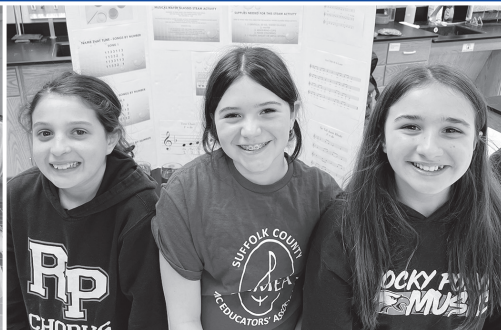


2023 2024

SCHOOL DIRECTORY & CALENDAR

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

Dear Rocky Point Community,

The Rocky Point School District welcomes you to the 2023-2024 school year. Our academic community continues to share Rocky Point pride, from the achievements of our youngest learners through our newest class of high school seniors. We take pride in moving forward with our Strategic Plan that will help shape our priorities for the next several years. On behalf of our Board of Education, we are grateful for our many community and committee members for their tireless work in putting this plan into place, with major areas including Access and Communication, Belonging, Climate and Responsive Culture, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Performance, and Wellness.

The unique learning opportunities in Rocky Point have resulted in many successes this past year, and we are proud of our students who are honored locally and regionally in academics, fine arts, environmental issues, community projects and athletics. A great thanks to our community members and parents who participated in Career Days at FJC and JAE to share their life works. Careers ranged from a journalist, a nurse, an elevator mechanic, a graphic designer and a teacher for the Deaf, signifying a diverse community of professions. We are pleased with our young learners who were regional winners of the National PTA Reflections program. We applaud our 8th grade student musicians and teachers for receiving Superior ratings at the Long Island Music Festival. We are honored to have a high school Human Rights Club with students who represented the district as the only school in Suffolk County at a New York State conference. Their work encourages them to be upstanders in society and create and implement action plans to raise awareness of human rights issues and promote activism to make students part of the solution.

This calendar is chock-full of information for a successful year ahead. Please note the many events, meetings, concerts and opportunities for our students and join us in supporting these numerous educational occasions that showcase all that is great in our district.

Our mission and goals continue to recognize and appreciate our roles in guiding each one of our students to meet their intellectual, physical and emotional needs and especially the needs to inquire, learn, think and create.

As we look forward to a new academic year, we can reflect on this past year and thank our community, educators and students for their considerable efforts in making Rocky Point an exceptional place for learning.

Again, welcome back!

Sincerely,
 Jessica Ward
 Board of Education President

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ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR

The following are Board of Education meeting dates for the school year.
 Public agenda commencing at 7 PM, unless otherwise noted.
 Check the website monthly for the meeting location.

Monday, September 18, 2023 <i>Regular Meeting</i>	Tuesday, April 16, 2024 <i>BOCES Budget Vote and Elections</i>
Monday, October 16, 2023 <i>Regular Meeting</i>	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 <i>Public Hearing on School Budget (Audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto escolar)</i>
Monday, November 13, 2023 <i>Regular Meeting</i>	Tuesday, May 14, 2024 <i>Special Voter Registration Day (Día especial de registro de votantes) 9 AM-9 PM HS Lobby</i>
Monday, December 11, 2023 <i>Regular Meeting</i>	Tuesday, May 21, 2024 <i>Budget Vote & Election (Votación del presupuesto y Elección)</i>
Monday, January 8, 2024 <i>Regular Meeting</i>	Monday, June 10, 2024 <i>Regular Meeting</i>
Monday, February 5, 2024 <i>Budget Forum 6 PM; Regular Meeting 7 PM</i>	Thursday, July 2, 2024 <i>2024-2025 Organizational Meeting/ Regular Meeting</i>
Monday, March 4, 2024 <i>Budget Forum 6 PM; Regular Meeting 7 PM</i>	
Monday, March 18, 2024 <i>Budget Forum 6 PM; Regular Meeting 7 PM</i>	



ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORY

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JACQUELINE LAWSON – Assistant Principal
631.849.7576

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DAWN MEYERS – Principal
631.849.7302

DR. COURTNEY HERBERT – Assistant Principal
631.849.7303

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631.849.7402

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631.849.7421

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631.849.7202

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631.849.7200

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631.849.7189

ANNMARIE OLIVETO – ELA Grades 3-5
631.849.7257

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631.849.7628

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631.849.7152

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631.849.7159

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631.849.6085

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631.849.7524

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631.849.7159

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631.849.7519

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631.849.7268

MICHAEL FRISCIA – Science Grades 3-5
631.849.7251

ANTHONY NOBRE – Science Grades 6-12
631.849.7509

CHRISTOPHER NENTWICH – Social Studies
Grades 6-12 | 631.849.7529

GREG ARMINE – Special Area Grades K-12 (Art/Library)
631.849.7019

CENTRAL REGISTRATION

631.849.7244 (Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM)

MCKINNEY-VENTO LIAISON

631.849.7069

SEPTEMBER 2023

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SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND SCHEDULES

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School Grades K-2

Phone 631.744.1601 | Fax 631.744.2182
90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Student Dropoff	9:10
Dismissal	3:30
Extra Help Visit teacher eBoards/Google Classroom for extra help schedules	

Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School Grades 3-5

Phone 631.744.1602 | Fax 631.744.4898
525 Route 25A
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Student Dropoff	8:15
Dismissal	2:35
Extra Help Visit teacher eBoards/Google Classroom for extra help schedules	

