

District Newsletter

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Eden Athletics Entrance Gets a New Look!

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EDEN SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 7th

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide important information for parents and students relative to school times, transportation, lunch programs and attendance.

Our first student day for the 2023-2024 school year for all students, including BOCES students, will be a full day on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Pre-Kindergarten through second grade students will attend the Grover L. Priess Primary School. Mrs. Loran Carter is the Principal in charge of the Grover L. Priess Primary School. The GLP phone number is 992-3638.

Students in grades 3 - 5 will attend the Eden Elementary School on Main Street. Mrs. Kelly LaRosa serves as Principal. The phone number of the Elementary School is 992-3610.

Grades 6 - 12 are housed in the Middle & High School on Schoolview Road. Mr. Jeffrey Cervoni is the Middle School Principal and Mr. William McDonagh is the High School Principal. The phone number for the Middle & High School is 992-3600.

Time Schedules

Middle & High School	Grades 6-12	7:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Eden Elementary School	Grades 3-5	8:40 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
G.L. Priess Primary School	Grades PreK-2	8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Welcome Back!

Dear Eden Families and Staff Members

The start of the new school year is just a few days away, and I am very excited to welcome our students and staff *Back to School!* I anticipate our capital improvement project will continue through the holiday weekend, but rest assured we will be ready for the first day of school. Our students' first instructional day is Thursday, September 7th.

Our District continues to undergo major renovations, especially at Eden Elementary School where a number of classrooms have been expanded and modernized. The parking lot has changed significantly to promote a safer environment that includes new sidewalks and an adjustment to the traffic flow. Of course, the replacement of all the windows at EE, the brick cleaning and the addition of the LED lighting really highlights the architectural gem the building really is.

The Middle/High School has been a busy place this summer as well. The auditorium has received significant upgrades in lighting and sound, the gym floor has been refurbished, and our visitors who enter through the athletic entryway will be greeted by some amazing graphics, including graphics that dedicated the Fitness Center to Eden Alum Captain John Levulis. In the exterior, the tennis courts have been replaced and once painted will include six pickleball courts. The signage for the entryway to the stadium field should be in place for the first home games of the season.

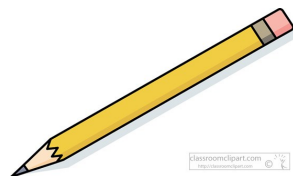
There have been numerous other updates to the infrastructure that keeps our buildings running. The most important of which will likely go unnoticed because in this day and age we tend to take electricity for granted. Earlier this summer we officially decommissioned the CoGen plant that powered the Middle/High School for years. The plant that served its purpose for quite some time was well past its end of life. The building is now powered by the electrical grid, which should provide clean, stable power for the first time in many years.

I hope to have a video highlighting the updates posted on our website in the next few weeks.

It really has been a busy and exciting summer. I look forward to our first bus runs and to see the hallways teeming with children! Thank you to the entire Eden school community for your trust and support as we strive to provide the best education possible to all of our students!

Jeff

Jeffrey A. Sortisio
Superintendent




Skill is the unified force of experience,
intellect and passion in their operation.
John Ruskin



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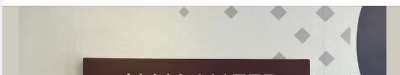
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A sneak peek of the new athletic entrance! We are so excited to show you all the changes happening at Eden Central School #proudraidmoment #edenraiders



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Notification of Opt Out Provisions

Health Education is required by the New York State Education Department. Eden Central School's Health curriculum fulfills the NYS Education requirements according to the Commissioners Regulations, Substitute-Chapter C. Part 135.

Section 135.3b(2) and C(2) states: "No pupil shall be required to receive instruction concerning the methods of prevention of AIDS if the parent or legal guardian of such pupil has filed with the Principal of the school which the pupil attends, a written request that the pupil not participate in such instruction, with an assurance that the pupil will receive such instruction at home."

