

DISTRICT DISPATCH

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News for back to school 2016-2017!

School-year begins Wednesday, September 7

The first day of school for students in the North Syracuse Central School District is Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Students in kindergarten through 10th grades will have full-day sessions and students in 11th and 12th grades will have a half-day.

School start and dismissal times are as follows:

Cicero-North Syracuse High School (10th - 12th grades) 7:35 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

North Syracuse Junior High School (8th/9th grades) 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Middle Schools (5th - 7th grades) 8:10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Elementary Schools (Kindergarten - 4th grades) 9:15 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Early Education Program (EEP) at Main Street School:

EEP Full Day Session - 8:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

EEP Half Day Sessions - 8:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. & 11:50 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



Share your family's back to school photos

The 2016-17 school year begins on Wednesday, September 7. We are looking forward to a positive and successful school year for all our students and staff and would love to share your back to school photos online.

If you have photos of your children's first days of school that you would like to share with us for our websites and other public media, please email them to Laurie Cook, our School Information Officer, at lcook@nscsd.org or share them on the district's Facebook page at www.nscsd.org/facebook.

CALLING ALL VETERANS!



On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, in honor of Veteran's Day, the North Syracuse Central School District will honor another group of inductees to its Military Honor Roll. The honor roll was established in 2012 to recognize former district students that have gone on to military service.

In order for the honor roll to be as complete as possible when it is unveiled we are asking for the community's help. If you are a graduate of the district or have attended Cicero-North Syracuse High School and have gone into military service for at least one year, please contact the district to be included.

Information can be submitted online at www.nscsd.org/militaryhr. In order to be recognized during the November 15 ceremony, names must be submitted to the district no later than Monday, September 19, 2016.

After the September 19 deadline, the district will not accept additional submissions for inclusion on the honor roll at this ceremony but will continue to accept names to be added in subsequent years.

For more information about the North Syracuse Central School District Military Honor Roll, contact the office of the district's associate superintendent for teaching and learning at 315/218-2148.

Watch for our students...and students, watch traffic!

As the seasons, times for sunrise and sunset shift, and school buses take to the roads, please remember to pay extra attention for students walking to and from school and waiting for buses. The glare from the sun can be very bright at certain times of day, making it difficult to notice students far ahead of time. Students are also asked to pay close attention to traffic and be aware of their surroundings.

North Syracuse Central School District

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2016 Board of Education Meetings

September 12 & 26, 2016
October 3 & 17, 2016
November 7 & 21, 2016
December 5 & 19, 2016

Newsletter Information

The *District Dispatch* is published by the district to inform residents about issues, events and achievements. Suggestions are welcome and should be directed to:

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Thoughts from the Superintendent

My mother always used to tell me that the sound of the crickets meant the end of summer was near. To this day, I have mixed feelings when I hear the ringing of their chirp in the distance.

Summer brings with it a time for rejuvenation, a little less routine, and hopefully, some enjoyment and fun! Throughout the school district, summer is a time of planning in anticipation of the start of a new school year.

A new school year...what does that really mean?

The opening of every school year brings with it a sense of newness. Students and educators are fortunate that each September is a brand new beginning, a fresh start.

This September many of our elementary students receiving special education services will return to their neighborhood schools to receive support in a more inclusive setting. All students in kindergarten through 6th grade will benefit from a new reading program. Our teachers and administrators have been busy over the summer preparing for these changes.

We have also continued work in the planning process for the desperately needed renovation of K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School. Although we originally hoped to ask voters to approve this project at the end of September, there is the need for more time to plan. We are now anticipating a referendum vote in mid October.

This fall, we will also be focusing on the Vision for our district. What will programming and opportunities look like for our students over the next five years and beyond if we are truly going to uphold our Mission?

As the school year begins, I am hopeful that you will partner with the school district and become involved in your child's education. I encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to attend the Public Information Sessions to be held during the 2016-17 school year:

- October 25, 2016 - Developing Our Vision
- February 8, 2017 - K-6 New Reading Program – Tips for Parents

Best wishes for a fresh start to the 2016-17 school-year and much success for all!

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Superintendent of Schools

North Syracuse Central School District Mission Statement

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.



Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

Congratulations & Best Wishes to our Retirees!

Congratulations to the following staff members, retiring this year from the North Syracuse Central School District. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students, their families and the community.

