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News for Back to School 2019-2020!

School-year begins Thursday, Sept. 5

The first day of school for students in the North Syracuse Central School District is Thursday, September 5, 2019. 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 p.m.

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

North Syracuse Early Education Program (NSEEP):

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

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

Student Schedules

Please take note of the following dates for student schedule availability:

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- Elementary placement letters sent via e-mail
- Middle School letters with teams mailed home
- 8th Grade schedules available at Orientation BBQ

Thursday, August 22, 2019

- All NSJH schedules available on schooltool™

Monday, August 26, 2019

- All C-NS schedules available on schooltool™

All placements and schedules may be adjusted prior to the first day of school due to changes in enrollment.

New Trimester Report Card Schedule for K-4 Students

For the 2019-2020 school year, the North Syracuse Central School District is implementing a revised trimester report card schedule for K-4 students. Students in grades 5-12 will follow the same four quarter reporting schedule.

The K-4 changes are part of a national trend toward scheduling wider reporting periods for younger students to allow a focus on child-centered learning.

All students in grades K-4 receive a *standards-based report card, which gives more accurate, specific feedback about a student's progress toward the skills and understanding of each standard in a subject area. This is important because it better identifies where a student is excelling in a subject, as well as where he/she might need additional assistance.

North Syracuse Central School District Director of Elementary Education, Gregory Stone, provided additional detail saying, "Trimester scheduling will allow more accurate reporting for our younger students. By widening our first reporting period, our teachers have time to more accurately assess our students' abilities and needs."

"This new schedule allows for more open dialogue at November parent-teacher conferences and gives families the opportunity to provide insight about their child's unique educational needs."

*Standards-based elementary report cards use a numerical evaluation key (with "4" being the highest score earned and "1" being the lowest) to represent a child's progress.

K-4 report card dates are also listed on the district's online calendar along with report card and progress report dates for 5-12 students. Additional information about report cards and schooltool™ is available online at www.nscsd.org/reportcards.

K-4 Trimester Marking Period Dates

End of Trimester	Grades Available On-Line
December 6, 2019	December 13, 2019
March 20, 2020	March 27, 2020
June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020

District Information

Board of Education

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Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2019

September 9 & 23, 2019
October 7 & 21, 2019
November 4 & 18, 2019
December 2 & 16, 2019

Superintendent of Schools

Daniel D. Bowles

Administration

Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D., *Associate
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Superintendent for Business Services*
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Superintendent for Human Resources*

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:

Laurie Cook, School Information Officer
Phone: 315-218-2190
Email: lcook@nscsd.org

Thoughts from the Superintendent



Building Trust While Taking Risks

In my column last month, I wrote about new beginnings and bringing attention to the great things happening in the North Syracuse Central School. As soon as I finished writing that column, my mind jumped ahead and I thought about what I would write this month.

I can tell you that this first month has provided enough inspiration for a year's worth of newsletters. I'm settling into my new role and my new office, meeting teachers, students, and colleagues. I've received countless messages of congratulations and experienced kindnesses from so many of you. I can't thank you enough for the warm welcome I've received. I'm excited about your positivity and about working together for our students.

Among the many moments of inspiration this month, there is one that truly stands out. I have always believed that an educator's job is to teach, of course...but also to **learn** through shared experiences. On a hot Friday this past month, that is exactly what happened for me.

As you'll read on the following page, each July, some C-NS students and teachers take part in team building activities through the STAR Leadership Program. As am I, these young people are working to become the best leaders they can be.

This year, I had the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone, join the group and participate alongside the students. I knew that for some of the activities, such as the ropes course, I would need to dig deep to find courage. What I don't think I was completely prepared for, though, was how much I would need to rely on **trust** to get through the day. There were moments when I questioned my decision to embark on this adventure. At a critical moment I had to decide whether I would let go of a rope with one hand, trusting my own strength in the other.

Our school district is built on trust. Sometimes trust exists simply because it is a reasonable expectation. Parents give us their children each day, trusting us to take care of them, educate them and keep them safe. Teachers trust that students come to them willing to listen and learn and that they will be supported. Taxpayers trust that we will be responsible with their money. Our students trust that we will hear and respect them and that we will value their individuality and strengths. They trust that we will give them opportunities to learn and to find their passions.

