

2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ALTMAR-PARISH-WILLIAMSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The APW Board of Education (BOE) is comprised of residents of the school district elected at-large from the community. The members are unpaid and hold office for a three-year term unless elected or appointed to fill a partial term. The BOE is dedicated to providing the best quality learning experience and environment for all of the children in APW. They have a mission statement and adopt goals to set the course for the district. Annually, the board reviews its progress and success in achieving these goals. Goals are then set for the subsequent year. The authority of a board member to act is limited to those times when the board is meeting. Individual members cannot act on behalf of the board unless specifically authorized to do so.

School Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the BOE are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. BOE meetings are open to the public and community residents are encouraged to attend.

For more information about BOE meeting dates, agendas, meeting minutes and policies, visit www.apwschools.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The APW Board of Education would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. As we go through this year you are going to hear a lot about our vision of “Every learner prepared for their individual chosen path.” Our goal is to ensure that we provide a quality education to every student, no matter what their desire is to do in life. We will do so by adhering to our core values of Integrity, Achievement, Care & Compassion, Continuous Growth and Safety for All. We will have a fierce focus on our mission “Because we believe in the potential of each student, we provide diverse opportunities and a competitive education for all learners.”

You may ask “What does the Board do?” The Board’s primary role is policymaking. The Board looks out for the long-range planning of the district. It is imperative that we maintain our facilities and ensure that we provide a place that is conducive to learning while remaining fiscally responsible. Whether it be roofing projects, sidewalks, new classrooms or parking lots, all of these provide a safe place for our children to learn and grow every day. We stand committed to making sure that our facilities are top notch and safe for our children. Another function of the Board is monitoring and approving financial decisions for the district. This involves monthly reports as well as budget development and review throughout the year with our business official. All of these things come together to help the Board with its most important task, which is to make sure every child has the educational tools they need to be successful. Music, art and sports are all important parts of our students’ experience here at APW. Music and art are discussed in our ESA Committee work. We also have an Athletics Committee in which ideas are shared to ensure that every opportunity is available within our capabilities.

We invite you to come out to our regular Board meetings on the second Thursday of the month or to our committee meetings (Policy, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Athletics, ESA) on the fourth Thursday of the month. These committees are important because you have an opportunity to be a part of the process of making APW what it is.

Communication is essential in any organization to be certain that it runs successfully. That is why we have created a chain of command communication chart for you. It will help you to see the steps that are needed to make sure that each opportunity can be addressed and taken care of at the appropriate level. We ask that you follow this chart and understand that you will be redirected to the correct place to ensure that your situation is resolved with the appropriate individuals.

Lastly, this is a new year. We have been through some dark nights but there is light on the horizon and the future of our students, staff and community is bright. It is a future of hope. It is a future of success. It is a future where every learner will be prepared for their individual chosen path!

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Rebels! Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! This calendar is jam-packed with events and information which you will be able to refer to for the entire year. As always, some plans will be made at a later date and are not reflected in this calendar—please keep up with these additions by visiting our website frequently throughout the school year.

We’ve all struggled through a difficult year and would like this school year to be a restart to making our schools the “community center” that all of our students and parents need! We are working hard this summer to plan events and activities for parents and students after the school day. NYS Aid for schools includes a line for Community Schools. Therefore, to make it easier for families to attend (also gives mom and dad a break from preparing dinner!), many of the early evening activities we are planning will include dinner and an activity. We’d like you to know we are here for you and your students even after the school day ends. Please encourage your students to take advantage of these programs – and I am encouraging all parents to take advantage with your children!

Even without the “Community School” activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy happening at our schools. We may be a rural community, but we are pleased that your school district can offer you some of the entertainment options you may not get in the city. If you are a sports fan, please join us at any of our home games! Because we want everyone to have the opportunity to cheer on our Rebel athletes – we never charge an entrance fee! You can find the full sports schedule on our webpage under sports.

Maybe you’d like to hear some of the beautiful music that our band and chorus students make with their voices and instruments. We have several opportunities for concerts and events for both our elementary student artists and our Jr/Sr High School talented students. Let’s not forget our performing artists on stage, make sure you check out those performances as well!!

As always, we want your input and ideas regarding the district’s needs as well as the needs for your students. Our mission is “Because we believe in the potential of each student, we provide diverse opportunities and a competitive education for all learners.” We need your input to fulfill our mission! Please stay in touch and take part in our Community Schools evenings with your students!

Proud to be a Rebel,

Lynn K. Rhone
Superintendent

SSO BRINGS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO APW

APW Central School District is bringing breakfast and lunch to all K-12 students this year at no cost to their families.

The Seamless Summer Option (SSO), offered through the USDA and NYS, provides the meals to the students at no out-of-pocket cost. There are no income restrictions, and all K-12 students can participate in the program. To maintain programs across the district, all families are requested to complete an income eligibility form unless they receive a Direct Certification letter in the mail from the school.

For more information about the program, contact the Child Nutrition Department.

PUBLIC RELATIONS USE OF STUDENT DATA/PHOTOS

From time to time, school district officials may release student information (name, grade level, photograph, artwork, academic interest, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, awards received, future educational plans, etc.) for use in school district publications and within district websites and district social media sites, or to the media for public relations purposes. Parents who object to the release of their child's information and/or photograph should notify both their child's building principal and the District Office, 639 County Route 22, Parish, NY 13131, in writing on or before the first day of classes for students each year.



SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Breakfast and lunch are served in both APW schools. Household Income Eligibility forms will be available to all students on the first day of school. Only one completed form per household please. If you need assistance or have questions, please call the district's Child Nutrition Office at (315) 668-4220 ext. 70356.

GRADES K-12

Breakfast	\$0.00
Lunch	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.50 (Milk is included with meals but may be purchased separately)

*The APW CSD is in compliance with the mandated federal nutrition standards for the National Lunch and Breakfast Programs for the 2021-2022 school year.

Monthly menus are posted on the district's website at www.apwschools.org and will be sent home with students in grades K-6. Junior and senior high school students will have access to the menus at their school. Please review the menu with your child daily. Additional foods (ala carte items) beyond the breakfast and lunch provided through SSO may be purchased. Prepayment for ala carte items is available for all students or money can be sent in with the student for these purchases. Prepayments can be made through www.myschoolbucks.com (\$2.75 is assessed by the processing company to cover bank fees) or checks made payable to Food Service Department. Please make sure to include your child's name on the check.

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 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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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY
July	8	Regular Board Meeting
August	12	Regular Board Meeting
September	9	Regular Board Meeting
October	14	Regular Board Meeting
November	9	Regular Board Meeting
December	9	Regular Board Meeting
January	13	Regular Board Meeting
February	10	Regular Board Meeting
March	10	Regular Board Meeting
April	14	Regular Board Meeting
April	25	Special Board Meeting – Citi Admin Budget Vote
May	10	Public Hearing/Meet The Candidates/Board Meeting
May	17	Budget Vote/Annual Meeting
June	9	Regular Board Meeting

THE PTSA WELCOMES YOU!

The APW Central PTSA is anxious and excited to make some adjustments for this upcoming 2021-2022 school year. We are brainstorming ideas of all the different ways that we can continue to add depth and enhancements to the learning environment for our APW students and community.

While many of our typical events and activities were cancelled last year, and may not be possible yet this fall, we were very fortunate to offer yard signs to the graduating Seniors and the transitioning sixth-graders to help to celebrate their accomplishments in a new and unconventional way! Our group also provided financial support to offer more of the 'Home of the Rebels' and 'Congratulations Seniors' banners and we were able to offer some small snack donations as well as financial support for an Ice Cream Truck at the Elementary School!

Looking forward, now is the time for us to gather new members and new ideas to help to promote learning and fun throughout the APW Central School District! We are hoping to offer the Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser around Easter but, otherwise, we are open to suggestions for activities, events, and any desired fundraising opportunities needed in order to be able to continue to offer financial support for many of the great opportunities throughout the district. Please reach out to our Facebook pages and/or any of our current members to join us in making this transition to include a fun, exciting, and enhancing learning environment for all students throughout the entire district!

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board may, at its discretion, establish committees for the purpose of undertaking a specific task in connection with Board activity. These committees are advisory only and cannot make legal decisions for the Board. Committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage your participation. Board Committee and Leadership Reports are available to the public. If you are interested in serving, or would like information on these committees, please contact the District Clerk at 315-625-5251.

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY
September	23	Committee Meeting
October	21	Committee Meeting
November	18	Committee Meeting
January	27	Budget Work/Committee Meeting
February	17	Budget Work/Committee Meeting
March	24	Budget Work/Committee Meeting
April	28	Committee Meeting
May	26	Committee Meeting
June	23	Committee Meeting



SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pre-Kindergarten Orientation, Elementary 7th Grade Orientation; Meet and Greet, JSHS	2 Staff Development NO SCHOOL All Staff Appreciation Picnic, JSHS Cafe, 12pm	3	4
5	6	7 Staff Development NO SCHOOL Meet the Teacher, Elementary, 2pm	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	9 BOE Meeting, 6pm	10	11
12	13 Crazy Hair Day, JSHS	14 Wear your Favorite Jersey Day, JSHS	15 College Day, JSHS	16 Hat Day, JSHS	17 Rebel Apparel Day, JSHS	18
	JSHS Spirit Week					
19	20 Wear Red, Elementary	21 Wear Orange, Elementary	22 Wear Yellow, Elementary	23 Wear Green, Elementary BOE Committee Meetings, 4pm, JSHS	24 Wear Blue, Elementary	25
	Elementary Color Days					
26	27 Wear Purple, Elementary	28 Wear Black, Elementary	29 Wear Brown, Elementary	30 Wear Pink, Elementary		
	Elementary Color Days					

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

When schools are closed because of adverse weather conditions or other emergencies, early announcements will be made over local television stations. Parents are encouraged to tune into the following television stations which have been designated as official stations to be used: Channel 10, Channel 3, Channel 9 and Channel 5. In the event of an emergency midday dismissal, to ensure that your child will be properly cared for if no one is at home, please make arrangements at the beginning of the school year so that your child will be assured shelter upon arriving home. It is suggested that you make arrangements with a family member on your child's bus route. At the beginning of the school year, students bring home a school registration sheet; room is provided on this form for emergency information. The APW District has the capability of using a mass communication notification process, and in the event of an emergency, parents will be notified using the emergency numbers provided on the registration forms. Please be sure to keep your child's school informed of any revisions to this contact form.

