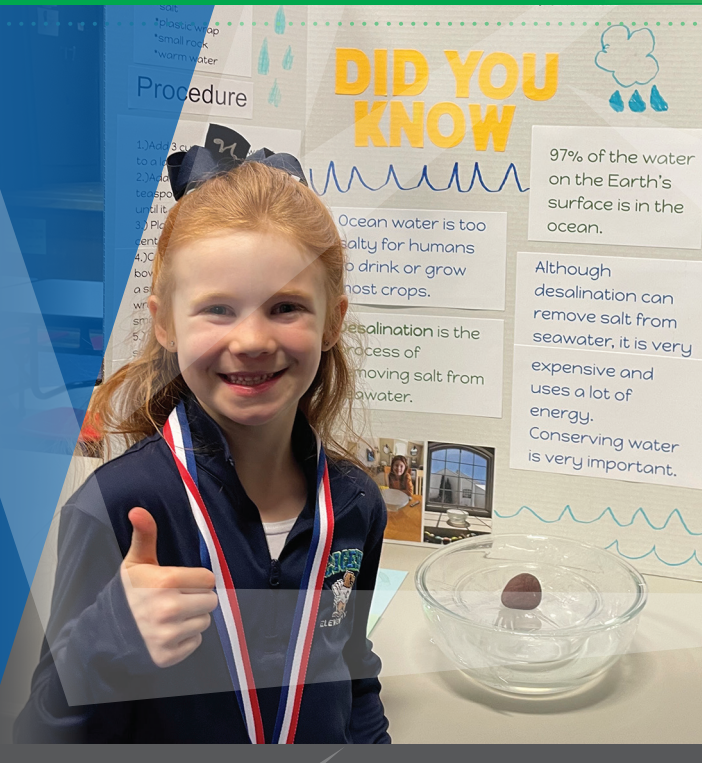
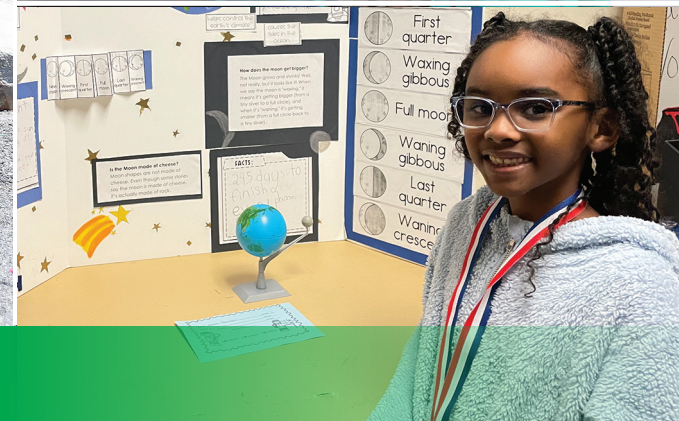




North Syracuse  
Central School District

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR & HANDBOOK 2024-2025







## About the NSCSD

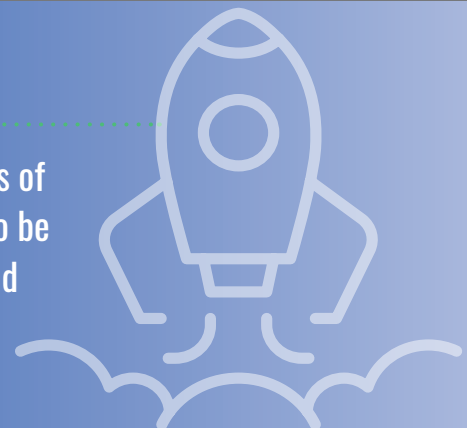
The North Syracuse Central School District embraces the best of both worlds - as the largest suburban school district in Onondaga County, it has all the advantages of a large district but with a small community feel. The District serves the towns of Clay, Cicero, Salina and the village of North Syracuse as one community: Northstar Nation.

We are proud to offer expanded educational offerings to meet the unique needs and interests of our student population. Our dynamic programming aims to prepare students for the real world through diverse experiences and exceptional extracurricular, athletics and fine arts opportunities.



## 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.



## District VISION

Our schools and classrooms are safe, welcoming and inclusive where all students are valued and supported. We remove learning barriers by researching and implementing practices that support students academically and emotionally on their path to graduation.



## CALENDAR AND HANDBOOK

This calendar/handbook provides an overview of the 2024-2025 school year with Board-approved holidays, days off and shortened days. All events are subject to change and for that reason, building and athletic events are not listed on here. Tentative dates may be listed if known but school and district websites offer the most up to date information and should always be checked for potential changes.