Rocky Point Middle School Grades 6-8

Phone 631.744.1603 | Fax 631.886.0000
76 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Period	Time
Period 1	7:15-7:57
Period 2	8:00-8:40
Period 3	8:43-9:23
Period 4	9:26-10:06
Period 5	10:09-10:49
Period 6	10:52-11:32
Period 7	11:35-12:15
Period 8	12:18-12:58
Period 9	1:01-1:41
Extra Help: Visit teacher eBoards/Google Classroom for extra help schedules	

Rocky Point High School Grades 9-12

Phone 631.744.1604 | Fax 631.591.0146
82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Period	Time
Warning Bell	7:11
Period 1	7:15-7:57
Period 2	8:00-8:40
Period 3	8:43-9:23
Period 4	9:26-10:06
Period 5	10:09-10:49
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MS/HS Bus Schedule

Regular Bus	1:45
Late Bus Run 1	2:10
Late Bus Run 2	3:15
Late Bus Run 3	4:00
Late Bus Run 4	5:00

MISSION: The Rocky Point Union Free School District fosters positive relationships in a nurturing and inclusive learning environment and provides meaningful opportunities for students to achieve their full potential. We develop skills in creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking and empathetic leadership to serve our communities.

VISION: The Rocky Point Union Free School District creates large school opportunities with a small town feel where every student can realize their educational and personal goals and become productive members of the local and global society.

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FINDING ANSWERS AND ADDRESSING CONCERNS

The Board of Education has always encouraged direct parent-teacher communication as being most helpful to the children of the District. If you have a question, comment or concern about your child's education, you should first contact your child's teacher. If you are not satisfied with the results at that level, you should discuss the matter with the principal of the school your child attends. If this doesn't produce a satisfactory solution, you are free to contact the District Office.

NEED AN APPOINTMENT?

To avoid delay, it is suggested that you make an appointment prior to your visit to the school. A note or a phone message to the person you wish to see will ensure your desired meeting. Under ordinary circumstances, you would call either the building principal, guidance counselor or school nurse. In most cases, the questions which arise concerning a student can be easily clarified by an early meeting between parent and teacher. These conferences, of course, are encouraged. If an impasse is reached, you are asked to contact the building principal so that he or she may arrange a parent/teacher/administrator conference to resolve the situation.



Rocky Point UFSD phone extensions are available on the school district website at www.rockypointschools.org.



TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION CODE 540

The New York State Resident Income Tax Return requires you to enter the name and code number of the public school district where you were a resident on December 31 of the prior year. You must enter this information even if you had no children attending school. Adjusted gross income is assigned to school districts and is used as a wealth measure in various formulas for the apportionment of state aid based on tax codes entered on tax returns. In other words, when the school district tax code is entered incorrectly or not at all, the Rocky Point UFSD receives less state aid than it is entitled to receive.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital to the educational well-being of each child. Parents are urged to ensure that each child attends regularly and arrives at school on time. You are also asked to inform the school if a child is to be absent or late. Parents of elementary and secondary students should call the District main number at 631.744.1600 and follow instructions for individual schools. In all instances due to absences or tardiness, a note must be forwarded immediately to the homeroom teacher (FJC/JAE) or the main office (HS/MS) stating the reason for the absence when the child returns to school. Do not send your child to school so early that he or she will arrive before the scheduled opening time. We request that children remain at home rather than play on an unsupervised playground. The State Education Department requires the teacher to keep an accurate record of every student's attendance at school. Such records must show the true cause of absence. For this reason, all students are required on their return to school to bring written excuses from parents or guardians in every case of absence or tardiness.

Illegal absence is classified as follows:

Unlawful detention - this occurs when the student is absent from school with parental knowledge and consent, stated or implied, for other than legal reason.

Truancy - this occurs when a student is absent from school without parental knowledge and no legal excuse for the absence applies.

Visit the school website for the **entire Rocky Point UFSD Comprehensive Attendance Policy**.

NOVEMBER 2023

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TRANSPORTATION

Please bear with us for the first few weeks of school. We have done our very best to set up bus routes that eliminate as many hazards as possible. Stops have been scheduled to cause minimum inconvenience to children and parents. Any student who does not observe bus regulations will lose his or her privilege of riding the school bus. Students who violate the regulations can have their bus privileges revoked.

RULES FOR STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

- Be orderly, quiet and considerate of people and their property in the vicinity of bus stops.
- Be ready when the bus arrives.
- Bus drivers have the authority to assign seats, give directions and implement rules for the safe and orderly conduct of students.
- Acceptable behavior will be expected of all bus riders.
- Pass in front rather than behind the bus when crossing the street to or from the bus.
- Do not enter or leave the bus when it is in motion.
- Remain behind the white line so as not to interfere with the driver.
- Heads or arms must not be extended from bus windows.
- Avoid eating on the bus and help keep the bus neat.
- Shouting, fighting, offensive language or smoking will result in loss of bus privileges.
- Remain seated until the bus stops at your destination.
- Bus drivers will report violations of the above.
- Students are required to have parental permission in writing of any changes in regular transportation arrangements in grades K-8.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As a school community, we must accept the fact that social demands and the activities of place and circumstance will determine our mode of dress. Our student council, the faculty and the administration are of the opinion that if we are to maintain a good educational atmosphere in our schools, free from various distractions, there must be a reasonable standard of acceptable dress.