On that recent July day, I learned that trusting instinctively is fine and absolutely necessary. But I also learned that we have the ability to **grow** trust. When people continually do the things they say they will, when they respect and support each other and go above and beyond, we earn trust and we build trust. Alongside 18 C-NS students, I learned that I want to be a leader who builds and earns trust. I'm looking forward to a very positive school year!

Daniel D. Bowles

Superintendent of Schools

C-NS STAR Leadership Camp Builds Trust *and* Future Leaders



For more than a decade, various groups of Cicero-North Syracuse (C-NS) High School students have been spending one of their cherished summer vacation weekends continuing to learn. But the lessons they're being taught aren't taking place in a classroom, they're happening at a remote camp in the Adirondacks. The knowledge they're getting isn't from books or on computers. These students are learning from each other and they're learning to be leaders.

The C-NS STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Leadership Program began in 2006 for the purpose of preparing future student leaders for the roles and responsibilities that come with leadership. The program's intent is to provide students with a variety of opportunities that will develop and enhance their personal philosophy of leadership.

Students are selected for the STAR Program by club and organization advisors, coaches and teaching staff. Once selected, the students are expected to serve as full members of the C-NS Principal's Cabinet throughout the school year. The program's first "meeting" takes place at the Oswegatchie Educational Center in Croghan, NY.

C-NS teacher-leader Jack McAndrew has been a part of the program since its inception and helped plan its format. He said, "Having students come together for the first time in a unfamiliar setting, where they need to rely on each other, is an intentional piece of the program and is done for the purpose of building trust and learning to work together. This will enable students to more effectively enact the goals and objectives of their club, organization or team."

Eighteen students came together for the 2019 C-NS STAR Leadership Camp. Students were led by and guided through activities by C-NS Executive Principal, Bill LaClair, teachers Jack McAndrew and Melissa Palmisano and North Syracuse Central School District Director for Instructional Support and Diverse Learning, Lisa Goldberg. They were also joined by the district's new Superintendent of Schools, Dan Bowles, who took part in the team building activities.



C-NS Executive Principal, Bill LaClair spoke about his goal for the weekend. He said, "For me, it is about the students taking what they learned at camp and becoming active leaders within the school community. It's about us working together to move the building forward. The ultimate goal is then for them to be leaders after they leave C-NS."

The Oswegatchie Educational Center is an active, collaborative and challenging experience. Students are expected to take leadership roles in all group activities including meal preparation, camp clean-up, and activity evaluation. The program operates with a high level of interaction and responsibility giving students the opportunity to practice the leadership skills they will need in the upcoming school year and beyond.

After the weekend's activities, students and staff had a chance to reflect on their shared experiences. One student, DJ Villnave, who will be a junior at C-NS this fall, provided his reflection. He said, "Sometimes it is hard to get to know people but making these connections helped me understand that leaders take every individual into account when making decisions. For me it is about making connections."





North Syracuse Central School District 2019-2020 School Calendar



	M	T	W	T	F
S - 20	SEPTEMBER				
I - 20	2	3	4	5	6
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S - 22	OCTOBER				
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S - 17	NOVEMBER				
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S - 15	DECEMBER				
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S - 19	JANUARY				
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LEGEND

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

Totals
Instructional Days - 186
Staff Days - 186

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S - 15	FEBRUARY				
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S - 22	MARCH				
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S - 20	JUNE				
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North Syracuse Central School District 2019-2020 Calendar

Thursday, September 5, 2019 is the first day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. The complete 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 calendars website at www.nscsd.org/calendar. The approved calendar is shown above and a listing of important dates is provided on the following page.

Scheduled days off and meeting and event dates are also included on the district's "live" online calendar at www.nscsd.org/calendar. Users can customize their online calendar to include multiple schools, district events and meetings and can even download event information to their mobile devices. The online calendar provides more specific, up-to-date event information than the printed calendar which is published in August. Families are encouraged to verify event dates and times using the online calendar as they are subject to change after the calendar is printed.

