



High School Baseball



Strategic Priority #5

Scottsbluff Public Schools Commits to Providing Opportunities that Maximize Student Engagement and Achievement.

Defining Objective 5.1: Increase student activities and engagement



Nebraska High School Baseball

Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)

Spring Season:

- Baseball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Track and Field
- Boys Golf
- Girls Tennis

NSAA Baseball Teams Compete in 1 of 3

Classes:

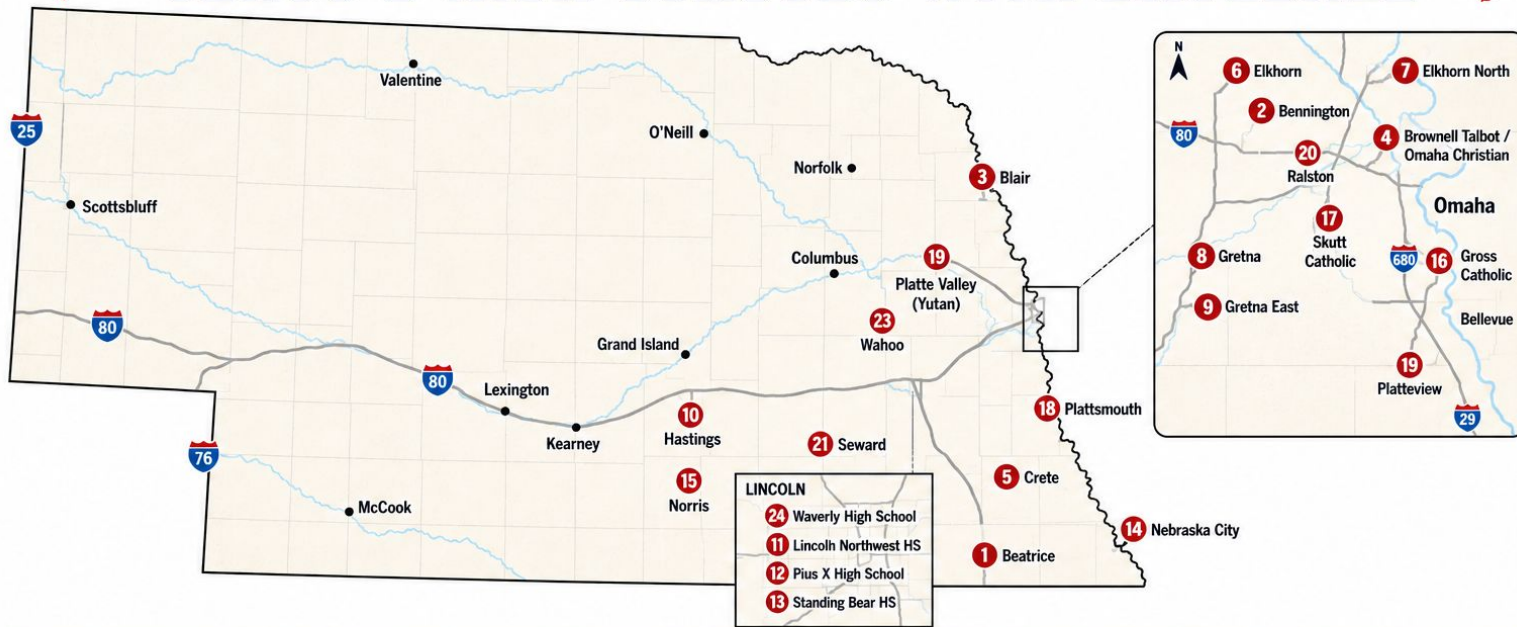
- Class A: Consists of 32 Teams
- Class B: Consists of 25 Teams (Scottsbluff would be Class B)
- Class C: Consists of 26 Teams

