

# 2021-2022 CALENDAR

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS**

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**Activities listed in this publication  
are subject to change. Please be  
sure to confirm the dates with a  
school or district representative.**



School Times		
<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Gene Dillon Elementary	8:10 a.m.	2:55 p.m.
Horace May Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
J.W. Smith Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Northern Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Paul Bunyan Center	8:05 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Solway Elementary	7:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Bemidji Middle School	8:35 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Bemidji High School	8:19 a.m.	3:05 p.m.

Schools and Departments		
Gene Dillon Elementary ..... 333-3400 <i>Ami Aalgaard, Principal</i>	Bemidji Career Academies.....444-1600 <i>Brian Stefanich, Coordinator</i>	Lumberjack High School ..... 444-1600 <i>Jason Stanoch, Principal</i>
Horace May Elementary ..... 333-3240 <i>Kathy VanWert, Principal</i>	Bemidji Middle School .....333-3215 <i>Drew Hildenbrand, Principal</i>	Transportation Department ..... 333-3225 <i>Robert Wicklund, Coordinator</i>
J.W. Smith Elementary.....333-3290 <i>Patricia Welte, Principal</i>	Bemidji High School .....444-1600 <i>Jason Stanoch, Principal</i>	Community Education ..... 333-3284 <i>Rachel Amdahl, Coordinator</i>
Lincoln Elementary .....333-3250 <i>Jason Luksik, Principal</i>	Athletic/Activities Department .....444-1600 <i>Troy Hendricks, Coordinator</i>	Early Childhood/Family Ed ..... 333-8329
Northern Elementary .....333-3260 <i>Wendy Templin, Principal</i>	Bemidji Alternative Ed. Center .....333-3299 <i>Jason Stanoch, Principal</i>	Adult Enrichment, Aquatics, Billing, Kids & Co., School-Age Care, and Youth Services 333-3284
Solway Elementary .....467-3232 <i>Brian Stefanich, Principal</i>	First City School .....333-3458 <i>Tiffany Palmer, Special Ed Coordinator</i>	Indian Education ..... 441-6355 <i>Sonia Wadena, Coordinator</i>
	Lakeside Learning Center .....333-3299 <i>Tiffany Palmer, Special Ed Coordinator</i>	Early Intervention Program ..... 333-8330 <i>Tiffany Palmer, Special Ed Coordinator</i>



# August/September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22	23 Tnns (G) @ Pine City Tourn	24 Sccr (G) @ Esko Scrimmage VB @ Scrimmage (TBD)	25 <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Triangular</b>	26 <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> W-H-A</b> <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> E-G/Perham</b> <b>VB <u>H</u> Alexandria Area</b>	27 <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Hibbing</b>	28 CC (B) @ Perham Invite CC (G) @ Perham Invite Sccr (B/G) @ SC Cathedral VB @ Hopkins Tipoff Classic
29	30 Teacher Day Tnns (G) @ Pequot Lakes Triangular	31 Teacher Day S&D (G) @ Brainerd Sccr (B) @ Hill-Murray Tnns (G) @ Pequot Lakes Triangular	1 Teacher Day	2 Teacher Half-Day BHS Freshman Orientation <b>FB <u>H</u> Rogers</b> <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> Detroit Lakes</b> <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Triangular</b> VB @ Detroit Lakes	3 <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Moorhead</b>	4
5	<b>6 NO SCHOOL</b> Labor Day	<b>7 STUDENTS' FIRST DAY</b> <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Grand Rapids</b> <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> East Grand Forks</b> <b>VB <u>H</u> Park Rapids Area</b>	8	9 <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Duluth East</b> Sccr (G) @ Cloquet <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Brainerd</b> <b>VB <u>H</u> Thief River Falls</b>	10 CC (B) @ Moorhead Invite CC (G) @ Moorhead Invite FB @ Alexandria	11 <b>S&amp;D (G) <u>H</u> Invitational</b> Sccr (B) @ Denfield <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> Coon Rapids</b>
12	13 CC (B) @ Elk River Invite CC (G) @ Elk River Invite <b>MAP Testing Begins</b>	14 <b>S&amp;D (G) <u>H</u> Perham, TRF</b> Sccr (B) @ Detroit Lakes <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Invitational</b> VB @ D-G-F	15 BHS Freshman Retreat	16 Staff Dev. Grants due for District Review CC (B/G) @ Little Falls Invite Sccr (B) @ Moorhead <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> Moorhead</b> VB @ Moorhead	17 FB @ Moorhead	18 S&D (G) @ West Fargo <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Crookston</b> Tnns (G) @ Hibbing Invite VB @ Hopkins Invitational
19	20 BHS Academies Fair Homecoming Week Sccr (B) @ Hillcrest LA <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> Crookston</b> <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Pequot Lakes</b> School Board Meeting	21 CC (B) @ Bagley Invite S&D (G) @ Warroad <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Triangular</b>	22	23 District Staff Dev Meeting Sccr (G) @ East Grand Forks Tnns (G) @ Thief River Falls <b>VB <u>H</u> Grand Rapids</b>	24 <b>FB <u>H</u> Brainerd</b>	25 CC (B) @ Milaca Invite CC (G) @ Milaca Invite <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Brainerd</b> <b>Sccr (G) <u>H</u> Brainerd</b>
26	27	28 S&D (G) @ Park Rapids Area <b>Sccr (B) <u>H</u> Pelican Rapids</b> Sccr (G) @ Hillcrest LA Tnns (G) @ Grand Rapids <b>VB <u>H</u> Moorhead</b>	29	30 <b>Tnns (G) <u>H</u> Triangular</b>		

# Bemidji Career Academies

Equipping students with the skills necessary to obtain high-skilled employment is top priority for Bemidji Area Schools! Through community collaboration and intentional coursework design, Bemidji Career Academies allow students the opportunity to thrive in today’s workforce and further education.

## Our Mission

To create unique learning opportunities for students and business/industry partners to collaborate and prepare the next generation of employees and community leaders.

## Our Vision

A pathway for every student to succeed and thrive in our community.

## We Value

- Self exploration
- Instilling value for all work
- Collaboration with Partners
- Curiosity to explore careers
- Relevant learning experiences



# Our Career Academies

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agriculture
- Art & Design
- Automotive Technology
- Business
- Child Care & Education
- Construction Trades
- Culinary Arts
- Health Careers
- Leadership
- Light, Sound & Video
- Mechatronics (Manufacturing)
- Natural Resource Management
- Project Lead the Way (Engineering)



Explore one or many academies! Not sure what you want to do after graduation? Already know what you want to be? Find your passion and start preparing for your dream career! Make the most out of your time at BHS! Reach out to our staff with any questions you may have! We’d love to help you prepare for your future!

