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Ballston Spa
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating Everyone Takes Everyone

2026-2027 CALENDAR



Ballston Spa CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dear Families and Caregivers:

On behalf of the Board of Education and our District Administration, I am honored to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year. As we look toward this new academic year, we do so with a strong sense of pride in our District's history of excellence and a shared excitement for the countless possibilities that lie ahead for our students.

At Ballston Spa Central School District, we believe that our greatest strength lies in our community. Research consistently demonstrates that meaningful family engagement is a cornerstone of student success. When families are actively involved, students are more likely to form strong connections to their school, leading to greater purpose and satisfaction throughout their educational journeys.

Our commitment to you remains unwavering: we will continue to provide transparent and accessible information to support you as you navigate your child's education. Beyond providing information, we are dedicated to creating opportunities for active involvement and meaningful participation in every facet of your student's growth – from academics to extracurricular activities.

As we embark on this new year, the District reaffirms its dedication to several core commitments:

- **Academic Excellence:** Maintaining a high standard of education that prepares every student for their future.
- **Accessibility:** Ensuring that families have the tools and information they need to be successful partners in the learning process.
- **A Culture of Belonging:** Fostering an environment where students feel safe, connected, and empowered to reach their full potential.
- **Consistent Engagement:** Keeping our families connected to the school community.

Our District motto, "Educating Everyone, Takes Everyone," is more than just a phrase; it is the principle that guides our daily work. I want to thank our dedicated employees for their tireless commitment to our students and our mission. We look forward to an excellent year of collaboration and achievement. Thank you for your continued trust and for being an essential part of the Ballston Spa Central School District Team.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gianleo Duca, Superintendent of Schools

Join Our Team

If you are looking for a career in the field of education and looking to contribute to the growth and success of the students in our community, please join our Ballston Spa Central School District Team!

Positions are available throughout the year in our schools, and in the Transportation and Facilities departments.

Part-time and full-time openings can be found year-round on our website, www.bscsd.org, Recruitfront, or by contacting our [Human Resources Department at 518-884-7195 Ext. 1398](#).

This district calendar highlights district level and community events, as well as major school year dates. It was prepared prior to the new school year, so dates and locations of activities may change. Please check your school website for updates. The dates for New York State assessments will be announced by each school and posted to their event calendars on the school websites. Please be sure to look for communications announcing changes and additions throughout the year.

Updated information is also posted on the district website at www.bscsd.org, posted on Facebook @BallstonSpaCSD, and shared on Instagram @BallstonSpaCSD. A calendar of athletic events is updated on the athletics webpage via *Schedule Galaxy* throughout the year. Special thanks to all who made this calendar possible! The calendar was produced by the Office of Community Relations of the Ballston Spa Central School District.

Additional information for families can be found within the back pages of this calendar.

Calendar Cover

"The Malta Ave playground is one of my favorite places to play! I love going on the long slide and the swings. My favorite part of drawing the playground was making the trees and the wood chips. I had a lot of fun creating this picture, and I am happy that I got to be part of this art project!"

- Julianna Shoen, MA 5th grade student and creator of our 2026-27 BSCSD Calendar Cover

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	NO SCHOOL 1 MS Open House, 3:00-5:00 p.m.		NO SCHOOL 2 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HS Library	NO SCHOOL 3 GC/MA/MT/WR K-5 Orientations and Celebrations HS 9th Grade and New Student Orientation, 8:00 a.m. MS Open House, 9:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m.	NO SCHOOL 4	5																																										
	Superintendent Conference Days - Staff Only																																															
6	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11																																										
		First Day of School, K-12 Welcome Back Scotties!	HS Student Photos	HS Student Photos	GC Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night, 6:30 p.m.	HS Student Photos																																										
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				WR PTA Meeting HS College Financial Aid Information Night for seniors, 5:30 p.m. HS Design Your Future College Kickstart for Juniors, 5:30 p.m. GC/WR Grades 1-5 Meet the Teacher Night, 6:30 p.m. HS Meet the Teacher Night, 6:30 p.m.	Staff Development Day, Half Day (AM), K-12																																											
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September 2026

