

MISSION STATEMENT

THE EAST ROCKAWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPECTS OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND PROUD TRADITIONS BY ENGAGING EVERY STUDENT IN AN INNOVATIVE AND CHALLENGING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WHICH INSPIRES LEARNERS TO BECOME SELF-DIRECTED, ETHICAL, CREATIVE AND GLOBALLY CONSCIOUS CITIZENS.

VISION STATEMENT

SETTING A COURSE FOR EXCELLENCE.

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. The Board directs that "directory information" include a student's: Name, ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by a student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems (only if the ID cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the student's identity), address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent school attended, grade level, photograph, e-mail address, enrollment status. 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 2023-2024 school year. Board of Education Policy 5500, Student Records, which can be found on our website, provides further information, including a Directory Information Opt-Out Form.

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.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT OF 2015 (ESSA)

Military Disclosure

Pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, the school district must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school students. The district must also notify parents of their right and the right of their child to request that the district not release such information without prior written parental consent.

Parents (or students 18 years of age or older) wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and/or institutions of higher learning must notify the Building Principal by Friday, September 29, 2023.

Information Entitlement

The "Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015" 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. Parents and legal guardians may request the final rating and the overall effectiveness score for each teacher and building principal their student is assigned to for the current school year. Please contact the superintendent's office in writing if you require this information.



Setting a course for excellence

EAST ROCKAWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND OUTCOMES

The Strategic Plan identifies key district goals to guide decision-making and resource allocation over the next five years. We, along with the committee, identified four strategic focus areas: Achievement, Opportunity, Innovation and Connection. The focus areas provide guidance, leadership and policy decisions, as well as the development of initiatives and strategies, to achieve our vision.

OPPORTUNITY

GOAL:
ENSURE SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT.

DESIRED OUTCOME: The East Rockaway School District will increase opportunities that foster academic, social and emotional achievement for all students.

OBJECTIVES:

- Enhance extracurricular opportunities across all grade levels.
- Educate all stakeholders regarding the opportunities available in the district.
- Increase awareness for all district stakeholders regarding career development and college/career readiness.
- Provide multiple pathways for students to postsecondary education programs and career opportunities.

ACHIEVEMENT

GOAL:
PROVIDE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

DESIRED OUTCOME: The East Rockaway School District will increase achievement of all students by creating engaging learning environments that successfully balance curriculum, expectations and pedagogy.

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop vertically and horizontally aligned K-12 curricula and rigorous academic programs in all content areas that challenge students and prepare them for college and careers.
- Identify and use multiple measures/assessments of student learning, K-12.
- Develop active citizens and responsive leaders among faculty and students who can think critically and work collaboratively to achieve effective solutions.
- Provide ongoing opportunities for professional growth for all faculty to ensure high-quality teaching and learning for our students.
- Develop a cyclical process to evaluate curricular areas and programs.



For more information about the Strategic Plan, please visit our website, www.eastrockawayschools.org.

DESIRED OUTCOME: The East Rockaway School District will provide students with rich and challenging academic, extracurricular and service learning experiences by creating greater connections among students, families, alumni, community members and society.

OBJECTIVES:

- Enhance communication and outreach within the school community to the community at large through all means available.
- Develop mentoring opportunities that enhance students' experience to improve their success in school and beyond.
- Promote social and emotional learning within a safe and supportive school climate.
- Increase family and community engagement, connection, ownership and partnership.
- Engage community stakeholders and foster active relationships with local and global partners.

CONNECTION

GOAL:
MAKE CONNECTIONS THAT WILL FOSTER STUDENT SUCCESS.

DESIRED OUTCOMES: The East Rockaway School District will expand curricular opportunities and increase innovative approaches to teaching and learning in a safe and supportive environment that capitalizes on our human, financial and technological resources.

OBJECTIVES:

- Maximize human, financial and infrastructural resources to enhance a safe learning environment.
- Further develop interactive classroom technology opportunities utilizing current and emerging applications and media.
- Increase innovative approaches to student engagement.
- Broaden curriculum to extend more advanced coursework at elementary level and in business, technology and media classes.
- Expand STEAM curriculum opportunities through partnerships with higher education institutions, neighboring districts, community businesses and organizations.
- Continue the evaluation, implementation and enhancement of building security through the research and adoption of emerging best practices and technologies.