# Real World Experiences

Students are offered a variety of real-world, hands-on experiences to help them explore their interests and gain skills.

## Exploring Program

Partnering with the Boy Scouts, the Exploring Program offers students opportunities to explore a variety of businesses in our community outside of school, at no cost!

## Youth Skills Training Program

Managed by the Department of Labor & Industry, the Youth Skills Training Program offers students 16 and older paid internships in the fields of manufacturing, health careers, automotive technology, information technology, and agriculture.



## School-to-Work Connection

In addition to our real-world exploration, the on-campus Work Seminar course includes foundational knowledge and work-readiness skills, including resume and interview preparation!

## Contact Information

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# October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 FB @ Sauk Rapids-Rice Scrr (G) @ Moorhead	2 CC (B) @ UofM Roy Griak Invite CC (G) @ UofM Roy Griak Invite <b>S&amp;D (G) H Invitational</b> <b>Scrr (B) H Sartell</b> <b>Scrr (G) H Duluth East</b> <b>VB H St. Cloud Tech</b>
3	4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Development Day Scrr (B) East Grand Forks	5 BHS Conferences 4-8 p.m. <b>Scrr (G) H Grand Rapids</b> Tnns (G) @ Crookston VB @ Roseau	6	7 BHS Conferences 4-8 p.m. CC (B) Perham Invite CC (B) Perham Invite Scrr (B) @ St. Cloud Apollo Scrr (G) @ Detroit Lakes Tnns (G) @ 8AA Teams	8 <b>FB H Buffalo</b> Tnns (G) @ 8AA Individuals	9 <b>Scrr (B) H Alexandria Area</b> Scrr (G) @ Duluth Marshall Tnns (G) @ 8AA Individuals
10	11	12 VB @ Brainerd	13 BHS PSAT Testing Scrr (G) @ 8AAA Qtrfinals	14 <b>S&amp;D (G) H Moorhead</b> Scrr (B) @ 8A Prelims	15 FB @ St Cloud Tech Tnns (G) @ 8AA Teams VB @ SM-Alb Invite	16 S&D (G) @ Grand Rapids TT Scrr (G) @ 8AAA Semifinals Tnns (G) @ 8AA Individuals VB @ SM-Alb Invite
17	18 <b>Scrr (B) H 8A Qtrfinals</b>  School Board Meeting	19 <b>CC (B) H Bemidji Invite</b> <b>CC (G) H Bemidji Invite</b> <b>Scrr (B) H 8A Semifinals</b> Scrr (G) @ 8AAA Finals <b>VB H Duluth East</b>	20 <b>FB H Sartell</b> <b>MAP Testing Ends</b>	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Education Minnesota <b>Scrr (B) H 8A Finals</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Education Minnesota	23 VB @ Chaska Invitational
24	25	26 FB @ 8AAAAA Quarterfinals <b>S&amp;D (G) H Detroit Lakes</b> Tnns (G) @ MSHSL Tourn	27 VB @ 8AAA Prelims	28 CC (B/G) @ Elk River 8AA Finals BHS Academic Awards Ceremony	29 <b>S&amp;D (G) H Duluth East,</b> <b>Grand Rapids</b> VB @ 8AAA Qtrfinals	30 FB @ 8AAAAA Semifinals
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Bemidji High School

The Pride of the Northland and Home of the "Lumberjacks"!

Bemidji High School is located on 200 acres of land with the Mississippi River forming its southwest property line. Our school serves approximately 1400 students in grades 9-12. Bemidji High School was named as one of the best high schools in the state and nation in a U.S. News & World Report. This honor is a reflection of our excellent AP scores, minority students taking the tests, free and reduced price lunch statistics, college readiness and state reading and math assessment results.

Offering over 250 courses, the school features a broad selection of academic opportunities for students. The high school curriculum features: Advanced Placement (AP) courses, pre-AP classes for ninth grade students, Post-Secondary Education Options (PSEO), College on Campus courses through partnerships with Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College, JROTC, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pre-engineering program, and Career Academies. BHS also offers a Credit Recovery program to keep students on track for graduation. Bemidji High School seeks to provide the best possible education for every student regardless of their ability level, economic status, ethnic background, or post-secondary plans.

The Lumberjacks have a history of success in academics, athletics, music and fine arts. Each year, teams are recognized by the Minnesota State High School League for earning all-academic honors. Bemidji High School students and staff are proud of the traditions established in our programs and work very hard to exceed our expectations year after year!

BHS Sports and Activity Admissions

For students in grades 9-12, the Bemidji Area Schools’ Board of Education has established standard admission prices for athletic events and fine arts activities as follows:

Tier 1 Sports	First	Sport	\$140
	Second	Sport	\$120
Tier 2 Sports	First	Sport	\$180
	Second	Sport	\$160
Tier 1 Fine Arts	First	Activity	\$80
	Second	Activity	\$40
Tier 2 Fine Arts	First	Activity	\$100
	Second	Activity	\$80
Free & Reduced	First	Sport or Activity	\$40
	Second	Sport or Activity	\$25

Tier 1 Sports: Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, Nordic Ski, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Tier 2 Sports: Basketball, Dance Team, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey

Tier 1 Fine Arts: --- N/A

Tier 2 Fine Arts: Debate, Show Choir/La Voce Ballo, Speech

There is a *Maximum Family Fee* of \$700 for students in grades 7-12. Activity fees are waived for students who are dependents of currently deployed military personnel.

Event Admission Prices (at the door):

Single Event - Adults .....\$7  
Single Event - Students .....\$4  
(Prices apply only to regular season events)

Concert admission prices:

Adults .....\$5  
Students .....\$2

Play admission prices:

Adults ..... \$10  
Students .....\$7

Season Tickets (available at the Athletic Office):

Adult Ten (10) Event ticket ..... \$50  
Adult All Season ticket .....\$100  
Student Ten (10) Event ticket ..... \$30  
Student All Season ticket ..... \$50  
Employee Guest Pass ..... \$40

The season tickets are both non-refundable and non-replaceable. If your season ticket is lost or destroyed you will need to purchase a new one. The other activities establish admission prices on an individual basis.

