

# Gilbert Community School District

103 Mathews Drive, Gilbert, Iowa 50105

[www.gilbertcsd.org](http://www.gilbertcsd.org)

September 2016

## *Superintendent's Message*

We are off to a great start in our first few days of school. Our opening inservice was very positive and our TLS and administration team did a great job of putting together great professional development activities. The individual buildings also held meetings to lay the groundwork for what we will be trying to accomplish this school year. The first day with kids was as exciting as always, and it was really enjoyable to watch them come in to the school. I also shared my vision for the district which is currently on the website at this link: <http://www.gilbertcsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Every-Student-Every-Day-FINAL.mov>.

We are still looking for additional food service and custodial help. If you know of anyone interested in working for the school in either of these capacities, please encourage them to contact us.

I had the opportunity to attend the first cross country meet and work the finish line. Our school was very well represented at the meet by great performances from both our boys and girls teams. I admired the stamina and determination of those runners as the evening kept getting warmer. The first varsity home football game will be September 2<sup>th</sup> vs. Carlisle. The first varsity home volleyball game will be September 13<sup>th</sup> vs. Roland-Story. I hope all of our fall sports have solid seasons and make it far come tournament time. I know they have been working hard in the off season and throughout the summer.

Middle School students are getting their new Chromebooks. These are much more durable than the last version. We are so fortunate at Gilbert to be able to offer these computers to the students as it enhances our curriculum in many ways. Please encourage your students to take good care of them and bring them charged and ready to go.

The Gilbert Education Foundation will be selling super saver cards soon. Please consider buying one or two as it saves you money and helps the district out!



*—Lindsey Beecher*



# Backpack Buddies

Dear Gilbert Community Families,

Friends of the Gilbert Community Schools are excited to once again offer The Backpack Buddy Program which provides nutritious food for our students who may need supplemental meals over weekends and school holidays. This program will continue throughout the school year. This program provides nutritious meals and snacks for students to take home in backpacks every Friday. Children will have a plastic grocery sack of healthy food that can be eaten over the weekend or during holidays. The sacks are discreetly placed in the children's backpacks at school to be taken home. Many of the items may be easily prepared by children with working parents and will provide a source of food for what is now known as families with "food insecurity".

Gilbert students who are in need of meals on weekends and holidays may participate in this program. No other specific qualifications are required. If you feel your child would benefit from this program to ensure that your child will have adequate access to healthy food during time when school is not in session, please sign this form and return it to your child's school counselor on or before **September 8th**. If you have any questions about this program, the counselors will forward those to Friends of Gilbert/Backpack Buddy program members. Students currently in the Backpack program will automatically be included without returning the form unless the parent has determined the need no longer exists.

Sincerely,

Friends of Gilbert/ Backpack Buddies

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**Return by September 8.**

YES / NO I would like my child to participate in the Backpack Buddy program.  
(circle above)

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute/donate to support this program.

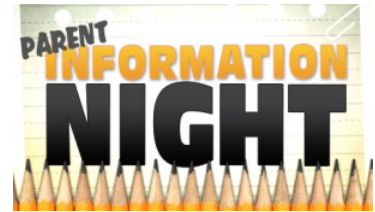
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

# Picture Day

**School pictures** will be taken on **Thursday, September 8**. Again this year, in order to save school time and effort and to minimize picture costs, payment for pictures will be required at the time of photographing. Packets will be distributed the first week of school. Pictures will be taken by Lifetouch.

## *Intermediate News*



Monday, October 3 5:15 pm FIFTH GRADE

Tuesday, September 13 5:00 pm THIRD GRADE

Tuesday, September 13 5:45 pm FOURTH GRADE

Tuesday, September 13 6:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

## *Middle School News*

The Middle School Yearbook Club would like to have 1-3 parent helpers to work during MS Club days plus a few days after school in April and May. Responsibilities include learning the yearbook program and helping students work on their assigned pages. Opportunities for creating full pages will be available as well.

