

Learning at...



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# Wallkill

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## 2024 Graduates are Exceptional

PROUD FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON JUNE 28 to celebrate the 266 members of the Class of 2024. As a class that transitioned from Grade 8 to high school during the 2020 COVID pandemic, this year's graduation carried added significance.

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Castle spoke of the strength and resilience of the seniors, and how that would help them overcome challenges and achieve success in whatever path they pursue.

Principal Brian Masopust described the class as "one of the strongest I can recall during my 16 years as an educator at Wallkill." Mr. Masopust said the graduates' acts of service are their true legacy, emphasizing that the students "left their school community a better place than they found it."

Valedictorian Andie Psilopoulos, who will attend Duquesne University this fall, encouraged her classmates to never forget the moments that brought them to this day. "Each moment is a gift that has the power to transform us," she said.

While many of the graduates are headed off to college, some have enlisted in the military or are apprenticing with local trade and labor unions, and some are entering the workforce. No matter where life takes them, they are ready to leave their mark on the world.



*Student Government Association and National Honor Society President Jayden Boafo reflects on the resilience of the senior class.*



*Salutatorian Trevor Strano speaks to his fellow graduates.*



*Valedictorian Andie Psilopoulos addresses the Class of 2024.*

## Welcome Back!

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Let the learning begin!

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# Letter from the Superintendent

## DEAR WALLKILL COMMUNITY,

We are very excited to welcome our students, faculty, and staff back for the 2024-2025 school year. As a reminder, September 3rd is Superintendent's Conference Day and September 4th is the first day of school for our students.

In May, the community overwhelmingly supported our budget, which allowed us to maintain and enhance our programs. Furthermore, due to long range planning and the establishment of reserves, the tax levy was at or below the limit for the thirteenth year in a row.

This summer we completed the following work for Phase I of the Capital Project:

- Security vestibules at the main entrances in all school buildings
- Installed air conditioning systems in the cafeteria and gymnasium at each elementary school

This summer we completed the following work for Phase II of the Capital Project:

- Replaced old ceiling tiles at the middle school and high school
- Completed roof work at the middle school and high school
- Installed a new gym floor at the high school
- Refurbished the locker rooms at the middle school and high school

Included in this issue of Learning at Wallkill are pictures of work that was completed this summer. Please note that the air conditioning systems for the cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium (middle school only) at the secondary schools will be installed in Summer of 2025.

We are a community that values education and I am proud to serve you as Superintendent of Schools. A strong partnership between the school and home has a positive impact on student achievement. It is imperative that we continue working together to ensure our students receive the education they deserve.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September!

Sincerely,



**Kevin Castle**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



*Mrs. Space's Kindergarten class at Plattekill Elementary School are champions of the environment. They learned how to "reduce, reuse, recycle" by repurposing plastic water bottles to create self-watering planters to grow pumpkins for their "Kinder-garden."*

## 2024-2025 Board of Education Meetings

All Board of Education meetings begin at 7 PM, unless otherwise indicated.

- August 20, 2024 (Tuesday) at Wallkill Senior High School
- September 18, 2024 at Wallkill Senior High School
- October 16, 2024 at Ostrander Elementary School
- November 20, 2024 at Plattekill Elementary School
- December 18, 2024 at Leptondale Elementary School
- January 15, 2025 at Plattekill Elementary School
- February 19, 2025 at Leptondale Elementary School
- March 19, 2025 at Ostrander Elementary School
- April 22, 2025 (Tuesday) at Leptondale Elementary School
- May 21, 2025 at Plattekill Elementary School
- June 18, 2025 at Wallkill Senior High School

Please note that the meeting schedule is subject to change.

# Physicals/Immunization Requirements

**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW** requires physicals for children new to the district, entering Pre-K, K, or in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 as well as annually for interscholastic sports; working papers; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special education (CPSE).

New York State Public Health Law requires immunization before children attend public or private schools unless the parent provides written proof of legal exemption or proof from a health care provider that the child is in the process of receiving the required immunizations. In some instances, doctor verified disease histories or blood tests, which show immunity, are acceptable. Immunizations may be done by your health care provider, Ulster County Health Department (845-340-3150), or Orange County Health Department (845-568-5333).

- **Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (DPT, DT, DTaP, or TD)**  
Pre K: four doses.

K-12: either four or five doses. If fourth dose is received at 4 years or older, the fifth dose is not required.

- **Tdap Booster Vaccination**

One dose at 11 years old, entering Grade 6.

- **Polio**

Pre K: three doses.

K-12: either three or four doses of IPV. If third dose is received at 4 years or older, a fourth dose is not required.

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)**

Pre-K: one dose. K-12: two doses.

- **Hepatitis B**

Three doses total.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox)**

Pre K: one dose.

K-12: two doses total.

- **Meningitis**

Grade 7: one dose.

Grade 12: booster required. (Only one dose is needed if student received first dose after age 16.)