Age appropriate material is presented in all grades, K-12. Inquiries arise more frequently about the elementary curriculum, which is briefly outlined below:

- ◆ Grades K-3: Body fluids, such as saliva, tears and perspiration, blood related injuries (nosebleeds) and good hygiene.
- ◆ Grades 4-6: Transmission of blood-borne diseases, including fights, ear piercing, injuries, etc.

The District shall make instructional materials available for inspection by parents/guardians if those materials will be used in connection with a DOE-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate.

Questions are always welcomed regarding these issues. Please notify your Principal if electing the opt-out provision.

In accordance with the Board of Education Policy 7570, Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors, the District shall obtain prior written consent before minor students are required to participate in a DOE-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- a) Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian;
- b) Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- c) Sex behavior or attitudes;
- d) Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- e) Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family

relationships;

- f) Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- g) Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian; or
- h) Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.)

Additionally, the District shall offer an opportunity for parents/guardians to opt their child out of participation in the following activities:

- a) Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).
- b) The administration of any survey containing one or more of the eight items of information listed above in the subheadings referencing DOE-funded surveys, as well as non-DOE funded surveys.
- c) Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance; administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students. The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening.
- d) Use of student pictures and names for publication and/or display - i.e. school displays, website, contests, newsletters, newspapers, or other media outlets, etc.

A letter **stating specifically** what you would like to opt your child out of should be sent to the Building Principal prior to October 1st each year. Opt out is for a period of one (1) year and must be renewed annually.

MS & HS Bus Loop Info / Parent Drop Off

Middle and High School families:

All visitors to the Middle & High School:

- Must park in the visitor lot and enter through the main entrance.
- **NOTE: ALL Visitors must provide a driver's license or valid ID**
- **Examples include but are not limited to:**
 - Bringing your child late to school
 - Picking your child up during the day for any reason
 - Dropping something off for your child
 - Attending a meeting within the school
- Buses will drop off and pick up in front of the auditorium.
- Students arriving late must use the main entrance and check in at our attendance office.



Eden Elementary—Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

Morning Drop off:

- Parents may drop students off at the far end of the parking lot between 8:30 and 8:40 A.M.
- Use the front parking lot by entering from Main Street.
- Utilize the loop traffic flow by following the steps below:
 - Drop off students only at the sidewalk
 - Exit back onto Main Street



Afternoon Pick Up:

- Park in the front lot near Main Street (may also use Legion lot).
- Report to the front center entrance to sign your child out.
- Sign-out begins at 3:05 p.m.
- Please have your identification ready.



GLP Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

Morning Drop Off:

- Parents may drop students off between 8:35 and 8:45 A.M.
- Keep in mind to avoid lines and traffic back up in the parking lot and street, it would be helpful if everyone didn't try to drop off immediately at 8:35.
- Please pay close attention to staff who will be directing traffic and assisting with unloading students, so we can move this along as quickly as possible.

Afternoon Pick Up:

- Parents should pick up their students at the same driveway entrance as drop off.
- Please park your car at the farthest end of the parking lot near the woods.
- Enter the farthest doors at the end of the hallway, which will be unlocked according to the schedule given at GLP, starting at 2:55 PM.
- Adults who are picking students up may then enter the building, and wait in the hallway near Room 4.
- Once photo identification has been verified and student is signed out, parents/adults may exit with student.

Student Transportation:

Transportation routes will soon be mailed to your home. Please review the schedule carefully, and notify the Transportation Office at 992-3633 immediately if you need to make adjustments to your child's drop-off or pick-up location.

Afternoon Drop-off Procedures:

For the safety of our students, Eden Central School District adheres to the following guidelines when dropping off students in the afternoon:

- Students in Pre-K – 4th Grade: The driver must see a parent, guardian, babysitter, or older sibling before dropping off.
- Students in Grades 5 – 12: There are no drop-off limitations, except at the request of a parent.

Electronics on Buses:

The GLP follows a strict no-electronics policy. Therefore, children attending the GLP should not bring electronics of any kind onto the school bus.

