

OUR SCHOOLS IN ACTION

First Day of School is Tuesday, Sept. 8

Back to School Issue 2026

New Faces at ACHS in 2026-27

Patrick Kapperman is ready to begin the new school year in his new role as Amherst Central High School Principal. Mr. Kapperman's leadership will position the high school to build upon the great educational foundation that exists at the building. In his three years as the high school assistant principal, he gained a deep knowledge of the district and has built strong relationships at the high school. An educator with 18 years of experience, Mr. Kapperman has spent the last 15 years in the Amherst Central School District in roles that span classroom teaching, special education and district-level administration. He fills the position left vacant by the June retirement of High School Principal Gregory Pigeon.



Adam Wierbinski, a social studies teacher, was named High School Assistant Principal to fill Mr. Kapperman's vacancy. A dedicated educator with eight years of classroom experience, Mr. Wierbinski has spent the last three years at Amherst Central High School. During that time, he has taught a diverse range of social studies courses—from AP and Honors to Non-Regents—covering Global History, Economics, and U.S. Government and Politics, Civics in Action. His expertise in curriculum design, data-driven instruction, and project-based learning has been instrumental in meeting the varied needs of our students while fostering a supportive school culture.



PowerSchool is our New Parent Portal

For the 2026-27 school year, our district will be using PowerSchool for our parent and student portal. All ACSD families will receive emailed instructions in late August for how to access and use PowerSchool. Middle and High School students will learn more about their access on the first day of school. PowerSchool has a useful app and instructions will be provided to families. Check out the PowerSchool webpage at www.amherstschoools.org for additional information.

By moving to PowerSchool, the district can consolidate many classroom and communication functions into one platform with these features:

- **District & Building Level Communication:** All families will continue to receive district and building level email communication with important messages from the Superintendent of Schools, Building Principals, Transportation Coordinator and Classroom Teachers. Those emails will be sent through the PowerSchool portal.
- **Emergency Communication:** Communication about snow days or other emergencies will continue to be communicated through text and phone messages.
- **School Registration:** All school registrations, as well as updating contact information, will be done online through PowerSchool.
- **Transportation Assignments:** All families will be able to access their child's bus routes the first week of September.
- **Homerooms, Schedules, Grades, Assignments:** Parents will receive an email from their child's building administrator when schedules and homerooms are available to view in PowerSchool.
- **Single Sign On:** The Middle and High School student login experience is easy with Google Single Sign-on with just one click through TigerLink on their Chromebook.
- **Report Cards:** All families will be able to download report cards for the 2026-27 school year.
- **Annual Forms:** Families will sign off on annual consent forms through their PowerSchool account.



Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

The Amherst Central School District will implement Distraction-Free Schools during the 2026-27 school year to meet the requirements of a NYS Education Law § 2803 for student use of personal internet-enabled devices during school hours on school grounds. Under this law, New York state schools are required to impose bell-to-bell restrictions on internet-enabled smart phones and devices capable of connecting to the Internet for grades K-12.

Under the Amherst CSD plan, Middle and High School student devices must be turned off and stored in a locked locker during the entire school day (from homeroom/homebase bell through dismissal bell). Elementary student devices must be turned off and stored in student's backpacks during the school day. At the elementary level,

it is strongly recommended that internet-enabled devices be left home.

Parents/Guardians may call the school's main office, and the office staff can relay messages to the student or call the student to the office to speak with their parent/guardian. Parents may drop off written notes at the school's main office. Students may use the phone in the Main office, attendance office, nurse's office, counseling center or classroom (with teacher permission).

Exclusions to the policy and the updated enforcement and consequences are described in the Distraction-Free Schools Plan. The complete plan and policy, as well as a FAQ document, can be found under the Students/Parents tab at amherstschoools.org.

AMHERST CENTRAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER



Where mental health matters and strong families succeed

Family Support Center Events

Throughout the school year, the Amherst CSD Family Support Center sponsors workshops and events for families. They are advertised in the FSC newsletter that is emailed to all families and posted on the FSC web page.