*Ostrander, Leptondale, and Plattekill Elementary School students combined forces in late May and did an amazing job performing at the 2024 Great Adventure Music Competition. The orchestra, chorus, and the band competed and our Panthers brought home three first place trophies. A huge thank you goes out to our awesome music teachers, all the parents, chaperones, bus drivers, volunteers, judges, and student performers!*

## **No child may enter school without proof of the required immunization or proof of legal exemption.**

Legal reasons for a waiver include a physician medical exemption or diagnosed disease (must include a statement from physician). This must be renewed yearly.

New York State has recently changed legal requirements for non-medical immunizations exemptions.

Please visit the District website for additional information or contact Ursula Petricek, District-Wide Nurse Practitioner, at 845-895-7156.

Wallkill Senior High School Health Office  
845-895-7155

John G. Borden Middle School Health Office  
845-895-7181

Leptondale Elementary School Health Office  
845-895-7206

Clare F. Ostrander Elementary School Health Office  
845-895-7231

Plattekill Elementary School Health Office  
845-895-7256

# Elementary 2024 – 2025 Bus Routes

## LEPTONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### ROUTE 600 HUNT ROAD / QUAKER STREET

8:10 Hunt Road (Route 32 to Quaker Street)  
8:20 Quaker Street (Hunt Road to Mill Street)

### ROUTE 601 ROUTE 300

7:38 Route 300 Westbound (Bauer Lane to Plains Road)  
7:50 Route 300 Eastbound (Plains Road to Gunsch Estates)  
8:22 Route 300 Westbound (Gunsch Estates to Quaker Street)

### ROUTE 602 CHAPEL ROAD / LAKESIDE ROAD

8:08 Chapel Road  
8:11 Union Avenue Extension  
8:15 Max Way  
8:20 Lakeside Road  
8:22 Mill Street (Quaker to School)

### ROUTE 603 ROCK CUT ROAD / OLD ROCK CUT ROAD / EAST ROCK CUT ROAD

7:58 Rock Cut Road-West Side Only (Route 300 to South Street)  
8:12 Rock Cut Road-East Side Only  
8:19 East Rock Cut Road  
8:27 Quaker Street (Route 300 to Mill Street)

### ROUTE 604 KINGS HILL / FOREST ROAD

7:53 Kings Hill Road (Plains Road to Rock Cut Road)  
7:55 Forest Road (Route 300 to Route 32)

### ROUTE 605 ROUTE 32 / PRESSLER ROAD

8:01 Route 32 Northbound (Mill Street to East Road)  
8:03 East Road (Route 32 to Pressler Road)  
8:11 Pressler Road  
8:22 Route 32 Northbound (Sarvis Lane to Mill Street)

### ROUTE 606 ANDERSON ROAD / ORCHARD DRIVE

7:49 Orchard Drive (Route 32 to Anderson Road)  
7:53 Anderson Road  
8:05 Orchard Drive (Anderson Road to Route 300)

### ROUTE 607 STRAWRIDGE RD / MOUNTAINVIEW AVE

8:05 Strawridge Road (Plains Road to Route 300)  
8:19 Mountainview Avenue (Route 300 to Mill Street)

### ROUTE 608 CRONK ROAD / PROSPECT HILL ROAD / CHURCH STREET

8:03 Cronk Road (Orchard Drive to Forest Road)  
8:07 Prospect Hill Road  
8:17 Church Street  
8:25 Route 32 Southbound (East Road to Mill Street)

### ROUTE 609 NEW HURLEY ROAD / DENTON / QUAKER STREET

7:55 Denton Road  
8:01 Modena Country Club  
8:05 New Hurley Road (Orchard Drive to Kingsview Road)  
8:09 Kingsview Road  
8:18 New Hurley Road (Kingsview to Denton Road)  
8:23 Quaker Street (Forest Road to Hunt Road)

### ROUTE 610 MILL STREET / FOSTERTOWN ROAD / OLD MILL ROAD

7:58 Mill Street (School to Route 32)  
8:01 Route 32 Southbound (Mill Street to Sarvis Lane)  
8:11 Fostertown Road (Sarvis Lane to Route 32)  
8:20 Old Mill Road (Route 32 to Mill Street)

## OSTRANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### ROUTE 400 SAND HILL ROAD

7:45 River Road  
7:53 Birch Road  
7:57 Sand Hill Road  
8:02 Denniston Road  
8:04 Trappes View Road and Millbrook Road  
8:13 Route 208 Southbound (Denniston to Blossom Lane)

### ROUTE 401 C.E. PENNEY DRIVE

8:06 Route 208 Northbound (Route 300 to Reservoir Road)  
8:09 Reservoir Road to Westview Drive  
8:14 Old Reservoir Road  
8:19 Valley View Drive  
8:20 C.E. Penney and Lincoln Circle