Other important reminders:

- It is important that all students ride from their expected locations. If you need to change your child's pick-up or drop-off location, please contact the Transportation Department. Please allow for a minimum of three days' notice for the change to begin so adjustments can be made to the route and seating assignments.
- Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Group bus passes cannot be honored.
- Sports equipment and musical instruments are allowed on the bus as long as they are fully contained within appropriate bags or cases. In addition, these items must fit within the confines of your child's portion of the seat without taking a seat from another student and without the need for the item to be stored under the seat or in the aisle. The school provides secure storage for items that are too large to be carried on the bus.
- Your adherence to these rules will help us to continue to maintain the best possible transportation.

Transportation Safety

The transportation of students is essential to the operation of the education program. Safety is the foundation of all school transportation systems and requires the cooperation and active support of all segments of the school community.

The potential for accidents is greatly increased when students fail to follow the general bus rules that are distributed to every bus-riding pupil in the Eden Central School District.

We ask that parents make the effort to discuss these rules with their children, and help us provide an atmosphere on all buses that will allow bus drivers to do their jobs with concentration and courtesy.



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**2023-24 School Year
New York State Immunization Requirements
for School Entrance/Attendance¹**

NOTES:

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in NYS. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the “ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.” Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older		3 doses
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³		Not applicable		1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses		4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose		2 doses	
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses		3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years	
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose		2 doses	
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses		Not applicable	
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses		Not applicable	

1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps or rubella antibodies or laboratory confirmation of these diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Serologic tests for polio are acceptable proof of immunity only if the test was performed before September 1, 2019, and all three serotypes were positive. A positive blood test for hepatitis B surface antibody is acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B. Demonstrated serologic evidence of varicella antibodies, laboratory confirmation of varicella disease or diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.

2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)

a. Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 15 through 18 months and at 4 years or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

b. If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at 4 years or older, and at least 6 months after dose 3, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not required.

c. Children 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td or Tdap vaccine.

If the first dose was received before their first birthday, then 4 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older. If the first dose was received on or after the first birthday, then 3 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older.

3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine. (Minimum age for grades 6 through 9: 10 years; minimum age for grades 10, 11, and 12: 7 years)

a. Students 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.

b. In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series, as described above. In school year 2023-2024, only doses of Tdap given at age 10 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for students in grades 6 through 9; however, doses of Tdap given at age 7 years or older will satisfy the requirement for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.

c. Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 and who have not yet received a Tdap vaccine are in compliance until they turn 11 years old.

4. Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)

a. Children starting the series on time should receive a series of IPV at 2 months, 4 months and at 6 through 18 months, and at 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 and prior to August 7, 2010, 4 doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.

c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required.

d. For children with a record of OPV, only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward NYS school polio vaccine requirements. Doses of OPV given before April 1, 2016, should be counted unless specifically noted as monovalent, bivalent or as given during a poliovirus immunization campaign. Doses of OPV given on or after April 1, 2016, must not be counted.

5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)

a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after

the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.

b. Measles: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.

c. Mumps: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.

d. Rubella: At least one dose is required for all grades (prekindergarten through 12).

6. Hepatitis B vaccine

a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than age 24 weeks (when 4 doses are given, substitute "dose 4" for "dose 3" in these calculations).

b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.

7. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)

a. The first dose of varicella vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.

b. For children younger than 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is 3 months (if the second dose was administered

at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for persons 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks.

8. Meningococcal conjugate ACWY vaccine (MenACWY). (Minimum age for grades 7 through 10: 10 years; minimum age for grades 11 and 12: 6 weeks).

a. One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra, Menveo or MenQuadfi) is required for students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

b. For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.

c. The second dose must have been received at 16 years or older. The minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks.

9. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)

a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.

b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.

c. If dose 1 was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.

d. If dose 1 was received at 15 months or older, only 1 dose is required.

e. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years or older.

f. For further information, refer to the CDC Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age.

10. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)

a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.

b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 months are required to receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a third dose at 12 through 15 months.

c. Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.

d. If one dose of vaccine was received at 24 months or older, no further doses are required.

e. PCV is not required for children 5 years or older.

f. For further information, refer to the CDC Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age.

