Iroquois Central Schools

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Back to School Edition

It's been a busy summer at Iroquois as we prepare for another school year. We are thrilled to share some exciting updates and developments that mark a new chapter for our Iroquois community!

Introducing Our New Logo

Iroquois is proud to unveil our new logo, the Red Hawks, a symbol that embodies the spirit and values of Iroquois. This fresh, modern design represents our commitment to growth, unity, and forward-thinking. We hope it will become a recognizable emblem of our shared identity and aspirations. Look for it on all our communications and materials moving forward!

Explore Our New Website

Alongside our new logo, we are delighted to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website. The goal is for it to be more user-friendly, informative, and accessible, providing a seamless experience whether you're looking for the latest news, upcoming events, or resources. We invite you to explore the website, www.iroquoiscsd.org, check out the updated features, and stay connected with everything happening in our schools.

Intermediate School

Another exciting milestone of the District is the celebrated re-opening of the Intermediate School. We are thrilled to welcome the 4th graders to our main campus! After months of hard work and dedication, the school is ready to welcome 4th and 5th grade students back with improved facilities and a vibrant learning environment. We look forward to furthering the work of the elementary program by building off the foundation laid by the three primary buildings in grades K-3. This marks a significant step in our commitment to providing excellent education and fostering the growth of our young learners.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to these initiatives. Your support and participation have been invaluable. From the tireless efforts of our staff and faculty to the unwavering support of parents, volunteers, and community partners, these achievements would not have been possible without your dedication and commitment. Each of you has played a crucial role in shaping the future of our District, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

As we move forward, the District remains committed to building a strong, inclusive, and thriving community together. We will continue to seek innovative ways to enhance our educational environment, support our students' growth, and foster a culture of collaboration and mutual respect. Our collective efforts will ensure that Iroquois remains a place where every student can thrive, every voice is heard, and every achievement is celebrated.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we will continue to make Iroquois a place of excellence and opportunity for all.

Douglas R. Scofield Superintendent of Schools





IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Douglas Scofield, Superintendent

PO Box 32, 2111 Girdle Rd. Elma, New York 14052 716/652-3000 ext. 1001

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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 \$1.90; lunch costs: Grades K-4, \$2.85, and Grades 5-12, \$3.15. 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:

| 2024-2025 REDUCED-PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES | | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Total Household Size | Annual | Monthly | Twice per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
| 1 | \$ 27,861 | \$ 2,322 | \$ 1,161 | \$ 1,072 | \$ 536 |
| 2 | \$ 37,814 | \$ 3,152 | \$ 1,596 | \$ 1,455 | \$ 728 |
| 3 | \$ 47,767 | \$ 3,981 | \$ 1,991 | \$ 1,838 | \$ 919 |
| 4 | \$ 57,720 | \$ 4,810 | \$ 2,405 | \$ 2,220 | \$ 1,110 |
| 5 | \$ 67,673 | \$ 5,640 | \$ 2,820 | \$ 2,603 | \$ 1,302 |
| 6 | \$ 77,626 | \$ 6,469 | \$ 3,235 | \$ 2,986 | \$ 1,493 |
| 7 | \$ 87,579 | \$ 7,299 | \$ 3,650 | \$ 3,369 | \$ 1,685 |
| 8 | \$ 97,532 | \$ 8,128 | \$ 4,064 | \$ 3,752 | \$ 1,876 |
| Each add'l person, add | \$ 9,953 | \$ 830 | \$ 415 | \$ 383 | \$ 192 |

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.

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Intermediate School Grand Re-opening! Mr. Ryan Harding, Principal

Dear Iroquois Family,

We are so excited for the grand re-opening of Iroquois Intermediate School in early September! Whether you will have a child or grandchild in the building, the return of the II will be momentous for all of the Iroquois community. In my five months in the District, I have been fortunate to hear so many stories of former students, former parents, and even grandparents who went through the II or had family attend Iroquois Intermediate. Resoundingly, memories of time spent as a student at



Iroquois Intermediate were positive and joyful. That fact is not lost to our faculty and staff who understand the importance of giving the students and families we serve a similar (and amazing) experience in the new II. I believe the shift of the 4th grade to the Intermediate building is sure to be a positive "half-step" for our students making their transition to the main campus. I wanted to provide a brief update on the work we have been doing this summer at II, along with events to place on your calendar as we approach September.

