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Babylon, NY 11702

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ALMA MATER

*By the Great South Bay she stands
Strong against the temporal sands
A monument for all to see
Untouched by wind or rain or sea.*

*Alma Mater, hear our praise
As to thee our cups we raise
Til at last we say good-bye
A toast to thee, our Babylon High.*



2022-2023

CALENDAR & DIRECTORY





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WHAT IS A BOARD OF EDUCATION?

The Board of Education is the community's elected body. In the Babylon School District, trustees are elected by district voters for three-year terms. Each year, one or more seats come up for election during the annual district vote on the third Tuesday in May. There are seven members on the Babylon Board.

School board members in New York, even though sitting on a local board, serve as state officials, joining more than 5,000 other men and women in guiding a statewide school system that services more than three million children. One of their most important duties is to set goals and establish policy for the district. Board members receive no pay for their service, but have the satisfaction of knowing that they are performing an indispensable public service.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Babylon Board of Education is to promote lifelong learning by addressing the needs of the whole child and recognizing that individuals learn, grow and achieve differently. The Board of Education strives to offer diverse programs that promote critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, civic responsibility, self-discipline and accountability. The Board of Education pledges to create a safe and orderly learning environment and is committed to teamwork, shared leadership, fostering community involvement and exercising fiscal responsibility.

DISTRICT'S MESSAGE

Dear Babylon Families & Residents:

On behalf of the Babylon Board of Education, faculty and staff, we welcome all Babylon students and families back to the start of the 2022-2023 school year! Our public schools deliver a top rate public education to the students we serve, and in turn, the Board of Education works collaboratively with the superintendent, central and building administrations and staff to ensure that all students we educate succeed and ultimately flourish.

Please keep this annual publication handy, as it contains important academic dates scheduled throughout the school year as well as dates that welcome in our families and residents to celebrate the artistic and athletic talents of our students. This calendar also references numerous policies, routines and procedures of the school district.

With a new year on the horizon, know that we always welcome your input as to how Babylon Schools can best serve your child. Stay involved as our educational partner, attend events, and get to know your child's teachers and building leadership. We have many caring and compassionate people working inside our schools who are committed to your child's success. Together, we can all make a positive difference.

Sincerely,

Babylon Schools

Artwork Note: The artistic pieces featured in this calendar were created by Babylon students as a part of the District's art curriculum. This is a small sample of the many renderings of individual artwork created in both our general art and elective art classes. The Board of Education and District Administration would like to thank our Art Department, and most importantly, our student-artists, for contributing artwork for inclusion in this year's District calendar. This year's cover was designed by Alana Lewis.



DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

DISTRICT OFFICE

50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
(Hours open: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

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|--|--------------|
| Brian Conboy, Interim Superintendent | 631-893-7925 |
| TBD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction | 631-893-7924 |
| Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business | 631-893-7914 |
| Linda McGarvey, District Clerk | 631-893-7923 |
| Lisa Consolo, District Director of Special Education | 631-893-7941 |
| Michael DeJoseph, District Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health | 631-893-7933 |
| David Dileo, District Director of Technology & Accountability | 631-893-7983 |
| Dennis Murphy, District Director of Guidance | 631-893-7942 |
| Robert Loreface, District Director of Facilities | 631-893-7929 |
| Transportation Office | 631-893-7915 |
| Personnel Office | 631-893-7901 |
| Main Menu for the School District | 631-893-7900 |

BABYLON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon NY 11702
(School hours: 7:40 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

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|---|--------------|
| Al Cirone, Principal | 631-893-7920 |
| Melissa Callahan, Assistant Principal | |
| Main Office | 631-893-7910 |
| Guidance Department | 631-893-7942 |
| Nurse's Office | 631-893-7932 |
| Administrative Assistants | 631-893-7911 |
| Attendance Office | 631-893-7921 |

BABYLON MEMORIAL GRADE SCHOOL

169 Park Avenue, Babylon NY 11702
(School hours: 8:20 a.m.-2:35 p.m.)

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| Jeffrey Haubrich, Principal & Main Office | 631-893-7980 |
| Lauren Fretto, Assistant Principal | 631-893-7980 |
| Nurse's Office | 631-893-7987 |

BABYLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

171 Ralph Avenue, Babylon NY 11702
(School hours: 8:25 a.m.-2:40 p.m.)

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| Thomas Keogh, Principal & Main Office | 631-893-7960 |
| Nurse's Office | 631-893-7966 |

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| 4 | 5 LABOR DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 6 First Day of School for Students | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library JHS Fall Sports Begin | 13 GS Open House/Meet the Teacher Night Gr. 3 & 4 – 6:30 pm Gr. 5 & 6 – 7:30 pm HS Gr. 8-11 School Portrait Day | 14 ES Open House/Meet the Teacher Night K & Gr. 1 – 6:30 pm Gr. 2 – 7 pm HS Grade Level & Senior Argyle Photos | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Kick-Off PTA Mtg. 7 pm @ ES Café | 21 SEPTA Mtg. 7 pm @ GS Café | 22 | 23 ES Gr. 2 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café GS Gr. 3 Family Breakfast 7:30 am @ GS Café | 24 Homecoming – Babylon vs. Port Jefferson 2 pm @ Walter Willians Field |
| 25 | 26 ROSH HASHANAH SCHOOLS CLOSED | 27 ROSH HASHANAH SCHOOLS CLOSED | 28 ES K-6 PTA Welcome Back Social Night | 29 JHS/HS Open House/Meet the Teacher Night – 7-9 pm | 30 ES Gr. 1 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | |

Abbreviation Key:

Senior High School – HS; Junior High School – JHS;
Grade School – GS; Elementary School – ES