In keeping with this objective, the school administration will not condone dress or grooming on the part of the student which is detrimental to safety and health or is distracting or disruptive to learning. We do recognize that parents have the basic responsibility for the appropriate dress and grooming and, as such, their aid is earnestly solicited in helping to create a favorable “dress appearance” among the students of our schools. The administration expects, therefore, that students dress in a manner consistent with the recent ruling by the State Commissioner of Education which forbids apparel which is in any way “dangerous, indecent, or unduly distracting.”



PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

Section 1174 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits vehicles from passing a stopped school bus. You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear. Penalties for passing a stopped school bus:

\$\$ — FINES — \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250	\$400	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600	\$750	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750	\$1,000	Up to 180 days

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with Chapter 3635 of the NYS Education Law, all requests for transportation to a private or parochial school for the 2024-2025 school year must be submitted in writing to the Transportation Office postmarked before April 1, 2024. Transportation request forms are available on the web and at the District Office located at:

**90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778**

TEXTBOOKS FOR PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Textbook orders for Rocky Point residents attending private or parochial schools are serviced by:

**Stony Brook Textbook Center 631.689.6860
Westhampton Beach Textbook Center 631.288.2669
BOCES Textbook Program Coordinator 631.687.3062**

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WINTER RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED

TWO-HOUR DELAYED OPENING

When road conditions in the early morning are hazardous but are expected to improve rapidly as the morning progresses, the District may utilize a two-hour delayed opening for all schools. Students will report to their bus stops exactly two hours later than they normally would. Dismissal for all schools will be at their normal times. This delayed opening may also be used for other emergencies. All students attending private or parochial schools will follow the same procedure and report to their bus stops exactly two hours after their normal pickup times.

Notice of the delayed opening will be made as early as possible and broadcast on the listed radio stations and Cablevision News 12, and the District's Blackboard Connect telephone notification system will be activated. In the event that we cannot transport students to school using a two-hour delayed opening based on forecast predictions for improved weather and conditions by 7 AM, school officials will announce that schools will be closed. It is important that you continue to listen carefully for such announcements.

INCLEMENT WEATHER BUS STOPS

At various times during the winter season, inclement weather bus stops will be used to ensure the safety of our student population. The use of these stops may be necessary at any time during the school day, without prior announcement.

Parents should listen to the radio stations or call the First Student Bus Company if they have any questions regarding whether or not the inclement weather bus stops will be used.



**FIRST STUDENT
BUS COMPANY**
631.744.2204

EMERGENCY CLOSING AFTER THE START OF SCHOOL

If emergency weather conditions or other emergency situations should develop after school is in session and open for the day, an early dismissal will be announced and all students will be dismissed early so that they can arrive home safely on the buses. All after-school, district-operated, student-related activities will be canceled for that day.

Based on the day's possible weather reports and weather conditions, you should anticipate an early dismissal possibility and listen to one of the listed radio/TV stations for specific details. In addition, the Blackboard Connect telephone notification system will be activated. You should arrange to be home, or to have a safe place to which children can go until you can return home.

SNOW MAKEUP DAYS

The District must adhere to strict guidelines governing the number of instructional days to maintain state aid and accreditation. Should it become necessary to make up additional snow days, you will be notified of any dates that may be affected.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS TV/RADIO STATIONS

When school is closed due to inclement weather, bad road conditions or other emergencies, listen to one of the following radio/TV stations:

WALK FM 97.5

WBLI FM 106.1

TV – CABLEVISION NEWS 12

eSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The District offers parents access to their child's academic progress, attendance and emergency contact info through the internet. The District believes that this access will improve parent and teacher communication, as well as student responsibility. Parents will be able to view progress reports, report cards, schedules, and live attendance, and update emergency contacts. Registration is required to access the Parent Portal. Visit www.rockypointschools.org and click on the eSchool Parent Portal link. After District personnel authenticate the registration information, you will receive an email that your account was approved. Each parent or guardian may establish his or her own account. Please allow a minimum of 72 hours for approval. For help, call 631.744.1600, ext. 7069.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT TELEPHONE AND EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Rocky Point UFSD uses Blackboard Connect, a school-to-parent telephone and email notification system, as part of our efforts to communicate more effectively with you. Administration will have the ability to make one phone call and reach you via phone or email in minutes. Blackboard Connect will enable the Rocky Point UFSD to notify you immediately in the event of a snow day or schoolwide emergency. The system can deliver up to 3,000 messages within minutes, ensuring that you quickly know what's going on. To receive these messages, the school must have your up-to-date contact information. If you change your phone number or email address, please log into the eSchool Parent Portal and update your contact information so that you won't miss a single Blackboard Connect message.

