



Creek Valley Public Schools
Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World!

Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 14, 2025 - Elementary School Library

Section 1: Call to Order

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Publication of Meeting
Notification published in the October 9, 2025 edition of the Chappell Register
4. Notice of Open Meetings Act (Poster Updated June 2025)

Section 2: Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda may be acted on in a single motion. Items may be moved from the Consent Agenda by request of any board member.

1. Personnel Recommendations
 - 1.A. Hiring:
KK Fletcher- HS Asst. Girls Basketball
Barry Schaeffer- HS Asst. Volleyball
2. Resignations/Retirements/Separations
3. Financial Reports
4. Minutes of September 9 Regular Board Meeting
Minutes of September 23 Budget Hearing
5. Approval of General Fund, and Depreciation Fund Bills
6. Option Enrollment
 - 6.A. In: None

6.B. Out: None

Section 3: Audience Communications

*This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the community to speak to the board on items of interest and concern that may or may not be on the agenda. **The Creek Valley Board of Education requires any member of the public desiring to address the board to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.** Open discussion of personnel issues will be closely monitored. The President of the Board may limit the total amount of time available for Audience Communication or for each person to speak to three minutes so that all who wish to address the board will have time to do so. The board may choose to not respond during the current meeting to statements or questions presented during this segment of the agenda. The President may direct the administration to respond at a later date to your comments or the President may also contact you at a later date to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to your requests, comments, questions, or concerns. The period of time during Audience Communication is the only time allotted for community members to speak. The remaining portions of the meeting are reserved exclusively for board participation.*

Section 4: Items for Discussion and/or Consideration:

1. Superintendent's Report:

1.A. Principal's Report

1.B. Board Computers: Instructions

1.B.a. Dates Available for Sparq Introduction?

1.C. DHHS Licensing

1.D. ALICAP Safety Visit

1.E. Booster Club Activities and Thanks

1.F. Maintenance Activities

1.G. Football Field Printer

1.H. Thanks to Zack Ringer

2. Resolution Approving Option Capacity

3. Adopt Policy 718.01: Travel Costs Related to Federal Grants

We are required to adopt this policy in order to comply with federal expectations for grant dollars.

- 4. Board Reports:
 - 4.A. Chair
 - 4.B. Committees
 - 4.B.a. Foundation/Finance
 - 4.B.b. CVELC
 - 4.B.c. Grounds & Maintenance
 - 4.B.d. Negotiations
 - 4.C. Other Members

Policy Review: Section 203

Section 5: Executive Session (As Needed)

Creek Valley School District's Board of Education is authorized by state statute to enter into executive session. Executive sessions may be held when it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Reasons that meet this standard include but are not limited to: Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending litigation, investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct, evaluation of the job performance of a person to prevent needless injury to the reputation of this person and if the person has not requested a public meeting, and or to receive legal advice.

Section 6: Adjournment

CREEK VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Monthly County Treasurer Collections Tracking
GENERAL FUND - Deuel, Garden and Cheyenne Counties
 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

| LAST DAY OF MONTH OF | TAXES | INTEREST | HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION | PERS PROP TAX CREDIT | VEHICLE PRO-RATE | FINES AND LICENSES | COUNTY COURT FINES | MOTOR VEHICLE | CARLINE TAXES | SCHOOL TAX CREDIT | TRANSFER INTER-FUND | IN LIEU OF TAX HOUSING AUTHORITY | HOMESTEAD EXEMP COMM | LESS TREASURER COMMISSION | BALANCE AVAILABLE |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | \$65,260.51 | \$760.46 | | | \$439.08 | | | \$10,462.42 | | | \$3,663.93 | | | \$660.21 | \$79,926.19 |
| Oct. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| July Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. Deuel Co. Garden Co. Cheyenne Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$65,260.51 | \$760.46 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$439.08 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,462.42 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,663.93 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$660.21 | \$79,926.19 |

CREEK VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Monthly County Treasurer Collections Tracking
BUILDING FUND - Deuel, Garden and Cheyenne Counties
 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