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| 2 | 3 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 4 ES/GS Picture Day | 5 YOM KIPPUR SCHOOLS CLOSED | 6 GS/ES International Walk/ Bike to School Day | 7 ES Kindergarten Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | 8 |
| 9 | 10 COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 11 | 12 HS Photo Make-up Day | 13 | 14 GS Fire Prevention Assemblies – 9 & 10 am @ GS ES Fire Prevention Assemblies – 1 pm @ ES | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 GS Gr. 3 & 4 PTA Fun Night | 19 SEPTA Mtg 7 pm @ GS Café | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 GS PTA Monster Bash for Gr. 5 & 6 – 6 pm @ GS | 29 |
| 30 | 31 ES Halloween Parade 1:30 pm @ ES Front Circle | | | | | |

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 JV/Varsity Winter Sports Begin | 5 |
| 6 | 7 JHS Winter Sports Begin | 8 ELECTION DAY SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY Schools Closed for Students | 9 ES/GS Picture Make-up Day | 10 ES Veterans Day Patriotic Sing-Along 1:45 pm @ ES Gym GS Veterans Day Celebration 9:15 am @ GS JHS/HS First Marking Period Ends 1st Marking Period Ends | 11 VETERANS DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 THANKSGIVING RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED | 24 THANKSGIVING DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 25 THANKSGIVING RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 29 | 30 SEPTA/PTA Mtg. 7 pm @ GS | | | |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 ES PTA Holiday Breakfast @ ES |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 ES Kindergarten Winter Concert 6 pm @ ES Gym | 7 ES Gr. 1 Winter Concert 6 pm @ ES Gym | 8 ES Gr. 2 Winter Concert 6 pm @ ES Gym HS Leo Club Dinner & Show 3:30 pm @ Rowe Hall | 9 ES/GS End of First Trimester Report Cards on Parent Portal | 10 |
| Drama Production 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | | | | | | |
| 11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Drama Production 2 pm @ Rowe Hall</div> | 12 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30pm @ HS Library | 13 | 14 GS Parent-Teacher Conferences 6 pm @ GS | 15 ES Parent-Teacher Conferences 6 pm @ ES JHS Winter Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 16 K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences Schools Closed for K-6 Students | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 HS Winter Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 22 | 23 | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE |
| 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE |
| WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED | | | | | | |

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| 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 2 WINTER RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30pm @ HS Library | 10 K-6 PTA Mtg 7 pm @ ES Café | 11 | 12 GS Winter Concert Part I 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 13 ES Gr. 2 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | 14 |
| 15 | 16 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 17 JHS Winter II Sports Begin | 18 GS Winter Concert Part 2 7 pm @ Rowe Hall SEPTA Mtg. 7 pm @ GS Café | 19 | 20 ES Gr. 1 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 24 | 25 JHS/HS Ensemble Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 26 | 27 ES Kindergarten Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café JHS/HS Second Marking Period Ends | 28 |
| NYS January Regents Examinations | | | | | | |
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| 12 | 13 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 K-6 PTA Meeting 7 pm @ GS Café | 16 SEPTA Mtg. 7 pm @ GS Café | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 PRESIDENTS DAY (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| MID-WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED | | | | | | |
| 26 | 27 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 28 GS Science Fair | | | | |
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MARCH IS PARP MONTH!



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| Abbreviation Key: Senior High School – HS; Junior High School – JHS; Grade School – GS; Elementary School – ES | | PARP MONTH | | | ES Gr. 2 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | K-6 PTA Lip Sync @ Rowe Hall |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | JHS POPS Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall HS POPS Concert 8 pm @ Rowe Hall | | | ES/GS POPS Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | ES Gr. 1 Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café | |
| | SCMEA Division I @ BHS | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library Varsity/JV Sports Begin ES/GS Scholastic Book Fair | | ES Kindergarten Registration 8:30-10:30 am; 12:30-2 pm; 6-8 pm SEPTA Mtg 7 pm @ GS Café | | ES Kindergarten Family Breakfast 7:45 am @ ES Café ES/GS End of Second Trimester Report Cards on Parent Portal | |
| ES & GS Book Fairs | | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | K-6 PTA Meeting 7 pm @ ES Café | ES Kindergarten Registration 6-8 pm | ES K-2 Parent-Teacher Conferences Dismissal @ 11:25 am HS Leo Club Dinner & Show 3:30 pm | ES K-2 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School for K-2 students HS All School Musical 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | HS All School Musical 2 pm @ Rowe Hall |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| HS All School Musical 2 pm @ Rowe Hall | Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library Varsity/JV Sports Begin | | | | | |

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> SPRING RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED </div> | | | | | | |
| 9 EASTER | 10 Board of Education Business Meeting and Budget Adoption 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 JHS/HS Third Marking Period Ends | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 SEPTA Mtg 7 pm @ GS Café | 20 ES Parent Orientation to Kindergarten 7 pm @ ES Gym | 21 | 22 |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> NYS ELA Assessments Gr. 3-8 </div> | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 25 K-6 PTA Mtg 7 pm @ GS Café | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ES Art & Musical Festival 6 pm @ ES | 5 | 6 K-6 PTA 6th Grade Car Wash |
| | NYS Math Assessments Gr. 3-8 | | | | | |
| | Advanced Placement Examinations (AP) | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 Board of Education Business Meeting/Budget Hearing 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 K-6 PTA 6th Grade Car Wash (Rain Date) |
| | Advanced Placement Examinations (AP) | | | | | |
| 14 MOTHER'S DAY | 15 GS Spring Concert Part I – 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 16 Annual School Budget Vote & Trustee Election 6 am - 9 pm @ HS East Gym | 17 HS National Art Honor Society Induction 6 pm @ Rowe Hall Thespian Honor Society Induction 7:30 pm @ Rowe Hall GS Field Day SEPTA Mtg. 7 pm @ GS Café | 18 GS Field Day Rain Date JHS/HS Band Spring Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 19 K-6 PTA 6th Grade Dance | 20 |
| | Kindergarten Orientation & Screening @ ES | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 Board of Education Work/Study Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 23 GS Spring Concert Part 2 – 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 24 JHS/HS Spring Chorus & Orchestra Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | 25 GS Memorial Day Celebration 8:45 am @ GS Front Circle | 26 MEMORIAL DAY RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED | 27 |
| | Kindergarten Orientation & Screening @ ES | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 30 | 31 JHS/HS Spring Ensemble Concert 7 pm @ Rowe Hall | Abbreviation Key: Senior High School – HS; Junior High School – JHS; Grade School – GS; Elementary School – ES | | |