For further information, contact:
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Bureau of Immunization
Room 649, Corning Tower ESP
Albany, NY 12237
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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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Long Island City, NY 11101
(347) 396-2433
New York State Department of Health/Bureau of Immunization
health.ny.gov/immunization

High School Attendance Policy

Students who are absent from any of their classes or school at least 10% of the school days will be in danger of losing academic credit for that class or classes. Students who exceed twenty (20) absences in a full-credit course or ten (10) absences in a half-credit course will remain in the course without receiving credit. By law, all absences, excused or unexcused, will be counted.

Students taking additional vacation days while school is in session will be charged with one absence for each school day missed.

Parents will be notified when a student accumulates five (5) absences in a half-credit course and/or ten (10) absences in a full-credit course. Notification will also be given when the limit is exceeded.

Students who violate the attendance regulations and believe special consideration should be given in their situation, may appeal in writing or in person to the building Principal. This must be done within five (5) school days from the date of notification. The Principal will convene an appeal panel comprised of faculty members to decide on the appeal. (Stage 1)

Subsequent appeals may be made in writing to the Principal, or his or her designee, five (5) school days after notification of the Stage 1 decision. (Stage 2)

Special Note on Appeals: It will be the student's responsibility to see that all the data is filled in and that the attendance record is attached at all stages. Any supporting data is to be obtained by the student and presented with the appeal.

Family Support

The Eden Central School District provides family support to all families of Eden students on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. The Family Support Team offers short-term counseling for families, links with community resources, and a chance for families to focus on common goals by identifying strengths and resources. For more information, please contact the Pupil Personnel Services Office at 992-3645.

Student Attendance

All absences, tardies or early departures are considered unexcused until a written note is received from a parent/guardian. Based upon our District's education and community needs, values and priorities, the School District has determined that absences, tardiness and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

Excused: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, medical appointments, (including, but not limited to: appointments with Doctors, Dentists, Orthodontists, Ophthalmologists, etc.), approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

Unexcused: An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, hair cut, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping, etc.).

New Families in District

New families in our school district that have children of pre-school age are encouraged to contact the District Registration Office. We would like to obtain information on all pre-schoolers for our database for future Kindergarten Round-Up. Call the Registration Office at 992-3630 extension 6504.

Release of Children From School

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to identify in advance any restrictions related to the release of minors to individuals other than the parent. The school will maintain a list of those individuals approved by parents and will not release students to anyone other than those on the list.

Transportation Notes

Passing Stopped School Buses is Illegal—

Flashing red means stop! Passing a stopped school bus when its red lights are flashing is not only very dangerous, but it is against the law.

The law applies to ALL locations, including parking lots, driveways, and divided highways.

DASA Building Coordinators

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) requires that all school buildings have a coordinator.

- ◆ Eden High School Coordinator is Mr. McDonagh, Principal.
- ◆ Eden Middle School Coordinator is Mr. Cervoni, Principal.
- ◆ Eden Elementary School Coordinator is Mrs. LaRosa, Principal.
- ◆ GLP Primary School Coordinator is Mrs. Carter, Principal.

2023-2024 Tax Levy

The tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$15,769,751 was approved, which established the tax rate per thousand based on assessed values and equalization rates provided by New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service:

\$22.49 – Boston	\$23.07 – Evans
\$41.82 – Concord	\$23.90 – N. Collins
\$32.64 – Eden	



Important 2023 Fall Sports Dates:

August 17th and August 22nd—Sports physicals 8 am—12 pm at the Middle / High School. Interested parties **must** call the Athletic Office to make an appointment.

August 19th—Varsity Football is scheduled to start.

August 21st—All other Varsity and JV sports are scheduled to start.

August 24th—Modified Football starts.

August 28th—All other Modified sports are scheduled to start.

For more information, please go to the Eden CSD athletic website, follow us on Twitter @EdencsdRaiders, and/or call Mr. Jason Iwankow, Director of Athletics at 716-992-3643. Thank you!