Time commitment during Club Days (9:20 - 11:55 am) are:

September 14 (Introduction of Goals and Know Your Teachers Game )

October 5

November 9

January 25

February 15

April 19 (Talent Show)



Thank you,

Holly Lester, Wendy Nutini, and Ivy Sickels



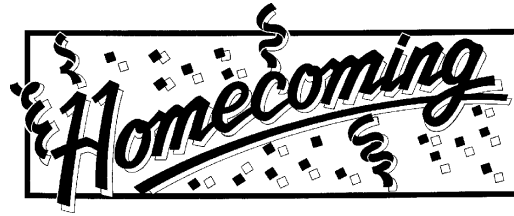
Gilbert Middle School would like to thank Morrie and Eileen Mericle for making several generous donations over the years to purchase books for the MS Library. They have donated these funds in honor of their daughter Margaret who attended Gilbert and passed away in 2006.

# High School News

## The GHS **VARIETY**

Show is coming this fall!!!

Mark your calendars for November 11th and 12th, 2016, 7:00 pm, for a night that showcases the amazing talent of our high school students.



### Thursday, September 22

6:30pm Parade from Main Street to the High School

Contact Cathy Anderson

(andersonc@gilbert.k12.ia.us) if your group/organization would like to participate

7:30pm Coronation in the high school gym

The entire community is invited to see the crowning of this year's king and queen and related festivities.

### Friday, September 23

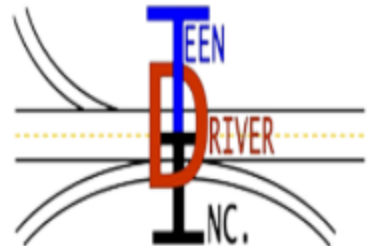
7:30pm Varsity

Homecoming football game at the high school stadium.



## --Teen Driver, Inc -- ANNOUNCING 2016-2017 SESSION DATES!

Teen Driver Inc. is excited to announce class offerings for the Gilbert Community. We are the private driver education company serving the Gilbert District. Classes and drive times at Teen Driver Inc. meet all state guidelines. Our certified instructors working for Teen Driver Inc. are from the Gilbert Community with educational backgrounds and years of experience. They enjoy working with young drivers; are patient and understanding, very flexible and willing to work with the young driver to help them develop safe and defensive driving skills. Guest speakers are brought in to help emphasize the importance of safe driving. Each speaker shows the consequences of what could happen if rules of the road are not followed. Personnel from law enforcement, the medical field, insurance agents, the railroad department, the truckers association, and the Iowa Statewide Organ Procurement Organization are all included as guest speakers. Drive times are arranged the first night of class. Upcoming 2016-2017 Sessions: • Fall – GHS-11 Tuesday/Thursday: 10/04/16- 11/03/16 (5:30-8:30pm) • Spring- GHS-12 Tuesday/Thursday: 3/7/17- 4/13/17 (5:30-8:30pm) \*No Class Spring Break Week • Summer - GHS-13 Mon-Fri:06/05/17- 06/16/17 (1pm to 4pm) GHS-14 Mon-Fri:07/06/17- 07/19/17 (1pm to 4pm) REGISTRATION: For registration and more specific information please check out the Teen Driver Inc. website at [teendriverinc.com](http://teendriverinc.com). Questions please call or email Karl Terrones, Teen Driver Inc. Coordinator at 515-520-1485 or [karlterrones@gmail.com](mailto:karlterrones@gmail.com). Thank you for considering Teen Driver!





## Feeling overwhelmed with too many usernames and passwords and applications?

Here is a Parent Refresher on the different applications you will use while your student is at Gilbert Schools.

The following should help you better navigate the e-Registration process and it will also help you when looking up information and making payments throughout the school year. You may want to print this page and keep it for a handy reference.

Every parent/family has 3 separate accounts/logins. Each one provides access to a different application. The applications are integrated to work together.



**PowerSchool** is Gilbert's student information system which captures all student data – i.e., demographic, classes, grades, attendance, and a whole lot more. There is one parent account for all students in a family. PowerSchool parent accounts are created in the district office. If you do not know your PowerSchool username or password, click on the Forgot User Name or Password? link on the student and parent sign-in page.



**Total Access/School Dining** (names are used interchangeably) – this is Gilbert's food service information system which captures food service payment history and items purchased by each student. There is one account for every family. **FOOD SERVICE PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE WITHIN THE TOTAL ACCESS APPLICATION** but you need a Total Ac-

cess account to make payments. Total Access accounts are created and maintained in the district office. If you do not know your Total Access username/family ID or password, you will need to call the district office at 515-232-3740.