NSAA Baseball Important Dates

Important Dates

Pitchers & Catchers Begin Practice	February 2 nd , 2026
Date of First Practice	March 2 nd , 2026
Jamboree Baseball Games	March 9 th -March 14 th , March 16 th -17 th , 2026
Schedules Due	March 10 th , 2026
Date of First Contest	March 19 th , 2026
District Entries Due	April 27 th , 2026
Class B & C District Seeding Released	April 30 th , 2026
Class A District Seeding Released	May 6 th , 2026
District Tournaments	May 7 th - 9 th , 2026
State Championships	May 15 th , May 16 th , May 18 th - May 22 nd , 2026

CLASS B HIGH SCHOOLS WITH BASEBALL



- 1 Beatrice High School**
320 N 5th St, Beatrice, NE 68310
- 2 Bennington High School**
16610 Bennington Rd, Bennington, NE 68007
- 3 Blair High School**
440 N 10th St, Blair, NE 68008
- 4 Brownell Talbot School / Omaha Christian Academy**
400 Happy Hollow Blvd, Omaha, NE 68132
- 5 Crete High School**
1510 Iris Ave, Crete, NE 68333

- 6 Elkhorn High School**
1401 Veterans Dr, Elkhorn, NE 68022
- 7 Elkhorn North High School**
17800 George Miller Pkwy, Omaha, NE 68116
- 8 Gretna High School**
11335 S 204th St, Gretna, NE 68028
- 9 Gretna East High School**
18102 Lincoln Rd, Gretna, NE 68028
- 10 Hastings High School**
1100 W 14th St, Hastings, NE 68901

- 11 Lincoln Northwest High School**
8200 NW 97th St, Lincoln, NE 68507
- 12 Pius X High School**
6000 A St, Lincoln, NE 68510
- 13 Standing Bear High School**
11100 S 70th St, Lincoln, NE 68516
- 14 Nebraska City High School**
141 Steinhart Park Rd, Nebraska City, NE 68410
- 15 Norris High School**
25211 S 68th St, Firth, NE 68358

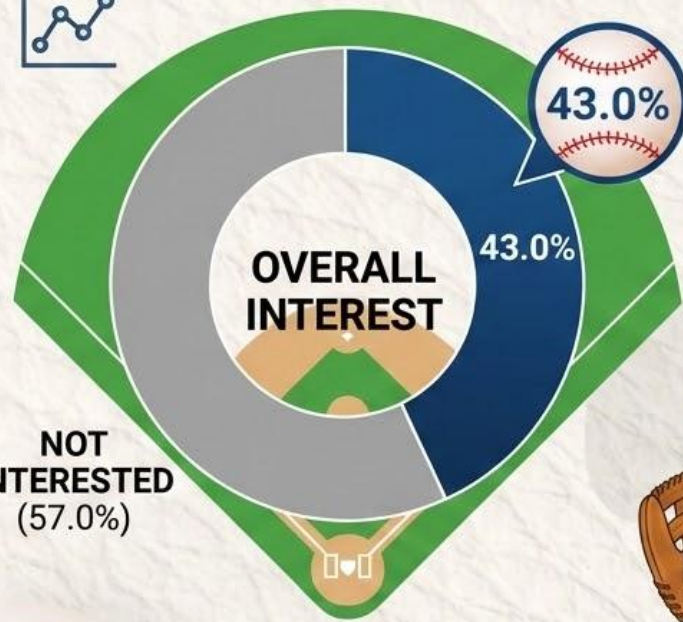
- 16 Gross Catholic High School**
7700 S 43rd St, Bellevue, NE 68147
- 17 Skutt Catholic High School**
3131 S 156th St, Omaha, NE 68130
- 18 Plattsmouth High School**
1916 E Hwy 34, Plattsmouth, NE 68048
- 19 Platte Valley High School**
901 County Rd 34, Yutan, NE 68073
- 20 Plattview High School**
14801 S 108th St, Springfield, NE 68059

- 21 Ralston High School**
8969 Park Dr, Ralston, NE 68127
- 22 Seward High School**
532 Northern Heights Dr, Seward, NE 68434
- 23 Bishop Neumann High School**
202 W Marguerite St, Wahoo, NE 68066
- 24 Waverly High School**
13401 Amberly Rd, Waverly, NE 68462
- 25 York High School**
1005 Duke Dr, York, NE 68467



NOTE: All schools listed are Class B schools in Nebraska that sponsor baseball.