JANUARY 2024

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December 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 New Year's Day Observed WINTER RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED	2 School Reopens	3 Friends of Music Mtg HS Chorus Rm 7 PM	4	5 Last Day to Purchase MS Yearbook at \$35	6
7	8 Board of Education Mtg HS Aud 7 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed	16 HS Shared Dec Mtg 2:15 PM MS First Day of Winter II Sports	17 MS Shared Dec Mtg 2:15 PM FJC Shared Dec Mtg 3:30 PM Technology Committee Mtg (Virtual) 3 PM SERC Mtg MS Lib 7 PM	18	19	20
21	22 MS/HS Second Semester Begins	23 PTA Mtg MS Library 7 PM	24 JAE Shared Dec Mtg 2:45 PM	25	26	27
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				January 22 - MS/HS Second Semester Begins		

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK

Students or staff with illness should stay home in accordance with Education Law § 906(1): Whenever a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he or she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The director of school health services shall immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law. In addition, effective February 1, 2020, the 2019-Novel Coronavirus was added to Public Health Law as a significant threat to the public health, and NYS Commissioner of Health designated 2019-Novel Coronavirus as a communicable disease under 10 NYCRR Section 2.1.

MANDATED PHYSICALS FOR GRADES K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11

It is a New York State requirement that all new students and students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 have a physical for that school year. The school physician will give these exams unless a report is received by the Health Office.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Under NYS Public Health Law, all children must be properly immunized prior to their entry into school. Minimum immunizations include three doses of DPT, three doses of polio, three doses of hepatitis B, two doses of measles, and one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine. The immunizations required by the State include: poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, Haemophilus influenza type b and hepatitis B. All children enrolled in sixth grade after January 2005 must be immunized with one dose of varicella and Tdap booster. All children enrolled in seventh grade on or after September 1, 2000, must be immunized against hepatitis B infection. The hepatitis B vaccine is available in a two- or three-dose regimen for adolescents. Students entering seventh grade must have one dose of meningococcal vaccine and a follow-up booster by age 16. Immunizations may be waived in cases of medical contraindication with proper physician documentation.

MANDATED SPORTS PHYSICALS

It is also a NYS requirement that all students participating in sports have a physical and updated parental history each year of participation. The required physical will be scheduled during school hours, unless you would like your own physician to do the physical. If you plan to have the required physical done by your own physician, please obtain the required forms from the Health Office. The forms for sports must be returned to the Health Office at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the sport season for review by a school physician. Please have your son/daughter stop by for an appointment.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

The School Health Program provides services and health education to our children, staff, home, and community with emphasis on prevention. Good health contributes to learning ability; therefore, we are mainly concerned with helping children attain the best possible physical and mental condition. Our programs include state-mandated yearly vision, hearing and scoliosis exams. You are responsible for medical care of a problem reported by the school physician and should return all forms as soon as they have been completed by your physician. Injuries and infections that occur at home must be treated at home or by a physician. Communicable health problems (such as head lice, pinworms, scabies, pink eye and strep infections), along with any immunizations, tests, injuries or unusual illnesses, must be reported to the Health Office, enabling us to better protect your child's health. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's Health Office.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

NYS Public Health Law requires a physician's order for the nurse to dispense over-the-counter or prescription medications to a student. The following are the guidelines.

- A Rocky Point UFSD Medication Request Form from the prescribing physician and signed by the parents or guardian must be submitted to the Health Office.
- Medication must be brought to the health office by the parent or designated adult. Children are prohibited from transporting medication on the bus.
- The medication must be in the prescription bottle/vial clearly indicating the child's name, frequency, dosage and duration of the treatment.
- Medication that is ordered once, twice, or three times daily can be managed at home.
- Parents/guardians should report any changes in the course of treatment, as well as any change in their child's health, to the Health Office.

NO SMOKING POLICY

In accordance with Board of Education Policy, the Rocky Point UFSD is committed to educate pupils in proper health habits, and being cognizant of the medical hazards attendant to smoking of tobacco products, hereby prohibits smoking on any school property owned and/or operated by the Rocky Point UFSD. This prohibition extends to students, employees, visitors, guests and short-term workers. This prohibition against smoking includes all school buses, as well as all school-sponsored activities. For purposes of this policy, smoking means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other substance which contains tobacco.

SIMPLY STATED:

There is no smoking or vaping by anyone at any time on school property.

FEBRUARY 2024

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4	5 Budget Forum #1 HS Aud 6 PM Board of Education Mtg HS Aud 7 PM	6 Athletic Booster Club Mtg HS 7 PM	7 Friends of Music Mtg HS Chorus Room 3 PM	8 Health & Safety Committee Mtg DO Large Conf Room 3 PM	9	10 ACT Exam (Register by 1/5)
11	12	13	14 MS Shared Dec Mtg 2:15 PM JAE Shared Dec Mtg 2:45 PM FJC Shared Dec Mtg 3:30 PM	15 MS Poetry Slam 2:15 PM	16 MS Battle of the Grades	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29 HS Musical Production For Senior Citizens HS Aud 3:30 PM		March 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Rocky Point UFSD provides a free and appropriate public education to those students with disabilities through age 21. The Committee on Special Education (CSE), a multidisciplinary team, evaluates each student individually. It is their responsibility to develop an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) if the student is found to be disabled. A continuum of services is provided to meet the special needs of these students. Services may include related services, inclusion classes, resource room and/or self-contained classes. For further information, please call the Special Education Office at 631.849.7532.