BHS Activities online: <http://bhs.bemidji.k12.mn.us/>

Phone Directory #444-1600

Contact.....	Ext. #
Dr. Stanoch, Principal.....	63305
Mrs. Johnson, Principal’s Secretary.....	63308
Mr. Resler, Assistant Principal for A-K.....	63306
Mrs. Christiansen, Assistant Principal for L-Z.....	63320
Mrs. Frisco, Attendance Secretary A-K.....	63301
Mrs. Jessen, Attendance Secretary L-Z.....	63303
Mrs. Rust, Registrar/Records/Transcripts.....	63326
Ms. Fraley, Counselor, Gr. 9, Academies.....	63701
Mrs. Voge, Counselor, Gr. 10-12, A-K.....	63324
Mrs. Hengel, Counselor, Gr. 10-12, L-Z.....	63307
Ms. Daman, Counselor’s Secretary.....	63304
Mrs. Lind, Social Worker.....	63310
Mr. Stefanich, Academies Coordinator.....	63701
Mrs. Vleck, Academies Secretary.....	63701
Mr. Cervenka, Career Center.....	63446
Mr. Hendricks, Athletic Director.....	63315
Mrs. Newby, Athletic Director’s Secretary.....	63316
Mr. Murray, Indian Education.....	63318
Ms. Ness, Indian Education.....	63327
Mrs. Peterson, Health Office.....	63317
Mr. Lorenzi, School Resource Officer.....	63312

# November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 BHS Native American Heritage Month Kick-Off Event BHS Choir Concert	2	3	4	5 FB @ 8AAAAA Finals	6 CC (B/G) @ MSHSL Tournament
7	8	9	10 <i>End of 1st Term</i>	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Elementary and Middle School Conferences  <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> Scrimmage</b>	12 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> S&D (G) @ 8A Prelims	13 Hcky (G) @ East Grand Forks S&D (G) @ 8A Finals
14	15   School Board Meeting	16 BHS ASVAB Test BHS Band Concert <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> Grand Rapids</b>	17	18 Hcky (G) @ Thief River Falls	19	20
21	22 BHS Orchestra Concert	23 <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> Roseau</b>	24 Staff Dev. Grants due for District Review	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving Friday <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> Mounds View</b>	27 Hcky (B) @ St. Cloud Tech
28	29	30 BB (B) @ St. Cloud Apollo BB (G) @ Hibbing Hcky (G) @ Warroad				



# Bemidji Middle School

## Mission Statement

We recognize the uniqueness of middle level students, and are committed to:

- The development of academic and decision making skills
- Creating opportunities of exploration
- The cultivation of individual strengths and talents in a supportive environment
- Respecting individual and cultural differences

## Middle Level Education in Bemidji

Bemidji Middle School is founded on middle level principles. The building design follows the school-within-a-school concept for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. This concept provides each student a home base with a teaching team and a core group of students.

Bemidji Middle School is the home of the 6th-8th grade Lumberjacks. We have over 27 different sports and activities for 1,100 students to participate in - 85% will find their way into one of them. Our student achievement scores in the core subject areas (math, language arts, and science) are consistently at or above state averages. We offer more than 25 different elective courses so our students have a variety of options to help receive a balanced education. Our band, choir, and orchestra programs educate over 500 students each year in the arts. Our Band/Choir/Orchestra Concerts, Art Show, Science Fair, BASH Night, Yearbook, Family Activity Night, National Junior Honor Society, and AAAA Award nights are great opportunities for our students to showcase their impressive skills. BMS is always looking to ensure that our students receive the support they need with special education, adaptive physical education, and smaller class settings for students who qualify. The bottom line is, our staff at BMS work diligently each day to make Bemidji Middle School ROCK!!

## Middle School Sports and Activity Admissions

For students in grades 6-8, the Bemidji Area Schools Board of Education has established standard admission prices for athletic events and fine arts activities as follows:

### Event Admission Prices (at the door):

Single Event - Adults .....\$7  
Single Event - Students .....\$4  
(Prices apply only to regular season events)

### For concerts the admission prices are:

Adults .....\$5  
Students .....\$2

Students in grades 6-8 are charged \$100 yearly for their first sport; then \$80 per year for each additional sport. The fees for fine arts and academic competition activities are \$70 per year for the first admission and \$60 for each additional. There is a \$60 admission fee for sixth grade non-travel activities (football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, show choir, and robotics). The free and reduced fee is \$25 per year for each sport or activity and no added cost for additional sports or activities.



There is a *Maximum Family Fee* of \$700 for students in grades 7-12. Activity fees are waived for students who are dependents of currently deployed military personnel.

## Phone Directory #333-3215

Contact	Ext. #
Mr. Hildenbrand, Principal	52041
Ms. Sanford, Principal's Secretary	52051
Mr. Kyle McMartin, Assistant Principal	52031
Ms. Vaughn, Dean of Students/Activities Dir.	52021
Ms. Adkins, Attendance Office	52004
Ms. Stull, Registrar	52005
Ms. Stade, Counselor	58171
Mr. Zachman, Counselor	51961
Ms. Winge, Social Worker	58181
Ms. Hatfield, Health Assistant	51941
Mr. Riley, Liaison Officer	51971
Ms. Myers, Indian Education	56153





## December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 District Staff Dev. Meeting Hcky (B) @ Duluth East <b>Wrst H Triangular</b>	3 <b>BB (G) H Sartell</b> Wrst @ St. Michael-Alb	4 BHS Winter Formal <b>Hcky (B) H Warroad</b>
5	6	7 BB (B) @ Sartell BB (G) @ Grand Rapids Wrst @ Perham Triangular	8	9 BHS Conferences 4-8 p.m. BMS Choir Concert BB (B) @ Pequot Lakes <b>BB (G) H St. Cloud Apollo</b> <b>Hcky (G) H Thief River Falls</b>	10 <b>BB (B) H Sauk Rapids-Rice</b> Hcky (B) @ Sartell Wrstl @ Brainerd Invite	11 Hcky (B) @ St. Michael-Alb <b>Hcky (G) H Buffalo</b> Wrstl @ Brainerd Invite
12	13	14 BMS Band Concert <b>BB (B) H Little Falls</b> BB (G) @ Detroit Lakes <b>Hcky (B) H Detroit Lakes</b> Hcky (G) @ Crookston	15	16 BMS Orchestra Concert <b>Hcky (G) H Moorhead</b> <b>Wrstl H Triangular</b>	17 BB (G) @ St. Anthony Village <b>Hcky (B) H Buffalo</b> Wrstl @ Princeton	18 <b>BB (B) H Moorhead</b> BB (G) @ Chisago Lakes Hcky (G) @ Fergus Falls
19	20 BHS Choir Concert  School Board Meeting	21 BB (B) @ Detroit Lakes <b>Hcky (B) H East Grand</b> Hcky (G) @ Brainerd Wrstl @ Deer River	22	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break BB (B) @ Grand Rapids BB (G) @ Brainerd <b>Hcky (B) H Roseau</b> Hcky (G) @ Roseau Wrstl @ St. Cloud Tech Trian	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break	25
26	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break <b>BB (G) H Invitational</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break <b>BB (G) H Invitational</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break Hcky (G) @ New Hope Tourn	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break Hcky (G) @ New Hope Tourn	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break New Year's Eve Hcky (G) @ New Hope Tourn	

