



NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR & PARENT HANDBOOK

# WELCOME BACK

DR. JACKIELYN MANNING-CAMPBELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## LETTER FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Dear NECSD students, families, staff, & community members,

As we prepare for the start of the school year, I want to take a moment to welcome everyone back. This is a critical time for our district, and I believe that through dedicated effort and shared purpose, we can achieve our goals - together.

Our success hinges on **collaboration**. It is essential that we work together—as educators, parents, students, and community members—to ensure that every student has the resources and support they need to succeed. Our schools are a reflection of our community's commitment to education, and by uniting our efforts, we can address challenges and build a stronger foundation for our students.

This year, we will redouble our focus on **community involvement**. I urge you to actively engage with our schools, whether through participation in school events, volunteering, or simply staying informed about the work being done. Your perspective and partnership are vital to our collective success.

To our staff, I want to emphasize the importance of **building morale** and fostering a collegial environment. The work ahead is demanding, and a supportive, respectful atmosphere is crucial for us to do our best work. Let us commit to supporting each other and working as a unified team.

Thank you for your partnership and your dedication. I am confident that by working together, we can meet the challenges of the coming year and achieve our shared purpose for **every Goldback, every day**.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell  
Acting Superintendent of Schools



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Ms. Onyx Peterson, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Elisa Correa-Soto, Asst. Supt, Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Natasha Freeman-Mack, Asst. Supt, Chief Equity Officer

Ms. Marcie Heywood, Asst. Supt, PreK - 2

Ms. Genieve Holder, Asst. Supt, Human Resources

Mr. Joseph McGrath, Asst. Supt., Chief Information/Data Officer

Dr. Shannon O'Grady, Asst. Supt, Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Kimberly Rohring, Asst. Supt, Finance

TBD, Asst. Supt, Exceptional Learners

Mr. Aníbal Vélez, Exec. Dir., Operations & Maintenance



## SCHOOL TAX INSTALLMENTS

Tax Office Telephone: (845) 563-3490

Website: [newburghschools.org/taxoffice](http://newburghschools.org/taxoffice)

Installment payments (without penalty):

1st Installment due October 6, 2025

2nd Installment due December 5, 2025

3rd Installment due March 5, 2026

For more information visit the district's website at [www.newburghschools.org](http://www.newburghschools.org) then click on Tax Office under the Community section.

## REPORT CARD DATES

### ELEMENTARY

December 22, 2025

March 26, 2026

June 26, 2026

### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

November 25, 2025

January 28, 2026

April 21, 2026

June 26, 2026

## 2025-26 TESTING SCHEDULE

### January Regents

January 20 - January 23, 2026

### NYSESLAT Speaking

April 6 - May 22, 2026

### NYS Grades 3-8 ELA

April 8-9, 2026

### NYS Grades 3-8 Math

April 22-23, 2026

### NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing

May 4 - May 22, 2026

### NYS Grades 5 & 8 Science Exam

May 6, 2026 Practical | May 7, 2026 Written

### June Regents

June 9-10, 17-26, 2026

## WHAT DOES BEING A BOARD MEMBER MEAN?

The Board of Education members are a nine person policy-making body which operates within the laws of the State of New York. Each member is elected for a three-year term; terms of office are staggered with elections held every year in May. The Board is responsible for approving the district's budget, adopting all policies and curriculum, and evaluating the superintendent. The authority of the Board is as a whole and no Board member may act as an official of the district except when the board meets in a regular or a special session. The Board of Trustees are elected to represent all of the people of the school district. In making its decisions, the Board is guided by what is in the best interest of the entire district.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



**Mr. John Doerre**  
President

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2028



**Mr. Mark Levinstein**  
Vice-President

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2028



**Ms. Christine M. Bello**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2027



**Ms. Thomasina A. Bello**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2027



**Ms. Mackenzie Bousche**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2027



**Mr. Ramiro Burgarelli**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2026



**Ms. Shadé Burks**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2028



**Mr. Philip Howard**

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2026



**Ms. Letitia McDaniel**  
Politi

Term Expires:  
June 30, 2026

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SECOND MEETING	
September	9	30	
October	14	28	
November	12	25	
December	9	-	
January	13	27	
February	10	24	
March	10	24	
April	7	21	
May	12 & 20 (Canvass of Votes)		26
June	9	23	
July	1	14	
August	11	25	

## LIBRARY & BUDGET VOTE/BOE MEMBER ELECTION - MAY 19, 2026

Polls are open from 12:00 P.M. (noon) until 9 P.M. in designated school buildings. Board of Education member vacancies are on the ballot yearly. An election calendar will be issued yearly which will include registration dates, availability of petitions and other pertinent data. A person is entitled to vote at a school district vote/election if he/she is:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Eighteen years of age or older.
3. A resident within the school district for 30 days preceding the vote/election.
4. Registered with the County Board of Elections or with the school district on the Special Registration Day designated by the school district.

*"In accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, copies of the school district budget shall be available 14 days preceding the date of the budget vote/election."*

## CORRESPONDENCE MAY BE ADDRESSED & MAILED TO:

BOARD MEMBERS  
C/O THE NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
124 GRAND STREET, NEWBURGH, NY 12550  
or BOE Members can be emailed at [BOEMembers@necsd.net](mailto:BOEMembers@necsd.net)



## Did You Know?








The Board of Education typically meets twice a month. Their meetings can be livestreamed on the district's Youtube channel (Newburgh Schools). Stay up to date on happenings in the district & subscribe to the district's Youtube channel to receive alerts.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MATTHEW MCCOY, CLERK OF THE BOARD**  
[MMCCOY@NECSD.NET](mailto:MMCCOY@NECSD.NET)

# OUR SCHOOLS

The district offers families the choice of schools throughout the district. Many of our elementary schools offer specialized programs according to their themes. Some schools provide unique programs and services based on a variety of student characteristics. Our secondary schools are organized into smaller schools-within-a-school, called houses or academies. All of our schools subscribe to the mission, vision, and core values of the district, and share a common curriculum and common assessments in all the content areas.

K-5 SCHOOLS	(* Includes Grade Pre-K)	ADMINISTRATION	CONTACT
	<b>BALMVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*</b> 5144 Rte. 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/balmville">www.newburghschools.org/balmville</a>	Karriem Bunce, Principal Amanda Greene, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-563-8550 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-8555 <b>Email:</b> kbunce@necsd.net
	<b>FOSTERTOWN SCHOOL</b> 364 Fostertown Road, Newburgh, NY 12550 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/fostertown">www.newburghschools.org/fostertown</a>	R. Isabela Carias-Vazquez, Principal Shaneequa Cameron, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-568-6425 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-568-6431 <b>Email:</b> icariasvazquez@necsd.net
	<b>GARDNERTOWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY*</b> 6 Plattekill Turnpike, Newburgh, NY 12550 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/gardnertown">www.newburghschools.org/gardnertown</a>	Danny Dottin, Principal Meagan Claro, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-568-6400 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-568-6411 <b>Email:</b> ddottin@necsd.net
	<b>GIDNEY AVENUE MEMORIAL SCHOOL &amp; PRE-K CENTER*</b> 300 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/gams">www.newburghschools.org/gams</a>	Robert Glowacki, Principal Rosalie Pena, Asst. Principal  Janavette Urena, Acting Pre-K Center Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-563-8450 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-8468 <b>Email:</b> rglowacki@necsd.net  <b>Pre-K Center:</b> 845-568-6730 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-8468 <b>Email:</b> jaurena@necsd.net
	<b>HORIZONS-ON-THE-HUDSON MAGNET SCHOOL*</b> 137 Montgomery Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/horizons">www.newburghschools.org/horizons</a>	Tara Marshall, Principal Nadia Reid, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-563-3725 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-3733 <b>Email:</b> tmarshall@necsd.net
	<b>NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL</b> 175 Quassaick Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/newwindsor">www.newburghschools.org/newwindsor</a>	Dennis Camt, Principal Christopher Lee, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-563-3700 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-7907 <b>Email:</b> dcamt@necsd.net
	<b>AILS GATE STEAM ACADEMY</b> 400 Old Forge Hill Road, New Windsor, NY 12553 <a href="http://www.newburghschools.org/vailsgate">www.newburghschools.org/vailsgate</a>	Gillian Matos, Principal Laura Russell, Asst. Principal	<b>Main Office:</b> 845-563-7900 <b>Health Office:</b> 845-563-7907 <b>Email:</b> gmatos@necsd.net

