <p>PANCAKES/SAUSAGE</p>	<p>26 SAUSAGE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE TOMATO CUCUMBER APPLES FRESH PINEAPPLE</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>
<p>29 CHICKEN PATTY WH. WHAT ROLL WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES</p> <p>COMBOS</p>	<p>30 MR. RIB POTATO PUFFS BAKED BEANS CALIFORNIA BLEND PEACHES ORANGES PUMPKIN BAR</p> <p>HAM CHEESE EGG BISCUIT</p>		<p>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME.</p> <p>ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK</p>	<p>MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.</p> <p>PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP MONEY IN YOUR CHILDS ACCOUNT.</p>

Good Attendance Does Make a Difference

Do you want your child to have the best shot at a good education? Making sure that they attend school regularly, is a major deciding factor. You may think that missing a day here and there, will not harm them, but it does set your child back.

Iowa Law:

299.1 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Except as provided in section 299.2, the parent, guardian, or legal or actual custodian of a child who is of compulsory attendance age, shall cause the child to attend some public school, an accredited nonpublic school, or competent private instruction in accordance with the provisions of chapter 299A, during a school year, as defined under section 279.10. The board of directors of a public school district or the governing body of an accredited nonpublic school shall set the number of days of required attendance for the schools under its control. The board of directors of a public or the governing body of an accredited nonpublic school may, by resolution, require attendance for the entire time when the schools are in session in any school year and adopt a policy or rules relating to the reasons considered to be valid or acceptable excuses for absence from school.

299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.

A child who has reached the age of six and is under sixteen years of age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of sixteen on or after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until the end of the regular school calendar.

299.1B FAILURE TO ATTEND -- DRIVER'S LICENSE.

A person who does not attend a public school, an accredited nonpublic school, competent private instruction in accordance with the provisions of chapter 299A, an alternative school, or adult education classes shall not receive an intermediate or full driver's license until age eighteen.

Top ten reasons why good attendance helps your child succeed.

- 1) Children who attend school daily are more likely to do well in school.
- 2) Children who attend school daily develop skills like: responsibility, self-discipline, persistence and good study/work habits.
- 3) Children who miss school frequently may not reach their full academic potential. Especially those who miss, starting in the early grades. They may miss out on basic skills taught at that time.
- 4) Children who attend school on a consistent basis, do better on standardized tests.
- 5) Regular attendance leads to lower dropout rates.
- 6) Good attendance often leads to a better job and/or college attendance.
- 7) Children with good attendance are more likely to get along better with peers.
- 8) Good attendance goes hand-in-hand with better behavior.
- 9) Students who have regular attendance are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs.
- 10) Good attendance means more money for schools. Lower attendance figures, usually means less money budgeted for the school year. When parents ensure that their children have good attendance, everyone benefits.

Make good attendance a top priority!

- * See the handbook for policies regarding attendance.
- * Show your child that you value education and think that regular attendance is important.
- * Work with your child's school if any problems arise.
- * Contact the school if you have questions.

Attention High School Students

Mentoring Connection for Delaware County is in your school and you can be a part of it. Mentoring will give you a chance to volunteer time once a week after school to help someone younger. You would be matched with a student in 1st through 6th grade. You would help your new friend with school work, sit and talk, or do something fun that you chose together.

It's Fun! You can make a difference!

Looks great on your resume, scholarships and college applications!

Earn volunteers credit hours toward a silver cord!

If mentoring seems like it is for you or you want to know more about it, please contact Ellen Krogmann in the Manchester office at (563)379-3454 or e-mail her at ekrogmann@helpingservices.org. Visit our website at www.helpingservices.org or friend us on FaceBook.



CALLING

all Grandparents & Special Friends

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY is scheduled for all three MV Elementary Centers. Please mark your calendars now for the following dates:

JOHNSTON

Friday, September 12th from 1:30 - 2:45 PM

EARLVILLE

Thursday, September 18th from 1:30-2:45 PM

DELHI

Friday, September 19th from 1:15 - 2:30 PM

You may choose to spend the entire time or come and go as your schedule permits. We love having our Grandparents & Special Friends come to visit -- you are some of our most treasured friends! We hope to see you there!

High School Vocal Showcase

**October 11, 2014
6:45-8:30 PM**

High School Cafeteria and
Auditorium

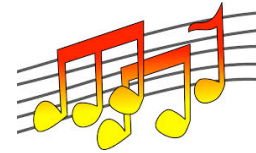
Appetizer Bar from 6:40-7:00 PM
Live Music in Cafeteria

Musical Performances In Auditorium
from 7:00-8:00 PM
High School Music Students

Dessert Bar from 8:00- 8:20 PM
Live Music in Cafeteria

Cost \$10.00 per person

Tickets go on sale September 23
Call 563-922-2091



FFA Hog Raffle

Maquoketa Valley FFA annual homecoming hog raffle tickets are now on sale. The pig has been donated by the Bob & Sharon Goedken Family and the basic processing has been donated by the Dan's Earlville Locker. Winner would pay for the smoking and/or seasoned meats if wanted. The drawing will be held at halftime of the homecoming football game on October 3rd. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10 and can be purchased during all home varsity games or from any FFA member. Any questions or to purchase ticket contact Mrs. Mausser via email at dawnmausser@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us



