



Valley Views

Fall 2022

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A welcome back note from the interim superintendent

Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and safe summer break. I look forward to serving in my role as interim superintendent while the hiring process and search takes place. As always, our mission will be to continue all the great work being done in Newark Valley and to provide the best educational experience for all our students.

We are pleased to welcome returning and new families this school year. I would like to extend a big thank you to all staff who led our Summer Enrichment programs. We had over 400 students take advantage of the great opportunities that we were able to offer. Instructional staff have attended multiple workshops and training sessions to sharpen their knowledge and skills to ensure that we best serve the needs of all students.

Our maintenance and custodial staff have worked countless hours preparing facilities and school grounds to make sure our schools are ready and safe for returning staff and students. Our office personnel are greeting families, registering students and making sure we are ready to get off to a great start. The first day of school for all students is **Thursday Sept. 8, 2022**. I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon and having another great year.

Sincerely,

Todd Schaffer

Todd Schaffer
Interim Superintendent



Civil rights compliance notice

The Newark Valley Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it does not discriminate in employment, or in the education programs and activities in which it operates, on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, or marital status in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, or §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the New York State Human Rights Law. Grievance in violation of the above should be brought to the attention of our compliance officer:

Robert Rodgers
Principal, NTH Elementary School
86 Whig Street, PO Box 547
Newark Valley, NY 13811 (607) 642-3340

School Board of Education 2022-2023 Meetings

2022

- July 11
- Aug. 1 & 29
- Sept. 19
- Oct. 11 & 24
- Nov. 14 & 28
- Dec. 12

2023

- Jan. 9 & 23
- Feb. 13 & 27
- March 13 & 27
- April 6 & 18
- May 8 (Public Hearing & Regular Meeting)
- May 16 (School Budget Vote)
- May 22
- June 12 & 26

NOTE: All meetings (except for the School Budget Vote) are held at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office at the High School, 68 Wilson Creek Road.

Visions FCU donates CPR kit

Thank you to Visions Federal Credit Union for donating a CPR training kit to the Newark Valley School District. The kit will be used to train staff, youth, and families the lifesaving skills of CPR and first aid.



Vaccination requirements applicable to all students

Public Health Law §2164, as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019, applies to students attending all schools as defined in Public Health Law §2164, including any public, private or parochial child caring center, day nursery, daycare agency, nursery school, kindergarten, elementary, intermediate or secondary schools. Public Health Law §2164, as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019, prohibits a school from permitting any child to be admitted to such school, or to attend such school, in excess of 14 days without sufficient evidence that the child has received all age-appropriate required vaccinations. The 14 days may be extended where the student is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence, or where the parent, guardian or any other person in a parental relationship can demonstrate that a child has received the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series and that they have age appropriate scheduled appointments for follow-up doses to complete the immunization series in accordance with the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 through 18.



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From our middle school principal - Welcome back!

I hope all of our middle school families are enjoying summer vacation. We have been hard at work making sure the building is ready for the new school year to begin.

I want to send out a special welcome to our new 4th grade students who will be joining us in a few weeks. I am confident that this will be a smooth and positive transition. Parent Information Night for 4th graders is on September 6 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

First day of classes

The first day of school is September 8. Our regular school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. There is a late bus available that leaves at 3:35 p.m. each day. Students will

need a signed note from a parent/guardian to ride this late bus if they are staying for an afterschool activity.

Family involvement

We want our families, as well as our students, to feel connected to the middle school. Education is truly a team effort and we appreciate and value parent/guardian support.

Medical

Please check to make sure that your child has the immunizations or physical required for school. These requirements are becoming stricter every year, and we do not want this to interfere with your child's education. Please contact the nurse's office if you have any questions.

Attendance

Last, please stress with your child the importance of maintaining good attendance. We want all students to be as successful as possible and regular attendance is crucial to making that happen.

I hope everyone enjoys the last weeks of summer and I look forward to seeing students and families in September. I am looking forward to another great year.