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| Sept. Deuel Co. | \$2,380.25 | \$28.61 | | | \$15.97 | | | | | | | \$24.09 | \$2,400.74 |
| Garden Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL | \$2,380.25 | \$28.61 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15.97 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$24.09 | \$2,400.74 |

| CREEK VALLEY SCHOOLS | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Month of: SEPTEMBER 2025 | | | | |
| | BANK BALANCE ON FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THIS MONTH | RECEIPTS | DISBURSED | BANK BALANCE ON LAST BUSINESS DAY OF THIS MONTH |
| FUND | | | | |
| General Fund | \$3,129,755.21 | \$806,362.09 | \$556,850.04 | \$3,379,267.26 |
| Special Building Fund | \$363,550.95 | \$22,496.55 | \$0.01 | \$386,047.49 |
| Clearing Fund | \$27,515.67 | \$33,810.71 | \$31,562.42 | \$29,763.96 |
| Cafeteria Fund | \$32,197.40 | \$950.00 | \$149.99 | \$32,997.41 |
| Depreciation Fund | \$621,084.60 | \$1,503.73 | \$0.00 | \$622,588.33 |
| Lunch Fund | \$7,366.10 | \$11,213.33 | \$8,510.63 | \$10,068.80 |
| Activity Fund | \$66,017.49 | \$20,093.58 | \$43,181.55 | \$42,929.52 |

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| | DIST #25 CLEARING FUND | | | | | | |
| | THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026 | | | | | | |
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| DATE | ENTRY | CHECK | CODE | EXPEND. | DEPOSITS | EXPENSES | BALANCE |
| 9.1.2025 | BEG BALANCE | | | | | | 27,515.67 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 9.18.2025 | NPERS | | | 31,562.42 | | 31,562.42 | |
| 9.19.2025 | NPERS Reimbursement | | | | 33,810.71 | | 29,763.96 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | YEAR TO DATE | | | 31,562.42 | 33,810.71 | | |
| | BALANCE - 09/3/2025 | | | | 29,763.96 | | |
| | MONTH TO DATE | | | 31,562.42 | | | |

BOARD OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL DISTRICT #25
Chappell, Nebraska
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #25, Chappell, Nebraska was held on September 9, 2025, in the Elementary School Library. Notice of the meeting was published as required by law. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Troy Isenbart and attendance was taken.

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| Lucas Hanson: | Present |
| Troy Isenbart: | Present |
| Matt Klingman: | Absent |
| Doug Mashek: | Absent |
| Stephanie Owen: | Present |
| Deann Speirs: | Present |

Also present were Superintendent, Loren Engel; Principal, Barry Schaeffer; and Business Manager, Carrie Lutkehus. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those present.

Lucas Hanson moved, and Deann Speirs seconded a motion to Accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Personnel Recommendations

- Hiring

- Sam Cheramie- Maintenance Supervisor

- Maggie Koehn- Para Educator

- Resignations/Retirements/Separations

- Amanda Alexander- Para Educator, VB Asst., GBB Asst.

- Financial Reports

- General Fund Expenditures 24-25

- General Fund Overall Receipts 24-25

- Co. Treasurer General 8-2025

- Co. Treasurer Building 8-2025

- Interest Earnings 8-2025

- Lunch Fund Summary 8-2025

- Lunch Fund 8-2025

- Activity Fund Report 8-2025
- Monthly Bank Balance Sheet 8-2025
- Enrollment Stats 8-2025
- Minutes of August 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of General Fund Bills