Healthy Kids Act Snacks

Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum 1 stick
Trident Tropical Twist Gum 1 stick
Rice Krispies Treats 37g and 22g
Kettlecorn Popcorn 1oz
Nature Valley Oats & Honey Granola bar 1.5 oz
Snyders of Hanover Mini Pretzels 1.5 oz
Keebler Iced Animal Cookies 1.4 oz
Animal crackers 16 crackers per serving, 74 serv/container
Austin Zoo Animal Crackers 1 oz (28g)
3 Musketeers Max Chocolate Brownie
3 Musketeers Max S'mores
Lays Baked Sour Cream & Onion Chips 1 1/8 oz
Lays Baked Chips 1 1/8 oz
Honey w/whole grain Belly Bears 1 oz
Cinnamon w/whole grain Belly Bears 1 oz
Cheetos Atroids 100 calorie pack
Nature Valley Maple Brown Sugar Granola Bar 21g
Quaker Chewy Granola Bar Ragin' Oatmeal Raisin 24g
Quaker Chewy Granola Bar Chompin Chocolate Chunk 24g
Quaker Chewy Granola Bar Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Granola Bar
Quaker Granola Bar Low Fat Chocolate Chunk 24g
Quaker Granola Bar Low Fat S'mores 24g
Quaker Granola Bar Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip 24g
Baked Cheetos Crunchy Cheese Flavored Snacks 100 calorie pack
Baked Crunchy Cheetos
Baked Ruffles Plain
Cheddar Sun Chips
Baked Doritos-Nacho Cheese
Smartfood Popcorn White Cheddar Flavored Popcorn 100 calorie pack
Sun Chips Harvest Cheddar 100 calorie pack
Austin PB&J Crackers 1 pkg. (39g)
Austin Peanut Butter Crackers 1 pkg. (39g)
Austin Cheddar Cheese Crackers 1 pkg. (39g)
Austin Chocolatey Peanut Butter Crackers 1 pkg. (39g)
Del Monte Strawberry Fruit Chillers 2 oz tube
Great Value Cherry Pop Tarts 1 pastry 52g
Great Value Blueberry Pop Tarts 1 pastry 52gm
Great Value Strawberry Pop Tarts 1 pastry 52gm
Great Value Chocolate Fudge Pop Tarts 1 pastry 52gm
Strawberry Toast Ums 1 pastry 52gm
Chocolate Fudge Toast Ums 1 pastry 52gm
Wild Berry Toast Ums 1 pastry 52gm
Kellogg's Strawberry Pop Tarts 1 pastry 52gm
Stauffers Whales 33 crackers per serving (1# bag)
All Yogurt/Gogurt-prefer lowfat or light
Juicy Juice 100% Juice, Juice boxes
Capri Sun 100% Juice, Juice pouches
All Fresh Fruit
All Fresh Vegetables
Grape Fruit Chillers 1 tube
Regular Chex Mix 1/2 C serving (30gm)
Cheddar Chex Mix 1/2 C serving (30gm)
Simply Chex Cheddar Snacks 1.25 oz
Simply Chex Chocolate Caramel 1.2 oz (34gm)
Nature Valley Peanut Butter Granola Bar 1.5 oz
Honey Teddy Grahams 1 oz
Nabisco 100 Calorie Chips Ahoy .81 oz (23gm)

String Cheese single serving
Johnny Rapp's Kettle Korn 1 oz
Cinnamon Toast Crunch Crisps 28gm
Kellogg's Special K Vanilla Crisp Bar 22gm
Fruit By the Foot Tie Dye 21gm
Fruit By the Foot Variety Flavors 21gm
Cereal Bars: NutriGrain, Honey Nut Cheerio, Cinnamon Toast
Crunch, Cocoa Puffs, Trix Bars
Special K Cracker Chips Cheddar 90 calories
Special K Cracker Chips Southwest Ranch 90 calories
Special K Cracker Chips Sea Salt 90 calories
Special K Cracker Chips Sour Cream and Onion 90 cal
Special K Popcorn Chip Sweet and Salty 90 calories
Cheez-It Crackers Original Scrabble Junior .75 oz
Cheez-It Crackers Reduced Fat 1.5 oz
Kellogg's Crunchy Blends Low Fat Granola with Raisins 1.5 oz
Kellogg's Berry Chewy Cereal Bar 1.27 oz
Rice Krispies Chewy Cereal Bar Apple Cinnamon 1.2 oz
Cocoa Krispies Chewy Cereal Bar Chocolate 1.27 oz
Right Bites Cheez-It Crackers 0.77 oz
Right Bites Cheez-It Extra Cheesy Party Mix 0.74oz
Special K Bar Honey Nut 0.8 oz
Special K Bar Vanilla Crisp 0.8 oz
Special K Snack Bites Chocolatey Crunch 0.8 oz
Special K Snack Bites Strawberry 0.8 oz
Kashi TLC Chewy Granola Bar Peanut Butter 1.2 oz
Kashi GOLEAN Crunchy Bar Chocolate Peanut 1.76 oz
Kashi TLC Chewy Granola Bar Honey Almond Flax
Kashi TLC Chewy Granola Bar Trail Mix 1.2 oz
All-Bran Fiber Bar Apple Cinnamon Streusel 1.4 oz
All-Bran Fiber Bar Strawberry Drizzle 1.4 oz
Keebler Honey Grahams
Keebler Gripz Cinnamon Grahams 0.9 oz
Keebler Scooby-Doo Bones Cinnamon Grahams 1 oz
Keebler Elf Grahams Cinnamon 1 oz
Keebler Elf Grahams Original 1 oz
Keebler Bug Bites Cinnamon Grahams 1.1 oz
Bottled Water
Milk (any skim or 1% low fat option)
Single serving gold fish
Salsa For Dipping
Pre-packaged Trail Mix
Low Fat/FF Apple Dip
Fruit Bowls/ Applesauce single
Low Fat/FF Crm Cheese
Dried Fruit
Single serving cans of Tomato Juice or V8
Low fat or sugar free pudding cups, single serving
100 % fruit snacks
Frozen 100 % juice bars

