

# **Welcome Husky Nation!**

At Nashua-Plainfield, we are committed to fostering an environment where accountability & mutual support drive our collective success

We passionately believe that growth is best achieved through teamwork and perseverance.

**Student Success Thriving District** 

**GROWTH TEAMWORK PERSEVERANCE**  Nashua-Plainfield Community School District provides Pre-K - 12 public education for approximately 580 students.

Our mission is to demonstrate growth, teamwork, and perseverance.

Our vision is to foster an environment where accountability and mutual support drive our collective success.



~600





**Buildings** 

31%

Free/Reduced

Grades 5-12

~100

School Board Members

Faculty+St Members



97.62%



Concurrent **Enrollment** 

Graduation Rate



#### **Academics**

Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools was formed in 1997 from the merger of the Nashua and Plainfield districts, serving parts of Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw, and Floyd counties. The district includes two schools: Nashua-Plainfield Elementary and Nashua-Plainfield Junior-Senior High School.

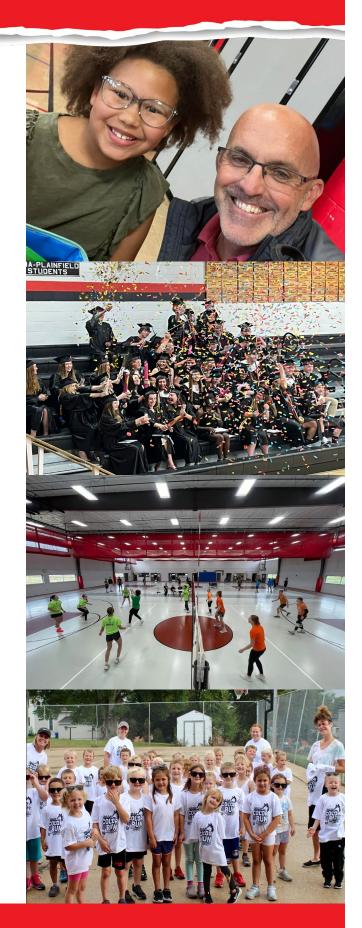
Our schools offer small class sizes, a supportive community, and a high-quality curriculum, including Science of Reading and Illustrative Mathematics. Students enjoy flexible seating, personalized academic support, Talented and Gifted (TAG) programs, and enrichment opportunities.

We promote a positive school culture with programs like high school mentors, Leader of the Month awards, and a therapy dog. Learning extends beyond the classroom with field trips to places like Rockford Fossil Park and the Des Moines Zoo. We also partner with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department and offer a Pre-K. program for three-and four-year-olds, led by experienced, highly trained instructors.

The community of Nashua, where the district is headquartered, has a rich historical background. Nashua itself, established as a town in the mid-1800s, is known for its small-town charm and proximity to the Cedar River. The district's mascot is the Husky, and its colors are red, black and silver. Nashua-Plainfield is recognized for its involvement in athletics, particularly track, football and wrestling, where the school has seen notable success, including state championships in wrestling in 2004 and 2012.

The N-P CSD 2023-24 overall graduation rate was 90%. This rate has remained stable over the past several years, reflecting a consistent level of student success in completing their high school education.

We offer a variety of extracurricular activities for our youth, including seasonal sports, leadership clubs like FFA and FCCLA, a 5th/6th grade trip to Washington, D.C., and creative programs like music and band. Our partnership with the Husky Wellness Center provides camps and





sports opportunities for kids. We're proud of long-standing traditions such as over 20 years of swimming lessons for every 2nd grader, funded by a local family in memory of a loved one, and the Christmas Store, which has given students the chance to shop for gifts for over a decade. These activities help students build teamwork, life skills, and creativity.

We also encourage family involvement through events like Kookies with Kids, Gingerbread Houses, school concerts, and volunteer opportunities for fun activities such as the Color Run and Fun Day. Our goal is to provide a supportive learning environment that values personalized education, collaboration, and technology.

Concurrent enrollment is offered through Hawkeye Community College. We also partner with the new NIACC Career Center in Charles City, offering 12 spots in areas like nursing, advanced manufacturing, IT and construction.

Representing the Huskies, we compete in the Top of Iowa Conference and enjoy excellent facilities, such as the Husky Wellness Center.

### **Extracurriculars**





Nashua-Plainfield Community School District offers a wide range of extracurricular activities that help students discover and grow their talents. From sports like football, basketball, and track to arts programs including band and choir, students have many opportunities to get involved. These activities not only develop skills like teamwork and leadership but also strengthen ties with the community, fostering personal growth and school spirit. See more about our extracurriculars on our website!









### **Facilities**

The mission of the Nashua-Plainfield Schools is to demonstrate growth, teamwork, and perseverance. The Husky Wellness Center in Nashua opened in 2013. It was established as a 26,000-square-foot facility to provide fitness activities, adult education opportunities and recreational services for the community and surrounding areas.

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School offers several programs and initiatives designed to support academic achievement and personal growth for students in grades Pre-K. through 5.

Our elementary school prioritizes inclusivity, offering support for students' academic, behavioral, and emotional needs. With a preschool program, it builds strong foundations in learning and social skills. Students can participate in activities like band, while middle and high school clubs such as FFA and FCCLA offer enrichment opportunities by partnering with elementary students. These collaborations inspire creativity and teamwork.