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| 11 | 12 Board of Education Business Meeting 7:30 pm @ HS Library | 13 | 14 ES Kindergarten Breakfast, End-of-Year Celebration & Field Day | 15 ES Gr. 1 Breakfast, End-of-Year Celebration & Field Day | 16 ES Gr. 2 Breakfast, End-of-Year Celebration & Field Day | 17 |
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| 18 FATHER'S DAY | 19 JUNETEENTH SCHOOLS CLOSED (LEGAL HOLIDAY) | 20 | 21 GS Early Dismissal @ 11 am ES Early Dismissal @ 11:05 am | 22 GS Gr. 6 Moving-Up Ceremony 9 am @ Rowe Hall GS Early Dismissal 11 am ES Early Dismissal 11:05 am HS Pre-Prom Reception 5:30 pm Senior Prom 7 pm | 23 Last Day of School ES/GR End of Third Trimester Report Cards on Portal JH/SH Fourth Marking Period Ends GS Early Dismissal 11 am ES Early Dismissal 11:05 am HS Graduation 7 pm @ Coach Williams Field Regents Exams | 24 |
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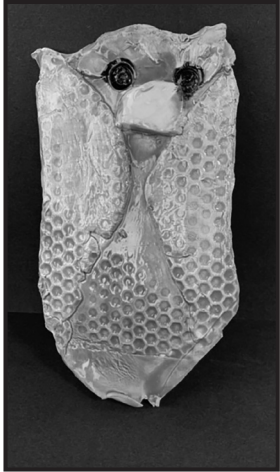
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Student Services

THE BABYLON SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education is dedicated to educating students to develop desired moral, ethical and cultural values, to stimulate and expand a continual learning process, and to cultivate an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of American citizens, which will enable them to function effectively as independent individuals in a democratic society. The Board strives to maintain a comprehensive approach to satisfy the educational needs of the students of the district by meeting or exceeding the state's requirements.



Artist: Aidan Erickson

The Board seeks to implement a variety of instructional methods and to increase the opportunities for the development of each individual's capabilities and personality. It is the district's goal to foster in students good work habits, integrity, self-discipline, individual creativity, originality, aesthetic appreciation, good sportsmanship, self-confidence and a sense of purpose. Extracurricular activities will be offered when possible to enhance the academic program.

The Board encourages parents and teachers to offer their expertise in helping to develop a school environment that is academically challenging, psychologically satisfying and socially fulfilling for students at all levels. The objectives of an educational program are best realized when mutual understanding, cooperation and effective communication exist among the home, community and school.

ATTENDANCE

New York State Education Law permits legal absences from school for the following reasons: sickness, sickness or death in the family, religious observances, required presence in court, religious instruction, and impassable roads or weather making travel unsafe. A note explaining the reason for absence is required on the day the child returns to school. Whenever possible, parents should advise the school by telephone of the child's absence.

Also, a note explaining tardiness is required for all students.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK LOAN

In accordance with the New York State Textbook Law, school district residents who attend a private or parochial school in grades K-12 are eligible for textbook loans from their public school

district, provided these books are nondenominational and meet the necessary requirements of the law. Applications for textbook loans are obtained from nonpublic schools. Completed applications should be returned to the respective BOCES office: 631-687-3116.

VISITORS IN THE SCHOOLS

Visitors are welcome in the buildings with the principal's prior permission. All visitors must sign in with the building security and go directly to the main office in the school to report their presence. This requirement is made to allow classes to progress normally, to ensure that the education process is not interrupted and to ascertain that only authorized persons are in the buildings.

For students to concentrate and do their best in school, it is vital that they not be disturbed. We recommend that parents make doctor and dentist appointments after school hours and that family members refrain from asking that a particular child be given a message.

DELAYS AND EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

When the Superintendent of Schools decides schools must be closed or delayed due to weather conditions, announcements will be made to that effect through our School Messenger notification system, through the district website at www.babylonufsd.com, and over the following radio and TV stations:

WALK (97.5 FM & 1370 AM)

WBLI (106.5 FM)

WBAB (102.3 FM)

WCBS (880 AM & 101.1 FM)

News 12 Long Island & www.news12.com

If you are a community resident and would like to receive School Messenger notifications, please contact the Central Office at 631-893-7925.

BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

SCOPE Educational Services offers a financially self-supporting before- and after-school child care program in Babylon Schools. Licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the program is available for all students in grades K-6 who are registered in the district. This offers a safe, fun, caring environment for the children of working parents. They receive snacks each day, participate in recreational activities and have the opportunity to do homework. This program operates prior to school start hours as well as after dismissal until 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the SCOPE office at 631-360-0800.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

K-6 PTA President – Angela Campagna – babylonpta@gmail.com

website: www.babylonpta.org

The objectives of the PTAs include:

- Promoting the welfare of the children.
- Bringing together parents, students and school officials to promote cooperation in the education of the children.
- Developing unified efforts to secure for all children the highest advantages in physical, mental and social education.