The staff have all been hired and are making their final preparations for the 2024-2025 school year. Teaching teams have been set and we are finalizing class lists. Our main office area has been completed and our amazing custodial staff continues to get classrooms assembled, cleaned, and floors waxed. They have such pride in what they do each day to provide a safe and clean environment for the kids of the II. The building has also been buzzing with activity throughout the summer, as teachers and administrators have been fortunate to engage in high quality professional development. The topics and presenters were powerful and engaging. Recently, our *II Foundations Team* met to prepare for the school year to give our students and staff a great, predictable, positive, and proactive environment that will help grow our new 4th and 5th graders on a daily basis.

SAVE THE DATES!

- Supply Dropoff 8/28/2024 7:00am-5:00pm: Families of 4th and 5th graders will be able to drop off supplies to the II from 7:00am-5:00pm. We ask that ALL requested supplies are provided at the time of drop-off, labeled with the student's last name and in a bag that is clearly labeled with your child's last name and their teacher's last name. There may be opportunities for 5th grade students only to set up their lockers; 4th grade students will set up their lockers with their teacher during the first days of school.
- New Student Orientation 8/28/2024 9:00am: for any brand-new students and parents to the District or II, we will be hosting a new student orientation at 9:00am on Wednesday, August 28th. I will present an overview of what to expect and will lead a tour of the building for any newly registered students and families.
- Welcome Back Bash! on 9/3/2024: The II PTO will host our first annual <u>Welcome Back Bash from 5:00pm 6:00pm</u>, weather permitting. There will be food trucks and lawn games before Open House begins at 6:00pm.
- Open House on 9/3/2024: The II will officially re-open its doors at 6:00pm on the evening of Tuesday, September 3, 2024. All students and families are invited to come meet their teachers, engage in a scavenger hunt throughout the building, and drop supplies off for the first day of school, which is the next day, September 4th. Fifth grade students will be able to set their lockers up on this night, while 4th grade students will leave their supplies with their teacher.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly at rharding@iroquoiscsd.org or 716-652-3000 x5000 to discuss any concerns you may have or to meet with me personally to make sure we get things right for you and your kids.

New Bus App to Track Your Child's Bus

The Iroquois Transportation Department is excited to let our families know that this year, we will be utilizing a new app called My Ride K-12 for your student's transportation information.

Traversa My Ride K-12 is a mobile app for Apple and Android devices to help ensure students never miss the bus again. My Ride K-12 allows parents and students to access their own secure data for route information including pick-up/drop-off times and bus numbers. Each Iroquois bus is equipped with GPS, and My Ride K-12 can use the GPS geolocation to let users know when to expect their bus each day.

Additionally, parents can use the app to communicate with the Transportation Department by using the "messages" feature and receive real-time alerts, and notifications. We encourage our parents/guardians to download the app for bus information prior to the start of the school year.

IMPORTANT: The My Ride K-12 app replaces the My Stop app, which will be phased out on August 15, 2024. To ensure continued access to information about your child's bus route, please download the new My Ride K-12 app from your favorite app store and log into your child's account.

For more information on links and directions to the My Ride K-12 app, see the district's website under "Transportation" or contact the Transportation Department at 716-652-3000 ext. 8010.



2024-2025 A.M. IN-DISTRICT BUS ROUTES

| | Buses | Start | Student | Buses |
|---------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| | Unload | Time | Dismiss | Depart |
| High School | 7:26 | 7:45 | 2:36 | 2:42 |
| Middle School | 7:26 | 7:35 | 2:36 | 2:42 |
| Intermediate School | 7:26 | 7:35 | 2:36 | 2:42 |
| Wales (K-4) | 8:40 | 8:50 | 3:30 | 3:35 |
| Elma (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 4-12 TRANSPORTATION WALES AREA TO GIRDLE RD CAMPUS

Route #IRO CA 1

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 & Jamison

Route #IRO CA 2

Start on Hunters Creek at Rt. 20A Approx. Time 6:37 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 #IRO CA 3