Administrative Office Building

*Janet Brooker
Louise Burke*

Allen Road Elementary School

*Sharon Impellizzieri
Lori McClintock*

Allen Road Elementary School/ Smith Road Elementary School

James Pecori, Jr.

K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School

Margaret Bohm

Cicero Elementary School

*Lora Blackburn
Patricia Budge
Lori Carvel
Mary Eidt
Deborah Seal
Hana Simone
Suzanne Zogg*

Cicero Elementary School/Smith Road Elementary School/Roxboro Road Elementary School

Elizabeth Miller

Lakeshore Road Elementary School

*Christine Jachim
Brenda Weeks
Donna Johnson*

Roxboro Road Elementary School/ Roxboro Road Middle School

Susan Grenyo

Smith Road Elementary School

*Mary Lappin
Mary Katherine Plumb
Deborah Sullivan-Witmer
Susan Wallace
Nancy Winters*

Gillette Road Middle School

*Jane Ginsburg
Linda Hinz
Barbara Poole
Lee Turner
Nancy Young*

Roxboro Road Middle School

*Robyn Carinci
Patricia Downs
Linda Dudzinski
Gary Rothenberg
Patricia Smarzo
Linda Tait*

North Syracuse Junior High School

*Anne Furgal
Virginia Schalk*

Cicero-North Syracuse High School

*Charles Blair
Sally Daniels
Sheryl Garofano
Debra Haller*

Cicero-North Syracuse High School/ North Syracuse Junior High School

Mary Ann Niemczura

Main Street School

*LeeAnn McKinney
Cindy Proulx*

Transportation

*Cynthia Bratcher
Stephen Lupkowki
Crystal Meyer
James Renna*

Maintenance & Operations

*Karen Scanlon
Michael Zukher*



School Registration Information

All new North Syracuse School District students must register for the upcoming school year. Registration takes place at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building - Central Registration Office, 5355 West Taft Road in North Syracuse.

The normal office hours for Central Office Registration are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The registration office can also be reached at 315/218-2145. At the time of registration, the family must provide:

- Valid proof of birth,
- An up-to-date record of immunization,
- Proof of district residency (such as lease or rental agreement, utility bill, mortgage commitment papers, telephone bill or tax bill),
- Copy of any legal documents from a court of law awarding custody (if applicable),
- For foster children, a copy of the Department of Social Services Form DSS-2999 and a copy of the latest report card if possible,
- Parents of special education children should also bring a copy of the latest IEP and any other pertinent records when registering.

Please be advised that registration in late August and early September will delay the student's entry into school.

North Syracuse Central School District 2016-2017 School Calendar



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LEGEND

- No School for Students/Staff
- 1/2 Day for Gr. Pre K-12 Students/ Staff-10 Month Employees
- 1/2 Day for Gr. Pre K-12 Students Staff Workshops
- 1/2 Day for Gr. Pre K-6 Students Parent Conferences
- 1/2 Day for Gr. Pre K-4 Students Parent Conferences
- No Students - Superintendent's Conf. Day/Staff Workshops
- # Regents Test Days
- + Depending on snowday usage these days may be shortened for K-7
- Regents Rating Day - Staff Only

Totals

(I) Instructional Days - 185
(S) Staff Days - 186

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North Syracuse Central School District 2016-17 Calendar

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 is the first day of school for the 2016-17 school year. The complete 2016-17 school calendar will be mailed to homes in late August. If you would like to view the district's academic calendar before you receive your copy in the mail, visit our home page at www.nscsd.org and click on "2016-17 Academic Calendar" under Quick Links. Additionally, the calendar is provided above with a listing of important dates on the following page.

Scheduled days off, meeting and event dates are also included on the district's "live" online calendar at www.nscsd.org/calendars.cfm. Users can customize their online calendar to include multiple schools, district events and meetings and can download event information to their mobile devices. The online calendar provides more specific event information than the calendar which is published in August.