INNOVATION

GOAL:
LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY TO ENGAGE AND CHALLENGE STUDENTS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.eastrockawayschools.org

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CENTRAL & BUILDING ADMINISTRATION (516)887-8300

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

Superintendent	Mr. James DeTommaso	ext. 523
Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations	Ms. Jacqueline Scio	ext. 553
Asst. Supt. of Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Sean Murray	ext. 533
Executive Director of PPS & Instructional Personnel	Mr. Vincent Healy	ext. 544
Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Mr. Robert Kennedy	ext. 438
Director of Technology & Learning Analytics	Ms. Bonnie McClelland	ext. 441
Director of Facilities & Operations	Mr. James Daly	ext. 545
ERHS Principal	Mr. Richard Schaffer	ext. 423
ERHS Assistant Principal	Ms. TJ Terranova	ext. 471
ERHS Assistant Principal	Dr. Bradley Krauz	ext. 437
Centre Avenue Principal	Ms. Calia Kelly	ext. 223
Rhame Avenue Principal	Mr. Jack Bixhorn	ext. 323
Director of School Counseling	TBD	ext. 452
Director of Phys. Ed, Health & Athletics	Mr. Gary Gregory	ext. 445
Fine & Performing Arts / FACS Chairperson	Mr. Peter Ceglio	ext. 448
Social Studies & English Chairperson	Ms. Deborah Bloomfield	ext. 439
Mathematics & Technology Chairperson	TBD	ext. 442
Science Chairperson	Ms. Dame Forbes	ext. 451
World Language Chairperson	Ms. Angelica Rodriguez	ext. 449
Dean of Students	Mr. Russell Pajer	ext. 458
Twilight Program Coordinator	TBD	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 HOLIDAYS & VACATIONS

2023

Aug. 31	Supt's Conf. Day (Teachers Report)
Sept. 1 & 4	Schools Closed (Recess/Labor Day)
Sept. 5	First Day of Classes (Students Report)
Sept. 25	Schools Closed (Yom Kippur)
Oct. 9	Schools Closed (Columbus Day)
Nov. 7	Schools Closed (Election Day)/Conf. Day (Tehrs Rpt)
Nov. 10	Schools Closed (Veterans' Day)
Nov. 22-24	Schools Closed (Thanksgiving Recess)
Nov. 10	Schools Closed (Veterans' Day)
Dec. 25-29	Schools Closed (Holiday Recess)

2024

Jan. 1	Schools Closed (Holiday Recess)
Jan. 15	Schools Closed (M.L.K. Jr. Day)
Feb. 19-23	Schools Closed (Winter Recess)
Mar. 22	Supt's Conf. Day (Teachers Report)
Mar. 29-Apr.1	Schools Closed
Apr. 22-30	Schools Closed (Spring Recess)
May 24-27	Schools Closed (Memorial Day Recess)
June 19	Schools Closed (Juneteenth)
June 26	Last Day of School

Possible Snow Make-up Days

(1st) Waived - (2nd) Monday, April 1st - (3rd) Friday, May 24th

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 Parents/Students tabs on 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.

SCHOOL NURSES	CENTRE AVENUE ELEMENTARY - Mrs. Calabrese 887-8300, ext. 1-232
	RHAME AVENUE ELEMENTARY - Mrs. Daniels 887-8300, ext. 1-332
	JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs. Smith 887-8300, ext. 1-432

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, The **Jr./Sr. High School will open at 10:00 am and the Elementary Schools will open at 10:15 am.** (*Note: In the event of a delayed opening, lunch service will be limited to the hot lunch of the day.*)

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President:	Dominick Vulpis (Term Expires 6/24)	650-9644 dvulpis@ersd.org
Vice President:	Peter McNally (Term Expires 6/25)	599-4783 pmcnally@ersd.org
Trustee:	Michael Motherway (Term Expires 6/25)	776-0594 mmotherway@ersd.org
Trustee:	Dineen Cilluffo (Term Expires 6/26)	220-9741 dcilluffo@ersd.org
Trustee:	Aspasia Lonergan (Term Expires 6/26)	506-1003 alonergan@ersd.org
District Clerk:	Amaya Moran	887-8300 ext. 1-433

Board of Education Email Address: boe@eastrockawayschools.org

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 7:00 pm. The Board provides opportunity for the public to speak at each meeting during the community forum 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 beginning at 6:00 pm. 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 encouraged to check the school's website under the Board of Education (Meeting Notice) or Board of Education (Minutes and Agenda; Public Notices) links to verify time, date and location.