### Administration

- Interim Superintendent of Schools,  
Michael A. Schiedo
- Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning,  
Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D.
- Associate Superintendent for Business Services,  
Donald F.X. Keegan
- Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources,  
Michael G. Baroody

### Main Contact Numbers

- General Information ..... 315/218-2100
- District Clerk ..... 315/218-2131
- Registration ..... 315/218-2145

### District Addresses

- Central Administration**  
Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building  
5355 West Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-2796
- Maintenance-Transportation-Food Service**  
5520 East Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-3789

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## Board of Education

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District Clerk

## About the Board of Education

The North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education is the official policy-making body of the district. It establishes operational policies, sets educational goals and standards, evaluates program effectiveness, develops the annual school budget and balances educational needs with community resources.

The Board is made up of nine school district residents whose terms are staggered. School district residents elect board members annually during the school district budget vote and Board of Education member election. Board members are not financially compensated for their service. There are three seats per year that are open. Incumbents whose terms expire, must also run for re-election if they wish to remain on the Board of Education.

In addition to the nine board members, a high school senior is appointed annually to serve a one-year term as a non-voting board member. The student member attends all public board meetings and is allowed to participate in all public discussions and voice their opinions. The student does not attend executive or exempt sessions, which are portions of the meeting in which the law allows board members to privately discuss such matters as proposed, pending or current litigation. District residents must reauthorize the position every two years.

## Message 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 providing 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 2024-2025 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](http://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.

**Michael A. Mirizio,** North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education President

## Board of Education Meetings

The board's meeting schedule is determined each July at an organizational meeting. Meetings are typically held at 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Road, N. Syracuse). Meetings are open to the public and are live streamed on the District's YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@nsyracusecsd](http://www.youtube.com/@nsyracusecsd). Meetings are archived online. Scheduled meeting dates and times are listed in this calendar, on the district website and website calendar and are listed in the District Dispatch. Always check the online calendar for updates to published events. The North Syracuse Central School District welcomes and encourages public interest and attendance at board meetings.





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CE .....	Cicero Elementary School	NSEEP .....	North Syracuse Early Education Program
CNS .....	Cicero-North Syracuse High School	NSEF .....	North Syracuse Education Foundation
CSE .....	Committee on Special Education	NSJH .....	North Syracuse Junior High School
DO .....	District Office	PAC .....	Parent Advisory/Awareness Council
GCCC .....	Greater Cicero Community Connections for Youth	RRE .....	Roxboro Road Elementary School
GRM .....	Gillette Road Middle School	RRM .....	Roxboro Road Middle School
KWS BRE .....	Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School	SRE .....	Smith Road Elementary School



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

### 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 more information, contact Chau Ly, Program Director, at 315/218-2734 (office) or [clly@nscsd.org](mailto:clly@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.



## Directory of Schools

### PRE-SCHOOL

#### North Syracuse

#### Early Education Program ..... 315/218-2200

Dawn Hussein, Principal

205 South Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212-3169

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Kindergarten–4th grade

#### Allen Road Elementary School ..... 315/218-2300

Emily Lafountain, Principal

803 Allen Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-1900

#### Karl W. Saile Bear Road

#### Elementary School ..... 315/218-2400

Olivia Cambs, Principal

5590 Bear Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-1900

#### Cicero Elementary School ..... 315/218-2500

Melissa O'Donnell, Principal

5979 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039-8890

#### Lakeshore Road Elementary School .. 315/218-2600

Tina Chimielewski, Principal

Due to construction at Lakeshore, students in Grades 1-3 will be located at St. Margaret's School (201 Roxboro Road, Mattydale, NY 13211-1496) for the 2024-2025 school year. Lakeshore kindergarten students will temporarily attend Cicero Elementary School and 4th graders will attend Gillette Road Middle School.

#### Roxboro Road Elementary School .... 315/218-2700

Matthew Motala, Principal

200 Bernard Street, Mattydale, NY 13211-1496

#### Smith Road Elementary School ..... 315/218-2800

Lyndsey Maloney, Principal

5959 Smith Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-2499

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS: 5th–7th grades

#### Gillette Road Middle School ..... 315/218-3000

Sarah Jones, Principal

6150 South Bay Road, Cicero, NY 13039-9310

#### Roxboro Road Middle School ..... 315/218-3300

Heather Pellegrino, Principal

300 Bernard Road, Mattydale, NY 13211-1495

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: 8th & 9th grades

#### North Syracuse Junior High School... 315/218-3600

Naomi Trivison, Principal

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

### HIGH SCHOOL – 10th–12th grades

#### Cicero-North Syracuse High School .. 315/218-4100

Kristen Hill, Executive Principal

6002 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039-8891

## MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

In collaboration with the North Syracuse Central School District, Contact Community Services offers Mental Health Education, including suicide safety, programs and events. Programming focuses on providing comprehensive mental health education, including wellness training, crisis management and suicide safety protocols. Nadine Zesky is the program's Mental Health Educator and she works directly with school staff, students, parents, teachers and district administrators. Mental Health Education (MHE) events listed on this calendar are open to all students and families. These evidence-based practices and training sessions foster safer and more supportive school environments. Look for additional events to be added throughout the school year and always check the district's online calendar at [www.nscsd.org/calendar](http://www.nscsd.org/calendar) for the most up to date information!