North Syracuse Central School District 2016-17 Important Dates

August 30-31:	New Teacher Orientation	January 27:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops
September 1:	Superintendent's Conference Days	February 20-24:	President's Day/Mid Winter Recess - No School
September 5:	Labor Day - No School	March 16:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops
September 6:	Superintendent's Conference Day	March 17:	Superintendent's Conference Day
September 7:	First Day of School	April 5:	Parent Conferences - 1/2 Day (Pre-K-4)
September 28:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops	April 14:	Good Friday - No School
October 10:	Columbus Day - No School	April 17-21:	Spring Recess - No School
November 8:	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School	May 12:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops
November 11:	Veteran's Day - No School	May 16:	School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
November 17:	Parent Conference Day - 1/2 Day for Pre-K-6	May 29:	Memorial Day - No School
November 23-25:	Thanksgiving Recess - No School	June 8:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops
December 23:	1/2 Day for Students/Staff - 10 month Employees	June 14-22:	Regents Examination Days
Dec. 26 - Jan. 2:	Holiday Recess - No School	June 22:	Last Day for Students (K-7)
January 16:	Martin Luther King Day - No School	June 23:	Regents Rating Day
Jan. 24 - Jan. 27	Regents Examination Days	June 23:	Last Day for Staff

UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECT REFERENDUM

The North Syracuse Central School District is planning for a capital project referendum in October. The project will include renovations to K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School and the installation of new fuel island at the transportation center. Project details are still being finalized, but please note the following:

Why this referendum?

K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School

- The school building was constructed in 1958.
- Other than a small addition in 1965 and basic maintenance including roof work, the building has not been renovated since it was constructed 58 years ago.
- Current building layout does not facilitate controlled single point of entry due to main office location across the hall from the entryway.
- Due to the building's age, the building is not energy efficient.
- The traffic pattern and parking lot does not allow for segregation of bus and car traffic, which creates safety concerns and inefficiencies during arrival and dismissal.
- Building areas are not designed and located for the best use of space for instruction.

Transportation Fuel Island

- The current systems, equipment and tanks are approaching the end of their useful life.
- The new systems, equipment and tanks will meet the latest standards for security and environmental safety.
- Relocation of the fueling station will allow for better traffic flow and improved utilization of the transportation complex.

K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School renovations may include:

- K-4 classroom reorganization with:
 - small group break-out areas
 - visual connections between rooms
 - potential for adaptable room configurations
- Main entrance relocation
- Redesign of outdoor area to separate car and bus traffic
- Enhanced site security
- A courtyard/outdoor classroom to enhance student learning

Non-Discrimination Policy

The North Syracuse Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex/gender, national origin, ethnic background, disability, military status, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by applicable law in the employment and educational opportunities it offers, including vocational educational opportunities, and provides equal access to use of School District facilities by the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The District is committed to adhering to the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the New York Human Rights Law.

The North Syracuse Central School District also does not discriminate on the basis of sex with respect to employment or in the educational programs and activities it provides (including vocational programs), including the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, textbooks and student activities, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The North Syracuse Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act and the New York Human Rights Law. Furthermore, the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs. No person shall be denied employment or employment advancement solely because of any physical, mental or medical impairment, provided the individual is capable of performing, with or without reasonable accommodation, the essential functions of the job applied for or held.

Inquiries regarding the District's Non-Discrimination Policy should be directed to:

Section 504 Compliance Officer: Ms. Valerie DiFlorio, Executive Director for Diverse Learning and Student Support - (315) 218-2120
North Syracuse Central Schools
5355 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, New York 13212 OR

Title IX, Title VI, Title VII, ADA, ADEA and New York Human Rights Law Compliance Officer: Mr. Jason Nephew, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources - (315) 218-2125
North Syracuse Central Schools
5355 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, New York 13212

The complete grievance procedures applicable to the District's Non-Discrimination Policy are available for review in the offices of each of the above-named persons, and the office of each District Director and Supervisor, and in the front office of each school building within the District. Copies will be provided upon request.

AHERA NOTIFICATION - The District has been inspected for building materials containing asbestos as required under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"). Copies of the Management Plan and the three year re-inspection are available in the main office of each building. AHERA requires the District to appoint a "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns. Jon Ward, Director of Facilities, has been appointed as the "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns in the North Syracuse Central School District.

Notice to Parents and Eligible Students of the North Syracuse Central School District Neighbor Notification Law

The school District is required to provide notice to students, staff and persons in parental relation about pesticide application. You may register to receive written notice 48 hours prior to any pesticide application by calling 218-2109 and leaving your name, complete address and phone number. You will be given notice by mail at home, or by interoffice mail if you work for the school district, before these applications.