### ROUTE 402 ROUTE 208 / PLAINS ROAD

7:52 Route 208 Northbound (Reservoir Road to Plains Road)  
8:10 Plains Road (Route 208 to New Hurley Road)  
8:15 New Hurley Road (Plains Road to Route 208)  
8:20 Plains Road (New Hurley Road to Route 300)  
8:25 Route 300 Westbound (Plains Road to Route 208)

### ROUTE 403 ROUTE 208 SOUTH

7:57 Route 208 (District-Line to Town)  
8:02 Borden Road (Route 208 End)  
8:06 Route 300 Eastbound (Route 208 to Plains Road)  
8:09 Plains Road (Route 300 to St. Elmo Road)  
8:14 St. Elmo Road  
8:19 Borden Road  
8:20 Plains Road (St. Elmo Road to District-Line)

### ROUTE 404 HOAGERBURGH ROAD

7:58 Bruyn Turnpike (from Albany Post Road)  
8:00 Drexel Road  
8:05 Greising Road  
8:06 Hoagerburgh Road  
8:10 Bruyn Turnpike (to Hoagerburgh Road)  
8:11 North Hoagerburgh Road  
8:12 Old Fort Road  
8:18 Long Lane  
8:25 Albany Post Road (Long Lane to Galeville Road)

### ROUTE 405 LIPPINCOTT ROAD

7:55 Lippincott Road (P/U All)  
7:59 Albany Post Road (Lippincott to Wildrick Road)  
8:09 Wildrick Road  
8:11 Albany Post Road (Wildrick Road to Red Top Road)  
8:12 Bernhardt Road  
8:16 River Glen Road  
8:22 DuBois Road (River Glen to Bruyn Turnpike)

### ROUTE 406 BENTON CORNERS

7:46 Bruynswick Road (Guilford to Shaft Road)  
7:56 North Mountain Road (Shaft Road to Route 44/55)  
8:00 Route 44/55 West (North Mountain Rd to Firehouse)  
8:03 Route 44/55 East (Firehouse to Albany Post Road)  
8:15 Albany Post Road (District-Line to Long Lane)

### ROUTE 407 BRUYN SWICK ROAD

7:34 Tillson Lake Road (Bruynswick to S. Mountain Road)  
7:41 Beecher Hill Road  
7:43 Lake Road  
7:48 South Mountain Road  
7:49 Shaft Road  
7:57 Bruynswick Road (Shaft Road to Hoagerburgh Road)  
8:12 Tillson Lake Road (Lake Road to S. Mountain Road)  
8:17 Hoagerburgh Road (Bruynswick Road to Long Lane)  
8:19 Galeville Road

## ROUTE 408 DWAARKILL

7:50 Low Road  
7:52 Meeker Road  
7:55 Decker Road  
7:58 Rutsonville Road  
8:05 Bruynswick Road (to Hoagerburgh Road)  
8:10 Burnt Meadow  
8:15 Bates Lane

## ROUTE 409 STRAWRIDGE ROAD

8:20 Strawridge Road West

## PLATTEKILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### ROUTE 500 EAST ROAD / HUCKLEBERRY TPKE

8:06 East Road (Pressler Road to Huckleberry Turnpike)  
8:15 Huckleberry Turnpike

### ROUTE 501 PATURA ROAD / FREETOWN ROAD / PLATTEKILL ARDONIA ROAD

8:03 Patura Road  
8:13 Freetown Road  
8:23 Plattekill Ardonia Road (Fosler Road to Cheanda Lane)

### ROUTE 502 ROUTE 44/55 / ROUTE 32

7:53 Route 44/55 Eastbound (Route 208 to Rolling Acres)  
8:01 Route 44/55 Westbound (Rolling Acres to Route 32)  
8:07 Route 32 Northbound (Route 44/55 to Alhusen Road)  
8:18 Route 32 Southbound (Alhusen Road to Plate Road)

### ROUTE 503 FREETOWN HIGHWAY

7:55 Freetown Highway Eastbound  
8:11 Freetown Highway Westbound

### ROUTE 504 ROUTE 32 / PLATE ROAD

8:02 Route 32 Northbound (Forest Road to Plate Road)  
8:10 Plate Road  
8:21 Route 32 Southbound (Plate Road to School)

### ROUTE 505 FOSLER / OLD UNIONVILLE ROAD

7:58 Fosler Road  
8:06 South Street  
8:22 Old Unionville Road

### ROUTE 506 COTTER ROAD / LEWIS LANE / NEW UNIONVILLE ROAD

7:57 Cotter Road  
8:03 Lewis Lane  
8:09 New Unionville Road (Lewis Lane to Plattekill Ardonia Road)

### ROUTE 507 CHURCH STREET / ROUTE 32

7:49 Church Street  
7:55 Route 32 Northbound (Church Street to Forest Road)  
8:08 Route 32 Southbound (School to East Road)  
8:12 Route 32 Northbound (East Road to School)

