



# BACK 2 SCHOOL



CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome back for the 2024-2025 school year! I am thrilled to officially welcome everyone back to the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District this September. As we embark on another year of providing quality public educational services to our community, there are several key aspects of our efforts to keep in mind:

Our primary focus remains on student learning and preparing for the future: We are dedicated to delivering rigorous and engaging instruction that not only meets the needs of all learners but also prepares them for the challenges of our rapidly evolving world. Our students continue to grow in their skills, knowledge, and educational experiences, both in and out of the classroom. We have the evidence to demonstrate this progress, and we are excited to see what they will achieve in the coming year as we equip them for success in the modern age.

**Enhancement of our Educational Technology Department's collaboration with teachers:** We are redoubling our efforts to integrate technology into the learning experience. Our Educational Technology Department will work even more closely with teachers to develop and refine tech skills that can be seamlessly incorporated into lessons and content. This enhanced collaboration will ensure that all students have the opportunity to acquire the digital competencies essential for success in today's technology-driven world.

**The critical importance of collaboration at all levels:** Building on the insights gained from our Community Conversations, we recognize that success requires teamwork across our entire organization and beyond. We are committed to fostering stronger partnerships among educators, staff, administrators, families, businesses, and community organizations. By working together, we can create a robust support network that enhances the educational experience for all our students and prepares them for future challenges and opportunities.

**Continuous improvement and adaptation:** As the educational landscape evolves, so must our approaches to teaching and learning. We are committed to staying at the forefront of educational best practices, embracing innovation, and adapting our methods to best serve our students' changing needs.

CFAUSD continues to thrive, building on our strengths and successes to create an even brighter future for all. Our dedicated staff and supportive community are the cornerstones of our success, working together to provide an exceptional educational experience. By leveraging our collective talents and resources, we ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute positively to our ever-evolving world.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District. I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer to the fullest extent possible. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the Fall for another exciting year of growth, learning, and achievement!

Together, we will **INSPIRE SUPPORT LEARN**  
Jeff Holmes, *Superintendent*



## IMPORTANT DATES!

**SEPT. 4** First Day of Instruction for **all** students (Kindergarteners will be notified of exact date to attend)

**Open House Dates:**

**AUG. 28** 1-7PM  
High School (Chi-Hi)  
Middle School

**SEPT. 3** 3-7PM  
All Elementary Schools  
(School Photos will be taken)

**Special Attendance Dates:**

**SEPT. 3** HS LINK Day (LINK Leaders & 9th Graders **only**)

**SEPT. 3** MS WEB Day (WEB Leaders & 6th Graders **only**)

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WE'RE LISTENING

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Please contact the  
**CHIPPEWA YELLOW BUS CO.**  
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**Automated Phone System**

The main telephone line to our District is **715.726.2417**. By using the menu below, you will be able to reach our departments directly. If you know your party's extension, you may enter it directly.

**#1**  
District Administration

- #1 Business Services
- #1 School Lunch
- #2 Transportation
- **#3 Registration/Enrollment**
- #4 Buildings & Grounds
- #5 Accounts Payable
- #6 Purchasing
- #7 Deliveries / Warehouse / Supplies
- #8 Business Manager
- #2 Office of Superintendent
- #3 Public Relations

**#2**  
Technology Help Desk / Infinite Campus

**#3**  
Human Resources & CCLC

- #1 Employment
- #2 Benefits
- #3 Payroll
- #4 Subs / AESOP
- #5 CCLC

**#4**  
Individual Schools

- #1 High School
- #2 Middle School
- #3 Halmstad
- #4 Hillcrest
- #5 Jim Falls
- #6 Parkview
- #7 Stillson
- #8 Southview
- #9 CVHS

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**MEETINGS** Regular meetings are held monthly as designated on the board meeting calendar and are open to the public. All meeting dates are posted and start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified, in the District Office Board Room, 1130 Miles Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

**AGENDAS** Agendas are posted on the school district website under District and Board of Education. Hard copies are available in the district office, library, and city hall.