# Community Education

## "Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All"

Bemidji Area Schools has provided Community Education programs for over 45 years. Our staff and community advisory council work together to offer quality programming to all area residents. Please call to request a brochure at 333-3284 ext. 35301, or visit: [www.bemidjicommunityed.com](http://www.bemidjicommunityed.com). Join us on Facebook for updates and current information.

### Adult Enrichment

We publish Community Education brochures in fall and winter, which contain information on over 100 enrichment classes or activities, such as: Defensive Driving, Arts & Crafts, Dance, and Fitness. Classes are added throughout the year. For more information or to teach a class, call Jen Belisle at 333-3284 ext. 35303. Visit our site at: [www.bemidjicommunityed.com](http://www.bemidjicommunityed.com)

### Aquatics

The aquatic program offers several classes during the school year and summer months, including: swimming lessons for all ages and abilities, water aerobics, lap swimming, open swimming, diving, Swim Club and Zumba. For more information call "Woody" Scott Leindecker, 333-3284 ext. 63402.

### Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE classes are available to all children 0-5 years and are designed to strengthen families and support children's healthy growth and development. Licensed children's teachers help young children develop their cognitive, physical, language and social skills. Licensed parent educators provide support regarding children's development, understanding and guiding children's behavior and strengthening the parent-child relationship. Parent/Caregiver attends class WITH their child.

Classes are offered during the day and in the evening. For more information or to register for an ECFE class, call 333-3119, or visit: [www.bemidjicommunityed.com](http://www.bemidjicommunityed.com)

### Early Childhood Screening

In order for your child to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, he/she must participate in early childhood screening. Screening includes vision, hearing, height, weight, speech/language and developmental observations. We offer these screenings throughout the year at the Paul Bunyan Center.



Ideally, children are screened between the ages of 3 1/2 - 4 years of age. There is no cost for screening. Please call Sue to schedule an appointment for your child, at 333-3119.

### Kids & Company School Age Care

We provide a safe, caring environment in which children explore art, games, crafts, computer technology, gym and outdoor activities. Students receive homework assistance and tutoring after school until 6:00 p.m. The Kids & Company School Age Care program is available 8-10 weeks during the summer for youth in grades K-8. Families may opt for either full or part-time attendance options. Please call 333-3284 ext. 35309, for more information.

### Preschool (School Readiness) for Ages 3, 4 and 5

Licensed teachers use a variety of research-based curriculum to thoughtfully engage children in activities which build essential school-readiness skills. These skills support a smooth and successful transition into kindergarten. You may choose between classes that meet two, three, or five days per week. Children attend class WITHOUT their parent or caregiver and must be the appropriate age by September 1. Classes are held at the Paul Bunyan Center (near the Bemidji airport) or at Jack & Jill Preschool (on the BSU campus). For more information or to register for a preschool class, call 333-3119, or visit: [www.bemidji.communityed.com](http://www.bemidji.communityed.com)

### Youth Enrichment/Youth Services

The activities and programs designed for youth create safe, fun, and caring environments in which youth can enhance their physical, emotional, and intellectual development. For more information call John McRae at 333-3284 ext. 35306.

# January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> Alexandria Area</b> Hcky (B) @ Little Falls <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> Warroad</b>	5	6 BB (G) @ Sauk Rapids-Rice <b>Wrstl <u>H</u> Triangular</b>	7 <b>BB (B) <u>H</u> Hibbing</b> <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> Blake</b>	8 <b>BB (B) <u>H</u> St. Cloud Tech</b> <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> St. Michael-Alb</b> <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> Alexandria Area</b> Hcky (G) @ Alexandria Area
9	10 <b>MAP Testing Begins</b>	11 <b>BB (B) <u>H</u> Grand Rapids</b> <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> Crookston</b> Wrstl @ B-G-MR Triangular	12	13 Hcky (B) @ Brainerd <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> Sartell</b>	14 BB (G) @ Alexandria Area <b>Wrstl <u>H</u> Rick Lee Invite</b>	15 Hcky (B) @ Thief River Falls <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> River Lakes</b> <b>Wrstl <u>H</u> Rick Lee Invite</b>
16	17 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Snow Make-up Day, if necessary)	18 BB (B) @ Becker <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> Grand Rapids</b> <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> St. Cloud Tech</b>	19	20 <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> Brainerd</b> Hcky (G) @ Grand Rapids Wrstl @ Fergus Falls Triang	21 <i>End of 2nd Term</i> Hcky (B) @ East Grand Forks Vocalmotive Dinner Show	22 <b>BB (B) <u>H</u> Detroit Lakes</b> Vocalmotive Dinner Show Wrstl @ Thief River Falls Invite
23 Vocalmotive Dinner Show	24   School Board Meeting	25 Hcky (B) @ Elk River <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> Crookston</b>	26	27 BB (G) @ Duluth East <b>Hcky (G) <u>H</u> East Grand Forks</b>	28 BB (B) @ Thief River Falls <b>Hcky (B) <u>H</u> Cloquet</b> Wrstl @ Moorhead Triang	29 <b>BB (G) <u>H</u> Hibbing</b> Hcky (G) @ Moorhead
30	31 <b>ACCESS Testing Begins</b>					



## District Transportation

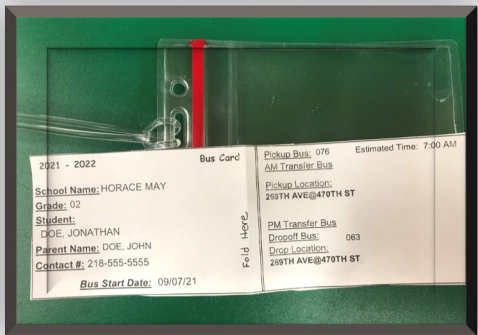
Bemidji Area Schools Transportation routes cover over 800 square miles in the ISD 31 District. These routes include 62 general education routes and 10 Special Transportation. We transport approximately 5,000 students to 12 district buildings, four charter schools and four non-public entities.