We incorporate the practice of monitoring all pest populations at regular intervals to keep identified pests under control. No pesticides are used when alternate methods will work. Pesticides will be used in a prudent manner in accordance with the recommended application procedures.

The notice will state: *"This notice is to inform you of a pending pesticide application to a school facility. You may wish to discuss*

with the designated school representative what precautions are being taken to protect your child from exposure to these pesticides. Further information about the product(s) being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment, can be obtained by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network Information Line at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Information Line at 1-800-458-1158."

There will be an application summary report printed in the District Dispatch three times each year. The district contact, Mr. Jon Ward, can be reached at 218-2109 regarding the Neighbor Notification Information.

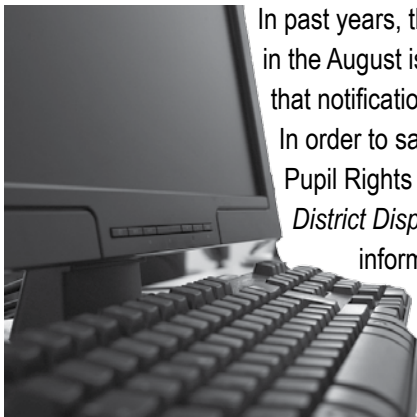
Notification of Pesticide Applications at North Syracuse Central School District through 7/31/16

<u>Application Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Product</u>
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There have been no pesticide applications from 7/1/16 through 7/31/16

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling Jon Ward, Director of Facilities at 218-2109 and requesting an application for notification registration form. Information can also be obtained from NPTNI @ 1-800-858-7378 or NYS Department of Health at 1-800-458-1158 regarding specific materials that were applied.

Required District notifications can be obtained online



In past years, the North Syracuse Central School District has published certain required parental notifications in the August issue of the *District Dispatch* newsletter. After recently having been informed by legal counsel that notifications can be posted online, the district has created a website devoted to such required information. In order to save space in the newsletter, we will no longer be publishing the entire PPRA (The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment) and FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) notices in the August *District Dispatch*. Instead, the required notifications website (www.nscsd.org/notices) will be updated as new information is made available.

Anyone that would like to receive a paper copy of the required notices can contact North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education Clerk Connie Gibson at 315/218-2131 or by email at cgibson@nscsd.org.



www.nscsd.org/facebook

If you haven't already, don't forget to find us on Facebook this summer! If you are a Facebook user, please visit the district's Facebook page and "like" us. Our site is maintained for the community, by the district, and is updated frequently to share news of the latest student and staff achievements, school and district sponsored activities and events, and other district information. Share the page with your friends so that we can use Facebook to get information out to as many people as possible.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The North Syracuse Central District has an Emergency Response Plan in place to address student and staff safety issues. The plan would be activated in the event of a local disaster or school emergency.

Statistics show schools are still among the safest places to be on a day-to-day basis, due to the strong commitment of educators, parents, and communities to their children. Nevertheless, disasters do happen and, because of that, no community can be complacent in its efforts to make its schools even safer.

As part of its Emergency Response Plan, the district has a designated chief emergency officer who is responsible for coordinating communication between staff, law enforcement and first responders to ensure staff understanding of the district-level safety plan. The chief emergency officer will also be responsible for communicating details to staff during an emergency.

Also in the event of an emergency, the district's school information officer will be responsible for disseminating information to the public by communicating with local media and the community. Several communication methods are available to the district and will be utilized as appropriate. Such methods include text, email and telephone alerts, website updates, social media messages and media announcements.

The district's mass communication system, School Messenger, utilizes the student/parent/guardian information stored in its student information system. Therefore, it is imperative that parents and guardians ensure that their contact information is correct in the student information database. Whenever your contact information changes, be sure to contact your child's school immediately to update your information to ensure that you receive emergency communications from the district.

Drills

Parents and guardians should also be aware that the district conducts unannounced emergency and lockdown drills at each school in the district throughout the school year. Law enforcement and emergency personnel may be included in these drills when possible. Parents and guardians will be notified of any drills taking place immediately before the drill and building announcements will be broadcast over PA systems or by activating building alarm systems. Visitors to school buildings will also be notified of emergency situations/drills such as a shelter-in-place, hold-in-place, evacuation, lockout or lockdown.