### ROUTE 508 ALHUSEN ROAD / S. OHIOVILLE / MILTON TPK / PLATTEKILL ARDONIA

7:44 Alhusen Road (Route 32 to S. Ohioville Road)  
7:49 South Ohioville Road  
7:52 Milton Turnpike (44/55 to Glen Rock Circle)  
8:02 Hull Avenue  
8:13 Coy Road  
8:16 Plattekill Ardonia Road (Route 44/55 to Fosler Road)

### ROUTE 509 BARCLAY ROAD / RABBIT RUN ROAD / PLATTEKILL ARDONIA

7:58 Barclay Road  
8:04 Rabbit Run Road  
8:11 Camp Sunset Road  
8:16 Plattekill Ardonia Road (Cheanda Lane to Route 32)

All routes are scheduled to arrive at the Elementary Schools between 8:30 AM and 8:55 AM. Times are approximate and may vary by 5–10 minutes on any given day. All students should be at the bus stop approximately 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

# Secondary 2024 – 2025 Bus Routes

## ROUTE 1 BENTON CORNERS

6:40 Route 44/55 (Bruynswick Road to District-Line)  
 6:50 North Mountain Road  
 6:55 Shaft Road  
 7:00 Bruynswick Road (Shaft to Route 44/55)  
 7:05 Route 44/55 (Bruynswick Road to Albany Post Road)  
 7:10 Albany Post (Guilford Road to Bates Lane)

## ROUTE 2 BRUYN SWICK ROAD

6:28 Tillson Lake Road (Bruynswick Turnpike to South Mountain)  
 6:35 Beecher Hill Road  
 6:41 Lake Road  
 6:44 Tillson Lake Road  
 6:45 South Mountain Road  
 6:55 Bruynswick Road (Tillson Lake Road to Hoagerburgh Road)  
 7:06 Long Lane  
 7:08 Galeville Road

## ROUTE 3 DWAARKILL

6:35 Low Road  
 6:40 Meeker Road  
 6:45 Decker Road  
 6:50 Rutsonville Road (Including Red Mills Road)  
 6:55 Bruynswick Road  
 7:00 Hoagerburgh Road (Low Road to Burnt Meadow Road)  
 7:05 Burnt Meadow Road  
 7:07 Hoagerburgh Road (Burnt Meadow Road to Bates Lane)  
 7:10 Albany Post (Bates Lane to Bruyn Turnpike)

## ROUTE 4 PLATTEKILL ARDONIA ROAD

6:45 Plattekill Ardonia Road (Camp Sunset to Route 32)

## ROUTE 5 FOSTERTOWN / PRESSLER

6:46 Fostertown Road  
 6:50 Pressler Road  
 6:57 East Road (Pressler Road to Route 32)

## ROUTE 6 ROUTE 44/55 / ROUTE 32 N / RESERVOIR ROAD

6:39 Route 44/55 (Route 208 to Route 32)  
 6:41 Route 32 (Route 44/55 to District-Line)  
 6:45 Alhusen Road  
 6:47 South Ohioville Road  
 6:50 Route 44/55 (South Ohioville Road to Route 208)  
 7:10 Route 208 (North of Plains Road & Birch to Robinson)  
 7:15 Old Reservoir Road  
 7:18 Reservoir Road Bus Stop (Stop sign at Old Reservoir Road)

## ROUTE 7 MODENA

6:45 Route 32 (Modena to Plate Road)  
 6:47 Plate Road (The Meadows)  
 6:55 Route 32 (Plate Road to New Hurley Road)  
 7:05 Denton Road

## ROUTE 8 UNIONVILLE ROAD

6:40 New Unionville Road (Plattekill Ardonia Road to Campbell Drive)  
 6:55 Old Unionville Road

## ROUTE 9 PATURA ROAD

6:45 Freetown Road  
 6:50 Patura Road

## ROUTE 10 HUCKLEBERRY TURNPIKE

6:35 East Road (Pressler Road to Huckleberry Turnpike)  
 6:45 Huckleberry Turnpike (East Road to Plattekill Ardonia Road)

## ROUTE 11 FOREST PARK

6:50 Freetown Highway (Route 32 to 2nd Forest Park Entrance)  
 6:55 Forest Park (Freetown Highway Entrances)

## ROUTE 12 FREETOWN / NEW HURLEY

6:45 Freetown Highway  
 7:01 New Hurley Road (Route 32 to Orchard Drive)

## ROUTE 13 HULL AVENUE

6:28 Route 44/55 (Freetown Highway to District Line)  
 6:31 Rolling Acres  
 6:34 Milton Turnpike  
 6:40 Hull Avenue  
 6:49 Barclay Road

## ROUTE 14 HUNT ROAD / CHURCH STREET

6:47 Hunt Road  
 6:54 Church Street

## ROUTE 15 PLAINS ROAD

6:54 Route 300 (Route 208 to Plains Road-Eastbound)  
 6:58 Plains Road  
 7:11 St. Elmo Road  
 7:14 South Plains Road  
 7:16 Route 300 (Plains Road to Route 208-Westbound)