## District Office Directory

### Athletics

Timothy Bednarski, Director ..... 315/218-4115

Cynthia Wodzinski, Secretary ..... 315/218-4114

### Board of Education

Jilian Herrera, District Clerk ..... 315/218-2131

### Business Services

Donald F.X. Keegan, Assoc. Super. .... 315/218-2119

Pamela Mertens, Secretary ..... 315/218-2143

Vincent Love, Treasurer ..... 315/218-2116

Karen Beck, Purchasing Officer ..... 315/218-2141

### Communications

Laurie Cook, Information Officer ..... 315/218-2190

### Curriculum

Christopher R. Leahey, Assoc. Super. .... 315/218-2124

Deborah Cramer, Secretary ..... 315/218-2148

### Data, Accountability & School Improvement

Donna Marie Norton, Executive Director . 315/218-2121

Julia Shannon, Secretary ..... 315/218-2147

### Diverse Learning & Instructional Support

Jennifer DiBianco, Director ..... 315/218-2134

Rebecca Potter, Secretary ..... 315/218-2041

### Elementary Education

Jamie Sullivan, Director ..... 315/218-2118

Kristin Johnston, Secretary ..... 315/218-2153

### English as a New Language (ENL)

David Lunden, Director ..... 315/218-2165

Lisa Andrianos, Secretary ..... 315/218-2142

### Facilities

Matthew Erwin, Director ..... 315/218-2109

Christine Kidd, Secretary ..... 315/218-2109

### Fine Arts & Co-Curricular

Daryle Redmond, Director ..... 315/218-2147

Julia Shannon, Secretary ..... 315/218-2147

### Food Service

Wendy Swift, Director ..... 315/218-2175

Judith Fero, Secretary ..... 315/218-2177

### Human Resources

Michael G. Baroody, Asst. Super. .... 315/218-2125

Carol Strzelecki, Secretary ..... 315/218-2146

Judy Williamson, Secretary ..... 315/218-2149

### General Information

Anja Donoghue, Receptionist ..... 315/218-2100

### Library and Media Services

Jason Clark, Director ..... 315/218-2040

Rebecca Potter, Secretary ..... 315/218-2041

### Mathematics

Nickolas Scholz, Director ..... 315/218-2036

Kristin Johnston, Secretary ..... 315/218-2153

### Professional Development

David Lunden, Director ..... 315/218-2165

Lisa Andrianos, Secretary ..... 315/218-2142

### Registration

TBD, Registrar ..... 315/218-2145

### Special Education

Julie Darmody-Latham, Director ..... 315/218-2140

Catie Reeve, Director ..... 315/218-2129

Sara Kees, Director ..... 315/218-2120

Andrea Kocik, Secretary ..... 315/218-2144

Beth Morison, Secretary ..... 315/218-2159

### Science & CTE

John Rice, Director ..... 315/218-2126

Lisa Andrianos, Secretary ..... 315/218-2142

### Social Emotional Learning

Jennifer DiBianco, Director ..... 315/218-2134

Rebecca Potter, Secretary ..... 315/218-2041

### Social Studies

Donna Marie Norton, Executive Director . 315/218-2121

Rebecca Potter, Secretary ..... 315/218-2041

### Superintendent

Michael A. Schiedo, Interim. .... 315/218-2150

Elizabeth Keeley, Secretary ..... 315/218-2150

### Technology

Jason Clark, Director ..... 315/218-2040

Rebecca Potter, Secretary ..... 315/218-2041

### Transportation

Matthew Conti, Director ..... 315/218-2107

Tracy Morrissey, Secretary ..... 315/218-2169

### World Languages

David Lunden, Director ..... 315/218-2165

Lisa Andrianos, Secretary ..... 315/218-2142



## 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.



Contact: Peg Miller, Nursing Supervisor 315/218-4153

### SCHOOL NURSES

**Allen Road Elementary School**  
315/218-2303 or 315/218-2319

- ✓ Karin Sherry, RN
- ✓ June Chamberlin, RN

**KWS Bear Road Elementary School**  
315/218-2403

- ✓ Ruth Harding, RN
- ✓ Kim Nasby, RN

**Cicero Elementary School**  
315/218-2503

- ✓ Sally Jo Delpha, RN
- ✓ Kathy LeBlanc, RN

**Lakeshore Road Elementary School**  
315/218-2603

- ✓ Kathy LeBlanc, RN
- ✓ Stephanie Cooney, RN

**Roxboro Road Elementary School**  
315/218-2703

- ✓ Kate Noel, RN
- ✓ Laura Wilder, RN
- ✓ Nicole Franke, LPN 1:1
- ✓ Wendy Rauli, LPN 1:1