**K-8 SCHOOLS**
**MEADOW HILL GLOBAL EXPLORATIONS  
MAGNET SCHOOL**

124 Meadow Hill Road, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/meadowhill](http://www.newburghschools.org/meadowhill)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Lauren Durr, Principal.  
 Dennis Class, Asst. Principal  
 Concetta Cracolici, Asst. Principal  
 Shannon Zaloga, Asst. Principal

**CONTACT**

**Main Office:** 845-568-6600  
**Health Office:** 845-568-6636  
**Email:** ldurr@necsd.net


**TEMPLE HILL ACADEMY**

525 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553  
[www.newburghschools.org/templehill](http://www.newburghschools.org/templehill)

Alfred Ritacco III, Principal  
 Ryan Brady, Asst. Principal  
 Ellen Helgans, Asst. Principal  
 Gordon Palmer, Asst. Principal

**Main Office:** 845-568-6450  
**Health Office:** 845-568-6481  
**Email:** aritacco@necsd.net

**6-8 SCHOOLS**
**HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

405 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553  
[www.newburghschools.org/heritage](http://www.newburghschools.org/heritage)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Patrick Swift, Principal  
 Brian Dunn, Asst. Principal  
 Michelle Mohl, Asst. Principal  
 Lauren Rivera, Asst. Principal

**CONTACT**

**Main Office:** 845-563-3750  
**Health Office:** 845-563-3760  
**Email:** pswift@necsd.net


**SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

33-63 Monument Street, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/south](http://www.newburghschools.org/south)

Roderick Phoenix, Principal  
 Erika Berrios, Asst. Principal  
 Beckner Joseph, Asst. Principal  
 Yennys Nin, Asst. Principal

**Main Office:** 845-563-7000  
**Health Office:** 845-563-7022  
**Email:** rphoenix@necsd.net

**GRADE 9-12 CAMPUSES**
**NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY MAIN CAMPUS**

201 Fullerton Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Susan Valentino, Co-Principal  
 Matthew Spellman, Vice Principal

**CONTACT**

**Main Office:** 845-563-5400  
**Health Office:** 845-563-5471  
**Email:** svalentino@necsd.net

Andrew Cameron, Asst. Principal  
 Patrick Kavanagh, Asst. Principal  
 Michael Ragusa, Asst. Principal  
 Rachel Schuyler, Asst. Principal  
 Carlos Santiago, Asst. Principal  
 TBD, Asst. Principal

Sandra Wood, House Principal


**NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY NORTH CAMPUS**

301 Robinson Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

Matt Doddo, Co-Principal  
 Scott Broglia, Asst. Principal  
 Jessica Layne, Asst. Principal

**Main Office:** 845-563-8400  
**Health Office:** 845-563-8416  
**Email:** mdoddo@necsd.net

Anthony Williams, House Principal, PTech


**NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY WEST CAMPUS**

39 West Street, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

Matteo Doddo, Co-Principal  
 Ebony Clark, Asst. Principal

**Main Office:** 845-568-6560  
**Health Office:** 845-568-6567  
**Email:** eclark@necsd.net

# OUR PROGRAMS

## UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The full-day Universal Pre-K (UPK) Program provides a comprehensive and developmentally age-appropriate program for eligible NECSD four-year olds. The daily schedule is thoughtfully planned to support early childhood development and is aligned to NYSED Office of Early Learning program expectations and Standards. The UPK program includes purposeful play activities supported by teaching staff who encourage experimentation, exploration, and inquiry. A typical day in any of our UPK includes a balance between individual and small group activities, active and quiet activities, and self initiated activities in interest areas. The Universal Pre-K Program contributes to the continuing growth of young children's knowledge and an understanding of themselves and the world in which they live. Learning experiences provide opportunities for children to develop language, literacy, thinking skills, physical abilities, mathematics understanding, and social and emotional learning skills. The Universal Pre-K Program is available at the following elementary schools: Balmville, Gardnertown Leadership Academy, Gidney Avenue Memorial School (GAMS), Horizons-on-the Hudson or at our community partners listed below. For more information visit [www.newburghschools.org/prek](http://www.newburghschools.org/prek)

## EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

The NECSD is dedicated to improving educational outcomes for students with disabilities and their families. Students with disabilities are identified through a referral and evaluation process as defined through the New York State Part 200 Regulations.

Once identified, students are eligible to receive instruction, supports, and services designed to provide access to the general education curriculum through the development of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). As required by law, supports and services are determined based upon the assessed needs and provided in the least restrictive environment in order to enable the student to gain educational benefit.

In the event you suspect your child may be struggling academically, please contact the principal of the school your child attends and request a meeting to discuss possible solutions. Each building has a Response to Intervention (RTI) team that can determine necessary academic interventions, monitor progress, and/or refer a student to the Committee on Special Education.

If you have any concerns about a preschool or a school aged child with a disability, please call 845-563-8520.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The district offers bilingual education (Transitional & Dual Language) and English as a New Language (ENL) programs. The overall goal of these programs is to provide English Language Learners (ELLs) with the necessary language skills to be successful in all aspects of their academics.

The Transitional Bilingual education program uses the Spanish language to help transition ELLs to proficiency in English while continuing to develop their cognitive and academic skills with Spanish language support. Transitional Bilingual services are available for Spanish-speaking students at Gardnertown, Gidney Avenue, Meadow Hill, South Middle School, and NFA Main Campus.

The Dual Language program aims to build proficiency in both English and Spanish for ELLs and for native English-speaking children. The Dual Language education program uses English and Spanish for literacy and content instruction. The Dual Language program is available at Fostertown School (Two-Way Model) and Vails Gate STEAM Academy (One-Way Model).

The ENL program provides language support to build English language skills and proficiency. All district schools offer ENL services.



### PRE-K PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Head Start of Eastern Orange County	845-562-0380
Windsor Academy	845-562-3711
SUNY Orange (Kindercollege)	845-341-9056
Little Harvard	845-565-6112
Healthy Kids	845-568-6100
Bishop Dunn	845-569-3494
Young and Unique	845-561-0500

## NEWBURGH FREE LIBRARY

The Newburgh Free Library serves all families living in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and has digital and print resources to help students and their families succeed. Use your free library card to download our hoopla and Libby Apps to give you access to eBooks, comics, graphic novels, audiobooks, music and much more. Apply for your library card online at [www.newburghlibrary.org](http://www.newburghlibrary.org) to reserve books, DVDs, music, and magazines -available to check out or download. Many more resources are available on our website including Ancestry Family Search, LinkedIn Learning, resume and job search help, civil service tests, driving tests, car repair, Consumer Reports and more! Computers and free WiFi are available on site for personal use and homework help. Technology training classes, one on one technology support, employment workshops, English Language Learning classes and Spanish language materials are offered. Photocopying, mobile print, faxing and notary services are also available. As a community learning center, the library offers programming for all ages that are educational and recreational. The Main Library is located at 124 Grand St. The new Town Branch is located at 181 S. Plank Rd., Suite 2. See our website for an updated list of hours and closings.

Director: Ben Gocker

Main number: 845-563-3600 Town Branch: 845-245-4750  
Reference and Information: 845-563-3625

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The district recognizes that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. The district is dedicated to the continual development and sustainment of positive and impactful home-school partnerships and engagement that increases student achievement and fosters an environment where children and youth thrive. Partnership and engagement also empower parents to become advocates for children.

We encourage parent participation in district-level activities, such as special project teams, employment interviews, and Parent Connect, a safe place for parents to enhance their understanding about what their children are learning in the classroom and programs and services available for families and their children.

Our schools offer parent engagement activities throughout the year. We welcome our families to attend parent-teacher conferences, open houses and orientations, Coffee With the Principal, curriculum workshops, and literacy programs. We also encourage our families to become members of parent-teacher organizations (PTO/PTA/PTG/PTC) and take part in building leadership teams.