If you suspect that your child has an educational disability and may need the provision of special education services and/or programs, you must notify in writing either the Special Education Office at 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road or your child's building principal. If you suspect that your preschool child has an educational disability and may need the provision of special education services and/or programs, you must notify in writing the Preschool Special Education Office at 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road or call 631.849.7560.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

The Rocky Point UFSD hereby gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The District further gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in admission or access to its programs and activities, including vocational education programs. No person shall be denied employment solely because of any physical, mental or medical impairment, which is unrelated to engage in the activities involved in the job for which application has been made. Inquiries concerning this policy may be referred to:

Andrea Moscatiello

Section 504 Coordinator
90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778
631.849.7549

REGISTRATION

New residents of the Rocky Point UFSD must register their school-aged children at Central Registration. Please call 631.849.7244 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM, Monday-Friday, to register.

Parents who suspect their preschool child may have a disability should contact the Special Education Department at 631.849.7560 for further information and assistance.

WITHDRAWAL

A student, including a home-schooled student who leaves the District for any reason, is required to complete a withdrawal form. Forms are available in the main office of each school building. The District is required to report enrollment and withdrawal data to the NYS Education Department.

2024-2025

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

To register for kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year, children must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2024. Registration is ongoing from January to May, by appointment only. An online preregistration form will be available on the District website after January 1, 2024. For additional information, call our Central Registration Office at 631.849.7244.

APPR DISCLOSURE

NYS law allows parents and legal guardians of a student to request the effectiveness scores and final ratings of teachers and principals to which the student is assigned for the current school year. Requests for this information can be made using the APPR Score/Ratings request form available for download on the home page of the District website under District Information.

This information may only be released to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received has been submitted by a parent or legal guardian. Please allow for a minimum of 10 school days for verification. Additionally, the information is intended only for the use of the requesting parent or legal guardian.

CHILD FIND

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Early Intervention Program (Part C) or Preschool Special Education (Part B/619) services of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This site offers information and resources related to the earliest possible identification of young children and their families who may benefit from early intervention or education services.

Child Find is a component of IDEA that requires states to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. The Child Find website is mainly focused on Part C of IDEA, the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. However, much of the information and many of the links listed on the Child Find website can be useful in conducting Child Find for all young children, not just Child Find for infants and toddlers. Visit www.childfindidea.org for more information.

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National School Breakfast Week						
10	11 First Day of JV/Varsity Spring Sports	12 Wellness Committee Mtg DO Large Conf Room 4 PM PTA Mtg MS Library 7 PM	13 MS Shared Dec Mtg 2:15 PM	14	15 JAE St. Patrick's Day Senior Citizen Breakfast 9-10:30 AM Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal	16
17	18 Budget Forum #3 HS Aud 6 PM Board of Education Mtg HS Aud 7 PM	19 HS Shared Dec Mtg 2:15 PM	20 FJC Shared Dec Mtg 3:30 PM JAE Shared Dec Mtg 2:45 PM JAE Family Folk Dancing Night JAE Old Gym 7 PM SERC Mtg MS Lib 7 PM	21 Night of Strings Concert 7 PM HS Aud	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	First Day of MS Spring Sports		End of Third Quarter Marking Period Gr 6-12	Holy Thursday School Closed	Good Friday School Closed	

COMMUNITY EDUCATION GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rocky Point Community Education Program is operated as a self-sustaining, nonprofit organization in the interest of serving the educational and enrichment goals of our District. Programs are offered in fall, spring and summer. The Office of Community Education is committed to answering any questions and to receiving suggestions for the growth and improvement of the District's programs. Interested persons are invited to write or call:

Rocky Point Community Education

82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778
631.849.7539

Director: Lisa Giammarella

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Application forms, rules and regulations are available at each school's main office and on the District website for community use of facilities. No group will be permitted to use the school facilities unless all requirements have been met and the completed application has been approved by the respective principal and the superintendent of schools.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Rocky Point UFSD carries liability insurance to cover accidents which may occur in school buildings or on school grounds. The District is not responsible for accidents which occur to school children off the school premises. The District is not responsible for supervision of school playgrounds after school hours.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

www.rockypointpta.com

The PTA is an advocacy group for children that helps to bring many programs to the Rocky Point School District. Please make every effort to attend at least one meeting. Meetings are held in the MS Library at 7 PM. Parents, guardians, teachers and community members are welcome.

PTA OFFICERS 2023-2024

President:	Natalie Cea
Treasurer:	Jason Ford
Corresponding Secretary:	Alana Lisa
Recording Secretary:	Cara Kazaks
FJC Vice President:	Colleen Van Horne
JAЕ Vice President:	Denise LaRosa
MS Vice President:	Elizabeth Drago
HS Vice President:	Shannon Kelsey

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Special Education Resource Committee (SERC) is a committee of the Rocky Point PTA. We are a group of families, teachers and administrators collaborating to help our children achieve their full potential. We host monthly meetings and speakers related to the education of students with disabilities. The meetings are open to all.

SERC meetings are held on the following Wednesdays in the MS Library at 7 PM:
9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 1/17, 3/20, 5/15

INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Rocky Point UFSD provides a nonduplicating student accident insurance policy containing a schedule of limitations for students engaged in school-sponsored and supervised activities through Bollinger, Inc. Because the policy is nonduplicating, as parents, you must first file a claim with your own personal insurance company before submitting a claim to the District's insurance carrier. After all benefits have been paid by your insurance company, the insurance coverage purchased by the Rocky Point UFSD can then be used to pay any remaining usual and customary charges covered up to the limits of the policy. Claims are subject to the terms and conditions of District policy. All injuries must be reported to the Nurse's Office or to the teachers or coaches so that accident reports can be filed with our insurance carrier on a timely basis.