Non Edible Options

Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Crayons, Note Pads, Stencils, Stamps,
Bookmarks, highlighters, Sidewalk Chalk, Markers, Coloring Books,
Rulers, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencil Grips, Stickers, Yo-Yo's, Toy Cars
or Trucks, Plastic Slide Puzzles, Puzzle Games/Books, Tops,
Slinkies, Magnifying Glasses, Playing Cards, Bubbles, Magnets,
Key Chains, Crazy Straws, Temporary Tattoos, Barrettes, Bracelets,
Rings, Necklaces, Sunglasses, Hats, Caps, Shoe Tags or Laces.
Be Creative!!!!

Volunteers Welcome

Maquoketa Valley is always in need of kind, caring adults who want to give their time to help the children at school. If you are interested, please contact any Administrator listed on the cover of this newsletter.



School Bus Safety

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Iowa Department of Education would like to remind motorists to pay attention to safe driving rules in low-light conditions, particularly in school zones and when approaching bus stops. Watch for children who may be walking or riding their bikes. Never pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended and when the yellow or red lights are flashing. The Iowa State Patrol reminds all drivers to please be extra careful as you drive through school zones and on Iowa's roadways. Please stay alert for pedestrian and school bus traffic.



Dark green vegetables are packed with nutrients. Choose broccoli, spinach, romaine lettuce, kale and other dark leafy greens. Try some of these dark leafy greens fresh or cooked or even in a smoothie for a nutrition boost!

Class of 2014

You can pick up your yearbook in the high school office.

There are extra yearbooks available for sale for \$50. Contact the high school office if interested.

Family Activity Pass

Maquoketa Valley is offering a family pass for all home activities. Here are the steps involved in the process.

1. Ticket prices for Tri-Rivers Conference activities are \$5.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Ticket prices for District football are \$5.00 for adults and students.
2. You may purchase the pass from the high school office for \$20.00.
3. When you present the pass to the ticket taker, you will only be charged \$20.00 to get you and your family members into the activity. (Family members are husband, wife and school age children.)
4. Rules for the pass say that ALL family members have to enter as a group to make use of the \$20.00 price. Example: father, mother and three children enter with the pass and pay \$20.00. A fourth child enters with his or her friends a half hour later. The fourth child pays \$5.00 (the regular price). This is still a \$5.00 savings. If the fourth child would have entered with the parents it could have been an \$10.00 savings because the whole family enters for \$20.00 when they enter together.

Call in advance if you wish to purchase a pass - 563-922-2091.

Discount Student Passes

Maquoketa Valley offers a Student Activity pass. It allows the students to get in athletic events for \$3 instead of \$5. The cost of the pass is \$30 - it is good for 10 events, not counting districts. The student will need to show the pass and get it punched. It can be used by multiple students, but the student who's name is on the pass must be present when the pass is used. (A student cannot say "Punch this for my friend Sally. She'll be coming later.") Parents or students can obtain the pass in the high school office.

Retired Citizens

Maquoketa Valley offers a Senior Citizen pass to anyone who is 65 years of age or older and resides in the District (Board Policy 1007.010). This pass entitles senior citizens free admission to all Maquoketa Valley sponsored events held at the school (athletics, drama, music, art, etc.) Events not sponsored by the M.V. District, but held at our school would be sectional or district state tournaments, fund-raising activities by our booster clubs, or any event sponsored by an outside organization. If interested, call the Middle School Office at 563-922-9422.

HOMECOMING 2014



Maquoketa Valley High School will celebrate Homecoming during the week of September 29 - October 3, 2014. The Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3rd, with the Pep Rally following. The 2014 Homecoming King will be crowned at the Pep Rally. A dance will be held Saturday, 4th, from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Any business or group interested in being in the Parade needs to contact Barb Hollinrake at the high school at 922-2091.



Items for Sale

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools has the following items for sale:

50 Algebra I text books

If you are interested in these items please send a SEALED bid to Erika Imler at the Administration Office, P.O. Box 186 Delhi, IA 52223 by Thursday, September 11th, 2014. The sealed bids will be opened on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Save the Date
The 35th annual
ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
sponsored by the MV Athletic Booster
Club
will be
Sunday, October 26th
from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For information, please call
Brandi Fjelstul 563-608-5611

**Your high school student has drama,
don't you need some too?!**

MV Fine Arts Boosters,

Welcoming ALL parents who want to be
involved with their kids!

You are already a member and it is free!

Supporting kids from **Band, Choir, Speech,
Drama,**

and any other fine arts at Maquoketa Valley.

Wouldn't you love to help your child bring home

The Eagle from Competition Speech, or win
that State Jazz

Championship?