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

Residents requiring an absentee ballot for the May 21, 2024, Budget Vote, should call (516) 887-8300, Ext. 553 between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. Requests for applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to registered voters will be accepted until Tuesday, May 7th, through 3:30 pm. Applications for absentee ballots may be picked up for registered voters until 5:00 pm on Monday, May 13th. Absentee ballots will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, by mail or personal delivery.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2023-2024

DATE	MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2023	Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, August 30, 2023	Regular
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Work Session
Tuesday, September 19, 2023*	Regular
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Work Session/Audit Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday, October 17, 2023*	Regular
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Work Session
Tuesday, November 14, 2023*	Regular
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Work Session
Tuesday, December 12, 2023*	Regular
Tuesday, January 9, 2024	Work Session
Tuesday, January 16, 2024*	Regular
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Work Session/Budget Work Session #1
Wednesday, February 13, 2024*	Regular
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Work Session/Budget Work Session #2
Tuesday, March 26, 2024*	Regular
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Work Session/Budget Work Session #3
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Regular/Budget Adoption
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	Budget Hearing/Audit Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Budget Vote/Trustee Election
Wednesday, May 29, 2024*	Regular
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	Work Session/Audit Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday, June 11, 2024*	Regular
Friday, June 28, 2024	End of Year Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2024	Organizational Meeting
August 2024 - TBA**	**Check District Signboard and Website.

Work Sessions to be held at CAS.

General meetings to be held at ERHS

() Denotes Curriculum Presentations/Recognitions*

- Sept.-** New Staff Introductions / Year-In-Review;
- Oct.-** School Report Card / Special Recognition for the Board of Education;
- Nov.-** Bond Construction & Capital Improvements Update;
- Dec.-** Social-Emotional Learning & RULER Update;
- Jan.-** Project-Based Learning (PBL) Update & Fine & Performing Arts/Culinary Arts Update;
- Feb.-** Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee (SSAC);
- Mar.-** Elementary Literacy & District i-Ready Update;
- May-** Centre Avenue School 100th Anniversary & Teacher Tenure;
- June-** Student & Staff Celebrations & PTA Installation

East Rockaway High School PTA Executive Board 2023-2024

Co-President	Samantha Yagnisis
Co-President	Wendy Sirchia
Treasurer	Amber Tobia
1 st Vice President (Membership)	Linda Carman Heather Conklin
2 nd Vice President (Rec./Cor. Sec.)	Amy Kelly
3 rd Vice President (Fundraising)	Heather Conklin
4 th Vice President (MS Rep)	Shannon Foley
Special Ed. Representative (PACS)	Amy Kelly

Centre Avenue PTA Executive Board 2023-2024

Co-President	Jennifer Hickam
Co-President	Joanne Harvey
Treasurer	Dana Kallman
1 st Vice President (Fundraising)	Heather Massa
2 nd Vice President (Membership)	Lindsey Joyce
3 rd Vice President (Programming)	Taryn Accurso
Corresponding Secretary	Catalina Lopez
Recording Secretary	Karen Crenshaw
SEPTA/Pacs Rep	Dawn Falbee
Teacher Representative	Dawn Schaeztle
Parent Ambassador	Patty Pignataro

Contact: centreavepta@gmail.com

Rhame Avenue PTA Executive Board 2023-2024

Co-President	Alycia Fahrenkrug
Co-President	Katie Speigel
1 st Vice President (Cultural Arts)	Alberta Ippolito
2 nd Vice President (Ways & Means)	Dana Casas
3 rd Vice President (Ways & Means)	Shannon Rogone
Treasurer	Stephanie Nostramo
Corresponding Secretary	Kristin Clarke
Recording Secretary	Jean Marie Margolis
Special Education Representative	Crystal Gemma
Membership Chairperson	Lana Schupbach
Parent Ambassador	Jessica Arata

Contact: rhamepta@gmail.com

Our PTAs are making an effort to go paperless.

All flyers will be posted on the PTA web page on the District website.