Sincerely,

Gregory Asfoury
NVMS Principal



Notice regarding student education records under 'FERPA'

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") 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 a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- (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. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. 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 Newark Valley Central School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

FERPA explained, next page



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) explained

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Newark Valley CSD, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, Newark Valley CSD may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Newark Valley CSD to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications.

Examples include:

- A playbill showing your student’s role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor roll and other recognition lists
- Graduation programs
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, the New York State Education Law § 2-1 and two federal laws require school districts receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the school district that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written

consent. If you do not want Newark Valley CSD to disclose some or all directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing within 30 days after the publication of this notice. Newark Valley CSD has designated the following information as directory information: [Note: Newark Valley CSD may, but does not have to, include all the information listed below.]

1. Student’s name
2. Address
3. Telephone listing
4. Electronic mail address
5. Student’s Image
6. Date and place of birth
7. Major field of study
8. Dates of attendance
9. Grade level
10. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
11. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
12. Degrees, honors, and awards received
13. The most recent educational agency or institution attended

FERPA Contact 2022-2023

Newark Valley Central School District
68 Wilson Creek Road
Newark Valley, NY 13811

Contact: Todd Schaffer, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Asbestos management plan

In accordance with the EPA’s Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA), notification is being given of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan for the Newark Valley Central School District. A record of the management plan and other related records are available in the office of the director of facilities services at the bus garage.

For further information, please contact the local education agency designated person, Gary Hoskins, director of facilities services, at 607-642-3219.

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NV Students recognized in App Challenge

Congratulations to 6th graders Lauralei Donegan, Charlotte Vaughn and Haven Aylesworth, who were one of five teams recognized in our region at the Broome-Tioga BOCES App Challenge.

The challenge, sponsored by BAE Systems, is a chance for local student teams to build science, technology, engineering, and math problem-solving skills by developing software for an app, with support from teachers and college mentors.

“Computer science competency is a vital part of STEM education, and the Broome-Tioga BOCES App Challenge is the first step for many students toward coding competency,” said Matt Sheehan, director of the Center for Career and Technical Excellence at Broome-Tioga BOCES.

Once students compete in this local challenge, they are eligible to enter their apps into the Congressional App Challenge, a prestigious annual contest that encourages students to learn to write code. The winning apps are displayed at the U.S. Capitol Building and the student developers are invited to the #HouseofCode reception on Capitol Hill. Through the contest, the teams mature problem-solving and engagement skills as well as their understanding of issues facing their communities, all with the aim to inspire them to pursue careers in computer science.

“To ensure a talent pipeline of qualified engineers for advanced technology companies like BAE Systems, strong STEM education in our communities is key,” said Raj Rai, deputy site executive at BAE Systems in Endicott.

“That’s why we support innovative events like the Broome-Tioga BOCES App Challenge, which inspires students right here in the Southern Tier to learn to code.”

The Eastern Southern Tier STEM Hub is an active partnership of stakeholders from industry, education, government and community organizations and families working cooperatively to forge a rich talent pool to meet the demand for skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in our region.



6th graders Lauralei Donegan, Charlotte Vaughn and Haven Aylesworth

A message from the transportation department

Dear parents,

Everyone in the transportation department hopes you are having a safe summer. The beginning of the school year is just around the corner and everyone in the bus garage is gearing up for the opening.

There are a few things that we would like to share with you in preparation for the new school year. First and foremost, the safety of your children is our number one responsibility. The Newark Valley bus drivers do an outstanding job of transporting our students throughout our 143 square mile district. To help us ensure their safety, we need your cooperation and assistance.

■ Please have your student at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the pickup time. This is especially

important at the beginning of the school year. Sometime toward the end of August, those students riding the bus will receive a post card in the mail with the bus number and the approximate pickup/drop off times. Please keep in mind we may need to revise these times after the school year has begun.

■ All students will be routed to the same AM/PM schedule they followed as of the last day of school for 2021/2022. Any changes will need to be called into the transportation department prior to the start of school (9/8/2022).