Claim forms may be obtained in the Nurse's Office in each school building. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Nurse's Office in your child's school. You are urged to collect all medical bills and insurance statements regarding payments or rejections of benefits for each bill.

These must be submitted with a claim form and sent to:

Bollinger, Inc.
Claims Administrator
PO Box 1346
Morristown, NJ 07962
Phone 866.267.0092

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ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

All Rocky Point UFSD buildings were originally inspected for asbestos, as required by federal law, in 1988. This inspection resulted in the development of an Asbestos Management Plan, which was first implemented in 1989.

In its most recent reinspection, J. C. Broderick & Associates, Inc., noted that all Asbestos-Containing Building Materials located in the District's buildings appeared to be well cared for and in good condition.

Between required triennial inspections, additional surveillance by our plant facilities administrator has been conducted in January and July of each year. The results of these reviews, as well as the Asbestos Management Plan for each of our schools, are available for your inspection in the main office of each building and in the District Office during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you need additional information, please contact Paul Martinez, Asbestos Compliance Officer, at 631.849.7242.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN DRILL

According to the NYS Code of Rules and Regulations, school districts are required to conduct an emergency management plan drill, including sheltering and early dismissal. Rocky Point UFSD will test the effectiveness of our emergency management plan on:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Each student will be transported home 15 minutes earlier than usual.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

NYS Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the periodic and potential use of pesticides throughout the school year. NYS requires school districts to issue a notification 48 hours prior to each pesticide application during the course of the year to faculty, staff and parents who request such notification. If you would like to receive this notification, please send a written request with your name, address and phone number to:

Paul Martinez, Director of Facilities III
90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, NY 11778
631.849.7242

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test PSAT/NMSQT Exam Saturday, October 14, 2023

For additional information and to register online for SAT and American College Testing Program (ACT) exams, visit:
 SAT Program Tests: www.collegeboard.org ACT Program Tests: www.act.org

AP AND ACT EXAM SCHEDULES

Advanced Placement Program Examinations

Monday, May 6, 2024	U.S. Government and Politics (8 AM) Chemistry (12 PM)
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Microeconomics (8 AM) Statistics (12 PM)
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	English Literature and Composition (8 AM) Comparative Government and Politics (12 PM)
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Environmental Science (8 AM) Psychology (12 PM)
Friday, May 10, 2024	United States History (8 AM) Macroeconomics (12 PM)
Monday, May 13, 2024	Calculus AB (8 AM) Precalculus (12 PM)
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	English Language and Composition (8 AM)
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	World History (8 AM) Music Theory (12 PM)
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Spanish Language & Culture (8 AM) Biology (12 PM)
Friday, May 17, 2024	Physics 1 (8 AM)

National ACT Test Dates

September 9, 2023
 October 28, 2023
 December 9, 2023
 February 10, 2024
 April 13, 2024
 June 8, 2024

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BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

SHAKIA HALL
School Lunch Manager
631.849.7550

All schools in the Rocky Point UFSD have student cafeterias. Breakfast and hot lunch items are provided for all students at a nominal cost. Prices are available on the District's website.

Milk and other beverages are available for students who bring lunch prepared at home. Trained staff are responsible for the planning and preparation of the District's Breakfast/Lunch Program.

Students may also purchase lunch items on an a la carte basis. Rocky Point participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, which includes provisions for free or reduced-price meals for eligible students.

A new meal application must be submitted each school year. The previous year's benefits expire after October 19, 24. Therefore, a new meal application is to be on file by October 19, 2024. Meal applications are accepted throughout the school year.

Forms and eligibility information for this program are available in each school building, on the District website and in the Child Nutrition Office located in the High School Cafeteria. Please call the Child Nutrition Office at 631.849.7531.

The monthly breakfast and lunch menus, detailing each day's meal offerings in the school cafeterias, can be found on the District's website under the Lunch Menus and Child Nutrition tab. Meal pricing, links and other Child Nutrition information can be found there as well.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Parents and eligible students have the following rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA):

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational record.
2. The right to exercise a limited control of other people's access to the student's records.
3. The right to seek to correct the student's record if believed to be in error.
4. The right to report violations of FERPA to the appropriate federal agency.
5. The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

All rights and protections given to parents under FERPA and the procedure transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or enrolls in postsecondary school.

The student then becomes an "eligible student." The following information is designated as student directory information: student's name, address, date of birth, grade level, extracurricular participation, awards and honors, photograph, height and weight (if a member of an athletic team), previous school attended and parent's or guardian's name. Directory information may be disclosed without prior written consent.

Parents or eligible students will have two weeks from the beginning of the school year or date a student enrolls to advise the District, in writing, of any and all items they refuse the District to designate as directory information for the balance of the school year.

These guidelines are available for review in the Superintendent's Office. Copies will be provided upon written request and payment of a fee of 25 cents per page per copy.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 807-A of the Education Law, Fire Inspections, notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2023-2024 of the school buildings of the Rocky Point UFSD, for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed.

The report thereof is available at the District Office of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, at 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, for inspection by all interested persons. Please call 631.849.7240.

TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL NOTICE

The District will collaborate with parents and other family members to help students participating in Title I programs reach their full academic potential and to improve the District's overall academic quality. As part of its collaboration, the District will conduct outreach; plan and implement programs, activities, and procedures for parent and family member engagement; and consult meaningfully with parents and family members. In carrying out the parent and family member engagement requirements, the District and its schools, to the extent practicable, will provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language they understand.