2023-2024 GUIDANCE CALENDAR

2023

Tuesday, September 19	Southern Erie County Counselors' College Night @ Hilbert College	7:00-9:00 PM
TBA	WNY College Consortium Middle & High School	TBA
Wednesday, October 11	PSAT for Juniors & English 10 HRS Middle & High School	7:30 AM
Friday, November 3	ASVAB Test	9:00-11:00 AM
Saturday, November 4	SAT Test for Seniors Middle & High School	7:45 AM
Tuesday, November 14	ASVAB Workshop	9:00 AM*

*Subject to Change

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Saturday, May 4	SAT Test for Juniors Middle & High School	7:45 AM
Monday, May 6	AP US Gov't & Politics Exam	7:45 AM
Tuesday, May 7	AP Statistics Exam	12:00 PM
Thursday, May 9	AP Psychology Exam	12:00 PM
Friday, May 10	AP US History Exam	7:45 AM
Monday, May 13	AP Calculus Exam	7:45 AM
Wednesday, May 15	AP World History Exam	7:45 AM
Tuesday, June 25	Graduation Middle & High School Auditorium	7:00 PM

Two Things Every Eden Parent Should Know About Free and Reduced Price (FRP) Meals

1. A student's meal status is kept strictly confidential.
At checkout, all students' meal costs are automatically deducted from their accounts based upon their student ID number regardless of payment status.

2. FRP helps families and the school.
FRP data is used by the state and federal governments to allocate aid, grants, etc. By making sure that we get our fair share of state and federal aid, it allows us to minimize the property tax burden on local property owners.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

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

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and 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.

Foster Child: 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 personal 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 not 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.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household 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.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. 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

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

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

Name: Ashley Waldruff

Title: Secretary

Telephone Number: 716-992-3602

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Eden Central School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$2.00 (Grades UPK-5) / \$2.10 (Grades 6-12); lunch costs \$2.20 (Grades UPK-5) / \$2.30 (Grades 6-12). 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 and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program 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 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk 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: Ashley Waldraff, 8289 N. Main St., Eden, NY 14057.
2. Who can get free meals?
 - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (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 and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program 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:

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 haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Merrie Maxon, 716-992-3645 / mmaxon@edencsd.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 716-992-3602 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/Milk.
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 also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Laura Feldman, 8289 N. Main St., Eden, NY 14057. Phone 716-992-3613. e-mail lfeldman@edencsd.org.**
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/Milk, 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 get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.**

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

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.

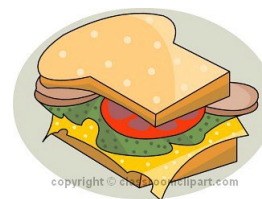
If you have other questions or need help, call Ashley Waldraff, 716-992-3602.



Sincerely,

Laura Feldman

Laura Feldman
Director of Finance



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

fax:

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

email:

program.intake@usda.gov

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SUBSTITUTES WANTED:

All areas, Teachers, Bus Drivers, Monitors, Cleaners, Clerk
Typists, Teacher Aides

Send a letter of interest indicating that you would like to be a substitute, along with a completed application packet found on <http://www.edencsd.org/page/10> to:

Mr. Jeffrey A. Sortisio, Superintendent
Eden Central School
8289 North Main Street
Eden, NY 14057

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Laura Feldman, Director of Finance. 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: 716-992-3613. 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.

Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.

List their grade and school.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

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

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

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

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

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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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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2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **716-992-3613**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: Eden Central School, 8289 N. Main St., Eden, NY 14057

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

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

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

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

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2)

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

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

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

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

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

I do not have a SS#

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

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

SNAP/TANF/Foster
 Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____
 Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid
 Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

Special Education Services for Parentally Placed Nonpublic School Children

By Merrie Maxon

I am writing to inform you of Federal and State requirements regarding Special Education services for parentally placed nonpublic school children. These changes may affect how your child receives Special Education services. The most important change is that the school district where the nonpublic school is located will now be responsible for individual evaluations and development of individualized education programs (IEPs) for students with disabilities, including conducting the Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings, and for providing Special Education services to students with disabilities who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools. The following information is important for you to know:

- * If you have placed your child in a nonpublic school and, while the child is enrolled in that school, you suspect that the student has a disability, you must contact the school district where the nonpublic school is located to request an evaluation to determine your child's eligibility for Special Education services.

