

**SCHOOL SONG**

(Sung to the tune of Illinois Loyalty)

We're loyal to you O'Neill High  
We're white and blue O'Neill High  
We'll back you to stand  
'Gainst the best in the land  
For we know you will stand  
O'Neill High - - - Rah! Rah!  
So crack out that ball O'Neill High  
We're backing you O'Neill High  
Our team is the famed protector  
On team for we expect a victory from you O'Neill High!

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

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**FIRST DAY SCHEDULE**

8:15 a.m. – HS Students – Orientation (HS Auditorium)  
8:15 a.m. – JH Students – Class Meetings  
9:00 a.m. – JH Students – Orientation (HS Auditorium)  
9:00 a.m. – HS Students – Class Meetings

**Class Sponsors and Meeting Locations:**

Seniors (Library).....Janice Vosler, Jeanne Crumly  
Juniors (Lect. Hall)...Katie Gotschall, Charlene Paris, Tricia Wiseman  
Sophomores (MP Room)..... Allen Spangler  
Freshman (Room 214).....Lindy Fernau, Kathy Hostert  
8th Grade (Lecture Hall).....Ann Mann, Tammy Myers  
7th Grade (Library).....Teri Brown, Deb Barelmann  
\*Class schedules, activity schedules, calendars, and planners will be distributed during class meetings. Officers may be elected.

**1st Day Period Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> period:  
9:50-10:11  
2<sup>nd</sup> period:           10:15-10:36  
3<sup>rd</sup> period:           10:40-11:01  
\*7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders report to 4<sup>th</sup> period class before going to  
lunchroom  
4<sup>th</sup> period (7-9):   11:05-12:11 (7-9 Lunch: 11:10-11:40/Class: 11:40-12:11)  
4<sup>th</sup> period: (10-12) 11:05-12:11 (Class: 11:05-11:40; Lunch: 11:40-12:11)  
5<sup>th</sup> period:           12:15-12:36  
6<sup>th</sup> period:           12:40-1:01

7<sup>th</sup> period: 1:01-1:30

**2008-2009 O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

Appleby, Kaye	Business
Ascherl, Todd	Science/Alt. Ed
Babl, Rosann	English
Barelmann, Deb	Math
Braun, Michaela	Guidance Counselor
Brodgers, Gary	SPED Para/Asst BB
Brosz, Steve	Principal
Brown, Steve	Social Science/PE
Brown, Teri	Spanish
Buller, Greg	Technology Coordinator
Corkle, Bryan	Science
Crumly, Jeanne	Media Specialist
Dean, Becky	Resource
Dean, Chad	Instrumental Music
Fernau, Danny	Guidance Counselor
Fernau, Lindy	Science
Gotschall, Katie	English
Gottsich, Carolyn	Nurse
Grossnicklaus, Kathy	SPED Director
Grossnicklaus, Monte	Special Education
Hacker, Laurie	Educational Interpreter
Hagen, Jen	School Improvement
Hammerlun, Lucy	Custodian
Hesse, Wayne	Social Science
Hilker, Cole	Math
Hostert, Gary	Social Science
Hostert, Kathy	Title I
Hostert, Nick	Activities Director
Hull, Delight	Guidance Secretary
Hunt, Mark	Social Science
Jackson, Dale	Social Studies
Jaques, Jonathan	Vocal Music
Jensen, Ron	Van Driver/Custodian
Kettler, Rhonda	Deaf Educator
Klinetobe, Sarah	SPED Para
Kohtz, Becky	Language Resource
Knebel, Kathy	SPED/Choir Para

**2008-2009 O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL STAFF continued:**

Kraft, Roxane	SPED Para
Langan, Jill	Fine Arts
Latzal, Amy	Jr. High Volleyball
Ludwig, Cheryl	Activity Bkcp.
Mann, Ann	Family & Consumer Sci.
McConnell, Cheri	Principal's Secretary
McNichols, Kevin	Art
Menish, Bob	Custodian
Mohr, Brian	English
Moore, Jesse	Asst. Wrestling
Morrow, Katie	Tech. Gen. Stu./TANN
Morrow, Kevin	Asst. Track, CC, WR
Mueller, Leigh	Science
Mundhenke, Darla	SPED Para
Myers, Mark	Concessions
Myers, Tammy	Physical Ed/Math
Nordby, Mary Jo	Special Education
Olander, Ryan	Vocational Technology
Pardun, Mike	Physical Education
Paris, Charlene	Science
Peterson, Mike	Business/TANN
Polinoski, Melissa	Art
Pongratz, Teresa	English
Price, Chuck	Softball Asst.
Schaaf, Shannon	Speech Pathologist
Schueth, Rita	SPED/Title
Shane, Amy	Superintendent
Spangler, Allen	Vocational Technology
Tomjack, Michelle	Asst. Girls BB
Vosler, Janice	Math
Walstrom, Bev	Library Para
Wiseman, Tricia	English Lang. Learner
Whitney, Rod	SPED Para/Custodian

**Web Page:**

**[oneillhighschool.org](http://oneillhighschool.org)**

## **O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT POLICIES**

### **CLASS TIME SCHEDULE**

	<b>Junior High</b>	<b>High School</b>
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Teachers on Duty	7:45-3:45	7:45-3:45
Early Bird Class	-----	7:15-8:00
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:05-9:01	
8:10-9:06		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:04-9:55	9:09-10:00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:58-10:49	10:03-10:54
4A	10:52-11:22	10:57-11:22
4B (7-9 Lunch)	11:25-11:55	11:25-12:00
4C (10-12 Lunch)	11:58-12:28	
12:03-12:33		
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:31-1:22	12:36-1:27
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:25-2:16	1:30-2:21
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:19-3:10	2:24-3:15

Regular school hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with JH students attending classes from 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. and HS students attending classes from 8:10 to 3:15 p.m. Junior High study period will follow regular classes on select Fridays.

