



MEMO

TO: Parents of Children in the School District of Onalaska
FROM: Francis E. Finco, Ed. D., Superintendent
RE: General Information for 2018-2019

As the 2018-2019 school year begins, I would like to provide you with information on various district policies, which will affect you and your children. If you have any questions regarding any of these, please do not hesitate to call me or any school principal.

DIRECTORY DATA

Student Directory Data

The Onalaska Board of Education has declared the student and parent information listed below as "Directory Data".

1. Student's name
2. Date of birth
3. Names of students participating in approved athletic events and other recognized school activities
4. Height and weight data for members of athletic teams
5. Student photograph
6. Awards or degrees received by students
7. Name of the school most recently/previously attended

Parent/Legal Guardian Directory Data

1. Parent/legal guardian's name(s)
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. Student's name and name of school most recently attended

At times, a school/district employee, outside agencies, non-district organizations or individuals may request the school/district to disclose student or parent data. **If parents, legal guardians or guardian ad litem DO NOT want any or all of that information released, they must indicate their preferences through PowerSchool registration to NOT RELEASE that information.** Requests to opt out of the release of any or all Director Data must be made within 15 days from the first day of school. Failure of the parent/guardian to make that request indicates to the school/district that student and parent Directory Data may be disclosed.

BUS ROUTES

Ready Bus Company is the district's bus service contract for 2018-2019. They, along with Mr. Dan Dahlquist, district transportation director, have the responsibility to establish the most cost efficient and safest routing of buses. If you have, any questions relative to busing, call Mr. Dahlquist at (608) 783-5489. If you are unable to reach him, please feel free to call Ready Bus Company at (507) 895-2349.

Note: See reverse side for additional information

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event the district schools will close early or not open at all due to inclement weather, Board policy provides that:

I. School Closing

- A. District schools shall be closed on days the buses fail to operate due to inclement weather. When the decision is made, radio stations and TV stations will be notified no later than 6:00 a.m.
- B. All co-curricular practices and activities for the day will be cancelled.
- C. Days missed, due to cancellation caused by inclement weather, shall be made up on the calendar as determined by the Board of Education.

II. Early Closing

- A. If weather becomes threatening before dismissal, the administration may dismiss classes early.
- B. Announcements shall be made via local radio stations, TV stations or other appropriate media.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Onalaska School Board encourages parents and others to attend school Board meetings. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education room at the District Office, 237 2nd Avenue South, Onalaska as follows:

September 10, 2018	January 14, 2019	May 13, 2019
September 24, 2018	January 28, 2019	May 28, 2019 (Tues.)
October 8, 2018	February 11, 2019	June 10, 2019
October 22, 2018	February 25, 2019	June 24, 2019
November 12, 2018	March 11, 2019	July 8, 2019
November 26, 2018	March 25, 2019	July 22, 2019
December 10, 2018	April 8, 2019	August 12, 2019
	April 22, 2019	August 26, 2019

The Board sets aside 15 minutes at each meeting for community input. Members of the public may request permission to speak on any item on the agenda. A form to speak to an agenda item is available in the Board room. The form must be filled out prior to the start of the meeting and submitted to administration. The speaker can address the topic either during the public input portion of the meeting or at the time the item is being addressed by the board.

Members of the public requesting to speak on a specific topic of their choice must submit the item(s) to the Superintendent approximately four (4) days ahead of the meeting prior to the publishing of the agenda. Placement of the item on the agenda is at the discretion of the Board President or the Vice President in the absence of the President. The requirement that all discussion items must be detailed on the published agenda is part of the open meeting law. To contact the Superintendent to submit an item for the agenda, contact the District Office at 237 2nd Avenue South, Onalaska (781-9701).

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is notice that the School District of Onalaska has an Asbestos Management Plan at the school district office. The plan is available for inspection by the public, parents, and district employees. The district performs six-month periodic surveillance of asbestos in June and December and full re-inspections every three years. For more information, please contact the district office.