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting,

September 8, @ 7:00 PM in the HS

Cafeteria and see what we are all about!!

Welcome to STEPtember

How far will you walk? 10,000
steps per day! 2000 steps equals
one mile. You can do it! Get your
steps in. The Maquoketa Valley
Staff will be keeping track of their
steps and Nurse Mary will be
plotting their trek across the map.
Where will they go? Check out the
map in the HS Commons and see.



High School Boys & Girls Cross Country

September 4	MFL/Mar-Mac	Away	5:00
September 13	Monticello	Away	8:30
September 16	Starmont	Away	5:00
September 19	Cascade	Away	4:30
September 23	Ct. Pt./Urbana	Away	4:30
September 27	Independence	Away	9:15
September 30	Jesup	Away	4:30
October 7	West Delaware	Away	4:30
October 11	North Linn	Away	9:00
October 16	Conference Meet	Pr Peace	4:30
October 23	Districts	TBD	TBA



JV/Varsity High School Football

August 29	Alburnett	Away	5:00
September 5	Monticello	Away	5:00
September 12	East Buchanan	Home	5:00
September 19	Ed-Co (Varsity)	Home	7:00
September 22	Ed-Co (Jr. Varsity)	Home	6:00
September 26	Lisbon	Away	5:00
October 3	North Linn	Home	5:00
	(Homecoming)		
October 10	Starmont	Away	5:00
October 17	Easton Valley	Away	5:00
October 23	Postville (Jr. Varsity)	Home	6:00
October 24	Postville (Varsity)	Home	7:00

Junior High Football

September 11	East Buchanan	Home	4:30
September 18	Ed-Co	Away	4:30
October 2	Lisbon	Away	4:30
October 9	Starmont	Away	4:30
October 13	Alburnett	Home	4:30
October 16	North Linn	Home	4:30

9th/JV/Varsity High School Volleyball

August 26	Jesup	Away	6:00
September 2	Clayton Ridge	Home	5:15
September 9	MVHS Tourney (V)	Home	5:30
September 11	Easton Valley	Home	5:15
September 16	Central City	Home	5:15
September 20	West Delaware (V)	Away	9:00
September 20	West. Dubuque (9th)	Away	9:00
September 23	Springville	Away	5:15
September 25	Midland	Home	5:15
September 30	Lisbon	Away	5:15
October 2	East Buchanan	Home	5:15
October 7	Marquette	Away	5:15
October 9	North Linn	Home	5:15
October 14	Alburnett	Away	5:15
October 16	Conference Tourney	TBD	5:00
October 18	Conference Tourney	Cal-Wh	10:00



Junior High Volleyball

September 11	Ed-Co	Home	4:00
September 16	East Buchanan	Home	4:00
September 18	North Linn	Away	4:00
September 23	Lisbon	Home	4:00
September 25	Central City	Away	4:00
September 30	Starmont	Home	4:00
October 6	Alburnett	Away	4:00
October 7	Cedar Valley Chr.	Away	4:00
October 9	Springville	Home	4:00

Middle School / High School Events

August 31	Dance Team 5K Race - Earlville
September 6	FFA @ State Dairy Cattle Judge-W. Union
September 9	7th Grade @ Farm Safety-Manchester
September 11	FFA @ District Dairy/Soils-Calmar
September 16	School Pictures - JE/EE
September 16	Jr @ UNI College Fair - Cedar Falls
September 17	School Pictures - DE/MS/HS
September 20	FFA @ District Livestock - Guttenburg
September 30	FFA @ World Dairy Expo
October 4	7-12 Boys Choir @ Wartburg
October 11	FFA @ State Soil Judging-Ames
October 11	HS Music Showcase - Auditorium
October 14	5-8 Music Informance - MS Gym
October 23	JH Conference Band Fest - Easton Valley
October 23	7-12 Fair Choir Concert - St. John's
October 25	HS All-State Music Auditions
October 28	FFA @ National Convention
November 7-9	Fall Musical
November 14	College Plan Nite/Financial Aid Mtg-Aud.
November 17	HS Conference Vocal Fest - Cal-Wheatland
November 20	All-State Music Festival

Spirit Sleeves, Socks & Scarves

Show your school spirit with a pair of black and gold Spirit Sleeves \$10.00 each

Qty:

Size A - 17 inches

(4th grade - Adult) x \$ 10.00 = _____

Size B - 13 inches

(Pre-K - 4th grade) x \$10.00 = _____

Total # pair of sleeves _____

Total \$ _____



Take your Spirit Sleeves to the next level with BLING! \$13.00 each pair (bling is small diamond like gems scattered throughout- hard to see in photo so the stars help to represent)

Qty:

Size A - 17 inches

(4th grade - Adult) x \$13.00 = _____

Size B - 13 inches

(Pre-K - 4th grade x \$13.00 = _____

Total # pair bling sleeves _____

Total \$ _____



Show your school spirit with a pair of black and gold Spirit Socks.

\$10.00 each

SOCK SIZING:

5-6 X-Small (Toddler size) x \$10.00 = _____

7-8 Elementary students x \$10.00 = _____

9-11 Middle & High School x \$10.00 = _____

10-13 High School & Adults x \$10.00 = _____

Total # pair socks _____

Total \$ _____



This is the sweetest scarf you will ever own! Black and gold stripes.

Not only will it warm up your neck, but you can put your hands inside the ends and keep them warm too!