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GC Book Fair
WR PTA Meeting

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GC Book Fair

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SAT National Testing,
7:30 a.m., HS

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MS Student Photos
WR Student Photos

MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
MA PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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MS Student Photos
MT Student Photos

Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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GC Student Photos
MA Student Photos

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NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day
Indigenous Peoples Day

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MT Book Fair

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MT Book Fair
HS Powder Puff Game,
6:30 p.m., Stadium Field (rain
date 10/15)

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MT Book Fair
P-TECH 9th Grade Visit, 7:50 a.m.,
TEC-SMART

15

**P-TECH Student Photo
Retake/Makeup Day**
MT Book Fair
P-TECH 10th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART
Community Street Fair,
4:00 p.m., HS Bus Loop
Homecoming Football Game,
7:00 p.m., Stadium Field

16

GC PTA Trunk or Treat
MT Harvest Festival,
10:00 a.m.
SWCMEA All-County
Band Festival, 2:00 p.m.,
Hudson Falls HS
HS Homecoming Dance,
7:00 p.m., HS

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MA Book Fair
WR Book Fair

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MA Book Fair
WR Book Fair
HS PSAT/NMSQT Exam, 7:30 a.m.

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MA Book Fair
WR Book Fair
MA Book Fair Family Night, 4:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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MA Book Fair
WR Book Fair

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WR Book Fair

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WR Trunk or Treat

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MT Halloween Parade, 1:30 p.m.

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October 2026

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Daylight Saving Time Ends 1	2	MA PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. 3	MT Student Photo Retake/ Makeup Day Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HS Library 4	MS Student Photo Retake/ Makeup Day WR Student Photo Retake/ Makeup Day WR PTA Meeting 5	6	SAT National Testing, 7:30 a.m., HS Scotties Closet, 9:00 a.m., MS Cafeteria Area All-State Zone 7, 2:00 p.m., Proctors Theatre 7																																										
8	9	Emergency Release Day (students dismissed 15 minutes early) MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m. 10	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day 11	GC Student Photo Retake/ Makeup Day MA Student Photo Retake/ Makeup Day MT SPAC Dance Performance, 6:30 p.m. GC PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 12	HS Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game, 6:00 p.m., HS 13	14																																										
15	HS Winter Sports Begin 16	17	P-TECH Fall Expo, 9:00 a.m., TEC-SMART Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HS Library 18	Elementary Parent/ Teacher Conference Day Half Day (AM) K-5 HS Troupe Fall Production, 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium P-TECH Fall Information Night, 6:00 p.m., TEC-SMART 19	Elementary Parent/ Teacher Conference Day Half Day (AM) K-5 HS Troupe Fall Production, 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium 20	HS Troupe Fall Production, 1:00 p.m., HS Auditorium HS Troupe Fall Production, 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium 21																																										
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November 2026

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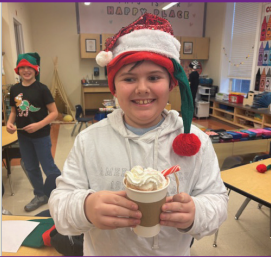
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MA PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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All-State Conference, Rochester
WR PTA Meeting
MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Trivia, 6:00 p.m., HS
8th Grade Winter Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

3

All-State Conference, Rochester
Ballston Spa Holiday Parade,
6:00 p.m., Downtown Ballston Spa

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All-State Conference, Rochester
SAT National Testing,
7:30 a.m., HS

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All-State Conference, Rochester

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7th Grade Winter Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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HS JV Winter Concert,
7:30 p.m., HS Auditorium

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HS Varsity Winter Concert,
7:30 p.m., HS Auditorium

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MS Winter Dance, 6:00 p.m.,
MS Gymnasium

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P-TECH 9th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART
6th Grade Winter Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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MT Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.

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P-TECH 10th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART
Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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GC Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.