**RevTrak Online Payments** – this is Gilbert's online payment system which is used to make school related payments including textbook fees, activity passes, yearbooks, SCRIP and more. Parents set up their own RevTrak account using an email address and password. If you forget your RevTrak password, there is a link under the Continue button on the Welcome to the Web Store page to request a password reset.

### When to use which username/password:

#### **PowerSchool username/password:**

- Enter on the **PowerSchool Student and Parent Sign In Page**
- Enter on the **RevTrak Welcome to the Web Store page** when you click on the **Registration Fees icon** (where it says *Enter Your Portal Access Credentials*)

#### **Total Access/School Dining username/family ID/password:**

- Enter on the **Total Access Sign In Page** (when looking up account data)
- Enter on the **RevTrak Welcome to the Web Store Page after Deposit Amount** (when making a food service payment)

#### **RevTrak email address/password:**

Enter or create on the **RevTrak Welcome to the Web Store Page** above the **Continue** button



## GILBERT EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS:

Find us at [www.gilbertiowafoundation.org](http://www.gilbertiowafoundation.org) or  
Email: [gilbertfoundation.ia@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertfoundation.ia@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Gilbert Education Foundation Board, thank you to all who support the Gilbert Foundation and the school district through your donations of time, talents, and treasures. The Foundation raises funds in many ways. Below is an update on what is in store for this school year!

- **Major Saver Card Campaign - Small Card...BIG Results**  
The Gilbert Education Foundation is offering Major Saver cards again this fall. The cards will be for sale through the Gilbert Elementary, Intermediate, & Middle Schools. Sales will run September 1 through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be \$15.00 again. Please consider purchasing a Major Saver card(s) from a Gilbert student. This campaign was a HUGE success last year. Over \$16,000 was raised, supporting technology and field trip needs in our district. Here is a sneak peek at a few of the great businesses on the card...Hy-Vee, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Dunkin Donuts, Taco Time and Orange Leaf.
- **Grain Donation Opportunity to Support the “Gilbert Community Garden”**  
4<sup>th</sup> annual grain fundraiser to benefit the Gilbert VoAg/FFA Community Garden will happen again this fall. This has been a great fundraiser, with the proceeds going towards the support of infrastructure for the Community Garden. The community garden, with the help of Gilbert Students, has produced pounds & pounds of produce which is donated to the local food pantry each year. We are once again working with the Key Cooperatives to make this opportunity available to the area farmers and to make it very easy. Here are the details for donating grain.....Deliver grain to your local Key Cooperative and designate # of bushels to be donated to the Gilbert FFA/Foundation account. The grain will be stored through March of 2017 at the Key Cooperative in order for the Vo-Ag/FFA students to market the bushels. Donate cash instead of bushels, no problem, we accept that as well.
- **Gilbert Alumni Tailgate, Homecoming Football Game - Friday, September 23**  
Join fellow Gilbert Alumni, the night of the homecoming football game. Event details will be e-mailed to alumni members and posted on social media. To join the alumni group or get updates please visit [www.gilbertiowafoundation.org](http://www.gilbertiowafoundation.org).



### **ROCK HOP 2017 – SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, March 4th**

Rock Hop 2017 chair is Tina Ragaller!  
The theme is “Give Back to the Future”.

If you are interested in being involved in planning this event, please email :

Tina Ragaller at [tdragaller@gmail.com](mailto:tdragaller@gmail.com) or  
Cherie Torresi at [gilbertfoundation.ia@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertfoundation.ia@gmail.com)

We need many volunteers, give a little time or a lot of time. Help us to make Gilbert Schools the BEST they can be!

## PTO News



# Gilbert PTO News

Thank you to our volunteers who helped make the back-to-school socials a great success - Laura Clouse, Terri Calendine, and Taloyre Keller. And an extra thank you to the Lempiainen family, Keller family, Wal-Mart, and Wells Fargo for the generous donations.

Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm at the Gilbert Middle School Library. Please plan to join us!

High school conferences are scheduled for Thursday, September 29 and Monday, October 3. We will be asking parents to contribute to conference meals for teachers and staff. Please watch for a sign up in your inbox! Your food or other item needs to be at the high school before 3:15 pm so teachers have enough time to eat. They greatly appreciate a warm, delicious meal on these long days. Thank you for your support!

Save the date for the Gilbert PTO Carnival! It will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm! This is the largest fundraiser for the PTO; we ask for help from parents and businesses to make this the most successful it can be! There are lots of sponsorship opportunities, so if you or your business is interested in becoming a sponsor, please send an email to [PTO@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:PTO@gilbert.k12.ia.us).

