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District Addresses

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to the public and are livestreamed

on the District's YouTube Channel at

https://www.voutube.com/channel/UCr-

archived online. Scheduled meeting dates

the district website and website calendar

and times are listed in this calendar, on

and are listed in the *District Dispatch*.

Always check the online calendar for

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attendance at board meetings.

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From the Board of Education

The Board of Education would like to thank the entire North Syracuse Central School District community for the support that has been provided during the last few challenging years. As we move forward, we are all committed to the vision and mission of our district's strategic plan. We will continue to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where all students are supported. As well, we are committed to provide the resources and opportunities necessary to educate all students to their highest levels of academic achievement and help them develop the skills needed to reach their personal goals.

As we prepare for a new school year, the Board of Education is pleased to present the 2023-2024 North Syracuse Central School District calendar in conjunction with our school district handbook information. This document was designed as a reference for school events and activities and for you to have comprehensive information about our schools right at your fingertips. Please keep it handy for future reference.

Please refer to your child's school and the district website (www.nscsd.org) to verify times and dates of important events. It is also important to read the district's newsletter, The District Dispatch, as well as information sent directly from your child's school.

If you need information about items such as our programs, curriculum or graduation requirements, please do not hesitate to call the Superintendent of Schools or the Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning.

If you have questions about your child's school, please contact your child's teacher or the school's principal.

You are always welcome to attend Board of Education meetings, which are held in public. We provide time for the public to share comments with the entire Board at these meetings, please contact the District Clerk if you would like more information.

Paul Farfaglia, North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education President

Superintendent's Message

Each new school year brings excitement and an opportunity for growth. I believe the North Syracuse Central School District is on the right track for an exceptional 2023-24 school year. I am excited to watch our students and staff continue to shine in the year ahead.

We're entering year two of our five-year strategic plan, providing us with a strong foundation and focus to meet the needs of every student. The district is committed to fostering safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools and classrooms where ALL students feel valued and supported.

We've made strides when it comes to removing learning barriers by researching and implementing practices that support students academically and emotionally on their path to graduation. Community support will go a long way in ensuring we reach that goal in the new year and beyond.

We hope you enjoy this calendar which celebrates our diverse student population and the many communities that make up the North Syracuse Central School District. While each school building has its own unique identity, together we're the NorthStar Nation and we have so much to be proud of.

Please check our online calendar at www.nscsd.org/calendar for the latest district updates and for building-specific events. I also encourage you to follow our social media accounts and other communication methods like ParentSquare to stay up to date.

I am looking forward to another year where we can all shine "Brighter Together."

Daniel D. Bowles, North Syracuse Central School District Superintendent of Schools

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District MISSION

To educate all students to the highest levels of academic achievement and prepare them to be productive, responsible, ethical, creative and compassionate members of society.



Alphabetical Legend

ARE Allen Road Elementary School
BOEBoard of Education
CE Cicero Elementary School
C-NS Cicero-North Syracuse High School
CSE Committee on Special Education
DODistrict Office
GCCC Greater Cicero Community
Connections for Youth
GRM Gillette Road Middle School

KWS BRE Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School
LRELakeshore Road Elementary School
NSEEPNorth Syracuse Early Education Program
NSEFNorth Syracuse Education Foundation
NSJH North Syracuse Junior High School
PAC Parent Advisory/Awareness Council
RRE Roxboro Road Elementary School
RRM Roxboro Road Middle School
SRE Smith Road Elementary School



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Directory of Schools

PRE-SCHOOL North Syracuse Early Education Program
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Kindergarten—4th grade Allen Road Elementary School315/218-2300 Emily Lafountain, Principal 803 Allen Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-1900
Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School
Cicero Elementary School
Lakeshore Road Elementary School 315/218-2600 Tina Chimielewski, Principal

7180 Lakeshore Road, Cicero, NY 13039-9734

200 Bernard Street, Mattydale, NY 13211-1496

Roxboro Road Elementary School 315/218-2700

Smith Road Elementary School 315/218-2800

5959 Smith Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-2499

HIGH SCHOOL – 10TH–12TH GRADE Cicero-North Syracuse High School . . 315/218-4100 Jamie Sullivan, Executive Principal 6002 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039-8891

5353 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-2799



Matthew Motala, Principal

Lyndsey Maloney, Principal

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Food Service Wendy Swift, Director
Human Resources Jason Nephew, Assistant Superintendent .315/218-2125 Carol Strzelecki, Secretary
Library and Media Services Jason Clark, Director

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Mathematics Nick Scholz, Director	. 315/218-2036 315/218-2153
Professional Development David Lunden, Director Lisa Andrianos, Secretary	315/218-2165
Registration Elizabeth Nelipowitz, Registrar	315/218-2145
Special Education Julie Darmody-Latham, Director Catie Reeve, Director. TBA, Director. Andrea Kocik, Secretary. Beth Morison, Secretary.	315/218-2129 315/218-2120 315/218-2144
Science & CTE John Rice, Director Lisa Andrianos, Secretary	315/218-2126
Social Emotional Learning Lisa Goldberg, Director Rebecca Potter, Secretary	315/218-2134 315/218-2041
Social Studies Lisa Goldberg, Director Rebecca Potter, Secretary	315/218-2134 315/218-2041
Superintendent Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent Elizabeth Keeley, Secretary	315/218-2150
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Transportation Matthew Conti, Director Tracy Morrissey, Secretary	315/218/2107
World Languages David Lunden, Director	315/218-2165

Lisa Andrianos, Secretary315/218-2142

Health Services

Promoting good health and wellness is one of the objectives of the North Syracuse Central School District and is fundamental to the achievement of all other objectives. School health services are an essential component of the total school program.

THE HEALTH OFFICE'S MAIN FUNCTIONS ARE TO:

- Attend to the daily medical needs of students;
- Complete medical screening of students' vision and hearing;
- Supervise athletic and school physical examinations;
- Administer medication prescribed by a physician or dentist;
- Maintain student medical records;
- Attend to all accidents and emergencies; and
- Contact parents concerning student health problems.
- The school nurse is available to talk with parents regarding any health problems or to discuss community resources.