The form/procedure for filing complaints/appeals is available for download on the District website under District Documents. For more information, contact Dr. Aaron Factor, Executive Director of Curriculum, Technology & Innovation at 631.849.7080.

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9	10 Board of Education Mtg HS Aud 7 PM	11 JAE Field Day Grade 5	12 JAE Field Day Grade 4	13 JAE Field Day Grade 3 HS/MS Last Day of Classes	14 JAE Field Day Rain Date PTA Second Grade Dance HS Regents Exams	15
16	17 End of Fourth Quarter Marking Per Gr 6-12	18 FJC Gr 2 Moving Up Ceremony FJC Back Field 10:30 AM	19 Juneteenth School Closed	20	21 FJC/JAE End of Third Trimester Marking Period JAE Gr 5 Moving Up Ceremony 10 AM	22
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23	24 K-5 1/2 Day HS Senior Prom PTA 5th Grade Party HS Regents Exams	25 K-5 1/2 Day MS Last Day of School MS Gr 8 Moving Up Ceremony 11 AM	26 K-5 1/2 Day Last Day of School Report Cards Posted K-12 HS Graduation Track 6 PM	27 Summer Program Registration	28	29

TITLE IX

The Rocky Point UFSD, 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, NY, does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates, and it is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 not to discriminate in such manner. This policy of nondiscrimination includes the following areas: recruitment and appointment of employees; employment pay and benefits; counseling services for students; access by students to educational programs; course offerings and student activities. The Rocky Point UFSD complies with both state and federal regulations and laws with regard to sexual harassment in the school and workplace.

Policies regarding this issue are on file in District Office. Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Dr. Aaron Factor, Executive Director of Curriculum, Technology & Innovation; Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent; and the District's General Counsel have been named the Complaint Officers for the 2023-2024 school year. The Complaint Officers will provide information, including complaint procedures, to any student or employee who feels that his or her rights under Title IX may have been violated by the District.

PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW Sex Offender Email Alert Program

(Nassau and Suffolk Only)

Parents For Megan's Law will actively notify you by e-mail each time we are notified by either the Suffolk or Nassau County Police Departments (New York) of a moderate- or high-risk sex offender. You must download a form by visiting:

www.parentsformeganslaw.com
and mail it to:

Parents for Megan's Law
P.O. Box 145
Stony Brook, New York 11790
OR call its helpline at 631.689.2672
to have a form mailed or faxed to you.

NEW YORK STATE DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010. The goal of DASA is to create a safe and supportive climate where students can learn and focus rather than fear being discriminated against verbally or electronically, and/or physically harassed. All public school students have the right to attend school in a safe, welcoming, considerate and caring environment. To this end, the Rocky Point learning community has implemented character education and antibullying programs into the curriculum in grades K-12. This method enables our students to learn, from an early age, appropriate and proper behaviors toward themselves and others. Students learn to become "other-centered" rather than "self-centered" through their experiences with the various programs in place.

These programs have been selected to provide a variety of ways of growing and developing tolerant and accepting students. The integration of character education and antibullying programs into the regular curriculum is the key to helping our students become aware of proper behaviors and attitudes. Our overall goal is to have all students recognize that their words and actions have consequences, be they positive or negative. Through our ongoing efforts, we are preparing our students to be better people in our community and in society. We are all responsible.

If a student has DASA-related issues, the building principal should be contacted.

WORKING PAPERS

In New York State anyone under 18 (minors) must show an employment certificate before they may begin work.

WHERE DO I GET MY WORKING PAPERS AND WHAT DO I NEED TO GET THEM?

Below are the steps you will need to take to get your working papers:

1. Visit the High School Guidance Office and ask for a working papers application.
2. Fill out the application and have your parent or guardian sign the application.
3. When you have filled out the working papers application and had your parent or guardian sign it, you return it to the Guidance Office.
4. Proof of age, such as your birth certificate, a state-issued photo ID, driver's license or passport.
5. A physical exam is required within the last 12 months saying you are physically fit.
 - A physical given at a school for sports will count for your physical exam.
 - If you are not sure where you can get a physical, ask your guidance counselor or call your doctor.

Visit <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/> for additional information.

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OVERVIEW OF ROCKY POINT UFSD COMPREHENSIVE ATTENDANCE POLICY

*Please go to the Rocky Point UFSD website
to review a full copy of the attendance policy.*

The purpose of Rocky Point UFSD Attendance Policy is to ensure the maintenance of an adequate record of verifying the attendance of all children during days of instruction and to establish a mechanism by which the patterns of pupil absence can be examined to develop effective intervention strategies.

The Record of Attendance - General Procedures

Each absence, lateness and early dismissal will be recorded as excused or unexcused along with a code noting the specific reason for absence. Excused absences are defined as: an absence due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs or military obligations. All other absences, lateness or early dismissal will be considered unexcused.

On the secondary level, grades 6-12, attendance will be taken during each class period and compiled in a central location within each school. This will be accomplished using the eSchool Program and classroom computers throughout each secondary building. On the elementary level (grades K-5), attendance will be taken on a subject-by-subject basis during each assigned period. The teacher or adult supervisor in-charge will know the whereabouts of each child throughout the day. Any absence, lateness or early dismissal must be accounted for. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school within 24 hours of the absence AND to provide a written excuse upon the student's return to school. The written note should include the student's name, date of absence, reason for absence and parent's signature.