## ROUTE 16 ROUTE 32

6:50 Route 32 South (Forest Road to Old Mill Road)  
 7:00 Mill Street (North Side ONLY)  
 7:05 Old Mill Road  
 7:08 Route 32 North (Old Mill Road to Freetown Highway)

## ROUTE 17 SOUTH STREET

6:30 Fosler Road  
 6:40 South Street  
 6:50 Cotter Road  
 7:00 Kingsview Road

## ROUTE 18 LAKESIDE ROAD

6:49 Chapel Road  
 6:50 Union Avenue Extension  
 6:55 Max Way  
 7:00 Lakeside Road  
 7:05 East Rock Cut Road

## ROUTE 19 ROUTE 32

6:36 Route 32 South (Old Mill Road to District Line)  
 6:42 Route 32 North (District Line to Old Mill Road)

## ROUTE 20 ROUTE 300

6:30 Route 300 Eastbound (Plains Road to District Line)  
 6:52 Route 300 Westbound (District Line to Plains Road)

## ROUTE 21 FOREST ROAD

6:55 Forest Road (All from Route 32)

## ROUTE 22 ROCK CUT ROAD

6:45 Plains Road (St. Elmo to Kings Hill Road)  
 6:54 Kings Hill Road Crossover to Old Rock Cut Road  
 6:56 Rock Cut Road-West Side Only (to South Street)  
 7:05 Rock Cut Road-East Side Only

## ROUTE 23 SAND HILL ROAD

6:48 Sand Hill Road  
 6:56 Denniston Road  
 6:58 Trappes View Road and Millbrook Road  
 7:04 Route 208 (Denniston Road to Birch Road)

## ROUTE 24 HOAGERBURGH ROAD

6:40 Lippincott Road (P/U for Bruyn Turnpike Lippincott to Bridge)  
 6:45 Bates Lane  
 6:46 Old Fort Road  
 6:50 Hoagerburgh Road (Bates Lane to Bruyn Turnpike)  
 6:55 Bruyn Turnpike West (Hoagerburgh Road to Drexel Drive)  
 7:00 South Hoagerburgh Road  
 7:05 Greising Road  
 7:10 Bruyn Turnpike (Hoagerburgh Road to Lippincott)

## ROUTE 25 TOWN / RIVER ROAD / SHUTTLE

6:45 Route 208 (Lumberyard to Town)  
 6:55 River Road  
 6:57 Birch Road  
 7:04 St. Benedict's Church  
 7:07 Reformed Church  
 7:10 Middle School (Pick Up HS Walkers)  
 7:15 High School (Pick Up MS Walkers)  
 7:20 Route 208 (Robinson Drive to Middle School)

## ROUTE 26 MILL STREET / MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE

6:45 Mill Street (South Side ONLY)  
 7:00 Mountain View Avenue (Route 300 to Mill Street)

## ROUTE 27 QUAKER STREET

6:50 Quaker Street (Route 300 to Forest Road)

## ROUTE 28 MILTON TURNPIKE

6:25 Plattekill Ardonia Road (Route 44/55 to Camp Sunset)  
 6:35 Camp Sunset Road  
 6:40 Milton Turnpike (Hull Avenue to District Line)  
 6:45 Rabbit Run Road

## ROUTE 29 STRAWRIDGE ROAD

7:05 Strawridge Road (East End)  
 7:15 Borden Road Bus Stop  
 7:20 C.E. Penney Drive & Valley View Drive (MS ONLY)

## ROUTE 30 ALBANY POST / RIVER GLEN / DUBOIS ROAD

6:50 Albany Post Road (Lippincott Road to Bernhardt Road)  
 6:55 Bernhardt Road  
 7:00 River Glen Road  
 7:05 DuBois Road  
 7:06 Wildrick Road  
 7:09 Malloy Road  
 7:11 DuBois Road

## ROUTE 31 CRONK ROAD

7:00 Prospect Hill Road  
 7:10 Cronk Road  
 7:13 Orchard Drive (Cronk Road to Route 300)

## ROUTE 32 SOUTH STREET / LEWIS LANE

6:35 South Street (Plattekill Ardonia Road to Lewis Lane)  
 6:45 Lewis Lane  
 6:50 New Unionville (Lewis Lane to Campbell Drive)

## ROUTE 33 ORCHARD DRIVE

6:55 Orchard Drive (ALL from Route 32 to Cronk Road)

## ROUTE 34 ORCHARD DRIVE

6:50 New Hurley Road (Route 208 to Orchard Drive)  
 6:55 Anderson Road  
 7:05 Plains Road (New Hurley Road to Route 300)

All routes are scheduled to arrive at the High School and Middle School between 7:20 AM and 7:25 AM. Times are approximate and may vary by 5–10 minutes on any given day. All students should be at the bus stop approximately 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Tracey Rohl at 845-895-7105 or Orange County Transit at 845-204-3751. Thank you.