PHYSICALS

The New York State Department of Education requires a health certificate or health appraisal for every public school student when they: (1) Enter the district for the first time; (2) Are in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11; (3) Participate in interscholastic sports; (4) Need working papers; and/or (5) 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 signed by a parent and blood pressure reading. Physicals must be uploaded into Family ID for approval or turned into the school nurse prior to the start of tryouts. Physicals expire one year from the month they were performed, on the last day of the month.

Pursuant to Education Law, all health examinations performed for school must be documented on the NYS Required Health Examination Form or an equivalent electronic health record form. The form is available on the district website at www.nscsd.org/health.





IMMUNIZATIONS

To prevent communicable disease and to comply with state requirements, all students must be immunized. Students will not 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.

Complete requirements are available online at www.nscsd.org/health.

Communications

www.nscsd.org/communication

PARENTSQUARE – ParentSquare is a unified app for school communication so parents and guardians can receive all announcements from the district, their children's schools and teachers in one place, with options to specify how and when parents/guardians are notified. Learn more at www.nscsd.org/parentsquare.

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://cnyricO2.schooltool.com/cns/. 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. ParentSquare and Peachjar pull parent/guardian information from SchoolTool to send 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.

YOUTUBE – Make sure you check out our latest videos on the district's YouTube channel by going online to www.youtube.com/c/NorthSyracuseCentralSchoolDistrict. All Board of Education meetings are livestreamed on this channel.

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!

TIP411 – Do you have a tip that you'd like to submit to the district or one of our schools? Tip411 is a system through which anonymous tips can be emailed or text messaged to the district and schools. Learn more at www.nscsd.org/tips.

X – The district has an X (formerly Twitter) page. Follow us and share your good news with @NSyracuseCSD.



PHOTO AUTHORIZATION

During the school year, your child may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a district activity or program. Your child's photo (image), school work and/or name may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's internet site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup for their news stories. If you DO NOT want your child's picture, name or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or district publications, including our district website, please inform your school principal in writing.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

The North Syracuse Central School District produces Northstar Lights, a digital newsletter, to share important information and good news with NSCSD families and staff. Parents and staff members automatically receive the newsletter through ParentSquare. **Grandparents, community members and all friends of the NSCSD are welcome to subscribe by simply providing an email address. Learn more about connecting with the district by going to www.nscsd.org/connect.**

Newsletters are emailed each week when school is in session. Help us share the good news and the great things happening in the NSCSD!



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Transportation

The North Syracuse Central School District uses 107 vehicles to transport more than 8,000 students to and from school on a daily basis. The district transports students to approximately 50 schools including out-of-district, and non-public or special schools, as required by state law.

Any student who wishes to use district transportation should begin doing so at the beginning of the school year. Once bus routes are finalized during the first weeks of school, there may be no room for students who prefer to walk while the weather is pleasant, but wish to ride during severe winter weather. Parents are notified of their children's bus routes by mail in the late summer months.

BUS SAFETY & DISCIPLINE

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

Proper behavior is expected from all students 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.

NSCSD Bus Hotline Number315/218-2035Aug. 21 through Sept. 15, 2023

PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students attending private or parochial schools located outside the 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. The school transfer point will be located 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 (Aug. 21 through Sept. 15 only).

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION FOR PRE-K STUDENTS

Parents or guardians of pre-k students will receive notification of bus number, bus stop location, pick-up time and return bus number. This letter should be received by August 25. It should be noted that during the morning run, pre-k students will be at stops with students riding in for K-4 classes.

Please note that only students currently 4 years old can ride the bus to and from schools. Parents must transport students who are not 4 years old to school. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department's Bus Hotline at 315/218-2035 (Aug. 21 through Sept. 15 only).

AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN THE BASIC RULES OF BUS SAFETY:

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before entering/exiting.
- Stay seated to avoid falling when the bus is moving.
- At the bus stop, wait for the driver to signal to cross the street.
- Do not hook charms, key chains or stuffed animals to backpacks. These items can easily get caught on the bus railing, steps or door.
- ❷ 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.
- Never get off at a stop that isn't yours unless you have a bus pass to go to someone else's home.
- 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.
- Elementary students should have bus tags with name, address, phone and bus number visible during the first month of school.

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 utilize the service provided both in the 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. Forms must be on file with the Transportation Department by Aug. 31 or changes will not occur until Sept. 18.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Any items that may constitute a safety hazard to the driver and passengers are prohibited on a school bus. Such items include weapons. laser pens, lighters, matches, flame starters. bomb bags, etc., Students are not permitted to board the school bus with large objects that take up space needed by fellow passengers. Examples include skis, hockey sticks, skate boards, large musical instruments and large sports bags. 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.

Food Services/School Meal Program

School breakfast and lunch meals are offered to all students in the North Syracuse Central School District through the district's Food Service Program. The Board of Education, the legal sponsor of the program, is committed to ensuring that every child has access to healthy and nutritious meals.

Meal prices are set according to the United States Department of Agriculture program guidelines. The North Syracuse Central School District offers healthy meals at reasonable prices every school day.

BREAKFAST

\$2.30 for all grade-level students

LUNCH

- \$3.55 for 5-12 students

While school meals are reasonably priced, some families may still need assistance. Families are encouraged to fill out an application for free/reduced-price meals by going to www.nscsd.org and visiting the Food Services webpage on the "Departments" tab.

Your student may be eligible for free meals! Learn more at www.nscsd.org/meals.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS: DEBT OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

- 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.com, adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.
- A convenience fee of \$2.75 per transaction is applied.

ENROLLMENT IS EASY!

Any child with a food or milk allergy must submit a doctor's note to the school nurse. Children with milk allergies will be provided with Lactaid unless otherwise directed by the doctor.