Creek Valley Public Schools

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|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 09/09/2025 | 20/20 TECHNOLOGIES LLC | Hardware/Software | \$17,275.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | ALIENS AND STRANGERS MUSIC | Instrument Repair | \$1,425.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | APPTEGY | Thrillshare Media Subscription | \$6,124.38 |
| 09/09/2025 | ASHLEY FRITZ | Training and Mileage | \$264.80 |
| 09/09/2025 | BEST PLUMBING | Maintenance - Grease Traps | \$926.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | Monthly Energy Bill | \$443.96 |
| 09/09/2025 | BLICK ART MATERIALS | Instructional Supplies | \$253.34 |
| 09/09/2025 | BSN SPORTS | Instructional Supplies | \$413.73 |
| 09/09/2025 | BUCKEYE WELDING SUPPLY | Instructional Supplies | \$246.16 |
| 09/09/2025 | CDW Government, Inc | Instructional Supplies | \$72.19 |
| 09/09/2025 | CENTURYLINK | Local Phone Service | \$356.66 |
| 09/09/2025 | CHAPPELL LUMBER | Maintenance & Repair | \$2,157.80 |
| 09/09/2025 | CHAPPELL PLUMBING, LLC | HS Repair | \$239.50 |
| 09/09/2025 | CHAPPELL REGISTER | Printing & Advertising | \$104.70 |
| 09/09/2025 | CRANMORE FIRE PROTECTION LLC | Extinguisher Inspection | \$1,410.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | CRANMORE PEST CONTROL | Pest Control | \$160.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | CREEK VALLEY SCHOOLS - LUNCH FUND | CVELC Meals | \$1,580.60 |
| 09/09/2025 | CREEK VALLEY SCHOOLS - LUNCH FUND | PreK Meals | \$84.40 |
| 09/09/2025 | DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLIES | Instructional Supplies | \$20.84 |
| 09/09/2025 | DISCOVERY EDUCATION INC. | Instructional Software | \$6,638.31 |
| 09/09/2025 | DOCU-shred | Shredding Service | \$225.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | Copy Charges & Paper Supplies | \$9,496.65 |
| 09/09/2025 | Ebsco | Library Subscriptions | \$135.27 |
| 09/09/2025 | EGAN SUPPLY CO. | Pre-K Supplies | \$37.03 |
| 09/09/2025 | ESU #10 | PowerSchool Service & Support | \$5,649.84 |
| 09/09/2025 | ESU #16 | Staff Training | \$30.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | HANSEN'S PETROLUEM LLC | Fuel | \$1,224.89 |
| 09/09/2025 | HARRIS SCHOOL SOLUTIONS | Professional Services - Year End Help | \$900.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | HOME 2 Suites by Hilton | Administrator Days Lodging | \$2,239.20 |
| 09/09/2025 | HOMETOWN LEASING | Copier Lease | \$536.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | Ideal Linen Supply | Custodial Supplies | \$953.36 |
| 09/09/2025 | Kent's Towing and Repair | STORM Bus Towing | \$1,350.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | KUDER, INC. | Software License | \$250.00 |

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| 09/09/2025 | Kurtzer's | Grounds Expense - Mower Repair | \$15.44 |
| 09/09/2025 | LAKESHORE LEARNING | Instructional Supplies | \$32.23 |
| 09/09/2025 | LIMINEX, INC. | GoGuardian Software | \$2,391.25 |
| 09/09/2025 | MATHESON TRI-GAS INC | Welding Supplies | \$437.15 |
| 09/09/2025 | MRG HAUFF | Physical Education Supplies | \$675.29 |
| 09/09/2025 | MUNICIPAL UTILITIES | Utilities | \$6,654.85 |
| 09/09/2025 | NASB | NAEP Membership Dues | \$65.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | NCS PEARSON, INC. | Forms | \$554.74 |
| 09/09/2025 | NE RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION | Membership Dues | \$850.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN | EP Tuition | \$109.36 |
| 09/09/2025 | NEBRASKA SCIENTIFIC | Instructional Supplies | \$187.64 |
| 09/09/2025 | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES, LLC | OT Services | \$1,312.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | PARCO | Instructional Supplies | \$371.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE & GESSFORD, P.C., L.L.O. | Contracted Legal Services | \$432.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | PLATFORM ATHLETICS, LLC | Software Renewal | \$1,350.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | POPPE'S | STORM Bus Repair | \$599.97 |
| 09/09/2025 | PREMIER AUTO PARTS AND SERVICE | Grounds Maintenance Supplies | \$206.39 |
| 09/09/2025 | PREMIER LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC | Weed Control & Fertilizer | \$1,465.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | Postage Machine Rental | \$405.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | QUILL | Instructional Supplies | \$760.61 |
| 09/09/2025 | RON's CHAPPELL AUTO REPAIR | Vehicle Maintenance | \$2,506.18 |
| 09/09/2025 | S&S WORLDWIDE | Instructional Materials | \$13.38 |
| 09/09/2025 | Savvas Learning Company LLC | Instructional Materials | \$4,198.58 |
| 09/09/2025 | SCHOLASTIC | Instructional Materials | \$102.17 |
| 09/09/2025 | SCHOOL HEALTH | Instructional Supplies | \$114.10 |
| 09/09/2025 | SCHOOL SPECIALTY | Instructional Supplies | \$364.49 |
| 09/09/2025 | STORYVILLE CENTER FOR THE SPOKEN WORD INC. | JCh Tuition | \$275.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | THE ART OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITY, LLC | Curriculum Renewal | \$1,711.38 |
| 09/09/2025 | VICTOR & VICTOR REMODELING | CVELC Remodel | \$4,582.03 |
| 09/09/2025 | VIRCO | Instructional Supplies - Furniture | \$1,986.54 |
| 09/09/2025 | WAGeworks | CAFETERIA FUND FEES | \$118.25 |
| Total | | | \$98,071.63 |