# School Lunch Information

## FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DAILY.

There will be a charge for any items besides the meal. If a student chooses to buy a second breakfast and/or a second lunch on any given day, then the prices will be as follows: \$2.20 for Elementary School student lunches and \$2.40 for Middle and High School student lunches. Breakfast prices in all schools will be \$1.00. Milk prices in all schools will be \$.75 per carton.

Even though all Wallkill students are eligible for a free breakfast or lunch daily during the 2024-2025 school year, if you do qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, please complete the application, as you may be eligible for additional benefits. If additional forms are needed, they can be obtained from your school's Health Office or online at [www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us) under the Departments tab: Food Services link. Parents should review these guidelines carefully and if eligible, we encourage you to apply for this program. The application contains information needed to determine economic need based on income and the number of people in the family. Information contained within the application is strictly confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. The free and/or reduced price meal policy also provides that there will be no identification of or discrimination against any student unable to pay the full cost of a meal.

Applications should be completed with all your children's names on one application and returned to your child's Health Office during the first two weeks of school. Applications can be submitted later during the school year if family situations change. For example, if a family member becomes unemployed, if the family size decreases, or if the family income increases by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year), the family must contact the school to file a new application. When applying for this program, all questions on the application must be answered completely to be considered for approval by the District. Parents or guardians must sign the application form certifying that the information is true and correct.

In certain cases, foster children may be eligible for these benefits. A family may wish to apply for meals for eligible foster children and should do so by contacting the school their foster child attends.

Under provisions of the District's policy, a designated official will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents may make either an oral or written request to appeal this decision. Appeals should be addressed to Mr. Brian Devincenzi, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, who is the District Hearing Officer for these appeals.

Prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent or official to discuss the situation, present information and to obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decision rendered. A request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

In the operation of these programs, no child shall be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If you believe that there has been any discrimination, you may write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.

A complete copy of the free and reduced meal price policy is on file in the School Food Authority District Administration Office (Mr. Brian Devincenzi, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services), where it may be reviewed.

## **BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)**

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to determine 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 to the New York State Education Law require BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. We are required to report to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. Names and information regarding students are NOT sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from the report. This information, which is sent to the New York State Department of Health, will help State health officials develop programs designed to improve children's health.

Please notify your child's Health Office Nurse, in writing, if you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year. We are grateful for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you to make your child's school year a positive experience.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact the Health Office Nurse at your child's school. Thank you.

# Wallkill Central School District Notice of Non-Discrimination

1. The Wallkill Central School District offers equal educational and employment opportunities including career and technical education opportunities, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected categories under state or federal law, in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This policy applies to students in connection with all academic, educational, extra-curricular, athletic, and other programs of the school whether they take place in the facilities of the school, on a school bus, at a class or training program sponsored by the school at another location, or elsewhere.
2. Discrimination may include, but is not limited to, the following, when based on one's membership in a protected category:
  - a. name calling, jokes, or rumors;
  - b. pulling on clothing;
  - c. graffiti;
  - d. notes or cartoons;
  - e. unwelcome touching of a person or clothing;
  - f. offensive or graphic posters or book covers;
  - g. any words or actions that make you feel uncomfortable, embarrass you, hurt your feelings, or make you feel bad; or
  - h. denial of access to a school program or activity.
3. If any words or actions by another student, district personnel, or third party, such as volunteers, vendors, contractors, or visitors, make you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, angry or unsafe, and you perceive that such conduct is being exhibited as a result of your membership in a protected category, the District requests that you make a report (either oral or in writing) which should be given to a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, the principal or the District Compliance Officer.
4. Your right to privacy will be respected as much as possible.
5. We take seriously all reports of discriminatory conduct and will take all appropriate actions based on your report.
6. The School District will also take action if anyone tries to retaliate against you because you have reported an incident.
7. This is a summary of the School District non-discrimination policy. Complete policies and procedures are available in the District Office upon request and on the District's website.
8. Students considering themselves to have a grievance may contact Brian Devincenzi, District Compliance Officer, at 845-895-7102 for a copy of the Grievance Procedure and for assistance in processing such a grievance.