The center's goal is to foster family communication and well-being, healthy youth development and success in school. If students are struggling with issues such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem/self-image, substance use, family conflicts, peer relationships or serious school academic or behavior concerns, the Family Support Center can help. Our program can assist parents with getting their children and family the most appropriate, affordable support in a timely manner.

In order to accomplish this, there is a spectrum of services available, including:

- Individual and family counseling
- Support groups
- Parenting groups
- Referrals and information to outside community resources
- Wellness activities

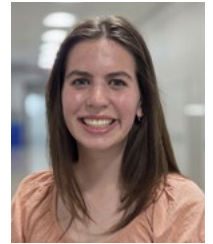
Windy's Clothing Closet Assists Elementary Families

During the 2026-27 school year, elementary families from Windermere Boulevard Elementary and Smallwood Drive Elementary can make use of Windy's Clothing Closet for free clothing for students in grades PreK to fifth grade. The closet has pants, shirts, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens, boots, shoes, concert clothing and summer clothing for boys and girls. It is housed at Trinity United Methodist Church, 711 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst. Hours of operation are 3-6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Families do not need to make an appointment, you can just walk in during operating hours. Any questions about the clothing closet may be sent to windyscloset@amherstschoools.org.



Ex-Officio Student Board Member at Amherst CSD

Zoe Simonson, a high school senior, is the 2026-27 Ex-Officio Student Board member of the Amherst Central Board of Education. Her term began July 1 and will end June 30, 2027. Active in many clubs, varsity soccer, variety track and field and musical groups at school, she maintains a high academic grade point average with a rigorous academic schedule. She volunteers for the Amherst Soccer Association, as well as for the Town of Amherst's Youthworks Program. A talented violinist and pianist, she is a member of the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, ACHS Sinfonia and Symphony Orchestra (concertmaster). She plans to major in public policy in college. Zoe succeeds Olivia Hidalgo who served as the 2025-26 Ex-Officio Student Board member. School districts in New York State are required to have an ex-officio student representative on the Board of Education. The ex-officio student member of the Board will sit with Board members at all public meetings of the Board and participate in all Board hearings and meetings. The student member will not vote or attend executive sessions.



Community Education Fall Camps

Amherst Central School District's Community Education program offers youth camps for students in grades 1 - 12. Registration is open for Fall programs. All registration is done online at www.amherstschoools.org/community/community-education.

Online Events Calendar

The District posts all information, notices and calendar event dates on the district website at www.amherstschoools.org. If you do not have internet access and wish to pick up a printed copy of pertinent notices and a listing of calendar events, you may contact Debbie Custodi, District Clerk, at 362-3051.

Before & After School Care

Amherst CSD partners with Just For Kids for before school care at Windermere Boulevard Elementary School and after school care at Windermere Boulevard and Smallwood Drive Elementary Schools. All program information, registration and payment is done through the Just for Kids website at www.justforkidsonline.org/amherst-csd. Pricing is calculated when you register your child as it is based on what you enroll for, how many children are enrolled, and potential other discounts.

Are you looking for full-time or part-time work?

Are you hard-working and enthusiastic?
Amherst Schools might be the perfect fit for you!

We hire throughout the school year!

Now Recruiting 2026-27 Substitutes

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Capital Project: Summer 2026 Work

Work continued this summer on Phase 2 of the District's Capital Improvement Project.