- * We must have your written consent in order for us to provide information (such as your child's IEP) to the school district where the nonpublic school is located.

- * If you place your child in a nonpublic school and wish your child to receive Special Education services while enrolled in that school, you must request those services in writing no later than June 1 before the school year in which services are to be provided. This year you should request services from us and with your written consent, we will forward that request to the school district responsible to provide the special education services to your child. (We will not require you to have requested services by June 1 if your child is first identified as needing Special Education services or if you moved into the district between June 1 of this year and April 1 of next year.)

- * If the nonpublic school where you place your child is located within the geographic boundaries of another public school district, the public school district in which the non public school is located will arrange for and provide the recommended services for your child. The personnel and locations for the delivery of those services will be determined by that school district. Federal and State law require this.

- * If the nonpublic school where you place your child is located in another state, your child may not be entitled to all of his/her IEP services.

- * Transportation requests from your child's home to the nonpublic school should continue to be submitted to the school district where your child legally resides by April 1 of the school year before transportation is to be provided.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes in New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent.

No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey for the 2023-2024 school year, please send a letter to the name below, including the student's name, grade and parent/guardian signature. Letters must be received no later than September 14, 2023.

Mrs. Merrie Maxon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Eden Central School
3000 Schoolview Road
Eden, NY 14057



BOARD POLICY ON DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Under the Freedom of Information Law, directory information may be released without the consent of the parents or students. Directory information includes the following: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, grade level, participation in sports and activities, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors, degrees and awards received, e-mail address, photograph and the name of the educational agency or institution most recently previously attended by the student. Directory information does not include social security number or student's identification number, except in certain circumstances.

A public notice of the categories of information to be included in the directory information will be published in the Newsletter each year.

Parents who do not wish to have directory information pertaining to their student released, must notify the building Principal in writing no later than October 1st of each school year.

For additional information, see Policy #7243, Student Directory Information, which can be found in the policy folder in [BoardDocs](#).

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/edencsd/Board.nsf/>

The Eden Central School District is currently requesting information from any agencies that may be potential Pre-Kindergarten provider collaborators. If your organization meets this requirement, please contact Loran Carter at 716-992-3638.

Welcome to our new teachers and support staff:

(Right—GLP) Row 1: Elijah Dole, Cleaner; Amy Witman, GLP/EE Art; Kristi Neal, Special Ed.; Andrea Garrison, Gr. 1.
Row 2: Allyson Gardner, Social Worker; Tracy Wheeler, T. Aide; Sarah O'Brien, Gr. 2; Casey Odrzywolski, Gr. 2; Kelsey Balon, Gr. 1; Mike Kubera, P.E.

(Lower left —EE): Hannah Salisbury, Café. Monitor; Caitlin Leyh, T. Aide; Sarah Myers, Special Ed.; Susan Miceli, Café. Monitor; Brittany Burkowski, T. Aide.

(Lower right— MS/HS): Wade Ovitt, Cleaner; Megan Cassidy; Science, Debra Gagliardi, Café Monitor; Matt Haier, Special Ed.; Jocelyn Armbruster, PE/Health; Alicia Carson, Spanish.

(Not pictured): Mr. Michael Sitzman, Director of Facilities and Rebecca Achtyl, T Aide.



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MRS. MERRIE MAXON
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MEMO TO: ALL PARENTS

SUBJECT: PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS/OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

FROM: SCHOOL NURSE

Only those medications which are necessary to maintain the student in school and which must be given during school hours will be given by the School Nurse. Any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day or while participating in school sponsored activities must comply with the following procedures.

The parent or guardian must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered directly to the Health Office in a properly labeled original container.