- Option Enrollment

- In: 0

- Out: 1

- KG student from Cheyenne County to Sidney- not affiliated with CVELC

Voice Vote indicated motion carried. Lucas Hanson: Yea, Troy Isenbart: Yea, Matt Klingman: Absent, Doug Mashek: Absent, Stephanie Owen: Yea, Deann Speirs: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Visitors were present at the meeting, and a concern was presented regarding the Chromebook Policy for JH Students. Following presentation of the concern, the Superintendent and Principal agreed to discuss the policy and to get back to the Citizen. The Board thanks the Citizen for presenting the concern.

Attendance was taken again at 6:43pm upon entry of remaining board members.

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| Lucas Hanson: | Present |
| Troy Isenbart: | Present |
| Matt Klingman: | Present |
| Doug Mashek: | Present |
| Stephanie Owen: | Present |
| Deann Speirs: | Present |

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Superintendent's Report:
 - Barry Schaeffer shared the Principal's Report
 - Loren Engel shared the remainder of the Superintendent's Report
- Board Reports:
 - The Foundation/Finance Committee met to discuss tax rates last week. A Budget Hearing and setting of the tax rate will take place later in September.
 - The Grounds and Maintenance Committee will schedule a meeting with the new Maintenance Supervisor.
 - Other Members discussed the recent NE Association of School Boards Regional Meeting in North Platte, which was held on September 3, 2025.
- Free Admission to Creek Valley Events for Creek Valley students was discussed and supported by all members present.
- Matt Klingman moved, and Stephanie Owen seconded a motion to approve Creek Valley Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2026-2027 contract year. Voice Vote indicated motion carried. Lucas Hanson: Yea, Troy Isenbart: Yea, Matt Klingman: Yea, Doug Mashek: Yea, Stephanie Owen: Yea, Deann Speirs: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- Lucas Hanson moved, and Deann Speirs seconded a motion to accept Policies 201.01 through 201.07 and Policies 202.01 through 202.04 as presented. Voice Vote indicated motion carried. Lucas Hanson: Yea, Troy Isenbart: Yea, Matt Klingman: Yea, Doug Mashek: Yea, Stephanie Owen: Yea, Deann Speirs: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- Carrie Lutkehus presented a financial status report and discussed work toward the upcoming Budget Hearing.

- Deann Speirs moved, and Matt Klingman seconded a motion to adjourn meeting. Voice Vote indicated motion Carried. Lucas Hanson: Yea, Troy Isenbart: Yea, Matt Klingman: Yea, Doug Mashek: Yea, Stephanie Owen: Yea, Deann Speirs: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 14, 2025.

Troy Isenbart
Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT #25
Chappell, Nebraska
Special Meeting - Hearing to Set Final Tax Request
September 23, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District #25, Chappell, Nebraska, was held on September 23, 2025, in the Library at the Creek Valley Elementary School as a Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request. Notice of the meeting was published as required by law. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by President Klingman.

Present and voting were Board of Education members Matt Klingman, Doug Mashek, Luke Hanson, Stephanie Owen, and Deann Speirs. Also present were Superintendent, Loren Engel and Business Manager, Carrie Lutkehus.

New Business:

L. Engel presented the Proposed 2025-2026 Tax Request and recommended the Board's approval.

D. Mashek moved, and S. Owen seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-0923, setting the tax request as presented. All voting members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

D. Mashek moved, and L. Hanson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote indicated the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 14, 2025.

Troy Isenbart
Secretary

Board of Education Report

Barry Schaeffer PK-12 Principal

October 10, 2025

It is hard to believe that the first quarter is already coming to an end. Our focus continues to be ensuring that all students are earning at least a **C** in their coursework. We are providing additional support for students who are performing below that level, as we believe every student is capable of achieving a C or higher in any class.

Students who consistently perform at or above this level not only maintain eligibility for school activities but also build the academic habits necessary for success beyond high school.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Students earning **two failing grades** are **ineligible** for activities.
- Students earning **one failing grade and one D** are also **ineligible**.
- Students earning **one D** remain **eligible**.
- Students earning **two D's** are placed on **probation** and must raise at least one grade to a C or higher to regain full eligibility the following week.