Start on 20A at EA Dist. Line Approx. Time 6:25 AM South side of 20A bet Dist. Line & Reiter Reiter bet. Centerline & 20A Centerline bet. Dist. Line & Hunters Creek Vermont Hill Warner Hill bet. EA Dist. Line & Merlau Hunters Creek bet. Warner Hill & Centerline Girdle bet EA Dist. Line & Summerdale

Route #IRO CA 4

Start on Rt. 20A at Two Rod Approx. Time 6:30 AM S. side of Rt. 20A bet. Two Rod & Wyoming Co. Dist. Line Old Big Tree, Woods, Schang, Woodchuck N. side of Rt. 20A bet. Wyo. Dist. line & Woodchuck Watters at corner Rt. 20A

Route #IRO CA 5

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 & EA Dist. Line Cook, Lapham Reiter bet. 20A & Porterville Porterville bet. Reiter and W. Blood W. Blood bet. Porterville & Girdle

Route #IRO CA 6

Start on Liberia at Four Rod Approx. Time 6:40 AM Liberia bet Four Rod & E. Blood E. Blood bet. Rt. 20A & Liberia Bear, Four Rod bet. 20A & Liberia Liberia bet Four Rod & Two Rod

GRADES 4-12 TRANSPORTATION MARILLA AREA TO GIRDLE ROAD CAMPUS

Route #IRO CA 7

Start on Williston at Three Rod Approx. Time 6:30 AM Williston bet Three Rod & Wyo. Co. Dist. Line Marion, Eastwood E. Blood bet. Wyo. Co. line & Liberia Three Rod East bet. Four Rod & Shannon West

Route #**IRO CA 8**Start on Townline at Bullis

Approx. Time 6:45 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

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Route #IRO CA 9

Start on Two Rod at Whitetail Approx. Time 6:45 AM W. side of Two Rod bet. Whitetail & Renee

Williston bet. Two Rod & Four Rod

Williston Hts.

Four Rod bet. Williston & Parker

Parker

Two Rod bet. Parker & Whitetail East bet. Two Rod & Shannon Shannon, St Charles Place

Route #IRO CA 10

Start on Jamison at Girdle Approx. Time 6:40 AM S. side Jamison bet Girdle & Two Rod Four Rod bet Parker & Liberia Creekridge, Valley N. Side of Jamison bet Two Rod & Girdle Pinewood Trail Kalla La, Ostrander, Griffin

Route #IRO CA 11

Start on Timothy at Two Rod Approx. Time 6:50 AM Timothy, Meadowvale Porterville Hill, Woodbrook Winchester, Westview at corner of Winchester Porterville bet. Two Rod & Hemstreet Hemstreet, Kettle Run, Valley View, Hickory Hill, Hillside

Route #IRO CA 12

Start on Bullis at Girdle Approx. Time 6:25 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



Route #IRO CA 13

Start on Creek at Jamison Approx. Time 6:55 AM Creek Stolle bet. Eldridge & Hidden Valley Terrace, Hidden Valley

GRADES 4-12 TRANSPORTATION ELMA AREA TO GIRDLE RD CAMPUS

Route #IRO CA 14

Start on Jamison at Girdle Approx. Time 6:37 AM Jamison bet Girdle and Seneca Old Jamison West Blood bet. Seneca & Bowen Bowen bet. W. Blood & EA Dist. Line Billington bet. Maple & Seneca Caroline

Route #IRO CA 15

Start on N. Star at Seneca Approx. Time 6:35 AM N. Star, Bartlett, South, N. Davis Cragburn area at N. Davis entrance Henry, Woodland Ridge, Sullivan Seneca bet. Rice & EA Dist. Line

Route #IRO CA 16

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

Route #IRO CA 17

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 #IRO CA 18

Start on Pound at Seneca Approx. Time 6:43 AM Pound, Old Pound Winspear Oakgrove Ct., Buffalo Creek, Douglas, Knabb, Handy

Route #IRO CA 19

Start on Clinton at Schwartz
Approx. Time 6:43 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 #IRO CA 20

Start on Bowen at Bullis
Approx. Time 6:42 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 #IRO CA 21