Students may not enter the building before 7:30 a.m. unless student appointments have been made with teachers or administrators prior to that day. Upon arrival at school, students should remain in the student lounge or go directly to a classroom.

#### **STUDENT CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE**

**Expected Behavior:** Students are expected to act, dress, and conduct themselves in a manor that reflects favorably upon themselves and the school while in the school building, on school grounds, and in attendance at school sponsored events. This means students should be respectful to fellow students and staff. No fighting. No bullying. No cheating. No disorderly conduct. No stealing. No weapons. No harassment. All students must recognize their individual responsibilities and obligations, and discharge them in accordance with school regulations.

**Attendance Policy:** Article II-“Compulsory Education Law 79-201, LB582, Session Laws-1971” from the Nebraska School handbook states: “Every person residing in a school district within the State of Nebraska who has a legal or actual charge or control of any child no less than seven or more than eighteen years of age, shall cause such child to attend regularly the public, private, session except when excused by school authorities, unless such child has graduated from high school.”

O’Neill Junior-Senior High School feels that there are educational benefits to be derived from outside of the school on some specific occasions, and we agree to endorse experiences providing they are kept within the perspective of the educational philosophy of the O’Neill community. To do this, regulations must be established. In order to make these regulations workable, we must have the full cooperation of every parent to see that his/her child is in school so that the child has the opportunity to receive the best education that the O’Neill Public School system can provide.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to be regular in attendance. If a student will miss class for any personal/family preconceived reason, the student must obtain a predestined slip from the school office. This predestined excuse must be properly completed and returned to the office prior to the student’s absence. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. All students absent from class or classes due to a school function must obtain and complete the predestined excuse with the activity sponsor. This predestined excuse will properly indicate the assignments the student will miss because of this absence.

If a student is absent for other reasons such as illness, he/she must obtain a makeup slip from the school office upon returning to school. Parents should call the school office and notify officials of such absence prior to 10 a.m. the morning of the absence. A signed note explaining the absence from the student’s parent/guardian or doctor must be presented to the office secretary when the student returns from the absence. If an absence is anticipated for more than one school day for any reason, please request assignments by 10:30 a.m. or at the time the student’s absence is phoned in. This will allow the office time to contact each teacher for assignments.

The school-issued makeup slip must be properly completed by the student and teacher, then returned to the office by the student in a

timely manner to receive an excused absent. If proper procedures are not followed, the absence will be deemed unexcused.

School officials will notify parents and the county attorney of students who have accumulated more than 8 absences from any class or classes per semester, for any reason with the exception of predestined absences, doctor documented and/or doctor ordered absences, and out-of-school suspension absences. If a student has accumulated 8 absences per semester in any class period, the subsequent absence will be unexcused unless documented by a note from the doctor.

Advisory letters will be sent to the parents or guardians when their student accrues 4 absences during the semester.

### **STUDENTS RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS**

The following is the procedure that must be followed by administrators, parents, guardians, and students:

#### **A. THE FACULTY COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEEISM**

1. The Faculty Committee on Absenteeism shall review all exceptions to the limitation on absences due to chronic extended illness or reasons of similar validity.
2. The determination will be undertaken on a case by case basis.
3. The Faculty Committee shall make their recommendation in writing to the Board of Education and Administration.
4. The Faculty Committee shall not exercise the right to take credits from a student.
5. The request for a hearing before the Faculty Committee may be filed by the student and/or student's parent/guardian if said request is presented within 7 days of a notification of loss of credit.

#### **B. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. The Board of Education shall exercise the sole right to take credits away from a student due to violation of the attendance policy.
2. The Administration and Board of Education reserve the right to ask for a medical opinion for prolonged illness or chronic illness.

NOTE: When the Board of Education waives a student's absences, the number of absences remains at 8. For example, if a student with 13 absences is ill for 5 days, the total absences would be 8. Only 5 of these absences will be waived, leaving the student with the allowable

maximum of 8 absences. Any additional absences would then cause a student to be over the 8 day limit.

**Permission to leave campus:** Students desiring to leave campus during school hours must receive permission from the office prior to 8 a.m. A “Blue Slip” will be issued at this time giving the student permission to leave at the designated time. This request must be accompanied by a note from the parent to determine if the excuse is excused or unexcused. This slip should be used only to complete its intended function and under **NO** circumstances should the student transport other students. Students should not ride with other student drivers. Students intending to leave campus during their lunch period will need permission from a parent in the form of a waiver upon initial enrollment. Students intending to use this privilege must agree to the terms of the waiver. No students will be allowed to loiter on or off the school grounds. Students will not need a blue slip and will not be given permission to drive.

**Excused absence:** Any absence that has been properly documented as stated above. No penalty will be assessed for an excused absence.

**Unexcused absence:** Any absence that is not properly documented as stated above. Students will receive a 2% deduction for each unexcused absence from the semester grade in which the absence occurred.

**Tardy:** Late for class. 3 unexcused tardies per class will equate to one unexcused absence. Tardies may be forgiven by attending a 15-minute detention period following school at the convenience of the instructor. Failure to report to an assigned detention will be additional time, night or Saturday School with other scheduled school personnel. Failure to report may also be an in-school suspension at the NECC building.