REPORT CARDS

An important part of the total program of reporting to parents involves the use of formalized written report cards. The primary purpose of this report is to give the parent information concerning a child's progress and achievements in the various subjects being studied, as well as an appraisal and evaluation of the child's development. If you have a question concerning a child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact the child's teacher.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The counseling department is an integral part of the APW school program. In order for students to learn effectively, they must feel comfortable and happy in their environment. To help accomplish this goal, counselors devote much time to individual counseling as well as group activities.

Counseling services may include the following:

Elementary

Individual/personal counseling, group counseling, classroom presentations, parent-staff conferences/consultation and active parenting workshops.

Junior High School

Individual/personal counseling, group counseling, social-emotional counseling, parent-student-staff conferences, course selection and scheduling placements and testing.

Senior High School

Parent-student-staff conferences, individual/personal counseling, social-emotional counseling, mental health therapy, substance abuse counseling, APPS counseling, grade level seminars, course selection and scheduling, career counseling, standardized testing, college advising and applications, parent nights and orientation programs.



GEMMA



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OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Wear Rainbow Or Your Favorite Color, Elementary	2
3	4	5 Elementary Fall Pictures	6 JSHS Open House, JSHS, 6pm	7 BOE Meeting, 6pm Title 1 Parent Meeting, Elementary, 5:30pm Prek-6 Open House, Elementary, 6pm	8 Sr. Blue and Gold Picture, JSHS Homecoming Pep Rally, JSHS Homecoming Dance, JSHS Mid Marking Period 1 Ends, JSHS	9
10	11 COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED	12	13 PSAT, JSHS	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 BOE Committee Meetings 4pm	22	23
24	25 Wear Black and Orange, Elementary	26 Wear Something with Pumpkins, Elementary	27 Wear Halloween Socks, Elementary	28 Wear a Halloween Shirt, Elementary	29 Halloween Party And Parade, Elementary	30
31	Halloween Spirit Week, Elementary					

ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Every student athlete is required to sign a statement of personal commitment.

A parent's signature acknowledges this commitment. Student athletes are expected to attend all of their assigned classes. Any student athlete absent from school for more than four classes on a given day will need permission from the athletic director to play or practice on that day, unless they have a legal excuse. Students absent from school on Friday may not participate on a Saturday. Any student athlete suspended either in or out of school will not be allowed to play or practice that day.

Basic rule: never do anything that will have an adverse effect on your ability to perform or create unfavorable impressions of yourself, your team or your school.

Violations that will be dealt with by the Interscholastic Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- use and/or possession of drugs or alcohol
- use of tobacco or tobacco products
- repeated disregard to school or team rules
- theft of property
- vandalism or destruction

Violation of the athletic code will result in restriction from participation, a suspension for a period of time, or a loss of eligibility.

SPORTS PHYSICALS & FAMILY ID

It is very important that your child's physical is up to date. Many of our athlete's physicals have expired due to the pandemic. Your child WILL NOT be cleared by the nurse if their physical is not current.

Family ID is now open for all sports at every level, grades 7 through 12. Please be aware, Family ID has very important medical information that is ONLY to be filled out by a parent or guardian. Students should not be completing the online registration. Only parent/guardian emails will be accepted. If a student email is used or a student registers themselves, they WILL NOT be cleared for participation. It is very important that the information received is accurate for the health and safety of your child. Upon clearance by the nurse, you will receive an email from Family ID to the parent/guardian email provided. Parents/guardians will need to check emails often until your athlete is cleared. Also, be sure that parents and guardians are signing their names and student's name in the proper places on each form. Failure to do this will result in the registration returned, and your child not cleared in a timely manner.

This new online program is very helpful in streamlining the registration process for our nurses, but you must be sure that they are accurate and completed by an adult only, NOT the students.

Family ID website: <https://hello.familyid.com/>

SPORTS PHYSICALS

All students participating in interscholastic sports programs, regardless of grade level, must have a physical exam before participating in any sport practice. This physical includes health history signed by a parent, blood pressure reading and urine test. Physicals expire after one year.

Please contact Mrs. Sylvia Krupke, School Nurse, at 315-625-5223 concerning sports physicals.

JR. & SR. HS QUESTIONS

Contact the teacher for a question regarding the student's classroom progress and grades. Please leave a message if the teacher is engaged in instruction.

Contact the counselor for a question regarding a student's future plans, schedule, personal concerns, etc. The counselor is the key communication link between home and school.

Contact the principal for serious concerns or questions you may have.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The district encourages the use of school facilities by citizens, civic groups and community organizations as long as there is no interference with regular school activities. Fees will be charged based on activity. Proof of insurance is required. Those interested should contact buildings and grounds at 315-625-5295 for more information.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The district provides educational programs for students with a wide range of disabilities. Specific programs are provided by special education teachers, speech and language therapists, teachers of the hearing and visually impaired and occupational and physical therapists. These programs include resource, consultant teacher services and a variety of special class options in our district. Questions regarding programs for students with a disability may be directed to the Director of Special Education at (315) 625-5234.

