Iroquois Central Schools

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Iroquois Mascot and Logo Information

The Iroquois Central School District has always felt honored to have the Chief as the mascot. Honoring and respecting this privilege is and has been a core value of Iroquois students and the community. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) proposed and adopted regulations in May of 2023 that impact all schools in New York State. NYSED's regulation now requires the retirement of the "use of Indigenous names, mascots, and logos by public schools." This **DOES NOT** impact the use of "Iroquois" but does require us to select a new mascot and logo. This selection will be accomplished in the same way the original mascot was selected: soliciting ideas from students, parents, community and staff and then allowing these stakeholders to select their top choice through voting.

The selection process will begin with an informational period during the month of September including how to submit ideas. Iroquois will be accepting mascot ideas during October from students, parents, community members and staff. It is important to note that it will only be the *mascot* and not the *logo* at this time. The reason for this is once the mascot is selected, the focus will be on a single mascot logo design which will create a richer, more diverse selection for the new logo. During November and December there will be two voting periods. A committee will select the top 25 submissions; that will be reduced to five through a community vote. The second round of voting will be choosing the final mascot from the top five. The permanent mascot will be determined by the end of December.

The logo selection process will begin in January using the same method: accepting ideas, top 25 submissions selected by the committee, the top five by vote, and then a final vote to select the logo. All voting will be electronic. However, if you need an alternative method, you can contact our District office.

A student committee has established the following non-negotiables for the new mascot: the mascot must be appropriate and a single logo design for consistency, the mascot is not a duplicate of another mascot in WNY, and the colors must remain the same. The committee will review submissions to make sure these criteria are met. If you wish to be part of this committee, please contact the Iroquois Central Office at 716-652-3000 ext. 1001 or email nspecht@iroquoiscsd.org.

Iroquois at its core has always honored and respected being a Chief and it is this honor and respect that will guide us in selecting a mascot. Together the students, community and staff will move forward collaboratively with the exciting prospect of a new mascot. The goal is to start the 2024-25 school year at Iroquois with a proud new tradition.

All the information for this transition can be found using the mascot link on the District website homepage (www.iroquoiscsd.org) or the OR code at right.



~Douglas R. Scofield Superintendent of Schools

Community Communication

Communication is an integral piece of Iroquois' Strategic Plan. If you are an individual that does not currently have students in the District and wish to receive accurate, timely and meaningful communication please sign up for the Iroquois Mass Notification for community members. The message will include, but is not limited to: messages from the Superintendent, budget information, performing arts performances, sporting events, opportunities to be on committees and major changes within the District. To register, please click on the link for Mass Notification Registration on the District website homepage (www.iroquoiscsd.org).

By default, the "Iroquois Central School District" box is already checked on the registration page, however you may select other specific buildings from the list to receive notifications. You may provide just an email or an email and a phone number but be advised that most messages are being sent by email and text only. Phone calls are limited to emergency or time-sensitive messages.

If you are a staff member or the parent of a child in the district, then you should be already receiving communication and do not need to sign up again.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Iroquois Central School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.80; lunch costs: Grades K-4, \$2.75, and Grades 5-12, \$3.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete one <u>Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals</u> to apply for free or reduced-price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. Return the completed application to <u>your child's school</u>, or mail to: ICSD Business Office; 2111 Girdle Rd., Elma, NY 14059.
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?
 - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the <u>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations</u> (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.

Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.

Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility
Guidelines. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.
Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

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2023-2024 REDUCED-PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
Total Household 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

3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Christian Hershey at (716) 652-3000 ext. 1301 or chershey@iroquoiscsd.org, to see if they qualify.

- 5. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at (716) 652-3000 ext. 1201 if you have questions.
- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- 7. I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals.
- 8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Douglas Scofield, Superintendent; Iroquois Central School District; P.O. Box 32, Elma, NY 14059; (716) 652-3000 ext. 1001.
- 11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- 12. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 13. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

How to Apply: To get free or reduced-price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, following the instructions on the form, for your household and **return it to the designated office listed on the application**. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the FDPIR, the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member.

Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.

No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

- If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income for each household member, how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.
- An application for free and reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

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

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

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced-price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA. The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/ quardian.