- At Windermere Boulevard Elementary, the new Universal Prekindergarten addition of four classrooms, STEM classroom and play area will be ready for the 2026-27 school year. Windermere is also receiving secure main entrance renovations this summer.
- A new rooftop unit (RTU) is being installed at Smallwood Cafeteria that provides A/C capability.
- At Amherst Middle School, the main entrance will have replacement interior vestibule doors and 1 exterior door with added badge swipe access for the start of school. Secure entry into a new attendance suite and nurse's suite is on track for late October 2026. The main office received some HVAC, ceiling, lighting renovations. Exterior lighting and security cameras will be installed this fall. New hot water heating units are being installed throughout the Middle School over the summer, as well as replacement casework and ceiling soffits on first floor. Mechanical updates include new Cafeteria RTU (similar to Smallwood) to provide A/C capability, new pool dehumidification unit, and new Auditorium RTU for better air flow. Auditorium theatrical system renovations are ongoing.
- Turf complex work completed at Dennis Ford Field includes remaining artificial turf installation, infill placement, baseball and softball dugout placement, pedestrian walking paths, perimeter restorations, subbase paving at new parking lots. Planned through the fall includes remaining fencing-netting system installations, baseball and softball dugout finishes, concessions building finishes, remaining top paving and striping at new parking lots (allowing use for MS student drop off at start of school), Kings Hwy and Westmoreland crosswalks and signage, and hardline fiber connection to support data needs of the complex. The complex is expected to be ready for full usage in spring 2027.



Air conditioning was installed at Smallwood cafeteria.



An aerial view of the turf at Dennis Ford Field.



Amherst Middle steam-to-hot water conversion.



UPK classroom cubbies for backpacks.



The exterior of the UPK addition at Windermere.



Pre-fabricated dugouts were installed.



A paved entry loop at the new UPK addition.



UPK students will have their own play area.



The concession area at the athletic field.

Annual Notifications



Private, Parochial, Charter Students April 1 Deadline for Registering; Bus Requests

Students residing within ACSD limits, who attend private, parochial or charter schools are required to register with the district annually prior to April 1, or within 30 days of moving into the district, in order to receive transportation, school-based services and update student information on file. Residents of Amherst Central School District who require transportation to a private, parochial or charter school can (re)register through the PowerSchool portal. Visit the Central Registration webpage.

Once (re)registered successfully, you are able to indicate your need for transportation and you will receive an email from Central Registration confirming that your account is active and your documents are being (re)verified by Central Registration. Annually, you must register and verify documents before transportation requests can be completed.

CEP: Free Breakfast, Free Lunch for All Students

As of Nov. 1, 2023, all students enrolled in Amherst Central School District are able to receive one breakfast and one lunch each day for no charge. This is a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) expanding access to the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

All students at Amherst Central High School, Amherst Middle School, Windermere Boulevard Elementary and Smallwood Drive Elementary are eligible to receive one school breakfast and one school lunch at no cost to your household. In the cafeteria, students will continue to go through the line and provide their student ID number at checkout, just like they do now. This provision only pertains to full breakfast and lunch meals.

A la carte items, such as snacks, ice cream, and additional food and beverage items must still be purchased. If you have been notified by the district that you have an outstanding balance on your child's lunch account, you are still responsible for the payment of that balance. We will continue to send letters home with balances due and instructions for payment arrangements.

Reduced Fees on SAT, ACT, PSAT and AP Exams



Families that qualify for reduced rates or waivers on SAT, ACT, PSAT and AP exams will be required to complete the CEP Household Income Eligibility Form. This form is used to determine eligibility for additional state and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. The form can be found by using the QR Code or from the District website under the Departments tab, Nutrition Services, Household Income Eligibility Form.pdf. Any questions should be directed to School Lunch Manager, Tracey Horn, at 716-362-3025.

Registering for School

Families new to the District should register their child/children as soon as possible to ease transition and allow adequate time for educational services to be arranged (schedule, classroom placement and transportation) before school begins Sept. 8, 2026. Visit the Central Registration webpage on the district website.

The Central Registrar will process registration documents for new and re-entry students, Universal Pre-K and Kindergarten students, as well as for private, parochial and charter school students. Students who reside in the Amherst Central School District, but are enrolled in private, parochial, or charter schools need to register with ACSD annually. The process of registering a child for Amherst Central School District is done online at www.amherstschools.org. The Central Registration office is located at the District Office, 55 Kings Highway. Meetings with the Central Registrar are by appointment only; please call for an appointment or with questions, 716-362-3030.