For more information or questions, contact the Food Service Director at 315/218-2175 or visit our website at www.nscsd.org



PLACEMENT IN ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE (ENL) 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 ENL program, which is sensitive to the first languages and cultures of the students.

Students of Limited English Proficiency who are suspected of having a handicapping condition will be referred to the Language Proficiency Team followed by the Committee on Special Education, in accordance with the 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 student's program.

For questions regarding this notice or to request a copy of the district's policy, please contact the Director of Instructional Leadership at 315/218-2165.

ENL PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

- Roxboro Road Elementary School (K-4)
- **⊘** Smith Road 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)

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<u>10</u>	NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	<u>12</u>	13 C-NS Fall Play 7pm – C-NS	14 C-NS Fall Play 7pm – C-NS	15 C-NS Fall Play 7pm – C-NS	16 Starburst Festival
<u>17</u>	18 NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm – NSEA Office	19 C-NS School Pictures Vocal Jazz Auditions @ C-NS	20 C-NS School Pictures Vocal Jazz Auditions @ C-NS	21 C-NS School Pictures Vocal Jazz Auditions @ C-NS	22	23
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Report Cards and Reporting Procedures

GRADES K-4: For grades K-4, the school year is divided into three trimesters, with approximately 14 weeks in each trimester. Grade K-4 student report cards will be sent home with students at the end of each trimester and will also be available online through SchoolTool. Exact dates for report cards are listed on this calendar and in student and parent handbooks for each school. Parents and guardians should always check the online calendar at www.nscsd.org/calendar for updates to the published calendar.

GRADES 5-12: For grades 5-12, the school year is divided into four quarters, with approximately ten weeks in each quarter. Grades 5-12 student report cards will be available online through SchoolTool at the end of each quarter to indicate to the student and parents how the student is performing. Exact dates for online reports are listed on this calendar and in student and parent handbooks for each school. Also for students in grades 5-12, during each five-week mid-quarter period, caution/progress reports will be available online on an individual basis for students with a grade of 65 or below, or who have dropped ten points.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY: For

students in grades 7-12 who participate in interscholastic, co-curricular activities and clubs, an overall average of 70% must be reached in the previous quarter, with not more than one failing course. Throughout the school year, eligibility will be determined quarter by quarter. For example, eligibility for winter activities will be determined by the first quarter

grades (in November); eligibility for spring activities will be determined by the second quarter grades (in February); eligibility for fall activities will be determined by fourth quarter grades (in June) of the previous school year. For complete eligibility criteria, see North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education Policy 5200.

SCHOOLTOOL FOR ONLINE GRADES AND REPORT CARDS

The North Syracuse Central School District utilizes SchoolTool for student report cards and progress reports. To access SchoolTool online, go to https://cnyric02.schooltool.com/cns/.

Parents of newly enrolled students who have provided the district with an email address will be sent a password allowing them to set up a portal account and securely view their student's information. Passwords for new parent accounts will be sent prior to the start of school. If you do not receive a password for your parent account or if you need to have the password for a parent account reset, please contact the building secretary at your child(ren)'s school.

Additional information about SchoolTool can be found online at http://www.nscsd.org/schooltool. Make sure your information is upto-date by filling out your student's information forms at the beginning of the school year and calling the school with updates. ParentSquare and Peachjar pull parent/guardian information from SchoolTool to send messages.

Ready to Vote?

Did You Know You Can Register At 17?

You can register BEFORE you're 18! 17 year-olds within six months of their 18th birthday are allowed to register to vote in New York State. You still must be 18 to vote.



Scan Here To Learn More!



ATTENDANCE

Regular class attendance is one of the most important aspects of a student's educational program. The educational process requires continuity of instruction and active classroom participation. According to Board of Education Policy 5100.1 on comprehensive attendance, children who turn six years of age during the school year are required to attend school at the start of classes in September. Also, students who turn 16 during a school year continue to be subject to the compulsory education laws through the end of that school year. The North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education strongly believes that daily classroom attendance is an important aspect of a student's educational program.

While we want all our students and teachers in school as much as possible, we want to stress the importance of attending school only when feeling healthy.

Within the meaning of the education law, excused absences are for illness or injury, medical or dental appointments, family emergencies, death or religious holidays. Upon returning to school students must present a written explanation relative to their absence, including the specific dates they were out, to their teacher or attendance office.

Chronic truancy problems are reported to Onondaga Family Court and the student may be adjudicated as a "Person in Need of Supervision" (PINS).

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<u>8</u>	9 COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	10 NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	11 PAC Meeting 6pm – District Office	<u>12</u>	13 5 week progress reports available online (Grades 5-12)	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	16 NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm – NSEA Office	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
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Early Education Programs

NORTH SYRACUSE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEEP)

The North Syracuse Early Education Program offers an inclusive preschool program for three and four year-old students. Children with special needs participate in a child-centered and socially stimulating learning experience with their preschool peers. The North Syracuse Early Education Program is located at 205 South Main Street in North Syracuse.

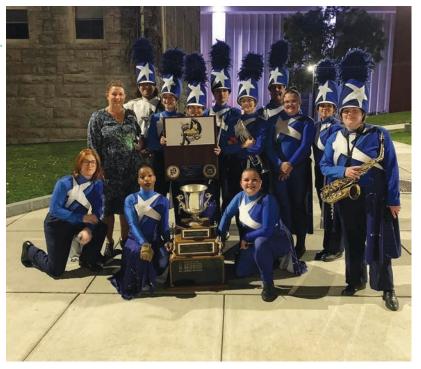
The preschool program serves children in full and half day classrooms. Certified teachers strive to provide a developmentally appropriate, language-rich curriculum in an integrated setting.

For information, contact the Principal of the North Syracuse Early Education Program at 315/218-2200.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Students in kindergarten to fourth grade attend school in one of our six elementary buildings. Entering kindergartners must be 5 years of age on or before December 1st to register. Proof of age, proof of residency and immunization records must be verified at the time of registration. Kindergarten registration is completed at each school during selected dates in the months of March and April.