**Truancy:** Absent without the parent’s knowledge. This is against the law. 3 unexcused tardies can be a truancy and is unexcused. Violators will be reported to County Attorney.

**Closed Campus Driving Policy:** O’Neill Public School recognizes that students who have a valid driver’s license have gained the privilege of driving on public streets and highways, but it is the policy of this school that those students who wish to drive must abide by the following regulations:

- 1) All motor vehicles must remain parked in the student’s parking section during school hours.

- 2) Students are not allowed to sit in parked motor vehicles during the school day.
- 3) Motor vehicles driven on school grounds from 8 a.m. until the end of the school day may not be taken off the school grounds unless special permission is obtained from the building principal and the student signs out, and back in, at the office.
- 4) All traffic laws of the state apply to the operation of motor vehicles on the school grounds and extreme care must be taken to prevent accidents.
- 5) Students who park off campus or at home and who violate the closed campus driving regulations are subject to the same punishment as those who park on campus and violate the regulations.
- 6) If an emergency should exist where the parents need the student to drive their vehicle during the school day, permission to drive must be obtained from the principal.
- 7) Violators of the closed campus driving regulations will be disciplined according to the disciplinary procedure.

**Student Dress Code:** Student's dress will be the responsibility of the parents. The school administration suggests neat and unrevealing attire. No hats. Boys, no sleeveless shirts. Girls, no tube tops. Students, no exposed mid-sections. Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages or drugs, or writing deemed unacceptable is not permitted. If dress or physical condition of dress is such as to detract from the learning atmosphere of the school, the parents will be informed and the student sent home to put on acceptable attire. If the physical condition of the clothing is a hazard to the individual or others the student will be asked to comply and if needed, parents will be asked to sign a statement freeing the school from accident and control responsibilities. The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services will also be informed of the situation if needed.

**Tobacco:** The laws of the State of Nebraska prohibit use and possession of tobacco by minors. Tobacco found on the pupil will be confiscated. If found possessing, smoking, or chewing tobacco on school property, in the school building, or while under school jurisdiction, it will be necessary to discipline the student according to the disciplinary procedure.

**Drugs and Alcohol:** Board Policy relative to standards of student conduct pertaining to the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of

illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.

It shall be the policy of O'Neill Public School District No. 7, in addition to standards of student conduct elsewhere adopted by board policy or administrative regulation to absolutely prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises, or as a part of any of the school's activities. This shall include such unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student of the District during regular school hours or after school hours at school sponsored activities on school premises, or at school sponsored activities off school premises. Conduct prohibited at places and activities as herein above described shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1) Possession of any controlled substance, possession of which is prohibited by law.
- 2) Possession of any prescription drug in an unlawful fashion.
- 3) Possession of alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.
- 4) Use of any illicit drugs.
- 5) Distribution of any illicit drug.
- 6) Distribution of any drug or controlled substance when such distribution is unlawful.
- 7) The possession, use, or distribution of alcohol.

Students suspected to be under the influence of an intoxicant, and/or a controlled substance during school or at any school function will be subject to a drug and alcohol assessment. The assessment will be performed by trained school personnel. A breathalyzer may be used. If a student fails the drug and alcohol assessment, the violation will result in the following:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – five (5) days suspension
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – expulsion.

Parents will have the option to request an immediate drug test at a local medical facility. If the student passes the medical drug test, the school will be responsible for the cost of the test. However, if the student fails the medical drug test, payment is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

**\*\*Please note that prescription medicine should include a doctor or parent note and should be administered through the school's nurse.**

**Disciplinary Procedure:** If students are found to be in violation of school policy on expected behavior, truancy, driving, or tobacco, the violations may result in the following:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: One (1) day suspension or six (6) hours of detention (one hour per day for six days)
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Three (3) day suspension.
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Five (5) day suspension or expulsion.

\*\*Please note that the principal may enforce any of these penalties at any time depending upon the gravity of the violation. Example: Weapons violation – expulsion.

\*\*\*The principal may also require contract service, Saturday school, after-school detentions and/or in-school or out of school suspensions.

Violation of school drug and alcohol policy will result in:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Five (5) day suspension.
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Expulsion

**Suspension and Expulsion:** O’Neill Public Schools may authorize or order the expulsion or suspension of any pupil from school for gross misdemeanors, immorality, persistent disobedience, or for violation of the regulations, rules, or policies established by the Board, or when the presence of the pupil is detrimental to the best interests of the school and it may confer upon the Principal or Superintendent the power to temporarily suspend a pupil. When the Board of Education shall expel a pupil, the parents or legal guardian of the pupil shall be notified in writing of such expulsion. This notice will include the reason or reasons for such action and the Right of Appeal.

The parents or legal guardian shall have the right to appeal such action to the Board of Education at the first regular meeting of the Board following the expulsion. All of the above will be modified to follow the requirements as provided in LB1250.

## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Student Records:** Student Academic Records are kept in the guidance office. Parents have access to their own child’s cumulative record or folder. Student records are also accessible to school officials and teachers “who have legitimate education interests”. School records are not accessible to third parties, except where parents have given written consent. When a student becomes 18 years of age or goes to college, the permission and consent required before anyone can see his/her records becomes the student’s business, not his/her parents. The psychological test results will be classified and released only on court order except to authorized school personnel. No student lists will be made available to businesses or colleges unless authorized by the student and parent. For military recruitment purposes, the school will provide information as

requested. Students or parents may sign a waiver as requested. This is in compliance with the “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001”.