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

If you have other questions or need help, call Maria Perry at (716) 652-3000 ext. 1201.

Sincerely,

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Douglas R. Scofield Superintendent

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

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

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

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

mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or **email:**

program.intake@usda.gov

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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

<u>SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number:</u> This must be the <u>complete</u> valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers <u>and</u> letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

<u>Foster Child:</u> A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the <u>personal</u> use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are <u>not</u> considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

<u>Financially Independent:</u> A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/house-hold when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

<u>Current Gross Income</u>: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household <u>before deductions</u>. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income gross sales minus expenses only not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

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

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Maria Perry Title: Administrative Assistant

Telephone Number: (716) 652-3000 ext. 1201

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete <u>only one application</u> for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to school.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 652-3000 ext. 1202. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

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

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

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

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mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email:

program.intake@usda.gov

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Our Literacy and Social Emotional Learning Continues

The thought of summer often brings about images of the beach, relaxation and a slower pace of life. However, the Iroquois teachers and administrators have taken a different approach to the summer months, with most participating in professional learning and curriculum development. Our focus this summer is in two key areas, literacy and social and emotional learning.



Recent national news highlights the lack of student academic growth, specifically the ability to read and comprehend. This year, faculty and administration determined that the way we teach students how to read must follow a structured, scientifically based approach. To accomplish this, we partnered with The Reading League to learn how to explicitly teach our students to read using research that has been put into practice.

Beginning this summer and continuing throughout this year, every K-5 teacher and administrator will receive instruction in the key areas of phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, morphology and writing. Having a common understanding of how to teach these areas will calibrate our instruction and help us identify resources to be used to reach our goal, every student being able to read and comprehend.

Changing times, compounded by the effects of the pandemic continue to negatively impact our students. To support our social workers, counselors, faculty and administrators to best serve our students social and emotional needs, we also partnered with the Institute for Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care through the University of Buffalo and the Erie County Restorative Justice Council.

These two organizations serve an important purpose. First, in helping us to identify the many ways trauma can affect our students academic, mental and physical health. Our partnership will allow our professionals to develop their skills to better support our students and their families, including how to access help beyond our community, if needed. Using restorative practices helps to build a sense of community within a classroom and a building. Implementing the skills learned allows students to connect with their peers and adults in a manner that respects all.

We are very thankful for the Board of Education and community support for our endeavors. Teamwork is vital as we strive to provide the best educational experience for the students of this community.

by MaryJo Dudek, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent

Bus App to Track Your Child's Bus

Versatrans "My Stop" by Tyler Technologies is available to all Iroquois students and parents. With this application, you will be able to access your child's bus information relating to present position and estimated time of arrival. This will be available only for the student's morning and afternoon transportation. This service will not provide information on exam bus-



es, early dismissals, field or athletic trips. Circumstances out of the district's control (weather, breakdowns, spare buses, absent children, etc.) may lead to inaccurate or no information on the My Stop App, so please remember this should only be used as a tool to assist you in addition to your current practices.

The application can be downloaded for free on either **Google Play** or **App Store.** The user ID number is your child's student number and the password is your child's date of birth in this format: "MMDDYYYY" (always an 8-digit number).

Important Points to remember:

- The application is only available for morning and afternoon regularly scheduled bus runs.
- The estimated time of arrival is an estimate and is consistently updated.
- Please have your child ready for pickup 5 minutes before the estimated arrival time.
- Do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Dept. at 716-652-5130 if you have any additional questions.



2023-2024 A.M. IN-DISTRICT BUS ROUTES

	Buses	Start	Student	Buses
	Unload	Time	Dismiss	Depart
High School	7:26	7:45	2:36	2:45
Middle School	7:26	7:40	2:36	2:45
Wales (K-4)	8:40	8:50	3:30	3:35
Elma (K-4)	8:40	8:50	3:30	3:35
Marilla (K-4)	8:40	8:50	3:30	3:35

During the first few days of school, the student pick up times will vary somewhat as drivers and students adjust to new routes. Routes are subject to change when adjustments are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 652-3000, ext. 8001 or 652-5130.