■ There will be no bus passes permitted

■ If, for whatever reason, your student will not be riding the bus on a certain day, please give us a call.

■ It is important that students understand and obey all of the bus rules. The rules are posted on each bus and the bus drivers will review these rules throughout the school year.

If you have any questions at any time during the school year, please call us at 607-642-8560. Have a wonderful remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Randy Zukowski
Director of Transportation



McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

The McKinney-Vento Act covers children and youth who don't have a fixed, adequate and regular nighttime residence, such as those living in an emergency or transitional shelter with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as doubled up); in a motel, hotel or campground; in a car, bus or train station or another public place in an abandoned building or some other inadequate accommodations; or in temporary situations while awaiting foster care placement

They have several options to choose from:

- The school they went to when permanently housed (known as the school of origin)
- The last school they went to (also known as the school of origin)
- The school located in the attendance area where they are temporarily living (known as the local school) Students in temporary housing have the right to:

- Immediately enroll in school and attend classes: free transportation to the school of origin even if it is in another district, free transportation to the local school if transportation is provided to other students, special education services immediately if the student has a current IEP (even if the IEP itself is not available or if it is from another district)
- Participate in any school activity that is available to other students and get transportation to and from all before or after-school activities if it is provided to other students
- Free school meals without filling out an application

The Newark Valley Central School District McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison is Interim Superintendent Todd Schaffer, (607)642-3321

BMI reporting

District Office, 68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley 13811. (607)642-3221 Fax (607)642-8821

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed, and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status groups be included as part of the student's school health examination. Our school district may be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our district is selected, we will be reporting to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to your school nurse by Sept. 30 of the current school year.

Newark Valley Central School District

District Office, 68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley 13811

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the School Survey.



Print child's name

Date

Print parent's Name

Parent's signature

A welcome message from the NTH principal

As summer draws to an end and the calendar turns another page, we who work with children get more and more excited about the start of another school year. September is a wonderful time for children as well as the adults who chose the rewarding job of shaping the future by becoming educators.

I am very fortunate to work with such dedicated and caring individuals. We are excited for the children to come back to school and see how many of

them read enough so that they can have "Pizza with the Principal!"

Over 140 children attended our "Summer Fun and Learn" and it was great to see the kids. The teachers planned exciting and creative lessons and the children had a ball!

Our custodial staff has done their usual outstanding job making our school shine, working through a ton of construction, including the renovation of our main office.

Please spend these last days of summer playing outside and reading some good books but also begin preparing for the upcoming school year. It is also a good idea to get back into the routine of the school schedule and having your children get to bed earlier. Before we know it, that big yellow school bus will be coming to pick up the wonderful children that make our school the great place that it is.

Robert Rodgers
NTH Principal



WELCOME BACK!

2022-2023 School Year Food Service Updates

Rockin' Breakfast and Lunch options will be available through the Rock on Café™

Student meal regulations are set by the State of New York and include:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- A wide variety of fruit and vegetable options Large servings of fruits and vegetables Structured meal components
- Students are required to choose at least one fruit or vegetable at every meal
- Fat-free or 1% milk
- Whole grains

Meal Pricing

Our meal pricing structure will return for the 2022-2023 school year. Breakfast will remain FREE to all students. Lunch pricing will be as follows:
Elementary School: \$2.85 Middle School: \$3.00 High School: \$3.00

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or contact Rosa Shelp 607-766-3926

Create an account as early as: October 10, 2022

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO RELEASE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is eligible for free and reduced price meals, he/she also may be eligible for other benefits. To receive these benefits, you must provide written consent to permit school officials to give your name, address, and an indication that your household is eligible for free and reduced price meals, to representatives of certain programs. **Failure to sign a consent statement that will allow disclosure of this information will not affect your child's eligibility or participation in the school meals program.**

Some of the programs that may request names and eligibility information to be used to provide benefits, and for which parent/guardian consent is required, include: federal health insurance programs such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP), other federal programs, State programs, local health and education programs and other local activities. For example, the disclosure of children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals to determine eligibility for free text books, free band instruments, holiday baskets, school supplies, etc., or reduced fees for summer school or driver education programs, would require written consent by the child's parent/guardian.