North Syracuse Central School District 2019-20 Important Dates

August 27-29:	New Teacher Orientation	January 28:	1/2 Day (Pre-K–12) Staff Workshops
September 2:	Labor Day - No School	February 17-21:	President's Day/Mid Winter Recess - No School
September 3:	Superintendent's Conference Day	March 11:	1/2 Day (Pre-K–12) Staff Workshops
September 4:	Superintendent's Conference Day	April 2:	Parent Conferences - 1/2 Day (Pre-K–4)
September 5:	First Day of School	April 6-13:	Spring Recess - No School
September 25:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops	April 10:	Good Friday - No School
October 14:	Indigenous People's Day - No School	May 15:	1/2 Day (Pre-K–12) Staff Workshops
October 31:	1/2 Day (Pre-K-12) Staff Workshops	May 19:	School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
November 5:	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School	May 25:	Memorial Day - No School
November 11:	Veteran's Day - No School	June 12:	1/2 Day (Pre-K–12) Staff Workshops
November 14:	Parent Conference Day - 1/2 Day for Pre-K–6	June 2, 17-25:	Regents Examination Days
November 27-29:	Thanksgiving Recess - No School	June 25:	Last Day for Students (Pre-K–7)
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3:	Holiday Recess - No School	June 25:	C-NS Graduation
January 20:	Martin Luther King Day - No School	June 26:	Regents Rating Day
Jan. 21 - Jan. 24	Regents Examination Days	June 26:	Superintendent's Conference Day/Last Day for Staff

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 student's mid-thigh.*
5. *Include footwear at all times. Flip flops, platform shoes, and clogs have presented a 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.

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. Matthew Erwin, Director of Facilities, has been appointed as the "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns in the North Syracuse Central School District.

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 designated a 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 schooltool™. Therefore, **it is imperative that parents and guardians ensure that their contact information is correct in schooltool™. 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. Visitors to school buildings will 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.



Connect With Us in the Way(s) That Work For You!

The North Syracuse Central School District wants to make sure our families and community members hear about the great things happening in our schools and throughout the district! We try to continually promote the positive contributions our students make to the community, whether through volunteer work, athletics, fine arts or educational achievements. Every day, our students are making a positive impact in the community and we strive to showcase these actions and achievements. One of the primary ways for you to obtain information and follow the great things happening in the North Syracuse School District is by visiting our website at www.nscsd.org. Other ways to connect with the district include:

	Facebook (@NSyracuseCSD) - We use our Facebook page to share news about students, staff, alumni success and lots of other good news. We also share lots of event photos and love to be tagged in your good news, too!
	Twitter -The district has a Twitter page and many of our schools do as well. Feel free to follow us and share your good news with @NSyracuseCSD or find your child's school on Twitter!
	YouTube - Make sure you check out our latest videos on the district's YouTube channel by going online to www.youtube.com/c/NorthSyracuseCentralSchoolDistrict .
	schooltool™ - Did you know you have the ability to view your child's class schedule, attendance, report card, discipline history, test scores and more through schooltool™? Log in at https://cns.schooltool.cnyric.org/SchooltoolWeb/ . Make sure your information is up-to-date by filling out your student's information forms at the beginning of the school year and calling the school with updates! SchoolMessenger and Peachjar pull parent guardian information from schooltool™ to send messages.
	SchoolMessenger - Don't miss an urgent message or weather delay/cancellation again! SchoolMessenger uses the parent/guardian information you have on file in schooltool™ to send emails and text messages.
	Peachjar - All schools have "Peachjars" for student flyers. With Peachjar, families never have to rely on students bringing information home in their backpacks...everything is kept in one online location and will stay there for future reference. Peachjar uses the parent/guardian information you have on file in schooltool™ to send emails.
	Tip411 - Do you have a tip that you'd like to submit to the district or one of our schools? Tip411 is a new system through which anonymous tips can be emailed or text messaged to the district and schools. Learn more at www.nscsd.org/tips .

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 315/218-2109 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. Matthew Erwin, can be reached at 315/218-2109 regarding the Neighbor Notification Information.

