



LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS USD #497
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES



NASS Newsletter

Welcome Back Edition

August 2019

School Supply Info

School Supply Distribution Event

We will be handing out school supplies Aug 10 & Aug 12-17, 9am to 4pm at the Lawrence College & Career Center at 2910 Haskell Avenue. Please call 785-330-4954 with any questions.

If you have received supplies and/or services from NASS in the past, you will not need to bring any paperwork. If you are a new Native American family to us (at NASS) or to the school district, you may need to fill out paperwork and bring Tribal ID or information.

If you are not able to come during the times listed, we will still have supplies for you. Simply contact us and we can make arrangements (even if you forget and come by in October or any other month!)

We may not have all the exact pieces required. (for example, some kits will have 1 or 2 dry erase markers instead of the 4 markers on the requirement list) Despite having lots of support, we were unable to afford all of the requirements. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Donations

NASS was fortunate this year to receive donation from the following entities to fulfill our school supply need:

United Way-about a third of our supplies were donated from United Way's annual supply community drive efforts

Checker's-they donated the paper bags we use to pack the supplies

Haskell President's Office-provided backpacks, lunch boxes, and calculators

Ramen Bowls Noodle Shop-they held a fundraiser last year, offering a special bison ramen bowl, and all of the proceeds were given to NASS for our school supplies

Anonymous Folks and NASS Families-We have several community members that annually donate either cash or actual supplies to support our Native students, and those are always appreciated.

Native American Student Services Info

NASS is pleased to assist our families in financial ways. We are limited by funding and grant requirements to restrict our assistance to \$100 per student, per academic year. We are also limited to only assist with activities that are associated with the schools.

We can provide:

- ◆ School supplies
- ◆ Assist secondary students (grades 6-12) with classroom and activity fees (for example: sports, orchestra/band, ceramics, photography) including required activity tickets.
- ◆ Pay for ACT, SAT, PSAT testing fees (reimburse the parent only)
- ◆ Pay for caps and gowns for seniors, pick up a cap early (if you need extra time for beading)
- ◆ Pay for AP test fees

We cannot provide:

- ◆ Optional items for high school students, such as parking fee, letter jackets, class pictures, invitations, late fees
- ◆ Fee assistance for intra-mural/city league sports, particularly sports fees for elementary
- ◆ Boys and Girls club fees

Please contact us at NASS if you have any questions or bring your school invoices to us before you pay and we can look through it and see if we can assist in any way. Unfortunately, we cannot pay for the required school enrollment fees. However, if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, that fee should be waived or reduced. If you need help filling out your free/reduced lunch form, please ask

NASS Parent Committee Dates

Native American Student Services Parent Committee meets monthly. All parents and guardians are welcome to participate. The third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, in the conference room of the Lawrence College and Career Center. Student representatives are also welcome to attend. Secondary students who want to attend and offer input are encouraged to attend.

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