**MINUTES** The minutes are published on the school district website under District and Board of Education and in the Chippewa Herald.

**ADDRESSING THE BOARD** To address the board, persons **must reside** within the CFAUSD boundaries and are required to sign in at the entry table prior to the Public Comment agenda.

**GOVERNANCE** Coherent Governance is a results-oriented framework used by the board to ensure a system focus on our school district's vision and results policies. Both our school district's vision and our results policies are based on authentic community feedback. Through our Community Conversations, we have opened clear lines of communication with community stakeholders, and we have embraced community feedback and embedded it into our operational expectations and results policies.

**Monthly School Board meetings are broadcast**

**via live stream at**  
[https://cesa10.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1\\_b81q4btr/293688372](https://cesa10.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_b81q4btr/293688372)

**For more information regarding members, Governing Policies for Educational Excellence, agendas and information (BoardDocs), definition of meeting types, and annual notices visit the Board of Education page on the school website**  
<https://cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/board/>



If you are looking for a rewarding career opportunity, wanting to make a difference in the lives of children, and work with AMAZING co-workers, Apply today!



Watch the CFAUSD website for information about open positions!

[cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/Employment.cfm](https://cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/Employment.cfm)

The Chippewa Falls School District offers substantial benefits to permanent employees:

- On-going Professional Development
- Paid time off
- No weekends or Holidays
- Opportunities for advancement
- And so much more!



## Substitutes, we want you!

- Outstanding pay scales for new and returning substitute teachers!. Contact us to learn more!
- Retired CFAUSD teachers offered exceptional pay as substitutes.
- Substitute support staff \$15 per hour
- Free school lunch when working a full day
- Paid job shadow prior to starting

### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**NON-DISCRIMINATION** The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer that complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. With respect to employment and personnel operations, the district does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital or parental status, physical or mental handicap, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, source of income, creed, membership in the armed forces, or any other status protected by law, or the fact that an individual is a student.



# 2024-25 School Year

**CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION** Families need to register their child(ren) prior to the beginning of the school year using our online registration system on the *Parent Portal*. Computer lab support will be available in the building during your school's registration event.

**NEW TO THE DISTRICT?** If you or someone you know has not yet enrolled their child for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please visit our district website to complete the online enrollment application before registering at your school: <https://chipfalls.infinitecampus.org/campus/apps/olr/application/login/>

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION** New student registration will be by appointment only after the online enrollment process has been completed. A staff member will contact you to set up your registration appointment as soon as your student's records have been received from their previous school(s).

**OPEN ENROLLMENT** If you live outside the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District, please call the district registrar at 715-720-1850 for more details.

**MOVING OR NEW ADDRESS?** If you are moving and have a new address, please update your contact information on our *Parent Portal*. The *Parent Portal* can be found at <https://chipfalls.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/chippewa>

Infinite Campus  
*Parent Portal*



## QUESTIONS REGARDING ENROLLMENT OR OPEN ENROLLMENT?

**Contact: Tami See, Registrar**  
enrollment@chipfalls.org · 715.720.1850  
<https://cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/prospective/>



Enrollment

## REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

All student registration is online. Kiosks for registration are available at the District Office *and* each school.

### HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

- All registration tasks can be completed online. Families who would like to come in person to pay fees or request a schedule correction may do so between 8am and 6pm, on August 19 and 20.
- New students to the district will receive a call during the first week of August to set up a new student appointment with the school counselor. If you have not received a call by the end of that week, please call Danielle Hatfield, at 715.726.2406 ext. 1177.
- Class schedules can be viewed on Infinite Campus on August 14, 2024.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The \$30 registration fee for the 2024-2025 school year has now been applied to all students accounts. You may pay this fee online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, or in the Main Office during registration.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

**Register your student through the online registration system.**

- To register log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you need help call our help desk at 715.726.2413.
- Pay registration fee online through the Infinite Campus Portal.
- View fees still owed on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal or call the Business Office at 715.726.2400 extension 2214.
- View your child's schedule on Infinite Campus on Thursday, August 15, 2024

**OPEN HOUSE: August 28 from 1-7 PM**

**Middle School Athletic Code Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

September 3, 2024 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM. School photos will be taken during this time.