ALL ROUTES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GRADES 5-12 TRANSPORTATION WALES AREA TO GIRDLE RD CAMPUS

Route #1H

Start on Rt. 78 at Rt. 20A Approx. Time 6:35 AM

S. side of Rt. 78 bet. 20A & E. Creek E. Creek bet. Rt. 78 & Warner Hill

Wales Creek

Warner Hill bet. E. Creek & Mer-

lau

Maple Hill, Merlau

N. side of Rt. 78 bet Hunters Creek & Rt. 20A

Two Rod bet. Rt. 20A & Liberia

E. side of Two Rod bet. Liberia & Jamison

Route #2H

Start on Hunters Creek at Rt. 20A Approx. Time 6:35 AM

Hunters Creek bet. Rt. 20A & Centerline Centerline bet. Hunters Creek & Rt. 78 S. side of Rt. 78 bet. East Creek & dist. line

N. side Rt. 78 bet. dist. line & Hunters Creek

Route #3H

Start on Centerline at Reiter Approx. Time 6:35 AM

South of 20A bet Dist. Line & Reiter

Centerline bet. Dist. Line & Hunters Creek

Vermont Hill

Warner Hill bet. E.A. dist. line & Merlau Hunters Creek bet. Warner Hill & Centerline

Reiter bet. Centerline & 20A

N. side Rt. 20A bet. Cook & EA dist. Line

Route #4H

Start on Rt. 20A at Two Rod Approx. Time 6:35 AM

S. side of Rt. 20A bet. Two Rod & E. Blood Old Big Tree, Woods, Schang, Woodchuck

N. side of Rt. 20A bet. Wyo. Dist. line & Woodchuck

Watters at corner Rt. 20A

Route #5H

Start on Rt. 20A at Reiter Approx. Time 6:40 AM

S. side of Rt. 20A bet. Reiter & Two Rod

N. side Rt. 20A bet Woodchuck & Cook

Cook, Lapham

Reiter bet. 20A & Porterville

Porterville bet. Reiter and W. Blood

W. Blood bet. Porterville & Girdle

Route #6H

Start on Old Big Tree at Rt. 20A

Approx. Time 6:35 AM

Old Big Tree

E. Blood bet. Rt. 20A & Liberia

Bear, Liberia

Four Rod bet. Liberia & Valley

Valley, Creekridge

GRADES 5-12 TRANSPORTATION MARILLA AREA TO GIRDLE ROAD CAMPUS

Route #7H

Start on Williston at Three Rod

Approx. Time 6:35 AM

Williston bet. Three Rod & Wyo. Co. line

Marion La.

Eastwood

E. Blood bet. Wyo. Co. line & Liberia

Three Rod bet Liberia & Williston

East bet. Four Rod & Shannon

West

Route #8H

Start on Townline at Bullis

Approx. Time 6:50 AM

Townline bet. Bullis and Coleman

Coleman

Two Rod bet. Coleman & Whitetail

Whitetail, Fawn at corner of Whitetail

Timberline

Tomarsue, Hi View, Suemartom, Pineview

W. side Two Rod bet. Renee &

Stolle

Stolle bet. Two Rod & Eldridge

Eldridge, Sunrise

Route #9H

Start on Two Rod at Whitetail
Approx. Time 6:50 AM
W. side of Two Rod bet. Whitetail & Renee
Renee
Williston bet. Two Rod & Four Rod
Williston Hts.
Four Rod bet. Williston & Valley
Parker
Two Rod bet. Parker & Whitetail
East bet. Two Rod & Shannon

Route #10H

Start on Four Rod at Rt. 20A Approx. Time 6:50 AM Four Rod bet Rt. 20A & Liberia Jamison bet. Two Rod & Girdle Pinewood Trail Ostrander bet. W. Blood & Jamison Kalla La

Shannon, St Charles Place

Route #11H

Start on Timothy at Two Rod Approx. Time 6:55 AM Timothy, Meadowvale Porterville Hill, Woodbrook Winchester, Westview at corner of Winchester Porterville bet. Two Rod & Hemstreet Hemstreet Kettle Run

Route #12H

Start on Bullis at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:35 AM
Bullis bet. Girdle & Three Rod
Shearing
Three Rod bet. Bullis & Williston
Williston bet. Three Rod & Four Rod
Four Rod bet. Williston & Anne
Anne, S. Anne (at corner of Anne)
Greenwood