If you wish to provide consent to release information contained in your child's free and reduced price meal application, to receive other benefits, please complete the attached consent statement.

Please call Rosa Shelp at 607-766-3926 if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Annie Hudock
Sr. Food Service Director
Enclosure (consent statement)

Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

CONSENT TO RELEASE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

School officials may release information that shows that my child/children are eligible for free or reduced price meals to the following programs. I understand that the information will only be provided to the program(s) checked.

(Check the box next to the program area(s) you wish to release information to)

- State or federal programs such as the Youth Summer Work program or the Educational Talent Search Program.
- Local health and education programs and other local programs that provide benefits such as free textbooks or school supplies, free band instruments, or reduced fees for summer school or driver education.
- Community programs such as holiday baskets, summer arts and playground programs.

I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that my child/children are eligible for free and reduced price meals. I give consent to release my confidential information for the above named uses.

Child/Children:

I certify that I am the child's parent/guardian for whom the application was made.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Mail to:

Newark Valley CSD – Food Service Dept.

68 Wilson Creek Road

Newark Valley, NY 13811

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3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Newark Valley Central School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is available at all buildings at **\$0.00**, lunch is available for **\$2.85** at the elementary level and **\$3.00** at the secondary level. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.**

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Newark Valley CSD, Attn: Food Service Dept., 68 Wilson Creek Rd., Newark Valley, NY 13811.**
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call **Todd Schaffer at 607-642-5524** to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **607-766-3926** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Todd Schaffer, Superintendent of Schools, 68 Wilson Creek Rd., Newark Valley, NY 13811, 607-642-3221.**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009.**

2022-2023 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
*Each add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,



Annie Hudock
Director of Food Services

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) compliance notice

The Newark Valley Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, weight, ethnic group, sexual orientation (real or perceived) or handicap. Grievances in violation of the Dignity for All Students Act of 2010 should be brought to the attention of the Dignity for All Students Coordinators.

Robert Rodgers , Principal, NTH Elementary School

86 Whig Street, PO Box 547
Newark Valley, NY 13811 (607) 642-3340

Greg Asfoury, Principal, Newark Valley Middle School

88 Whig Street, PO Box 547
Newark Valley, NY 13811 (607) 642-5524

**Edward Mertson, Principal,
Newark Valley High School**

68 Wilson Creek Road, PO Box 547
Newark Valley, NY 13811 (607) 642-8665

2022-2023 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **Rosa Shelp at 607-766-3926**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **Newark Valley CSD, Food Service Dept.**
68 Wilson Creek Road
Newark Valley, NY 13811

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

I do not have a SS#

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

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

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

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

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

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

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

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to **Newark Valley CSD, Food Service Dept., 68 Wilson Creek Rd., Newark Valley, NY 13811**. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: **Rosa Shelp at 607-766-3926**. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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School Tax Collection for 2022-23 School Year

The district has subscribed for tax collection services provided by Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga (TST) BOCES since July 2019. The 2022-23 tax collection will begin September 1, 2022, with a penalty-free period through September 30, 2022, and 2% penalty period through October 31, 2022.

All 2022-23 school tax bills will be mailed directly to taxpayers' mailing addresses on file with county real property offices. Taxpayers who have an escrow account with a mortgage company or bank will receive their tax bills for informational purposes only. Mortgage companies and banks will receive tax information directly from the tax collector. No actions need to be taken by taxpayers who have escrow accounts.

Taxpayers who own multiple properties in the district will receive a separate tax bill for each property since bills are no longer sorted manually by mailing address. In-person or mail-in payments are not accepted at the district office. In-person payments are not accepted at TST BOCES offices. Taxpayers should follow instructions on the tax bills for payment information.