The open house will be at all elementary buildings on the same date and time. Details for meeting your child's teacher will come from each building in the August mailings to families.



MEDS DROP OFF



LUNCH PAYMENT

### KINDERGARTEN

**1/2 KINDERGARTEN CLASS\***  
Attend on **Sept. 4, 2024**

**1/2 KINDERGARTEN CLASS\***  
Attend on **Sept. 5, 2024**

\*Schools will mail specific dates based on their student last names.

### CHIPPEWA FALLS 4K CARDINALS

4K is a pre-kindergarten program for 4-year-old children. The program is open to any child in the Chippewa Falls School District who is 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024.

To enroll, please visit <https://cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/schools/cardinal-4k/about/enrollment-information.cfm> or by calling Marilyn Burish at 715.726.2414 ext. 2783.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for ALL SCHOOLS are available on the district website, at <https://cfsd.chippewafalls.k12.wi.us/district/distschsupply.cfm>. Supply lists can also be found at local retailers or by calling 715-720-1850.



# School Meal Prices: 2024 – 2025



	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	\$0.35.....	\$2.25
MIDDLE SCHOOL * .....	\$0.85.....	\$2.50
HIGH SCHOOL * .....	\$1.00.....	\$2.50

*\*Middle and high school students may purchase additional items.  
À la carte purchases will affect how much money is needed in your child's account.*

**More detailed information will be mailed to your home.**

**INFORMATION ON BREAKFAST / LUNCH PROGRAMS**

<https://cfsd.chippfalls.k12.wi.us/district/foodservicehomepage.cfm>



**MILK** is served with all meals or can be purchased separately for \$0.35.

**DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS** can be made for students with a food-related allergy/disability.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Deposits can be made online through the *Infinite Campus Parent Portal*, under the *Payments* menu. Payments cannot be made through the *Infinite Campus* mobile app.

However, you **can** use the **desktop version** of *Infinite Campus* on your mobile device. Payments can also be mailed or dropped off at the District Office, 1130 Miles Street, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or turned in at any school. After hours, please place your payment in the *District Office After-Hours Drop Box*.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions or require assistance, e-mail Kirsten Nesja at [nesjakj@chippfalls.org](mailto:nesjakj@chippfalls.org) or call her directly at **715.726.2581**



The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District participates in the USDA's free and reduced-price meal program for children unable to pay the full price for meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program. Applications can be completed online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. [https://chippfalls.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/chippewa\\_falls.jsp](https://chippfalls.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/chippewa_falls.jsp). If you need a paper application please contact Kirsten Nesja at [nesjakj@chippfalls.org](mailto:nesjakj@chippfalls.org) or 715.726.2581. Any information you provide is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNICATION

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District strongly supports parent-school communication. We encourage families and members of our community to become involved and to take advantage of the various modes of communications we have developed.



**INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL**

Each family is granted a **Parent Portal** account. For instructions, please contact your child's school office. This portal gives you access to lunch and fee payments, attendance, grades, assignment due dates, and much more. Private messages and other information regarding your child are also available here.



**INFINITE CAMPUS MESSENGER E-MAILS / CALLS OR TEXTS**

Schools and teachers utilize **Messenger** to contact parents via e-mail or phone using voice or text messages. Messages include grade reports, upcoming events, communicable disease notices, newsletters, and much more.



**FACEBOOK**

The **Facebook** page celebrates the many student activities and achievements, as well as updates on school closings, timely announcements about our district. The **Facebook** page is accessible through the district website or at <https://www.facebook.com/chippewafallsschool>



**DISTRICT WEBSITE**

This public website can be found at [cfsd.chippfalls.k12.wi.us](https://cfsd.chippfalls.k12.wi.us). School calendars, family/student resources, newsletters, board information, and other updates on new and exciting educational trends can be accessed. Websites for specific schools are accessible through the home page, along with other community information.



