

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MISSION STATEMENT

- The East Rockaway Public School District is committed to providing a safe and secure educational environment where each child realizes her/his maximum learning potential and develops a desire for lifelong learning.

To that end we:

- * Respect diversity while holding high expectations for all learners;
- * Attend to the development of skills while encouraging students to think critically and to construct meaning from learning;
- * Instill a strong sense of community responsibility while nurturing individuality, self-esteem and risk taking.

• We seek to be a self-renewing, introspective educational system where knowledge, research and the needs of learners drive the instructional process.

DISTRICT GOALS

1. To increase student achievement, as measured by the NYS standards, by a minimum of 6% by 2012.
2. To determine the level of effectiveness of the current code of conduct, policy and procedures by August 2012.
3. To determine the feasibility and instructional impact of restructuring the two elementary schools from two K-6 buildings into K-2 and 3-6 or K-3 and 4-6 buildings by spring 2012.
4. To complete the Board policies for the 1000 (Community Relations), 2000 (School Board Governance & Operations), 3000 (Administration), 4000 (Instruction) and 5000 (Student Policies) series by June 2012.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the East Rockaway School District are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the East Rockaway School District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 is directed to contact Dr. Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, East Rockaway UFSD, 887-8300, ext. 544, who has been designated by the East Rockaway School District to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, and Section 504.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) & Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The East Rockaway Union Free School District may provide limited student directory information to potential news and feature article publication sources unless a refusal of consent to release has been filed in writing by the parent, guardian or eligible student (age 18 or over) with respect to the distribution of any or all of the listed items of student directory information. Directory information includes: student's name, address and phone number, names of student's parents / guardians, date and place of birth, field of study, participation in recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates and programs of attendance, awards and recognitions received and home school district. In addition, the school or district may occasionally provide photographic images of students, or examples of students' work, for publication in print or internet media.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, parents who do not desire release of any of the above information must make specific request in writing to the Principal's office by September 30th each year. Failure to make such request shall be deemed consent to release, provide or publish the information during the 2011-2012 school year.

Under (FERPA), parents and students over 18 years old have a right to inspect and review the student's records. They may request an amendment of the records if they believe them to be incorrect, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA, and may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office.

Visit Our District Web Site: www.eastrockawayschools.org

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Military Disclosure

The "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" requires that schools disclose 11th & 12th grade student addresses and phone numbers to recruiters from the branches of the United States Armed Forces. Parents, however, may choose to opt-out of this provision of the Federal legislation. If you choose to opt-out, please contact the high school main office by Friday, September 23, 2011.

Information Entitlement

The "No Child Left Behind Act" entitles parents to the following information regarding their child's teachers and paraprofessionals: whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree; and whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. Please contact the superintendent's office in writing if you require this information.

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President:	Neil R. Schloth (Term Expires 6/14)	812-0164
Vice President:	Michaelene Abbott-Cooper (Term Expires 6/12)	599-3391
Trustee:	Linda Schmidt (Term Expires 6/14)	596-0771
Trustee:	Patricia Nicoletti (Term Expires 6/13)	887-0743
Trustee:	Kristin Ochtera (Term Expires 6/13)	593-5499
District Clerk:	Denise Lobascio	887-8300 ext.553

The five-member Board of Education is elected by the registered voters of the district. Our Board members serve three year terms without pay and are responsible under state law for establishing the policies governing the operation of East Rockaway Public Schools.

Regular meetings of the Board of Education are held monthly beginning at 7:30 PM. The Board provides opportunity for the public to speak at each meeting during the community forum (7:30 PM) and during *privilege of the floor* before the close of regular meetings. The public is encouraged to attend all regular meetings as listed on the calendar pages. (Note the curriculum presentations on scheduled dates.)