Start on Maple at West Blood Approx. Time 6:53 AM Maple bet. West Blood & Jamison Shultz, Woodard Dorris, Oaknoll, Hilltop, Sigman Highland (off Rice)

Route #IRO CA 22

Start on Schwartz at Clinton
Approx. Time 6:43 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 & Hidden Valley
Nanette

Route #IRO CA 23

Start on Seneca at Rice Approx. Time 6:37 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 #IRO CA 24

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. Maple & RR tracks
Golfview
Bowen bet. W. Blood & Bullis
Under the Apple Tree (UTAT)
Bright Path (Imagination Station)
Finnegan, Pond Brook @ corner of Bowen
Pearl Terrace

Route #IRO CA 25

Start on Girdle at Iroquois Campus Approx. Time 6:50 AM. Girdle bet Campus & Summerdale Summerdale, Esther, Billington Hts. Pleasantview, Tracy Rolling Green, Elma Meadow Hunter, Fairway

Route #IRO CA 26

Start on Chairfactory at Girdle
Approx. Time 6:50 AM.
Chairfactory
Timberline, Crimson, Treehaven
West Jerge, South Jerge, East Jerge.
S. side of Clinton bet. Bowen & Townline Rd.
W. side of Townline bet. Clinton & Coleman



GRADES K-3 WALES PRIMARY & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Route #IRO WA 1

Start on Girdle at 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 #IRO WA 2

Start on Liberia at Four Rod Approx. Time 7:53 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 #IRO WA 3

Start on Reiter at Lapham Approx. Time 7:55 AM Centerline bet dist. line & Merlau Reiter bet. Lapham & Centerline Vermont Hill Warner Hill bet. Holland dist. line & Merlau Hunters Creek bet. Warner Hill & Rt. 78

Route #IRO WA 4

Start on Hemstreet at Jamison
Approx. Time 7:48 AM
Hemstreet, Kettle Run
Wish Circle (MHP) at Corner
Hillside Estates (MHP) at Corner
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 #IRO WA 5

Start at Bright Path (Imagination Station) Approx. Time 7:45 AM Bright Path (Imagination Station) Under the Apple Tree (UTAT) Two Rod bet. Liberia & 20A Rt. 78 bet. 20A & dist. line

Route #IRO WA 6

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

Route #IRO WA 7

Start on Eastwood at Williston Approx. Time 7:45 AM Eastwood, East Blood, Bear, Old Big Tree (off Woods), Woods, Shang



GRADES K-3 MARILLA PRIMARY

Route #IRO MA 1

Start on Eastwood at dist. line
Approx. Time 7:50 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 #IRO MA 2

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, West
Townline bet. Bullis & Coleman
Two Rod bet. Bullis & Clinton
Shannon, St Charles Place

Route #IRO MA 3

Start on Caroline Ln. at Girdle
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
Caroline Ln., Huntington Ct., Griffin
Ostrander bet. Griffin & Jamison
N. Side Jamison bet Ostrander & Hickory Hill
Hillside, Hickory Hill, Valleyview
S. Side Jamison bet Ostrander & Creek
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 #IRO MA 4

Start at Bright Path (Imagination Station)
Approx. Time 7:55 AM
Bright Path (Imagination Station)
Under the Apple Tree
Jamison bet. Girdle & Creek
Creek
Stolle bet. Eldridge & Bullis, Terrace
E. Side of Stolle bet. Bullis & Clinton
S. side Clinton bet. Stolle & Townline
Townline bet. Clinton & Coleman
Coleman

Route #IRO MA 5

Start on Clinton at Bowen
Approx. Time 7:55 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 & Girdle
S. side of Clinton bet. Girdle & Stolle
W. side of Stolle bet Clinton & Bullis
Nanette, Hidden Valley

Route #IRO MA 6

Start on Clinton at Girdle
Approx. Time 8:05 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, Shearing

GRADES K-3 ELMA PRIMARY & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Route #IRO EA 1

Start on Bowen at Bullis Approx. Time 8:00 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 #IRO EA 2

Start on Rice at Girdle
Approx. Time 8:05 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 #IRO EA 3

Start on Shultz at Rice Approx. Time 8:15 AM Schultz bet. Rice & Jamison Maple bet. Jamison & W. Blood Bowen bet. W. Blood & Rice Under the Apple Tree Rice bet Bowen & Elma Primary