**REMIN**

Middle and high school teachers, advisors and coaches may use Remind to communicate with parents and students. It allows two-way messaging via text or the app without personal telephone numbers.



**CLASS DOJO**

Elementary teacher and schools may communicate with parents via the app as well as post classwork and school highlights to their classroom or school story.



**INSTAGRAM**

Are you following us on Instagram yet? Follow us as we share photos and videos instantly from events. Find us at [www.instagram.com/chippewafallssd/](https://www.instagram.com/chippewafallssd/)



**WELCOME NEW ADMINISTRATORS! Some New Faces & Some Familiar Faces in New Places**

**SARA DENURE - DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**



Sara Denure brings a wealth of experience and a passion for education to her role as the Director of Human Resources for the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District. With twelve years of dedicated service as the principal of Southview Elementary School, Sara has honed her leadership skills and deepened her understanding of the educational landscape. Her background in teaching and her time as a school administrator have equipped her with invaluable insights into the needs of both students and staff members. Sara's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment for learning and professional growth makes her a trusted advocate for the entire school district.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Sara finds joy and fulfillment in her family life. Alongside her husband Matt, who serves as a teacher, advisor, and coach in Fall Creek, Sara enjoys the simple pleasures of life, often taking adventures with their dog Fergus. Their shared love for travel, running, and exploring diverse cuisines not only strengthens their connections as a family but also rejuvenates their spirits, enabling Sara to approach her role in shaping the educational environment of Chippewa Falls with renewed energy and excitement.

**JAMIE GANSKE - CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL and MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCY COORDINATOR**



This will be my 13th year in the district. I am excited for my new role as both the Principal of Chippewa Valley High School, as well as the District's Mental Health and Resiliency Coordinator. My husband Ben and I have 3 kids: Lilly (12), Bo (11), and Lori (9). I also have a black lab named Buck. I love animals and being outdoors. I graduated college with a Biology and Broadfield Science Teaching license. I went back to school and received my Master of Arts in Education and Principal License. I taught for 4 years at Holy Family Catholic School in Arcadia teaching 4 year olds-8th graders. My homeroom was 6th grade and spent the bulk of my day teaching middle school. I then took a long term sub position at Altoona High School teaching Physics and Chemistry.

In 2012 I was hired in the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District as the PBIS District Coordinator. In the 2013-2014 school year I asked to start School Based Mental Health in our district, and was approved to do so. I started our district's Cardinal Care Mental Health Supports and our School Based Mental Health program with one agency and one therapist that year. I was able to expand my position over the years to be the PBIS/RtI District Coordinator, as well as expanding the mental health supports. In the 2019-2020 school year, we were awarded the 5 year Project Aware grant. With this grant my position changed to the Director of Mental Health and Resiliency and was able to continue to expand and support the mental health needs of our students, staff, and family members for our district with our Cardinal Care Mental Health Supports.

At CVHS, we will focus on relationships, building resiliency, keeping our students safe and healthy in an environment where students feel valued and supported, while supporting students with their academic success. I look forward to a great year ahead!

**JANET GOODMAN - SOUTHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



My name is Janet Goodman, and I am honored and excited to serve as the new Principal at Southview Elementary School. I have been in a leadership role with the Chippewa Falls School District for the past five years. Most recently, I was the Assistant Principal at Jim Falls Elementary and Parkview Elementary, and the Summer School Principal. Before that, I was an Instructional Coach for two years, and I have also taught second and third grade, as well as elementary and middle school special education. My experience has mainly been at the elementary school level, and for a good reason. I absolutely love working with elementary-aged students. Professionally, I am passionate about supporting and building strong school-family relationships and promoting student growth.