Work sessions of the Board of Education are held each month. These sessions take place in the superintendent's office. Pursuant to the N.Y. State Open Meetings Law, the public may observe work sessions of the Board, except on those occasions when matters concerning personnel and particular matters of finance, such as contract negotiations, are scheduled for discussion. These areas are considered by the Board in Executive Session. Residents who wish to attend work sessions are advised to call the superintendent's office to verify time, date and agenda.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

In order to be a qualified voter in school district elections, you must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the district for 30 days prior to the election and a registered voter in either the school district or national / state elections.

Absentee Ballots

Registered voters unable to vote in person may request absentee ballots in advance. For additional registration information call 887-8300, ext. 553.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2011-2012

DATE	MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2011	Agenda
Tuesday, September 20, 2011	Regular
Tuesday, October 11, 2011	Agenda
Tuesday, October 18, 2011 *	Regular
Tuesday, November 8, 2011	Agenda
Tuesday, November 15, 2011 *	Regular
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Agenda
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 *	Regular
Tuesday, January 10, 2012	Agenda
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 *	Regular
Tuesday, February 7, 2012	Agenda
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 *	Regular
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Agenda
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 *	Regular
Tuesday, April 3, 2012	Agenda
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 *	Regular
Tuesday, May 3, 2012	Budget Hearing
Thursday, May 8, 2012	Agenda
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Budget Vote/Trustee Election
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 *	Regular
Tuesday, June 5, 2012	Agenda
Tuesday, June 12, 2012	Regular
Tuesday, July 3, 2012	Reorganization
August, 2012 - TBA**	Regular

**Check District Signboard.

All BOE meetings will be held at East Rockaway High School.

(*) Denotes Curriculum Presentations

(Oct.- Board Appreciation; Nov.- English Language Arts & Literacy;
Dec.- Holiday Music; Jan.- Mathematics;
Feb.- English as a Second Language (ESL); Mar.- Response to Intervention;
Apr.- Special Education (Life Skills); May- Science (Marine Biology)

For more information please consult the website.

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TEST	TEST DATES	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
SAT I / SAT II *	October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
PSAT *	October 15, 2010	Internal	Internal
ACT	October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17, 2011
SAT I / SAT II *	November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
SAT I / SAT II	December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
ACT	December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5, 2011
SAT I / SAT II	January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
SAT I (only)	March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
ACT	April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10, 2012
SAT I / SAT II	May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
SAT I / SAT II	June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012
ACT	June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5, 2012

* Administered at East Rockaway High School

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

This information has been revised for the website version (12/23/11).

September 13 - 16	COGATS	Centre & Rhame
January 24 - 27	MIDTERMS & REGENTS	Jr./Sr. High School
April 17 - 19	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)	Grades 3 - 8
April 25 - 27	NYS MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT	Grades 3 - 8
May 23	NYS SCIENCE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	Grade 4
June 4	NYS SCIENCE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT	Grades 4 & 8
June 13 - 21	FINALS & REGENTS EXAMS	Jr./Sr. High School

Week-long testing indicates the period in which the exams may be administered and do not specify the dates for each grade level.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP TESTS

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I), the SAT II (Subject Achievement Test), and the Advanced Placement (AP) examinations are administered each year to high school students. Students who are in AP classes must take the AP exams in May.

SAT II Tests are scheduled for the same days on which there will be national administration of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I). Students will be able to take either the SAT I or the SAT II, but not both on the same date.

Another college admissions testing program, the ACT, has gained significant popularity in recent years. Accepted as an equal to the SAT by all major colleges, the ACT offers an alternative in format and content. Discuss the appropriateness of either test for your child with his/her counselor.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST) are combined in one instrument. The results of this test are used for college guidance as a predictor of SAT success. Detailed information is available from the high school guidance office at 887-8300, ext. 452.

Registration deadlines are to the left. Deadlines for early decision applications vary from college to college. It is the students' responsibility to be aware of the deadlines imposed by colleges of their choice. Also listed are the exam dates for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents of high school students are asked to observe the dates listed and encourage their children to take the appropriate examinations.