Lastly, we are in need of volunteers for some activities this school year and next. If you have any interest in volunteering, please email [PTO@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:PTO@gilbert.k12.ia.us) to learn more. If volunteers are not found for an activity, it may be cancelled.

Carnival volunteers (October 8)

Educational event organizers (this winter)

Spring fundraiser (either plant sale or other - this spring)

High school conference meal coordinator (shadow this year to coordinate next year)

Visit [GilbertPTO.org](http://GilbertPTO.org) to find current event information and sign ups, meeting agendas and minutes, and much more! You can also follow us on Facebook by searching for "Gilbert Iowa Community Schools PTO."

# Athletic Booster

## Be the Best Tiger Fan

There are few things better than putting on your a Gilbert wear, going to the stands and cheering for your child in their athletic accomplishments. As parents, we live for those moments and we certainly have a great culture, community support and pride in Gilbert!



Besides being a great fan, another way you can show your pride and support your teams is by volunteering to help the Gilbert Athletic Boosters by working in the concessions stand or taking tickets. "The concession stand is a major fundraiser for our athletic programs for grades 7 to 12," says Jay Rosburg, Booster President. "Without parents and fans volunteering to work, it wouldn't be possible to support the programs at the levels we have been in the past."

The Gilbert Athletic Boosters is asking all 7 to 12 student athlete parents to work two shifts during each sports season. Parents and fans can volunteer from the "Concession/Ticket" link on the Athletics tab on the school website. They will see all fall sports listed for Middle and High school games.

Another way to support your team is by being a Athletic Booster Club member. "In the last two years, the Athletic Boosters have put over \$150,000 into our athletic programs," says Rosburg. "This helps cover shortfalls in school funding to give our athletes the right equipment and experiences to be successful in their sport."

Tiger fans can purchase a membership for as little as \$50, with incentives such as activity passes and discounts at the Tiger Store for higher levels. Booster board members will be set up at the first home football game on Sept. 2nd to sign up new and returning members.





**SCRIP PROGRAM HELPS  
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
GILBERT FINE ARTS  
BOOSTERS.**

Fine Arts Boosters and Gilbert PTO benefit when friends and family use SCRIP certificates to shop at places like Walmart, Younkers, and Walgreens. The funds raised are split:

- 50% goes to your family's Gilbert school account and can be used for school-sponsored trips and/or school-sponsored driver education class.
- 25% goes to Fine Arts Boosters
- 25% goes to PTO.

More information may be found at [gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/scrp](http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/scrp).



**Board of Directors**

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Shelly Billings & Pam Vandenberg

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Diane Janvrin

Secretary  
Laureen Borg

Gilbert Schools Rep (ex officio)  
Byron Tinder

The Gilbert Fine Arts Booster Club is classified as a public charity and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 ( c ) ( 3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

**2015-16 MEETING SCHEDULE**

October 8, 2015	February 11, 2015
November 12, 2015	March 9, 2015
December 10, 2015	April 14, 2015
January 14, 2016	

Meetings are held at the High School at 7PM. Please check website as dates are subject to change.

*Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters*

P.O. Box 192  
Gilbert, IA 50105  
[www.gilbertfab.org](http://www.gilbertfab.org)

**GILBERT FINE  
ARTS  
BOOSTERS**



*Enhancing the fine arts  
programs offered by the  
Gilbert School System*

*About Us*

The fine arts uniquely enrich and enhance our students as they prepare for the future. The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters are a group of Gilbert area parents and patrons who volunteer time and resources to enhance the fine arts program offered by the Gilbert school system. We actively:

- Raise money to support the fine arts programs at Gilbert.
- Organize volunteers to support fine arts activities such as large group contests, theater productions, and concerts.
- Communicate fine arts priorities to Gilbert school administrators and the school board.
- Identify and meet the needs of fine arts teachers and staff.



**Annual Fundraising**

Every fall the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters conduct a membership drive to generate funding to support ongoing fine arts activities at Gilbert schools. Each year we raise and distribute thousands of dollars that directly benefit Gilbert fine arts students: collegiate and music camp scholarships, instruments and equipment, meals for students attending honor events in art and music, middle school band pins, high school drama awards, meals for contest judges, music contest medals and accompanists, supplemental choir robes and band uniforms, money for drama production expenses, and more.