Students performing below expectations in any class are required to attend **after-school study time** from 3:15–4:00 p.m. This provides an opportunity to complete work and receive help from teachers. Once a student raises their grade to a C or higher, they are no longer required to attend. If we can help all students meet this standard, we can significantly reduce — or even eliminate — the need for summer school.

Homecoming Week was a great success! We received many positive comments about the parade, and holding the coronation after the football game helped keep our crowd engaged throughout the evening. Increasing attendance in the stands remains a goal, as our students perform their best with strong crowd support. Interestingly, South Platte also held their coronation after the game this year, which seemed to work well for them, too.

As we near the end of the **fall sports season**, preparations are underway for **winter activities**.

Looking ahead to **November**, we have several exciting events planned:

- **Veterans Day Program** – Mrs. King and Mrs. Russell are collaborating to organize this event. More details will be shared soon.

- **Mike Donahue with Value Up (November 19th)** – I mentioned this program briefly last month. I first learned about it through our Youth Services Coordinator for Cheyenne, Deuel, and Kimball Counties and was able to attend a presentation by Mike Donahue. The program focuses on building a positive school culture and helping students recognize their own value.

The **Value Up program** will include tailored presentations for grades **4–5, 6–8, and 9–12**. Thanks to a grant, the cost to the district will be minimal or none. I am very excited to bring this program to our school and am confident it will have a positive impact on our students and school community as a whole.

More information about both upcoming events will be shared as the dates approach.

**CREEK VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION APPROVING OPTION CAPACITY**

WHEREAS, Nebraska students and families have the opportunity to “option” between school districts, and;

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska Legislature updated requirements for school districts to declare capacities and other conditions under which districts would accept or reject option students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines the following capacities for grade levels and school buildings in the Creek Valley Public Schools:

- 1) Creek Valley Elementary School
 - a) Classroom capacity- 25 students per classroom
 - b) School capacity- 150 students in our KG-5th grade building

- 2) Creek Valley Middle School/High School
 - a) Classroom capacity- 25 students per classroom
 - b) School capacity- 150 students in our 6th-12th grade building

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on current enrollment, the following option capacities will exist in the 2026-2027 school year:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should enrollment change in the coming months our open option spaces may increase or decrease up to our capacity of 25 students per grade level and/or 150 students per school building.

| | Current | Capacity | Openings |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| KG | 11 | 25 | 14 |
| 1st | 8 | 25 | 17 |
| 2nd | 9 | 25 | 16 |
| 3rd | 11 | 25 | 14 |
| 4th | 12 | 25 | 13 |
| 5th | 16 | 25 | 9 |
| 6th | 18 | 25 | 7 |
| 7th | 18 | 25 | 7 |
| 8th | 18 | 25 | 7 |
| 9th | 10 | 25 | 15 |

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| 10th | 13 | 25 | 12 |
| 11th | 10 | 25 | 15 |
| 12th | 13 | 25 | 12 |

DATED this 14th day of September, 2025.

CREEK VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

718.01

Travel Costs Related to Federal Grants

When an employee or board member travels on official business related to a federal award, the District will reimburse travel expenses in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Allowable Methods
 - Travel costs, including transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses, incurred by school district personnel may be charged on:
 - an actual cost basis,
 - a per diem or mileage basis, or
 - a combination of the two, provided the same method is applied to the entire trip rather than individual days
2. Consistency with District Policy
 - The method chosen must be consistent with the District's standard practices for similar travel situations and in alignment with other Board policies
 - All travel costs must comply with the District's written travel procedures established for both federal and non-federal travel
3. Documentation and Justification
 - Any travel costs charged directly to a federal award must be supported with documentation showing:
 - The employee's travel and participation are necessary to carry out the federal award, and
 - The costs are reasonable and in line with District travel expectations
4. Reasonableness of Costs
 - All travel costs must be reasonable and may not exceed the amounts typically allowed by the District for non-federal travel
 - Reimbursement rates for travel costs including lodging, dependent care, commercial air, shall meet the standards established under 5 U.S.C. §§ 5701–5711 (federal travel regulations)
 - In the absence of an established written policy regarding travel costs, the rates and amounts established under [5 U.S.C. 5701-11](#) (“Travel and Subsistence Expenses; Mileage Allowances”), by the Administrator of General Services, or by the President (or their designee) pursuant to any provisions of such subchapter must apply to travel under Federal awards ([48 CFR 31.205-46\(a\)](#))

Legal Reference: [2 C.F.R. § 200.475](#)