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Aug 1 - 2, 2025

Friday Aug 1

- 7pm Softball Tournaments
- 7-8pm Happy Faces Entertainment Game Show - All ages
- 8-8:15pm Little Miss & Mister/ Miss Teen Ionia
- 9pm Fireworks at Ionia Park

Saturday Aug 2

- 8-10am Free Will Donation Pancake Breakfast
- 9am Softball Tournaments
- 11am 2 Way Parade & Food Vendors
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New Hampton Community Schools

First Day of School August 25, 2025

REGISTRATION

Parents of children in the elementary, middle and high school are asked to register their children online for the 2025-26 school year. Online registration will open on:

Monday, July 28, 2025

Go to: new-hampton.k12.ia.us

Click Menu, go to Registration, and follow the links.

If you need assistance, please contact the School Offices or stop in after August 1st.

Parents new to district should stop in or call the school office after August 1st for assistance.

The purpose of registration is to provide an opportunity for parents to pay school fees, hot lunch/breakfast fees and to find out their class assignments. This service is necessary to eliminate congestion on the first day of school. Education Options Registration will be with registration on the above dates.

FEE SCHEDULE

INSTRUCTION FEE

K-4 \$55.00

5-8 \$80.00

9-12 \$85.00

7-8 GRADE ATHLETIC TOWEL FEE \$20.00

One time payment per year if a student participates in football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling and/or track.

RevTrack online fees will be waived until August 25, 2025

OPTIONAL FEES

School Yearbook High School\$75.00

Vehicle Registration\$15.00

High School students who drive vehicles to school must register each vehicle. All vehicles must have a sticker/tag visible from outside the vehicle in order to legally park in the high school parking lot.

ACTIVITY PASS

Student Activity Passes will be FREE for all regular home Athletic events held at New Hampton CSD. Thanks to the generous partnership from Bank Iowa, NH Athletic Booster Club, First Citizens, Rochford Insurance Agency, O'Donnell Insurance, Fidelity Bank, Security State Bank, Luana State Bank, Joe Malloy Insurance, Noshisch Insurance, and Curtis Franzen - Farm Bureau Financial. State sponsored tournaments, NEIC Conference Tournaments, the high school and middle school musicals, and the high school variety show are NOT included in this fee.

K-4. Free

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H.S. Activity Admission Fees

Adults \$6.00 per event

Students \$6.00 per football event

Students \$4.00 per other event

M.S. Activity Admission Fees

Adults \$3.00

Students \$2.00

Family \$5.00

The school will provide the opportunity for adults to obtain a ten-punch activity pass for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$50.00 per ticket. With the ten-punch ticket at \$50.00, an individual will save \$10.00 over the cost of ten single admissions. Over and above the cost of savings, an activity pass holder will gain quicker admission to events. People who hold an activity pass will not need to stand in line to obtain their single admission ticket. These activity passes will only be honored at New Hampton home events and would not apply to state sponsored tournaments, the high school musical, and UIC Conference tournaments. The ten-punch activity passes can be obtained during the dates noted above for student registration days or from the Superintendent's Office any day during normal business hours.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAMS AT ALL BUILDINGS BEGINNING

Monday, August 25, 2025

Breakfast (preK-4)\$1.95

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Lunch fees may be paid during registration. Please fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch Form to see if you qualify. The High School will have a closed noon period ~ students will eat in the cafeteria whether they bring their lunch or use the school lunch program.

WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), Supplementary Security Income (SSI), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. The Standard Fee Waiver application form will be available when parents register their children. This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually. This waiver of student fees applies only to the above listed fees. Fees for the high school and middle school yearbooks and activity passes are not included in these waiver provisions.

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ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES

**ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE
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**MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH
4:00PM - 6:00PM
5TH GRADE ORIENTATION AT 5:00PM**

**HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

NOTICE ~ ALL ATHLETES

You must have a Doctor's certificate of fitness before you are eligible to participate in athletics. Athletes are responsible for obtaining their own physicals. All athletes must have insurance or waiver of insurance along with emergency procedure cards on file with school before they will be allowed to participate. **IMPORTANT:** Students participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading and dance; and their parents/guardians; must sign an acknowledgement form stating they have received the information provided on the concussion fact sheet titled, "HEADS UP: Concussion in High School Sports." Students cannot practice or compete in those activities until this form is signed and returned.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Ten buses will operate in the district to provide transportation for approximately 720 rural students. Bus assignments will be published in a later issue. High School students living in New Hampton may ride from the elementary school building to the high school building in the morning and from the high school to the elementary building in the afternoon.

SCHOOL BUS VIDEO CAMERAS

The New Hampton Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior, to maintain order on the school buses, and to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

REPORTING A SAFETY CONCERN

- If you see something, say something.
- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate danger, if you know about an emergency, or if you see suspicious activity.
- Otherwise you may report any other safety concerns via the district's reporting number 641-394-2134 Extension 6008. This number allows students, staff, parents, and community members to confidentially submit concerns regarding safety, harassment, intimidation, and bullying to the district administration. All reports may be submitted anonymously.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

Parents'/Guardians' Rights Notification:
Parents'/Guardians in the New Hampton 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 student in a Title I program or if your school operates a schoolwide Title I program.