7-12 PTSA President - Desiree Harkins – babylonnypta@gmail.com

SEPTA President – Sue Moerler

BabylonSEPTApresident@gmail.com

All students are entitled to a free and appropriate education so that they may reach their maximum potential and graduate to be active, productive adults. SEPTA's purpose is to empower and support special education students and their families.

The objectives of SEPTA include:

- To ensure each child experiences the best possible educational program, allowing them to reach their full potential.
- To bring parents and teachers together to productively address children's needs with the goal of producing independent members of society and lifelong learners.
- To keep parents informed.
- To familiarize parents with the identification and placement procedures used to service our children.
- To educate and integrate the community in the lives of children with special needs.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, ORIENTATION AND SCREENING

In the first year of school, your child's adjustment to academic life is of primary concern to the district. To ensure a smooth transition, we urge parents to become familiar with the kindergarten program, become acquainted with the classroom teacher and aide, and feel free to discuss their student's progress at any time throughout the school year.

Children entering kindergarten in September must be 5 years old on or before December

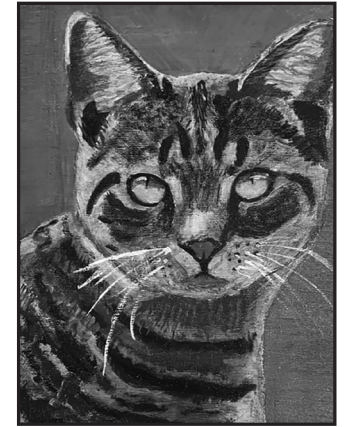


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1. Please check the school calendar in March for specific registration dates at the Elementary School. All children, even those who receive services through our Special Education office, must register directly at the Elementary School. It is mandatory for kindergarten students to have a physical exam (proof of such is required), as well as evidence of immunization for polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, hepatitis B, tetanus pertussis and varicella. Other medical history will also be requested. Additionally, photo ID of the parent or guardian and the child's birth certificate are required. Utility bills will not be accepted as proof of residency. Accepted examples include a mortgage bill, village or town tax bill, or a rental lease.

After registration, incoming kindergarten students will have a kindergarten orientation and screening, for which you will be asked to sign up during registration. These dates are in May and can also be found on our district calendar.

Kindergarten orientation is a time in which the child and his/her parent or tour the school building and meet the students and staff of Babylon Elementary School. It is designed as an opportunity for children and parents to ask questions and learn the daily routines of a kindergarten day. Our screening is approximately a 20-minute one-to-one time between the child and kindergarten teachers in which we assess the children in three developmental areas: concepts (direction and positional words); language; letter and number recognition and motor skills. These screenings are used to help us with class placement. Parents/guardians share information about their child, which is used in the process as well.



Artist: Briisha Tavera

PUPIL REGISTRATION

New residents wishing to register their children for school must go to the Central Registration Office located in the Babylon Memorial Grade School at 169 Park Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702. At the time of registration, the following documents will be required:

1. Original birth certificate or passport.
2. Physician-stamped certificate of immunization.
3. Two proofs of residency (deed, current tax bill, mortgage book or lease) PLUS LIPA/ National Grid, water, cable or home phone bill only.
4. If separated, divorced or legal guardian – proof of custody or guardianship.
5. Academic records.

If you have any questions, contact the registrar's office at 631-893-7980.



SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

Children who require alternative support based on an identified disability may receive special education services in an in-district or out-of-district placement according to recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) in conjunction with parent/guardian agreement and approval from the Board of Education.

- If you suspect your preschool child (ages 3-5) may have a disability, please call the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) at 631-893-7941.
- If you suspect your school-aged child (ages 5-21) may have a disability, please call the Committee on Special Education (CSE) at 631-893-7941.
- If you suspect your child may have a disability and requires an accommodation, please contact the Section 504 Compliance Office at 631-893-7924.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The school district cooperates with Western Suffolk BOCES (Board of Cooperative Education Services). Under the program, juniors and seniors may attend the senior high school for half of each day and the vocational school for the remainder of the time.

Detailed information about this program is available in the High School Guidance Office at 631-893-7942.

FOOD SERVICES

The Junior-Senior High School, Memorial Grade School and Elementary School all provide Cafeteria service at a nominal cost to students. Milk is available in all schools.

School lunch prices are as follows for the 2022-2023 school year:

| | <u>Breakfast</u> | <u>Lunch</u> |
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| K-6: | \$1.50 | \$2.75 |
| Grades 7-12: | \$1.75 | \$3.00 |

FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Notice is herewith given to the parents of all students attending Babylon Public Schools of the availability of free or reduced-price lunches for children who meet federal eligibility standards.

If, after examining the numbers, you believe that you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals for your child, you may fill out the application obtainable from the school's main office.

Upon completion, return it to the main office. Applications may be made any time during the school year.

THE BABYLON SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver, quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The district has a longstanding set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

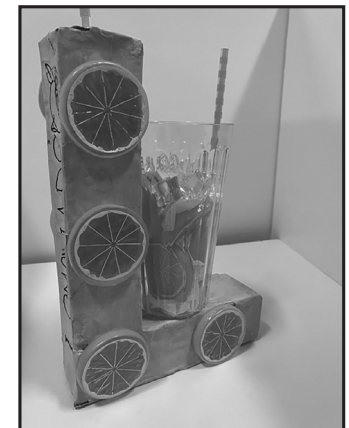
The Board recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, the Board has adopted a comprehensive Code of Conduct that applies to all students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function.