The North Syracuse Central School District's Emergency Response Plan will also be posted online at the beginning of each school year.

School District Information at a glance

Please refer to the following for common questions. More information is also available on the district's website at www.nscsd.org and in the 2016-2017 Handbook on the district's website at www.nscsd.org.

Transportation

Any student who wishes to use district transportation should begin doing so at the beginning of the school year. Once bus routes and schedules are finalized during the first weeks of the school year, there may be no room on buses for students who prefer to walk while the weather is pleasant, but wish to ride during severe winter weather.

Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of their children between their residence and the bus stop, as well as at the bus stop. The school district is responsible for the safety of students upon entering the school bus, during transportation, and until their discharge from the bus.

Procedures have been established for those wishing to have their children dropped off or picked up at a location other than their bus stop. Appropriate paperwork must be completed and approved before such action may be taken. These forms are available in all schools, in the District Registrar's and Transportation Offices and via the District website on the Transportation page. For more information, contact the Transportation Department at 218-2107 or the District Registrar at 218-2145.

The following item(s) are prohibited on a school bus: weapons, laser pens, lighters, matches, flame starters, bomb bags or any items which may constitute a safety hazard to the driver and passengers. Students are not permitted to board the school bus with large objects that take up space needed by fellow passengers. Some examples are: skis, hockey sticks, skate boards, large musical instruments, large sports bags and music boxes. Students are permitted to use cell phones while on the school bus, however, use of the cell phone camera or video functions are not permitted at any time while on the school bus. The school bus driver has the authority to suspend cell phone use while on the bus if such use obstructs the safe and proficient operation of the school bus.

Parents are notified of their children's bus routes by mail in late August.

Private & Parochial Schools Outside the School District

Students attending private or parochial schools located outside the school district who have filed an appropriate application will receive notification from the Transportation Department. The information will contain their bus number, bus stop location, time of pick up and transfer bus if needed. In the morning, students for Bishop Grimes will transfer at Cicero-North Syracuse High School while the remaining schools will transfer at North Syracuse Junior High School. Any parent who has any questions or does not receive notification should contact the Transportation Department via the Bus Hotline at 218-2035 (August 22 through September 16, 2016 only).

School Bus Information for Pre-K Students

Parents or guardians of pre-k students will receive notification of bus number, bus stop location, pick-up time and return bus number. This letter should be received by Monday, August 29. It should be noted that during the morning run, pre-k students will be at stops with students

riding in for K-4 classes. However, at midday take home, pre-k students will be taken to their home or nearest intersection/turn around if the home is not reachable. Please note that only students currently 4 years old can ride the bus to schools. Parents must transport students who are not 4 years old to school. All students, regardless of age, will be transported home. **If you should have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department's Bus Hotline at 218-2035. (August 22 through September 16, 2016 only).**

Transportation To and From a Child Care Provider

Parents who require their child to be transported to or from school to a baby sitter or child care provider must complete a set of transportation request forms. Transportation will be arranged to and from the baby sitter. It is the district's expectation that your child will utilize the service provided both a.m. and p.m. These forms must be updated annually. The district requires that both the parent and the baby sitter/child care provider complete a form. These request forms are available through the district registrar (218-2145) or transportation department (218-2107). Any changes in transportation require a minimum notification of 72 hours. These forms must be on file with the Transportation Department by August 31, 2016 or changes will not occur until September 19, 2016.

Bus Safety & Discipline

Proper behavior is expected from all students in the North Syracuse Central School District and is particularly important when on a school bus. Disruptive, reckless and/or bullying behavior cannot be tolerated on a school bus. Students who are repeatedly disruptive, or who behave recklessly on the bus, will be referred to the appropriate administrator for disciplinary action. This action may include temporary or permanent suspension from the school bus. Please refer to your child's student handbook for more details.

As the new school year is about to begin, please review with your young children the basic rules of bus safety:

1. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before entering or exiting.
2. Stay seated on the bus to avoid falling when the bus is moving.
3. At the bus stop, wait for the driver to signal you to cross the street.
4. Do not hook charms, key chains or stuffed animals to backpacks. These items can easily get caught on the bus railing, steps or door.
5. Be sure backpack straps and sweatshirt or jacket strings are tied and in place. These can also easily get caught on the bus railing, steps or door.
6. Never get off at a stop that isn't yours unless you have a bus pass to go to someone else's home.
7. If you have a question about your stop or forgot to get off at your stop, tell the driver and he/she will get you home safely.
8. Elementary students should have bus tags with name, address, phone number and bus number visible during the first month of school.