Nashua-Plainfield Junior-Senior High School serves about 310 students, grades 6-12. The school offers counseling, and programs to support academics and well-being. Students can join FFA, FCCLA, band, and more.

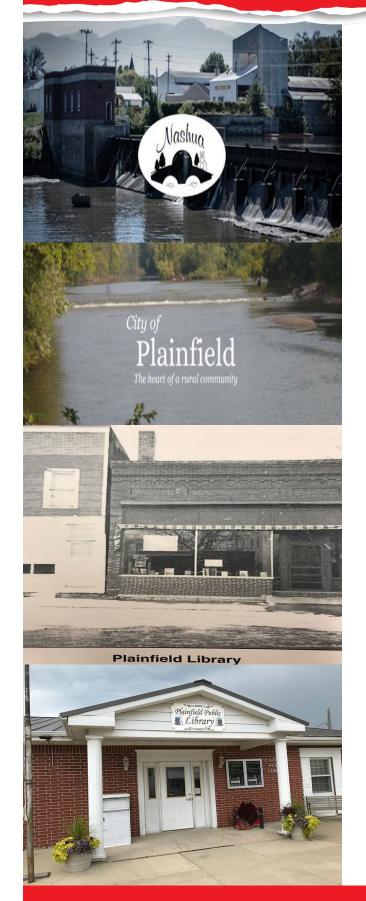
It competes in the Top of Iowa Conference, with highlights like state championships wrestling in 2004 and 2012. Academic proficiency in math (67%) and reading (69%) is near state averages, and the graduation rate matches the Iowa average at 90%. The school prepares students for success through a range of academic, social, and athletic opportunities.

A brand-new, state-of-the-art \$3 million, four-diamond baseball and softball complex is officially complete and set to shine for the 2025 summer season! This premier facility will serve as the home of our high school programs and youth recreation leagues, offering top-tier fields, modern amenities, and an unmatched playing experience. Get ready for a new era of baseball and softball excellence in our community!





## **Community**



The City of Nashua was established in 1896. Cedar Lake is a central feature of Nashua, serving as both a community gathering spot and a tourist attraction. The Cedar River flows south from the lake, offering recreational activities like tubing to nearby Plainfield. Several parks surround the lake, including Cedar View Park, which features a campground, beaches, and a boat ramp, and Veterans Park, a popular fishing spot. Lakeshore Park offers a scenic trail, while Cannon Park provides great lake views.

Nashua has several key community hubs beyond the lake. The Dairy Treat is a popular local destination, and the welcome center hosts events like weddings. The Nashua-Plainfield School District campus includes elementary and high schools, along with the Husky Wellness Center, open to students and residents. East of town, the Old Bradford Pioneer Village and the Little Brown Church attract tourists, while the fairgrounds host an annual four-county fair.

Locals use landmarks like the water tower, co-op, and Cedar River bridge for navigation. Historic sites such as the old mill and powerhouse remain significant, with the powerhouse generating revenue for the town. Nashua's public library, established in 1906, continues to serve the community.

Most residential areas are near Cedar Lake, including Lakeshore Drive and Cedar Hill neighborhoods. Developments like Harbor Ridge and Millrock Heights offer scenic lake views from the north.

The City of Plainfield was established in 1866. Plainfield is conveniently located in Bremer County, directly off the Avenue of the Saints, in Northeast Iowa. With a population of 393, Plainfield offers a slower pace of life, family-oriented events, walkability, and a close proximity to Lake Plainfield and North Cedar Park for all of you nature lovers.

The first library in Plainfield was opened December 20, 1969. It was housed in the former Orcutt Paint Store on Main Street, just to the North of where the new building stands now. On April 2, 1977, the old library closed to make way for a new library building. On September 3, 1978, the newly constructed library was opened.

The Plainfield Library celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2019.

Plainfield, Iowa, has a rich history of resilience and growth, beginning with its first settler, Tom Thomas, in 1854. Thomas built a log cabin but eventually returned to Wisconsin, selling his land to George Ketchum and Rebecca Folks. In 1866, they subdivided their land into town lots, sparking development. The arrival of the railroad brought further growth, with E.J. Dean and Pike added their own subdivisions, leading to a building boom by 1869.

The town was officially incorporated in 1895 after a major fire prompted the need for a fire department. Despite setbacks, including another devastating fire in 1943 and a grain elevator fire in 1944, the community continued to rebuild and improve.

Plainfield's strong community spirit has driven efforts to enhance infrastructure, such as building a public water system and a new fire station. Today, the town stands as a testament to its pioneers' determination, echoing the words of its first settler: "We'll be abuildin' right here."

The N-P community school district benefits from active booster clubs and partnerships that provide financial and resource support, enhancing student experiences both in and out of the classroom.

Members of the Husky Leadership Team delivered blankets made by Nashua-Plainfield students to Cedar Vale Assisted Living. This thoughtful gesture provided warmth and community support, demonstrating the students' commitment to giving back and fostering connections with local residents.

N-P high school students volunteer for a service project with Nashua Parks during Homecoming Week. Despite the challenging task of building a retaining wall at The Baldwin Bandshell, the students worked efficiently and completed the job in record time. Their dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Nashua-Plainfield proudly hosts an annual Bike Rodeo to teach K-2 students essential bike safety skills. As part of the event, students in need receive helmets, and thanks to the generosity of the Nashua Women of Today, two fortunate 2nd graders won brand-new bikes through a special drawing!