## *Wallkill Central School District Notice and Summary of Sexual Harassment Procedure*

1. Definition: Any conduct by a person of the opposite sex or same sex, another student, District employee or third party, such as volunteers, vendors, contractors, or visitors, which a reasonable person, who is the object of such conduct, would conclude is:
  - a. Unwanted touching of a sexual nature of any part of the second person  
-or-  
An unwanted expression which intimidates, embarrasses, or offends the second person.
  - b. Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to:
    - i. making sexual comments, jokes, gestures or looks;
    - ii. touching, grabbing, or pinching in a sexual way;
    - iii. intentionally brushing up against someone;
    - iv. flashing or mooning;
    - v. spreading sexual rumors about a person;
    - vi. pulling at someone's clothing in a sexual way;
    - vii. showing, giving, or leaving sexual pictures, photographs, illustrations, messages, or notes;
    - viii. forcing someone to kiss you or do something sexual other than kissing;
    - ix. spying on someone while dressing or showering;
    - x. calling someone a "fag," "lesbian," or "gay";
    - xi. any written, verbal, symbolic, or vulgar act directed at or implied toward any person's gender (identity, expression, and nonconformity to gender stereotypes) and/or sexual orientation.
2. If you believe you have been subjected to and/ or witnessed any of the above conduct, you must make a report (either oral or in writing) which should be given to a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, the principal, or the District Compliance Officer.
3. Your right to privacy will be respected as much as possible.
4. We take seriously all reports of sexual harassment and will take all appropriate actions based on your report. If you believe that you or another individual has been the subject of sexual harassment, you may contact Brian Devincenzi, District Compliance Officer, at 895-7102 for a copy of the Grievance Procedure and for assistance in processing such a grievance.
5. The School District will also take action if anyone tries to intimidate you or take action to harm you because you have reported an incident.
6. This is a summary of the School District procedure against sexual harassment. Complete policies and procedures are available in the District Office upon request.

Complaints of sexual harassment made under Title IX will be investigated and handled under the District's Title IX policy.

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Wallkill Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, your child's school may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised your child's school to the contrary in accordance with your child's school procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow your child's school to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- the annual yearbook;
- honor roll or other recognition lists;
- graduation programs; and
- sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two Federal laws\* require Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the school that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want your child's school to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify your child's school in writing. The Wallkill Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Grade level
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams

\*These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

# Wallkill Central School District Procedures for Access to Student Records

## INFORMATION SHARING FALLS UNDER THE FAMILY

Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA provides parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records, mainly the right to consent to the disclosure of information. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from the student's record. This law applies to any school that receives funding under an applicable US Department of Education program. However, it does provide some exceptions that allow schools to disclose student records without consent.

### Exceptions to FERPA:

FERPA allows disclosure without the consent of parents (or students 18 and over) to the following parties:

- school officials who have a legitimate educational interest;
- other schools to which a student is transferring;
- certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
- appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
- accrediting organizations;
- individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
- persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
- state and local authorities within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific law; and
- military recruiters for recruiting purposes (unless a parent makes a written request to the District to the contrary).

According to FERPA, a school can disclose information without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. FERPA defines a "school official" as:

a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a member of the Board of Education; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official performing his or her tasks.

According to FERPA, a school official has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review an educational record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

# Procedures for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth

**EVERY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA) MUST** designate an appropriate staff person as a Local Education Agency liaison for students in homeless situations. The Wallkill Central School District's liaison is Ms. Tara Rounds, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Intervention Services. Liaisons must ensure that:

- Children and youth in homeless situations are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- Children and youth enroll in and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in the schools of the LEA;
- Families, children, and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, Even Start, and pre-school programs administered by the LEA, and referrals to health, mental health, dental, and other appropriate services;
- Parents and guardians are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- Public notice of the educational rights of students in homeless situations is disseminated where children and youth receive services under the Act (such as schools, family shelters, and soup kitchens);
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the Enrollment Disputes section; and
- Parents and guardians, and unaccompanied youth, are fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation services.

Liaisons must collaborate and coordinate with State coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to children and youth in homeless situations.

LEAs and State coordinators must inform school personnel, service providers, and advocates who work with families in homeless situations of the duties of the liaison.

## Important Information Regarding Tax Collection

Taxes will be collected by mail, online or in person from September 03, 2024 through November 04, 2024. Taxes for the Towns of Shawangunk, Plattekill, Gardiner, Newburgh and Montgomery will be received from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the Wallkill Administration Building. Additionally, a drop box will be located at the Administration Building, 1500 Route 208, where residents can deposit their taxes in an envelope and a receipt will be mailed to the resident. Payments may now be made online using Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express via [infotaxonline.com](http://infotaxonline.com). Please note that a service fee will be charged by our payment processor for the use of this service. The fee collected is retained by the processing company, not the District. The fee will be disclosed prior to payment.

## Child Abuse Hotline

**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

1-800-342-3720 • <http://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/>

**LÍNEA DIRECTA A LA OFICINA DE ABUSO INFANTIL  
SERVICIOS PARA NIÑOS Y LA FAMILIA OFICINA  
DEL ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK**

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## Anaphylaxis Notice

The administration of epinephrine by epi-pen has become an accepted and extremely beneficial practice in protecting individuals subject to serious anaphylactic reactions. The District will work with students in the self-management of their life-threatening allergy, or other chronic health conditions, by adequately training staff and assuring the availability of the necessary equipment and/or medications. The District will stock epinephrine for non-patient specific use and ensure that each RN is properly trained as the only authorized users of the stock epinephrine per non-patient specific order from the District-Wide Nurse Practitioner. Additionally, the law and regulations permit certain individuals within the schools in the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Parents/guardians can contact Ursula Petricek at 845-895-7156 for further information regarding the treatment of anaphylaxis in school.