All school tax-related questions should be directed to the tax collector at:

Julie Kephart, tax collector

Phone: (607)257-1555x1042

Email: nvtax@tstboces.org

Taxpayers can request a receipt by checking the "check for receipt" box on the payment stub. If requested, receipts will be mailed to taxpayers within a month after payment is received. Taxpayers can view updated payment status on www.taxlookup.net once payment is posted to the taxpayer's account, which usually happens within four business days of receipt of the payment.

The "E-check" payment option is available again this year. Taxpayers can input checking account information and make payments through www.taxlookup.net. A service fee of \$1.50 will be charged; however, payment will be posted to the account immediately and taxpayers can print out a receipt for records in real time.

Please note that the credit card service fee is displayed on taxlookup.net. Once the "Continue to Payment" button is clicked, the MuniPay website will appear. Click the "Pay with E-Check" tab on the right side of the screen and the service fee will change to \$1.50. Tax bills and receipts since 16-17 school year can be found online at www.taxlookup.net. The 2022-23 school tax bills will be available online by September 1, 2022.

Updates from the Office of Data, Curriculum, and Technology

I hope all of our Newark Valley families are having a wonderful summer. I wanted to share some updates from the office of data, curriculum and technology.

Teachers have been working hard this summer to enhance their plans for teaching and learning. We are working to meet the requirements of the new Next Generation Learning Standards and related state tests. We are aligning as grade level teams, departments, and as a pre-K through 12 district to offer the best experiences in all content areas for our students.

Teachers in grades kindergarten, first and second will be implementing a new phonics series, "Reading Horizons,"

in the 2022-2023 school year. This new program offers explicit instruction in the "code" of the English language. You may see your child identifying vowels and consonants to break down words in their reading and writing. We are excited to see these skills develop in our youngest learners.

We were excited to successfully implement our district's one-to-one Chromebook initiative in the high school in the 2021-2022 school year. We will be expanding this initiative to the middle school so that all of our students in grades four through seven will have their own district-issued Chromebook to use throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Seventh-grade

students will be able to take their Chromebooks home, and sixth-grade students will work toward this as the year progresses. Fourth and fifth-grade students will use their Chromebooks in the classroom only. Nathan T. Hall students will have increased access to Chromebooks and iPads with the goal of being one-to-one by the 2024-2025 school year.

I look forward to our students returning and filling our halls with the excitement of a new school year.

Valerie Murtha
Director of Data and
Instructional Progress



Pesticide application notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.24, 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 school year.

The Newark Valley Central School is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- anti-microbial products
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits 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 prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school or building, please complete the form below and either fax or mail it to Gary Hoskins, school pesticide representative The fax number is 607-642-3200. The mailing address is Newark Valley Central Schools, Facilities Services Dept., 91 Whig St. Newark Valley, NY 13811. If you need further information on these requirements. Hoskins can be reached at 607-642-3219.

Newark Valley Central School Request for Pesticide Application Notification

(please print)

School Building: _____

Name:	Address:	

Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail Address:

** Written notification must be provided to all persons in parental relation and staff at the following intervals throughout the school year: at the beginning of the school year; within two school days of the end of winter recess; within two school days of the end of spring recess; within two days of the end of summer school and within ten days of the end of the school year.*

A message from the high school principal

Welcome Back! Although this is my 27th year in the district, I am excited to start my first full year as the High School's principal. I am looking forward to working with our students, parents, and staff as I take on the challenges of the new school year.

This summer we continued our work on building strong academic opportunities and support for our students. In addition to offering multiple levels of Regents courses, students still can take classes in business, technology, art, music, and agriculture. College credit can be earned through Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes. Many of our students will also have educational experiences that develop career-based skills through our in-school work-based learning programs such as BOCES Career and Technical Educational programs, New Visions Academies, Visions Credit Union internships, and work experiences through the school's café, The Nest. We will continue to support multiple programs to help our students be successful in school and become successful when they graduate.