_____ x \$10.00 each = _____



Spirit Sleeves, Spirit Sleeve with Bling, Spirit Socks and Spirit Scarves are being offered by the High School Fashion Design Class to help promote community spirit, entrepreneurial skills and design elements. Proceeds help with FCS class activities. Any questions please contact Karla Downs in the High school at 563-922-2091 or karladowns@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us Makes checks payable to Maquoketa Valley FCS

Orders Due by:
Wednesday September 10th. Bring to High School or your school office.

Name: _____ Phone # _____
School to deliver to: _____ Total # of items _____
Please circle _____ Total \$ enclosed: _____
DE/MS HS JE EE

Open Enrollment

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates.

March 1, 2015-- Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2015-2016 school year.

September 1, 2015 -- Last date to open enrollment requests for students entering kindergarten for '15-16

Parents should be aware that only "good cause" reasons will be considered past the deadline. Parents/guardians of open enrollment students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend.

Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility. If an original request to open enroll was based on repeated acts of harassment or a serious health condition of a student, parents have the right to appeal to the State Board of Education if the request to open enroll was denied.

For further details, and appropriate forms, contact the school administration office at 563-922-9422.

Student Directory

The following information may be released to the public in regard to any individual student of the school district as necessity or desirability arises. Any student, parent, or guardian not wanting this information released to the public must make objection in writing to the principal or other person in charge of the school which the student is attending. It is desirable to renew this objection at the beginning of each school year:

Name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received and the most recent previous school or institution attended by the student, student ID number, user ID.

Any high school parent who does NOT wish to have your child's information released to any outside organization or business, please pick a form up in the high school office.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights can be found on the school website:

<http://www.maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us>

Teacher Qualifications

Parents and guardians in the Maquoketa Valley School District have the right to learn about the following regarding their child's teacher's qualifications: state licensure status, special endorsements for grade level / subject area taught and baccalaureate / graduate certification / degree. Parents and guardians may request this information from the Administration Office at 563-922-9422 or be sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, Maquoketa Valley Schools, 112 3rd Street., P.O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223-0186.

Health Curriculum

Senate File 2094, Human Growth and Development, requires annual notification to parents of their right to review all human growth and development curriculum. You may do so by contacting Ann Norton, School Improvement Coordinator, at 563-926-2701. A pupil shall not be required to take instruction in human growth and development as long as the pupil's parents or guardian files with the appropriate principal a written request that the pupil be excused from the instruction.

Medication Policy Update

Medication ordered by a doctor, and over-the-counter medicines may be given at school. In order for medication to be given, the parent will need to obtain a "Drug Release" form from the school office. A supply of these forms will be kept in the elementary offices as well as in the high school office. This form must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. It is the parents' responsibility to bring the form and the medicine to school. Medication must be in the original container. Tell your pharmacist you need a bottle labeled for school. Medications ordered three times per day does not necessarily have to be given at school unless it is specifically ordered at that time. It is possible to give it as home before the child leaves for school, after school, and at bedtime. If you have questions regarding this policy, please call Mary Ries, the M.V. School Nurse at 563-922-9411.

Asbestos and AHERA

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress fourteen years ago. AHERA was created to determine the extent of, and develop solutions for, any problems schools may have with asbestos. During the summer months of 2003 we replaced new ceiling tile in the auditorium with asbestos-free tile. Then in the summer 2004, that same type of tile was replaced in the Family and Consumer Health classroom in the high school building. The summer of 2012 asbestos insulation was removed from around the boilers and pipes. The records of our asbestos reports and removal are on file at the Maquoketa Valley Business Office and can be viewed Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Any inquires regarding the plan should be directed to Doug Steger, Maintenance Coordinator.

Post Secondary ENROLLMENT ACT

The Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act (Iowa Code 261C, 1989) was enacted to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school 9th & 10th grade talented and gifted students, and all 11th & 12th grade students by enabling them to enroll part time in nonsectarian courses in eligible post secondary institutions of higher learning in Iowa.

Student Eligibility

A student who first enrolls under Board Policy 603.120 at the beginning of grade 11 may enroll in post secondary courses for secondary credit for a period of time not to exceed four semesters, or six quarters, or the equivalent of two academic years. A student who first enrolls at the beginning of grade 12 may enroll in post secondary courses under this policy for secondary credit for a period of time not to exceed two semesters, or three quarters, or the equivalent of one academic year.

Persons who have graduated from high school are not eligible under this policy. However, students who are eligible for early graduation will be permitted to participate under this policy for the remainder of that regular school year provided that they have not received a diploma prior to the end of the school year.

The Maquoketa Valley Community School District may provide counseling services to aid students and parents or guardians in decision making. These counseling services will be structured to do the following:

1. Inform students and parents or guardians about options available in the high school, in post secondary institutions, and about schedules of course offerings.
2. Aid students to clarify goals.
3. Advise students regarding benefits and risks of participation in a post secondary program, including the academic, social, emotional, and other facets of participation under the Act.
4. Encourage joint counseling for students from both our high school and the post secondary institution counseling staff.
5. Assist students to plan schedules and select courses for the entire year.

A student anticipating participation under the Act should inform the guidance department no later than March 15, although the student is not bound by this date. The signatures of the student and parent or guardian are required prior to enrolling in the course. These signatures indicate that the student and parent or guardian received information regarding the program, are aware that counseling is available, and are aware of their responsibilities when participating under the Act. If the student is 18 or older, only the student's signature is required.