### Bus Card

The safety of every student in our district is our priority. All students who qualify and are registered to ride a school bus are required to carry a bus card with them every time they ride. Bus cards will be mailed to each registered student in mid-August. Bus card holders will be issued at Student Orientation in August and on the first day of school. Students will need to insert their buscard into the holder.

Bus Cards help our drivers identify children and confirm the correct pickup or drop-off locations, as well as transfer information. This process also helps with load counts and in determining the number of buses needed.



Each child is allowed one pickup location and one drop-off location. These locations need to be either home or day-care within your child's school boundary. We cannot transport to work, a friend's home, or after school activities (such as piano or horse-riding lessons)

### Bus Rules and Bus Stop Rules

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. ISD 31 general student behavior rules are in effect for all students on the school buses, including non-public and charter school students.

### Be at Your Bus Stop

Please be at your stop five minutes before your scheduled pickup time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.

### Late Buses

In the event a bus is late 15 minutes or more, a Skylert message is sent to families. Information will also be put on the local Bemidji radio stations.

### Rules on the Bus

- a. Cooperate with the driver.
- b. Stay in your seat with your feet on the floor.
- c. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
- d. Keep all parts of your body and objects inside the bus.
- e. Keep your whole body, objects and negative comments to yourself.
- f. No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horseplay.
- g. Do not throw any object.
- h. No eating, drinking or use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
- i. Keep all harmful objects off the bus (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, toys, etc.).
- j. Do not damage the school bus or equipment.
- k. Electronic devices may be used without sound or with the use of headphones or earbuds.
- l. The driver has the authority to assign seating on the bus.
- m. Keep the bus clean.

### Video Recording on School Buses

Student behavior on the school bus is a significant factor in the safety and efficiency of school bus transportation. Every school bus owned, leased, contracted, and/or operated by the school district is equipped with a video camera.

The school bus policy can be found in it entirely on the District website at:

<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/district/board-of-education/board-policies/policy-transportation/>

### Common Questions:

**Q:** What if my child isn't going to ride the bus?

**A:** Contact the transportation office and we will take them off the routing system.

**Q:** What if my child does not get a bus card in the mail by mid August?

**A:** Contact the transportation office at: 218-333-3225.

**Q:** What if my child doesn't get to their drop off location at the end of the day?

**A:** Contact the transportation office at: 218-333-3225.

**Q:** What if we move or have a phone number change?

**A:** Contact the District registration office at 218-333-3100, ext. 31131 or 31134 to make the address change. They will contact the transportation office and we will make the change. A new bus card will be sent to the school with the bus information and start date.

**Q:** What if my child loses their bus card?

**A:** They can get a new card/holder at their school.

**Q:** What if we change daycare providers?

**A:** You need to contact the transportation office and they will make the change. A new bus card will be sent to the school with the bus information and start date.

## Elementary Schools

Welcome to a new school year. Bemidji Area Schools will make every effort to provide a valuable school experience for your child or children.

### Mission Statement

*Our mission is to empower each learner to succeed in our diverse and changing world.*

We believe that:

- Each learner should be challenged to develop to his/her full potential.
- Learning is a life-long process that enriches our lives.
- Education is a partnership among school, family and community.
- There are expectations of quality for ourselves and for others.
- Our school district values and reflects culturally diverse talents, backgrounds and viewpoints.
- All students should take responsibility for their own success.
- Our staff are highly qualified and should be reflective of our student body.

**Gene Dillon** is a State-of-the-Art Elementary School which houses approximately 825 fourth and fifth grade students. We opened our doors in the fall of 2018 to our first classes of students. Our daily schedule for our students includes a variety of special learning components that offer our students a robust variety of educational opportunities. Our core curriculum is supported with almost a 1:1 Chromebook allocation that allows students a balanced approach to learning in our current digital age. We also offer all students daily specialist classes in the areas of Physical Education, Music, Art and STEAM.

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math). Our students rotate through these courses on a quarterly basis in both fourth and fifth grade. In addition, we are working with our PTO to develop and install an 18-hole Frisbee Golf Course on our grounds.

Students are thrilled with the opportunities for authentic outdoor experiences! Our grounds include a combination of 160 acres woods and grassland, a pond and access to a small lake. We collaborate with our local Department of Natural Resources, Bemidji State University and the Bemidji Science Center to offer a 5th grade Fresh Water Day, Vertebrate and Invertebrate pond organism collection & study, tree planting, grounds care, football fields, soccer fields and a whole host of other outdoor learning and recreational experiences.

We also believe that the whole child and all children have gifts to share and deserve to have the most supportive learning environment possible designed for them. Our playground was designed and built to engage the whole child mentally and physically. There are balance, core strength, spinning and swinging components to our playground. It was also very important to us that **ALL** of our students could play on our playground, so it is designed and built to be an Inclusive Playground. This means it is designed and built to allow students of all abilities to have access to and safely play with their friends.

**Horace May Elementary** is one of the six elementary schools in the Bemidji Area School District. We are a grade K-3 school and have an average enrollment of 325 students. At Horace May Elementary, we practice the Big K, Kindness!

Our school houses two developmentally cognitively delayed self-contained classrooms. Because we are able to provide inclusion opportunities to our students with special needs, our school community is strengthened in the areas of caring and kindness. All of our students are a gift with talents and knowledge to share. Horace May has an inclusive playground designed to encourage independence and cooperative play. We also have a huge husky head on our playground where students start recess time encouraged to be kind to each other and include one another in play. Being compassionate is very important to all of us at Horace May - we celebrate kindness and practice it daily!

As a new Title I program building, we look forward to holding parent nights in 2021-22.

Horace May has an onsite forest with trails and an amphitheater. Our teachers bring students to the forest to learn about the different ecosystems and experience nature with hands-on activities, which helps to develop a lifelong appreciation for the great outdoors! We also have a new hallway that brings the outdoor diversity trail inside providing information and beautiful photographs of what we may see on the trail.

**J. W. Smith Elementary**, home of the J. W. Smith All-Stars, has a population of roughly 200 students in grades Kindergarten through third.