Each school has a Parent Engagement Coordinator:

TBD - HOH, NWS -

Bill Morgan - MH, THA SMS, HMS - [wmorgan@necsd.net](mailto:wmorgan@necsd.net)

Antony Roncal - NFA All Campuses - [aroncal@necsd.net](mailto:aroncal@necsd.net)

Laura Vega - BALM, VAILS - [lvega@necsd.net](mailto:lvega@necsd.net)

Leeola Williams - FOST, GLA, GAMS - [lewilliams@necsd.net](mailto:lewilliams@necsd.net)

For more information about how to be engaged at your child's school please reach out to the Parent Coordinator assigned to your child's school or contact Pamela Peterson, Director of Family and Community Engagement - [ppeterson@necsd.net](mailto:ppeterson@necsd.net).

## ATTENDANCE

As you know, the school district has a policy that outlines the expectations for student attendance. A copy of Policy number 5100 Comprehensive Student Attendance is available on the school district's website.

One part of the policy states that, "no individual is authorized to change a student's attendance record beyond five (5) school days after returning to school" (e.g., changing an unexcused absence to an excused absence).



The following are the expectations for written notes explaining an absence. Please provide the required written documentation for the reason your child was absent within five (5) days of their return. Documentation received beyond the five (5) days will no longer be accepted and the student's record will be marked as an unexcused absence(s) for that occurrence. Should you have any questions, please contact your school principal. A student or his/her parent(s)/guardian will have the right to appeal in writing within ten (10) school days of the student's return to the building principal or designee regarding the accuracy of the number of or type of absences for any class. The building principal or designee's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools or designee within ten (10) school days of the Principal's determination.

For tardies and early departures, the written excuse should be presented to the school on the day of the tardy or early departure with the reason for the tardy or early departure.

All district policies can be found by visiting: [NewburghSchools.org](http://NewburghSchools.org) > Board of Education > BoardDocs > Policies

You and your student(s) can check their attendance by visiting [NewburghSchools.org](http://NewburghSchools.org) > Families > Parent Portal (Infinite Campus).



**BoardDocs**  
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For more information  
visit **BoardDocs** and  
review policies  
#5100 & #5411.

## NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES NEED A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT?

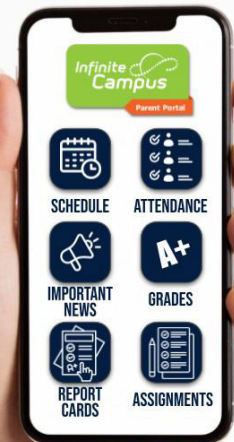
Please complete this form only if you do not have an active Parent Portal. This form will provide us with the requested information needed to send your Activation Key to you. If there is more than one parent/guardian this must be filled out for each parent/guardian as each has their own individual Activation Key. An individualized Activation Key is required to activate your Parent Portal. Please visit our district website for additional info and help at [newburghschools.org/registration](http://newburghschools.org/registration)

GET REAL-TIME UPDATES  
ON YOUR CHILD



SIGN UP NOW

SCAN QR CODE  
TO GET  
ACTIVATION CODE



# FAMILY INFORMATION

**PAM PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
**[PPETERSON@NECSD.NET](mailto:PPETERSON@NECSD.NET)**

# HEALTH SERVICES

SHARON PATSALOS, SCHOOL HEALTH FACILITATOR  
SPATSALOS@NECSD.NET

School Health Services plays a key role in identifying health risk factors and fostering resilience to support students in achieving their best possible health and well-being. Our team includes a medical director, health services facilitator, nurse practitioner, school nurse teacher, registered nurse, health aide, and clerk. Together, they collaborate with families, healthcare providers, and school communities to address the physical, emotional, social, and educational needs of students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Each district school is equipped with a well-staffed, well-resourced health office that promotes positive health attitudes and behaviors, with a strong focus on preventive care.

## DISPENSING OF MEDICATION

If a student is required to take medication during school hours, the medicine must be provided in its original container and clearly labeled with the date prescribed, the student's name, the name of the medication, dosage, and the time it should be administered. A completed parental permission form and a physician's order are required for all medications.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency information cards are distributed during the first week of school and should be completed and returned as soon as possible. The details provided are essential for contacting you in the event of an emergency. Please inform the School Health Office promptly if any of the information changes during the school year.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The New York State Education Department requires a physical examination for all students entering school at any grade level, as well as for those in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. A physical is also mandatory for participation in school sports, obtaining working papers, and for the Committee on Special Ed. (CSE) triennial review. Physical exams are valid for one year from the last day of the month in which they were conducted, unless the student experiences an illness or injury lasting more than five days, which may invalidate the exam. The exam must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of the school year in which it is required, and documentation must be submitted within 30 days of entering school or the specified grade.

## SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All students participating in interscholastic athletics are required to have a current physical exam and/or Health Interval Review, along with clearance from the Health Office, which is processed through the Final Forms registration platform. Sports physicals may be provided at school by the nurse practitioner while school is in session, excluding the summer months.

## SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The school accident insurance offers partial coverage only. All medical expenses must first be submitted to the family's primary insurance provider before being sent to the school's insurance company. Parents/guardians are responsible for any remaining balance after the school insurance claim has been processed. All insurance forms should be completed promptly and mailed directly to the school insurance company by the parent or guardian.

## IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS

On June 13, 2019, the Governor of New York signed legislation removing religious exemptions for immunizations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the nurse's office at your child's school. Requests for medical exemptions must be submitted to your child's health office using the New York State-mandated form

### NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE

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

## REGISTRATION OFFICE

All students entering the district must begin the registration process online. The Registration Office for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is located at 124 Grand Street. Applicants are addressed on a first-come first-served basis after submitting the application.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Students may only be registered by a parent, guardian or case worker.

Admission to Pre-Kindergarten is open to those students who turn four (4) years of age on or before December 1st of the current school year.

Admission to Kindergarten is open to those students who turn five (5) years of age on or before December 1st of the current school year.

Parents or guardians are required to provide the following documentation in order to register their children for school:

### 1. Proof of Age

- Original or Certified Transcription of your child's Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate (regardless of the issuing nation)
- If you are unable to provide either of the above documents, your child's Passport regardless of the issuing nation.
- In the absence of the above documents, you may provide any other documentation that has been in existence for over two years that could be used to establish your child's age. For example:
  - a.) official driver's license or non-driver identification card;
  - b.) state or local government issued identification;
  - c.) military dependent identification card;
  - d.) school photo identification with date of birth;
  - e.) consulate identification cards;
  - f.) hospital or health records;
  - g.) documents issued by federal, state or local agencies (e.g., local service agency, federal Office of Refugee Resettlement);
  - h.) court orders or other court issued documents;
  - i.) Native American tribal document; or
  - j.) records from non-profit international aid agencies and voluntary agencies.

### 2. Proof of Residency

You must submit at least one (1) of the following documents and at least one (1) item from Supplementary Proof of Residency (below):

- A residential lease (preferably signed within the last 3 months) with current rent receipt (the District reserves the right to also request a Statement of Landlord or Owner, attached)
- A mortgage or deed
- A statement from a landlord concerning your tenancy

#### *Supplementary Proof of Residency*

You may submit any other relevant evidence you wish to, including but not limited to the following types of documentation with current address to indicate residency:

- Current Utility bill (gas, electric, telephone, cable) with the location of service indicated
- Current Pay Stub with address
- Income Tax Form
- Membership Documents based on residency (e.g., library card)
- Voter registration documents
- Official Driver's License, learner's permit or non-driver identification
- State or other government issued identification
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies (e.g., local social service agency, federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, Social Security SSI, Child Support)

### 3. Proof of Custody, Guardianship or Foster Care

- You must submit a supplementary proof of residency which may be one of the following: Current utility bill (gas, electric, telephone, cable) with the location of service indicated
- Current Pay Stub with address
- Income Tax Form
- Membership Documents based on residency (e.g., library card)
- Voter registration documents
- Official Driver's License, learner's permit or non-driver identification
- State or other government issued identification
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies

(e.g., local social service agency, federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, Social Security SSI, Child Support)

### 4. Immunization (Shot) Record

Students who do not have documentation of receiving any, or an insufficient number of, immunizations or proof of immunity may be permitted to attend school for a grace period of not more than 14 calendar days, which may be extended to not more than 30 calendar days for a student who is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence of immunization. (10NYCRR 66-4). After the grace period, the student may be excluded from attendance.