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NO SCHOOL

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December Recess

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December Recess

December 2026

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						29 Capital Region Science Olympiad, 8:00 a.m., HS																																										
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HS Regents Testing Days																																																

January 2027

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MA PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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WR PTA Meeting
MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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Asian Lunar New Year
SWCMEA All-County
Orchestra Festival Concert,
2:00 p.m., Schuylerville HS

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MA SPAC Dance Performance,
6:30 p.m.

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Launching Pad Production,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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Launching Pad Production,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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Launching Pad Production,
1:00 p.m., HS Auditorium
Launching Pad Production,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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Launching Pad Production,
1:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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NO SCHOOL

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Presidents DaySchool Resource Officer
Appreciation Day

February Recess

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P-TECH 9th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART

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P-TECH 10th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART
P-TECH Prospective Student
Shadow Day, 8:00 a.m.,
TEC-SMART
8th Grade Parent Night,
6:30 p.m., HS

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POPS Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS

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February 2027

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7 NYSBDA Band Symposium Concert, 2:00 p.m., Syracuse	8 HS Spring Sports Begin	9	10	11 MT PTA Family Bingo Night, 6:00 p.m.	12 NO SCHOOL Superintendent Conference Day NYSSMA Piano Solo Festival, SUNY Schenectady HS Dodgeball Tournament, 6:00 p.m., HS GC PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	13 NYSSMA Piano Solo Festival, SUNY Schenectady 2027 Wellness Expo, 9:00 a.m., WR/MT Cafetorium																																										
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April Recess

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MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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WR PTA Meeting

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MA Student Photos/
5th Grade Group Photo

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GC Talent Show

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Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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GC PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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GC Spring Book Fair
MT Spring Book Fair

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GC Spring Book Fair
MT Spring Book Fair

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GC Spring Book Fair
MT Spring Book Fair

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GC Spring Book Fair
MT Spring Book Fair
P-TECH 10th Grade Visit,
7:50 a.m., TEC-SMART

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GC Spring Book Fair
MT Spring Book Fair
P-TECH 9th Grade Visit, 7:50 a.m.,
TEC-SMART

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April 2027

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SAT National Testing,
7:30 a.m., HS

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7th Grade Spring Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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MT PTA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
MA PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
MT Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

4

2027 Budget Hearing,
6:00 p.m., HS Library
Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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MT Student Photos/5th Grade
Group Photo (rain date 5/10)
WR PTA Meeting
GC Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

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Ballston Spa Athletics
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony,
1:00 p.m., HS

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WR Book Fair
8th Grade Spring Concert,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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WR Book Fair

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WR Book Fair
MT Kindergarten Screening
WR Student Photos/5th Grade
Group Photo

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WR Book Fair
MT Kindergarten Screening
GC 5th Grade Group Photo
MA Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

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WR Book Fair

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Family Color Fun Run,
8:00 a.m., WR Complex

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HS JV Spring Concert,
7:30 p.m., HS Auditorium

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**BUDGET VOTE,
BOE Elections and
School Pride Day Events,
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**
Varsity Spring Concert & Senior
Recognition Night, 7:30 p.m.,
HS Auditorium

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Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 p.m., HS Library

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6th Grade Spring Concert,
7:00 p.m.

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WR Kindergarten Screening
5th to 6th Grade Parent
Night, 6:00 p.m., HS Auditorium
WR Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

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WR Kindergarten Screening
P-TECH Spring Expo, 9:00 a.m.,
TEC-SMART
NHS Induction Ceremony and Jr.
Awards, 6:30 p.m., HS Auditorium

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WR Kindergarten Screening
Senior Awards Night,
7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium

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Ballston Spa Memorial Day
Parade, 9:00 a.m., Downtown
Ballston Spa

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NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

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Board of Education

The Board of Education is comprised of seven members elected by district residents. All members serve without pay for three year terms. Under the Education Law of New York State, the Board is responsible for the education of students who attend the schools in the district; for the preparation of the annual budget; for district adherence to state law and State Education Department regulations; for the establishment of policies; and for the adoption of regulations concerning the conduct of the public schools. The Superintendent of Schools is charged with the administration of Board policies.