EAST ROCKAWAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Officers: Kristin Ochtera, President Dan Caracciolo, Vice President
Randi O'Moore, Treasurer Heidi Kreit, Recording Secretary
Michelle Gamache, Communication 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 goal is to foster partnerships among our schools, community, businesses and industry. Our mission is to identify and mobilize available resources and use them to enhance the academic experience. To date, we have raised and donated over \$600,000 for our schools.

Foundation meetings are generally held on the last Monday of the month and are open to any interested persons. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the High School conference room as we continue to support the students of East Rockaway.

Contact us at: info@eastrockawayeducation.org

"like and follow" us on Facebook and Instagram

For more information: www.eastrockawayeducation.org

"CLUB ROCK"

(EAST ROCKAWAY HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR BOOSTER CLUB)

"Club Rock" is committed to nurturing, supporting and encouraging all our students. Our efforts and financial contributions by "Club Rock" will be used to enhance and expand many extra curricular programs offered here at East Rockaway High School. Learning is not only in the classroom, but on the field, court, stage, art studio, etc thru leadership, sportsmanship, responsibility and work ethic. School Spirit and East Rockaway pride are also at the cornerstone of our work, bringing families, teachers, students and the community together to support the student body's efforts. This work cannot be done without the help of alumni, community partners, family and friends. If you have interest in joining "Club Rock" please contact us at - ERclubrock@gmail.com

TEST	TEST DATES	DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
SAT	August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
ACT	Sept. 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
SAT	October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
PSAT *	TBD-October 2023	Internal	Internal
ACT	October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
SAT	November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
SAT	December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023
ACT	December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
ACT	February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
SAT	March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	TBD
ACT	April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
SAT	May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	TBD
SAT *	June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	TBD
ACT	June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024

* Administered at East Rockaway High School

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

January 23 - 26	REGENTS & MIDTERMS EXAMS	Jr./Sr. High School
TBD	COGATS TESTING	Centre & Rhame
April 19 - 21	NYS ELA ASSESSMENTS	Grades 3 - 8
May 2 - 4	NYS MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS	Grades 3 - 8
May 15 - 26	NYSESLAT TESTING	- -
June 14 - 25	FINALS & REGENTS EXAMS	Jr./Sr. High School

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 & Rhame Avenue Schools: Feb. 26-March 1, 2024. New residents should contact Nereyda Amaya-Moran at 887-8300, ext.1-440, for more information.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP TESTS

The SAT, Subject Tests, ACT and 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.

The ACT and SAT are accepted as an equal to the SAT by all major colleges. Discuss the appropriateness of either test for your child with their counselor.

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) are combined in one instrument. This assessment is offered once per year in October to students in grades 10 and 11. 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. 1-452

Exam dates and registration deadlines for 2023-2024 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. 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. 1-543 or 1-544.

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 \$3.00 in the middle / high school and \$2.75 in the elementary schools. In addition, all schools provide a breakfast meal for \$1.25.

Your child may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. The District uses MySchoolApps, an online way to apply for free & reduced meal benefits. No more paper applications to complete and return to the school office. Apply for meal benefits from the privacy of your home, or anywhere with an internet connection. Visit www.MySchoolApps.com to complete an application. Any issues please contact the business office at 887-8300 ext. 1-555. All information 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.

A new application may be completed online any time during the school year if your personal information changes. 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 call 887-8300, ext. 1-428.

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 2023-2024

The district shall provide transportation to students attending non-public out-of-district schools who reside within the district with the following mileage limitations from their homes:

Grades K-8, not less than 2 or more than 15 miles;

Grades 9-12, not less than 3 or more than 15 miles.

For more information, see East Rockaway UFSD Policy # 8413

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, 2024. (If you anticipate enrollment of your child in a private or parochial school in September 2024, even though your child has not been accepted as of April 1, 2024, a written request for transportation must, nevertheless, be filed by April 1, 2024.

The Education Law specifically states that an 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, 2024 will not be considered unless the requests are from new residents. New residents should submit an application within thirty days after establishing residency in District.

Please send all requests to: **TBD**

East Rockaway UFSD

443 Ocean Avenue

East Rockaway, NY 11518-1299

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

(Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
*Each Add'l person ADD	+9,509	+793	+397	+366	+183

PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW www.parentsformeganslaw.org

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.

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 Vincent Healy, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Instructional Personnel, East Rockaway UFSD, 887-8300, ext. 1-544, 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.