On a personal note, I am married with four children. My husband David and I have been married for 22 years. Our eldest daughter, Olivia, is 20 and a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Easton, our 18-year-old, is starting his career as an electrician this summer. Adrianna, 17, will be a senior at Cadott High School, and Orran, 13, will be a freshman there this fall. As a family, we enjoy camping, playing cornhole, Kanjam, cards, and board games.

Together, we will accomplish our goals. I can't tell you how excited I am to be joining the Southview Elementary School families and to get this new school started!

**WELCOME NEW ADMINISTRATORS!** Some New Faces & Some Familiar Faces in New Places

**DOUG DIECKMAN - HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



I am excited to be joining the Mighty Cardinal Team as the new Principal for Hillcrest Elementary School. I am confident that my passion for student learning and working with children will be evident as I get to know the students and staff at Hillcrest. My background in education consists of 15 years as a Technology Education instructor, 11 years as a School Counselor and the past four years as a building principal. I have also been involved working with student athletes as a head and assistant coach for many years in football, baseball and basketball. My family and I have spent most of our lives in the Bruce/Ladysmith area near other family members. We are currently in the process of building a home out in the country northwest of town. We are excited to move in later this fall.

My wife, Megan, also has been in the education field for many years as an early childhood teacher, special education director and building principal. She most recently took a job with Marzano Resources, providing professional development events for educators and administrators. We have three adult children, Darek(26), Jared(25), and Emma(22). Darek works for Sysco Foods in the Chippewa area, Jared attends Shenandoah University in Virginia pursuing his doctorate degree in physical therapy, and Emma is in her last semester of nursing school through UW-Eau Claire. We also have Jax, a mini Goldendoodle! We definitely enjoy our time together with our adult kids. I am excited for the school year to begin and to meet the students. I am looking forward to building positive relationships with the Hillcrest staff while pushing our students to reach their potential. I am anxious to meet the families and friends of Hillcrest and the Mighty Cardinals!

**KARI KOENIG - JIM FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



I am honored and excited to join the Cardinal team as the new Principal at Jim Falls Elementary. I attended UW-River Falls for my undergraduate degree and received a license in early childhood special education from UW-Eau Claire. Early on in my teaching career, I completed my master's degree in administration leadership at UW-Superior, most recently this year adding a license as a Director of Special Education and Pupil Services. With 11 years of experience in education, including my most recent role as a 4K-12 Assistant Principal/Mental Health Coordinator, I bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to this role. My background in both special education and general education has fueled my commitment to providing a student-centered, high-quality education to all students while focusing on relationships and meeting all students' needs. Originally from Altoona, my husband, Sam, and I have lived in Chippewa Falls for over nine years. We have two daughters, April and Madison. As a family, we enjoy being outdoors, traveling, and spending time at the ball field.

As an administrator, I firmly believe that when families are involved in their children's education, it creates a supportive environment where every student can thrive. I am eager to work with the Jim Falls staff and connect with students and families in the community to ensure that everyone feels welcome and help each student reach their potential.

**2024-2025 ATHLETICS**

Activities & Athletics Schedules and Information can be found at:

<https://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/schools/athletics/> (HIGH School)

<https://sites.google.com/chipfalls.org/cfms-athletics/home> (MIDDLE School)



MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL

Show your **#MightyCardinalPride!**



The 2024-25 school pennant has arrived! Make sure and get one at any of our schools during the Fall Open House events and take a photo of your smiling #MightyCardinal student on the first day of school holding their pennant. Submit your photo to [socialmedia@chipfalls.org](mailto:socialmedia@chipfalls.org) to be featured on the CFAUSD's Facebook page!



## BUS INFORMATION

### Student Rerouting Requests and More

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District and Chippewa Yellow Bus have been accommodating families with student rerouting requests for over 50 years. A rerouting request form that is filled out at the Chippewa Yellow Bus Company allows a student to ride a bus somewhere other than their home, as long as the request does not add time or distance to the route and 24 hour notice is given. Student rerouting requests continue to grow yearly; to ensure safety of the children please follow these rerouting rules.