APW REBELS SPORTS BOOSTERS

APW Rebels Sports Boosters supports our athletic teams and celebrates their accomplishments throughout the year. Join us to continue the tradition of having concessions open at sporting events, promoting athletics and athletes in our district, and being a member of the school community. We use our earnings through fundraising and concessions to help our teams with equipment or uniform purchases and the end of the year Varsity Banquet.

We welcome all who have time to volunteer for the concession stand or for a full member who can vote on plans and events put on by the Rebels Boosters! We meet one evening a month to plan for the next month's events. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm for sports and help us continue a long-standing tradition!

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Elementary Fall Picture Retakes	5 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	6 SAT, JSHS
7	8	9 BOE Meeting, 6pm	10	11 VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL	12 Marking Period 1 Ends, JSHS Marking Period 1 Ends, Elementary	13
14	15	16	17	18 Sr. Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, JSHS BOE Committee Meetings 4pm	19	20 OCMEA JSHS All-County Band Auditions (Central Square)
21	22 Elementary Half Days Parent Conferences	23 Elementary Half Days Parent Conferences	24	25	26	27
			THANKSGIVING RECESS			
28	29	30				

HEALTH SERVICES

Your school nurses are the first line of primary care for our students at APW and they are responsible for every child in the APW district! Each of our nurses contribute their own strengths to APW's Health Services program. Their collaboration provides a continuity of care from the home to the classroom to keep children in school.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINIC AND OUR SCHOOL NURSE?

School Nurses:

- Screen for barriers to learning; vision, hearing
- Triage and treat accidents and illnesses for entire school population
- Administer medication and manage chronic illnesses
- Responsible for day-to-day management of entire school population's health; salaried through education system
- Enhance students' health and academic outcomes; and overall well-being.
- Reduce emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

SBHC:

- Provide primary care and treatment for clinic enrolled students, offer physical exams and sports physicals
- Prescribe medications
- Staff is sponsored by for-profit community health center funded by public and private insurance



WHEN SHOULD A STUDENT VISIT THE SBHC?

Your school nurse will refer clinic enrolled students to the SBHC based on her assessment of a student's complaint or for a scheduled physical exam.

"The primary role of the school nurse is to support student learning."

National Association of School Nurses

Jr./Sr. High School Nurses

Sylvia Krupke RN
Rebecca Rossman LPN
p: (315) 625-5223
f: (315) 625-4278



Elementary School Nurses

Melinda Casselmon RN
Robin Bateman LPN
p: (315) 625-5203
f: (315) 625-4713



DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				NYSSMA Conference Rochester		
5	6	7 JSHS Winter Holiday Concert, JSHS	8 JSHS Winter Holiday Concert, JSHS (if Snow Day on 12/7) Elementary Holiday Concert K-3, Elementary	9 BOE Meeting, 6pm Elementary Holiday Concert 4-6, ES Elementary Holiday Concert K-3, Elementary (If Snow Day on 12/8)	10	11 Senior High All-County Vocal Auditions
NYSSMA Conf. Rochester						
12	13	14 Elementary Holiday Concert 4-6, Elementary (If Snow Day on 12/8)	15	16	17 Mid Marking Period 2 Ends, JSHS	18
					Fall Drama Production (Musical), JSHS	
19	20 Drama production, JSHS (if Snow Day on 12/17) Wear Holiday Socks, Elementary	21 Wear a Holiday Sweater, Elementary	22 Dress Like An Elf Or Wear Red And Green, Elementary	23 Pajama/Holiday Party Day, Elementary	24	25
Fall Drama Prod. (Musical), JSHS	Holiday Spirit Week, Elementary				HOLIDAY RECESS	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
HOLIDAY RECESS						

SEASONAL FLU GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Is seasonal flu more serious for kids?

Infants and young children are at a greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the NYS Department of Health recommends that all children six months and older get the seasonal flu vaccine.

Flu vaccine may save your child's life.

Most people with seasonal flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. A flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child from seasonal flu.

What is seasonal flu?

The flu, or influenza, is a viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.

Flu shot or nasal-spray vaccine?

Flu shots can be given to children six months and older. A nasal-spray vaccine can be given to healthy children two years and older. Children younger than five years who have experienced wheezing in the past year – or any child with chronic health problems – should get the flu shot, not the nasal-spray vaccine. Children younger than nine years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.

What are signs of the flu?

The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

How else can I protect my child?

Get the seasonal flu vaccine for yourself. Encourage your child's close contacts to get seasonal flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than five or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. This will prevent the spread of germs. Tell your children to: Stay away from people who are sick; Clean their hands often; Keep their hands away from their face; and Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

How does the flu spread?

People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.

How long is a sick person contagious?

Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to five days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).

What should I use to clean hands?

Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use wipes or gels with alcohol in them

unless they are visibly soiled. The gels should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Talk with your child's doctor before giving them over-the-counter medicine. If your children may have the flu, never give them aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it. It could cause serious problems.

Can my child go to school/day care with the flu?

No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.

When can my child go back to school/day care after having the flu?

Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours (that is, until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours.) Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, wipes or gels with alcohol in them if the school allows gels.