Parents'/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling or sending a letter to Office of the Superintendent, 710 West Main Street, New Hampton, IA 50659.

STUDENT ABUSE BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNED INVESTIGATORS

Chapter 102 of the Iowa Administrative Code prescribes procedures for charging and investigating incidents of abuse of students by school employees. The school district's designated investigators are: Erik Smith, Superintendent (641) 394-2134, Jamie Steege or Jessica Moore, school nurses (641) 394-2134

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The school district provides students with instruction in human growth and development. Parents may review the human growth and development curriculum prior to its use and have their child excused from human growth and development instruction. Parents should contact the principal if they wish to review the curriculum or to excuse their child from human growth and development instruction.

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Level I (Informal and Optional) - Employees with a grievance of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability may first discuss it with their principal or immediate supervisor, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. A student or parent with a complaint of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability should immediately discuss it with the teacher, counselor or building administrator involved.

Level II (Informal and Optional) - If the concern remains unresolved, the grievant is encouraged to approach the MC/GF Compliance Committee for the purpose of resolving the concern through fact gathering and discussion. The role of this group is to reconcile, if possible, the concern of the grievant using an informal procedure. The group will consist of the grievant, the person against whom the grievance has been filed, the principal or designee, a minimum of two MC/GF Advisory Committee members, and the MC/GF Facilitator.

Level III (Formal) - If the grievance is not resolved at level one or level two and the grievants wish to pursue the grievance, they may formalize it by filing a complaint in writing on the Compliance Violation Form, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer.

The remaining steps in the grievance process will be reviewed with the grievant. The entire grievance procedure is available for inspection in the Compliance Officer's Office along with other information relating to these topics. Please contact Brad Schmitt, Middle School Principal, 710 W. Main, New Hampton, IA 50659, (641) 394-2134 ext. 2 b_schmitt@new-hampton.k12.ia.us if you have any questions, concerns, or complaints. Mr. Schmitt is the Title VI and Title IX Officer for the New Hampton Community School District.

PARENTAL NOTICE GENERAL EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS

The New Hampton Community School District uses a problem solving model to address student concerns through general education interventions. Problem solving activities are part of the school's general program and may occur at any time throughout the school year. The problem solving process is a systematic set of procedures designed to look at different factors that might be affecting student success, such as what is taught, how it is taught, and how the student responds to these processes. During the problem solving process, school personnel (including special education staff and Keystone special education personnel) may be involved in gathering information that will be used to develop effective interventions.

As parents, you are key participants during all facets of problem solving. If a child is recommended for special education services, parents must give written consent. Parents may also request that their child be considered for special education services at any time by contacting the child's principal.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

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 New Hampton 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 program and practices of the school system.

The New Hampton Community School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligations to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parents or guardians 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.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Nelson, Section 504 Coordinator for the New Hampton Community School District, at (641) 394-2134 ext. 1.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Student Privacy Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

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Whether your focus is on protecting the planet, aligning with your faith or giving back to your community, a financial advisor who understands your values can help you build a portfolio that reflects what matters to you. Here's how to help find a good fit.

Know What You Stand For

Before you start searching for a financial advisor, take a moment to reflect on your own values. Are you passionate about sustainability? Do you want your investments to avoid companies that conflict with your faith? Is charitable giving a big part of your life and something you want to incorporate into your financial strategy?

Make a list of your top priorities. Understanding what drives you can help make it easier to find a financial advisor who shares and respects your vision.

Do Your Homework

Once you've clarified your goals, start looking for financial advisors who focus on values-based investing. Terms like "socially responsible investing" (SRI), "faith-based investing," "impact investing" or "ESG" (which stands for environmental, social, and governance) are good keywords to use during your search.

Browse financial advisor websites and check their credentials. Some may highlight their experience with sustainable funds or philanthropic planning. Look for signs that they're comfortable helping clients invest with a conscience.

Ask the Right Questions

After narrowing your list, schedule a few introductory discussions, which can be done in person or remotely, depending on your preference. These chats are your chance to learn more about how the financial advisor works and whether they'll be a good fit.

Ask about their investment approach:

- Do they offer portfolios with a focus on ESG or faith-based filters?



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- Have they worked with clients who have similar values to yours?
- How do they assess charitable giving strategies or donor-advised funds?
- Do they know the complex tax rules associated with charitable giving?
- Listen closely to the questions they ask of you. Are they truly interested in what matters to you? Do they understand your values and priorities? Also, consider their communication style. Will they keep you updated regularly? Are they open to collaboration when you want to adjust your plan?

Trust Your Instincts

Choosing a financial advisor is a personal decision. Beyond their professional qualifications, you want someone who listens well and respects your goals. Don't hesitate to meet with several financial advisors before making your choice. The right person will make you feel understood and supported, both financially and personally.

Ideally, you and your financial advisor will forge a long-term relationship that spans the changes and milestones in your life. As the details of your financial strategy may change, you'll still want to hold onto your values in your investments.

Investing With Purpose

Whether you're hoping to reduce your carbon footprint, stay true to your faith or make the world a better place through giving, you don't have to choose between your values and your financial future. Many good financial advisors can help you do both.

Taking the time to find someone who shares your vision can help you feel confident that your investment strategy can align with your personal beliefs.

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