Notification of Pesticide Applications at North Syracuse Central School District through 8/10/19

There have been no pesticide applications from 7/1/19 through 8/10/19.

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling the district's director of facilities at 315/218-2109 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.

School District Information at a glance

Please refer to the following for common questions. More information is also available on the website. The publication will be mailed to homes in late August and will also be available on the website.

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 315/218-2107 or the district registrar at 315/218-2145.

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 315/218-2035 (August 19 through September 13, 2019 only).

School Bus Information for Universal Pre-K (UPK) Students

Parents or guardians of UPK 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 26. It should be noted that during the morning run, UPK students will be at stops with students riding in for K-4 classes. However, at midday take home, UPK 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 315/218-2035. (August 19 through September 13, 2019 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 (315/218-2145) or transportation department (315/218-2107). Any changes in transportation require a minimum notification of 72 hours. These forms must be on file with the Transportation Department by August 28, 2019 or changes will not occur until September 16, 2019.

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.

district's website at www.nscsd.org and in the 2019-2020 District Calendar and Parent Guide.
Available as a PDF document on the district's website at www.nscsd.org.

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 stations will also be notified. It is recommended that residents watch one of the following television stations: WSYR-Channel 9, Spectrum 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.

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, parents/guardians of students 16 or 17 years of age should contact the school guidance counselor for a referral. Individuals age 18 or older can contact the OCM BOCES program directly at 315/453-4672.

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 part 2 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 315/218-2141.

School Meals and Prepayment Information

Children need healthy meals to learn. The North Syracuse Central School District offers healthy meals at reasonable prices every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.90 for all grade-level students and lunch costs \$2.40 for elementary students, \$2.65 for middle school students and \$2.90 for junior/senior high students. Your children may qualify for free meals if household gross income is within the free Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines limit listed on page 10 of this newsletter.

This year, all students at the following schools will also receive free meals regardless of income, through the USDA's CEP program:

- North Syracuse Early Education Program at Main Street
- Roxboro Road Elementary School
- Roxboro Road Middle School

The district offers 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

District Phone Numbers

General Information/Receptionist, Anja Donoghue	315/218-2100
Administration: Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools,	315/218-2150
Administration: Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning..	315/218-2124
Administration: Donald F.X. Keegan, Associate Superintendent for Business Services.....	315/218-2119
Administration: Jason Nephew, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.....	315/218-2125
Athletics & Co-Curricular Programs: Timothy Bednarski, Director.....	315/218-4115
Board of Education: Connie Gibson, District Clerk	315/218-2131
Business Services: Anthony Morris, Treasurer	315/218-2116
Communications: Laurie Cook, School Information Officer	315/218-2190
Data, Accountability and School Improvement: Donna Marie Norton, Executive Director	315/218-2121
Elementary Education: Gregory Stone, Director.....	315/218-2118
Facilities: Matthew Erwin, Director.....	315/218-2109
Food Service: Wendy Swift, Director	315/218-2176
Instructional Leadership: Alicia Pizzuto, Director	315/218-2165
Instructional Programming for Special Education: Lisa Garofalo, Director.....	315/218-2140
Instructional Support: Lisa Goldberg, Director for Diverse Learning.....	315/218-2134
Instructional Support: John Rice, Director for CTE & Science.....	315/218-2126
Pupil Personnel: Valerie DiFlorio, Executive Director	315/218-2120
Purchasing: David Kasouf, Purchasing Officer	315/218-2141
Registration: Elizabeth Nelipowitz, Registrar.....	315/218-2145
Transportation: Matthew Conti, Supervisor.....	315/218-2179
Transportation Hot Line (August 19 through September 13, 2019 only)	315/218-2035