**Honor Roll:** Honor Roll students must have no grade lower than a “B” in a subject that carries 5 hours of credit per semester.

**Grade Information:** The following system of grading is used at O’Neill Junior-Senior High School. All grades are entered on report cards and other records by using the letter grade rather than percent.

A+	100% - 97.5%
A	97.4% - 95.5%
A-	95.4% - 93.5%
B+	93.4% - 90.5%
B	90.4% - 87.5%
B-	87.4% - 85.5%
C+	85.4% - 82.5%
C	82.4% - 79.5%
C-	79.4% - 77.5%
D+	77.4% - 74.5%
D	74.4% - 71.5%
D-	71.4% - 69.5%
F	Below 69.4%

The guidance department will compute grades using a 4.0 system. + and - are to be recorded as an indicator of the student’s success at the end of each quarter and semester. Semester grades are cumulative percentage grades for the entire semester. Incomplete grades should be made up on an individual basis.

**Test Retake Policy:** Students who fail a test, may retake the test at the discretion of the teacher. The final test grade will be determined by the teacher.

**Graduation Requirements:** The following credits are required for graduation:

Computer Apps	5 credits
Physical Education	10 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
Science	20 credits
Speech	5 credits
Social Science	30 credits
(which must include:)	
World History	
19 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. History	
20 <sup>th</sup> Century U.S. History/Am. Gov’t.	
English	40 credits

Electives	95 credits
Activity	5 credits
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Total Credits needed for Graduation	240 credits

**Student Progress, Promotion, and Retention:** It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent of schools and the professional staff to provide for the annual classification, reporting of progress, and maintenance of records of all pupils. In order to maintain two-way communications and good public relations with parents, students, and staff, parents need to be kept informed of the student's progress.

The superintendent of schools, principals, and staff will review all situations which may involve student failures. Consideration will be given to the following:

1. The student's ability.
2. The student's actual achievement level and reason for failure.
3. If the student is in Junior or Senior High School, the opportunity to repeat courses at the next grade level.
4. The pros and cons of repeating the grade.

**Class Changes:** When students make a class change, they must do so through the guidance office. All class changes must be authorized by the guidance counselor, a parent, and the teachers involved. Before a class change is in effect, the student must check out of the assigned class by obtaining the teacher's signature before checking into the new class and obtaining the new teacher's signature. Class changes will only be allowed during the 3rd and 4th days following the start of school and not again until second semester, unless approved by the principal.

**Student Withdrawing From School:** Any student leaving school, either during the year or at the end of the school year, must check out. The proper clearance from the office must be obtained and completed before leaving school. Failure to check out in the proper manner will result in student records being held.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Cafeteria:** Students who eat lunch at school will do so in the multi-purpose room. After lunch, students will go directly to the student lounge where they will wait until it is time for their next class.

**Internet Use:** School Internet use should always be appropriate as posted in OPS tech and internet guidelines. Internet use will be limited to only those students who have returned a signed copy of OPS Internet Guideline Form. Usage can be monitored from several locations and people using the Internet system inappropriately may lose their access.

**Lap Top Computers:** Students will be issued lap top computers. It will be the responsibility of the student to take proper care and use the computer responsibly at home and school. Each student will be required to sign a more detailed form at Boot Camp on appropriate use.

**Library:** The library is located at the west side of the school and will be open to students for use every period. However, this area is for study and class preparation and not for lounging. Librarians will be on duty at all times to secure/monitor computers, magazines, books, and other periodicals.

Books and articles are not to be removed from the library without the knowledge and permission of the librarian. **DO NOT DESTROY OR DAMAGE LIBRARY MATERIALS.**

**Locks and Lockers:** Students will be assigned lockers and are to bring their own locks if they desire a lock on their locker. The school will issue locks if requested. The school owns the locker and reserves the right to search the locker. Students are not to write on, or in, their lockers. Students are strongly encouraged to lock their book and PE lockers at all times!

**Lost and Found:** Lost items should be reported to the office. It should be thoroughly understood by all pupils that you are responsible for your own property and that the school cannot assume responsibility for the loss of personal property. All articles found should be turned in to the office.

**Non-Compliance Policy:** Students who have a grievance or complaint against any fact of the school, including sex discrimination or racial bias, should contact the office and submit their complaints in writing. The complaints will either be solved, or determined unsubstantiated, or will be passed to a higher authority. Mr. Steve Brosz is the Title IX Coordinator and Mrs. Kathy Grossnicklaus 504 Handicapped and Disadvantaged Coordinator.

**Parking:** Students are to park in the student parking lot during school hours.

**Planners:** 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students should use and possess their planners at all times. Replacement planners may be purchased for \$5.00. KEEP YOUR OWN!

**Safety:** OPS has a safety plan in effect. Outside doors will be locked during instructional time.

**School Visitors:** All visitors are to check in at the office. No one is to enter a class in session without permission from the office. We encourage parental visitation of classes and allow others to observe classes. However, interruption of classroom processes to confer with a teacher or students is forbidden without proper authorization.

**Student Aides:** Student Aides are the direct responsibility of the supervising teacher and will remain in that teacher's classroom.

**Telephone Calls:** The school office telephone is for school business only. Pupils finding it necessary to make local telephone calls may do so during their lunch hours or after school on the student pay phone. Students needing to use the school phone because of emergencies must first ask the adult secretary or the principal.

Personal cell phones are not allowed to be used during the school day. Phones will be confiscated if used.

**Temporarily Disabled Student:** A student must obtain a statement from a doctor indicating the courses that may be continued if there is a temporary disability involved. Temporarily disabled students should not be allowed in extra-curricular activities without a doctor's consent.