**Smith Road Elementary School**  
315/218-2803 or 315/218-2814

- ✓ Barbara Falinski, RN
- ✓ Jacklin Anderson, RN

**Gillette Road Middle School**  
315/218-3003 or 315/218-3013

- ✓ Robyn Pringle, RN
- ✓ Danielle Parody, RN
- ✓ Milan Laquidari, RN

**Roxboro Road Middle School**  
315/218-3303, 315/218-3333 or  
315/218-3313

- ✓ Alaina Broccoli, RN
- ✓ Nanette Pucino, RN
- ✓ Marlene Lucio, RN

**North Syracuse Junior High School**  
315/218-3636, 315/218-3637 or  
315/218-3656

- ✓ Jody Barnes, RN
- ✓ Amanda Kelly, RN
- ✓ Niki Ashby, LPN

**Cicero-North Syracuse High School**  
315/218-4103, 315/218-4178,  
315/218-4177 or 315/218-4176

- ✓ Kelly Shumway, RN
- ✓ Kelly McClure, RN
- ✓ Michelle Koslowski, RN
- ✓ Robin Makepeace, LPN
- ✓ Mallory Stachnik, LPN 1:1

**North Syracuse Early Education Program**  
315/218-2203

- ✓ Gayle Vinette, RN
- ✓ Cathy Deyo, LPN

## 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](http://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](http://www.nscsd.org/health).**





## Communications

[www.nscsd.org/communication](http://www.nscsd.org/communication)

The North Syracuse Central School District is committed to creating and maintaining positive and open communication with all members of the school district and beyond – staff, students, families, administrators, board members, unions, and the community. The district strives to be the first and best source of information and is committed to improving communication efforts.

The mission of the district Communications Office is to provide accurate, timely and transparent information to the entire school district community, as well as to inform the community about student and staff achievements. Communications Officer Laurie Cook is responsible for media relations as well as the content and management of the district's website, social media accounts and publications.

The district uses the following tools to communicate with all stakeholders effectively and efficiently:

- ✓ **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](http://www.nscsd.org/parentsquare).
- ✓ **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!
- ✓ **X** – The district has an X (formerly Twitter) page. Follow us and share your good news with @NSyracuseCSD.
- ✓ **YOUTUBE** – NSCSD Board of Education meetings are livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@nsyracusecsd>.
- ✓ **TIP411** – Tip411 or NSCSD Tips is a system through which anonymous tips can be emailed or text messaged to the district and secondary schools. Learn more at [www.nscsd.org/tips](http://www.nscsd.org/tips).



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



## PHOTO AUTHORIZATION

During the school year, your child may have the opportunity to have their 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 AND PHOTOS!

Students, families, and staff are welcome and encouraged to share their photos and good news! We love to use your pictures in publications and on the website throughout the school year. Connect with us on Facebook @NSyracuseCSD or visit our communications website at [www.nscsd.org/connect](http://www.nscsd.org/connect) to learn more.







## Transportation

The North Syracuse Central School District uses 140 vehicles to transport approximately 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 via ParentSquare 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 Number . . . . . 315/218-2035**  
Aug. 20 through Sept. 13, 2024

### 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 the District Office. 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. 20 through Sept. 13 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 Aug. 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. 20 through Sept. 13 only).

## AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR 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.
- ✔ 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 babysitter/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. 30 or changes will not occur until Sept. 16.

### 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.



## 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:

- ✓ athletic attire, yoga pants, jeggings, distressed jeans, cropped shirts, tank tops
- ✓ 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.**



## Food Services/School Meal Program



### Meals will be free to all students this year

For the 2024-2025 school year, free school breakfast and lunch meals will be provided to all students in the NSCSD through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program. Students will receive one free breakfast and lunch daily and may purchase extras with their meal account. The NSCSD is committed to ensuring that every child has access to healthy and nutritious meals.

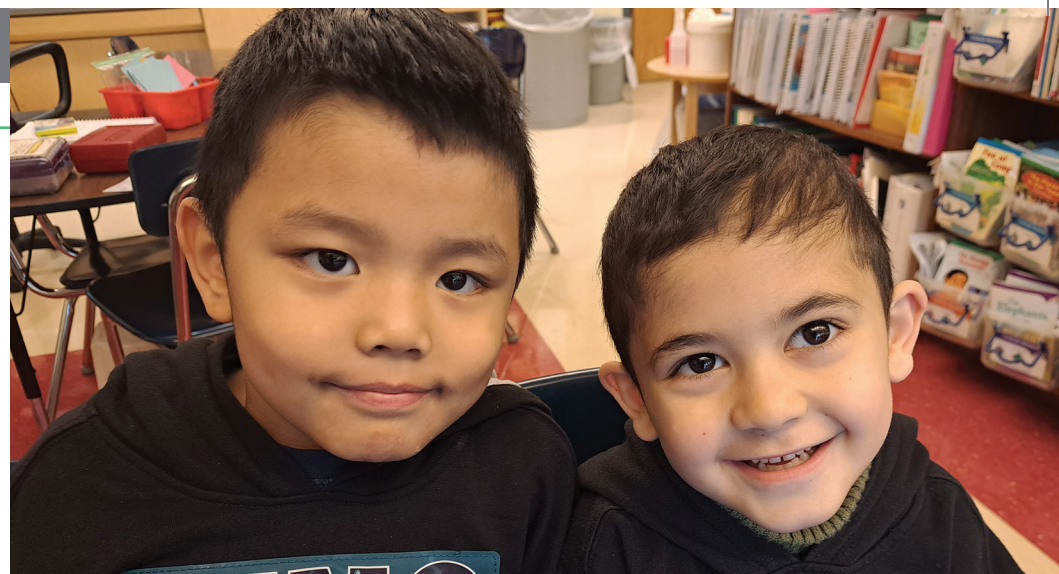
### MY SCHOOL BUCKS: DEBT OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