All students are provided with a summary of the Code of Conduct, including the Dignity for All Students Act, at the beginning of each school year. The Code of Conduct is posted on the district's website at www.babylonufsd.com. Parents may request a copy of the Code of Conduct by contacting the building principal.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

As established by law and amended by public vote in May 2015, transportation is provided for students as follows:

- Students in grades K-6: Those living three-quarters of a mile or more from the established measuring point as per Board policy.
- Students in grades 7-8: Those living two miles or more from the established measuring point as per Board policy.
- Students in grades 9-12: Those living three miles or more from the established measuring point as per Board policy.



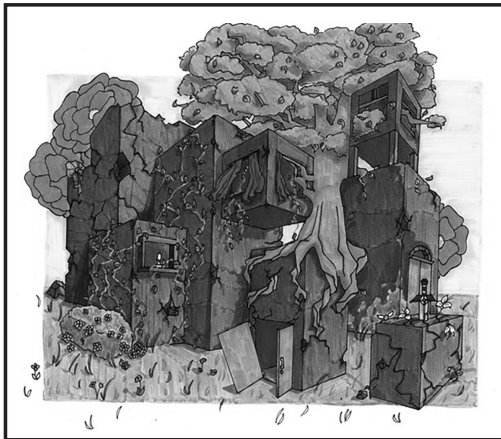
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Student Services (cont.)/Health Information

SCHOOL BUS CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Students should consider the use of school buses to be a privilege. In the use of Babylon's buses, it is expected that the following rules be observed:

- All riders will conduct themselves as young ladies and gentlemen.
- Wait in an orderly line off the roadway and do not destroy private property.
- Be on time for the bus. On days when road conditions are bad, do not expect the bus to be exactly on time.
- Take a seat on the bus and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Obey the driver's suggestions promptly and courteously.
- Remember that loud talking or laughing or unnecessary confusion can momentarily divert the bus driver's attention, which may result in an accident.
- Keep head, arms and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Help keep your school bus clean and sanitary.
- Be courteous to fellow students and the bus driver. Remember, we are all working for everyone's health and safety.



Artist: Caroline Cassidy

- Treat school bus equipment as you treat the valuable property and possessions in your own home.
- Remain seated until the bus stops to unload. Upon leaving the bus, wait for a signal from the bus driver and then cross the road in front of the vehicle.
- Keep hands off emergency door and equipment.
- There is no smoking allowed.
- Never run toward a school bus while it's in motion.
- Nothing is to be dropped or thrown from a bus.

- In case of accident or any other emergency (fire), students should not leave the bus or site of the emergency unless directed by the driver or other authorized authority.
- Students should always wear seat belts.

BICYCLES AND AUTOMOBILES

Bicycles may be ridden to and from school by students, but not on the school grounds.

Bicycles are to be parked in designated areas, as determined by the principal. At the high school, a special area is provided alongside the tennis courts. The area is locked each morning at 8:15 a.m. and reopened at 2:30 p.m. Students are urged to use this high-security area. Helmets are required for the safety of all cyclists.

Automobiles must be driven carefully and in accordance with all signs and traffic directions on school grounds. No stopping or parking is permitted except in designated areas.

PARENT PORTAL

The Babylon School District eSchool Parent Portal is a tool designed to enhance the communication and involvement of parents in their child's education. The Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to monitor their child's progress in school by providing internet access to daily class schedules, progress reports, report cards and attendance in a secure, password-protected environment. The portal also allows grade 7-12 students and their parents access to submitted real-time grades earned throughout each marking period.

Parents/guardians can sign up for an account at www.babylonufsd.com under quicklinks/parent portal or visit <https://parentportal.eschooldata.com>.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that all students receive an annual medical examination, especially in cases where a child is experiencing education problems. A thorough medical evaluation is always a useful place to begin when attempting to uncover the cause of education difficulties. The physical exam is mandated for all new entrants as well as for students entering prekindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11; to obtain an employment certificate and when conducting an individual evaluation or reevaluation of a student suspected of having a disability or with a disability. All students participating in Junior-Senior High School athletics are required to have a physical within one year of the start of their sport season. Additionally, a law has been enacted that recommends including a dental health certificate for students in New York State. Dental certificate forms and BHS athletic forms can be found on our website at www.babylonufsd.com.



IMMUNIZATIONS

2022-2023 School Year – New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

NOTES: Children in a prekindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes (on Department of Health website) for specific information on each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

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



Health Information (cont.) / Community Information

HEALTH CHECKS

Besides first aid and physical inspection, the health office maintains a record of your child's height and weight. New York State Education Law (Article 19, Section 905) and the Commissioner's Regulations, Sections 136.1 and 136.3, require a hearing and vision screening for all students within six months of admission to the school and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 and at any other time deemed necessary. Scoliosis screening shall be performed in grade 9 for boys and in grades 5 and 7 for girls.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Board of Education provides student accident insurance for all students in grades K-12. The coverage provides for reimbursement of medical expenses on an EXCESS basis if your child should be injured under the following circumstances:

- *While attending regular classes or school-sponsored activities.*
- *While traveling between home and school for these activities.*

Parents have 45 days from the date of injury to seek medical treatment and a claim must be filed by the parent within 90 days of the incident.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURES

Procedures followed in the event of pupil injuries during school hours are vitally important. In the event of an accident, first aid is administered immediately and every effort is made to contact the family. If family contact cannot be made, a friend or neighbor may be contacted or the school physician is called. If he or she is not available, a call is made to the family doctor. If no physician is available, the police department is called. Please be sure the health office has emergency phone numbers for your child.