GRADES 5-12 TRANSPORTATION ELMA AREA TO GIRDLE RD CAMPUS

Route #13H

Start on Stolle at Bullis Approx. Time 6:55 AM Stolle bet. Bullis & Eldridge Terrace, Creek Ostrander bet. Jamison & Griffin Griffin, Valley View, Hickory Hill, Hillside

Route #14H

Start on Jamison at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:35 AM
Jamison bet Girdle and Seneca
Old Jamison
West Blood bet. Seneca & Bowen
Bowen bet. W. Blood & E.A. dist. line
Billington bet. Maple & Seneca
Caroline

Route #15H

Start on N. Star at Seneca Approx. Time 6:40 AM N. Star, Bartlett, South, N. Davis Cragburn area at N. Davis entrance Henry, Woodland Ridge, Sullivan Seneca bet. Rice & EA dist. Line

Route #16H

Start on Rice at Girdle Approx. Time 6:35 AM Rice bet. Girdle & Seneca Springbrook Shores at corner of Rice Dellwood, Clover Lane, Meadowbrook Stoneridge, Pinegrove

Route #17H

Start on Bullis at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:40 AM
Bullis bet. Girdle & Transit Rd.
East Center
New Bullis, S. Blossom
Transit bet. Bullis & Main
Main bet. Transit & N. Blossom
N. Blossom
Beech at corner of Bullis
Hessland
June, Woodside, May

Route #18H

Start on Pound at Seneca Approx. Time 6:45 AM Pound, Old Pound Winspear bet. Bullis & Clinton Oakgrove Ct., Buffalo Creek, Douglas, Knabb, Handy

Route #19H

Start on Clinton at Schwartz
Approx. Time 6:40 AM
N. side of Clinton bet. Schwartz & Bowen
Clinton Hts., Midway, Carol Lane
Bowen bet. Clinton & Hall
Chestnut Corner, Parliament
Hall from west end to Schwartz
W. side of Schwartz bet. Hall & Clinton
Girdle bet. Clinton & Woodard
Roycroft

Route #20H

Start on Bowen at Bullis
Approx. Time 6:40 AM
Bowen bet. Bullis & Clinton
N. side Clinton bet. Bowen & N. Blossom
S. side of Clinton bet. Transit & Bowen
Cemetery at corner of Bowen
Briggswood, Jackman, Clark
Gaylord, Bridle

Route #21H

Start on Maple at West Blood Approx. Time 6:50 AM Maple bet. West Blood & Jamison Shultz Woodard bet. Girdle & Oaknoll Dorris, Oaknoll, Hilltop, Sigman Highland (off Rice)

Route #22H

Start on Schwartz at Clinton
Approx. Time 6:40 AM
East side of Schwartz bet. Clinton & Hall
Schwartz bet Hall & Lancaster Dist. Line
Hall bet. Schwartz & Ransom Rd.
Ransom
Townline bet. dist. line & Clinton
Easy, Fernott, Tiffany
N. side of Clinton bet. Townline & Girdle
Deercrest, Stolle bet. Clinton & Bullis
Nanette (at corner), Hidden Valley

Route #23H

Start on Seneca at Rice Approx. Time 6:40 AM E. side of Seneca bet Rice & Transit Northrup, Boll, Kinsley, Old Transit Transit bet. Old Transit & Seneca W. side of Seneca bet. Transit & Rice King, Winona, S. Blossom, Queensway, Strief

Route #24H

Start on West Blood at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:45 AM
W. Blood bet. Girdle & Bowen
Maple bet. West Blood & EA dist. Line
Colony, Highland, Meadow
Billington bet. RR tracks & Maple
Golfview at corner
Bowen bet. W. Blood & Bullis
Elderberry, Geyer, Under the Apple Tree (UTAT)
Imagination Station, Finnegan
Pond Brook @ corner of Bowen
Pearl Terrace

Route #25H

Start on Girdle at Iroquois Campus Approx. Time 6:45 AM. Girdle bet Campus & EA dist. Line. Summerdale, Esther, Billington Hts. Pleasantview, Tracy Rolling Green, Elma Meadow Hunter, Fairway