High expectations for our entire school community makes learning one of our top priorities. To do this, all teachers, students and staff members implement Responsive Classroom on a daily basis, as well as Reading/Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Specialists provide education in Music, Physical Education, Library, Technology and Art multiple times throughout the week. Additional aid in student education is provided through programs such as Title 1, Reading Corps and the American Indian Education Program. Additionally, J.W. Smith Elementary works in collaboration with several different local programs throughout the community to include: the Foster Grandparent Program, Bemidji State University practicum students, Bemidji High School learning initiative and Peacemakers.

**Lincoln Elementary** is a school of about 375 students. We serve students in grades kindergarten through third with school-wide Title I services. During the school day students are taught in the areas of reading, math, science and social studies. Students also enjoy participation in music, physical education, art and technology.

The mission of Lincoln Elementary School is to work collaboratively with families, staff and community to provide a welcoming, safe and challenging learning environment where each child is successful and differences are respected.



**Northern Elementary** students are Respectful, Responsible, Kind and Peaceful. Every student brings his or her imagination and creativity to succeed each and every day. As a Northern community, we sing together, play together, and discover together! The hallways, classrooms, playground, library, cafeteria and gymnasium are filled with laughter and learning. We take pride in a community-based school filled with individuals of character!

Our mascot, the Northern Timber Wolf is characterized by its dedication to a social unit, keen sensory abilities, and excellent communication skills. Territorial in nature, the Timber Wolf has the ability to remember, associate events and learn. As our mascot reveals, we are a school community built on loyalty, commitment, and family. We Howl for friendship as hard working, optimistic, wonderful learners. Northern students and staff are committed to being Peacemakers not Peacebreakers! Everyone has dedicated themselves to the Northern Pack!

Northern School is located just north of the bridge on State Highway 71 and Irvine Avenue. Historically, the original school building began in 1946 with just over 2,000 square feet of space. Over time, four building additions were added from 1958-1992 to improve the school as it stands today. Northern students not only benefit from a well-maintained school building, but an excellent outdoor environment with a scenic walking path. The school itself is nestled in Bemidji's beautiful lake region.

Presently, we are a three/four-section school encompassing 350 students. We have 15 core classroom teachers, three special educators, one interventionist, and specialists for physical education, art, music, and media. We also support the needs of our students with many dedicated paraprofessionals. Northern students are immersed in a highly comprehensive, activity-based curriculum. We address our curriculum through MyView reading, Math Expressions, Fusions Science, and numerous other support systems. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments identify student growth to set goals. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments identify student growth to set goals.

The MCA results for Northern are reviewed annually to improve instructional practices focused on the Common Core and Minnesota Standards. AmeriCorps offers Reading Corp tutors for individual reading instruction. Northern Elementary is proud of our tradition of educational excellence!

**Solway Elementary** is a small, rural school with 150 students in grades K-3 located in Solway, MN, about 10 miles west of Bemidji. The school provides educational services to students living within a 227 square mile radius. We even have our own apple orchard and raised garden beds for each classroom on our school grounds! The Solway School has a vibrant positive experienced staff! The school culture and school pride is at an all-time high with a GO TIGERS attitude! Solway Elementary offers a Title 1 School-wide Program, and receives funding to provide educational materials and intervention teachers to help all students at the school who need additional help in literacy and mathematics. Student achievement, as measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, has historically been above state averages at Solway Elementary. Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments and FastBridge provide immediate feedback so teachers can plan learning goals for each student. Solway provides extensive intervention for skill deficits, with screening, assessing, benchmarking and frequent monitoring through the Multiple Tiered Systems & Supports (MTSS) process and Minnesota Reading Corps provides reading intervention for students in grades 1-3.

Programs for Solway Elementary School currently include:

- An Extensive Guided Reading Library
- Responsive Classroom teaching practices
- Leveled Literacy Intervention Program K-3
- Minnesota Reading Corps Program
- Tiger Bag and Tiger Cub Home Reading Program K-3
- Title I Family Fun Night
- S.P.A.R.K.S Summer Reading Program





# February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 BB (B) @ Moorhead <b>BB (G) H Detroit Lakes</b>	2	3 Hcky (B) @ Roseau <b>Wrstl H Triangular</b>	4 <b>BB (B) H Hermantown</b> BB (G) @ St. Cloud Tech <b>Hcky (G) H Gentry Aca.</b>	5 BB (G) @ Rocori Hcky (G) @ Cloquet Showchoir Extravaganza
6	7	8 <b>BB (B) H Alexandria Area</b> BB (G) @ Hermantown <b>Hcky (B) H Moorhead</b>	9	10 Hcky (B) @ Warroad Wrstl @ Sartell Invite	11	12 BB (B) @ Fergus Falls Hcky (G) @ 8AA Quarterfinals
13	14 BHS Band Concert	15 Hcky (B) @ Fergus Falls	16	17 <b>BB (G) H Moorhead</b> <b>Hcky (B) H Thief River Falls</b> <b>MAP Testing Ends</b> Staff Dev. Grants due for District Review	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Development Day BB (B) @ Denfeld <b>BB (G) H Clouquet</b>	19 BB (B) @ Hermantown
20	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Presidents' Day (Snow Make-Up Day if necessary)	22 BHS Snow Week Hcky (B) @ 8AA Qtrfinals	23	24 BHS Conferences 4-8 p.m. District Staff Dev. Meeting BB (G) @ Fergus Falls	25 BB (B) @ Cloquet BHS Speech Invitational	26 BHS Speech Invitational
27	28 <b>BB (B) H Brainerd</b> BHS Choir Concert  School Board Meeting					

## Food Service

District 31 participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Breakfast and lunch are served at all schools. Participation in these programs is voluntary. Elementary students (K-5) receive their school breakfast free. Middle and High School students pay \$2.00 for their breakfast. Elementary lunch is priced at \$2.80, the Middle School lunch at \$3.00, and the Senior High lunch at \$3.10. There is no cost for lunch or breakfast to students who are eligible for reduced price meals.

### Remember!

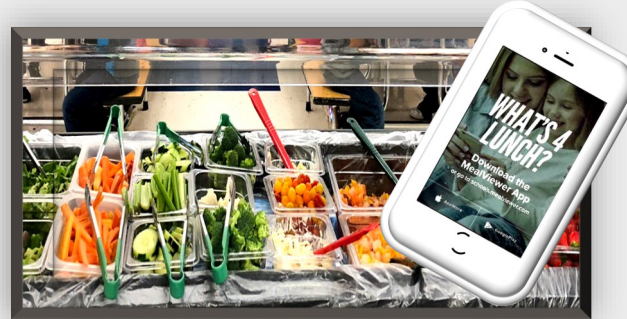
All elementary students receive their school breakfast free of charge! It is important that students are prepared to learn each day! Eating breakfast, whether at home or school, helps to guarantee their readiness!!