## **Parents as Partners in the Wallkill Learning Community Parental Involvement Policy**

The Wallkill Central School District recognizes the important role of parents in the learning community. We share a common commitment to supporting students' academic pursuits and ensuring their successful achievement. We subscribe to the requirements set forth in State and Federal regulations for the purposeful involvement of parents in their children's education. To these ends, the District's mission is to enhance the educational programs of its student population through an active, productive parent-school partnership. Its goal is to increase the constructive, ongoing involvement of parents in the education of their children.

The following procedures and guidelines are intended to facilitate the institution of opportunities for parents and teachers with administrators to participate in making shared decisions about educational issues in a school based forum.

Each building has established and maintains a committee, representative of teachers, parents, administrators, support personnel, and community resources as appropriate to the specific task or educational program. Membership composition, while delineated, will be compliant to assure that specific requirements of individual programs are met. Records and materials maintained with student's pupil personnel will be subject to the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Due process for parents and children will be governed by existing State regulations. Information, to the extent practicable, will be provided to parents in a language and form that parents can understand.

In keeping with federal regulations, the Wallkill Central School District ensures that each Title I designated school will:

- a) Convene an annual meeting at a convenient time to which all parents of participating children will be invited and encouraged to attend. Parents shall be advised and informed of their school's participation in Title I and their rights to be involved within the Title I Program;
- b) Offer a flexible number of meetings in the morning and/or evening and may provide, subject to adequate funding availability, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;
- c) Involve parents in the joint planning of school programs;
- d) Provide parents with timely information concerning both Title I and other school programs and encourage parent/community volunteers;
- e) Give parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
- f) Arrange opportunities for regular meetings to share suggestions, provide training, communicate experiences with other parents, and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, if parents so desire.

## **Wallkill Central School District Concussion Management Policy**

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School District recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activity and can have serious consequences if not managed carefully. Therefore, the District adopts the following policy to support the proper evaluation and management of head injuries.

Concussion is a traumatic brain injury which varies in severity. Concussion occurs when normal brain functioning is disrupted by a blow or jolt to the head. Recovery from a concussion will vary. Avoiding re-injury and over-exertion until fully recovered are the cornerstones of proper concussion management.

While District staff will exercise reasonable care to protect students, head injuries may still occur. Physical education teachers, coaches, nurses, and other appropriate staff will receive training to recognize the signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent with a concussion. Any student exhibiting those signs, symptoms, or behaviors while participating in a school-sponsored class, extracurricular activity, or interscholastic athletic activity shall be removed from the game or activity and be evaluated as soon as possible by an appropriate health care professional. The athletic trainer, coach, school nurse, or other District employee in charge of or supervising the activity will notify the student's parents or guardians and recommend appropriate monitoring to them.

If a student sustains a concussion at a time other than when engaged in a school-sponsored activity, the District expects the parent/legal guardian to report the condition to the school nurse so that the District can support the appropriate management of the condition.

The student shall not return to school or activity until he/she is symptom free for at least 24 hours, has been evaluated by and provides written authorization from an appropriate health care professional. Any student who presents a medical clearance from his/her primary care physician will be started on the appropriate level of the District's return-to-play protocol. Prior to the student's return to full participation, the student will need to have the return-to-play form signed by the District-Wide Nurse Practitioner.

The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate District staff, including the chief school medical officer, will develop regulations and protocols to guide the return to activity.

# Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

## PPRA AFFORDS PARENTS CERTAIN RIGHTS REGARDING

our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
  1. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
  2. mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
  3. sex behavior or attitudes;
  4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
  5. critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  6. legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
  7. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
  8. income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
  1. any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
  2. any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
  3. activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.



*They did it again! We are so proud of our Wallkill Baseball team for once again capturing the Section 9 Championship title and advancing to the regional competition. The team is ON FIRE! We can't wait to see what next year holds!*

- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
  1. protected information surveys of students;
  2. instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
  3. instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Student Privacy Policy Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920



## Wallkill Central School District

Office of Educational Services  
1500 Route 208, PO Box 310  
Wallkill, NY 12589

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Permit No. 8915  
Newburgh, N.Y.

# Postal Patron

The Wallkill Central School District does not discriminate. Our non-discrimination statement can be read in full on the district website. A copy may also be requested by contacting Brian Devincenzi, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, by phoning 845-895-7102, emailing [bdevincenzi@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:bdevincenzi@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us), or writing to 1500 Route 208, PO Box 310, Wallkill, NY 12589.

[www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)

*Wallkill Senior High School has a beautiful new gymnasium floor. Before students return in September, lines, lettering, and the Panther logo will be added.*



*Finishing touches are being added to new security vestibules at each school entrance. Visitors will now be greeted in a separate, locked area so they can be screened before having access to the building.*

*Aged and worn ceiling tiles have been replaced in various locations at Wallkill Senior High School and Wallkill Middle School.*



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### ***Important Telephone Numbers to Know***

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