Route #26H

Start on Chairfactory at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:45 AM.
Chairfactory
Timberline, Crimson, Treehaven
West, South, East Jerge.
S. side of Clinton bet. Bowen & Townline Rd.
W. side of Townline bet. Clinton & Coleman



GRADES K-4 WALES PRIMARY & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Route #1WA

Start on Girdle @ Jamison
Approx. Time 7:45 AM
Girdle bet. Jamison & W. Blood
W. Blood bet. Girdle & Ostrander
Ostrander bet. W. Blood & Jamison
Kalla
Jamison bet. Ostrander & Two Rod
Pinewood Trail
Two Rod bet. Jamison & Porterville
Timothy, Meadowvale, Porterville Hill
Liberia bet. Two Rod & Four Rod
Four Rod bet. Liberia & Rt. 20A
S. side 20A bet. Four Rod & dist. Line
N. side 20A bet dist. Line & Two Rod

Route #2 WA

Start on Liberia at Four Rod Approx. Time 7:50 AM Liberia bet. Four Rod & East Blood East Creek, Wales Creek, Centerline bet. Wales Creek & Merlau Warner Hill between East Creek & Merlau Maple Hill, Merlau

Route #3 WA

Start on Centerline at EA dist. line Approx. Time 7:45 AM Centerline bet dist. line & Merlau Reiter bet. Centerline & Lapham Vermont Hill Warner Hill bet. Holland dist. line & Merlau Hunters Creek bet. Warner Hill & Rt. 78

Route #4 WA

Start on Hemstreet at Jamison
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
Hemstreet, Kettle Run
Wish Circle (MHP)
Hillside Estates (MHP)
Porterville bet. Hemstreet & Two Rod
Winchester, Westview, Woodbrook
N. side of Rt. 20A bet. Rt. 78 & Cook
Cook, Lapham,
Reiter bet. Lapham & Rt. 20A
S. side of Rt. 20A bet. Cook & Hunters Creek
Hunters Creek bet. Rt. 20A & Rt. 78

Route #5 WA

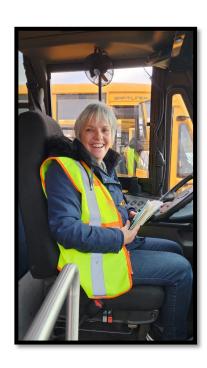
Approx. Time 7:50 AM Imagination Station Under the Apple Tree Day Care Two Rod bet. Liberia & 20A Rt. 78 bet. 20A & dist. line Woodchuck

Route #6 WA

Start on W. Blood at Bowen
Approx. Time 7:50 AM
W. Blood bet. Bowen & Porterville
Maple bet. W. Blood & E.A. dist. line
Colony, Highland, Meadow, Golfview at corner
Billington bet. Billington Hts. & Bowen
Summerdale, Tracy, Esther
Billington Hts., Pleasantview
Girdle bet. W. Blood & E.A. dist. line
Porterville bet. West Blood & Reiter
Reiter bet Porterville & 20A

Route #7 WA

Start on Eastwood at Williston Approx. Time 7:40 AM Mom's Helping Hands (Daycare) Eastwood, East Blood, Bear, Old Big Tree, Woods, Shang



GRADES K-4 MARILLA PRIMARY

Route #1MA

Start on Eastwood at dist. line
Approx. Time 7:45 AM
Eastwood bet. dist. line & Williston.
Williston bet. Four Rod & Wyo. Co. line
Marion Lane
Three Rod bet. Bullis & Liberia
Four Rod bet. Liberia & Williston
Valley Lane, Creekridge
Bullis bet. Three Rod & Marilla Primary

Route #2 MA

Start on Two Rod at Jamison
Approx. Time 8:00 AM
Two Rod bet. Jamison & Williston
Williston bet. Two Rod & Four Rod
Williston Hts,. Parker
Williston Hts. Ct. (at corner of Williston Hts.)
Four Rod bet. Williston & Anne
Anne, S. Anne
East Ave. bet. Four Rod & Two Rod
Mom's Helping Hands Day Care
St Charles Place, Shannon, West
Two Rod bet. Bullis & Clinton