- ✓ **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 \$3.25 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/meals](http://www.nscsd.org/meals).



## 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:

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



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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 available online through SchoolTool at the end of each trimester. 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](http://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://cnnyric02.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 contact and personal 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.



## 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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## 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 Dec. 1 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.



## UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) is a state and federally funded prekindergarten program available to all four year old children in the North Syracuse Central School District. The UPK program is free to district residents, regardless of income, and is an excellent way to expose your child to the school setting and prepare your child for entering kindergarten. Full and half day programs are available at five different sites:

- ✓ Learn As You Grow, Inc. at 5684 South Bay Road, Cicero, NY 13039
- ✓ Learn As You Grow, Inc. at 8381 Elta Dr., Cicero, NY 13039
- ✓ Northminster Early Childhood Center at 7444 Buckley Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212
- ✓ North YMCA at Roxboro Road Elementary at 200 Bernard St., Mattydale, NY 13211
- ✓ North Syracuse Early Education Program at 205 South Main St., North Syracuse, NY 13212

UPK programs follow curriculum aligned to district expectations of age appropriate instruction and activities that encourage social emotional and academic growth. Research shows that students who attend UPK programs are better prepared for success when entering Kindergarten. The North Syracuse UPK programs connect families with school and build lasting relationships.


To learn more about UPK programs in the NSCSD, visit [www.nscsd.org/UPK](http://www.nscsd.org/UPK) or contact Kate DeBottis at 315/218-2132 or [UPK@nscsd.org](mailto:UPK@nscsd.org).





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## Snow day, delay and early/emergency closings

When schools are closed because of weather conditions or other emergencies, announcements are sent through ParentSquare and posted on the district website ([www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org)). The district also contacts local news media to share this information but parents and guardians should always rely on the district website for the most up-to-date information.

In order to ensure that your child will be properly cared for if no one is at home, please make arrangements at the beginning of the school year so that your child will be assured shelter upon arriving home. Be sure to carefully explain all of these arrangements to your child.

### PARENTSQUARE

The district uses ParentSquare to notify parents, guardians and staff of emergency school closings, delays and early dismissals. The system sends automated notifications based on user preferences. If parents or guardians need to update an email address or phone number, they should contact the main office of their child's school.

Grandparents, babysitters and community members can sign up to receive emergency notifications by going to [https://www.parentsquare.com/community\\_signups/c20fecde-1b97-4e1b-9d37-ac66a49208ac/new](https://www.parentsquare.com/community_signups/c20fecde-1b97-4e1b-9d37-ac66a49208ac/new), providing a name and email address and clicking the "Emergency Alerts" category.

### NEWS MEDIA

The district notifies local news media of closings, delays and event cancellations as a backup to notifications and website announcements. We recommend first checking the district website and then multiple media sources when it comes to weather-related announcements. This is particularly true in situations that involve power outages, which can impact the district's ability to send electronic notifications.

The following local TV and radio stations are typically notified of emergency communications for North Syracuse Central School District: Spectrum News (Channel 10), WSTM/WTVH (TV 3/5), WSYR 9 (TV 9) and 570 WSYR (AM Radio).

### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Please be sure to complete and update your child's emergency form and update it when necessary. Your child's school must know where they should go in the event of an early dismissal.

### BREAKFAST SERVICE DURING DELAYS

During 2-hour delayed openings school breakfast **WILL NOT** be served and families should ensure that their child eats before arriving at school.



[www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org) - Our district website is your first and best source of information! Always check [www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org) for detailed emergency closings and cancellations.

### YMCA CHILDCARE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In the event that after school activities are canceled, YMCA childcare programs at NSCSD elementary schools have permission to remain open. In the event of an early dismissal/school closure, all buildings in the NSCSD must be closed and YMCA programs are also canceled at the same determined time. It is recommended that parents with children in a YMCA program check directly with the organization with any questions.