The North Syracuse CSD utilizes a comprehensive language arts curriculum for students in grade K-4. We explicitly teach foundational skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening through content rich curriculum that builds student background knowledge and vocabulary using a structured literacy approach that is backed by the science of reading. For further information on these programs, contact the Director of Elementary Education and ELA at 315/218-2153.



PARENT ADVISORY/AWARENESS COUNCIL (PAC)

The Parent Advisory/Awareness Council is a district-wide organization that encourages open communication between parents and district-level administration. The council addresses all levels of education from elementary to high school. Meetings consist of roundtable discussions of current issues in the district and are open to any parent/guardian of a child attending school in the NSCSD. All parents are welcome to join the conversation. Meetings are held four times a year, every other month during the school year. There is no commitment.

Each school is encouraged to participate in PAC by having one or more members of their parent-teacher group attend. Maria Borte facilitates meetings and may be reached at mcborte@gmail.com for more information.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The North Syracuse Central School District has a complete range of co-curricular activities including boys and girls intramural and interscholastic sports, a music program that has received state and national recognition, a performing arts theatre and dance program and a variety of clubs and organizations.

For more information about specific activities available, contact your principal or your child's counselor. Athletic and co-curricular forms are available on the district's website at www.nscsd.org or www.cnsathletics.com.

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Emergency School Closings

FULL DAY CLOSINGS AND DELAYED OPENINGS

In the event that it is necessary to close schools due to emergency situations or severe weather conditions, closing information will be posted on the district website and Facebook page and sent out through X (@NSyracuse.com) and ParentSquare.

Local television and radio stations will also be notified. It is recommended that residents watch one of the following television stations: WSYR-Channel 9, Spectrum News 10, WTVH-Channel 5, or WSTM-Channel 3. These stations are the first to be notified of any closings or delays.

In 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 district office where information will be provided to parents.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When weather conditions become severe, or in cases of other emergency situations once students are in school, it may become necessary to close earlier than the regular dismissal time. If school is dismissed early or closed, all after-school activities and programs are usually cancelled. Early dismissal information will be posted on the district website and Facebook page and sent out through X (@NSyracuse.com) and ParentSquare.

It is recommended that residents watch one of the following television stations: WSYR-Channel 9, Spectrum News 10, WTVH-Channel 5, or WSTM-Channel 3. These stations are the first to be notified of any closings or delays. Please be sure to complete 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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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

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

As part of its Emergency Response Plan, the district has a designated 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.

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.



ParentSquare automatically sends urgent notifications to parents and staff. Community members can also subscribe.

Learn more at www.nscsd.org/parentsquare.

The district's mass communication system, ParentSquare, 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. If a student's home address changes, please contact the district's registration office at 315/218-2145.

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 is posted online at the beginning of each school year.

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Academic Intervention Services

Academic Intervention Services (AIS) are services designed to help students achieve the learning standards in English language arts and math in grades 1-12 and social studies and science in grades 10-12. These are services needed to address barriers to improved academic performance and/or additional instruction that supplements regular classroom instruction.

Students who meet the criteria on the North Syracuse Central School District's adopted norm referenced test and/or score below the state determined proficiency level on the New York State Assessments, may be eligible to receive Academic Intervention Services. State assessments are given in English Language Arts and Mathematics in third through eighth grades. At the high school level, students who do not pass NYS Regents examinations may also be eligible for Academic Intervention Services.

For further information regarding these programs, contact:

Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Christopher Leahey

Director of Elementary Education and ELA, Gregory Stone

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The North Syracuse Central School District offers a wide range of supports for those students who qualify for services under the Part 200 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Committee on Special Education (CSE), upon review of all evaluative data, will determine the appropriate services required for a student and will develop and approve an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for students who meet the eligibility criteria for special education.

For further information, contact the Director of Special Education at 315/218-2144.

STUDENT RECORDS

General student records (e.g., grades, attendance, standardized test scores, etc.) and additional confidential student records (e.g., medical, psychological, social work, etc.) are kept in strict confidence and shall be used solely for the promotion of the student's welfare.

These records will not be released (as per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) without parental consent, except under certain legal conditions. For any inquiries regarding the process of releasing a pupil's record, contact the student's counselor or building principal.



Remember...always check our website calendar or look in ParentSquare for the most accurate and up to date event information.



EDUCATION NOTICE

As part of the educational process, the North Syracuse Central School District utilizes Google Workplace for Education, a set of educational productivity tools from Google (including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and more) used by students and teachers around the world.

Students will use their accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills. The NSCSD Technology Department assigns students a Google account that will provide them with access to email and site content. In addition, each student will be assigned a unique @g.nscsd.org student e-mail account which they will have throughout their NSCSD career. Students in kindergarten through grade 6 will only be able to use their NSCSD email account to send and receive email messages within the district.

Parents should review the Google Education Notice, which is available online at www.nscsd. org/IT, in order to familiarize themselves with Google's privacy and security practices.

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Career Education

Career Education Centers are located at both the North Syracuse Junior High School and Cicero-North Syracuse High School. The program's goal is to provide 8th through 12th grade students with subject matter and workforce preparation skills that will prepare them for post-secondary studies and/or gainful employment in a career field of interest to them while nurturing a lifelong-learning attitude.

At the North Syracuse Junior High School students will begin their career exploration/life skills journey in collaboration with the Family & Consumer Science department along with an introduction to employability skills. Cicero-North Syracuse High School students also have the option to participate in job shadows, interactive workshops and the ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment program. The Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP) is a credit earning course and is available to juniors/seniors through the Business Department.

To reach the Career Centers during the school year, call

North Syracuse Junior High School Career Center315/218-3600

Cicero-North Syracuse
High School Career Center315/218-4193





STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

While the district realizes that working is important, and in some cases necessary, we also believe that there should be a balance between working and academics. Education should remain a priority over a student's employment.

