BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear families, 8/19/2025

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! Please find several updates below to help ensure a smooth start to the school year. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me if needed.

eSchoolData Parent Portal:

At 3pm on August 22nd, 2025 the portals for all three schools will be updated with scheduling information for the upcoming school year.

Link to portal: https://parentportal-lhric.eschooldata.com/BlindBrookRye

When you log in, you will be prompted to update your contact information. It is important that you update guardian and emergency contact information. Without this updated information, there may be challenges in communicating with you in times of need. Additionally, the annual NYSED Digital Equity Survey link will be available for completion. Once these two items are complete, you will have access to student records. If you need assistance with your portal credentials, please contact **Erin Carbone** (ecarbone@blindbrook.org).

New "bell to bell" policy:

This summer, the Board of Education adopted a new policy in accordance with state legislation. This legislation prohibits the use of personal internet-enabled devices throughout the entire school day. For students at BMP Ridge Street School and Blind Brook Middle School, current practices already align with the law and newly adopted policy. At Blind Brook High School, the new law will require a shift as students must now ensure their cellphones are turned off and kept out of sight during the school day. To support compliance at both the middle and high schools, the district has prepared new systems for the opening of school, guaranteeing that all secondary students in grades 6-12 will have access to secure lockers for safe device storage. For the full notice on this policy, please see Superintendent Dr. Alm's notice that was sent home.

District Issued Student Devices:

All students in grades K through 12 receive an iPad, keyboard case, Apple pencil and charging brick and cable. Devices are the responsibility of students and therefore need to be cared for properly. The Student Device Agreement form outlines acceptable use and care of the devices. Please sign off on the agreement form by **September 2nd, 2025**.

Students in grades 7 through 10 will be receiving new devices. They *must turn in all items and the agreement form must be signed off on* in order for them to receive their new devices at their designated times which will be shared with students as school begins.

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Students and guardians should keep a personal record of the device serial number, case serial number and pencil serial number. This will help in locating a missing device as well as determining theft. Click here to learn how to access this information.

Student Acceptable Use Policy Signature:

Please have you and your student sign off on the Acceptable Use Policy. Please sign off on the agreement form by **September 2nd, 2025**.

Technology Resources For Students and Families:

Check out the technology resources site to learn more about software and student devices.

FERPA and Directory Information Annual Notification:

To learn about your right to inspect and review your students educational records please review BOE Policy 7240 Students Records and BOE Policy 7241 Student Directory Information