BABYLON VARSITY BOOSTER CLUB

The Varsity Booster Club promotes and fosters community interest and attendance at Babylon Schools' athletic events. It promotes, by example, good sportsmanship in the grandstands during athletic events to encourage students to participate in athletics. The club also plans for and provides publicity and recognition for the athletes. Contact the Booster Club at www.babylonboosters.org.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

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| Babylon Public Schools Main Menu | 631-893-7900 |
| Babylon Village Hall General Information | 631-669-1500 |
| Babylon Rescue | 631-226-1212 |
| Suffolk Police First Precinct | 631-854-8100 |
| Suffolk County Police Headquarters, Yaphank | 631-852-6000 |
| All Police Emergencies | 911 |
| Babylon Fire Department..... | 631-669-1600 |
| Babylon Post Office | 631-669-4474 |
| Babylon Public Library | 631-669-1624 |

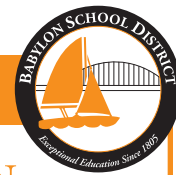


Artist: Daniel Hoberman



LEGISLATORS' CONTACT INFORMATION

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| <p>U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand U.S. Senate 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-4451</p> <p><i>Long Island Office:</i> 155 Pinelawn Road, Suite 250N Melville, NY 11747 631-249-2825</p> | <p>U.S. Representative Andrew Garborino (2nd District) U.S. House of Representatives 1516 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 202-225-7896</p> <p><i>Long Island Office:</i> 1003 Park Blvd. Massapequa Park, NY 11762 516-541-4225</p> | <p>New York Governor Kathy Hochul New York State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224 518-474-8390</p> |
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| <p>U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer U.S. Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-6542</p> <p><i>Long Island Office:</i> 145 Pinelawn Road, #300 Melville, NY 11747 631-753-0978</p> | <p>New York State Assemblyman Michael Durso LOB 533 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-5024</p> <p><i>Long Island Office:</i> 512 Park Blvd. Massapequa Park, NY 11762 516-541-4625</p> | <p>New York State Senator Phil Boyle (4th District) New York State Senate 707 Legislative Office Building Albany, NY 12247 518-455-3411</p> <p><i>Long Island Office:</i> 94 W. Main St., Suite 205 Bay Shore, NY 11706 631-665-2311</p> |



WORKING PAPERS

The school district cooperates with the New York State Labor Department in issuance of working papers required by law for students under the age of 18 who seek employment. Students may obtain working papers by contacting the Guidance Office in the high school.

To secure working papers, a student must:

- Obtain and fill out an application.
- Have a Certificate of Physical Fitness form signed by a school doctor or family physician.
- Submit proof of age. This can be done in the form of a birth or baptismal certificate, hospital record or passport.

PESTICIDE INFORMATION

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the year.

The Babylon School District is required to maintain a list of parents/guardians, faculty and staff who wish to receive a 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following application.
- Antimicrobial products.
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile 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 40CFR152.25.
- 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 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 notifications of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school building, please send the following to the Facilities Director, Babylon Schools, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702:

- Name of the school
- Your full name
- Your address
- Your daytime phone number and your evening phone number
- Your email address

For additional information, call the facilities office at 631-893-7929.

MEGAN'S LAW NOTIFICATION

To provide residents with information concerning convicted sex offenders who are living or working within the boundaries of the Babylon School District, the district takes advantage of a no-cost sex offender alert notification program.

The service allows subscribers to be informed of any sex offender notifications, not just offenders residing within school boundaries, but also those implemented within Nassau and Suffolk counties. Participation in this service offers a more timely notification of these incidents at no cost to residents. Through this program, offered by Parents for Megan's Law (PFML), registered subscribers will receive an email informing them of any new sex offender's presence and direct them to a website where they can access a full copy of the notification.

To obtain subscription forms to participate in this program, residents can contact PFML directly at 631-689-2672, go to the website at www.parentsformeganslaw.org, or use a link from the district's website at www.babylonusd.com. Those persons without internet access may utilize this system by means of the Babylon Public Library or by contacting Parents for Megan's Law for further instructions. Completed forms must be mailed to PFML at the address on the registration form.

VOTER INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION

The Annual District Board of Education Election and Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Those who wish to register with the school district may do so any weekday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. when school is in session at the Office of the District Clerk, located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York. Residents who are registered at your current address within the district with the Suffolk County Board of Elections are registered to vote in the school district election. Those who wish to register with the Suffolk County Board of Elections should contact the Board of Elections at (631) 852-4500.

(La elección y votación anual de la Junta Directiva de Educación tomará lugar el 16 de mayo del 2023. Los que deseen registrarse con el distrito escolar podrán hacerlo cualquier día hábil entre las 9 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde durante el año escolar en la Oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito, localizado en Railroad Avenue #50, Babylon, Nueva York. Los residentes que ya están registrados con la Junta Directiva de las elecciones del Municipio de Suffolk, bajo su dirección actual en el distrito, ya están registrados para votar en las elecciones del distrito escolar. Aquellos que deseen registrarse con la Junta Directiva de las elecciones del Municipio de Suffolk deberán contactarse directamente con la Junta de Elecciones al teléfono (631) 852-4500.)



State & Federal Regulations

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION/RECORDS

Under the federal law No Child Left Behind, districts are required to release student information, including names, addresses and telephone numbers, to military recruiters and officials of institutions of higher education (§9528 of the ESEA). Parents wishing to exercise an “opt-out” option must notify the Superintendent in writing.

Unless objection to any of the specific items of information is submitted in writing by parents or legal guardians, or by those students themselves who are 18 years of age and older, the district gives notice of intention to provide, release or publish in the district newsletter, school or student newspapers, magazines, yearbooks or other publications, daily or weekly newspapers, athletic programs, musical or theatrical programs and news releases any and/or all of the following information pertaining to students as may be appropriate under the circumstances: name of student, names of parents, address, age, height, weight, grade, photo, major field of study, participation in recognized school activities, extracurricular activities and sports programs, academic honors, achievements, awards, scholarships and similar information. Under Title 45, U.S. Code, Part 99, Privacy Rights of Parents and Students, parents or students 18 years of age or older who do not wish the release of any of the above directory information must make a specific request in writing to the Superintendent of Schools by September 30, 2022. Failure to make such a request shall be deemed consent to release, provide or publish the directory information during the school year.