When there is inclement or forecasted inclement weather, the decision to close school, delay opening or dismiss early is based on travel conditions and weather predictions to ensure the safety of all students and staff.



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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

**GRADES K-4**  
**Director of Elementary Education and ELA**  
Jamie Sullivan .....315/218-2153

**GRADES 5-12**  
**Director of Mathematics**  
Nickolas Scholz .....315/218-2153

# 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.



# Google Workspace for 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 9 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](http://www.nscsd.org/IT), in order to familiarize themselves with Google's privacy and security practices.





# 2025 January



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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 Center . . . 315/218-3600

Cicero-North Syracuse High School Career Center . . . 315/218-4193

## 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, contact the counselors at Cicero-North Syracuse High School at 315/218-4120 or visit [www.ocmboces.org/cte](http://www.ocmboces.org/cte).**



## 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 also be obtained in the nurse's office.



# 2025 February



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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	<b>11</b> MHE Healthy Teen Relationships 6pm CNS	<b>12</b> Grade 7-12 Band Concert 7pm – NSJH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>18</b> <b>MID-WINTER RECESS</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>19</b> <b>MID-WINTER RECESS</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>20</b> <b>MID-WINTER RECESS</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>21</b> <b>MID-WINTER RECESS</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>RAMADAN BEGINS</b> Athletic Trainer Appreciation Day	



## Fine Arts & Co-Curricular Activities

### MUSIC & ART

The North Syracuse Central School District provides a comprehensive and sequential visual and performing arts program for every student. At the elementary level, all students participate in classroom music and art and have the opportunity to join band, chorus, and orchestra. At the secondary level, music offerings are expanded to include instrumental jazz ensemble, vocal jazz ensemble, musical theater, guitar, and additional music electives. Secondary visual arts students can concentrate in a variety of media, including ceramics, painting, sculpture, and digital arts.

The North Syracuse Central School District is committed to providing a vibrant and inclusive fine arts program that inspires students to discover and develop their talents. Through a combination of rigorous instruction, diverse opportunities, and a supportive community, our students have been recognized for their outstanding achievements at the local, regional, and state level; many continue their studies into college. North Syracuse Central School District students benefit from instruction that cultivates a lifelong appreciation of the arts in every student.

### March is Music in our Schools Month and Youth Art Month



### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The North Syracuse Central School District provides comprehensive offerings of co-curricular activities that supplement, enhance, and expand upon academic programs that occur outside of the traditional classroom setting. These activities help students build various skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and collaboration, encourage a sense of community and school spirit, and support students' holistic development by providing experiences that are both

enjoyable and educational. Some of the clubs that are offered fall into the categories of athletics, visual and performing arts, academic, service and volunteer, and special interest. Various clubs have participated in competitions and received state and national recognition.

For more information about specific activities available, contact your principal or your child's counselor.



# 2025 March



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<b>9</b> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	<b>10</b> NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	<b>11</b> MHE Sleep & Mental Health 6pm Virtual	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>PARENT CONFERENCES</b> SHORTENED DAY FOR PREK-GRADE 4 PURIM BEGINS GRM Musical 7pm – GRM	<b>14</b> HOLI GRM Musical 7pm – GRM 25 week progress reports available online (Grades 5-12) Trimester 2 marking period ends (Grades K-4)	<b>15</b> GRM Musical 7pm – GRM
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Social Worker Appreciation Day	<b>19</b> <b>STAFF WORKSHOPS</b> SHORTENED DAY FOR PREK-GRADE 12	<b>20</b> CNS Musical 7pm – NSJH	<b>21</b> CNS Musical 7pm – NSJH Trimester 2 report cards available online (Grades K-4)	<b>22</b> CNS Musical 2pm & 7pm – NSJH
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NSCSD Board of Education Meeting 6pm – District Office	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> String Festival Performance 7pm – NSJH	<b>27</b> NSJH/CNS Chorus Concert 7pm – NSJH LAYLAT AL-QADR	<b>28</b> RRM Musical 7pm – RRM	<b>29</b> RRM Musical 2pm & 7pm – RRM Winterguard Championships 1pm – NSJH
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## 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:

- ✓ Grades 3 – 8 English/Language Arts
- ✓ Grades 3 – 8 Mathematics
- ✓ Grade 5 Science
- ✓ Grade 8 Science

NY State Assessment dates are posted on the district's online calendar at [www.nscsd.org/calendar](http://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 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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](mailto:hse@nysed.gov).

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## School Budget Vote

In New York state, local school boards must develop a balanced school budget proposal and put it up for a public vote each year. That vote is typically held on the third Tuesday of May. School districts are primarily funded by state aid and local property taxes and their budgets pay for everyone and everything that make education possible.

Like other school districts, the NSCSD begins budget discussions in the fall and works throughout the school year to develop a balanced budget proposal aligned with priorities and resources. District residents are encouraged to learn more about the budget process and the importance of voting by going to [www.nscsd.org/budget](http://www.nscsd.org/budget).