The Maquoketa Valley Community School District shall certify the eligibility of its students for participation under the Act. A student shall not be eligible for participation until the school district completes a certification of eligibility.

Type of Credit

The student will be granted one credit for each course that is successfully completed as determined by the post secondary institution and approved by the Board of Education. In order for a course to yield one high school credit, it must either be pursued for eighteen weeks for at least two hundred minutes per week or for the equivalent of sixty hours of instruction. If there is a dispute between the school district and the student regarding the credits to be granted, the student may appeal the Board of Education's decision to the State Board of Education.

Eligible Post Secondary Courses

Post secondary courses eligible for students to enroll in under this Act shall be limited to the following:

1. Nonsectarian courses.
2. Courses that are not comparable to courses offered by the school district.
3. Credit bearing courses that lead to an educational degree.
4. Courses in the discipline areas of mathematics, science, social sciences, vocational technical education, or a course offered in the community college career options program.
5. Courses that meet any other requirements set out by the board.

Transportation

The parent or guardian of an eligible student who has enrolled in and is attending an eligible post secondary institution under this Act shall furnish transportation to and from the eligible post secondary institution for the student.

Payment of Courses

Students shall be eligible for reimbursement for tuition and other costs directly related to the course up to \$250. In order to receive payment, the student needs to receive board approval prior to enrolling in the course and file an official university or college grade report documenting successful completion of the course.

Students who take courses during the summer months when school is not in session shall be responsible for all costs of the courses.

USE OF STUDENT RECORDS

School districts are required to give annual notice regarding the rules and regulations they have established regarding the use of student records. What follows is the "Use of Student Records" regulation for the Maquoketa Valley Community School District.

Student records are defined to be all official records, files and data directly related to children, including all material that is incorporated into each student's cumulative record folder, and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system; specifically including, but not necessarily limited to: identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized test scores; attendance data, scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude, and psychological tests, interests inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations, and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

The intent of this regulation is to establish procedures for granting request of parents for access to their child's records, use of such data, and procedures for transmittal within 45 days or sooner, if practical.

Access to Records

1. The parent or legal guardian of a student will have access to these records upon written request to the office of the principal, which maintains student records within this school system. If the student is 18 years or older, only the student has the right to determine.

The parent or legal guardian will, upon written request to the office of the principal, have the opportunity to receive an interpretation of the records, have the right to question the data, and if a difference of opinion is noted, shall be permitted to file a letter in the cumulative folder stating the dissenting person's position. If further challenge is made to the records, the normal appeal procedures established by school policy will be followed.

2. School personnel having access to student data are defined as "any person or persons under contract to the school or AEA and directly involved in working toward either the affective or cognitive goals of the school.

Release of Information to Other Persons

No information covered by this policy will be released to any persons or agency without the written consent of the adult student or the parents or guardian of a minor student; with the following exceptions:

1. School personnel with a legitimate educational interest.
2. Officials of other schools in which the student proposes to enroll.
3. Representatives of state and local government when auditing and evaluating Federal and State funded educational programs.

4. In connection with a student's educational financial aid application.
5. Organizations which process and evaluate standardized tests.
6. Accrediting organizations for accrediting purposes.
7. Parents of dependent children, regardless of child's age.
8. In connection with an emergency.
9. In response to a court order or legally issued subpoena.

Procedures

1. Each cumulative student record shall contain a reference to the location of any additional records pertaining to a given student with a notation as to the nature of the information contained therein.
2. Persons, other than school personnel with a legitimate educational interest, who are allowed access to student records under this policy shall make notation therein of their name, position, date, and the purpose for access.
3. In the event that a duly authorized person requests a review of a student record, no information contained therein shall be removed or altered except that additional information may be added as the normal course of school operations shall require.

Notice of Rights

The school administration shall notify students and parents annually, through the Students Handbook or similar publication, of the rights accorded students and parents under this policy.

Review and Removal

Student records are reviewed and inappropriate material removed periodically, but at a minimum when a student moves from elementary school to junior high school. Those records not of permanent importance are destroyed within five years of graduation or discontinued attendance.

Responsibility for Student Records

1. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall be the custodian of all student records maintained at the district level.
2. The principal or his/her designee shall be the custodian of all student records at the building level and shall make maximum provision for protection of student records from review by unauthorized personnel and for maximum physical security of such student records.

Family Rights and Privacy

The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 requires annual notification to parents of children enrolled in special education instructional programs, operated by this school district of their rights to review the special educational records of their children.

This federal law allows the parent or guardian the following: (1) a review of your child's special education records; (2) to obtain copies at a nominal fee; (3) to write a response to materials in the record; (4) to challenge the content of the records on the grounds of inappropriateness or inaccuracy.

You also have the right to have such records explained to you by a professional staff member if you so desire. If you desire further information, contact the Superintendent of Schools or the School Board Secretary at Maquoketa Valley Community Schools, Delhi, Iowa 52223, phone 563-922-9422.

Notice of NONDISCRIMINATION

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Maquoketa Valley Community Schools are hereby notified that it is the policy of this public educational institution not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, or physical or mental disability in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code sections 216.9 and 19B.11, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d and 2000e), the Equal Pay Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 206, et seq.) Title IX (Educational Amendments, 20 U.S.C. 1681 - 1688), Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.)