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

The Babylon Code of Conduct has incorporated the Dignity Act, which was created to give students an educational environment free of discrimination and harassment. The Dignity Act protects all individuals in public schools in New York State from discrimination, harassment and persecution on the basis of actual or perceived characteristics of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

Protection is not limited to the groups or characteristics listed above. For example, individuals are protected if they are harassed because of their socioeconomic status even though “socioeconomic” is not explicitly listed. An individual harassed for their height in either direction or their accent or speech style would be considered protected even though “height” and “accent” are not explicitly listed. The intent of the Dignity Act is to create a safe, nonthreatening environment for ALL individuals in schools.

Dignity Act Coordinators have been appointed by the Board of Education for each school:

JR-SR HS – Al Cirone, Melissa Callahan, Mike Collins

GRADE SCHOOL – Jeffrey Haubrich

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Thomas Keogh

The district’s Title IX Officer is Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. Principals are also compliance officers in their buildings.

NONDISCRIMINATORY NOTICE: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Babylon UFSD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The district hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers educational as well as employment opportunities, including vocational educational opportunity, without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability. Inquiries regarding this nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to: The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (Title IX Coordinator), Babylon UFSD, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Babylon Board of Education recognizes that sexual harassment of students and staff is behavior that negatively impacts the school culture. The Board further recognizes that preventing and remedying sexual harassment in school is essential to ensure a healthy, nondiscriminatory environment in which students can learn and employees can work productively.

The Board is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality, and that is free from all forms of sexual harassment on school grounds, school buses and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events, including those that take place at locations outside the district.

Because sexual harassment can occur staff to student, staff to staff, student to student, male to female, female to male, male to male, or female to female, it shall be a violation of this policy for any student, employee or third party (school visitor, vendor, etc.) to sexually harass any student or employee.

For the Board to effectively enforce this policy and take prompt corrective measures, it is essential that all victims of sexual harassment and persons with knowledge of sexual harassment report the harassment immediately. The district will promptly investigate all complaints of sexual harassment, either formal or informal, verbal or written. To the extent possible, all complaints will be treated in a confidential manner. Limited disclosure may be necessary to complete a thorough investigation. If, after appropriate investigation, the district finds that a student, an employee or a third party has violated this policy, prompt corrective action will be taken in accordance with district policy and state law. All complainants and those who participate in the investigation of a complaint of sexual harassment have the right to be free from retaliation of any kind.

SECTION 504/AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Babylon School District does not discriminate on the basis of disabling conditions in the educational programs or activities it operates. It is required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 not to discriminate in such a manner.



This policy of nondiscrimination includes the following areas: recruitment and appointment of employees, employment pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings and student activities. Section 504 accommodation plans are developed between parents and the school district.

The district has established Section 504 committees in each of its schools and, in accordance with the requirements of Section 504, has identified Assistant Superintendent Travis Davey as the Section 504 compliance officer. If you believe your child has a disability that substantially limits a major life activity, please contact your child's principal.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are: (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives the request; (2) the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate; (3) the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent (optional). Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll; (4) the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Parents must put their requests in writing.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA governs the administration to students of a survey, analysis or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight protected areas: (1) Political affiliations or beliefs of the students or parents; (2) mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family; (3) sex behavior or attitudes; (4) illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; (7) religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or parents; or (8) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) protects the use and disclosure of an individual's protected health information. Protected health information is defined under the HIPAA Privacy Rules as individually identifiable health information that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual that either identifies or potentially identifies an individual. Education records as defined under FERPA are excluded from the Privacy Rules.

THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Pursuant to the ESSA, parents have the right to have their children excused from participation in any survey that collects, discloses or uses information regarding certain types of personal behavior or political beliefs, as well as the right to exclude their children from any activities that request personal student information for marketing purposes.

- *Regarding military recruiters, parents have the right to request that the district not release the student's name, address and telephone listing to military recruiters.*
- *Regarding state testing, the school district provides parents information on the achievement level of their children on each of the state academic assessments.*
- *Parents in districts that receive Title I funding have the right to request and receive information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) and assistant(s).*
- *Parents in districts that receive Title I and Title III funding have the right to know within 30 days of the beginning of the school year that their children have been identified as needing training for limited English proficiency.*
- *NYS ESSA-funded programs include Title I (parts A, C and D), Title II, Title III, Title IV and Title V. Complaints regarding the administration and any implementation of any of the programs listed should first be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools. If the local district does not resolve the complaint within 30 days, the complaint may be sent to NYSED at CONAPPTA@nysed.gov or mailed to:*

NYS Ed Dept.

*Office of ESSA-Funded Programs
89 Washington Avenue, Room 320 EB
Albany, New York 12234*

ASBESTOS NOTICE (AHERA)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires school districts to annually inspect and identify asbestos-containing building materials, and to notify those who have access to the buildings of the condition of the asbestos. Additionally, a management plan must be developed outlining how the district intends to control the potential for exposure and maintain the materials in a safe condition. Our management plan, as determined by ongoing inspections, indicates that our buildings are free from friable, asbestos-containing materials.

A copy of the district's management plan is on file at each school as well as at the District Administration Office. Individual building inspections are on file in each principal's office.



State & Federal Regulations (Cont.) / Wellness

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR ENL STUDENTS

Parents of English as a New Language students will be notified concerning their child's placement by the district in English and a language they understand. Teachers will meet with the parents of ENL students twice a year to help them understand the goals of the program and how they might help their children.

