

Policy, Curriculum, Education & Activities Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 8:30 AM

Pines Community Meeting Room, 1700 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521

I. Goals of the Committee

I.A. Families & Community: NPSD will use the results from a Community Survey, Parent Survey, and Staff Survey to discuss and create long-term goals with the new District Administrator.

Teaching & Learning: NPSD will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by 5% as measured by state assessments and local benchmark assessments.

Teaching & Learning: All Schools at NPSD will have an overall attendance of 95% or higher.

I.B. Opening of the Meeting

I.B.1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish a Quorum, Open Meeting Verification

I.B.2. Action Item: Approval of agenda

II. Discussion/Action Items

II.A. Director of Teaching and Learning Report

II.B. Pupil Academic Standards Notice to Parents for 2026-2027

II.C. Summer School Update

II.D. In-service Schedule for August 2026

II.E. Update on Administrative Backup Plan for 2026-2027

II.F. Approval of revisions to Neola legal updates - Policies for the Board, Act 89

II.G. Approval of revisions to Neola legal updates - Policies for the Board, 35.1

II.H. Committee Annual Goals

III. Adjournment



Northland Pines School District

Teaching & Learning Communication

Rachel Riske, Director of Teaching and Learning

7-14-2026

Rigor, Relevance and Relationships

As I begin my role at Northland Pines as the Director of Teaching and Learning, I am seeking opportunities to ensure professional learning for staff is rigorous and relevant while I work to build relationships within the district. Beginning my work this summer provides me an opportunity to learn of the great work that has been happening in the district and align upcoming work to the district and building-level goals. I look forward to sharing the work occurring across the buildings with the Policy, Curriculum, and Activities Committee throughout the year!



Summer Update and Looking Forward: 2026–2027

Summer Work

Last week, five new staff members completed the Responsive Classroom (RC) training. In early August, another seven staff members will participate in the same training. Responsive Classroom prepares educators to create supportive, engaging learning environments where students can thrive academically and socially. A major teaching component of establishing a responsive classroom is to clearly and proactively teach academic routines and expected behaviors. These strategies establish a strong foundation for student success over the academic year.

Universal Design for Learning

Northland Pines continues to collaborate with CESA 9 to strengthen the implementation of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) practices across classrooms. The UDL framework aligns with the Northland Pines belief that ALL staff believe in ALL students. UDL focuses on creating relevant learning experiences for all students, in all content areas, at all grade levels. Working with CESA 9 has allowed Northland Pines to build common tools for observations. These reflective tools can be used to collaborate with educators and continue to build on how they implement UDL practices with students.

Math Essential Learning

Last year, Northland Pines completed the Literacy Essentials that detailed what high quality literacy instruction looks like across the district. Establishing this clarity lifts teacher capacity by allowing them to focus on the critical components of literacy. During the 2026–2027 school year, Northland Pines will be undertaking the same process to develop Math Essentials. Many of the same instructional principles will still apply, but the focus will be on the math classroom. This guiding document will define how teachers implement evidence-based instructional practices across the domains of math instruction. Together the Literacy and Math Essentials will help guide teachers to create college and career ready learners.

Glossary

- **Responsive Classroom** - A student-centered, learning approach to teaching and discipline in grades 4k-8 that is based on research and evidence-based practices to provide a safe, engaging, and joyful learning community.
- **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** - A framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn.

**Student Academic Standards
for the
Northland Pines School District
2026-2027 School Year**

The Northland Pines School District has adopted the Wisconsin Academic Standards for Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies, as well as the Next Generation Science Standards for Science.

The District also implements the Wisconsin Academic Standards for all other academic areas and elective courses. Physical Education and Music national standards are also referenced and aligned to state standards and curriculum programming.

All standards include college and career readiness skills and applications in addition to academic content. Disciplinary literacy and cross cutting topics that allow students to make interdisciplinary learning connections are embedded within content area standards.

Additionally, the Information and Technology Literacy Standards are infused into all curricular areas. The Northland Pines School District also uses the Wisconsin Model Early Childhood Standards and the Essential Standards for Special Education.



2026 Eagle Camp - Northland Pines School District

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to offer Eagle Camp again this summer at Eagle River Elementary School for current 4K-6th grade students in the Northland Pines School District. Eagle Camp is a summer school program that provides an educational and exciting adventure that students can participate in to stay connected with friends, keep up with academics and have fun during the middle of the summer. Eagle Camp is scheduled for half days, Monday-Friday from 8:15am-12:30pm (7:30am drop off is available).

- Week 1: Northwoods Adventure! July 20th- July 24th
- Week 2: Explore The World of Science! July 27th- July 31st
- Week 3: Traveling Around the World! August 3rd- August 7th

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided for **FREE** to ALL students
- Two buses will be available for pick up and drop off to designated locations
 - Sayner Library, St.Germain Elementary School and Little Acorns
 - Land O Lakes Elementary School and Conover Church
- See below for a tentative schedule:

7:30am-8:10am	Drop off, games, coloring, exercise, and FREE breakfast in cafeteria
8:15am	Eagle Camp Begins!
8:15am-9:15am	Literacy: Students will take part in reading, writing, and various literacy activities that are centered around each week's theme.
9:15-9:30am	Snack
9:30am-10:30am	Math: Students boost math fact skills through games, as well as learn math concepts through projects, centers, and/or other activities.
10:30am-11:30am	Enrichment Time: Students take part in various enriching activities that focus on science or social studies projects, technology education, critical thinking skills, teamwork and more.
11:30am-12:00pm	Recess
12:00pm-12:25pm	Lunch: Free to all students, but you can pack a lunch if you prefer!
12:30pm	Pick up and bus departure

To register your child, please complete the attached form by May 8th to guarantee a spot! If you have any questions contact your school's front office or Carie Nordine at #715-547-3619 or canordine@npsd.k12.wi.us.

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2026 Eagle Camp Registration Form

Please answer the following questions and return to any elementary school by May 8th to guarantee a spot!

Child's Name:

Child's Current School?

ERES

STG

MLC

LOLES

SOAR MS

Child's Current Grade?

4K

K

1ST

2ND

3RD

4TH

5TH

6TH

Child's Current Teacher:

Which Weeks?

July 20th-24th, Northwoods Adventure!

July 27th- July 31st, The World of Science!

August 3rd- August 7th, Traveling Around the World!

Transportation?

Yes, Sayner Library Stop

Yes, Little Acorns Stop

Yes, St.Germain Elementary Stop

Yes, Land O Lakes Elementary Stop

Yes, Conover Church Stop

No, we will be providing transportation

Or register online using the following QR code:

