

# Participation

The district recognizes that students need to be a part of their community.

While your student is attending their program they still have the ability to engage in Orchard Park district extracurricular activities such as sports, band, chorus, and clubs.

Your child is also welcome to participate in the district's elementary, middle and high school social activities.

Examples of these activities may include: Ice Cream Socials, Homecoming, Prom and Graduation.

Please understand that every effort will be made to include your child in after school activities, however, school schedules may conflict with participation.



# My Child's Program Principal/Supervisor is....

Name:

Phone:

Email Address:



# Transportation:

Your child will receive door to door transportation by Orchard Park, to his/her program.

Special transportation needs will be accommodated as outlined on your child's IEP.

Tranportation Phone: 716-209-6237



# Orchard Park Central School District

Out of District Schools

*(BOCES and Agency Schools)*



*Although your child has been placed in a program out of the district, first and foremost they remain an Orchard Park student!*

## I feel my student's IEP is not being implemented correctly:

Please contact the Principal/Supervisor of the program first to discuss your concerns

If you still feel this is not being addressed please con-tact the Director of Special Education.



Questions or for more information please contact:

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Director of Special Education

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## Parent Portal:

Please check the Parent Portal regularly to make sure your contact information is up to date, so you do not miss important messages and information.

## TIES Program:

This program is designed to promote participation of students with disabilities in inclusive, organized activities with the support of trained volunteers.

For information please see the Orchard Park Schools website [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)



## Graduation Participation:

Students have the opportunity to remain in school and continue their education until age 21. If your child is remaining they may choose to participate in the graduation exercises with their cohort. The year your child is eligible you will receive participation information from the high school.

Each out of district program provides a graduation program for their students at the time when they will be leaving school.

Your child may choose to participate in one or both graduation opportunities.



## BOCES Students:

Your child will have access to general education opportunities. There will be a discussion at the CSE meeting as to what would be an appropriate setting for your child to mainstream.

Examples of general education settings may include: Physical Education, Lunch, Music, Art, or Subject Areas.

## Agency Students

As students progress in their agency placement, less restrictive placements that provide more exposure to general education populations will be considered and discussed.

## All out of district students:

- The district goal is for students as appropriate
- return to an in district program.
- Transition plans are developed in collaboration with families and schools to set students up for success.



For Additional Information regarding the continuum of Least Restrictive Environment please visit the New York State Parent Handbook on the Orchard Park Special Education website.