For more information about the flu, visit:
www.health.ny.gov or www.cdc.gov/flu
***Courtesy of the State of New York Department of Health**



JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						HOLIDAY RECESS
2	3 Universal Pre-K Registration Starts	4	5	6	7	8
HOLIDAY RECESS						
9	10	11	12	13 BOE Meeting, 6pm	14 Elementary Family Night	15
					OCMEA All-County Band Festival	
16	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY NO SCHOOL	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 BOE Budget Work/ Committee Meetings, 4pm	28 Marking Period 2 Ends, JSHS Marking Period 2 Ends, Elementary	29
30	31	REGENTS EXAM DAYS				

MEDICATION

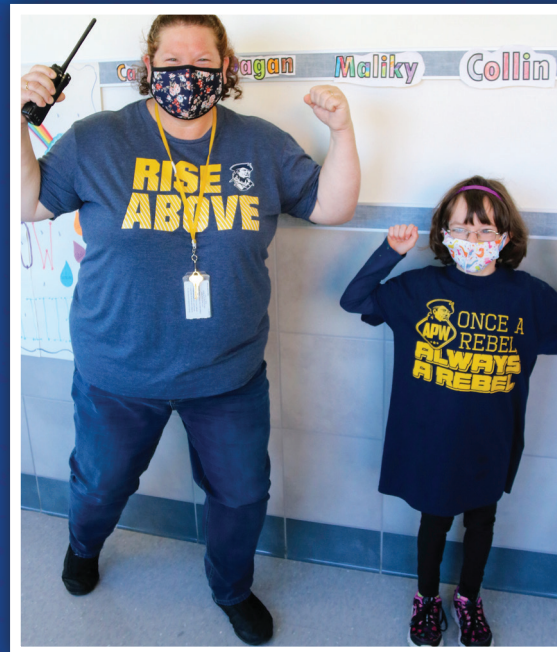
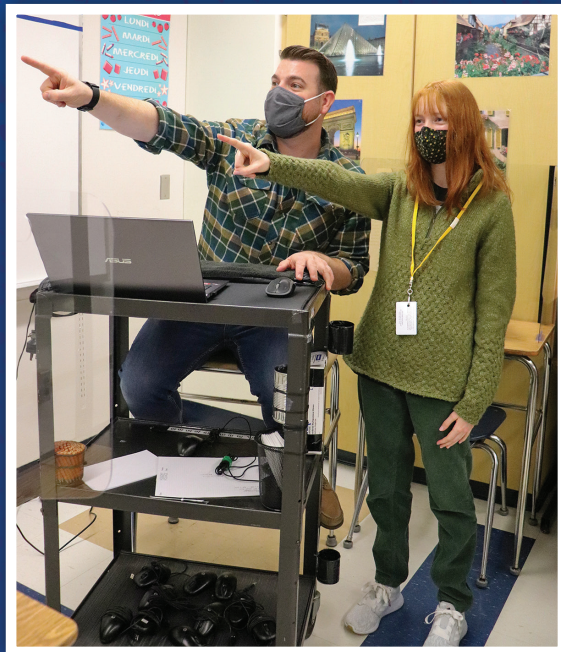
The district requires that all students who need medication (including all medicines prescribed by a physician as well as over-the-counter medications) during school hours must have the following:

- A written request from a family physician indicating the condition being treated, the drug, the dosage and the frequency.
- A written request from the parent/guardian that this medication is to be administered and at which times it is to be given.
- The medication brought in the original prescription bottle, properly labeled by a registered pharmacist as prescribed by law.
- Parent/guardian is responsible for the transport of medication to and from school. No student should be responsible for carrying any medications on the school bus.



FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 BOE Meeting, 6pm	11	12
13	14 Elementary Valentine's Day Parties	15	16	17 BOE Budget Work/ Committee Meetings, 4pm Parent Conferences, Elementary	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	WINTER RECESS					
27	28 Kindergarten Registration Starts					



MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss Theme Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 BOE Meeting, 6pm	11 Staff Development NO SCHOOL Spring Musical, JSHS	12 SAT Test, JSHS Spring Musical, JSHS
13 Spring Musical (Matinee), JSHS	14 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18 Mid Marking Period 3 Ends, JSHS	19
20	21	22	23 Elementary Family Night	24 BOE Budget Work/ Committee Meetings, 4pm	25	26
27	28 Pep for the Test Celebration, Elementary	29 CBT 3-8 NYS	30	31		
			3-8 NYS Assessment			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CREDITS

Students must earn 22 credits for a Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

Required Courses

Students must earn the number of credits listed for the following subjects:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Math*	3 credits
Science*	3 credits
Foreign Language*	1 credit
Health	1/2 credit
Art/Music	1 credit
Physical Ed.	2 credits

*Please see the Guidance Office for additional Advanced Designation credit requirements. Electives: In addition to the required subjects and sequences, students must earn sufficient credits in elective subjects to earn the required credits for a diploma. Students are encouraged to explore elective courses in an area of interest. Some electives have prerequisites; others do not. Some are designed for students in all grades; others are for students in specific grades. Use the individual course descriptions as guides for appropriate selection of electives.

Exam Requirements

Each student must satisfy exam requirements in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and History to be eligible for a diploma at any high school in NYS.

NOTE TO VISITORS

The District has initiated a single-point of entry during school hours; all visitors, including parents, must use the front doors only and report to the school office upon entering the building. To aid visitors, prevent the interruption of classes and to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the school building, each visitor shall be required to present a driver's license or government-issued identification badge and will be given a visitor badge to wear during his/her duration at the school.



APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					CBT 3-8 NYS	
3	4	5	6 CiTi Annual Meeting	7	8	9
	CBT 3-8 NYS					
10	11	12	13	14 BOE Meeting, 6pm	15	16
	SPRING RECESS-NO SCHOOL					
17	18 BOE Candidate Petition Packets Due	19 Marking Period 3 Ends, Elementary	20	21	22 Marking Period 3 Ends, JSHS	23
					OCMEA All-County Choral Festival (Fulton)	
24	25 BOE Vote on CiTi Admin Budget 6pm	26 CBT 3-8 NYS	27	28 BOE Committee Meetings 6pm	29	30
			3-8 NYS Assessment			

PHYSICAL ED. & MEDICAL

Release excuses from physical education class must be based upon a statement from a physician. After an injury or illness requiring medical treatment, it is necessary for a student to obtain a medical release before returning to active participation in physical education.

Injury or Illness

Each school is served by a school nurse offering a variety of services to students and their parents. The school nurses provide emergency care for injured and ill students, dispense prescribed medication, follow up on all students absent for long periods of time and maintain health records. Any student who is ill or injured should report immediately to the teacher who will refer the student to the nurse's office. When necessary, the nurse will contact a parent to take the ill student home. In cases of severe injury or illness, the local ambulance will be called and parents will be notified.

Student Physicals

Per NYS Education Law 136.1, parents may have their own family physician perform the exam if it is administered not more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is required. The results of the physical must be provided to the district within 30 days of entry or an examination may be performed by the school.

The New York State Department of Education requires physical examinations of children when they: are a new entry into the district; are in Grades Pre-K or K, 2, 4, 7 and 10 participate in interscholastic sports in grades 7-12; need working papers; are referred to the Committee on Special Education.



**Public Budget
Hearing
May 10, 6:00 pm
JSHS**

**Budget Vote and
BOE Election
May 17
(Time & Location
to be determined)**

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	CBT 3-8 NYS				NYSSMA Solo Festival (Mexico)	
8	9	10 BOE Public Hearing, Meet the Candidates & BOE Meeting, 6PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Budget Vote & Annual Meeting Spring Concert K-3, Elementary	18 Spring Concert 4-6, Elementary	19 Parent Conferences, Elementary	20 Mid Marking Period 4 Ends, JSHS Elementary Family Night	21
22	23	24	25	26 BOE Committee Meetings 4pm	27	28
		NYSSMA Majors Festival (Mexico)				
		3-8 NYS Assessment				
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED NO SCHOOL	31				
		3-8 NYS Assessment				

NONDISCRIMINATION

The APW Central School District is in accordance with the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and does not discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in the educational programs or activities it operates. This includes recruitment and employment of employees; pay and benefits; counseling services for students; access by students to educational programs, courses and activities. The Title IX Coordinator of activities relating to compliance:

District Coordinator:

Dr. Naomi Ryfun

nryfun@apw.cnyric.org
(315) 625-55274

Civil Rights Compliance Officer*

Bethany Centrone, Esq.

Capital Region BOCES, 900 Watervliet Shaker Rd,
Albany, NY 12205 (518) 862-5228

*The Civil Rights Compliance Officer will be responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities regarding non-discrimination and anti-harassment, including investigations of complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, or the failure of the District to comply with its obligations under relevant non-discrimination and anti-harassment laws and regulations (e.g., the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

NYS DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

Signed into law September 13, 2010, and effective as of July 1, 2012, The New York State Dignity For All Students Act (Dignity Act or DASA) applies to all public schools. The Dignity Act addresses issues related to harassment and discrimination in schools, including incidents on school property and at public school functions. No student shall be subjected to harassment, discrimination or bullying by employees or students. Incidents of harassment or discrimination shall be reported to the district's DASA Coordinators or to the APW Superintendent of Schools:

APW District DASA Coordinator: Dr. Naomi Ryfun

Assistant Superintendent
(315) 625-5274
nryfun@apw.cnyric.org

Elementary DASA Coordinator: Crystal Reynolds

(315) 625-5280
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Jr./Sr. High School DASA Coordinator: Jennifer O'Malley

(315) 625-5221
jomalley@apw.cnyric.org



JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 JSHS Spring Concert, JSHS	2 Senior Award Night	3	4
					Sherburne Pageant of Bands	
			3-8 NYS Assessment			
5	6	7 JSHS Spring Concert Makeup Date	8	9 BOE Meeting, 6pm	10	11
	3-8 NYS Assessment					
12	13 Marking Period 4 Ends, JSHS	14 Elementary Flag Day Ceremony and Celebration	15	16 Marking Period 4 Ends, Elementary	17	18
			Elementary PE Fun Days, ES			
		REGENTS EXAM DAYS				
19	20 JUNETEENTH OBSERVED NO STUDENTS Staff Must Report	21	22 6th Grade Promotion	23 Last Day of School BOE Committee Meeting 4pm	24	25 GRADUATION
		REGENTS EXAM DAYS				
26 GRADUATION (Rain Date)	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

School district meetings, elections, bond votes or referenda are conducted at the discretion of the BOE. These meetings occur when it is necessary to transact business that is beyond the authority of the BOE, and voter approval is required. Such items of business include: electing members of the board of education, adoption of an annual operating budget and issuance of bonds for site purchases, bus purchases or facility construction or renovation.