* Students with IEPs or 504 plans may apply for test accommodations for the SAT or ACT through the office of Pupil Personnel Services, at 887-8300, ext. 543 or 544.

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CENTRAL & BUILDING ADMINISTRATION

****Select Menu Option #1, Before Dialing Extention Numbers Listed Below.****

Superintendent	Dr. Roseanne Melucci	887-8300, ext. 523
Director of Finance & Operations	Marcy Tannenbaum	887-8300, ext. 553
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Dr. Debra LoVerde	887-8300, ext. 544
Director of Curriculum & Technology	John Piccarella	887-8300, ext. 533
ERHS Principal	William Fortgang	887-8300, ext. 423
ERHS Assistant Principal	Cindy Singer	887-8300, ext. 471
ERHS Assistant Principal	James DeTommaso	887-8300, ext. 437
Centre Avenue Principal	Timothy Silk	887-8300 ext. 223
Rhame Avenue Principal	Laura Guggino	887-8300 ext. 323
Director of Facilities & Operations	Anthony Quercia	887-8300, ext. 545
Athletic Director	Dominick Vulpis	887-8300, ext. 445
ERHS Guidance Director	Mona Hecht	887-8300, ext. 452
Math/Science Chairperson	Joseph Cangemi	887-8300, ext. 442
English/Social Studies Chairperson	TJ DiPietro	887-8300, ext. 439
Special Education Chairperson	Laura Peterson	887-8300, ext. 449
ALPSS Principal	Mr. R. Guzowski	887-8300, ext. 544

EMERGENCY 4th Precinct Police Department 573-6400; for emergency dial 911
Fire/Rescue Department 599-4400 Child Abuse Hotline (800) 342-3720
East Rockaway Village Hall 887-6300 Poison Control Center 542-2323

AREA HOSPITALS

South Nassau Communities Hospital Emergency Room 632-3900
1 Healthy Way Patient Information 632-3940
Oceanside, NY 11572 Main Number 632-3000

Mercy Medical Center Emergency Rooms 705-1210 / 705-1211
1000 North Village Avenue Patient Information 705-1411
Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Main Number 705-2525

Franklin Hospital Medical Center Emergency Room 256-6350
900 Franklin Avenue Patient Information 256-6600
Valley Stream, NY 11580 Main Number 256-6000

SCHOOL NURSES

Centre Avenue Mrs. Calabrese 887-8300, ext. 232
Rhame Avenue Mrs. Delegianis 887-8300, ext. 332
ERHS Mrs. O'Brien 887-8300, ext. 432

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & VACATIONS

2011

Sept. 1 Supt's Conf. Day (Teachers Report)
Sept. 2 School Closed
Sept. 5 Labor Day
Sept. 6 First Day of Classes (Students Report)
Sept. 21 Supt's Conf. Day
11:45 Dismissal - (All Schools)
Sept. 29-30 Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 10 Columbus Day
Nov. 8 Election Day (Teachers Report)
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day
Nov. 2 Election Day (Teachers Report)
Nov. 24-25 Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Christmas Recess

2011

Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 20-24 Winter Recess
Apr. 4-13 Spring Recess
May 25-28 Memorial Day Recess
June 22 Last Day of School

** Two additional Superintendent Conference Days with 11:45 am dismissal will be announced at a later date in accordance with the NYS Assessment calendar.*

Snow Make-up Days:

Thursday, May 24 & Friday, May 25

WHO DO I CALL WITH A QUESTION OR SUGGESTION?

The East Rockaway School District has developed communication protocols to promote direct, open and respectful interactions so that problems and concerns can be worked out quickly and efficiently. The communication protocol starts with the staff member closest to the situation, as that person will usually have the most information. At times, additional personnel are required to resolve specific situations. Please visit the School District web site: www.eastrockawayschools.org to view the appropriate communication channel chart. The district encourages any and all questions from parents and residents regarding school matters.