### **ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

**Activity Trips:** Students who are members of an activity must travel to the out of town activity with the sponsor and the other activity members or they will not be allowed to participate. Students may ride home with their parents providing they have obtained approval from both the parents and the sponsor, in writing, prior to departure to the activity. Activity travel release forms are available from the coaching staff, office and activity director.

**Activity Tickets:** Students of O'Neill Public School are urged to purchase an activity ticket for \$20.00. Adult tickets are \$40.00 and Family tickets are \$100.00. Tickets will be sold in the office. A ticket will assure the owner admittance to regular season home sports events. In addition, this ticket permits the student to purchase student tickets at most out of town games and meets. This ticket does not admit students to plays, musicals, dances, or tournaments.

**Class Dues, Meetings and Activities:** Class meetings are held as deemed necessary by the sponsor. Class dues will be set at class meetings.

Class parties and other class activities must be cleared through the Principal and the Activities Director. All class activities must be sponsored by faculty members. Latecomers to a school dance, party or similar activity will not be admitted unless prior arrangements have been made with the sponsor. This policy is in effect 30 minutes after the event is scheduled to begin. Individuals who leave the building will not be re-admitted unless the reason has been approved previously by the sponsor.

Each class is entitled to one function per semester. Only members of the class or classes sponsoring the function are to be in attendance unless the change is cleared through the Principal. Under no

circumstances are people not enrolled in the school to be admitted as guests, with the exception of the Homecoming Dance, Winter Frolics Dance, and the Junior-Senior Prom Dance. Guests will be allowed to attend the above three dances providing they are registered in advance and are not Jr. High students. Breath-a-lizer tests may be utilized at school functions.

**Activity Eligibility:** (Will be governed by the following rules and regulations after due process is allowed the student.)

The staff may take action regarding behavior, other than those specifically provided hereafter, which are reasonable and necessary to aid the student in the activity, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such corrective measures may include, but shall not be limited to the following: counseling of student, parent conferences, requirement of increased workout by student, or restriction of extra-curricular activities.

**1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUG ABUSE**

Students participating in activities shall refrain from the following at all times:

- (a) Possession of, or indulging in the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- (b) Unlawful possession and misuse of a controlled substance (drug abuse).

**2. TOBACCO**

Students, while participating in activities, shall refrain from having in their possession tobacco, or smoking tobacco, or chewing tobacco.

**3. TRAINING HOURS**

While participating in activities, students shall abide by the following hours. This means they shall be in their own homes and preferably in bed:

- (a) Sunday through Friday - 10 p.m., unless parents and sponsors in charge of the activity are notified prior to.
- (b) Saturday, or following the last activity event scheduled for the week - 12:00 a.m.
- (c) Special events (homecoming, prom, etc.) one-half hour after the conclusion of the event, unless there is a scheduled event the following day.

**4. PRACTICE ATTENDANCE**

Students participating in an activity are expected to attend every practice unless the absence is excused by the sponsor.

**5. FAILURE TO TAKE PART IN A SCHEDULED CONTEST**

Students scheduled to take part in an activity will be expected to do so unless there is a valid reason excusing them as determined by the sponsor in charge.

**6. DRESS CODE**

Students participating in or intending to take part in an activity will be expected to look and dress in a manner that credits themselves, their parents, their school, and the activity.

(a) Dress Code - the activity and the sponsor in charge shall dictate the manner of dress while representing the school at an activity. When indirectly involved, such as during the school day, students are required to dress in a manner considered to be in good taste. Clothing such as T-shirts that advertise an alcoholic beverage or drug, or writing deemed unacceptable by the sponsor is not permitted.

(b) Grooming – Boys and girls haircuts shall be deemed appropriate by the head coach of the sport they are participating in. Jewelry is not allowed for boys or girls, as per NSAA rules.

**7. CONDUCT**

Students participating in, or intending to participate in activities, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably upon themselves, their parents, their school, their community, and the activity.

**8. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

(Applicable to all Jr.-Sr. High School students grades 7-12 enrolled at O'Neill Public School.) Some students fall behind an acceptable pace of progress toward graduation due to lack of ability, poor attitude, or motivation, and other problems. The effort to make up lost ground often causes frustration and anxiety, resulting in attitude and discipline problems.

The following is designed as an incentive for acceptable progress toward completion of graduation requirements and maintaining educational growth. To be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity (athletics, drama, speech contests, cheerleading, flag corps, FCCLA, music programs, etc.) a student in grades 9-12 must be passing five (5) classes for each quarter. Junior High students must be passing in four (4) classes, three (3) of which must be core classes. If a student in grades 7-12 does not maintain the above minimum standard he/she will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activity until

the next quarter providing the minimum standard is met. Junior High students not maintaining minimum standards will be placed on academic probation. Please see guidance office for details. Each student may continue to participate in the training programs, but will not be eligible to take part in inter-school activities or public performances during the period of ineligibility. This incentive is not cumulative, it is a quarter by quarter standard. Incompletes will be treated as a failing grade. The administration reserves the option to rule on special situations. The minimum performance standard will carry over for eligibility purposes from year to year while the student is in school. All 9th grade students are eligible at the start of the school year. **Note:** NSAA Activities require students to receive 20 credit hours the preceding semester.

#### 9. CORRECTIVE MEASURES

**1st Offense of Rule #1:** Exclusion from all scheduled interscholastic contests for a period of two weeks (14 days). The two week period shall start at the time that due process is administered. The student would be allowed to practice for the remainder of the season.