Emergency School Closings, Delayed Openings and Early Dismissal

In the event that it is necessary to close schools due to emergency situations or severe weather conditions, or to close early once students are in school, closing information will be posted on the district website and Facebook page and sent out through Twitter (@NSyracuse.com) and through School Messenger.

Local television and radio stations will also be notified. It is recommended that residents watch one of the following television stations: WSYR-Channel 9, Time Warner Cable News 10, WTVH – Channel 5, or WSTM – Channel 3. These stations are the first to be notified of any closings or delays or early dismissals. Residents may also listen to WSYR (570AM) or WAER (88.3 FM).

Early Dismissal

Please be sure to complete and update your child's Emergency Form and update it when necessary. Your child's school must know where your child should go in the event of an early dismissal. If school is dismissed early or closed, all after school activities and programs are usually cancelled.

Emergency Evacuation Information

In the case of an emergency where students are evacuated to a different location, the telephone numbers for the Main Office and Health Office of the school will be transferred to the Administration Offices where information will be provided to parents.

GED (now called TASC) Information

As of January 1, 2014, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) replaced the GED® as the test used in NYS to earn a high school equivalency. The TASC uses the same test format as the GED®. A TASC preparation program for those individuals who did not complete high school is offered through OCM BOCES. For more information or class schedules, please call 453-4455.

Student Accident Insurance

The North Syracuse Central School District carries student accident insurance on all students through NAHGA. All students are protected against covered accidents while attending school and/or school sponsored, supervised activities; i.e., clubs, sports, dances, field trips, etc.

Keep in mind that this accident insurance is excess coverage. This means you must submit a claim to your own health insurance carrier first, and then to NAHGA. If your child has sustained an injury or is involved in an accident, please notify the school nurse. The school nurse will complete part 1 of the claim form. It is your responsibility to complete parts 2, 3 & 4 of the claim form and mail it to NAHGA with itemized bills, explanation of benefits, or denials from your insurance carrier within 90 days from the date of the accident. If you have any questions, please call 218-2141.

School Meal Prepayment Information

North Syracuse Central School District is excited to now be offering MySchoolBucks® as a meal prepayment service. The online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Parents/guardians can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts free of charge.

MySchoolBucks provides:

- Convenience - Available 24/7 on the web or with the Mobile App for your iPhone, Android or Windows phone!
- Efficiency - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- Control - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- Flexibility - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- Security – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

Enrollment is easy!

1. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account.
2. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to activate your account.
3. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
4. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:

- parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com
- 1-855-832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click on Help/FAQ's

Online Student Gradebook

In the fall of 2016-2017 the North Syracuse Central School district will be converting from SIS to School Tool. All secondary buildings will be using the online gradebook through School Tool. Parents who provided (or now provide) the district with an email address may be able to access their children's grades via a portal, pending teacher participation.

Free and reduced price meal policy for district student

Families encouraged to take advantage of healthy school meal options

The North Syracuse Central School District has announced a free and reduced price meal policy for its students for the 2016-17 school year. The following income eligibility guidelines have been adopted:

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
Each add'l person add....	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148

Children need healthy meals to learn. The North Syracuse Central School District offers healthy meals at reasonable prices every school day (see chart below). Your children may qualify for free or reduced price (\$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 lunch) meals.

The above chart provides income eligibility information for **reduced** price meals. If household income is below levels shown, children may qualify for **free** meals (if their household's gross income is within the free Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines limit).

Additionally, **all children in households receiving SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or TANF benefits**, can get **free meals** regardless of income. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are also eligible for **free** meals. A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income.

This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Homeless, runaway, and migrant children that meet the definitions thereof, can also get **free** meals. If your children fit into these criteria and you haven't already been told that they will get free meals, please call/ email the district's homeless liaison, Donna Marie Norton, at (315)218-2121/dnorton@nscd.org to see if they qualify.

Additionally, children in households participating in the **WIC Program** may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and should submit an application for free/reduced prices.

It is not necessary to complete individual applications for each child in a household. Use only one application for all students in your household. It is not necessary for families or their child(ren) to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals. We cannot approve an application that is not complete so please be sure to fill out all required information.