### 5. Copy of Last Physical Exam

Must be within 12 months of start of school year

### 6. Government Issued Picture ID of the Parent/Guardian

### 7. If available, Current Report Card, Transcript (and IEP if applicable)

**Registration hours are from 8:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays in alignment with the school district calendar.**

**For further information call the registration office, at 845-563-KIDS (5437) or email [registration@necsd.net](mailto:registration@necsd.net)**



# REGISTRATION

**DR. CHRISTINA CLOIDT, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**  
**[CCLOIDT@NECSD.NET](mailto:CCLOIDT@NECSD.NET)**

# FOOD SERVICES

ANDY CALVANO, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES

## WELCOME TO FOOD SERVICES – NOURISHING EVERY GOLDBACK!

At Newburgh Schools, we believe in more than just feeding students—we fuel their success! Our mission is to “Nourish Every Goldback, Every Day.” We serve fresh, healthy meals that help students stay energized and ready to learn. Come check out our cafeterias and meet the awesome teams behind your meals. We’d love your feedback, and we’re excited to serve you!

## FREE MEALS FOR EVERYONE – THANKS TO NY!

Big news! Starting in the 2025–2026 school year, ALL students in New York State will get free school meals—both breakfast and lunch. No forms, no hassle. If your school participates in the federal lunch or breakfast program, your meals are covered. This means every student gets a full, nutritious meal without having to pay.

## FOOD ALLERGIES & SPECIAL DIETS? WE’VE GOT YOU!

If your child has food allergies or needs special meals, we’re here to help.

- Ask your doctor for a note describing the allergy or dietary need and the appropriate replacement food items
- Share this with the school nurse
- We’ll work with your family, school staff, and even create a 504 Plan or IEP if needed

Questions? Call Food Services at 845-563-3424 or Health Services at 845-563-3497.

## NUTRITION & ALLERGY INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Want to know exactly what’s on the menu or what allergens are in a meal? Use Meal Viewer:

- Visit Meal Viewer
- Create a free account
- Check daily menus, nutrition info, and allergens
- Get alerts for menu changes or special meals

Your health and safety matter to us—every meal, every day.

## THE POWER OF BREAKFAST

Did you know? Eating breakfast helps students:

- Score higher on tests
- Focus better in class
- Feel more alert and energized
- Improve memory and brain function
- Stay in a good mood and manage frustration

Even if mornings are busy or breakfast foods aren’t your favorite, school breakfast is a great way to start the day. We serve complete breakfasts with fruit, whole grains, and more! Check our monthly menu for special events.

## LUNCH OPTIONS FOR EVERY TASTE

Whether you’re in Pre-K or high school, we’ve got lunch choices you’ll love:

- Pre-K: Lunch delivered right to the classroom
- Grades K-5: Hot meals, salads, lunch kits, sandwiches, and more
- Middle School: A second hot option every day
- High School (NFA): Choose from Favorites, Pizzeria, International, or a Made-to-Order Deli

All lunches include fresh fruits, veggies, lean meats, whole grains, and low-fat milk. Plus, we include locally grown New York foods every day.

Remember: Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students!

## EASY ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR SNACKS

Want snacks or drinks? While meals are free, a la carte items like snacks and drinks can be paid for online at MySchoolBucks.com:

- Use your student ID as your PIN
- Add money to your account securely
- Set up low balance alerts
- Track spending and snack history

No more cash or checks needed!

Questions? Call Food Services at 845-563-3424 or Health Services at 845-563-3497.



## BUS SAFETY RULES

The safety of our students is our primary concern. To help ensure the safety of all students, other motorists and the general public, please make sure your child is aware of the following regulations:

Any student who does not follow these guidelines may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

### Bus Safety Rules for Riding the Bus

1. Students must follow the instructions of their driver.
2. Students must remain in their seats while the bus is in motion, keeping aisles clear at all times.
3. Students must remain quiet and orderly; stop, look and listen with the bus driver at all railroad crossings.
4. Students must be courteous to the bus driver and fellow passengers. No fighting, yelling or throwing objects. Foul language or rude behavior will not be tolerated.
5. Students are not permitted to smoke, eat or drink on the bus and must help to keep the bus neat and clean.

### Bus Safety Rules for the Bus Stop

1. Students must leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop ten minutes before the bus is due.
2. Students must wait for their bus well off the roadway and respect the property of others.
3. Students must enter the bus in a single file and in an orderly manner.
4. When leaving the bus, if students must cross a street they should walk 10 feet in front of the bus. Look both ways and wait for the driver to signal approval to cross. A child must never attempt to return to the bus unless instructed to do so by the driver.

The district is required to follow the "No-Fault Law" for students receiving medical attention as a result of a school bus accident/incident. The "No-Fault Law" provides that if you are injured on a bus or a school bus in New York State, no-fault benefits must be paid by your auto-insurer, or if you have no auto, the auto insurance of a relative with whom you reside. The law further provides that you should only file a no-fault claim with the bus company if there is no such auto-policy in your household.

Our Director of Transportation will be happy to help you with any questions and can be reached at 845-568-6833.

## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS REQUESTS

In accordance with New York State Education Law, transportation request forms for children in non-public schools must be submitted by April 1st for the following school year to be eligible for transportation unless the family moves into the district after April 1st, in which case the request must be made within 30 days of establishing residency. Transportation requests received after April 1st are not guaranteed transportation. If transportation is provided based on a late request it will be to and from a central pick up and drop off location. Students must be 5 years of age by December 1 of the current school year to be eligible for bus transportation.

## EMERGENCY "GO HOME" PROCEDURES

When, due to unusual circumstances, the Superintendent of Schools decides that it is necessary to close schools during the school day or before the usual time, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Our radio stations may inform you of school closings.
2. A School Messenger message will be sent. A posting will also be made on the district website and social media.
3. Students who ordinarily walk will be dismissed immediately.
4. All bus students will be transported to their usual bus stops.

Please observe the following safety regulations:

1. Remain calm and stay at home.
2. Please do not call the school or the Board of Education Office.
3. When possible, make every effort to be at the bus stop to meet your child. Students in Pre-K - Grade 2 and all students taking special transportation must be met at the bus stop.
4. If you plan to be away from home at any time, your child should be made aware of another home where he or she can be cared for until your return.



### Did You Know?

**The district uses the following methods to communicate school closings, delays, and emergency news: District website, Facebook, local radio stations, local television stations, phone calls, and emails. Make sure your information is updated in your Parent Portal account to receive these alerts.**

## DISMISSAL

Children will only be released to those individuals on the emergency blue card. Students in Pre-K - Grade 2 and all students taking special transportation must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person.

## EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

The following is the Early Dismissal Schedule. Dismissal times are approximate.

### TIER 1

10:15AM - NFA All Campuses, Heritage, and South

### TIER 2

11:15AM - GAMS, Meadow Hill, Temple Hill, and Vails Gate

### TIER 3

12:15PM - Balmville, Fostertown, Gardnertown, Horizons, New Windsor, and Pre-K at GAMS

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The days that the district is closed are noted on the district calendar. Any changes will be communicated via the district website, email, and robocall, posted on social media channels, and shared with local media as necessary.

Circumstances arise when schools and/or the entire district will need to close or dismiss early (weather, facilities issues, etc.). The Superintendent of Schools will decide on closing the schools in urgent and/or emergency situations. This decision is reached after careful consideration of the circumstance at hand (weather, facilities issue, etc.), taking multiple factors into account.

Parents and guardians should make sure their contact information is up to date in their Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) account to receive those messages directly. Community members should visit our website and follow our social media sites for important updates.

# TRANSPORTATION & DISMISSAL

**PATRICIA COYNE, COORDINATOR OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**PCOYNE@NECSD.NET**

# FAMILY NOTIFICATIONS

All NYS Schools are required to notify parents of certain policies and procedures each year. Previously a Parent Notification Booklet was available online and at each school building. We've combined that booklet with our district calendar to give families better access to this important information.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN MANDATED ASSESSMENTS

Parents/Guardians have the right to request information regarding the State and the district's policy on participation in required assessments, and the policy or procedure to opt out of those assessments, if applicable. Information on all required assessments, both state and local, are posted on the district website.

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The district is required to provide families the district policies on participation on graduation ceremonies for those students who have earned CDOS or SACC. The district's full policies on graduation are available on BoardDocs, or more information can be found in the district's Charting Your Course Booklet.