School Building

Phone Number

Allen Road Elementary School (Grades K-4, David Lunden, Principal).....	315/218-2300
Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School (Grades K-4, John Cole, Principal).....	315/218-2400
Cicero Elementary School (Grades K-4, Kathy Wheeler, Principal).....	315/218-2500
Cicero-North Syracuse High School (Grades 10-12, William LaClair, Executive Principal),	315/218-4100
Gillette Road Middle School (Grades 5-7, David Cordone, Principal).....	315/218-3000
Lakeshore Road Elementary School (Grades K-4, TBD, Principal)	315/218-2600
North Syracuse Early Education Program (Preschool, Dawn Hussein, Principal)....	315/218-2200
North Syracuse Junior High School (Grades 8-9, Constance Turose, Principal).....	315/218-3600
Roxboro Road Elementary School (Grades K-4, Matthew Motala, Principal).....	315/218-2700
Roxboro Road Middle School (Grades 5-7, David Shaw, Principal)	315/218-3300
Smith Road Elementary School (Grades K-4, Lyndsey Maloney, Principal).....	315/218-2800



School Meal Program Expanded to Offer Additional Free Meal Options

Nutrition plays an important role in a person's overall health and well-being. It has been shown over and over again that students who have access to proper nutrition and eat healthy meals, do better in school.

The North Syracuse Central School District offers healthy meals at reasonable prices every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.90 for all grade-level students and lunch costs \$2.40 for elementary students, \$2.65 for middle school students and \$2.90 for junior/senior high students.

While school meals are reasonably priced, some families still need additional assistance. The district is excited to announce that additional options are now available for those families. The USDA Meal Program has expanded so that children previously eligible for reduced price meals, will now receive free meals. The chart to the right lists income eligibility for free meals (household gross income must be within Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines limit.)

Additionally, this year, all students at the following schools will receive free meals regardless of income, through the USDA's CEP program:

- North Syracuse Early Education Program
- Roxboro Road Elementary School
- Roxboro Road Middle School

Free meals are also available for foster children and children on Indian Reservations or in households receiving the following benefits:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),
- Food Distribution Program,
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families TANF.

Applications for students in these households must meet certain requirements, which are listed on the form on the following pages. Incomplete applications 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. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are also eligible for **free** meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

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@nscsd.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.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,177	\$ 682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

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.

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) 218-2176 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.

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.

Food service substitutes wanted!

The North Syracuse Central School District's food service department is looking to hire substitute food service helpers. Full and part-time positions are available. Hours of work typically range between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. during the school year. Go to www.nscsd.org for more information.

2019-2020 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 the address listed below**. Call **(315-218-2176)**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **North Syracuse Food Service Department**
5520A. East Taft Road
North Syracuse, NY 13212 Fax (315) 458-0136

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"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

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

I do not have a SS#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all 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: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more) : American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

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, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Jennifer Wheeler, 5520A East Taft Road, N. Syracuse, NY 13212.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-218-2176. 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 SNAP, 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) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) 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.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 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.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: 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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (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.

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](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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SCHOOL PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS



The New York State Department of Education requires a health certificate or health appraisal of each public school student when they: enter the school district for the first time; are in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11; participate in interscholastic sports; need working papers; and are referred to the Committee on Special Education.

All students participating in interscholastic sports programs, regardless of their grade level, must have a physical

exam before participating in any sport. This physical includes a health history form signed by a parent and blood pressure reading.

These physicals need to be turned into the school nurse prior to the start of tryouts. If your child intends to tryout for a sport, it is important that they check with their school's nurse before tryouts to verify they have a current sports physical on file.

Physicals expire one year from the month they were performed, on the last day on the month.

The district recommends that physical examinations be recorded on the New York State Education Department's Health Examination form (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ssss/documents/ReqNYSS-schoolHealthExamForm.pdf>), but we will accept complete physical exams recorded on any form that your provider's office uses.

Immunization Law

To prevent communicable disease and due to New York State requirements, **all students must be immunized**; no student will be allowed to attend North Syracuse Central Schools without proof of the minimum NYS immunization requirements. Acceptable proof of immunization should be provided in the form of a certificate from a physician or clinic specifying types and dates of immunization or disease; or blood test results that show proof of immunity. When a range exists, the NYS Department of Health may require your child to receive the higher dosage. The complete vaccination schedule is available online at www.nscsd.org.