Route #3 MA

Start on Caroline Ln. at Girdle
Approx. Time 7:50 AM
Caroline Ln., Griffin Ln., Huntington Ct.
Ostrander bet. Griffin & Jamison
N. Side Jamison bet Ostrander & Hickory Hill
Hillside, Hickory Hill, Valleyview
Eldridge bet. Jamison & Stolle, Sunrise
Stolle bet. Eldridge & Two Rod
Two Rod bet. Williston & Bullis
Renee, Whitetail, Fawn, Timberline
Tomarsue, Suemartom, High View, Pine View

Route #4 MA

Start at Imagination Station Day Care Approx. Time 7:50 AM Imagination Station Under the Apple Tree Jamison bet. Girdle & Creek Creek Stolle bet. Creek & Bullis Terrace S. side Clinton bet. Girdle & Townline Townline bet. Clinton & Coleman

Route #5 MA

Start on Clinton at Bowen
Approx. Time 7:45 AM
S. side Clinton bet. Bowen & Girdle
E. side Schwartz bet. Girdle & Hall
Hall bet. Schwartz & Ransom
Ransom
Townline bet. Dist. Line & Clinton
Fernot, Tiffany, Easy
N. side Clinton bet. Townline & Stolle
Stolle bet Clinton & Bullis
Nanette, Hidden Valley
Townline bet. Bullis & Coleman
Coleman

Route #6 MA

Start on Clinton at Girdle
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
N. side Clinton bet. Girdle & Bowen
Carol, Midway, Clinton Hts.
Bowen bet. Clinton & Hall
Chestnut, Parliament
Hall bet West end & Schwartz
Schwartz bet Hall & Dist. Line
W. side Schwartz bet Hall & Clinton
Girdle bet. Clinton & Buffalo Creek Bridge
Roycroft
Bullis Rd. bet Girdle & Marilla Primary
Greenwood Terr., Shearing

GRADES K-4 ELMA PRIMARY & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Route #1 EA

Start on Bowen at Bullis
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
Bowen bet. Bullis & Clinton
Clinton bet. Bowen & Transit
Handy, Knabb
Winspear bet. Clinton & Buffalo Creek
Buffalo Creek, Douglas
Cemetery at corner of Bowen
Briggswood, Jackman, Clark



Route #2 EA

Start on Rice at Girdle
Approx. Time 8:00 AM
Rice bet. Girdle & Schultz
Kirkwood
Schultz bet. Rice & Woodard, Pearl Terr.
S. side of Bullis between Pearl Terr. & Girdle
Girdle bet. Bullis & Woodard
Woodard, Dorris, Oaknoll
Hilltop, Sigman, Highland (off Rice Rd.)

Route #3 EA

Start on Bowen at Rice Approx. Time 8:10 AM Bowen bet. Rice & W. Blood Under the Apple Tree Day Care Maple bet. W. Blood & Jamison Schultz bet. Jamison & Rice Rice bet Bowen & Elma Primary

Route #4 EA

Start on Girdle at Woodard
Approx. Time 7:50 AM
Girdle bet. Woodard & Jamison
Jamison bet. Girdle & Seneca, Old Jamison
W. side of Seneca bet. N. Star & EA dist. line
Billington Rd. bet. Seneca & Bowen
W. Blood bet. Bowen & Seneca
Bowen bet. E.A. dist. line & W. Blood
E. side of Seneca bet. E.A. dist. line & Rice

Route #5 EA

Start on Rolling Green at Girdle
Approx. Time 7:45 AM
Rolling Green, Fairway, Elma Meadow, Hunter Ct.
Rice bet. Schultz and Bowen
N. side of Rice bet. Elma Primary & Seneca
W. side of Seneca bet. Rice & N. Star
N. Star, Bartlett, South, N. Davis
Carnoustie at entrance of Cragburn Estates
Henry, Woodland Ridge, Sullivan
S. side of Rice bet. Seneca & Elma Primary
Dellwood, Clover

Route #6 EA

Start on South Blossom at New Bullis Approx. Time 7:55 AM South Blossom, New Bullis, Pound, Old Pound Northrup, Boll, Kinsley Transit bet. Willardshire & Seneca W. side of Seneca bet. Transit & Rice Streif, King, Queensway, Winona, Discovery Days Day Care, S. Blossom