Route #IRO EA 4

Start on Girdle at Woodard
Approx. Time 8:00 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. EA Dist. Line & W. Blood
E. side of Seneca bet. EA dist. line & Rice

Route #IRO EA 5

Start on Rolling Green at Girdle
Approx. Time 7:50 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
Cragburn Estates at N. Davis
Henry, Woodland Ridge, Sullivan
S. side of Rice bet. Seneca & Elma Primary
Dellwood, Clover

Route #IRO EA 6

Start on South Blossom at New Bullis Approx. Time 8:00 AM South Blossom, New Bullis, Pound, Old Pound Northrup, Boll, Kinsley Old Transit Transit bet. Old Transit & Seneca W. side of Seneca bet. Transit & Rice Streif, King, Queensway, Winona, Discovery Days Day Care, S. Blossom

Route #IRO EA 7

Start on. Chairfactory at Bowen
Approx. Time 8:00 AM
Chairfactory
East Jerge, South Jerge, West Jerge
Treehaven, Crimson, Timberline
Girdle bet. Buffalo Creek bridge & Bullis
Bullis bet. Girdle & Bowen
May, Woodside, June
Bowen bet. Bullis & Rice
Finnegan, Bright Path (Imagination Station)
Geyer, Elderberry
Stoneridge, Pinegrove, Meadowbrook

Route #IRO EA 8

Start on Bullis at Bowen
Approx. Time 7:55 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



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ITAC - It Takes A Community Help Lead the Way!

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

— Coretta Scott King

ITAC stands for "It Takes A Community."

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

As ITAC gears up for another awesome year of serving our community, we've been reflecting on some of the accomplishments and memories from 2023/24. First, we have some news: We've moved! ITAC's new office is now located at Iroquois High School. We are so grateful to the school district for continuing to support our initiatives and are so excited about our new home.

This year, both our General and Youth Coalitions participated in a variety of events and initiatives aimed at meeting our mission and the goals & objectives as outlined in our action plan. Highlights include: Red Ribbon Week, which was a great success thanks to clubs like LEAD, Truck & Trunk or Treat with the 6 local Fire Departments and the EMW Boys and Girls Club, a family Spaghetti Dinner where we recognized outstanding retired members, the return of our Health & Wellness Fair who we partnered with over 35 different coalitions, business and non-profits from the surrounding areas, continuing our S3 -Take it to the Box coalition collaboration with 6 prevention coalitions, working with Hilbert College to train the next leaders of this generation & grant, our Ice Skating Extravaganza at the Healthy Rink, FreeZone Music Fest and continuing to support our community partners like the MSA, PTOs, HSA, Rural Outreach Center, Ruthie's Closet, Hearts for the Homeless and more. We offered monthly meetings and training opportunities, such as Narcan trainings with the ECDOH for community members. We ended the summer on a positive note, hosting a Town Hall at the Village Green during the Elma Town Hall's Summer Concert Series and partnering with Elma Kiwanis to promote their dinner sale and Friends of the Library to provide root beer floats to those who completed a survey.

Our Youth Coalition successfully spearheaded a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to raise money to pay for conferences, training, speakers and scholarships to further their education, help meet our mission and serve the community. In July some of our Youth Ambassadors traveled to Chicago to participate in training and learn about prevention work as part of CADCA's midyear training institute. This year our Youth Ambassadors 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 2024-2025 school year.

Finally, this past year, The Prevention Council of Erie County honored ITAC with the Community Partner Award, as Coalition of the Year, in recognition of our collaborative partnership in the field of alcohol and substance abuse prevention. We are so proud to be the recipient of this award but know we could not do this without the support and dedication of our community. Thank you! A special THANK YOU to the Iroquois School District for their unwavering support. And help us welcome our new BOE Representative, Todd Aichinger; we are looking forward to another successful year!

For more information about how to become involved and what we are doing – visit www.itacemw.com or email ita-cemw@gmail.com. Our meetings are open to everyone.



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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 program please contact: David J. Carlin, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, at 716-652-3000 Ext. 1951.

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



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 2024-2025 school year.