DAILY MEDICATION

A written order from a licensed prescriber is required, stating:

- Student's name
- Diagnosis
- Name of medication
- Dosage and route of administration
- Frequency and time of administration
- Date written
- Prescriber's name, title, signature, phone number
- Self administration orders – if indicated

A note is necessary from the parent giving permission for the child to take medication during school. The name of the medication and the dosage, along with the time it is to be taken should be clearly stated. Medications should NOT be transported daily to and from school, unless the student has a self-carry order from their physician. Parents should ask the pharmacy for two containers – one to remain at home and one for school.

All medication must be taken in the Health Office under the School Nurse's direct supervision. All medication will be kept in the locked cupboard at the Nurse's Office. (Unless the student has a self-carry order.)

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**Provider and Parent Permission to Administer Medication
at School/School Sponsored Events**

To Be Completed By Parent

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____
Grade: _____ School: _____

I request the school nurse give the medication listed on this plan; or after the nurse determines my child can take their own medications; trained staff may assist my child to take their own medications. I will provide the medication in the original pharmacy or over the counter container. This plan will be shared with school staff caring for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

To Be Completed By Health Care Provider-Valid for 1 Year

Diagnosis _____
Medication _____
Dose _____ Route _____ Time(s) _____
Recommendations _____

Note: Medication will be given as close to the prescribed time as possible, but may be given up to one hour before or after the prescribed time. Please advise if there is a time-specific concern regarding administration.

Independent Carry and Use Attestation Attached (Required for Independent Carry and Use)
NYS law requires both provider attestation that the student has demonstrated they can effectively self-administer inhaled respiratory rescue medications, epinephrine auto-injector, Insulin, carry glucagon and diabetes supplies or other medications which require rapid administration along with parent/guardian permission delivery to allow this option in school. Check this box and attach the attestation to this form to request this option.

Name/Title of Prescriber (Please Print) Date

Prescriber's Signature Phone Fax

Return to:
School Nurse: _____ School: _____
Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email _____

NYS Health Insurance Available for Eligible Children and Families

By Merrie Maxon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Do you know of anyone who is currently without health insurance?

Without health insurance, children and adults are left to rely on a patchwork system for necessary medical care. Children who are uninsured are more likely to go without essential health services, miss school because of untreated illness, and end up in the emergency room for

preventable conditions.

To close the insurance gap, New York State is expanding eligibility for children and families by making it easier to sign up for and keep their health insurance coverage. I am excited to announce that the Eden Central School District now has a Facilitated Enroller who will assist our Eden families in filling out and filing the necessary paperwork

needed to access free or low-cost health insurance.

What do you need to do? Contact Merrie Maxon, Pupil Personnel Services at 992-3645.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.



Annual Notice/Child Find - Special Education Services for Children Ages 3-21

The Eden Central School District is participating in an ongoing local and state effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children ages 3 through 21 who may have a physical, mental, communicative, learning and/or emotional disability.

The Eden Central School District Pupil Personnel Services

Office implements child identification, location, and evaluation of children 3-21 who have disabilities regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of Special Education and/or related services. At no cost to the parents, these services are provided in compliance with state and

federal laws in the least restricted environment.

Parents may obtain additional information regarding Special Education services and programs and parental rights by contacting Merrie Maxon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services at 716-992-3645.

Visitors to District Schools

You will be asked to show identification if you are visiting the schools, e.g., teacher conference, observing a class performance, helping with centers, lunch with your child, etc. You will need to sign in and wear a "visitor" badge.

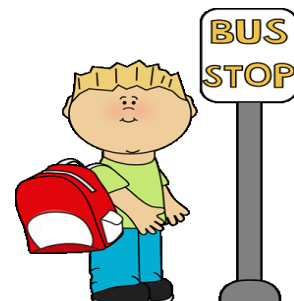
At all schools, each visitor will be scanned through a security raptor system. The visitor will then receive a visitor tag sticker that must be worn at all times while on District property. Please return this visitor tag to the office as you leave the building.

The bottom line is all visitors or volunteers will be required to sign-in for every visit!

If you have any questions, please call the GLP Primary Main Office at 992-3638, the Elementary Building Main Office at 992-3610, or the Middle & High School Main Office at 992-3600.

To Report Fraud

To report fraud, waste or abuse in the school district, please call the Director of Finance at 992-3613. Calls can be kept anonymous/confidential.