Working papers are required for anyone under 18 years old. To be employed in any type of job, students may obtain application forms from the main office at the high school, from the guidance office at the junior high school, or from the guidance office at the middle schools. Upon completion of the application, the school nurse issues the working papers. Paper forms needed for working papers can be obtained in the nurse's office.

BOCES OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in the Occupational Education Program in the North Syracuse Central School District have the opportunity to enhance their learning by completing their training with the advanced programs offered through Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) BOCES at their occupational centers. Occupational education sequences at Cicero-North Syracuse High School are offered in conjunction with those programs available at the OCM BOCES centers.

OCM BOCES programs are either one or two-year sequences, open to any 11th and 12th grade student with a variety of courses available. In addition, the OCM BOCES New Vision Program offers 12th grade students the opportunity to participate in a variety of career fields (e.g., criminal justice, physical therapy, environmental sciences, medical professions, etc.). Students attend half-day sessions, either in the morning or the afternoon, and busing is provided for students taking courses at any of the OCM BOCES centers. For more information on OCM BOCES programs, contact the counselors at Cicero-North Syracuse High School at 315/218-4120.

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National Honor Society

The C-NS Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) offers membership to students in grades eleven and twelve that have already exhibited academic achievement with a weighted grade point average (GPA) of 89.5 or higher, as well as leadership, and honorable and admirable character. Additionally, they have demonstrated that they are willing to use their talents and skills for the improvement of society through their volunteer service. Invitations to be considered for membership are mailed home, and students respond within a set amount of time by completing an application for membership.

Faculty members serve as the Faculty
Council and review each student's application, along with faculty
input, to determine whether a candidate meets the leadership,
service and character criteria as outlined in the National Honor
Society Handbook. Commencing with their official NHS acceptance
letter, all members must follow the NHS Code of Conduct and read
and follow the procedures outlined in the current C-NS ParentStudent Handbook. It is considered a privilege and not a right to
represent the C-NS Chapter of the National Honor Society and
uphold its high standards of character and behavior.

Once inducted, members are required to complete two group projects and 10 hours of individual community service while supporting the numerous Chapter fund-raising and service projects each year. A one-time membership fee of \$20 is collected. Students must accept responsibility for upholding the high standards that accompany membership in their local NHS Chapter or be subject to disciplinary action by the Faculty Council.



National Junior Honor Society

Selection to the National Junior Honor Society is a privilege. Students do not apply for membership into the National Junior Honor Society. Instead, they provide information to be used by the Faculty Council for review. Members will be selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. Membership to the Elizabeth F. Glies Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is granted to those students who meet all requirements established by the constitution and by the Faculty Council.

Students in eighth and ninth grade, who earn an overall average of 90 or better and have attended North Syracuse Junior High School in the first two marking periods, will receive a packet of National Junior Honor Society "Student Activity Informational Forms" in homeroom during the week that report cards go out for the 2nd quarter. Students who do not receive the informational forms and believe they have met the grade requirements should bring their report card to the National Junior Honor Society Advisor.

Once inducted, members are required to meet monthly and complete service projects throughout the year. North Syracuse Junior High School has a partnership with KWS Bear Road Elementary School and the North Syracuse Early Education Program to visit the schools monthly and work with students on reading, mathematics and other educational skills. The National Junior Honor Society also contributes to the Vera House White Ribbon Campaign and towards the Dollars for Scholars Bowl-a-Thon and Phone-a-Thon.

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	<u>17</u>	18 Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	19 NSCSD String Fest Rehearsal 7pm – NSJHS	20 NSCSD String Festival 7pm – NSJHS	21 GRMS Musical 7pm – GRMS RRMS Musical 7pm - RRMS JH Talent Show Auditions	GRMS Musical 7pm – GRMS RRMS Musical 7pm - RRMS C-NS Talent Show Auditions Trimester 2 report cards available online (Grades K-4)	GRMS Musical 7pm – GRMS RRMS Musical 3pm - RRMS
	24	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	27 NSJH/C-NS Combined Orch Concert	NSJH/C-NS Combined Orch Concert	29 GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	30 Indoor Drumline 1pm - NSJHS
	<u>31</u>			7pm - NSJHS	7pm - NSJHS		

Student Assessments

The North Syracuse Central School District has a comprehensive pupil assessment program. The present program includes both state-mandated pupil and program evaluation tests, standardized tests, and end-of-course or final examinations. Testing is only one tool that is used to evaluate children and guide them into the best educational program to meet their instructional needs.

NY STATE ASSESSMENTS:

- Grade 5 Science
- Grade 8 Science

NY State Assessment dates are posted on the district's online calendar at www.nscsd.org/calendar.

These assessments measure minimum competency skills based on updated curriculum standards. These scores indicate whether a pupil meets or exceeds the state minimum requirements in the basic skills for that particular grade level. Pupils scoring below the state minimum must be provided academic intervention services.

REGENTS EXAMINATIONS:

All students will be expected to pass Regents Examinations with a grade of 65 or higher in English, Integrated Algebra, Social Studies and Science to receive a Regents diploma.

GED/TASC (GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA)

The district contracts with OCM BOCES for General Equivalency Diploma programs designed to give students and adults (ages 16 and older) who did not complete high school an opportunity to earn their high school diplomas. Students do not have to pay any fees to participate in this program.

The program for 16 and 17 year olds is conducted at BOCES. Classes are held Monday through Friday, either 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM or 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Students must be referred to the program through their high school counselor. To be eligible, students must complete an application form, meet with a school representative and be 16 years old prior to July 1st.

The GED Preparation Program for students age 18 and older is also offered by OCM BOCES. The student must complete a registration application at BOCES. Contact the OCM BOCES Program Coordinator with questions regarding their GED program at 315/453-4672.