Student Survey Grades 9-11



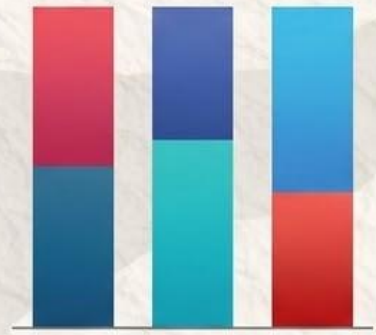
OF 86 TOTAL RESPONDENTS



INTERESTED
(37 students)



MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION



Of those interested in baseball

41%
Already Participate

OF ALL RESPONDENTS



PRIOR EXPERIENCE



HAS NEVER PLAYED
(10.8%)
4 students

HAS PLAYED BASEBALL

Student Survey Grades 7-8

44% OF RESPONDENTS
(7th-8th Grade)

135 Respondents

Agreed or strongly agree with the statement:

If Scottsbluff High School were to offer a baseball program I would be interested in playing.



54%

OF INTERESTED STUDENTS...
ALREADY PARTICIPATE IN EITHER
SOCCER OR TRACK AND FIELD



8%

REPORTED THAT THEY...
HAVE NEVER
PLAYED BASEBALL

Facilities

- Cleveland Field is only field big enough in Scottsbluff to play high school baseball.
- We could use the biggest field at 23 Club for practice only.
- City would charge approximately \$4,000 for use of both facilities.
- Additional fees to use Field of Dreams, if spots are available.



Cost: (based on full schedule)*

Item	Estimated Cost	Timeframe
Travel	\$23,000	Annual
Umpires and Game Help	\$12,000	Annual
Head Coach	\$5,666 (includes benefits)	Annual (12%)
Assistant Coaches (3)	\$11,334 (includes benefits)	Annual (8% each)
Facility Rental	\$4,000	Annual
Uniforms	\$10,000	Every 5-7 years
Equipment	\$11,000	Initial & replacements over time
Meals/Lodging	\$18,000	Annual

Total Annual Costs: \$74,000 (not including uniforms and equipment)

Total Startup Costs: \$21,000 (uniforms and equipment)

*Travel and Meals/Lodging costs are difficult to estimate without a schedule. We utilized North Platte's information to assist with projections.

Schedule

Potential Opponents:

Nebraska: North Platte (Class A), Holdrege (Class C), Maxwell/North Platte St. Patrick's (Class C), Hastings, York

Colorado: Brush, Ft. Morgan, Sterling

South Dakota: Currently does not play high school baseball, South Dakota is revisiting the issue in the future.

Wyoming: Currently does not play high school baseball, there is no plan in the future to add it.



Schedule

- In conversations with Nebraska schools only North Platte and Maxwell/North Platte St. Pat's were willing to commit to traveling to Scottsbluff. Teams on the eastern side of the state would play us if we traveled.
- Colorado teams may be willing to schedule Scottsbluff and would travel but their conference schedules always take precedence over out of state competition.
- Most games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with some played on Saturdays.
- Wyoming does not offer high school baseball and a significant portion of our team sports schedules involve Wyoming teams.



Considerations

- The addition of baseball may result in students transferring to Scottsbluff and could potentially push us into Class A in other sports.
- Facilities would be shared with WNCC which might cause scheduling conflicts.
- No other Western Conference schools or schools in close proximity to Scottsbluff plan to add baseball at this time.
- We could explore co-oping with another area school, which would most likely put us in Class A for baseball.
- Feedback from North Platte, who recently completed third season of high school baseball:
 - *“I think Scottsbluff would have a very difficult time finding games to fill a schedule.”*
 - *“I never want to deny our kids any activities or experience that they would want to be in, but the decision to add baseball will have many ramifications.”*



Next Steps

Continue to explore the feasibility of adding high school baseball with the possibility of bringing the topic to the Board for consideration no later than February 2027.