EAST ROCKAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING HOURS

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

SCOPE After School Program - 3:00 - 6:30 PM (Centre & Rhame Avenue)

(Program Information & Registration: (631) 360-0800)
(Centre, 887-8300 ext. 228 / Rhame, 887-8300 ext. 326)

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

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 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

For Students...

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Never accept things from strangers online, such as emails, files, pictures, or web links.
- ◆ 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 send or post 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 Families...

- ◆ 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 and/or internet filtering, and set ground rules for online behavior.
- ◆ Know at all times who your child is talking to online and what websites they visit.
- ◆ If possible, keep your child's computer in a centralized area of the house and never in their 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 LIBRARY 599-1664

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

Mary Thorpe, Director

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM Friday 10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM* (* Saturday Summer Hours 9 AM - 1 PM)
Sunday 1 PM - 4 PM (*Closed in Summer)

- Tutor.com is available on our website, every day from 2-10 PM for grades 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 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
- Visit our website at: www.eastrockawaylibrary.org. You can download e-books magazines and audiobooks, learn a new language or search the catalog for items in the library.

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 can request a referral and evaluation of their child if they suspect that their child has a need for special education services or programs. Additional information can be found in the publication Special Education in New York State for Children Ages 3–21, A Parent’s Guide, which is available through the New York State Education Department at the following web address:

(English): <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm>

(Spanish): <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/spanishparentguide.htm>

You can also contact Vincent Healy, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Instructional Personnel or Robert Kennedy, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services at 516-887-8300 ext. 1-543 or 1-544 for additional information.

ABOUT THE TWILIGHT PROGRAM

The Twilight Program is a specially designed program to meet the needs of a diverse population in an afternoon/evening setting. Students who enter the program may find the smaller setting and individualized approach to be more conducive to their learning style. Classes are conducted after traditional school hours in one-hour sessions. If you have questions concerning The Twilight Program, contact Sean Murray, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, at 887-8300 ext. 533

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 Vincent Healy, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Instructional Personnel, at (516) 887-8300, ext. 1-543 or 1-544.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Each school psychologist evaluates students referred due to academic or social and emotional challenges 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.

District social workers provide essential mental health services to students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Such services may involve student interviews, individual or group counseling, meetings with school personnel, referrals to or involvement of community resources, and home visits.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

There are several programs that provide academic, social, or emotional support for students who are struggling in school. 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 New Language (ENL), and/or 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.

McKinney Vento Act:

Are You or Someone You Know Homeless or in Temporary Housing?

If you live in any of the following situations, you have rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act:

- 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

Contact Vincent Healy, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Instructional Personnel, at (516) 887-8300, ext. 1-543 or 1-544 for more information.

Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents

Please contact Vincent Healy at 887-8300, ext. 1-543, if you need an interpreter for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings or activities.

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. 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.

In the elementary schools, attendance will be taken and recorded for specials, including math, science, social studies, Language arts, AM attendance and PM attendance.

ABSENCE & LATENESS

State Education Law permits excused absence from school for the following reasons: 1) Sickness 2) Sickness or death in the family 3) Impassable roads or weather making travel unsafe 4) Religious observance 5) Required attendance in court 6) Approved college visits

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

JR. / SR. H.S. ATTENDANCE OFFICE: 887-8300 EXT. 1-436

In the interest of safety, you should call or email the attendance 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 primary person and number will be called. Calls will be made via our automatic call system and you will receive an e-mail notification, if you have an active e-mail address on record.

Two attempts will be made to reach a busy line and calls will usually be made before 11:00 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 primary number provided to the school. Upon a student's return to school, they must bring a note detailing the absence reason that also includes the dates. Absences involving personal illness may require a note from a doctor.

ATTENDANCE POLICY INFORMATION

A copy of the attendance policy is available in the Superintendent's office and on the district website, on the Board of Education tab, under policies. Be advised students in courses that award high school credit that accumulate over 9 absences for a semester course or over 18 absences for a full-year course may be denied credit for that class even if the student has a passing grade. Excessive absences due to extraordinary circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the attendance committee. Notification will be provided to parents/guardians should absences approach the aforementioned limits. A teacher, administrator, or guidance counselor will inform the student and parent if they need to make up academic work.

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.*

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. James Daly, at: 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518, or call 887-8300, ext. 1-545.

(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. James Daly, Director of Facilities and Operations, at 887-8300, ext. 1-545.