Any person having inquiries concerning the Maquoketa Valley Community Schools compliance with the regulation implementing Title VI, Title IX or Section 504 is directed to contact Ms. Tracy Morrison at Maquoketa Valley Schools, P.O. Box 186, Delhi, IA. 52223, telephone number 563-922-9411. Information and copies of the procedures for filing a complaint are available through Ms. Morrison.

Any person may also contact the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 310 W. Washington Ave., Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53203, telephone 414-291-1111, or the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, 211 East Maple, Des Moines, IA 50309, telephone 515-281-4121.

The Rehabilitation Act

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Maquoketa Valley Community School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the program and practices of the school system.

The Maquoketa Valley Community School District has the responsibility under Section 504 to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

Level One Investigator

According to Iowa Code chapter 281 - 1AC chapter 102, all school boards in Iowa must designate at least one Level One investigator annually to look into allegations of abuse of students by school employees. The Level One investigator for Maquoketa Valley Schools is Administrator Tracy Morrison. If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact Mrs. Morrison at Delhi Middle School, phone number 563-922-9411.

No Child Left Behind

Parents/guardians in the Maquoketa Valley Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher, state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your students in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling Mr. Doug Tuetken at 563-922-9422 or sending a letter of request to Superintendent, Maquoketa Valley Community School District, P. O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223-0186.

Statement on Sportsmanship

This message is from our Conference principals and activity directors regarding spectator conduct at our events. We are running this message to remind all of us adults that our children will imitate our behavior at these events, so please take a moment to read this message.

The Tri-Rivers Conference has great schools, full of terrific kids, supported by caring and concerned parents and committed communities. As administrators, in general we feel very positive about our schools and the relationships between our schools. We do strongly believe that the sportsmanship displayed at our games by the majority of our fans, players and coaches is something in which we can all take pride. Granted there are some exceptions, and on occasion we have to address sportsmanship issues on the part of a player, coach or student fan. These relatively rare situations are dealt with as they arise.

We want to make you as parents, our wider community, aware of another more difficult sportsmanship issue. Unlike the scenario at hand above, where an administrator deals with a player, coach or student fan who has displayed inappropriate sportsmanship; this situation is both more common and more difficult to deal with in that the offenders are the adults in our stands. While the vast majority of the parents and other adult fans in the stands conduct themselves in a positive fashion, a very small, but vocal minority chose to ride the referees on nearly every call, taunt other players and coaches and make loud critical comments about our own players and coaches. Some even seem to feel it is OK to use abusive or even foul language. We, as administrators, address these issues when we can; but the reality is that we really shouldn't have to tell adults how to behave. We ought to be able to count on all the adults to conduct themselves in such a way as to serve as a role model for the students in the stands. Again, remember that the vast majority of the adults do take their responsibility in regard to sportsmanship seriously. We just need everybody to do that.

A basic truth in competition is that in every game someone wins and someone loses; but when we focus on that essential fact instead of the learning process we are losers no matter which team comes out on top. High School Officials make mistakes and that is another essential truth. It also is indisputable that everyone reading this letter also makes mistakes. Those occasional errors on the part of the referees do not change the fact that our officials do their best to call a fair, safe and well regulated game. The fact that an adult paid the admission price should not give them the right to use abusive language or continually harass the officials. I doubt there has ever been a single time where an official changed a call because a fan was screaming at him or her. We just need all of our fans to think about why we are here - it is for the kids and the competition and more importantly what that competition can teach our students about life. High School activities are focused on preparing students for the really important roles that they are going to play long after they leave the court or field for the last time, lessons about citizenship, parenting and moral fiber. If we focus on that, then we can all say we are serving as proper role models for our children and putting sportsmanship in its proper place, a place first and foremost in our hearts and minds. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Notice on Restraint

State law forbids school employees from using corporal punishment against any students. Certain actions by school employees are not considered corporal punishment. Additionally, school employees may use "reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain" to do certain things, such as prevent harm to persons or property.

State law also places limits on school employees' abilities to restrain, confine and detain any student. The law limits why, how, where and for how long a school employee may restrain or confine and detain a child. If a child is restrained or confined and detained, the school must maintain documentation and must provide certain types of notice to the child's parent.

If you have any questions about this state law, please contact your school. The complete text of the law and additional information is available on the Iowa Department of Education's web site: www.iowa.gov/educate.

Authorization for Student Refusal of School Internet Usage

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools Network (MVCSnet) is a local area network connected to other local, national and worldwide networks. It's purpose is to meet the mission of the Maquoketa Valley Community Schools. It is also to advance and enhance student's access to educational resources, improve teacher resource and training, collaboration and dissemination of successful district and student materials, educational practices and methods. With this accessibility comes a need for appropriate and responsible use. The goal of providing access to teachers and students is to further educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The use of MVCSnet must be in support of education and research, consistent with student achievement goals and objectives of the Maquoketa Valley Community School District.

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools intends to fully comply with the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act. Compliance includes a technology protection measure in the form of a filter to block, at a minimum, visual depictions deemed as obscene, child pornography, social networks, or harmful to minors.

Any parent/guardian has the right of refusal on respect to their student usage of the MVCSnet provided that the parent/guardian contact the school district in writing to the school district and contact the school district guidance office to complete a notice form.

If you have no objection to the use of MVCSnet, you **do not** need to take any action.