Route #7 EA

Start on. Chairfactory at Bowen
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
Chairfactory
East, South, West Jerge
Treehaven, Crimson, Timberline
Girdle bet. Buffalo Creek bridge & Bullis
Bullis bet. Girdle & Bowen
May, Woodside, June
Bowen bet. Bullis & Rice
Finnegan, Imagination Station, Geyer, Elderberry
Stoneridge, Pinegrove, Meadowbrook

Route #8 EA

Start on Bullis at Bowen Approx. Time 7:50 AM Bullis bet. Bowen & Transit Winspear bet. Bullis & Buffalo Creek Oakgrove Transit bet. Bullis & Main E. Center, N. Blossom, Main Beech at corner of Bullis Hessland, Gaylord, Bridle



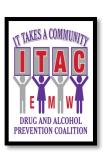
ITAC - It Takes A Community Help Lead the Way!

ITAC should represent as a whole - a community who can support you, and who can help you out. [Young people] just need to turn to them, ask for them... just raise your voice."

- Veljko Rakic, ITAC Youth Ambassador of the Year, 2022 ITAC stands for "It Takes A Community."

Our mission is to increase awareness of and reduce youth substance use within the community & enhance communication between parents, youth, educators, & residents, while utilizing data to drive prevention efforts, promote education, & provide access to resources.

This past year, ITAC was able to establish an ITAC sponsored club at both the high school and middle school level – a youth coalition. This club is youthled and directed, with mentorship from the ITAC general coalition and the community. The Youth Coalition is a group for youth to advocate for a healthy and drugfree community. Our Youth Ambassadors have participated in community outreach, met local legislators to voice their concerns, helped design drug prevention



and awareness campaigns, planned drug-free events, and, ultimately have a constructive outlet to speak for their generation and for their peers. We are looking forward to working with the youth and excited for what they have planned for the 2023-2024 school year.

Another AMAZING accomplishment ITAC was able to boast about, was sponsoring new signage in the Elma, Marilla and Wales area due to our partners who, through their dedication and commitment, supported ITAC's project to review local town substance use policies and codes to continue to keep our communities healthy and safe; It was a true "TEAM EFFORT!" New signs can be seen at GICC, EMW Boys and Girls Club, currently at Wales and Marilla Primary (more to come on the campus and at Elma Primary- total of 16) and the Marilla Town Hall (more to be put up around the town as well- total of 15 in town parks, and public buildings). ALSO! ITAC is now an official member of the Town of Marilla's "Welcoming Committee;" we have two signs (Clinton and Two Rod and Jamison and Two Rod) that you see when you drive into Marilla!

For more information about how to become involved and what we are doing, visit www.itacemw.com or email itacemw@gmail.com. Our meetings are open to everyone! Look for our meeting calendar magnet on your child's school calendar or visit our website.



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Notification Requirement of Pesticide Application

This notice provides compliance with State Education Law Section 409-h. Iroquois Central School District incorporates Integrated Pest Management procedures that may periodically use pesticide products throughout the school year requiring notification under section 409-h.

If during the school year the District finds it necessary to apply pesticides, the required information will appear in school newsletters.

Schools are required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48 hour written advanced notice from the school of an actual pesticide application.

Iroquois Central School District may use pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Persons that wish to have their names added to the 48-hour notification registry can complete the Notification of Pesticide Application form here or in the Superintendent of Building and Grounds office.

If you have questions regarding our IPM pro-

Please place my name on the 48 hour prior notification list.

Student Name	
School Building	
Parent/Guardian	
Address	
Telephone #	

Send the information above to:
Mr. David Carlin
Supt. of Bldg. & Grounds
Iroquois Central School
PO Box 32
Elma, NY 14059

Elma Primary and Marilla Primary new parking lots underway!



AHERA ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

The Iroquois Central School District has completed the AHERA 2022 asbestos re-inspection as required by AHERA regulations. All asbestos contain materials (ACBM) in all of our school buildings were inspected. A visual surveillance is also performed by certified personnel twice annually.

The re-inspection report and management plan are available for public review in the Buildings and Grounds office. If you have questions about the plans, please contact the District LEA Designee at 652-3000 ext. 1951. This notice fulfills the annual notification required by AHERA regulations for the 2023-2024 school year.