MEDICATION

New York State Law prohibits the taking of any medication by students during school hours unless the school nurse has been furnished with:

- 1) Written request from parent, and
- 2) Doctor's note stating
 - a) Name of medication
 - b) Reason for taking same
 - c) Dosage and time to be administered

Also, medication must be properly labeled in a bottle from a pharmacy. These requirements apply to over the counter medicines as well as prescription medication. All medication will be safeguarded in the health office and dispensed by the school nurse according to written instruction only. A medication permission form may be obtained from the nurse's office.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING / DELAYED OPENING INFORMATION

In the event of an **emergency school closing or delayed opening**, two radio stations and one cable television station will normally be notified to broadcast the closings of schools. (*East Rockaway Schools will be closed only when specifically mentioned by name.*)

They are as follows: WALK 97.5 FM - WCBS 88 AM - NEWS 12 Long Island - FIOS Channel 1 - www.eastrockawayschools.org - www.longisland.com - www.fios1.com/li

DELAYED OPENING: In the event that weather conditions warrant a delayed opening, **all schools will open at 10:00 am.** (Note: In the event of a delayed opening, lunch service will be limited to the hot lunch of the day.)

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PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW www.parentsformeganslaw.com

In order to provide parents/guardians with information concerning convicted sex offenders who are living within this district, our school district benefits from a no-cost sex offender e-mail alert notification program. Parents for Megan's Law (PFML) will e-mail district residents, who have registered, informing them of any new sex offender's presence and direct them to their website where they can access a full copy of the notification. In addition, at any time residents can go online and review the New York sex offender registry for East Rockaway and/or other zip codes.

This information and relevant forms are also available from the PTA link on our website.

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY 599-1664

477 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518

Elizabeth Charvat, Director

(Call for summer hours)

Monday	10 AM - 9 PM	Thursday	10 AM - 9 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 9 PM	Friday	10 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 5 PM	Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM

Tutor.com is available on our website, every day from 2-10 PM for grade Kindergarten through adult learner. Live chats with certified tutors can help you with your homework!

Check out our Online Reference Center, which has Science, Literature and Current Events and Literature databases to help you with school projects.

The Library staff reviews books for all ages and tells you the latest news at our blog: www.eastrockawaylibrary.blogspot.com

Go to our website: www.nassaulibrary.org/eastrock. You can download ebooks and audiobooks, learn a new language or search the catalog for books.

STAR Property Tax Exemptions

Residents of East Rockaway Public Schools are eligible to apply for the New York State STAR Property Tax Exemptions Program. If you are a homeowner with your East Rockaway property as your primary residence, you may apply to the Nassau County Board of Assessors at 571-1500.

ON-LINE SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS AND PARENTS

For Kids...

- ◆ Never give out your name, home address, age, phone number or school name, or any personal information to strangers online.
- ◆ Don't give out your password to anyone, either online or offline.
- ◆ Never agree to meet an online friend in person without one of your parents.
- ◆ Don't e-mail or text-message pictures of yourself to strangers online.
- ◆ Never accept things from strangers online, such as e-mails, files, pictures, or Web links.
- ◆ If someone says or does something that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, tell an adult right away.
- ◆ Don't e-mail or text-message pictures or words that you would not want to be made public.

Visit the PTA page on the District website
for additional resources at: www.eastrockawayschools.org

For Parents...

- ◆ Use the Internet *with* your child. Be involved at all times in your child's online activities. Talk to them about online safety.
- ◆ Learn about and use Parental Controls and set 'ground rules' for online behavior.
- ◆ Know at all times who your child is talking to online and what Web sites they visit.
- ◆ Put your child's computer in a 'family' area of the house and never in the child's room.
- ◆ Be sure to report conduct or material that is offensive to your Internet Service Provider; if it is threatening, report it to local law enforcement.
- ◆ Teach your child never to plan a face-to-face meeting with online friends and to tell you if they are asked to meet someone offline.