**2nd Offense of Rule #1:** Dismissal as a member of the squad for the remainder of the season. The student would be allowed to practice for the remainder of the season.

If the student in violation of Rule 1 submits to a counseling program approved by the principal and completes or shows willingness to complete such program, the above penalty may be reduced to 1 week for the first such violation. Corrective measures for violation of Rules 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 may include one or more of the following:

- (a) Student shall be informed by the coach/sponsor to immediately comply with the regulation.
- (b) Discipline by increased workout.
- (c) Conference with the parents or guardians of the student.
- (d) Student shall not take part in the next scheduled event.
- (e) Will lose any, or all awards earned in the activity.
- (f) Mandatory counseling for the student and/or parent.
- (g) Dismissal as a member of the activity.

It should be noted that a violation of the rules could result in two or more of these corrective measures being applied. However, the rarity of the violation will determine the corrective measure(s) utilized. The student will always be accorded due process and his/her rights as a student and human being protected. All proceedings concerning violations of the

foregoing rules will be within the laws of the State of Nebraska, and the United States, the Nebraska School Activities Association rules and regulations and the Board of Education policies.

**ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPONSORS ARE DUTY BOUND TO FOLLOW THESE POLICIES.**

Parents who do not desire their children to follow these regulations may request that the guidelines not be followed in their case and the violation will be forwarded to the Nebraska School Activities Association for their guidance in the event. Sponsors/coaches may have rules more stringent than the above, but not less.

**ACTIVITY CREDITS/ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS**

School Board Policy requires every student to accumulate 5 activity credits for graduation. These credits will not be waived. Following is a list of school activities and the number of credits that can be earned through participation. The earning of activity credits begins with the 9th grade.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CREDITS PER YEAR</u>
Athletics	NA	2½ per sport/max. 5 yr.
Cheerleader	Tricia Wiseman	2½ per sport/max. 5 yr.
Chess Club	Bill Walters	2 ½ credits
Concessions	Mark Myers/ Cheryl Ludwig	NA
Drill Team	Teri Brown	2 ½ credits
FCCLA	Ann Mann/ Shannon Schaaf	5 credits
Mock Trial	Charlene Paris	2 ½ credits
Musical	Jonathan Jaques	2 ½ credits
Nat'l Honor Soc.	Deb Barelmann/ Jeanne Crumly	2 ½ credits
“O” Club	Nick Hostert	2 ½ credits
One-Act Play	Jill Langan	2 ½ credits
Pep Band	Chad Dean	2 ½ credits
Robotics	Allen Spangler/ Bill Walters	2 ½ credits
Speech Team	Brian Mohr	2 ½ credits
Student Council	Delight Hull	2 ½ credits
Swing Choir	Jonathan Jaques	2 ½ credits

Teacher's Aide	NA	5 credits
Yearbook	Katie Gotschall	5 credits

## ATHLETICS

### SPORT

Football  
 Volleyball  
 Cross Country  
 Girls Golf  
 Girls Softball  
 Boys Basketball  
 Wrestling  
 Girls Basketball  
 Boys Track  
 Boys Golf  
 Girls Track

### COACH

Mark Hunt  
 Kaye Appleby  
 Cole Hilker  
 Danny Fernau  
 Monte Grossnicklaus  
 Wayne Hesse  
 Bryan Corkle  
 Mark Hunt  
 Cole Hilker  
 Greg Buller  
 Steve Brown

**High School Band:** When a student is accepted into the band program, he/she is automatically a member of concert band, marching band and pep band.

The concert band presents two concerts a year, one during Christmas and one in the spring. The students play a mixture of marches, classics, and contemporary music. There is a district music contest in the spring where the band is critiqued and given a rating. This contest also allows students to perform solos or in small groups for a rating.

The marching band performs during programs and half-time for all home football games. They also compete in marching contests in the fall.

Pep band begins during winter sport season. The students perform pop and current music before the game and during half-time. Stage band members audition in the fall for this select group. Stage band members explore various types of swing, jazz, rock and pop music with performances during the Christmas and spring concerts. There is also a spring tour across the state. The stage band rehearses once a week outside of the regular class time.

**Junior High Band:** The junior high band is primarily a concert band. They present two concerts a year, one during Christmas and the other in the spring. A wide variety of music is performed by the

band as the students prepare themselves for entrance into the high school band.

**Cheerleaders:** There are three different cheerleading squads: Football/Volleyball, Boys & Girls Basketball. These activities are open to students grades 9-12. All procedures and requirements for cheerleading tryouts are specified in the cheerleading constitution. One basic element is they are to be held in the final nine weeks of the current school year. That date depends on the calendar of events for the nine weeks. Any changes in the process or scheduling of tryouts is left to the discretion of the cheerleader advisor and activities director.

**Choir:** Mixed choir is composed of students in grades 9-12. Any person wishing to participate must audition for the vocal music instructor. Music of all types is performed throughout the year. Each year the choir participates in district music contest. Small groups and soloists are chosen from the choir.

Students involved in mixed choir have an opportunity to audition for Rhythm Etc. This swing choir group performs at concerts during the year, and for community events, when asked.

**Drill Team:** The drill team consists of students in grades 10-12 who are selected during a fall audition. A combination of small flag routines and dances are performed during the half-time of boys basketball games.

**FCCLA:** Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is a national student organization. It was developed to help youth assume their roles in society through Family & Consumer Science Education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation, and community involvement. Membership is open to both boys and girls in grades 7-12 who are taking or have taken a course in family and consumer science.