Annual Notifications Webpage

The annual notifications that school districts are required to make public to inform parents/guardians and students of their rights are posted on the Annual Notification webpage on amherstschools.org. The District's Code of Conduct, along with School Attendance Policy, Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security, Student Privacy Policy and other annual notifications, can be found at www.amherstschools.org under the community tab. If you do not have internet access and wish to pick up a printed policy, call Debbie Custodi, District Clerk, at 362-3051.

Wellness - BOE Policy #5661

The District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being, and the ability to learn by fostering healthy eating and physical activity before, during, and after the school day. The wellness policy outlines the District's approach to ensuring that there are opportunities for all students and personnel to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day. The District will work to ensure that all students and personnel across the District have equitable access to health and wellness efforts. This wellness policy applies to all students, personnel, and schools in the District. On an annual basis, the District will make this wellness policy available to families and the public. It can be found on the Annual Notifications webpage. Assistant Superintendent Michael Bell-Isle leads and coordinates the District Wellness Committee.

Advanced Coursework - BOE Policy #7223

The District acknowledges that advanced coursework can foster academic excellence, enhance critical thinking skills, and prepare students for college and career success. In light of the potential benefits and opportunities, the District is committed to offering a variety of advanced coursework options. Advanced coursework options include accelerated coursework for eighth grade students, advanced placement (AP) courses and dual credit for college courses. Middle and High School parents are notified annually of the benefits and opportunities within the district of participating in advanced courses.

Attendance Matters - BOE Policy #7110

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. Because the School District recognizes that consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation, the School District has developed a Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy to meet the following objectives:

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| a. To increase school completion for all students | d. To know the whereabouts of every student for safety and other reasons |
| b. To raise student achievement and close gaps in student performance | e. To verify that individual students are complying with education laws relating to compulsory attendance |
| c. To identify attendance patterns in order to design attendance improvement efforts | f. To determine the District's average daily attendance for State aid purposes |

Attending school every day helps students learn and stay on track. Students need to attend school to achieve in school. When students miss school, they miss out on academics, clubs and so much more. Families can monitor and support their children in many ways to help improve attendance.

- Help your child get into the habit of going to school and learn the value of regular routines.
- Teach your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick.
- Build relationships with other families and friends to discuss how you can help each other (e.g. drop off or pick up children, baby sit, etc.). more likely to want to attend every day.
- If possible, schedule doctor and dentist appointments for before or after school.
- Call your school or visit the PowerSchool online Parent Portal to check your child's attendance and see how many days they have missed – if they miss more than nine days in a year, they are at greater risk for failure.
- Encourage your child to participate in before or after-school activities.
- Schedule vacations for days your children don't have school.

SNAP Helps Families

Many families struggle to afford enough food, and hunger is a persistent reality for kids. SNAP provides monthly benefits that eligible families can use to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and at some online retailers.

Scan the QR Code or visit SNAPHelpNY.org to see if you may be eligible.



FirstView Bus Tracking App is Available

The FirstView bus tracking app allows parents to monitor bus routes for arrival of First Student buses in the morning and afternoon. Routes should be available in the app the first week of school. If not, please check back. The app is available for the large buses only; it is not available for students riding small buses. The app is available through the Apple app store or Google Play store or by visiting myfirstview.com. Instructions on how to use the app with the school code can be found on the Transportation webpage at amherstschools.org.

If your child takes the bus, please be patient during the first week of school. Schedules for pick up and drop off are still being adjusted during the first few days (and even into the following week) so don't be alarmed if your child's bus is late.

Save the Date - Fall Fest 2026

The annual Fall Fest is Friday, Sept. 25 on the Amherst Central High School front lawn. It's a family event with plenty of activities for children of all ages. It starts at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m., just in time to walk over to Dimp Wagner '48 Alumni Field for the 7 p.m. varsity football game against Williamsville South High School on our home turf. Elementary students who want to be part of the welcome line on the football field for our Amherst players to run through need to be at the field by 6:30 p.m.