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING HOURS

Centre & Rhame Avenue Elementary Schools - 8:40 AM - 3:00 PM

Elementary After School Program - 3:00 - 6 :00 PM (Centre Avenue)

East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School - 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Mon.- Thurs.)
- 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM (Fri.)

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East Rockaway High School PTA Executive Board 2011-2012

Co-President	Carol Hernandez	837-9234
Co-President	Theresa Barto	887-3932
Vice President (Membership)	Colleen Ranieri	872-4811
Treasurer	Theresa Schloth	812-0164
Recording Secretary	Jeanmarie Scagnelli	812-6413
Corresponding Secretary	Maureen McManus	946-3699
SEPTA Representative	Theresa Devlin	825-2495
Past President	Angela Ingenito	887-0739

Centre Avenue PTA Executive Board 2011-2012

Co-President	Kristen Beauchesne	612-7206
Co-President	Jodi Neckles	825-1344
1st Vice President (Programming)	Kate Moore	596-3203
2nd Vice President (Membership)	Mary Boll	596-1613
3rd Vice President (Fundraising)	Gail Hyland	887-9829
Treasurer	Jill DiLapi	887-3866
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Kelly	561-2191
Corresponding Secretary	Stacey Sommer	593-8970
SEPTA Representative	Nancy Chisholm	599-4042
Co-Teacher Representative	Marie Lyons	887-8300 ext.224
Co-Teacher Representative	Diane Rafferty	887-8300 ext.224

Rhame Avenue PTA Executive Board 2011-2012

Co-President	Cathy Tierney	593-9343
Co-President	Debbie McGear	837-3102
1st Vice President (Cultural Arts)	Linda Carmen	792-3424
2nd Vice President (Ways & Means)	Patricia Maltempo	887-6616
3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)	Bridget Saporito	887-1060
Treasurer	AnneMarie Bruzzo	887-0371
Recording Secretary	Carrie Stern	561-1245
Corresponding Secretary	Tanya Irvine	608-5753
SEPTA Representative	Sheila Ambrosio	599-2101
Teacher Representative	Allison Gerbert	887-8300 ext.324

EAST ROCKAWAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Officers

Vera Gallagher, President	John Leban, Vice President
Irene Villacci, Second Vice President	Kenneth Pacheco, Treasurer
Michaelene Cooper, Recording Secretary	Jane Brezenoff, Corresponding Secretary

The Foundation

The East Rockaway Education Foundation was founded in 1998 as an independent, non-profit organization to provide financial and creative support to the East Rockaway public schools. Our goals are to foster partnerships among our schools, community, businesses and industry. To date, we have raised and donated over \$130,000 to the schools. Our mission is to identify and mobilize available resources and use them to enhance the academic experience.

Recent donations include funding for library books at each school within the district, a grant for robotics equipment, technology equipment and a modest grant entitled; Searching for Norman Rockwell's America. This is a supplement to a multidisciplinary project that includes the library, classroom, art and computer rooms. Each year we continue our financial support through scholarships for students in the East Rockaway community.

Currently, we are recruiting new members. Join us as we continue to support the students of East Rockaway. Please note our monthly Monday meetings are open to any interested persons. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the High School conference room as indicated in the District calendar. You can contact us at: eredfoundation@yahoo.com.

"CLUB ROCK"

EAST ROCKAWAY HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Paula Cerasoli / Kim Barbaro, Co-Presidents

The East Rockaway High School Booster Club was founded for the purpose of raising funds to award scholarships to graduating student athletes at the high school level. It is also our desire to enhance the district's athletic programs through financial contributions to various sports, based on the needs for all athletes.

There are many lessons to be learned on the playing fields and courts at ERHS. Qualities such as leadership, sportsmanship, responsibility and commitment can all be learned through participation in sports. School spirit and pride are fostered through support and participation at our various sporting activities throughout the year.