Release of Information to Another Educational Institution

The District may disclose any and all educational records, including disciplinary records and records that were created as a result of a student receiving Special Education services under Part B of IDEA to another school or postsecondary institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. Parental consent is not required for transferring education records, however, the school's annual FERPA notification should indicate that such disclosures may be made. In the absence of information about disclosures in the annual FERPA notification, school officials must make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent about the disclosure, unless the parent initiated the disclosure. Additionally, upon request, schools must provide a copy of the information disclosed and an opportunity for a hearing.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 United States Code (USC) Section 1232g 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 99.

Note: Refer also to Policy #7643 - Transfer Students with Disabilities.

Changes in Residency

Please be advised that you must immediately notify your building Principal if your residence changes at any time during the year.

If you are a current resident of the District and have moved within the District, please log-in to the Parent Portal to update your information. This request will be pending until you submit the proper documentation. A list of approved documentation can be found on the District web-site: www.edencsd.org > Student Registration > Student Change of Address.

Due to the fact that a change in residence may affect your child's entitlement to attend the District's schools, you should contact the Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Laurie Gregory, at 992-3630 extension 6504 to discuss any questions that you may have.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

Any student eighteen (18) years or older and the parents of any student under eighteen (18) years of age have a right to inspect and review any and all official records, files and data directly related to pupils including all material that is incorporated into each student's cumulative record folder and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system, and specifically including, but not necessarily limited to, identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement scores), attendance data, scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude and psychological tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

Such parents and students are also entitled to an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the contents of such records to insure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein. Any questions concerning the procedure to be followed in requesting such a hearing should be directed to the Principal of the school which the pupil is attending or to the Superintendent.

Under the law, there are restrictions which prohibit the release or use of student records or any material contained therein to persons other than parents or students or persons employed by the school district without the written consent of the parents or students. There are a number of exceptions to this rule, such as school district employees and officials and certain state and federal officials who have legitimate educational needs for access to the records. No personally identifiable information contained in the personal school records shall be furnished in any form to any person other than those mentioned above unless:

A. The following directory information may be released without written consent provided the student or parent does not inform the district of their objection to such release within 30 days of this notice: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors, degrees and awards received, photograph and the name of the educational agency or institution most recently previously attended by the student.

B. There is a written consent from the student's parents specifying records to be released, the reasons for such release and to whom and a copy of the records to be released to the student's parents and the student, if desired by the parents.

or

C. Such information is furnished in compliance with judicial order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena, in which event, the parents and the students shall be notified of any such order to subpoena in advance of the compliance therewith by the district.

Legal Notices: The Eden Central School District has adopted **Integrated Pesticide Management** as an effective, safe and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. The program uses common sense practices to control pests by taking advantage of various management options including the judicious use of pesticides. State Education Law requires districts to make notifications to staff and persons of parental relations of pesticide use in the district and on the grounds. This notice is to inform you that during the 2023-24 school year, it may be necessary to use pesticides on school district properties to meet management goals. Our use of pesticides has and will continue to be on an emergency basis to control imminent hazards such as bees, ants and rodents.

The Triennial Asbestos Inspection was completed as required by Education Law and AHERA regulations. The inspection was conducted by an independent certified Asbestos Inspector. No significant changes have been noted since the last inspection. Ongoing surveillance inspections continue throughout the school year.

The Annual Fire and Structural Integrity Inspection of all District owned facilities was conducted in May as required by Education Law. No significant changes or deficiencies were identified, and the facilities were found to be in good condition. Results of the inspections can be reviewed by contacting Chad Bliss - Director of Facilities.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact the Director of Facilities at 716-992-3602.

AHERA Compliance Activities: AHERA is a federal law enacted in 1987, which requires all school districts to re-inspect facilities for asbestos containing building materials.

Our facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to insure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. Activities include training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos and periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities by trained personnel.

Details of such activities are described in the district’s AHERA Management Plan, which is available for your review in the District Office.

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, feel free to contact me.



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