The Fall Fest activities on the high school front lawn include multiple bounce houses for all different age groups, a dunk tank, carnival games and prizes, face painting, balloon animals, and an obstacle course. The Snyder Fire Company and Amherst Police will be there with fire trucks and police cars for the kids to sit in.

All tables and booths are run by our high school students and Fall Fest is organized by the Student Council. All activities are free, but it is cash only to purchase pizza, hotdogs, snacks, ice cream and beverages. You will go to a ticket booth to purchase tickets (worth \$1) and then take the tickets to the booths you would like to purchase from. Most food items will be priced between \$1 to \$5.

DASA: Preventing and Addressing Bias-Based Harassment in Schools

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) took effect July 1, 2012 and was amended to include cyberbullying effective July 1, 2013. Its purpose is to provide students with a school environment free of discrimination and harassment by peers and by school personnel. It applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as at school-sponsored events or activities. Incidents of harassment and discrimination may include, but are not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), and sex. The DASA Incident Report Form can be found online at amherstschools.org.

DASA Coordinators for 2026-27

- Windermere Boulevard School
Jordan Francis, social worker
MacKenzie Shanahan, social worker
Kim Hlavaty, assistant principal
- Smallwood Drive School
Katie Marzocchi, assistant principal
Jennifer Noe, social worker
- Amherst Middle School
Derek Kise, assistant principal
Pamela Primerano, social worker
- Amherst Central High School
Adam Wierbinski, assistant principal
Daniela Wolfe, social worker

Board Meetings

The Amherst Central School District Board of Education meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted on the website. Occasionally, the meeting dates are changed to accommodate school holidays. Please check the school website at www.amherstschools.org. The meetings are held in the District Office Conference Room, 55 Kings Highway, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the District Clerk, Debbie Custodi, at 362-3051.

Special Education Services/ Child Find Notice

Each school district in New York State is required by law to establish a Committee on Special Education which is comprised of parents and professional school personnel. This committee reviews the needs of each child referred and determines if she/he is educationally disabled. Appropriate services or programs for identified children are then recommended by the Committee to the Board of Education. These programs take the form of part-time services, full-time special classes or home instruction. Special classes, resource rooms, integrated co-teachers and consultant teachers are available at all schools.

When the Committee on Special Education has determined that students with special education needs cannot be provided for in the District schools, appropriate out-of-district instructional programs are arranged at the District's expense.

The school district is also responsible for the placement of preschool children, ages 3 and 4, who have been identified by the Committee on Preschool Special Education as educationally disabled. This committee is made up of District personnel, a parent, a representative of Erie County, a representative of a preschool education agency and possibly regular and special education teachers.

Contact the Special Education Office at 362-3063 or your building principal if you feel your child may require special educational services. A NYS Parent's Guide to Special Education for Children Ages 5-21 is available upon request.

Rights of Parents and Students Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The FERPA regulations, including recent amendments, require a school district to include specific information in its annual notice. This information includes the rights of parents or eligible students: to inspect and review the student's education records; to seek amendment of the student's education records which they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights; to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records (except to the extent that the law authorizes disclosure without consent) and to file complaints concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the FERPA requirements.

The District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District 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.

Parents and students over the age of eighteen, have a right to refuse in writing the release of student directory information by November 15 of each school year. After November 15, the District may release such information to any outside group without individual consent. As required by Federal law, student directory information for eleventh and twelfth graders shall be made available upon request to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational and educational options.

Military Recruiting Requests

In addition, two federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information-names, addresses and telephone listings-unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

To exercise your right to have this information kept private, you may opt out through your PowerSchool account or notify the school office in writing before November 15 that you do not wish this information to be released, either generally, to military recruiters or both. Please note that unless you use this opt out procedure, the school district cannot refuse the military recruiters' requests and you and your student may be contacted by them at home.