All this cannot be done without the help of you, the families and friends of our athletes at East Rockaway High School.

We are currently recruiting new members. If you are interested in joining Club Rock, please contact: Paula Cerasoli at: pcerasoli78@hotmail.com. Our first meeting will be held Thursday, September 8th. Club Rock meets the second Thursday of every month at the High School.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

PHILOSOPHY

East Rockaway Schools are committed to adhering to and implementing the Federal regulations set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Contained within the regulations is the requirement that all children should be educated in the least restrictive environment (LRE) and that students with disabilities must be educated alongside non-disabled peers to the greatest extent possible. Placement outside the general education environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in general education classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

Students identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) as in need of special education and/or related services including Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy services are provided with such services within general education classes, inclusion classes, in resource room or special class programs within the district and in appropriate settings outside the district when necessary.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

The Committee on Special Education is appointed by the Board of Education for the purpose of reviewing the individual educational requirements for students in the district who have been identified as having a disability that would substantially interfere with their educational progress. The CSE has the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board of Education concerning appropriate programs and /or related services for each student with a disability. Parents who have questions concerning children with disabilities should contact Dr. Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 887-8300, ext. 543 or 544.

Are You or Someone You Know HOMELESS?

If you live in any of the following situations...

- In an emergency or transitional shelter
- In a motel, hotel, trailer park, campground, abandoned in a hospital or awaiting foster care
- In a car, park, public place, bus or train station or in an abandoned building
- Doubled up with a relative or friend
- As a migratory child in any of the above conditions

...you have rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Contact Dr. Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 887-8300, ext. 543 or 544.

Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents

Please contact Dr. Debra LoVerde, at 887-8300, ext. 543, if you need an interpreter for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings or activities.

COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (CPSE)

The Committee on Pre-school Special Education is also appointed by the Board of Education. Its responsibilities include arranging for the evaluation of children ages three to five at an approved evaluation site. The CPSE and the child's parents will meet to review all data. If the CPSE concurs that the child is a "Pre-school Child with a Disability," it recommends an appropriate placement or the delivery of itinerant services. If you have a pre-school child who you believe may have a disability, please contact Dr. Debra LoVerde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 887-8300, ext. 543 or 544.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Each school psychologist evaluates students referred because of learning and/or behavior problems by reviewing the student's records and meeting with teachers, guidance counselors, parents and administrators. A referral to the school psychologist may be initiated by parents, teachers, guidance counselors or administrators.

The District social workers provide assistance to students, parents, teachers, pupil personnel staff and administrators. Such services may involve visits to the home, interviews with the students, contacts with school personnel and referrals to or involvement of community resources.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

There are a number of programs that provide academic, social or emotional support for students exhibiting difficulty in school. These services may include remedial, corrective or developmental interventions. Students are identified through a referral process in each building and, if eligible, may receive services through such programs as Academic Intervention Services (AIS), Response to Intervention (RTI), Title I, Section 504 accommodation plans, English as a Second Language (ESL), speech improvement, or educational counseling.

ENTERPRISE (GRADES 3-6)

Our district's academically talented students in grades three through six participate in the Enterprise Program. Located at the Centre Avenue School, Enterprise classes are structured around interdisciplinary thematic units focusing on critical and creative thinking.

ABOUT THE ALPSS PROGRAM

The Alternative Learning Program for Student Success (ALPSS) is a specially designed program to meet the needs of a diverse population. Students who enter into the program may have difficulty learning in a traditional classroom setting. A small group setting allows for more teacher-student interaction and hands-on activities. Classes are conducted after traditional school hours in forty-five minute sessions.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be five years old on or before December 1st, he/she may be registered for our full-day kindergarten program. Registration will take place at Centre Ave. School: March 19th-23rd, and Rhame Ave. School: April 16th-20th. New residents should contact Mrs. Hernandez at 887-8300, ext. 440, for more information.