ENL identification, parent notification, signed consent and placement in a Bilingual Education or ENL program is required to take place within 10 school days after initiating the identification process. [154-2.3(g)(1)]

School districts are required to complete the identification process before an ENL student receives a final school placement. A student is to be provisionally placed in a school until the identification process is completed. [154-2.3(a)(8)]

Parents may not opt their children out of an ENL program.

WELLNESS INITIATIVE

Prompted by the New York State Education Department mandate that all schools establish a wellness policy, and in an ongoing effort to ensure the best health of the students and staff at Babylon Schools, the Babylon District Wellness Committee established the following initiatives:

- The Cafeterias in all buildings will offer (for a nominal fee) the option to order a fruit and/or vegetable platter, sensible snacks, fruit juice and water for any in-school celebration. Order forms may be obtained on the district website or at the main office of each building.
- Beverages provided for in-school celebrations are requested to be 100 percent fruit juice or water.
- Food provided for in-school celebrations is requested to meet the following nutritional guidelines per serving:
 - Sugar – 15 grams or less
 - Fat – 7 grams or less
 - Saturated Fat – 2 grams or less
 - Sodium – 360 milligrams or less

(Try to avoid partially hydrogenated oils or high-fructose corn syrup. Look for products that have no added sugar and are high in fiber.)

BABYLON WELLNESS POLICY

Given the documented connection between proper nutrition, adequate physical activity and educational success, the Board of Education adopts the following goals and authorizes the following actions to provide district students with a school environment that promotes student health and wellness and reduces childhood obesity.

I. Foods and Beverages Available for Sale to Students on School Campus During the School Day

The Board recognizes that a nutritious, well-balanced, reasonably portioned diet is

essential for student wellness. To help students possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make nutritious food choices for a lifetime, the district shall ensure that all foods and beverages available in school promote good nutrition, balance, and reasonable portion sizes. The district shall ensure that all foods and beverages available for sale to students on the school campus during the school day meet or exceed the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations.

To accomplish this, the Board directs that the district serve healthy and appealing foods and beverages at district schools, following state and federal nutrition guidelines, as well as safe food preparation methods.

School Meals

1. Include fruits, vegetables, salads, whole grains and low-fat items at least to the extent required by federal regulations.
2. Encourage students to try new or unfamiliar items.
3. Make efforts to ensure that families are aware of need-based programs for free or reduced-price meals and encourage eligible families to apply.
4. Consider serving produce and food from local farms and suppliers.
5. Make free drinking water available at locations where meals are served.

Meal Scheduling

1. Provide adequate time to eat.
2. Schedule lunchtime between normal lunch hours (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Foods and Beverages Sold Individually (a la carte, vending machines, school stores) – the district shall:

1. Ensure that all such items meet the nutrition standards set in federal regulations for competitive foods regarding whole grains, fruits, vegetables, calories, fat, saturated fats, trans fats, sugar, sodium and caffeine.
2. Permit the sale of fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables, if processed pursuant to federal regulations, as exempt from the nutrition standards.
3. Work with existing vendors or locate new vendors that will comply with nutrition standards.

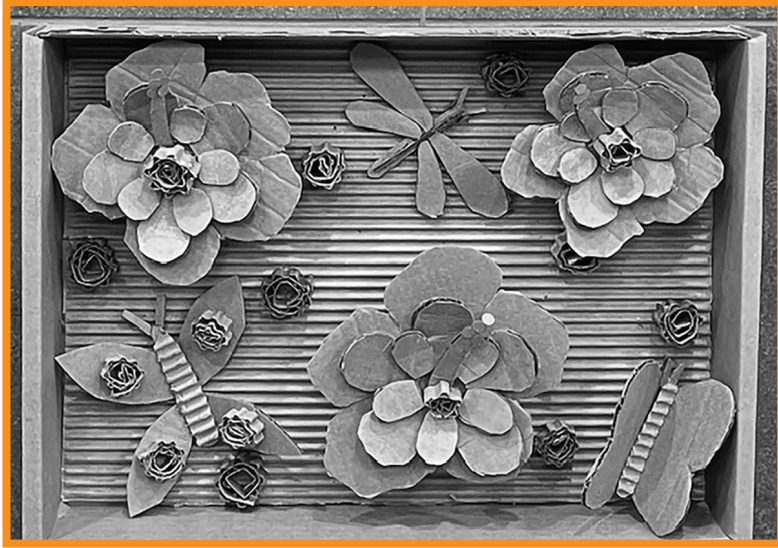
Fundraising Activities – the district shall:

1. Encourage that all fundraisers selling food or beverages to students on school campus during the school day meet the nutrition standards set in federal regulations for whole grains, fruits, vegetables, calories, fat, saturated fats, trans fats, sugar, sodium and caffeine.
2. Promote nonfood items to sell or activities (physical or otherwise) in which to participate.

Celebrations – the district shall:

1. Set guidelines for the frequency and content of classroom and schoolwide celebrations where food is served.
2. Promote the use of food items which meet the standards for competitive foods and beverages and promote nonfood activities, and discourage foods and beverages which do not meet those standards, at celebrations.
3. Model the healthy use of food as a natural part of celebrations.
4. Encourage the use of the district's food services to supply food for classroom/school-day parties.

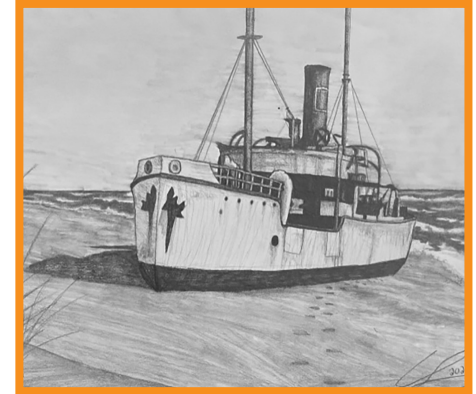
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