The O'Neill FCCLA Chapter has monthly meetings, normally the first Monday of each month. They also carry on various projects to aid the membership, the school, and the community. Some of these projects include: Homecoming project to develop and encourage school spirit, Frolics, FCCLA week observances, and attending district, state, and national conferences.

The competition component of FCCLA is STAR--Students Taking Action for Recognition. These events involve district, state, and in some cases, national competition.

All students are encouraged to join the organization. Questions should be addressed to any FCCLA chapter officer, member or advisor.

**Fine Arts Club:** Fine Arts Club is an organization for students involved in all aspects of the arts. The purpose of the organization is to foster pride in artistic endeavors, to reach out to the community, to encourage artistic awareness and support. The year culminates in a Fine Arts Night, which showcases and honors outstanding performances from throughout the year.

**Flag Corps:** The flag corps consists of students in grades 10-12, who are selected during a spring audition. The flag corps performs with the marching band in the fall. A combination of creative flag routines and dances are used to project a visual effect and enhance the band's performances.

**Mock Trial:** The purpose of the Nebraska Mock Trial Competition is to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the legal system. Students will experience what it is like to prepare for and present a case before a judge. Working with a team and coaches, students will learn to evaluate information and respond quickly. By studying and understanding courtroom procedure, the students will become more comfortable with federal and state laws as part of the legal system. Students play the role of witness and/or lawyer in performing the case before real judges and lawyers from the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nebraska.

**Musical:** Any student in good academic standing in O'Neill High School may audition for cast/chorus of the musical. It can be beneficial for a student interested in a role with solos to be in choir, but it is not required.

Auditions are held from eight to ten weeks before show date. Students who wish to be considered for a major role need to have both a reading and vocal audition. Cast/chorus are selected from performances at the auditions and upon their availability for rehearsals.

Rehearsals are held in the evenings and on Saturday. Cast and chorus start rehearsals after casting. The final 2-3 weeks before the show, full cast and crew are needed regularly at all rehearsals.

Musical work crews are needed in the following areas: poster delivery, programs, scenery, costumes, properties, makeup, lights, and sound and stage crews. To be on a crew, the student turns in an

interest form, from which they are selected. The only unlimited crew is sets. Musical preparation is outside the school day.

**National Honor Society:** The purpose of the National Honor Society is to recognize and encourage superior scholarship. Students who have a 3.0 (B) cumulative grade average at the end of the first semester of their sophomore year are eligible for membership. Grade averages are reviewed for students at the end of the first semester of their junior and senior years and if they meet the 3.0 average they are considered for membership at that time. Students must maintain a 3.0 average to be a member.

In addition to scholarship, students must exemplify high standards of character, leadership and service to the school and community. Selection is coordinated by faculty advisors based on recommendations by the entire high school faculty.

**“O” Club:** “O” Club is an organization of O’Neill High School students who have lettered in a varsity sport either as an athlete, student manager, or cheerleader. Lettering criteria is established by the head coach in each sport. Members must remain current in their lettered sport. Students who letter during the current year are encouraged to sign up for “O” Club in the AD’s office.

The purpose of the club is to maintain the highest possible standard in athletics, to foster school spirit and sportsmanship, to promote pride in athletes, to develop high moral character, and to further cooperation among the student body, faculty, and community. Activity credit will be awarded to members who fulfill the service requirements of the organization. This organization plans one fun trip per year. Those members who have completed their service requirements and maintained the ideals of the club listed above are eligible to attend.

**One-Act Play:** The One-Act Play is a play presented for District One-Act Contest and judged on performance and artistic merit. The contest is generally held the first week in December. Tryouts will be held about eight weeks prior to the contest. Rehearsals will begin immediately upon selection of cast. Rehearsals will be from one to one and a half hours in length and will be held after school whenever possible, although evening rehearsals are also used extensively. Times may be changed to accommodate students’ schedules. There will be several morning and evening rehearsals so that the cast may rehearse on stage. Commitment to the play is extremely important in order to produce a quality performance. For this reason, if a student

misses too many rehearsals, an understudy will be appointed to replace that student.

**Robotics:** Team(s) of highly motivated students with an interest in technology and competitions. Teams will assemble robots, operate and develop programming and logical skills. A series of competitions are held in the spring.

**Speech Team:** Speech Team members prepare material to be presented at Speech contests. Team as well as individual scoring is awarded. Categories include: Humorous and Serious Prose, Poetry, Persuasive, Informative, Entertainment, Extemporaneous, Duet Acting, and Oral Interpretation of Drama. There are 5-6 invitational meets, District and State meets throughout January, February, and March. Practice generally starts the first week of December and continues throughout the season. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule their practices before, during, after school, or in the evenings.

**Student Council:** The purpose of student council is to assist the members in developing their leadership skills. The council also provides a means of communication between the students and the administration. Another function of the council is to provide service to the school and community. Membership on the council is determined in this manner: one representative is chosen from each recognized organization and two representatives are chosen from each grade, 7 through 12. Representatives must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have no failures from the previous semester. To be considered for the positions of student council president, vice president or secretary, a member must submit a nomination petition signed by 5% of the student body and three faculty members. If needed, a general election of grades 9-11 is held in the spring to elect student council officers.

**Yearbook:** Staff members for the high school yearbook, AERIE, are selected from applications presented to the yearbook sponsors. The staff is divided into two groups: Junior High and High School. Junior High members become eligible during second semester of their seventh grade year and work only on junior high pages. High School staff members become eligible in their freshman year. Applications are evaluated by the sponsors. Meetings are held on Monday evenings. Money for the book is earned from advertising and yearbook sales.