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

The East Rockaway Board of Education recognizes that student attendance in school is linked to positive school culture. School culture is the overall physical and psychological atmosphere in a school, the behaviors, attitudes and beliefs exhibited by all school staff, parents, and community. A positive school culture has profound effects on student performance. To that end, this Board encourages all school staff, parents, and community members to foster such an atmosphere for all students. This environment will be accepting and inclusive, providing all students the opportunity to learn.

The Board also recognizes the positive correlation between consistent school attendance, class participation and successful academic performance. The Board has adopted an attendance policy to ensure that all students comply with the academic standards set by the Board of Regents for successful school completion and to ensure the maintenance of an adequate record verifying attendance of all children at instruction in the East Rockaway Schools.

The policy also establishes a practical mechanism for each school to account for the whereabouts of its children throughout each school day and ensures sufficient pupil attendance at all scheduled periods of actual instruction or supervised activities.

In the elementary schools, attendance will be taken and recorded twice each day, at 8:40 AM and after the lunch/recess hour. The policy includes a list of excused and unexcused absences, as well as the sanctions or discipline procedures that comply with the school district Code of Conduct. Copies of the entire policy are available at all three schools in the district.

ABSENCE AND LATENESS

The State Education Law permits excused absence from school for the following reasons only:

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| 1) Sickness | 4) Religious observance |
| 2) Sickness or death in the family | 5) Religious instruction (one hour per week upon parent's written request) |
| 3) Impassable roads or weather making travel unsafe | 6) Required attendance in court |

A note explaining the reason for absence is required. Tardiness, whether it be the fault of the child or parent, may not be excused except for the reasons listed above. A note explaining the cause of tardiness is required as well.

Jr. / Sr. H.S. ATTENDANCE OFFICE : 887-8300 ext. 436

If your child is absent...In the interest of safety, you should call the school office before 9:00 AM in the event that your child is absent. If you do not call, the school will make an effort to call you. Only the person and number listed on a special form distributed to the children at the beginning of the school year will be called.

Two attempts will be made to reach a busy line and calls will usually be made before 10:00 AM. It should be understood that there will be occasions when parents will not be able to be reached. The school will assume no responsibility beyond making reasonable efforts to reach the parent through the single number provided to the school.

ATTENDANCE POLICY INFORMATION

A copy of the attendance policy is available in the superintendent's office. Please be advised for Jr. / Sr. high school students, 15 absences for a semester course and 29 absences for a full-year course may result in the denial of credit for that class. Excessive absences due to extraordinary circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the attendance committee.

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY

The code of conduct is for the maintenance and enforcement of order on school property, including school functions on and off school grounds. The code governs the conduct of students, teachers, other school personnel, as well as visitors. It has been developed in collaboration with administrator, teacher, parent, and student organizations. It contains key elements such as provisions regarding: conduct, dress, and language deemed appropriate and acceptable; acceptable, civil, and respectful treatment of teachers, school administrators, other school personnel, students, and visitors on school property; the range of penalties associated with violating these provisions; removals from the classroom and from school property, including school functions of student and other persons who violate codes; procedures by which violations are to be reported, determined, and by which discipline measures are imposed and carried out; procedures by which local law enforcement agencies will be notified of code violations that constitute a crime; circumstances under, and procedures by which parents will be notified if their child violates the code; circumstances under, and procedures by which, criminal court complaints, juvenile delinquency petitions, or person in need of supervision petitions will be filed; circumstances under, and procedures by which, referrals to appropriate human service agencies shall be made; minimum suspension periods for student who are repeatedly and substantially disruptive of the educational process or who substantially interfere with a teacher's authority of the classroom. *This entire document is available on the District website.*

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FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The East Rockaway Public Schools believe that one of the most important ways we can help our children perform better in their classes is to provide them with nutritious foods necessary for the healthy growth of their minds and bodies. Therefore, we serve healthy, nutritious meals in our schools every full school day. The current school lunch price is \$2.50 in all schools. In addition, all schools provide a breakfast meal for \$1.25.