Some families have already received letters regarding the district's meal program and free/reduced price applications. If your family received a letter, please read it carefully and follow the instructions. **Call the district at (315)218-2175 if you have questions.**

A new application must be filled out each year even if a child in the household received free/reduced price meals in the past. Applications are only good for the school year in which they are completed and for the first few days of the following year. Unless told by school personnel that your child is eligible for the new school year, a new application must be submitted.

Incomplete applications cannot be approved, so be sure to fill out all required information and return it to: Wendy Swift, Food Service Office, North Syracuse Central School District, 5520A East Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

2016-17 Breakfast/Lunch Prices

The following table shows the prices for school breakfast and lunch at each grade level.

Grade Level/M meal	2016-2017
Breakfast (ALL levels)	\$1.70
Elementary Lunch	\$2.20
Middle Lunch	\$2.45
NSJHS and C-NS Lunch	\$2.70

Families can apply for free/reduced price meals at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

Information provided on applications will be checked and families may be asked to send written proof of eligibility. If your application is rejected, that decision can be disputed by discussing the matter with school officials. Families may request a hearing by calling or writing to: Don Keegan, 5355 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212, (315) 218-2100/ dkeegan@nscsd.org.

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office with all required information. An application that is not complete cannot be approved.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the

United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is his/her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

My family needs more help. Are there other programs available? To find out about SNAP or other benefits that may be available to families needing additional help, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

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Date Withdrew _____

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2016-2017 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to Wendy Swift, 5520 A East Taft Rd, N. Syracuse, NY 13212. Call 315-218-2175, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.

Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __

I do not have a SS#

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster
 Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____
 Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid
 Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to Wendy Swift, 5520 A East Taft Rd. N. Syracuse, NY 13212. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-218-2175. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov
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District Phone Numbers

School/Office	Phone Number
Allen Road Elementary School, David Lunden.....	218-2300
Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School, John Cole	218-2400
Cicero Elementary School, Kathy Wheeler	218-2500
Cicero-North Syracuse High School, William LaClair Executive Principal	218-4100
Gillette Road Middle School, Christopher Leahey.....	218-3000
Lakeshore Road Elementary School, Matthew Motala.....	218-2600
Main Street School, Dawn Hussein	218-2200
North Syracuse Junior High School, Constance Turose	218-3600
Roxboro Road Elementary School, Jacquelyn Grace	218-2700
Roxboro Road Middle School, David Shaw.....	218-3300
Smith Road Elementary School, Gregory Stone	218-2800
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General Information	218-2100
District Clerk, Connie Gibson	218-2131
Central Registration, Laura Fritz	218-2145
Transportation Hot Line (August 22 through September 16, 2016 only).....	218-2035
Superintendent of Schools, Annette Speach.....	218-2150
Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, Daniel D. Bowles.....	218-2124
Associate Superintendent for Business Services, Donald F.X. Keegan.....	218-2119
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Dawn Wilczynski	218-2118
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Jason Nephew	218-2125
Executive Director for Data & Accountability, Social Studies & Music, Donna Marie Norton ...	218-2121
Executive Director for Diverse Learning & Student Support, Valerie DiFlorio	218-2120
Assistant Director of Special Education, Marina Sennett.....	218-2129
Director of Response to Intervention, Lisa Goldberg	218-2134
Director of Science, Technology Education & Art, John Rice.....	218-2126
Director of Educator Effectiveness & Math, Alicia Pizzuto	218-2165
Director of Athletics & Co-Curricular Programs, Timothy Bednarski,	218-4115
Accountant II, Vincent Love.....	218-2116
School Transportation Supervisor, Matthew Conti	218-2179
Director of Facilities III, Jon Ward.....	218-2109
Director of Food Service, Wendy Swift.....	218-2175
Purchasing Officer, David Kasouf	218-2141



Parental Notification

Placement in English as a New Language Program

It is the responsibility of the North Syracuse Central School District to identify pupils with limited English proficiency (LEP), to provide sufficient instructional and support services to insure that all state standards are met, and to provide equal educational opportunities for LEP pupils to participate in all school programs and extra-curricular activities.

All pupils who utilize English as a New Language, will be screened to determine if they qualify as Limited English Proficiency students.