Notice of a district election is published 45 days in advance to the meeting. Generally, a budget-related newsletter is published describing in detail the item or items to be voted upon. The meetings or elections are typically held at the Junior-Senior High School.

Voting Eligibility

To be eligible to vote in a school district election a person must be:

- a citizen of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- a legal resident of the school district for the 30-day period immediately preceding the date of the election;

Proof of voter eligibility may be requested. This may include, but is not limited to; driver's license, passport, non-driver ID card, utility bill or voter registration card.

Voter Registration

Questions regarding school district elections, voter registration and polling should be directed to the school District Clerk at (315) 625-5251.

Absentee Ballots

Qualified voters who will be away from home or otherwise unable to vote in person on election day may vote by absentee ballot. Call the school District Clerk at (315) 625-5251 for an application. District voters must request absentee ballot applications in advance. Application must be received seven days prior to election if ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the school district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on election day.

REBEL ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

The school district newsletter, The Rebel Alliance, is distributed throughout the district to residents and families of enrolled students. If you are not receiving the Rebel Alliance by mail, please call the district office and ask to be placed on the list for future mailings.

STUDENT RECORDS

Parents of students under the age of 18 and students over 18 have the right to inspect official student records. School principals can supply information on how to inspect student records. Contact the principal for serious concerns or questions you may have.

APW Central School District Communication Guidelines

Question or Concern	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3	Contact 4
Academics	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	x
Budget	Business Administrator	Superintendent	Board of Education	x
Building Use	Assistant Principal	Director of Facilities	Superintendent	x
Cafeteria	Food Service Director	Assistant Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	x
Co-Curricular	Club Advisor	Assistant Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Curriculum	Teacher	Building Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
Facilities	Assistant Principal	Director of Facilities	Superintendent	x
Health Office	School Nurse	Building Principal	Superintendent	x
Scheduling	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent	x
Special Education	Teacher	Building Principal	Director of Special Education	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	Superintendent	x

"Ultimately, the Board of Education is your final point of contact"

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Superintendent of Schools	Lynn K. Rhone	(315) 625-5252	lrhone@apw.cnyric.org
Assistant Superintendent	Naomi Ryfun	(315) 625-5274	nryfun@apw.cnyric.org
School Business Administrator	Lorraine Burrows	(315) 625-5254	lburrows@apw.cnyric.org
District Clerk	Cheryl Emory	(315) 625-5251	cemory@apw.cnyric.org
Director of Special Education	Amy St. Croix	(315) 625-5235	astcroix@apw.cnyric.org
Athletic Coordinator	Scott Stanard	(315) 625-5232	ssanard@apw.cnyric.org
<u>Elementary School:</u>		(315) 625-5260	
Principal	Dawn Cooley	(315) 625-5260	dcooley@apw.cnyric.org
Assistant Principal	Danielle Wheeler	(315) 625-5293	dwheeler@apw.cnyric.org
<u>Junior/Senior High School:</u>		(315) 625-5222	
Principal	Jennifer O'Malley	(315) 625-5220	jomalley@apw.cnyric.org
Assistant Principal	Shannon Tanner	(315) 625-5201	stanner@apw.cnyric.org
Director of Facilities	David Poore	(315) 625-5245	dpoore@apw.cnyric.org
Transportation Supervisor	Nathan Metcalf	(315) 625-5242	nmetcalf@apw.cnyric.org
Food Service Director	David Bartholomew	(315) 625-5227	dbartholomew@apw.cnyric.org



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

The APW School-Based Health Center (SBHC) is a full-service health center operated by the Pulaski Health Center and partially funded by the State of New York.

The SBHC provides prompt, quality and convenient primary health care to students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Services include: treatment of illnesses and ability to prescribe medication; treatment of minor injuries; ability to monitor and treat chronic illnesses such as asthma and hay fever; give immunizations and give comprehensive physical examinations in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. The SBHC also offers mental health services to students and their families. This could include: individual counseling; group counseling; psychoeducational and behavioral case reviews; substance abuse counseling and family counseling.

Where is the SBHC Located?

The SBHC office is located next to the nurse's office at the elementary school and at the APW Junior-Senior High School. To reach the elementary school's health center, call (315) 625-5210. To contact the high school's SBHC, call (315) 625-5213.

How do I sign my child/children up?

All school-aged children are eligible to participate. Please complete an application form for each child that you wish to enroll. Application forms are available in the main office of each school building and at the Pulaski Health Center.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to visit the SBHC. The SBHC bills most insurance companies and accepts as payment what these companies have paid. Parents are not responsible for co-pays, deductibles or balance of visits: There is no expense to you.

What costs am I responsible for?

While services at the SBHC are at no cost, there are some costs that patients are responsible for. These include: prescriptions, lab work, x-rays and specialty appointments. The SBHC will not perform these services without a guardian's permission.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Please send proof of immunization to the school nurse where your child will be attending school.