The State Education Department maintains a Hotline (1-518-474-5906) for any questions regarding GED preparation programs, testing dates, or eligibility requirements. Email inquiries can also be sent to hse@nysed.gov.

Testing is only one tool that is used to evaluate children and guide them into the best educational program to meet their instructional needs.



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Community Partnerships

The North Syracuse Central School District is fortunate to have strong existing partnerships with many local community organizations and support from agencies dedicated to our students, teachers and schools. We invite you to learn more about these agencies and welcome your support of them.

GREATER CICERO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR YOUTH (GCCC)

The purpose of the Greater Cicero Community Connections for Youth - Youth Board is to coordinate, foster, plan and supplement the activities of public and private non-profit agencies and programs devoted to the welfare and protection of youth in the North Syracuse Central School District to include Towns of Clay, Cicero, Salina and Village of North Syracuse. An example of these programs is the CanTeen. The Greater Cicero Community Youth Board is a citizen board, which acts in an advisory capacity to the Cicero Town Board. For more information please contact Toni Brauchle at 315/491-3314.

NORTH SYRACUSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (NSEF)

The North Syracuse Education Foundation (NSEF) is a registered 501(C)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the education of public-school students within the North Syracuse Central School District (NSCSD) from the North Syracuse Early Education Program through 12th grade. Donations are used to fund programming not covered by the school budget and associated organizational costs as NSEF is staffed and run 100% by unpaid volunteers. Since its inception, the NSEF has raised over \$300,000. These funds helped build NSEF's endowment with the CNY Community Foundation, fund annual education grants, support student clubs & activities, and sponsor annual student scholarships for our student representatives. Our Board is made up of community residents, retired teachers, parents & students in 8th-12th grades. To date, we have funded over 150+ education grants totaling over \$250,000 assisting every school in the district in some way! For more info or to volunteer, check out our website at: www.nsefweb.org or look us up on Facebook under The North Syracuse Education Foundation. To contact NSEF, email info@nsefweb.org or call 315/214-9782.



RISING ROX STARS PROGRAM

The Rising Rox Stars Program provides high-quality educational, developmental, and recreational services for Roxboro Road Elementary (RRE) and Middle School (RRMS) students. Through fun and engaging activities, students will have the opportunity



to develop their academic and social skills in a safe and inclusive environment. The Program is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant through the New York State Education Department.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Rising Rox Stars will operate from October 16, 2023 to June 14, 2024. For more information, contact Chau Ly, Program Director, at 315/218-2734 (office) or cly@nscsd.org.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To provide student opportunities for academic tutoring and enrichments that directly reinforce and complement the regular school day curriculum in the areas of reading/literacy and math.
- To offer enrichment opportunities and activities, including programs promoting health, nutrition, physical activity, cultural experiences, and science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM).
- To provide parents/guardians of participating students with educational and engagement opportunities and support.

Voting Qualifications for School Budget Vote and BOE Member Election

VOTERS MUST BE...

- 18 years of age or older
- A District resident 30 days prior to a vote
- A United States citizen
- Not under sentence for a felony conviction and not adjudged mentally incompetent
- Registered with Onondaga County or the North Syracuse Central School District

The district utilizes multiple polling and registration sites at Cicero-North Syracuse High School and the Administrative Office Building. Specific dates and times for voter registration are published online and in the District Dispatch prior to voting. For more information, please call the District Clerk at 315/218-2131.

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	<u>26</u>	27 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	28 ARE Band/Orch Concert 6:30pm - RRMS	29 NSJH Band Concert 7pm - NSJH	30 C-NS Final Concert/Awards/ Teacher Appreciation 7pm - NSJH	<u>31</u>	

Graduation Requirements

Currently, a student must earn 22 units for a high school diploma. This includes two full units of physical education for four years. All students in grades 9-11 must carry at least six classes per semester in addition to physical education. In order to meet the 22 units of credit that are required for graduation, all students must carry a minimum of 6.5 credits, which include special education assignments and AIS placement, for the year.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Required Subjects	Regents Diploma
English	4 Units*
Social Studies	4 Units*
Mathematics	3 Units*
Science	3 Units*
Second Language	3 Units*
Health	1½ Unit
Art and/or Music	1 Unit
Physical Education	2 Units

*Regents level or higher

A complete listing of graduation requirements can be found on the district's website at www.nscsd.org.

To qualify for a Regents Diploma, students must pass Regents Common Core exams with a 65 in English, Social Studies, Math and Science. A total of 22 units is currently required for graduation from Cicero-North Syracuse High School.

NOTE: Students seeking a Regents Diploma, who pursue a 5-unit sequence in Art, Business, FACS, Music, Technology or Occupational Education, may be exempted from the second language requirement. Students are eligible for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation who, in addition to the minimum of 5 regents above, also take two additional regents in math and one additional regents in science.



Remember...always check our website calendar or look in ParentSquare for the most accurate and up to date event information.

COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The North Syracuse Central School District presently participates in the College Board's Advanced Placement Program, the Adelphi College Program in World Languages, Project Lead the Way Program through RIT, SU Project Advance, and has classes in World Languages through SUNY Oswego, Foundations for College & Career Success through Cayuga Community College and various offerings through Onondaga Community College.

College level courses permit qualified students to earn college credit. This allows the student to participate in college level courses while still in high school. For more information, contact the counselors at Cicero-North Syracuse High School at 315/218-4120.



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Summer Programs

The North Syracuse Central School District, through the auspices of the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) BOCES, offers secondary summer school programs to students in grades 7-8 and 9-12. Students must meet the summer school eligibility requirements to enroll in summer school. The location of summer school will be announced annually and transportation will be provided. For additional information, please call 315/218-2148.

OCM BOCES also provides summer school programs for students with special needs as determined by the CSE. The BOCES Program provides support for school age students, while the North Syracuse Early Education Program delivers support for preschool students. For additional information, please call 315/218-2144.





USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the belief of the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education that the schools belong to the public and should be used as much as possible, as long as usage does not interfere with the educational programs of the district. Facilities may be used by nonprofit organizations in the community for a nominal fee representing the district's direct cost to operate the facilities while in use by the public.

All groups interested in using a school's facilities must complete an online application. The application can be found on the district website (www.nscsd. org) under District/Facilities/Facility Use. The page provides detailed instructions on how to complete a formal application. Applicants will need to complete their online application at least two weeks prior to the date being requested.

SENIOR CITIZENS LIFETIME GOLDEN PASSES

Lifetime Golden Passes are issued compliments of the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education to residents of the district 60 years of age and over. Senior citizens receive free admission to all school programs and events, with the exception of state and sectional playoff sports events.

Golden Passes are available at the Administrative Office Building, 5355 West Taft Road, North Syracuse. For more information, call 315/218-2100.



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Mental Health & Social Service Programs







EDUCATIONALLY RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

This service is designed to provide short-term counseling for students in grades K-4 who are experiencing difficulties in school.

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES



Beginning with 7th grade, students are assigned a school counselor. School counselors are available to help students in many areas, including: course

selection and scheduling, study skills, classroom concerns, long term educational or vocational planning, college application processes and personal adjustment. Students are encouraged to make appointments to see their counselors.

The school counselor is also available to assist parents in determining the level of achievement that should be expected from his/her child and to address the needs of students who have academic problems. The counselor will conduct an annual meeting, at which time the student's courses will be selected for the next school year and academic progress will be reviewed. For questions or concerns about counseling services, visit the "Wellness" button on the NSCSD website or contact Lisa Goldberg, Director of Social Emotional Learning and Social Studies at 315/218-2041.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELING

The Student Assistance Counseling program is a counseling service designed to help troubled adolescents, grades 8-12, through early intervention. This service is a partnership with Contact Community Services and the district. Student assistance counselors work with students, staff and families to provide support, assessment, referral, information and student counseling. Contact your school counselor, principal or Lisa Goldberg, Director of Social and Emotional Learning and Social Studies.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

The primary aim of the school social worker is to provide support, intervention and counseling to students and their families in grades K-12 with regard to any situation that is adversely affecting the student's ability to function and benefit from his/her educational program. Students and families may be referred by the school social worker to various community agencies for more comprehensive and/ or intensive services. For any questions or concerns about social work, visit the School Social Workers website by going to www.nscsd. org and clicking on the "Student Resources" link from the "District" dropdown menu or contact Lisa Goldberg, Director of Social Emotional Learning and Social Studies at 315/218-2041.

ALCOHOL-DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION & EDUCATION PROGRAM (ADA-PEP)

ADA-PEP is a school-based substance abuse prevention program funded through New York State and Onondaga County. The program focuses on reducing the incidence of alcohol and substance abuse through education. ADA-PEP counselors at the elementary and middle schools provide direct classroom instruction and counseling services to students as well as individual instruction to district staff, parents and the community through workshops and individual presentations. For more information, please contact Lisa Goldberg, Director of Social Emotional Learning and Social Studies at 315/218-2041.



SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS

For students who require a higher level of support, therapy services are available through Liberty Resources on site in most of our buildings. For more information, please contact Lisa Goldberg, Director of Social Emotional Learning and Social Studies at 315/218-2041.

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Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security







Data Security and Privacy Protection of Student, Teacher, and Principal Personal Information (BOE Policy 4202.3)

It is the North Syracuse Central School
District's responsibility to adopt appropriate
administrative, technical, and physical
safeguards and controls to protect and maintain
the confidentiality, integrity and availability
of its data, data systems and information
technology resources. All stakeholders,
including students, teachers and administrators
should be aware of their rights and expect their
data to be kept private and confidential.

In order to provide a successful educational program, the North Syracuse Central School District receives, creates, archives, and transfers sensitive, private information about students, teachers, and principals protected by both state and federal law. The North Syracuse Central School District takes active measures to protect confidential information in compliance with all state and federal laws. The district expects all employees and partners to maintain the confidentiality of protected information in compliance with state and federal law and applicable board policies.

The district is committed to protecting the privacy and security of data in accordance with New York Education Law Section 2-D. For additional information, go to the district website at www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIRD PARTY CONTRACTORS

Any and all contracts between the North Syracuse Central School District and third-party contractors, under which a contractor will receive student data or principal or teacher data, shall include provisions requiring that the contractor maintain the confidentiality of shared student data or teacher or principal data in accordance with law, regulation and district policy. For more information regarding the district's data security policy, please see the complete Board of Education Policy 4202.3 by going to www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D.

In addition, the district will ensure that the contract or written agreement with a third party contractor includes a signed copy of the Parents Bill of Rights and the contractor's privacy and security plan, in compliance with Part 121 of the Commissioner's regulations.

PARENT COMPLAINTS

Any parent, eligible student, teacher, principal or other eligible staff may file a complaint regarding a breach or unauthorized release of student data and/or teacher/principal APPR data by filing a written complaint with the district's Data Protection Officer.

For more information regarding the district's data security policy, please see the complete Board of Education Policy 4202.3 by going to www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D.

Additional information about acceptable computer use is available online at www.nscsd.org/IT.

Questions regarding data privacy and security may be directed to the Data Protection Officer:

DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION

Education Law 2-D is a New York State law requiring school districts to take significant measures to secure and protect the personally identifiable information (PII) of students, classroom teachers, and building principals. The district provides annual training for all employees who have access to protected data.

A Parents Bill of Rights for Data Security and Privacy supplemented with information about each agreement with third party contractors is posted on the NSCSD website at www.nscsd. org by clicking on the "Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security" link from the "Parent Resources" link on the "District" dropdown menu.

The North Syracuse Central School District applies the planning, processes, and categories of information defined within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework to all its district practices. Whenever a third-party vendor receives PII, the district will ensure that the agreement for using the product or services includes required language.