**For more information visit  
BoardDocs and review policies  
#4770 & #4771.**



## ASBESTOS NOTICE

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District has conducted the semi-annual surveillances as per the Asbestos Management Plans and the results of the surveillances are included in each plan. In addition, any response actions undertaken by the District in the preceding year are included in the Asbestos Management Plans. The District will notify you of any current or planned asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response actions.

The Asbestos Management Plans are available for review at the Main Office at each of the District's schools, during regular school hours. They can also be reviewed in the Administrative Offices of Facilities and Operations, at 20 Chestnut Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during normal school days. Copies of the plans are available at a cost of \$0.25 per page. Please call telephone # 845-568-6800 or your child's school if you would like to make arrangements to purchase a copy or copies or to review any of the plans.

## BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

The Board of Education is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality. The Board recognizes that discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying, are detrimental to student learning and achievement.



These behaviors interfere with the mission of the district to educate its students and disrupt the operation of the schools. Such behavior affects not only the students who are its targets but also those individuals who participate and witness such acts.

To this end, the Board condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying on school grounds, school buses and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events.

Discrimination, harassment, hazing or bullying that takes place at locations outside of school grounds which can be reasonably expected to materially and substantially interfere with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school or impinge on the rights of other students are prohibited, and may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Are you, or do you know someone, who is experiencing bullying, discrimination, or harassment?**

**Complete a DASA Incident form on the district website at  
[www.newburghschools.org/dasa](http://www.newburghschools.org/dasa)**



**For more information visit  
BoardDocs and review policy  
#0115 and Regulation #0115-R.**

## CHILD ABUSE

The district is required to provide families with the phone number of the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-342-3720) and a link to the New York State Child and Family Services website: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps>. The above phone number and website are available in the footer of every district webpage as well.

## PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to the Pesticide Notification Law, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is informing through this written notice all persons in parental relation to our students that, during the course of the year, it might become necessary for a school to use pesticide products. The District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notice of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- anti-microbial products
- non-volatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- silica gel and other non-volatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- the application of EPA-designated biopesticides
- the application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40 CFR §152.25
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets

In addition, there will be no written notice of an application when a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours period following the application. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your child's school, please complete the Pesticide Notice Form available on the district's website and return it to the school (please include your address, telephone #, e-mail address, and/or fax number).

For further information on these requirements, please feel free to contact Liberty Pest Control, the District's pesticide representative, through the Administrative Offices of Operations and Maintenance at 20 Chestnut Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, or by calling 845-568-6800.

## APPR OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers and/or principal, including the composite APPR score.

### Right to Request and Review Information Regarding Teacher

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As the parent/guardian of a student in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, you have the right to request the following information about your child's/children's teachers:

- whether the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the teacher's college major;
- whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees;
- if your child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals, the services provided to your child and the aide's or paraprofessional's qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's/children's teacher(s) should be directed to the Main Office of the school of attendance. Thank you for your continued support and interest in your child's/children's education.



For more information visit  
**BoardDocs and review policy #9716**

## ANAPHYLAXIS

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District is legally authorized to employ Nurse Practitioners, School Nurse Teachers and Registered Nurses to provide the nursing service of administering anaphylactic treatment agents. All Nurse Practitioners, School Nurse Teachers and Registered Nurses employed by the Newburgh Enlarged City School District may administer epinephrine via a designated or an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector to an individual using professional judgment if an individual is experiencing a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

Each Nurse Practitioner, School Nurse Teacher and Registered Nurse will be covered by the non-patient specific standing order only while working in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District employment situation. This standing order will be in effect for one year, from September 1 until August 31. Each nurse will hold a current CPR Certification and will follow the Health Services Policy and Protocol for immunizations.

For an Anaphylactic Reaction to Immunizations, TB test, Allergens, Insect Bite, Exercised Induced or Idiopathic give:

For individuals 33 to 66 pounds, use one EpiPen Jr. (0.15 mL epinephrine injection, USP, 1:2000) auto-injector to deliver 0.15 mg of epinephrine injection.

For individuals approximately 66 pounds and greater, use one EpiPen® (0.3 mL epinephrine injection, USP, 1:1000) auto-injector to deliver 0.3 mg of epinephrine injection.

Call 911 and transport to Emergency Department via Ambulance. If not breathing and/or pulse ceases, begin CPR.



## STUDENT PRIVACY AND DATA

Several laws and regulations protect the confidentiality of information about your children when that information identifies them. Such information, which includes student-specific data, is known as "personally identifiable information" or "PII."

The federal laws that protect your child's PII include the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). State laws, such as N.Y. Education Law 2-d and the related regulations of the N.Y. State Commissioner of Education; and the DOE Chancellor's Regulation A-820 also protect the confidentiality of your child's PII.

To view the district's Student Data, Privacy Notification, and FERPA information visit the district website at [www.newburghschools.org/tech](http://www.newburghschools.org/tech)



# FAMILY NOTIFICATIONS

# MEDIA RELEASE

## MEDIA RELEASE INFORMATION

At the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, we believe highlighting our schools, programs, students, faculty, and staff through the use of pictures, videos, audio recordings, and stories is essential toward fostering a great sense of community that promotes our district in a positive way.

The NECSD maintains the right to use student information as noted in the NECSD Student Records policy in accordance to the Family and Education Right to Policy (FERPA) as well as photos, videos, audio, live recordings, marketing materials, and/or quotes from our students on the district's websites, social media networks, and in print materials, including stories the district supplies to the media and circumstances in which the media is on school grounds for approved visits or school related functions off school grounds, unless formally notified by a parent or guardian via this form.

The NECSD is offering this form as a notice to opt-out of such releases for your student(s). **Parents or guardians who would like their children to be featured and do not wish to opt-out do NOT need to take any further action at this time.**

As the parent or guardian, I understand that if I opt-out, my child will be excluded from photos/videos and content posted on the district website, social media accounts, or print materials, including stories supplied by the district to local media. If you choose to opt out, please share this information with your child, so they can avoid being in photos taken in school when possible.

If you do not want your child to be featured in district media, please complete the form that can be found on the district website. This form should be completed each school year if you do not wish for your child to be photographed. A parent/guardian can opt-out or opt back in at any time. The school year is considered to be approximately from September 1st - August 31st. The list of those who opt-out and/or have rescinded a previous opt-out will be available to NECSD staff to reference as needed.

Note: This opt-out policy does not apply to public events, district yearbooks, or videotaping by security cameras in schools, on school grounds, or on school buses.

To view some of these stories, please visit [www.newburghschools.org](http://www.newburghschools.org) or @NewburghSchools on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn. For more information about the policy, please see BOE Policy 5500 Student Records



**To complete the form visit  
[www.newburghschools.org/mediarelease](http://www.newburghschools.org/mediarelease)**

For Questions Regarding	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact	5th Contact	6th Contact	7th Contact
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Dir. of Athletics	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Attendance</b>	Teacher	Asst. Principal	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Asst. Principal	Principal	Asst. Superintendent Equity/ Access	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>BOE Policies</b>	District Clerk	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE			
<b>Budget</b>	District Clerk	Asst. Superintendent Finance	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Building Use</b>	Facilities Use Form	Facilities Department	Exec. Dir. of Facilities & Op.	Asst. Superintendent of Finance	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Cafeteria</b>	School Lunch Manager	Dir. of Food Services	Asst. Superintendent of Finance	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Asst. Principal	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Curriculum</b>	Teacher	Asst. Principal	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Employment</b>	Human Resources Dept.	Asst. Superintendent for HR	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Emotional Wellbeing</b>	Guidance Counselor/Social Worker	Dir. of Pupil Personnel	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for Equity and Access	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Facilities</b>	Facilities Department	Exec. Dir. of Facilities & Operations	Asst. Superintendent of Finance	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Fine &amp; Performing Arts</b>	Teacher	Dir. of Fine & Performing Arts	Asst. Superintendent for C&I	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Health Issues</b>	School Nurse Teacher	School Nurse Facilitator	Asst. Superintendent for Exceptional Learners	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Register a New/Returning Student</b>	Online Registration	Registration Dept.	Dir. of Registration	Asst. Superintendent of Tech.	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Counselor	Asst. Principal	Principal	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>School Messenger</b>	Parent Portal	Dir. of Communications	Technology Department	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Security</b>	Principal	Dir. of Safety /Security	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE		
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	CSE Chair	Dir. of Exceptional Learners	Asst. Superintendent for Exceptional Learners	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Staffing</b>	Principal	Asst. Superintendent for HR	Superintendent	BOE			
<b>Technology</b>	Teacher	Micro Tech/ITF	Dir. of Technology	Asst. Superintendent of Technology	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Transportation</b>	School bus driver	Bus Company	Dir. of Transportation	Asst. Superintendent of Finance	Superintendent	BOE	
<b>Update Information</b>	Parent Portal	Registration Dept.	Dir. of Registration	Asst. Superintendent of Technology	Deputy Superintendent	Superintendent	BOE

Your child's classroom teacher is often your first and best source of information. The district website also contains a lot of information about the topics above. But if you still need additional information beyond those two sources, please use the chart above to find the appropriate next contact person. If you have a question about any of the topics above, this chart will help guide you to the right person to answer that question.