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTaP/Boost/TP)	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 booster (Tdap)		Not applicable		1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)	1 dose		2 doses	
Hepatitis B vaccine	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombinant) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 8 through 15 years	
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Hemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)	1 to 4 doses		Not applicable	
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)	1 to 4 doses		Not applicable	

PLACEMENT IN ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE PROGRAM



It is the responsibility of the North Syracuse Central School District to identify students with limited English proficiency (LEP), to provide sufficient instructional and support services to ensure that

all state standards are met, and to provide equal educational opportunities for LEP students to participate in all school programs and extra-curricular activities.

All students 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)
- Cicero Elementary School (K-4)
- Gillette Road Middle School (5-7)
- 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.

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.

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

*Mary Ann Gorski
Debra Schunck
Marina Sennett
Annette Speach
Laurence Zacharek*

Allen Road Elementary School

*Julie Campanello
Mark Saylor
Keith Thrasher*

KWS Bear Road Elementary School

Linda Stephenson

Cicero Elementary School

*Lisa Bowe
Linda Harvey
Deborah Parker
Maria Scarfino
Jodie Whitney*

District-Wide

Joanne Mroczek

Lakeshore Road Elementary School

Anne Wright

Smith Road Elementary School

Susan Maniaci

Gillette Road Middle School

*Tammy Harris
Ursula Pratt
Robert Santucci
Reba Schultz
George Snyder
Jean Sweeting*

Roxboro Road Middle School

*Glenda House
Tamara Moran
Laureen O'Brien
Melanie Slowik*

North Syracuse Junior High School

*Kathleen Kowalczyk
Rose Long
Susan MacKenzie
John Pizzuto*

Cicero-North Syracuse High School

*Mary Ann Borke
Steven Cary
Mary Katherine Mahar
Lori Marchildon
Caryn Patterson*

North Syracuse Early Education Program

*Donna DiFulvio
Diane Zacharek*

Transportation

*Alex DeRoberts
David Houde
Tammy Humiston
Terry Lindsey
Teresa Schaefer
Patrick Tooley*

Maintenance & Operations

Olin (Ray) Allen

Food Service Department

Dianne Marlow

Allen Road Elementary School/ KWS Bear Road Elementary School/ Lakeshore Road Elementary School

Christine Alencewicz



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Required District Notices Available Online

In the past, the North Syracuse Central School District published certain required parental notifications in the August issue of the *District Dispatch* newsletter. After being informed by legal counsel that notifications can be posted online, the district created a website devoted to such required information. In order to save space in the newsletter, we no longer publish 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 will be updated as new information is made available. To view all required notifications, visit the district website at www.nscsd.org and click the Connect With Us then Required Notifications link on the "District" tab.

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



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Kindergarten Orientation Events

The North Syracuse Central School District is pleased to announce kindergarten orientation events at our elementary schools on the following dates and times:

Allen Rd. Elementary - Aug. 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

KWS Bear Rd. Elementary - Aug. 28 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Cicero Elementary - Aug. 28 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Lakeshore Rd. Elementary - Aug. 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Roxboro Rd. Elementary - Aug. 26 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Smith Rd. Elementary - Aug. 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

In order for students to begin kindergarten in September, they must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2019. Parents who have not yet registered their new kindergarten students should do so as soon as possible in order to make sure entrance is not delayed for the new school year. For more information on registration, see the article in the next column.

Watch For Students!

As the seasons change and times for sunrise and sunset shift, 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

Bus Hotline Number

(315) 218-2035

August 19 through September 13, 2019

School Registration



STUDENT REGISTRATION

The 2019-2020 school year begins on September 5 so register now! Whether your family is brand new to the North Syracuse Central School District or you have older children enrolled here, it is important to register any new children for the upcoming school year.

If your child has been attending school in NSCSD, there is **NO ACTION REQUIRED**. This pertains only to those children who have moved into the district or have reached the age requirement for kindergarten.

SAVE TIME BY DOWNLOADING ONLINE

All the forms that you need to register your child for any grade level in the North Syracuse Central School District can be found online at www.nscsd.org/registerme. Just click on the "registration packet" link and download the forms to save time when you go to the registration office.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?

The North Syracuse Central School District Registration Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The office is located at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Road) in North Syracuse.

Contact our registrar by phone at (315) 218-2145 or by email at Registrar@nscsd.org or visit our registration website at www.nscsd.org/registerme.