I am also excited to introduce our new teachers and several faculty members who will have new roles. Stacy Vergason has earned her Library Science degree and will officially become our Librarian. Brittany Bush will be joining us as our new English teacher. Teaching social studies will be Ryan Dougherty and Michelle Middendorf is our new special education teacher. Kara Dougherty will be replacing me in the Math Department. As with all of our staff, you can contact them through the district's website www.nvcs.stier.org.

Our daily class schedule will be the same: 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with an extra help period from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m. I cannot stress the importance of consistent attendance enough. If students attend school regularly, we can find ways in which we can help them succeed in their classes. If you have concerns about attendance – don't wait. Please contact the school as soon as possible.

The High School Open House Night will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 6 -7:30 p.m. Once again we will

offer dinner at no cost to our families. Please join us for a great evening of food, information presented by our teachers and guidance counselors, and entertainment from our student musical groups.

I am excited to begin the new school year and to see what our students are going to do. The faculty and staff have worked hard to build a school that has valuable opportunities for our students, and I am looking forward to watching our students grow, succeed, and contribute to our communities.

See you September 8th!

Edward Merton
High School Principal



Notice to parents regarding No Child Left Behind Act

As a parent of a student in the Newark Valley Central School District, under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers and teaching assistants instructing your child.

The No Child Left Behind Act gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and teaching assistants:

1. Whether New York state has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grade level and subject the teacher teaches
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional certificate by which state certification criteria have been waived

3. The academic degrees held by the teacher as well as the teacher's college major
4. The qualifications of any teaching assistant providing services to your child.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please send your request, in writing, to: Todd Schaffer, Interim Superintendent Newark Valley Central School District, 68 Wilson Creek Road, PO Box 547, Newark Valley, NY 13811

Your request should include your child's name and the classroom teacher(s) and/or teaching assistant for which you are requesting information. When the processing of your request is completed, the information will be mailed to you.

Discipline code – student conduct

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver, quality educational service without disruption or interference. Each school must be a positive forum in which students can express and explore different points of view in a peaceful and constructive manner.

The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct by students based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, and integrity. This policy is intended to support and supplement the efforts of teachers to ensure effective instruction. Accordingly, the focus of the policy is on changing student behavior for the better, not merely punishing unacceptable or disruptive behavior.

The Board recognizes the need to clearly define expectation for acceptable behavior by students when on school property or attending a school function. To that end, the Board adopts this Student Conduct Policy.

I. Prohibited Student Conduct

The Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community, and for the care of school facilities and equipment.

The best discipline is self-imposed, and students must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, as well as the consequences of their misbehavior. District personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis “on the students’ ability to grown in self-discipline.

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on school property or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct.

A student may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when they:

A. Engage in conduct that is disorderly. Examples of disorderly conduct include:

1. Running in the hallways.
2. Making unreasonable noise.
3. Using language or gestures that are profane, lewd, vulgar, or abusive.
4. Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
5. Engaging in any willful act that disrupts the normal operation of the school community.
6. Trespassing. Students are not permitted in any school building, other than the one they regularly attend, without permission from the administrator in charge of the building.
7. Computer/electronic communications misuse, including any unauthorized use of computers, software, or internet/intranet account; accessing inappropriate websites; or any other violation of the district’s acceptable use policy

B. Engage in conduct that is insubordinate. Examples of insubordinate conduct include:

1. Failing to comply with the reasonable directions of

teachers, school administrators or other school employees in charge of students or otherwise demonstrating disrespect.

2. Lateness for, missing or leaving school or class without permission.
3. Skipping detention.

C. Engage in conduct that is disruptive. Examples of disruptive conduct include:

1. Failing to comply with the reasonable directions of teachers, school administrators or other personnel in charge of students.