The Food Service program actively participates in the Farm to School Program, serving locally sourced foods in all of our school cafeterias. This program continues to be an asset to our students as well as to the community. Students are able to eat fresh products that are grown in their geographic area, and local growers are able to sell their items to a local institution. Factors that encourage continuation for our Farm to School Program are:

- Raising students' awareness/consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and grains
- Encouraging better eating habits among children
- Educating students about where food comes from and how it is grown
- Supporting the local economy

**Applications for Educational Benefits** are sent to district residents in August. **Eligibility must be determined each year.** Applications **MUST** be completed and returned **EACH YEAR.** Please return your application as soon as possible to the Food Service office at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW in Bemidji. The program benefits cannot be given to students until applications have been reviewed for eligibility. If you do not have an application, please secure one from any school office.

Application for Educational Benefits can be made at any time of the school year, if the need arises. **Applying for the program is important. Schools receive funding for educational programs based directly on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. These funds are used to provide additional educational support and opportunities for students in every school.**



Each school in the district utilizes Individual Meal Accounting Systems where each student has their own individual account. Students are given a PIN (Personal Identification Number) for account access that will remain with them throughout their school years in the district. Meal accounts are managed similarly to debit accounts. There must be money in the account in order for the student to use it. Charging meals is discouraged in all Bemidji Area schools. Because every school in the district uses the Individual Meal Accounting System, accounts for students with positive or negative balances will be credited for the next school year. Positive balances will be transferred from one sibling to another to zero out a negative balance.

Students graduating from high school may have their account balances transferred to a younger sibling or another student by calling the Food Service Office at 333-3100, ext. 31141. Refunds from accounts will only be sent if the balance is \$5.00 or more. A request for a refund must be made by the parent or guardian when a student is leaving the district.

Payments may be made to an individual student's account using your credit/debit card online through *Family Access*. Directions are posted on the website. Using the online payment center allows

you to add credit your child's account at any time. A minimal fee is charged to cover the cost of this convenience. You may also mail payments to ISD 31 at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601; or put them in an envelope and place in a Food Service drop box in the cafeteria near the meal service area. Personal checks should be written to ISD 31 with the student's name and PIN in the memo area. When sending cash, please place it in an envelope with the student's name, PIN and the amount of money written on the envelope. Please maintain a positive balance on student meal accounts.

### Food Allergies and/or Special Diets

Please contact the Food Service office prior to your child/children starting school if you have concerns regarding their food allergies or diets. The Food Service website has forms to request special diets for students: Special Diet Statement for a Student *Without* a Disability and Special Diet Statement for a Student *With* a Disability. For students who are lactose intolerant, lactose-free milk is available. Contact the school's food service department and send a note with your child/children to receive this option. This note needs to be signed by the parent or guardian.

### Menu Information

Elementary menus for breakfast and lunch are analyzed as to their nutrient and caloric value to assure they meet the daily requirements for students of a specific age group. Menus and food service program information is available on the Bemidji Area Schools District web site at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/food-service/>

We also encourage the use of Family Access to secure knowledge of your child's meal account, as well as other school information. Register at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/food-service/> Click the "sign-up link" link on the left side of the screen, fill in the request information, and click "send" to start the process. A school district representative will contact you to provide your username and password for system access. Please update your email address if it changes.

Questions or concerns regarding the Food Service programs can be directed to the Food Service Office at 333-3100, ext. 31141 or 31142.

## March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 BHS Orchestra Concert <b>MCA/MTAS M, R, S Begins</b>	8 BB (B) @ 8AAA Qtrfinals	9	10 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Elementary and Middle School Conferences	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> BB (B) @ 8AAA Semifinals	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 JROTC Military Ball
20	21  School Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 <i>End of 3rd Term</i> <b>ACCESS Testing Ends</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31		



## New Student Registration

Families who are new or returning to the Bemidji School District must register their students. Please visit the Bemidji Area Schools' website at: [bemidji.k12.mn.us](http://bemidji.k12.mn.us) and click on [Student Registration](#) at the very top of the page.

We offer three options for you to enroll your student:

1. Enroll online
2. Complete paperwork and return
  - Scan and email to: [registrar@isd31.net](mailto:registrar@isd31.net), or
  - Print and mail to the address below
3. Enroll in person at the Registration Office

Bemidji Area Schools Registration Office  
502 Minnesota Ave. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
Ph. #218-333-3100, ext. 31131

### Documents Needed to Register:

Bemidji Area Schools requires identification of each student as a condition of enrollment. Enrollment is provisional pending receipt of the required documentation.

ALL of the following are required when you register your child.

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residence (Rental Agreement OR current fuel or electricity bill within the last 30 days)
- Custody Papers, if applicable (Court Order of Custody or stamped petition is acceptable)

Please bring all materials that identify your student needing special programming (i.e. IEP or 504 Plan). This information will enable the school to provide a suitable placement for your child.

Parents/Guardians who have a change of address should contact their child's school at their earliest convenience or email the information to: [registrar@isd31.net](mailto:registrar@isd31.net)

### Kindergarten Registration

To enter Kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year.

A Preschool Screening will need to be completed prior to the start of Kindergarten for any public school in Minnesota. Call the Early Childhood for more information at 218-333-3119.



## Specialized Programs

ISD #31 offers a complete range of programs for students with unique educational needs.

### Programs for Students with Disabilities

Bemidji Area Schools (ISD #31) provides a full array of special education services to students with qualifying needs. Available services include: Speech and Language Impairments, Developmental Cognitive Disabilities (Mild to Moderate and Moderate to Severe), Physically Impaired, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visually Impaired, Specific Learning Disabilities, Emotional or Behavioral Disorders, Deaf-Blind, Other Health Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Delay, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Severe Multiply Impaired. Services to these identified children are provided in various educational settings, with every effort made to serve all students in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). Special settings education occurs only when assessments and planning determine the student's needs require such a setting for service. Inclusion is a word often heard with regard to special education; it means involving students with special needs in those areas of development which is the typical environment in which most children receive their education. Bemidji Area Schools Special Education programs may begin identifying students at birth. Services provided are based on identified needs and goals, as identified through assessment, and are listed in each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

For more information, contact the principals at individual schools. You may also contact Lisa Friedt at the Early Intervention Center at 333-8330, Susan Flicek (Due Process Facilitator) at 333-3115, or Alexis Wilde (Director of Special Education) at 333-3100.