**Basketball (Boys):** Boys basketball, an interscholastic sport, is offered to both junior and senior high students in O’Neill. The junior high play an 8 game regular season schedule and a season ending area tournament. The senior high season starts in November and sub-district play begins in late February. Our high school program includes a varsity schedule (18 games), junior varsity schedule (14 games), and a freshman schedule (11 games and a tournament). O’Neill’s basketball team emphasizes the importance of teamwork, discipline and hard work as we strive to attain team and personal goals. There will also be an intramural program for the junior high participants. This will give everyone an opportunity to play. Players not selected for the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade traveling team will play in this league.

**Basketball (Girls):** Girls basketball, an interscholastic sport, is offered to both junior and senior high students at O’Neill Public School. The junior high program begins in mid-October and ends before Christmas break. The girls usually compete in 9 games. The freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity begin in mid-November. The varsity squad consists of 12-15 players who play approximately 16 regular season games. The girls basketball program gives the student athlete a chance to represent O’Neill in a school activity, develop self-discipline, self-confidence, and learn sportsmanship.

**Cross Country:** The O’Neill High School cross country program consists of boys and girls in grades 7-12. The season starts in mid-August and concludes in mid-October. There are approximately 8 scheduled meets with distances of 2.5 miles for girls and 3.1 miles for boys. Current divisions are girls varsity, boys reserve and boys varsity. Runners are in periodic training throughout the year with the purpose of the program being to develop running and competitive ability.

**Football:** Football is offered to athletes from the junior high to senior high levels. The objective of the program is to help the athlete develop mentally, physically, and morally. These objectives will be met by placing emphasis on discipline and self-confidence, physical conditioning and skill development, and above all else, sportsmanship, integrity and teamwork.

**Golf (Boys):** Golf is a lifetime sport. Emphasis will be placed on preparing students to play competitively although all golfers will be taught the basic skills of golf along with the rules, terms, and proper etiquette. Students will find that golf helps build one’s character by placing emphasis on honesty, perseverance, and self-control. All golfers will play qualifying rounds in order to play on varsity and reserve levels. Students should provide their own golf clubs. Golf

team members are guests of the O'Neill Country Club during the golf season. Team meetings will begin the first week of March. Golfers will take a golf test on rules and etiquette before playing on the course. Indoor practices will be held prior to outdoor practice at the country club. All boys 9-12 are eligible to participate.

**Golf (Girls):** Girls golf is a fall sport that is offered to all girls in grades 9 through 12. Golf is truly a sport for a lifetime that affords its participants the opportunity for freedom of expression and teaches self-control and self-discipline. It also provides each individual the chance to be involved in a competitive team sport as well as competing on an individual basis. Golf is a sport that does not discriminate against an individual because of size or physical capabilities. Students who compete on the girls golf team will be taught the rules of the game and the technique for improving their golf skills. This program will emphasize honesty, integrity, mannerly behavior, and enjoyment of the sport.

**Softball (Girls):** The girls will play approximately 20 varsity games and 6 to 8 JV games. Games begin in late August and district play begins in early October. The girls softball program gives the student athlete an opportunity to develop self-confidence, practice good sportsmanship and learn about teamwork.

**Track (Boys):** Track at O'Neill is a spring sport that offers the individual athlete an opportunity to better himself physically. The most important point of emphasis is to instill the feeling of accomplishment. This is accomplished by allowing all athletes on all levels to work to their ability. The coaching staff strives for self-discipline. That is, if an athlete can discipline himself, no one will have to discipline him. Track will only help the athlete who is willing to help himself. By season's end, our goal is for all athletes to fit this description. Training rules are mandatory. We encourage anyone willing to better himself through hard work and discipline to compete in this spring sport. NOTE: All state track events are offered at O'Neill (running, jumping, throwing, etc....). We offer one of the finest facilities in the area. The coaching staff is dedicated to helping the student athlete make himself a better competitor.

**Track (Girls):** Girls track is offered to athletes in grades 7-12. The objective of the program is to help the athlete develop mentally, physically, and morally. These objectives will be met by placing emphasis on discipline and self-confidence, physical conditioning and skill development, and above all else, sportsmanship, integrity, and teamwork.

Varsity practice begins in March, while the junior high season begins at the beginning of April.

**Volleyball:** Volleyball is conducted in the fall. The high school teams start practice approximately one week before school begins. Junior high teams usually begin practice the first day of school.

The Junior High (7th & 8th grades) will be split into two squads. One squad will play intramural games and the possibility of 1-2 interscholastic games, and the other squad will compete in tournaments and play 3-4 interscholastic games.

The varsity team is made up of the best 12-14 players grades 9-12. The junior varsity team will consist of the next best players, and the freshmen team will consist of all freshmen. If a large number of athletes are out, there will be a traveling team for the JV and Freshmen teams numbering 10-12 players each.

Games are held during the week, usually on Tuesday and Thursday. The varsity will also compete in a couple of tournaments on Saturday.

**Wrestling:** Varsity wrestling is for grades 9-12. The sport is designed for the person who likes individual sports and wants to receive credit for the effort he puts out. The wrestler will compete in approximately 9 tournaments and 8 duals. The weight classifications allow athletes of various sizes to compete effectively. There are 14 weight classes for both varsity and junior varsity so all participants will have many opportunities to compete.

Junior high wrestling is designed to teach the athlete basic wrestling moves. Wrestlers will compete in tournaments and duals. The season runs from mid-October to Christmas vacation.