Minimum Attendance Requirements for Grade K-5 Students

The elementary school's attendance requirement is consistent with the District's attendance policy. All students must attend class a minimum of 85% of the time. This shall apply to all students in grades K-5. The school staff will discuss the importance of school attendance and offer assistance to parents and guardians of students who are excessively absent.

Notification Sequence

- As soon as possible after the 10th day of absence and/or tardiness, the school administration shall send written notification of the number of absences to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) as a reminder of the importance of regular attendance.
- As soon as possible after the 20th day of absence and/or tardiness, the school administration shall send written notification of the number of absences to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) expressing concern about the impact of excessive absences on the student's education and requesting a conference.

- As soon as possible after the 25th day of absence and/or tardiness, the school administration shall arrange for a conference with the parent(s) or guardian(s) and shall consider contacting outside agencies to protect the interest of the child.

Consequences of Excessive Absenteeism - Elementary Level

- A doctor's note may be required.
- A child must demonstrate competence for promotion to next grade level by performance on the District's standardized tests.
- Referrals will be made to outside agencies for additional support towards attendance problem.

Minimum Attendance Requirements for Grades 6-8

The middle school attendance requirement is consistent with the District's attendance policy. All students must attend each class a minimum of 85% of the time. This shall apply to all students in grades 6-8, unless otherwise stated on a classified student's Individual Educational Plan or 504 Plan. Eighth grade students taking courses for high school credit must maintain the minimum attendance requirements for students in grades 9-12 listed below. The following notification of absences apply for all middle school students.

Notification Sequence

- After 5th absence:** Main office notification letter sent home.
- After 10th absence:** Letter and phone call requesting parental meeting with guidance counselor.
- After 15th absence:** Letter and phone call requiring parental meeting with assistant principal.
- After 20th absence:** Require meeting with principal. Require medical documentation. PINS consideration and/or outside agency consideration if no medical documentation provided.
- After 25th absence:** Require meeting with principal. PINS consideration if no medical documentation provided. Outside agency contacted if no medical documentation provided.
- After 28th absence:** PINS and outside agency may be contacted. Student will lose credit in credit-bearing course. Principal's decision on retention regardless of academic standing.

Minimum Attendance Requirements for Grades 9-12

The high school attendance requirement states, in part, that to be granted academic credit for any course, a student must earn a passing grade in the course and attend each class a minimum of 85% of the time.

Students will not receive course credit if absent more than:

- Full-year course: 28 days.
- Full-year, alternating-day course: 14 days.
- Half-year course: 14 days.

Applicability

- This policy shall apply to students in grades 9-12 and for accelerated eighth grade students enrolled in courses where they earn high school credit.

- This policy shall apply to each course independently.
- This policy shall apply to students with a handicapping condition unless otherwise noted in their Individualized Education Program or 504 Plan.
- Students attending classes at other facilities, such as a BOCES center, shall be subject to the attendance policies at those facilities. In addition, this policy shall apply for the portions of the student's program for which they are enrolled at Rocky Point High School.
- New students to the high school, who enroll after the first semester, shall be entitled to half the number of allowable absences for each scheduled course.
- Students who transfer from one class to another during the school year will have their class attendance transferred to the new class.

Absences

All absences from class will be covered by this policy. No distinction will be made between the classification of excused or unexcused when determining the total number of days absent from each course.

- Students who are absent from class for more than 20 minutes shall be considered absent.
- Students shall not be considered absent when they are authorized by school officials to be somewhere other than in their regularly scheduled class. For example, if school personnel expects a student to report elsewhere during his/her regularly scheduled class time for such activities as meetings, conferences with school personnel, testing, physical exams, music lessons or field trips, the student shall not be considered absent. It is the responsibility of the student and/or the designated staff member to provide the teacher with written documentation to attend these sessions before the student is permitted to leave the class.
- An absence resulting from the student being assigned to alternate learning placement WILL NOT COUNT as an absence.
- Students who, for any reason, are removed from the regular attendance register and placed on homebound instruction SHALL NOT BE considered absent from their regular classes during that time.

Notification Sequence

The following refers to the notification process pertaining to the number of absences in a single course. A student may be notified several different times if excessive absences exist in more than one class. As soon as possible after the 14th, 21st, and 28th absences from a full-year course, the high school administration shall send written notification to the student's parent(s) and guidance counselor. Similarly, as soon as possible after the 6th, 10th, and 14th absence from a half-year course, or a full-year, alternating-day course, the high school administration shall send written notification to the student's parent(s) and guidance counselor.

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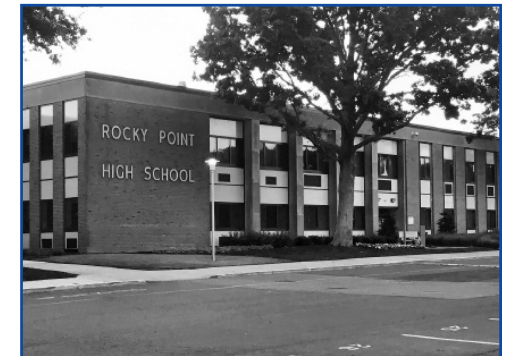
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