**How Can I Get Involved?**

We are always looking for individuals to get involved with the Fine Arts Boosters!

- Become a Booster member.
- Attend the Fine Arts Boosters monthly meetings.
- Sign up to help volunteer with fine arts events and activities.



**GET INVOLVED TODAY AND SUPPORT  
THE GILBERT FINE ARTS PROGRAM!**

**Sign me up for a Fine Arts Boosters membership!**

Select one:

- Platinum**  
*Includes four fine arts passes\** \$500
- Gold**  
*Includes four fine arts passes\** \$250
- Silver**  
*Includes two fine arts passes\** \$100
- Bronze** \$50

\* Fine arts passes are valid for entry to band/choir concerts, plays, and musicals.

**Sign me up for volunteering!**

- Sewing/alterations of uniforms and costumes.
- Donate food for events.
- Volunteer at events.
- Chaperone events.
- Return cans/bottles to redemption center.
- Help with fundraising activities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to keep my membership anonymous.

Make checks payable to "Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters" and send to:

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters  
P.O. Box 192  
Gilbert, IA 50105

# **ANNUAL NOTICES**

## **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The following information may be released to the public in regard to any individual student of the school district as necessary or desirability arises. Any student, parent, or guardian not wanting this information released to the public must make objection in writing to the principal or other person in charge of the school building which the student is attending. It is desirable to renew this objection at the beginning of each school year.

STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE LEVEL, ENROLLMENT STATUS, PARTICIPATION IN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS, WEIGHT AND HEIGHT OF MEMBERS OF ATHLETIC TEAMS, DEGREES AND AWARDS RECEIVED, PHOTOGRAPH AND OTHER LIKENESS, AND OTHER SIMILAR INFORMATION. School organizations including PTO, Fine Art Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Foundation and other student related organizations approved by Administration may have the following information: STUDENT NAME, GRADE, CLASSROOM, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND PARENT'S NAMES.

The federal legislation No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires local school districts to provide military recruiters with student's names, addresses, and telephone listings when requested. Parents or guardians may also notify the principal, in writing, if they do not want this information provided for their student.

## **GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 104- NONDISCRIMINATION, ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT**

### **Nondiscrimination**

No student in the Gilbert Community School District shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in District programs on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, marital status, ethnic background, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic background. The policy of the District shall be to provide educational programs and opportunities for students as needed on the basis of individual needs, interests, abilities and potential.

### **Harassment and Bullying Prohibited**

The District is committed to providing all students a safe and civil educational environment in which all are treated with dignity and respect. The District is also committed to promoting understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of our society. The District shall educate students about our cultural diversity and shall promote tolerance of individual differences.

Harassment and bullying of students is against the policy of the State of Iowa as well as of the Gilbert Community School District. The District shall promote procedures and practices to reduce and eliminate harassment and bullying. The District prohibits harassment and bullying of students by other students, by employees, and by volunteers while in school, on school property, and at any school function or school-sponsored activity. This includes harassment or bullying based on the student's actual or perceived trait or characteristic, including the student's actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, marital or familial status, ethnic background, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental ability or disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attribute, political party preference, political belief, or socio-economic background. Acts of harassment or bullying may be treated as grounds for discipline. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion of a student, termination of an employee's contract, and/or exclusion of a volunteer from District activities or premises.

It is the policy of the Gilbert Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, marital status, ethnic background, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic background in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Section 216.9 of the Iowa Code. The policy of the District shall be to provide educational programs and opportunities for students as needed on the basis of individual needs, interests, abilities and potential.

It is also the policy of this district that the curriculum content and instructional materials utilized reflect the cultural and racial diversity present in the United States and variety of careers, roles, and life styles open to women as well as men in our society. One of the objectives of the total curriculum should foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity found in our country and an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each individual as a member of a pluralistic society.

Inquiries and grievances regarding compliance with Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, or Section 216.9 should be directed to the district's Equity Coordinator: Carrie Clark, Curriculum Director/TLC Coordinator; Gilbert District; 103 Mathews Drive; Gilbert, Iowa 50105; 515-232-3738.