D. Engage in conduct that is violent. Examples of violent conduct include:

1. Committing or threatening to commit an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching or scratching) upon a teacher, administrator or other school employee, or attempting to do so.
2. Committing an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching or scratching) upon another student or any other person lawfully on school property or attempting to do so.
3. Possessing a weapon. Authorized law enforcement officials are the only persons permitted to have a weapon in their possession while on school property or at a school function.
4. Displaying what appears to be a weapon.
5. Threatening to use any weapon.
6. Intentionally damaging or destroying the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other district employee, another student or any other person on school property.
7. Intentionally damaging or destroying school district property, including graffiti or arson.

E. Engage in any conduct that endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others. Examples of such conduct include:

1. Lying to school personnel.
2. Stealing the property of other students, school personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function.
3. Defamation, which includes making false or unprivileged statements or representations about an individual or identifiable group of individuals that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group demeaning.
4. Intimidation, which includes engaging in actions or statements that put an individual in fear of bodily harm.
5. Hazing, which includes any intentional or reckless act directed against another for the purpose of initiation into, affiliating with or maintaining membership in any school sponsored activity, organization, club or team.
6. Selling, using, or possessing obscene material.
7. Using vulgar or abusive language, cursing or swearing.
8. Smoking a cigarette, cigar or pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco.
9. Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing or exchanging

alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of either. “Illegal substances” include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs”.

- 10. Inappropriately using or sharing prescription or over the counter drugs.
- 11. Gambling
- 12. Indecent exposure, this is exposure to sight of the private parts of the body in a lewd or indecent manner.
- 13. Initiating a report warning of fire or other catastrophe without valid cause, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher.
- F. Engage in misconduct while on a school bus. It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses to ensure their safety and that of other passengers and

to avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving, fighting, and the use of vulgar or abusive language, cursing or swearing, or inappropriate sexual behavior will not be tolerated.

- G. Engage in any form of educational misconduct. Examples of academic misconduct include:
 - 1. Plagiarism
 - 2. Cheating
 - 3. Copying
 - 4. Altering records
 - 5. Assisting another student in any of the above actions
- H. Engaging in any act of discrimination or harassment as defined in this code.

Section 504 annual notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly known as Section 504, the Newark Valley Central School District hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the school district’s duty under the regulations to Section 504.

Newark Valley School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified disabled child who resides in the Newark Valley Central School District regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. Newark Valley Central School District shall educate each qualified disabled child with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled child, and shall also ensure that disabled children participate with

non-disabled children in nonacademic and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A disabled child shall be afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities.

Newark Valley Central School District shall provide disabled children an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics. Newark Valley Central School District shall conduct pre-placement evaluations and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with Section 104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic reevaluation shall be conducted of

children who have been provided special education or related services. Placement decisions shall draw upon information from a variety of sources and shall be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. The Newark Valley Central School District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards that include notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students and their parents are invited

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House

Nathan T. Hall Elementary School

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022

1:30-2:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a connection and start the year on a positive note.



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BUS CHANGES/PASSES...

If you have moved: please contact the school your child attends to submit your change of address; they will notify the bus garage. The transportation department will then provide a new bus # and pick up and drop off time for your student.

HS – (607) 642-8665 **MS**– (607) 642-5524
NTH (Elem) – (607) 642-3340

Riding home with friends: We do not allow students to ride home with friends on different buses. You can imagine the chaos this creates for both the school and the drivers to keep track of where your child is.

Daily bus changes: **Currently, we do not permit daily bus changes.** Each student should always ride their regular bus to/from school. **Our bus drivers do not accept notes from students/parents.**

Alternate Sites: Alternate sites are permitted for childcare situations only (daycare, grandparents, other location, etc.). Each student is permitted a different pick up and drop off location IF it is a consistent schedule each week (NOT an inconsistent change from day-to-day or calling to make changes last minute, or only for that day - these will not be permitted).

Emergencies: If you have an emergency that requires a bus change, please contact your child’s school or the transportation department at 607-642-8560.

Annual Alumni

COMMUNITY CONCERT
for Scholarships

October 22nd, 7pm
In The High School Auditorium