# CHAIN OF COMMUNICATIONS

Scan the QR Code to access  
our staff directory.





## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We're so excited to welcome our community back to school! Literacy is at the forefront of student learning. Our younger scholars are learning to read. As students progress, they begin to read to learn! Everyone plays an important role in supporting literacy initiatives for our scholars. Each school will be hosting a Back to School Night to welcome families and their students back to a new school year and share ways for families to get involved in their child's learning!

# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  District Closed - Labor Day	<b>2</b>  Superintendent's Conference Day - Schools Closed	<b>3</b>  Superintendent's Conference Day - Schools Closed Kindergarten Orientation - Balmville, Gardnertown, GAMS, Horizons, Meadow Hill, New Windsor School, Temple Hill, Vails Gate Pre-K Orientation - Balmville, Gardnertown, Horizons, GAMS	<b>4</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  First Day of School	<b>5</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  GLA PTO Back to School Bash Fall Sports First Day of Tryouts & Practice (Modified)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>9</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>10</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>11</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	<b>12</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>13</b>  SMS Kick Off BBQ
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  National Hispanic Heritage Month begins VGSA Book Fair HMS PTO Meeting	<b>16</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  GLA Back to School Night ELL Parent Meeting - Orientation	<b>17</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>18</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  VGSA - Back to School Night MH - Back to School Night SMS - Back to School Night HMS - Back to School Night FOST - Back to School Night	<b>19</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>23</b>  District Closed - Rosh Hashanah	<b>24</b>  District Closed - Rosh Hashanah	<b>25</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NFA Main Blood Drive NFA All Campuses- Back to School Night THA - Back to School Night GAMS PreK - 5 Back to School Event BALM - Back to School Night HOH - Back to School Night	<b>26</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>30</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting NWS PTO Ice Cream Social				



## **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND CULTURES**

Throughout the year, our schools and district celebrate the rich diversity of our school and community culture. Students learn and celebrate their uniqueness through various forms of reading, writing, and performing with our community. Additional ways students may celebrate their cultures include creating art projects, sharing traditional foods, and participating in multicultural festivals.

# OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	2   District Closed - Yom Kippur National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day	3 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	4
5	6 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Fire Prevention and Bully Prevention Week	7 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Pre-K Hispanic Heritage Celebration Week begins GLA Fire Prevention Week HMS PTO Meeting VGSA Fire Prevention Week National Coaches Day	8 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	9 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	10 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  NECSD Pink Day OU BOCES County Wide Early Dismissal Drill (15 minutes early)	11	
12	13   District Closed - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day National School Lunch Week begins	14 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting	15 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  SMS Hispanic Heritage Celebration	16 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  Kindergarten Selection Tour at NWS	17 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Athletics Winter Registration Opens (Varsity, JV, Freshmen) GLA Mi Cultura Celebration MHS K-5 Trunk or Treat	18   My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Summit	
19	20 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  National Bus Safety Week begins NYS School Board Recognition Week begins NFA North-Underclassmen Pictures (Grades 9-11) HOH - PTO meeting	21 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  OCMEA HS Chorus Auditions	22 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	23 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  GLA Red Ribbon Week begins (thru 10/31) OCMEA HS Instrumental Auditions Progress Reports (Secondary)	24 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Winter Sports Registration Opens (Modified) Pre-K Pumpkin Picking HOH Trunk or Treat NWS Halloween Dance VGSA Truck or Treat GAMS Trunk or Treat PTO HMS Monster Mash	25	
26	27 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  HMS Picture Day SMS Picture Day	28 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  VGSA Picture Day NFA Main Fall College Fair Event BOE Regular Meeting	29 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NECSD Trunk or Treat	30 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  Progress Reports (Elementary) NWS Fall Picture Day GAMS K-5 Read-n-Treat Event MHS 6-8 Halloween Dance SMS Fall Masquerade	31 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  ½ Day for Students ½ Day Staff Development		



## SHOWCASING THE LEGACY OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

This year, our Music Department will celebrate its 99th annual Winter Concert, featuring the Hallelujah Chorus that welcomes alumni and community members back to the stage to perform. This tradition of musical artistry highlights our rich legacy of high-quality musical performance that spans the ages, connecting our youngest musicians with our most seasoned alumni.

# NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1          Family & Community Engagement Month
2    Kindergarten Selection Tours begin Daylight Saving Time ends	3  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	4  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  <b>TIER 1 ONLY</b>  Tier 1 ONLY: ½ Day for Students; ½ Day Staff Development Election Day	5  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  <b>TIER 2&amp;3 ONLY</b>  Tier 2&3 ONLY: ½ Day for Students; ½ Day Staff Development	6  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	7  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	8
9	10  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  School Psychology Week begins HOH PTO meeting HMS PTO Meeting	11    District Closed - Veterans Day	12  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting	13  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  Middle School Selection Tour at HMS (5th Grade) NFA Fall Musical - Seniors Dress Rehearsals	14  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  End of First Marking Period (Secondary) NFA Fall Musical	15    NFA Fall Musical
16	17  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Athletics Winter Sport First Day of Tryouts and Practices (HS)	18  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  OCMEA Jazz Auditions	19  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  National Education Support Professionals Day NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD: 11/20) Athletics Fall Signing Day	20  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  SMS Bits & Skits FOST 3rd Grade Musical	21  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Substitute Educators Appreciation Day National Parental Involvement Day NYSSMA Area All-State Festival HMS Out Of This World Dance NFA Fall Play Production GAMS Pre-K Fall Story	22    NYSSMA Area All-State Festival HMS 5K Turkey Trot NFA Fall Play Production
23	24  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Athletics Winter Sports First Day of Tryouts & Practice (Modified) HMS, NFA, & SMS - Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)	25  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Report Cards (Secondary) GAMS Pre-K Thanksgiving Dinner Music Council Open Stage Night BOE Regular Meeting	26    No School for Students; Superintendent's Conference Day Parent Teacher Conferences (Morning)	27    District Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	28    District Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	29
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## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND CULTURES

Throughout the school year, our high school scholars regularly volunteer in our elementary and middle schools. Our older scholars are able to hone their academic skills while teaching topics to our younger students. Our younger students learn and engage with our student role models, encouraging their commitment to academics.

# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div>	<b>2</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>National Special Education Day</div>	<b>3</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>MH, THA Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)</div>	<b>4</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> <div>NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference NFA Main Blood Drive Kindergarten Selection Tour at BALM HOH Evening Parent Teacher Conferences</div>	<b>5</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> <div>End of First Trimester (Elementary) NYSSMA All-State Winter Conf. FOST 1st Grade Song Swap Kinder. Selection Tour at BALM Early Football Signing Day GAMS Holiday Bazaar PTO NFA Winter Dance Production</div>	<b>6</b> <div>NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference</div>
<b>7</b> <div>NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference</div>	<b>8</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A</div> <div>HMS PTO Meeting MHS Winter Concert I HOH PTO Meeting</div>	<b>9</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> <div>HOH Winter Concert BOE Regular Meeting</div>	<b>10</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A</div> <div>Kindergarten Selection Tour at BALM VGSA Winter Concert GLA Winter Concert THA Winter Concert &amp; Art Show #1</div>	<b>11</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT</div> <div>NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD: 12/12) MHS Winter Concert II HMS Winter Holiday Concert - Band &amp; Orchestra SMS Winter Concert</div>	<b>12</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>Fostertown Kindergarten Song Swap NFA Fall/Winter Drama Play (SD: 12/14)</div>	<b>13</b> <div>NFA Fall/Winter Drama Production (SD: 12/14)</div>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>Secondary Grading Window for Progress Report Opens (thru 12/19) BALM Winter Concert GAMS Pre-K Holiday Festivities Week begins</div>	<b>16</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>HMS Winter Holiday Concert - Chorus &amp; Art Show</div>	<b>17</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>GAMS Winter Concert VGSA Picture Retakes NFAN Winter Concert</div>	<b>18</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> <div>Kindergarten Selection Tours at THA &amp; HOH NFA Main Winter Concert I</div>	<b>19</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> <div>Kindergarten Selection Tour at THA</div>	<b>20</b> <div>Kindergarten Selection Tour at THA</div>
<b>21</b> <div>Kindergarten Selection Tour at THA</div>	<b>22</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A</div> <div>Report Cards (Elementary)</div>	<b>23</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> <div>½ Day for Students; ½ Day Staff Development Progress Reports (Secondary)</div>	<b>24</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>	<b>25</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>	<b>26</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>	<b>30</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>	<b>31</b> <div>District Closed - Winter Recess</div>			



## NFA AF-JROTC

The Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets of Newburgh Free Academy earned an overall unit assessment score of "Exceeds Standards," the highest rating attainable. A Headquarters Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) representative visited in March 2024 to provide feedback regarding the performance of our AFJROTC unit and to assess its compliance with Public Law, Department of Defense and Air Force Instructions, and the written agreement which exists between the NECSD and the Air Force. Available to all NFA students, the program started in 1975 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025. Each year, students enrolled in the program participate in thousands of volunteer hours each year.

# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				District Closed - Winter Recess	District Closed - Winter Recess	
4	5 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  High School Selection begins (Ends 2/6) Kindergarten Selection begins (thru 4/30) Middle School Selection begins (thru 3/6)	6 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	7 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  OCMEA Scholarship Auditions High School Selection Tour at NFAW (SD: 1/8)	8 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	9 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	10  OCMEA Elementary All-County Instrumental Auditions
11	12 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  HOH PTO Meeting HMS PTO Meeting	13 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  THA Winter Concert & Art Show #2 BOE Regular Meeting	14 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 1/15) High School Selection Tour at NFAW (SD: 1/15)	15 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NFA Main Winter Concert II	16 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  End of Second Marking Period (Secondary)	17
18	19  District Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B  Regents Exams	21 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A  GLA Picture Retakes HMS - Picture Retake Day High School Selection Tour at NFAW (SD: 1/22) Regents Exams	22 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B  NWS Winter Concert Fostertown Winter Concert Regents Exams	23 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS: A  Meadow Hill Picture Retake Day OCMEA High School All-County Music Festival HMS - Game Night Regents Exams GAMS - Incoming Pre-K Info Session #1	24  OCMEA High School All-County Music Festival
25	26 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	27 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting	28 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  High School Selection Tour at NFA P-TECH (SD: 1/29) Report Cards (Secondary)	29 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  Guitar & Piano Recital	30 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Progress Reports (Elementary) SMS Winter Gala Ball	31



## 100 DAYS CELEBRATION

For a “100 Days of School” celebration, elementary school students often engage in activities that help them visualize the number 100. They might create collections of 100 small items, like buttons or stickers, or build towers with 100 cups. Many schools encourage students to dress up as if they were 100 years old, complete with gray hair and glasses. Teachers use this day to reinforce mathematical concepts, such as counting by tens to reach 100. It’s a fun milestone that marks a significant portion of the school year and celebrates students’ learning journey.

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# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  Love the Bus Month Black History Month National Career and Technical Education Month	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Pre-K Registration Opens (Ends 4/30) National School Counseling Week	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>4</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Athletics Winter Signing Day	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  GAMS Tall and Small Dance PTO	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  High School Selection ends High School Selection Supplemental Applications Due	<b>7</b>  OCMEA Junior High School All-County Auditions
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  Athletics   Spring Registration Opens (Varsity, JV, Freshmen) GAMS Pre-K Black History Month Celebrations HMS PTO Meeting HOH PTO Meeting	<b>10</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  GLA Career Day BOE Regular Meeting	<b>11</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD: 2/12) OCMEA Jazz All-County: Pre-Rehearsal	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  NFA M Blood Drive Faculty Recital Fundraiser	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  SMS Valentine's Day Singing Telegrams	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  District Closed - Presidents' Day	<b>17</b>  District Closed - Lunar New Year	<b>18</b>  No School for Students; Superintendent's Conference Day	<b>19</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>20</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>24</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>25</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  GAMS Incoming Pre-K Information Session #2	<b>26</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  Middle-Level Art Show SMS Black History Celebration	<b>27</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  High School Selection Notification begin GAMS Black History Celebration OCMEA Jazz All-County Music Festival HMS Glow Dance	<b>28</b>  OCMEA Jazz All-County Music Festival



## BRINGING LITERACY TO LIFE

Each year, our middle and high schools perform a spring musical. Honing dance, musical, and performance skills amplifies literacy, bring the words written on a page to life. Reading stage cues, building set design, and developing their characters, bring each performance to life, often earning a standing ovation at the conclusion of each performance.

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>   Women's History Month Music in Our Schools Month	<b>2</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Maintenance/Grounds Worker Appreciation Day Read Across America National School Breakfast Week VGSA Spring Book Fair begins	<b>3</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>4</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  All-District Art Show	<b>5</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>6</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Middle School Selection ends VGSA Family Reading Day SMS Spring Musical	<b>7</b>    SMS Spring Musical
<b>8</b>   National School Social Work Week Daylight Saving Time begins	<b>9</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  HMS PTO Meeting HOH PTO Meeting	<b>10</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>11</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Progress Reports (Secondary) NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD: 3/12) GLA Literacy Night	<b>12</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  SMS Drama Club Cast & Crew Celebration Fostertown 2nd Grade Musical NFA Spring Production - Senior Citizen Dress Rehearsal	<b>13</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  End of Second Marking Period (Elementary) GAMS Pre-K: Me & My VIP Dance HMS Movie Night NFA Spring Musical Production	<b>14</b>    NFA Spring Musical Production
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>17</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  All-District Music Festival: Rehearsal	<b>18</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>19</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  All-District Music Festival: Rehearsal	<b>24</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  All-District Music Festival: Rehearsal BOE Regular Meeting	<b>25</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Fostertown Spring Kindergarten Song Swap All-District Music Festival: Concert	<b>26</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  HMS - Talent Show Report Cards (Elementary)	<b>27</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Middle School Selection Notifications begin GAMS Pre-K Egg hunt HOH Unlimited Horizons Application Window Open	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  District Closed - Spring Recess	<b>31</b>  District Closed - Spring Recess				



## READING CONNECTIONS

Reading is a foundational skill that opens up new worlds and fosters critical thinking. When older students read to younger students, it not only strengthens the younger students' literacy and vocabulary but also builds a sense of community and provides older students with an opportunity to serve as mentors and role models. Our My Brother's Keepers (MBK) Fellows are some of the many groups of high school students who take time to read and connect with our younger scholars. This year, our MBK program officially achieved certification from the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Alliance, formally designating our district as a certified MBK Community.