Eligible students will be provided with an English As A New Language (ENL) program, which is sensitive to the first languages and cultures of the students. ENL programs are held at the following schools:

- Allen Road Elementary School (K-4)
- Roxboro Road Middle School (5-7)
- North Syracuse Junior High School (8-9)
- Cicero-North Syracuse High School (10-12)

Students of limited English proficiency who are suspected of having a handicapping condition will be referred to the Committee on Special

Education, in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200.

The district will hold regular meetings at least twice a year for parents/guardians of English learners. At those meetings, parents will be provided with information to help understand the goals of the students program. Parents have the right to:

1. Request that their child be immediately removed from the instructional bilingual program.
2. Decline their child's participation in the instructional bilingual program, or choose another available program or method of instruction.
3. Request assistance in selecting from among the various programs and methods of instruction available.

Questions regarding this notice or to request a copy of the district's policy, please contact the Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning at (315) 218-2124.

Student Dress Code (excerpted from Student Code of Conduct, Policy 5311.1)

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall:

1. *Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.*
2. *Recognize that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, belly shirts, schimmel shirts, muscle shirts, rolled down pants (including one pant leg raised), bathing suits, half-shirts, short skirts, exposed underwear, bandanas (anywhere on the body and/or clothing), pajamas, clothing with letters across the rear of the clothes, gang related gear, droopy pants, and any midriff-exposing attire are not appropriate.*
3. *Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing. Exposed underwear, male/female, is not permitted.*
4. *All shorts, skorts, skirts, etc., must extend to at least the students mid-thigh.*
5. *Include footwear at all times. Flip flops, platform shoes, and clogs have presented safety hazard for students. Students wearing such shoes and their parents/guardians accept responsibility for their safety in the event of injury or personal harm caused by wearing inappropriate footwear.*
6. *Not include the wearing of hats, bandanas, head scarfs, or headbands in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.*
7. *Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.*
8. *Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, weapons, illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.*
9. *Jewelry (pendants, vials, etc.) associated with drugs or drug use, chains, spiked jewelry, or clothing and other clothing accessories that pose a potential threat to safety are prohibited.*
10. *Any clothing and/or accessories deemed disruptive to the educational environment will not be permitted in school.*
11. *Clothing that causes exposure of student's stomach, back, or underwear when the student is engaged in everyday activities, such as bending, reaching, sitting, etc., will not be permitted.*

Each building principal or his or her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension. This dress code applies not only to all school instructional programs, but also to all co-curricular, athletic, and extra-curricular activities, clubs, teams and events, including any fund-raising events associated with the school district.

NORTH SYRACUSE CSD RESIDENT ECR WSS

DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

Revised Immunization Guidelines in place for 2016-17 School Year

The New York State Department of Health revised its Immunization Requirements for the 2016-17 school year (which began July 1) to follow the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended guidelines for those immunizations required by Public Health Law 2164.

The **new** requirements are **summarized** below and a complete listing of all immunization requirements is available on the district's website at www.nscsd.org/immunizations.

Meningococcal conjugate vaccine

- Students entering grade 7 will be required to have received one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine, unless they have a medical or religious exemption.
- Students entering grade 12 will be required to have received a total of two doses of MenACWY vaccine, unless they have a medical or religious exemption. However, if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older, then only one dose will be required.

Requirements

- Students entering pre-kindergarten, nursery school or day care on or after September 1, 2016 must have received immunization against polio in accordance with ACIP minimum and recommended intervals.
- The number of doses of polio vaccine has not changed, however the regulations are expected to change to clarify that these doses must be in accordance with ACIP minimum and recommended intervals.

For school year 2016-17, the following requirements will apply only to kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8:

- Four doses of poliomyelitis vaccine. However, if the third dose was given at four years of age or older, only three doses will be required. Students in prekindergarten, grades 3 through 5 and grades 9 through 12 will be required to have three doses of polio vaccine.
- Two doses of varicella vaccine. Students in prekindergarten, grades 3 through 5 and grades 9 through 12 will be required to have one dose of varicella vaccine.
- Children entering grades 9 through 12 in the 2016-17 school year will be exempted from the interval requirements if they had satisfied the requirements in regulation in the 2013-14 school year. However, students in grade 12 will still be required to comply with the new meningococcal vaccine requirement.

Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually; and must specify the immunization exempted, sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to the specific immunization, and specify the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated.

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