Your child may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available in your child's lunchroom, or you can contact the business office at 887-8300 ext. 553 and an application will be mailed to your home. All information on the application is strictly confidential. After the application is reviewed, you will be informed by the school of your child's eligibility. If you disagree with the school's decision, you are entitled to a fair hearing during which the school's decision will be reviewed. Additional information is available on the notification form.

A new application may be submitted any time during the school year. Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of family income. A separate application is no longer needed for foster children eliminating the need for the single child applications. They are now categorically eligible for free meals based on documentation received from an appropriate State or local agency indicating their status as a foster child.

The school district may ask you at any time during the school year to verify that what you have stated on the application form is true. If you do not give the school this information, your child (children) will not be allowed to continue to receive free or reduced price meals.

Finally, all children are treated equally in the operation of the school breakfast and lunch programs regardless of the ability to pay. No child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. For further information, please contact Cook Manager, Charlene Fried or Office Manager, Kim Peckham at 887-8300, ext. 428.

FOOD STAMP/TANF/FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS

Households which currently include children who receive Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp, TANF, or FDPIR number and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the Department of Social Services. Children in the household with the same case number may be included on the same application. Separate applications are required for children in the same household with different case numbers. If the family does not list a food stamp, TANF, or FDPIR number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for other households.

EAST ROCKAWAY UFSD TRANSPORTATION PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS 2011-2012

It is the legal obligation of the East Rockaway School District to provide transportation for children of the District attending private and parochial schools outside the District.

This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. For elementary school transportation, when the child lives at least two (2) miles from the private or parochial school but not more than fifteen (15) miles.
2. For secondary school transportation, when the child lives at least three (3) miles from the private or parochial school but not more than fifteen (15) miles.

Forms for transportation requests may be obtained at the Business Office, East Rockaway UFSD, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518-1299, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM or by writing to the above address. This request must be filed before April 1, 2012. (If you anticipate enrollment of your child in a private or parochial school in September 2012, even though your child has not been accepted as of April 1, 2012, a written request for transportation must, nevertheless, be filed by April 1, 2012.)

The Education Law specifically states that application must be made annually for each new school year. Parents of children with disabilities attending various schools need not apply for the renewal of transportation.

Requests arriving after April 1, 2012 will not be considered unless the requests are from new residents. New residents should make application within thirty days after establishing residency in District.

Please send all requests to: Mrs. Marilyn Von Braunsberg
East Rockaway UFSD
443 Ocean Avenue
East Rockaway, NY 11518-1299

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

(Effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012)

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$388
2	27,214	2,268	524
3	34,281	2,857	660
4	41,348	3,446	796
5	48,415	4,035	932
6	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	1,339
For Each Additional Family Member ADD	+7,067	+589	+136

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NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION AND STAFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 409-H OF THE STATE EDUCATION LAW

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public 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 East Rockaway School District 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;
- 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.

EAST ROCKAWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete this form and return it to the East Rockaway School District pesticide representative, Mr. Anthony Quercia, at: 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518, or call 887-8300, ext. 545.

(Please Print)

School Building _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Daytime) _____

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION OF PROCEDURES

The East Rockaway Union Free School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program in accordance with the New York State Attorney General's recommendation. This program dictates that the least toxic pesticide will be used, and then, only when absolutely necessary. If it should be necessary to apply a pesticide, prior approval is required by the Nassau County Department of Health. As part of the notification process, signs will be posted in the main offices each time it is necessary to apply a pesticide/insecticide. The notice will be posted at least 24 hours before application. Warning notices will also be posted in the immediate area where any chemicals are applied. For further information, please contact Mr. Anthony Quercia, Director of Facilities and Operations, at 887-8300, ext. 545.

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*Note: Please be sure to check dates with the school
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plans to attend events listed in this calendar.*