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			District Closed - Spring Recess School Library Month	District Closed - Spring Recess Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day	District Closed - Spring Recess	National School Librarian Appreciation Day
5	6 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	7 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	8 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	9 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	10 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	11
	National Assistant Principals Week NYSESLAT Speaking Testing Window Begins (Ends May 22)	BOE Regular Meeting	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Test HOH Unlimited Horizons Open House NFA Talent Show	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Test	End of Third Marking Period (Secondary)	
12	13 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	14 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	15 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	16 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	17 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	18
Week of the Young Child	HMS PTO Meeting	<b>TIER 1 ONLY</b> Tier 1 ONLY: ½ Day Students; ½ Day Staff Development	<b>TIER 2 &amp; 3 ONLY</b> Tier 2&3 ONLY: ½ Day Students; ½ Day Staff Development OCMEA Junior High All-County: Orchestra Pre-Rehearsal	NFA M Empty Bowls Fostertown 1st Grade Song Swap NWS Drama Club Performance	National Day of Silence GAMS Ice Cream Social PTO HMS Musical	HMS Musical
19	20 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	21 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	22 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	23 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	24 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	25
	HOH PTO meeting	NFA Dance Spring Concert Report Cards (Secondary) BOE Regular Meeting	National Administrative Professionals Day NYS Grades 3-8 Math Test OCMEA Elementary All-County Pre-Rehearsal NFA Dance Spring Concert	NYS Grades 3-8 Math Test NFA M Blood Drive SMS Spring Fling NFA Small Ensemble Concert	Elementary Grading Window for Progress Report Opens (thru 5/1) OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival HOH - Unlimited Horizons Application Window closes	OCMEA Elementary All- County Music Festival
26	27 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	28 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	29 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	30 Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT		
		School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day		Kindergarten Selection closes National Art Honor Society Induction		



## OUR SENIORS HAVE DECIDED

May 1st is National College Decision Day. Our high school seniors are exploring their opportunities beyond Academy Field! Whether they are choosing to pursue college, career, volunteer work, or service, we know that they will succeed in all they put their minds to! Our graduates are part of our Goldback Nation as members of our vast alumni network.

# MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> National Principal's Appreciation Day National Physical Education/Sports Week Mental Health Awareness Month School Lunch Hero Day GAMS 3rd Gr. Recorder Concert OCMEA Junior High All-County Music Festival	<b>2</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> NECSD Voter Registration Day GAMS Yard Sale PTO SMS Books & Breakfast OCMEA Junior High All-County Music Festival
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> National Teacher Appreciation Week NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing Testing Window begins (Ends May 22)	<b>5</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> Last Day to Register to Vote in School Budget Vote/School Board Election NFA Solo Recital	<b>6</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> National School Nurse Day New York State Grades 5 & 8 Science Exam Practical Progress Reports (Elementary) FOST Spring Concert	<b>7</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> New York State Grades 5 & 8 Science Exam Written Athletics   Spring Signing Day NFA Main Spring Concert 1	<b>8</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> NYSSMA Solo Festival	<b>9</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> NYSSMA Solo Festival
<b>10</b> <div>Mother's Day National Police and Security Monitor Week</div>	<b>11</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> HMS PTO Meeting	<b>12</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT</div> NFA N Spring Concert BOE Regular Meeting	<b>13</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> HMS Spring Concert - Band & Orchestra	<b>14</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT</div> NFA M Spring Concert II	<b>15</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div>	<b>16</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> HOH PTO meeting NWS Spring Instrumental Concert BALM Spring Concert	<b>19</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>             ½ Day Students              ½ Day Staff Development              NECSD/NFL Budget Vote/Board of Education Election              GLA Spring Concert           </div>	<b>20</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> GAMS 4th Grade Spring Concert VGSA Spring Concert NFA Senior Showcase HMS - Spring Concert - Chorus & Art Show BOE Special Meeting   Canvass of Votes	<b>21</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> GAMS 5th Grade Spring Concert HMS Spring Chorus Concert & Art Show Progress Reports (Secondary)	<b>22</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div>	<b>23</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <div>District Closed - Memorial Day</div>	<b>26</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A</div> BOE Regular Meeting	<b>27</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> HMS National Junior Honor Society Induction MHS Secondary Spring Concert SMS Spring Concert	<b>28</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> GAMS Fifth Grade Awards Ceremony Meadow Hill National Honor Society Induction Ceremony National Honor Society Induction Ceremony NWS Spring Choral Concert	<b>29</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> NYSSMA Solo Festival	<b>30</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> NYSSMA Solo Festival
<b>31</b>						



## GRADUATION

This June, Newburgh Free Academy will celebrate its 161st Commencement Ceremony on Academy Field. We wish all of our graduates a life of success and hope our newest alumni return to share their accomplishments with our younger scholars. This momentous occasion marks not only the end of one chapter but the exciting beginning of another, as these students step forward to shape their futures and make their mark on the world. The entire community celebrates their hard work and perseverance, and we eagerly await the incredible things they will achieve.

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>HMS - 8th Grade Showcase &amp; Concert Faculty Conference</div>	<b>2</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>Guitar and Piano Recital HOH Spring Concert &amp; Art Show GLA Musical - Disney's Finding Nemo</div>	<b>3</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>BALM Pre-K Moving Up MHS Elementary Spring Concerts NFA Acting Lab Showcase THA Spring Concert &amp; Art Show 1</div>	<b>4</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT</div> <div>Scholarship Night SMS Talent Show NECSD Annual Distinguished Artists Reception Fostertown 4th and 5th Grade Musical</div>	<b>5</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A</div> <div>BALM Kindergarten Moving Up</div>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B</div> <div>GAMS Pre-K Fun Week HMS PTO Meeting</div>	<b>9</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B</div> <div>Regents Exams GLA Field Day (RD: 6/11) BOE Regular Meeting</div>	<b>10</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A</div> <div>Regents Exams NFA Main End of the Year Coffee House</div>	<b>11</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT</div> <div>GAMS Kindergarten Moving Up Music Banquet and Awards Night</div>	<b>12</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>GAMS Pre-K Moving Up Celebration HMS - Blue &amp; Gold Ball (8th Grade Formal) THA Spring Concert &amp; Art Show 2</div>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B</div> <div>Elementary Grading Window for Report Card Opens (thru 6/22) Pre-K Registration Notification Begins</div>	<b>16</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A</div> <div>Secondary Grading Window for Report Card Opens (thru 6/23) HOH PreK Moving Up BALM 5th Grade Moving Up</div>	<b>17</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B</div> <div>Regents Exams GLA Pre-K Moving Up: Mrs.Lewis GAMS Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony NWS Kindergarten Moving Up HOH Kindergarten Moving Up</div>	<b>18</b> <div>Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A</div> <div>Regents Exams GLA, HOH, VGSA 5th Grade Moving Up NWS Kindergarten Moving Up MH 8th Grade Moving Up GAMS Pre-K Picnic in Courtyard</div>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <div>Father's Day</div>	<b>22</b> <div>Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B</div> <div><b>PREK-6 ONLY</b> Regents Exams ½ day for PreK-6 students (ONLY) GLA Kindergarten Moving Up SMS 8th Grade Moving Up VGSA Kindergarten Moving Up</div>	<b>23</b> <div>Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS: A</div> <div><b>PREK-6 ONLY</b> Regents Exams ½ day for PreK-6 students (ONLY) GLA PreK Moving Up Day BOE Regular Meeting</div>	<b>24</b> <div>Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B</div> <div>Regents Exams HMS Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony</div>	<b>25</b> <div>Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A</div> <div>Regents Exams NFA Graduation End of Final Marking Period (Secondary)</div>	<b>26</b> <div>Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B</div> <div>End of Final Marking Period (Elementary) Regents Exams - Rating Day Report Cards (All Grades) Last Day of School</div>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



## LEARNING THROUGH THE SUMMER

Students continue to learn and explore their talents throughout the summer months. Some high school students are stepping onto college campuses for the first time to earn college credits and experience college life at Marist University and SUNY Orange. Others work to maintain their learning, so they remain on pace for the next school year or can graduate with their class. Students also learn through enrichment by learning to swim with basic life-saving skills, and several other classes to explore and develop their skills as they learn and grow.

# JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  <small>BOE Organizational &amp; Regular Meeting</small>	2	3	4  <small>Independence Day</small>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  <small>BOE Regular Meeting</small>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



**GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, WE'RE  
GOING BACK TO SCHOOL!**

The first day of school is right around the corner! Be sure to regularly visit the district website for our annual back-to-school celebrations, school supply lists, transportation information, orientation events, and so much more! Now is a good time to make sure that your Parent Portal account is set up and your contact information (phone, email, and physical address) is up to date so you receive all communications. We rely on our parents/guardians as partners!

# AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 BOE Regular Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Regents Exams	19 Regents Exams	20	21	22
23	24 NFA August Graduation	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 BOE Regular Meeting					



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Facebook, Instagram,  
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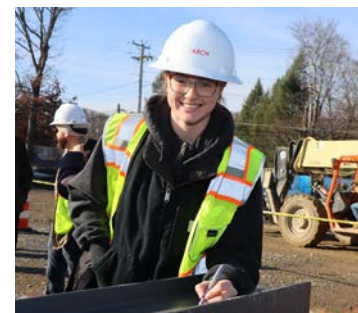
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