~ September 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  NO SCHOOL	2 JE Preschool First Day of School 9/JV/V VB – Clayton Ridge 5:15 Home	3 EE Preschool First Day of School Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm HSCafe	4 CC @ MFL/Mar Mac 5:00	5 JV/V FB @ Monticello 5:00	6 FFA @ State Dairy Cattle Contest – Wunion HSMusic @ Pre-All State Rehearsal Oelwein
7	8 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm HSCafe Speech Parent Mtg 6:00 pm Auditorium	9 7 th Gr. Farm Safety Day Manchester Var. VB Tourney – Home 5:30	10	11 FFA @ District Dairy Cattle Foods, Soils Contest Calmar 7/8 VB-Ed/Co – 4:00 Home 7/8 FB – EBuchanan – 4:30 Home FS/JV/V VB – East. Valley 5:15 Home	12 JE Grandparents/Special Friend Day – 1:30 pm JV/V FB – East Buchanan 5:00 Home	13 CC @ Monticello 8:30 am
14	15 FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00 pm	16 EE & JE School Pictures 11 th Gr. @ UNI Career Fair 7/8 VB-EBuchanan – 4:00 Home CC @ Starmont – 5:00 FS/JV/V VB – CCity – 5:15 Home	17 DE * MS * HS School Pictures	18 EE Grandparents/Special Friend Day – 1:30 pm 7/8 VB @ North Linn – 4:00 7/8 FB @ Ed/Co – 4:30 FFA Monthly Mtg - MVHS 7:30 pm	19 DE Grandparents/Special Friend Day – 1:15 pm CC @ Cascade – 4:30 Var. FB – Ed/Co – 7:00 Home	20 FFA @ District Livestock Contest 9 th VB @ WDubuque Tourney - 9:00 am Var. VB @ WDelaware Tourney – 9:00 am
21	22 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Prof Dev) JV FB – Ed/Co – 6:00 Home	23 7/8 VB – Lisbon – 4:00 Home CC @ CtPt/Urbana –4:30 FS/JV/V VB @ Springville 5:15	24 Sr. Announcements Ordered – Lunch Hour Lobby	25 7/8 VB @ CCity – 4:00 FS/JV/V VB – Midland 5:15 Home	26 JV/V FB @ Lisbon 5:00	27 CC @ Independence 8:45 am
28	29 Curriculum Night 6:30 pm 7-12 Fall Choir Concert 7:30 St. John's Church	30 FFA @ World Dairy Expo Madison, WI 7/8 VB – Starmont - 4:00 Home CC @ Jesup – 4:30 FS/JV/V VB @ Lisbon – 5:15	All items on this calendar are subject to change. Please check the school website for all updated information. www.maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us (CALENDAR link) DE=Delhi Elem. EE=Earlville Elem. JE=Johnston Elem. MS=Middle School HS=High School CC=Cross Country FB=Football VB=Volleyball			

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<p>5</p>	<p>6 MAP Testing Begins (gr. 6-10) 7/8 VB @ Alburnett – 4:00 Preschool BBQ @ EE 5:30</p>	<p>7 7/8 VB @ CV Christian- 4:00 CC @ WDelaware – 4:30 FS/JV/V @ Marquette Cath 5:15</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7/8 VB – Springville – 4:00 Home 7/8 FB @ Starmont – 4:30 FS/JV/V – North Linn 5:15 Home</p>	<p>10 JV/VFB @ Starmont – 5:00</p>	<p>11 FFA @ State Soil Judging – Ames CC @ North Linn 9:00 HS Music Showcase 7:00 Aud/Cafeteria</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 7/8 FB – Alburnett – 4:30 Home Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 5:30 pm HSCafe</p>	<p>14 FS/JV/V @ Alburnett – 5:15 5-8 Band Informance – 6:30 MSMPR</p>	<p>15 11th Gr. PSAT Testing – 8:05 HS Library FFA @ Greenhand Fireup – Wapsie Valley</p>	<p>16 CC @ TRC Meet/Prince Peace 4:30 7/8 FB – North Linn – 4:30 Home Var VB @ TRC Tourney – TBA - 5:00</p>	<p>17 End of 1st Quarter Early Dismiss @ 1:05 JV/V FB @ Easton Valley 5:00</p>	<p>18 Var. VB @ TRC Tourney – 10:00 Calamus-Wheatland</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Prof Dev) FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00</p>	<p>21 FFA Monthly Mtg - MVHS 7:30</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 JH Band @ TRC Festival – Easton Valley JV FB – Postville – 6:00 Home</p>	<p>24 Var. FB – Postville – 7:00 Home</p>	<p>25 HS Music All-State Auditions</p>
<p>26 AB Arts & Crafts Fair – MS Gym 9:00</p>	<p>27 Early Dismiss @ 1:05 P-T Conferences 3:00-7:00</p>	<p>28 FFA @ National Convention Louisville, KY (10/28 – 11/1)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 DE Halloween Parade 9:30 EE Halloween Parade 10:00 JE Halloween Parade 10:30 Early Dismiss @ 1:05 P-T Conferences 3:00-7:00</p>	<p>31 NO SCHOOL </p>	<p>DE=Delhi Elem. EE=Earlville Elem. JE=Johnston Elem. MS=Middle School HS=High School CC=Cross Country FB=Football VB=Volleyball</p>