



Dysart-Geneseo Elementary

Union Community School District

411 Lincoln St. | Dysart, Iowa 52224 | 319.476.7100

Derek Weber, Principal

Frequently Asked Questions for Families Dysart-Geneseo Elementary

We sincerely thank you for choosing Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School. Everyday, we will strive to meet your child's needs and work to help them succeed academically, emotionally, and socially. Please find below some important questions and answers to help enhance your child's experience at our school. If you ever have a question regarding policies, procedures, or other items, please contact us or refer to our student handbook located on our website. Go Knights!

1. How is the building organized in terms of grade levels?

- a. Our building houses grades Preschool-5th grade.

2. What is the school's phone number, address and fax number?

- a. Phone number: 319-476-7110
- b. School's address: 411 Lincoln St., Dysart, IA 52224
- c. Fax #: 319-476-2260

3. Who is the administrator?

- a. Mr. Derek Weber- Principal (d_weber@union.k12.ia.us)

4. What are the regular school hours?

- a. Preschool: Tuesday-Friday
 - i. Morning session: 8:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
 - ii. Afternoon session: 11:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
- b. School will start at 8:05 a.m. for all grades K-5.
- c. School is dismissed at 3:10 p.m., at which time those students who are not riding a bus will be dismissed.
- d. 3:20 p.m. for dismissal of all students who are riding a bus.
 - i. The buses typically arrive at 3:30.

5. How will I know if there is no school or an early out/late start?

- a. Any announcement regarding inclement weather will be made through email via our student management system (JMC) as well as communicated to local radio and television stations.



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6. How do I pay for my child's lunch?

- a. You are able to deposit lunch money on-line through [JMC](#). If that is not an option, please give a check or cash directly to our administrative assistant in the office.
- b. There will be a link to apply for free and reduced lunch when you register your child on-line beginning August 5th, 2024. Free and reduced lunch forms can also be picked up in the office. All meals can be paid with lunch account money and/or cash.

7. What if my child needs to meet with the counselor?

- a. We have one counselor, Mrs. Sydney Sanford, located in the guidance office area. If there's an issue that is emotional, social or physical, please consult the counselor.
- b. In addition, Mr. Derek Weber, is also there to help students with guidance questions/issues.

8. Lockers

- a. Students K-5th will have lockers. Depending on grade levels and class sizes, a student may have their own locker or share with another student. Our lockers do not have locks on them. They are used to store a student's belongings throughout the school day.

9. What if my child needs to leave early for an appointment, etc.?

- a. We ask your child to bring a signed note, from a parent/guardian to the main office before school. Phone calls or emails, from a parent/guardian, are accepted as well, but we do ask that communication is made in advance.
- b. At that time, the office will notify the proper classroom teacher of the excusal. All absences should be communicated to office personnel first.

10. What do I do if my child is sick/absent?

- a. We ask that you call the main office at 319-476-7110 prior to 9:00 a.m. to report a student absence. You may also leave a phone message or email for the administrative assistant at any time- day or night.



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11. Where does my child enter/exit the building?

- a. K-5th students are required to enter and exit the main doors for the school day.
- b. Preschool students enter and exit the building through door 10 on the North side of the building.
- c. After 8:10 a.m., all exterior doors are locked, so students have to stop in the main office to gain access to the building.

12. What about email?

- a. All full-time Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School students have a school email address and Google account. The students use this account to log onto educational websites at various times throughout the day.

13. What about busing?

- a. If you have questions regarding busing/transportation, please contact Shawn Fisher, Director of Transportation, at s_fisher@union.k12.ia.us or 319-342-3286.

14. How do I view my child's grades/assignments?

- a. Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School utilizes JMC. You can access JMC through our district website. You will need a username and password that can be set up by our administrative assistant. Please contact the office for any inquiries regarding JMC .

15. How many lunch shifts are there at the school?

- a. For the 2023-2024 school year, we will have 3 lunch shifts based on grade level. Kindergarten and 1st grade eat lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. 2nd and 3rd grades eat from 11:28 a.m. - 11:53 a.m. 4th and 5th grades eat from 11:56 a.m. - 12:21 p.m.

16. What about cell phones?

- a. Cell phones are not to be seen or heard at any point during the day. All staff have the right to ask for and confiscate any cell phone, for a specified period, as a disciplinary measure.
- b. If a student owns a cell phone, it should be in their locker and turned off so it does not cause a distraction.



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17. What type of technology is used at Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School?

- a. Dysart-Geneseo Elementary School is a 1:1 environment with Chromebooks. Each student is assigned a school-owned device to use for the school year. All devices are turned back in for the summer. Students have their own unique username and password. This information is confidential and needs to remain so.
- b. Administration may confiscate, keep and/or search any device upon request.

18. What if I have questions regarding my child's academic progress?

- a. If your child is struggling in a class, or you have questions regarding an assignment, quiz, test or grade please contact the teacher first. If there is not a satisfactory resolution after this action, please contact administration.

19. How can my child get extra academic help?

- a. Teachers, in general, are here from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you need to discuss something with a teacher, you may also make an appointment before or after these times.

20. What is the Knight's Pledge?

- a. "At Union Elementary, We RESPECT ourselves, each other, our work, and our environment. We act SAFELY and RESPONSIBLY. Together we can do our BEST."

21. What if I need daycare before/after school?

- a. Little Knights Learning Center (Dysart Campus) has openings for daycare before and after school for this upcoming fall. For more information about enrolling your child at Little Knights Learning Center call 319-476-2226 or email them at:
littleknightslearningcenter@gmail.com



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Our district's mission statement provides the focus for everything and everyone in our building. More specifically, our goal is to provide "Education to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges."

Sincerely,

Derek Weber, Dysart-Geneseo Elementary Principal