## **TOBACCO FREE DISTRICT**

School district facilities and grounds, including school vehicles, are off limits for tobacco, nicotine or look-a-like use. This requirement extends to students, employees and visitors. This policy applies at all times, including school-sponsored and non-school sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this request are required to extinguish their smoking material, dispose of the tobacco, nicotine or look-a-like product or leave the school district premises immediately.

## **POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT**

"The 'Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act' is intended to promote rigorous academic or vocational-technical pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school students enabling eleventh and twelfth grade students to enroll part time in nonsectarian courses in eligible postsecondary institutions of higher learning in Iowa." In simple terms, a junior or senior in high school has the option to take a course, or courses, at a public university, private college, or area community college as part of their regular high school curriculum. A ninth or tenth grade student who is identified as a talented and gifted student according to the school district's criteria and procedures is also eligible to enroll under the Act. The credits earned are usually applicable in the future at that college or university and usable back at the high school towards meeting graduation requirements. Such a course must be something not currently offered in the high school curriculum, but rather a course that allows the student to enrich his/her curriculum. The local high school holds the authority in determining which courses are allowable under the Act, and the respective college determines acceptance of the student for "dual credit" work. At the present time the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act is limited to courses taken during the regular school year, not during the summer.

Under this provision, the local school is obligated to pay, "the actual and customary costs of tuition, textbooks, materials, and fees directly related to the course taken by the eligible student." Students and/or parents interested in learning more about earning postsecondary credit while still in high school or having questions about the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act should contact the high school counselor. Gilbert students are encouraged to make arrangements with the high school counselor well ahead of ISU's semester start if they plan to take such classes. The school district's policy is to pay for a maximum of two post secondary classes per semester.

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS ON HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION**

Chapter 279.50 of the Iowa Code mandates that schools develop a K-12 curriculum related to human growth and development. The following topics are mandated to be part of each school district's curriculum: self-esteem, responsible decision-making, personal responsibility, personal goal setting, interpersonal relationships, discouragement of premarital sexual relationships, family life, parenting skills, human sexuality, reproduction, contraception and family planning, prenatal development, sex stereotypes, behaviors to prevent sexual abuse or sexual harassment, sexually transmitted diseases and their causes and prevention, AIDS, substance abuse treatment, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, stress management, current crucial health issues, and emotional and social health.

A pupil shall not be required to take instruction in human growth and development if the pupil's parent or guardian files with the appropriate principal a written request that the pupil be excused from the instruction.

## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT**

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), school districts must provide parents/guardians and adult students annual notice of their rights to inspect and review education records, amend education records, consent to disclose personally identifiable information in education records, and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. 34 C.F.R. § 99.7. Notice may be provided in any way that is reasonably likely to inform parents of their rights and must effectively notify parents who have a primary or home language other than English and parents or eligible students who are disabled. 34 C.F.R. § 99.7(b). Download the U.S. Department of Education's *Model Notification of Rights Under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools* at: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/ferparights.pdf>

## **VIDEO CAMERA USE ON BUSES**

The school district will annually provide the following notice to students and parents: The Gilbert Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes will be confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child. The following notice will also be placed on all school buses equipped with a video camera: This bus is equipped with a video/audio monitoring system.

## **PARENT NOTIFICATION**

Parents/guardians in the Gilbert Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. Parents/guardians may request this information from the superintendent's office by calling 232-3740, or sending a letter of request to Superintendent's Office, 103 Mathews Drive, Gilbert, Iowa 50105.

## **ASBESTOS**

Pursuant to the requirement of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan for each school building is available for review in each respective facility. A complete set of Management Plans is available for review in the District Administrative Office.

## **IOWA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

Many communities in Iowa, including Gilbert, have residents living in the community that are on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. We are aware of residents living in the Gilbert area that are on the sex offender registry, although we no longer receive any official notification. The sex offender registry is available online at [www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com). Parents are encouraged to be aware of this information by accessing this website.

Please be aware that this notification is to serve only as a means for the public to protect themselves. Any action taken by anyone against these individuals, including vandalism of property, verbal or written threat of physical harm, or physical assault against these individuals or their family can result in arrest and prosecution.

## **HOMELESS COORDINATOR INFORMATION**

### **If your family lives in any of the following situations:**

- in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- on the street in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

### **Then, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Your children have the right to:**

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

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## **HOMELESS COORDINATOR INFORMATION CONTINUED**

### **When you move, you should do the following:**

Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)

Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.

Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

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**If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free HelpLine number: 1-800-308-2145 1-800-308-2145.**