## 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 NSCSD has registration and polling locations 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.

## Register to Vote!

Learn more about registering to vote! Be ready to vote when you're 18! New York State allows people to register to vote before then. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



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# 2025 May



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## 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.....	½ 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](http://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.



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## COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The North Syracuse Central School District presently participates in the College Board's Advanced Placement Program, World Languages through Adelphi University and SUNY Oswego, Project Lead the Way through RIT, SU Project Advance, Interior Design through SUNY Oneonta and Clothing Production through SUNY Oneonta and Foundations for College & Career Success 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.

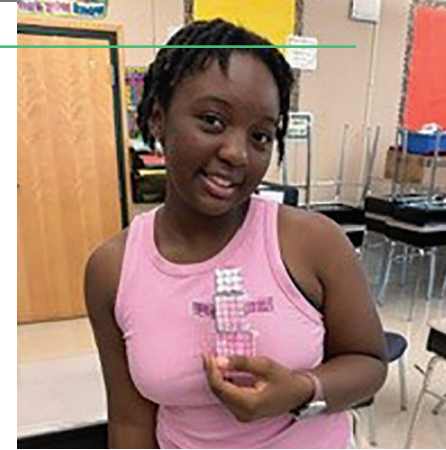
## Alternative Instruction

### 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 Administrative Office Building at 315/218-2100.

### 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](http://www.nscsd.org) and click the "Home Instruction" link under the "Curriculum & Instruction" section on the "Departments" dropdown menu.



## CLASSLINK 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>.



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## Mental Health & Social Service Programs

For more information, please contact **Jennifer DiBianco**, Director of Diverse Learning and Instructional Support at 315/218-2134.

### 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.

### 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 or principal.

### SOCIAL WORK SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

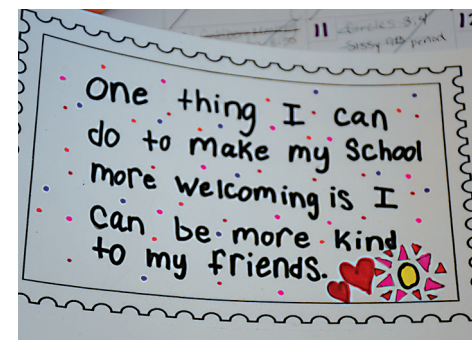
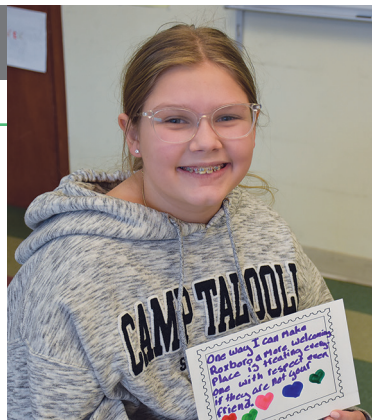
The primary aim of the school social worker is to provide support, intervention and counseling to students and their families in grades K-12 with regard to any situation that is adversely affecting the student's ability to function and benefit from his/her educational program. Students and families may 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](http://www.nscsd.org) and clicking on the "Student Resources" link from the "District" dropdown menu.

### 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.

### 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.



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

✓ Call or text 988 or  
✓ chat at [988lifeline.org/chat](https://988lifeline.org/chat).









## 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](http://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](http://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 Bill of Rights and the contractor's privacy and security plan, in compliance with Part 121 of the Commissioner's regulations.

### COMPLAINTS

Any parent/guardian, 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](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).

Additional information about acceptable computer use is available online at [www.nscsd.org/IT](http://www.nscsd.org/IT).

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

Jason Clark,  
Director of Technology/Data Protection Officer  
[jclark@nscsd.org](mailto:jclark@nscsd.org) ..... 315/218-2040

### 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 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/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).

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/guardians, 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/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).

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

To view the complete Bill of Rights for Data Security and Privacy online go to the district website at [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).



## Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board that no student shall be denied educational benefits or subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, color, race, creed/religion, mental or physical disability, marital status, military status, national origin, ethnic origin, gender/sex, sexual orientation, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition and carrier status, weight or any other protected category. The Board also prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against complainants, victims, witnesses, and/or any other individuals who participate in an investigation of a discrimination or harassment complaint.

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

**Section 504 Compliance Officers:**

Julie Darmody-Lathan, Catie Reeve and Sara Kees,  
Directors of Special Education  
North Syracuse Central Schools  
5355 West Taft Road  
North Syracuse, New York 13212 .....315/218-2144

The North Syracuse Central School District also does not discriminate with respect to employment, including the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities. 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.

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

Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D.,  
Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning  
North Syracuse Central Schools  
5355 West Taft Road,  
North Syracuse, New York 13212 .....315/218-2148



## 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



# Athletics



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## VISION & PROMISE:

Developing excellence, integrity, unity, resilience, and leadership through athletics as preparation for life.