The district has published a complaint process accessible to students, parents, teachers, and building principals and has developed procedures for reporting and notifying when a breach or unauthorized disclosure occurs. These are available on the NSCSD website at www.nscsd. org.

Jason Clark, Director of Technology is the Data Protection Officer (DPO) who oversees implementation of Education Law 2-D responsibilities.

To view the complete "Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security" online go to the district website at www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D.

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. Lisa Goldberg Director of Social Emotional Learning and Social Studies North Syracuse Central Schools 5355 West Taft Road

North Syracuse, New York 13212315/218-2144

Title IX, Title VI, Title VII, ADA, ADEA and New York Human Rights Law Compliance Officer:

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.

DASA/BULLYING

The North Syracuse Central School District will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any sort!

We are committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality for all students, staff and parents. Our policies condemn and prohibit all forms of discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying on school grounds, on school buses, at school bus pick-up sites, and at all school sponsored activities, programs and events.

SPEAK UP!

The North Syracuse Central School District needs everyone to speak up when they see bullying taking place. As our children grow, mature, and learn to understand the impact of their words and actions on others, they need to receive a consistent message that certain words and certain behaviors are not acceptable.

Our schools cannot effectively address bullying if incidents are not reported. Anyone (including students) who feels that he or she has been bullied or harassed, who wants to report an incident of someone else being bullied, or who has questions on this topic should contact the relevant school Anti-Bullying Coordinator. Visit your child's school website and click on the DASA/Bullying link to learn more.

WHO TO CALL

QUESTIONS ABOUT	WHO TO CALL	WHERE TO CALL
A child's school work	Child's Teacher	Child's school
Problems on school bus	School Office or Transportation Department	315/218-2107
Registration for school	Registrar	315/218-2145
Attendance issues	School Attendance Office	Child's school
Student health problems	School Nurse	Child's school
Health records problems	School Nurse	Child's school
Student discipline	Dean/Principal	Child's school
District policies	Board of Education	315/218-2131
School events.	Child's School	Child's school
School meals	Child's School	Child's school

Parent Teacher Groups

Our schools' parent teacher groups and organizations are an integral part of the North Syracuse Central School District's school experience. Our dedicated volunteer parents and teachers spend countless hours working together to support our schools in order for students to have opportunities that may not otherwise be available. Our groups welcome new members, thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to visit your child's school's PTO/ PTG website or contact the school to learn more about how you can get involved! Thank you to all current members!

Alternative Instruction

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Homebound Instruction is an educational alternative provided to students in grades K-12 who, due to serious medical or emotional illness, are unable to attend their educational programs for an extended period of time. The student's attending physician submits a request for this service to the district. The request must include a complete outline of the student's medical/emotional condition as well as the length of time (4-6 week minimum) the student will be out of school and a plan for the student to re-enter school. For any questions or concerns regarding this program, contact Christopher Leahey, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning at 315/218-2148.

PARENT INSTRUCTION/HOME INSTRUCTION

Parent instruction, or home schooling, allows parents an opportunity to provide a tailored educational program within their home environment. The parent is responsible for delivering the entire program as the child's teacher. For any questions regarding this alternative to regular, in-person instruction, call 315/218-2147 or go online to www.nscsd.org and click the "Home Instruction" link under the "Curriculum & Instruction" section on the "Departments" dropdown menu.





CLASS LINK INFORMATION

Students will use ClassLink, a single sign-on platform allowing teachers and students to use one user name and password to access everything they need. ClassLink will serve as your child's home base for education, whether it's in the classroom or at home. ClassLink can be accessed from either a computer or mobile device and is a safe and secure way to ensure your child has access to everything needed for continued learning.

Students can log into ClassLink by going to https://launchpad.classlink.com/nscsd.

Student Dress Code

(excerpted from Student Code of Conduct, Policy 5311.1)

As students grow and develop their identities, they often use clothing as a way to express themselves. NSCSD respects our students' rights to express their individuality in their appearance while in school and at school events. Student dress should contribute towards a safe, comfortable, and inclusive learning environment. This policy is intended to communicate student dress code expectations.

Religious and cultural headwear is allowed and accepted in all settings.

MUST WEAR: clothing including both a shirt with pants, shorts, or skirt, or the equivalent and shoes appropriate for coursework. Clothing must cover undergarments (waistbands and bra straps excluded).

MAY WEAR:

- Hats, bandanas, and/or hoods may be worn in the classroom provided they do not interfere with the line of sight for any student or staff and the classroom teacher provides consent

MAY NOT WEAR: Hats and hoods may not be worn in hallways, lunchrooms, or the auditorium. Student may not wear clothing, items, or accessories that:

- conceal/disguise a student's identity (except for a religious purpose)
- depict, advertise, or imply profanity
- advocate violence, vulgarity, hate speech
- feature pornographic images
- promote drugs, alcohol, and tobacco
- consist of undergarments or bathing suits as outerwear
- denigrate another person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or any other legally protected status
- are see-through and expose undergarments and/or private parts

ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS:

- A staff member will have a supportive, private conversation outside of the classroom setting with a student in violation of the dress code.
- ✓ If the student modifies their attire to comply with the dress code the child is released to class with no disciplinary consequences.
- ✓ If a student fails to adjust their attire to comply with the dress code policy, parents will be contacted to have a solution-oriented conversation with the goal of having the student return to their learning environment.
- ✓ If all measures outlined above are not productive, the student will be considered insubordinate and subject to the student code of conduct.

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.







RIGHTER TOGETHER

DID YOU KNOW?

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

We are looking forward to a positive and successful school year for all our students and staff and would love to share your back to school photos online. If you have photos of your children's first days of school or other school events that you would like to share with us for our websites and other public media, please email them to Laurie Cook, our School Information Officer, at Icook@nscsd.org or share them on the district's Facebook page at www.nscsd.org/facebook.

KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE AS SEASONS CHANGE!

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

NSCSD Bus Hotline Number 315/218-2035 Aug. 21 through Sept. 15, 2023