\* All student rerouting requests originate at Chippewa Yellow Bus Company. Please contact the bus company at 715.726.2454.

\* Each family will need to create a consistent weekly schedule for the school year that is in place by the first week in August. Families will be required to provide a calendar identifying dates, or busing will be denied for alternate location. Families should also create an alternate release schedule in the event school closes early. Any changes to your student’s schedule will require a 24-hour notice. If there is an emergency and your student is unable to follow their original schedule your student will need to be picked up from school.

\* Transportation will be provided to the 4K centers, Tiny Tree Academy, and Boys & Girls Club of the Chippewa Valley when logistically possible.

\* Rerouting requests need to stay within the school attendance boundaries. Requests for families with more than one home, in-home daycares, and other situations will need to be within the student’s school attendance boundary.

\* All student rerouting requests require a 24-hour notice and approval by the bus company. This includes one time, or occasional requests. Rerouting forms may be revoked if bus rules are not being followed.

The Chippewa Yellow Bus Company will send information to your home regarding bus stop locations, morning pick-up times, and afternoon drop-off times. If you have not received bus information by mid-August please contact the bus company at 715.726.2454.

### TOP 10 BUS RULES



1. Be at the bus stop 5 minutes early.

2. Respect the bus driver and listen to instructions.

3. Take your assigned seat right away after boarding the bus.

4. Stay seated at all times.

5. Always get on and off the bus at your bus stop.

6. Get off the bus carefully, using the handrail.

7. Keep your head, arms, legs, and hands inside the bus.

8. Before crossing the road to get to the bus, be sure to wait for the bus driver’s signal to cross over to the bus.

9. Wait for the bus 10 feet off the road or on the sidewalk.

10. Keep away from the bus if you drop or forget something.

Remember the danger zones.

## CHIPPEWA YELLOW BUS PBIS MATRIX

### LOADING AND UNLOADING

### WHEN THE BUS IS MOVING

#### BE SAFE

- Walk directly to bus stop (watch for hazards)
- Wait on the sidewalk or 10’ off the road
- After door opens move forward to enter or exit
- Use handrails and take each bus step at a time
- Discharge on right, move straight away
- Discharge on left, wait 10’ in front of the bus, but off the road until signaled to cross in front of the bus

- Sit properly (feet forward and face forward)
- Keep center aisle clear (feet, knees, and other items)
- Keep body parts and items inside the bus
- Stay in seat while the bus is moving
- Back four seats get used only if others are full
- Luggage racks are only used for charters
- Remain silent at railroad crossings (look/listen)

#### BE RESPECTFUL

- Form a single file bus line
- Go safely to seat without disturbing others
- Wait patiently until the bus arrives or departs
- Board one student at a time
- Minimize talking until all are seated
- Use your manners
- Follow the bus driver, chaperone’s, or coach’s guidance and/or directions

- Use respect (friendly/proper) language
- Use appropriate voice (inside/quiet/soft voice)
- Share seat and respect others’ personal space
- Respect others’ property and secure your items
- Bring lost and found items to driver’s attention
- Appropriate use of electronic equipment
- Minimize distracting driver unless an emergency
- Inform driver if problems (raise hand or ask)

#### BE RESPONSIBLE

- Plan to be at your bus stop early 5 minutes
- Know your bus number(s) and driver(s) name
- Secure your items. Mark with name and bus number(s)
- Missed the bus? Call an adult, bus company, or report to the school office (if at school)
- Use a Student Rerouting Request for temporary changes
- Contact bus company for permanent changes

- Look out for seat buddy (report sick or injured)
- Clean up messes and put trash in the trash can
- Report weapons, fighting/threats, or vandalism
- Know emergency exits and evacuation plan
- Group exit, front to back alternate left to right
- Keep food and drink in containers until off the bus or get coach/chaperone approval on charters

## CHIPPEWA YELLOW BUS COMPANY

Boundaries: <https://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/district/district-boundaries.cfm>

510 E. South Ave.

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Phone: 715.726.2454

Fax: 715.726.2455





[cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us](http://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us)

### The Cardinal Community Learning

#### Community Education (All Ages)

We offer a variety of classes for all ages. Whether you're interested in learning a new skill or participating in recreational activities, there's something for everyone. Watch for a brochure in your mailbox and updates to our website.