Proof of immunization must be any one of the three items listed below:

- An immunization certificate signed by your health care provider
- Immunization Registry report (NYSIS or CIR from NYC) from your health care provider or your county health department
- A blood test (titer) lab report that proves your child is immune to the diseases
- For varicella (chickenpox), a note from your health care provider (MD, NP, PA) which says your child had the disease is also acceptable.

If you have questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact the school health staff.

New York State Law Section 2164 requires certain immunizations (shots) to attend school. Please check with your health care provider to make sure that your child has all the needed immunizations. They are listed to the right.

VACCINE	PRE-K	GRADES K-5	GRADES 6-11	GRADE 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTap/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³		Not applicable		1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccines ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8,9,10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years old or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten and children who are four years of age on or before December 1 are eligible to attend pre-K starting in September of the school year. Information on kindergarten and pre-K registration procedures and kindergarten orientation is mailed to parents each spring.

New students that are pre-K through grade 12 will be registered at the APW Registrar's Office located in the District Office at the Jr. Sr. High School Building.

A birth certificate, academic records from previous school, up-to-date immunization records, proof of residency and custody papers (if applicable) are required at the time of registration. Registration packets are available on the school district website, www.apwschools.org.

For more information on the registration of K-12 Students, contact the District Registrar Susan Thorp (315) 625-5275.

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The APW Central School District classifies the following student information as "directory information": Name, address and telephone number, parent's name(s) and address(es), class designation, date and place of birth, participation in school clubs, activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent educational institute or agency attended by student and student's picture.

"Directory information" may be available for bona fide purposes to outside parties such as colleges, newspapers, social service agencies and the military. Any eligible student or parent wishing to limit the availability of this information must do so within 14 days of this notification by contacting the student's guidance counselor (middle or high schools) or building principal (elementary schools) and request the "Reservation of Consent for the Release of Certain Student Information Form." This should be done on a yearly basis.

Other questions regarding these rights should be referred to the student's building principal.

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

APWCSD transports approximately 1,200 students daily and travels approximately 750,000 miles per year involving approximately 20,000 trips. The district meets strict federal and state regulations covering the training and hiring of school bus drivers as well as the Department of Transportation regulations for the safe condition of the school buses.

Responsibility for the students while they are waiting for the school bus rests with the parents/guardians. Be at your bus stop on time, drivers will stop at all required stops. If your child is not visible when the doors to the bus are opened, then the driver will continue on with their route. When student boards the bus, the district is responsible until they leave the bus at the end of the day.

If there is an incident of seriously bad behavior, the bus driver will record the problem on a student discipline report and give it to the building principal, grades K-6, and the transportation supervisor, grades 5-12, for follow-up. It may be necessary at this point to deny the child the privilege of riding the bus. Parents will then be responsible for transporting the child to and from school. Once transportation privileges have been denied, the student cannot ride any district buses until the suspension is lifted.

The safe transportation of our students depends on the cooperation of all involved: students, drivers, parents and administrators. By understanding and abiding by the bus rules, we feel that we can provide the APW student population with the safe transportation they deserve.

Board Transportation Policy

Transportation is available for all students in the APW school district. Transportation to a non-public school must be requested by April 1 for the following school year. Requests should be addressed to the district clerk and should include the child's name, address, age, grade level and the school to which busing is requested.

Riding a School Bus is a Privilege

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right, that may be denied or suspended upon violation of these district transportation rules:

- Cross 10 feet in front of the bus after the driver signals you to do so.
- Wait for the bus 15 feet back from the edge of the road.
- Enter and leave the bus in an orderly and safe manner.
- Stay seated until the bus stops.
- Keep arms, hands and head inside the bus.

- Use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol is prohibited by law on school property and will be reported to authorities.
- Books, bags, parcels or musical instruments must be held on the student's lap.
- Sports equipment such as baseball bats, golf clubs, balls of all kinds, skateboards, roller skates and blades, etc. are not allowed on the bus.
- No glass containers or dangerous objects are allowed.
- Indecent or profane language will not be tolerated.
- Unauthorized persons cannot ride our school buses.
- Riders must follow the driver's instructions at all times.

Alternate Pick-up and Discharge Points

Students should be picked up and discharged at the same location every day. Request by parent/guardians for variations of this policy will be considered on an individual basis with a maximum of two (2) pick-up points and two (2) drop-off points. These locations must be established the first week in August and, unless family conditions change, should be permanent.

Should it be necessary to change daycare or other child supervision arrangements during the school year, parents/ guardians should send written notification to the district's transportation office and a copy to the child's school office.

There is still the "Emergency Drop-Off Point" indicated on the student's registration form; this is the only location a student will be dropped off to when a parent calls in with a true emergency. Should the designated drop-off point need to change (maximum of three times per year), there must be a written notice at least two weeks in advance sent to the transportation supervisor, and the parent must validate the note with a telephone call to the transportation supervisor.

The BOE is committed to providing safe transportation for its students, while also exhibiting reasonable flexibility in handling emergencies.

Transportation of Students To School-Sponsored Events

When the district sponsors an activity, it is responsible for transporting students to and from away events. All students are to ride to the activity and are to ride back to the school. The exception to this policy: The parent(s) of the student is/are at the activity and they make a request of the coach to take their son/ daughter home.

Questions or concerns can be communicated to: Nate Metcalf, Transportation Supervisor, (315) 625-5241.



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