## GUIDING VALUES:

- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Unity
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Leadership

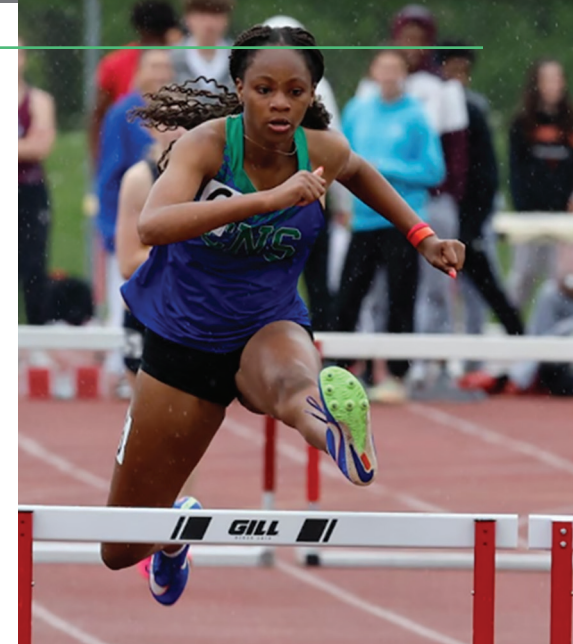
With more than 80 athletic teams, including Unified, Modified, Varsity and Junior Varsity-level, students of all abilities have opportunities to participate in school activities.

## LIVE THE NORTHSTAR WAY!

Determination, perseverance, achievement, respectfulness, and teamwork are some of the valuable lessons that can be attained through participation in NSCSD athletics opportunities. We strive to offer wholesome forms of physical activities to help individual students develop a positive self-image.

Participation in these activities is a privilege that requires commitment, fair play, and accountability. These programs provide a vital link between the school and community by fostering school spirit and pride. Students, staff, and parents representing the North Syracuse Central School District are year-round role models.

Program participation enriches the educational experience, promotes connectedness, and a sense of belonging, and contributes to the development of a well-rounded student. The culture of the NSCSD is also reflected in what occurs before and after the normal academic day. We strive to balance individual talent with group achievement, where student and program development define success. While the reputation of our school and community is enhanced whenever its representatives excel, by far the greatest rewards and satisfactions are derived through participation in our athletic opportunities.





## National Honor Society

The C-NS Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) offers membership to students in grades eleven and twelve who 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 Parent-Student 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.



## Parent and Community Information

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. The NSEF Board is made up of community residents, retired teachers, parents & students in 8th-12th grades. To date, to the NSEF has 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](http://www.nsefweb.org) or look us up on Facebook under The North Syracuse Education Foundation. To contact NSEF, email [info@nsefweb.org](mailto:info@nsefweb.org) or call 315/214-9782.

### 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!



### 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.

## 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 three times a year 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](mailto:mcborte@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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](http://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.



## District-Wide Safety Plan

The North Syracuse Central District has a District-Wide Safety 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 District-Wide Safety Plan, the district has a designated chief emergency officer who is responsible for coordinating communication between staff, law enforcement and first responders to ensure staff understanding of the district-level safety plan. The chief emergency officer will also be responsible for communicating details to staff during an emergency.

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

The district's mass communication system, 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.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

The District-Wide Safety Plan is directly linked to individual building-level Emergency Response Plans for each school. Protocols reflected in the District-Wide Safety Plan guide the development and implementation of individual Building-level Emergency Response Plans. All information pertaining to an emergency or violent incident will be directed to either the building principal or designee. Upon the activation of Building-Level Emergency Response procedures, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is notified and, where appropriate, local emergency officials are also notified. The Building-Level Emergency Response Teams are activated to support an appropriate response to an emergency and play a central role in overall planning for responses to emergencies at the building level. Efforts may be supplemented by County and State resources through existing protocols when needed.



### DRILLS

The district will provide parents and guardians with advanced notice of emergency drills. NSCSD Schools will send such notification via the Parent Square app up to (7) seven days ahead of each emergency drill. All drills are performed in a trauma informed manner, meaning that we avoid the use of props, actors or simulations in an effort to avoid triggering negative emotional or psychological responses in participating staff or students. With the exception of fire drills which are required to be initiated from a pull station, all district drills are clearly announced (ie. "This is a drill...."). Lockdown drills are supported by our School Resource Officers (SRO's) and their departments, this practice ensures that our building administrators and our local law enforcement teams are familiar with one another and prepared to work effectively together.



Learn more about the District-Wide Safety Plan and emergency response plans at [www.nscsd.org/safety](http://www.nscsd.org/safety).





## North Syracuse Central School District

# BRIGHTER 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 [lcCook@nscsd.org](mailto:lcCook@nscsd.org) or share them on the district's Facebook page at [www.nscsd.org/facebook](http://www.nscsd.org/facebook).

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### 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**  
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