Pesticide Application

Parents and staff can request notification of certain pesticide applications by the District. New York State Education Law Section 409-h, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide this written notification to all parents, guardians, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Amherst Central School District has implemented an integrated pest management (IPM) program including good housekeeping and sanitation, repair, maintenance, weed control and monitoring. The District uses pesticides only as a last resort when other nontoxic methods of necessary pest control have proven unsuccessful. Even then, the District uses only the least toxic pesticide specific to the pest to be controlled.

The District is now required to maintain a list of parents, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application.
- Antimicrobial products.
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children.
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate.
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides.
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR142.25.
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Mark Rampado, Director of Facilities, 55 Kings Highway, Amherst, NY 14226 or fax it to 836-2537.

Amherst Central Schools Request for Pesticide Notification Application

(Please print)

School Building: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Tradition, Pride, Achievement

School Property Rules

- The high school complex is open for light recreational activities such as walking and running on the track and use of the tennis courts. Be considerate of others.
- Bikes are not allowed on the track, turf, or in the high school complex.
- Students are not allowed to loiter or gather in the complex at any time, especially after the complex locks at dusk.
- Tennis courts are for tennis only.

Facility Use, Building Permits

Members of the school community who wish to use facilities or grounds (such as gymnasiums, classrooms, auditoriums, baseball diamonds or athletic fields) must apply for a permit.

In addition, all community organizations must submit a certificate of insurance naming the Amherst Central School District as an insured when requesting an application.

The building permit application is available at www.amherstschools.org and in each building. There may be fees depending upon facilities and personnel required.

Asbestos

Written notice will be posted in all school buildings as well as on the District website.

Fire Inspection

Fire inspections were conducted in all school buildings and there were no discrepancies.

Please feel free to contact Mark Rampado, Director of Facilities, at 362-8151, for further information on any of the above.





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Equal Opportunity, Respect

The Amherst Central School District offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational educational opportunities, without regard to race, color, age, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, military status, political affiliation, genetic predisposition, carrier status, or disability.

The District recognizes its responsibility to provide all District students and employees an environment that is free from sexual misconduct, harassment and intimidation.

Michael Belle-Isle, Assistant Superintendent for Student and Staff Services, and Laura Bosinski, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, serve the District as Compliance Officers for Allegations of Discrimination and/or Harassment (students and employees), Title VI, VII, IX, Section 504, American Disabilities Act, New York State Executive Law, Military Law and Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

All questions regarding these policies should be directed to Michael Belle-Isle or Laura Bosinski at 55 Kings Highway, Amherst, NY 14226.

Virtual Backpack

Our district uses a Virtual Backpack webpage to make event information from non-profit groups, community groups and intergovernmental agencies available to our families. We post the information online rather than send paper flyers home to families. It's a cost savings for our district, as well as it allows families access to the information 24/7.

Emergency School Closing

When inclement weather or any other emergency situation forces the closing of District schools, the information will be communicated by radio, television broadcast and our parent broadcast system. Please do not telephone the schools or the District Office.

The decision to close schools in weather-related situations will normally be made by 6:15 a.m. The safety of our students and staff is the basis for any decision, and the key factors that must be considered include road conditions and weather reports.

When the schools are closed due to weather conditions, all other activities including before and after school programming, sports practice, student activities and Community Education classes will be cancelled. If schools are closed for other reasons, activities and practices that are not affected by the specific emergency may be permitted with prior approval of the building administrator.

In-School Closing Procedures

(for when school is in progress)

If inclement weather should occur after students are already in school, students will not be dismissed during the height of any weather-related storm. In most cases dismissal would then take place at the regular dismissal time, weather permitting. However, on very rare occasions it may be necessary to close a school during the day due to loss of power, loss of water or other emergency situations. If this occurs, procedures are in place to transport the students to another building, if necessary. Students and staff would then remain at the alternate site until the regular dismissal time. A pre-established program of instruction would be implemented at the alternate site. Parents should ensure that cell phone numbers are up-to-date in the PowerSchool portal.

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- @AmherstCHS
- @AmherstMiddle
- @SmallwoodDrive
- @WindermereBlvd
- @AmherstTigers1



- Amherst Central High School
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