#### Voyagers After School Program (Grades 6-8)

Voyagers is an after school program that provides a safe and engaging environment for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30PM. Activities include homework help, arts and crafts, cooking, music and more. Watch for the fall class lists in CFMS newsletter, on CFAUSD social media and the CCLC website.

#### Student Connections Program (Grades 6-8)

This program focuses on building strong relationships, emotional well-being and coping skills. It aims to create a supportive school community where every student feels connected and supported. For more information on these groups, visit the CCLC website and CFMS newsletter.

#### Strengthening Families Program (SFP)

The Strengthening Families Program is designed to support families on building strong, healthy relationships. This FREE, virtual, eleven-week program focuses on communication, parenting skills, and family bonding. Join us to strengthen your family and create a positive home environment. Contact Ann Zenner at [zennerak@chipfalls.org](mailto:zennerak@chipfalls.org) for more information.

<https://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/cardinal/>



### Cardinal Care Mental Health Supports

#### School Based Mental Health

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District partners with several community mental health agencies to provide school based mental health (SBMH). The therapists and other clinicians are able to meet with a student at school during school hours. This includes traditional therapy sessions, youth coaching, behavioral interventions, ecopsychology, music therapy, sessions delivered through CCS, and more.



#### Student and Family Assistance Program

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District has partnered with REALiving and Group Health Cooperative to offer a Student and Family Assistance Program (SFAP) to help students, parents/caregivers, and their families. This program will provide up to 4 FREE counseling sessions AND EITHER 4 FREE parent coaching sessions OR 4 FREE youth coaching sessions to each family in the school district.

#### Interconnected Systems Framework

The Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF) program allows our community clinicians to come into our school buildings in order to run co-facilitate small groups, offer staff members consultation, offer staff professional development, and more. Some examples of co-facilitated small groups we are able to offer our students include equine therapy, grief groups, AODA groups, coping skills, and many more.

Contact Shannon Larson the district's Mental Health Navigator at [mentalhealth-nav@chipfalls.org](mailto:mentalhealth-nav@chipfalls.org) for assistance or Jamie Ganske, Chippewa Valley High School Principal and Mental Health and Resiliency Coordinator at [ganskejl@chipfalls.org](mailto:ganskejl@chipfalls.org) with any questions. [www.cardinalcare.info](http://www.cardinalcare.info)



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- ✓ MUST LIVE IN THE CHIPPEWA FALLS SCHOOL BOUNDARIES
- ✓ RECEIVE A FREE LIFETIME PASS TO CHI-HI ATHLETIC EVENTS\*  
\*(some restrictions apply)

PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE  
 1130 MILES ST., CHIPPEWA FALLS  
 Please bring identification  
 QUESTIONS: Call (715)726-2417

**2024-25**  
**STUDENT START / END TIMES**

**Elementary**  
 7:43 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

**Middle School**  
 8:26 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

**High School**  
 8:25 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.



CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## District Mission

“Together with students, families, and our community; we inspire, support, and learn.”

## Values

**EXCELLENCE** We hold ourselves and each other to the highest standards of excellence because the students in our schools today are the future of our community tomorrow.

**SUPPORT** We support our students, our colleagues, our families, and our community by responding to individual needs, respecting differences, and so that everyone has what they require to be successful in their roles.

**PRIDE** We take pride in our district and we share responsibility for its success.

**INTEGRITY** We demonstrate integrity, by holding ourselves to the highest personal and professional standards.

## Mega-Result

All students will graduate prepared with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors necessary to achieve their personal goals and make a positive impact in the world



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