# April 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 MAP Testing Begins	5 ACT Plus Writing Test	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Staff Dev. Grants due for District Review	15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Spring Break	16
17	18  School Board Meeting	19 ACT Plus Writing Makeups	20	21 District Staff Dev. Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 BHS Conferences 4-8 p.m.	29	30

**Alternative Education Center**

The Bemidji Alternative Education Center (AEC) provides year-round education toward a high school diploma for students age 16 through adult. Based on initial assessment, instructors help students to develop a learning plan that best fits their needs and learning styles. The students meet with teachers in various subject areas, but work independently. This individualized approach helps all students succeed in their education. For more information, please call 333-3299 or visit our website at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/aec/>

**Bemidji Educational Advocacy Program**

Providing outreach and support for youth/families in a homeless situation, this program offers youth and family advocates that work to ensure: enrollment, attendance, academic progress, stability, security and a safe place to grow as families pursue stable housing. This program, along with area providers and shelters, maintains membership on the Homelessness Advisory Team, a committee that aims to provide education to the community and schools on issues related to homelessness. To receive assistance with enrollment, transportation, school or medical records and ideas for school and community service projects, call Alea Stoll at 333-3215, ext. 55151

**Bemidji Targeted Services**

Bemidji’s after-school and summer programs support students’ academic success. Each student has a tailored learning plan and participates in enriching educational activities. If you would like additional information, please contact your school’s principal.

**Early Childhood Special Educaion (ECSE)**

The Bemidji Area Schools’ Early Childhood Special Education Program (Paul Bunyan Center) consists of two components for children with special needs: a home-based program for children age 0-3; and a center-based program for 3-5 year-old children. Our home-based program operates year-round, focusing on educating parents/guardians.

The center-based program follows the Bemidji Area Schools’ academic calendar and focuses on individual children’s skills development. Contact Tiffany Palmer at 333-3299, ext. 36167 for more information.

**First City School**

The First City School serves youth ages 10 to 18 residing at the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center. Our school educates students through four separate programs, each designed to meet the specific needs of the courts:

- Residential Treatment
- Satellite Homes
- Non-secure Detention
- Secure Detention

First City School provides an individualized curriculum designed to further students’ abilities in all areas, but is focused on improving math, reading, and written language skills. The diagnostic, prescriptive curriculum stresses the skills necessary to pass the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment III Exams as well as preparing students to earn their diploma or GED certificate. For more information, contact Tiffany Palmer at 333-3299, ext. 36167.

**Lakeside Learning Center**

Lakeside Learning Center (LLC) is a Federal Setting IV special education program for middle and high school individuals with emotional and/or behavior difficulties. Students demonstrating difficulty being successful in special education programming at Bemidji Middle School or Bemidji High School may be referred to the LLC Advisory Committee. Once a student’s Individual Education Program (IEP) makes a team decision to move a student to Lakeside’s level IV setting, students are provided an individualized diagnostic curriculum designed to further their abilities in all areas but focused on improving math, reading, and written language skills as well as preparing students to earn their diploma. Students, families, and staff are vital members of each student’s team. The ultimate goal of the

Lakeside Learning Center program is to assist each student in becoming a productive and contributing member of his/her community. Contact Tiffany Palmer at 333-3299, ext. 36167 for additional information.

**Lumberjack High School**

Lumberjack High School (LHS) is a unique alternative program within Bemidji High School for students wishing to remain in a traditional, seat-based program to earn credits towards a high school diploma. Students that attend LHS access the Bemidji High School for their health, art and elective credits. The staff at LHS focus on student improvement in attendance, self-esteem, earning credits in the core subject areas and nurturing student and family relationships. This setting provides a safe environment stressing acceptance of cultures, beliefs, and lifestyles and offering smaller class sizes with shorter class periods. All students have an advisor with whom they meet weekly to foster relationships and review academic progress. Student success is recognized through incentives for good grades and attendance. LHS also uses a credit recovery program to give students an opportunity to earn credit via online learning.





# May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 BHS AP Testing Begins Hall of Fame Banquet BHS Band Concert	3 BMS Band Concert	4	5	6 <b>MCA M, R Ends</b> <b>MTAS M, R, S Ends</b>	7 BHS Junior/Senior Prom
8	9	10	11	12 Indian Ed. Senior Honors Banquet	13 BHS AP Testing Ends <b>MCA S Ends</b>	14
15	16 BHS Choir Concert  School Board Meeting	17 BMS Choir Concert	18	19 National Honor Society Ceremony Senior Awards Ceremony	20 <b>MAP Testing Ends</b>	21
22	23	24	25 BHS Orchestra Concert	26 BMS Orchestra Concert	27	28 BHS Graduation
29	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	31				

May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 <b>STUDENTS' LAST DAY</b> <i>End of 4th Term</i>	4
5	6 Teacher Last Half-Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  School Board Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Bemidji Area Schools  
2021-2022 School Calendar

AUGUST 2021							SEPTEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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0 Student/2 Teacher							18 Student/19.5 Teacher						
OCTOBER 2021							NOVEMBER 2021						
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31													
18 Student/19 Teacher							18 Student/20 Teacher						
DECEMBER 2021							JANUARY 2022						
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					
16 Student/16 Teacher							20 Student/20 Teacher						
FEBRUARY 2022							MARCH 2022						
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27	28						27	28	29	30	31		
18 Student/19 Teacher							21 Student/23 Teacher						
APRIL 2022							MAY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	23	24	25	26	27	28
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20 Student/20 Teacher							21 Student/21 Teacher						
JUNE 2022													
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25							
26	27	28	29	30									
3 Student/3.5 Teacher													

August 30-September 1 .....Teacher Days  
September 2.....Teacher Half-Day  
September 6.....Labor Day  
September 7.....Students' First Day

October 4.....Staff Development  
October 21-22.....Education Minnesota  
November 11.....Conferences  
November 12.....No School  
November 25-26.....Thanksgiving

December 23 – January 2.....Winter Break  
January 17 .....Martin Luther King Jr Day  
(or Snow Make-up Day if Needed)

February 18.....Staff Development  
February 21.....Presidents' Day  
(or Snow Make-up Day if Needed)  
March 10.....Conferences  
March 11 .....No School

April 15.....Spring Break  
May 28.....BHS Graduation  
May 30.....Memorial Day

June 3.....Students' Last Day  
June 6.....Teachers' Last Half-Day

End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Term.....November 10
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term.....January 21
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term.....March 25
End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Term.....June 3





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