School board meetings generally occur on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library, 220 Ballston Avenue*. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings in order to become better informed about the district, as well as to voice opinions to the Board. Board members may be contacted via the Superintendent's Office (884-7195, ext. 1310) or by email at boe@bscsd.org.

**Board meetings are occasionally held in other school buildings. Please check local newspapers, the district website, or call the district office.*

Board Members

Jason Fernau, *President*
Katie Whittemore, *Vice President*
Fabrizia Rodriguez
Carrie Chapman
Timothy Turbiak
Julia Routbort Baskin
Matthew Dreher

Voting in District Elections

It's easy to vote in the annual district election in May, so please do! District residents vote for representation on the Board of Education and the annual school budget. You are entitled to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen who is 18 years of age or older;
- a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote; and
- a registered voter.

Voter registration forms are available in the District Office (884-7195, ext. 1320) or from the Saratoga County Board of Elections (885-2249).

State Income Tax Returns

State aid to schools is based, in part, on the income of residents in the district. Please record tax number 034 on your state income tax return if you live within the Ballston Spa Central School District.

Transportation

Bus transportation is available to Ballston Spa students who live a specified distance from their school. Before school begins, parents/caregivers receive a letter containing information on their child's bus stop and approximate pick-up time.

Before/After School Transportation Forms are available from school offices, the Transportation Department and on the district website. This form must be completed and returned to the Transportation Department for any changes in child care transportation.

Changes in address that require different transportation arrangements must be communicated to your child's school at least three days before the change takes effect.

Emergency Closings

The district uses ParentSquare to send information directly to families via email, text and/or phone call when conditions require emergency closings, delays or dismissals. The contact information is pulled from the student data base system. All updates need to be made through the school offices to ensure that the most up-to-date information is available for messages. Parents may modify how they receive notifications from the system as well. Information about closings or changes in dismissal are also posted to the district website at www.bscsd.org. So that phone lines may remain clear to communicate closure/delay status, please try to avoid calling the Transportation Department or Administrative Offices to find out if school is delayed or closed.

Code of Conduct

As required by the New York State SAVE Act, our district has a Code of Conduct in effect that applies to all students, school personnel, parents/caregivers, and other visitors when on school property (including school buses and vehicles) or attending a school-sponsored function. It is shared with students at the beginning of the school year, and a complete copy is available by contacting any school office (or from the district website).

Attendance Policy

Student attendance is closely related to student achievement. Therefore, parents are urged to encourage daily attendance except for illness. Every effort should be made to schedule medical and other appointments after school hours. The Board of Education adopted a comprehensive attendance policy pursuant to section 104.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The policy tightens student attendance requirements and tracks excused versus unexcused absences. Also, the policy requires the taking of attendance in every class at the Middle and High Schools. Parents should contact school offices directly for further clarification.

Absences

Parents/caregivers should notify the school when a student is going to be absent for any reason. This enables school personnel to know that the child is home safe and that the parent is aware of the absence. Elementary parents should call their school's Main Office. Middle School parents should call 884-7200, ext. 4325, while parents of High School students should call 884-7150, ext. 2378 when students will be absent. Upon returning to school, the student should bring a note signed by a parent/caregiver that explains the absence.

Early Dismissals

When a student must leave school because of a medical or other appointment, they should bring a note requesting early dismissal. Students must be signed out by a parent or guardian at the school office.

Student Pick-Up

By law, each student traveling to school by bus is required to return home by bus. Parents or guardians of bus riders who come to school to pick up their children are asked to notify the Main Office at their school. Students must be picked up before they board the bus. Once on the bus, students must be taken to their designated bus stop.

Child Abuse Hotline

NYS Office of Children and Family Services: Suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect can be reported via the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Hotline at 1-800-342-3720. Additional information can be found on the OCFS website at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>.

Student Records

A parent or legal guardian of a student, or an age-eligible student, may inspect and review a student's education record by contacting the principal at the elementary school or the Guidance Department at the Middle School or High School. Records may be examined unless specifically barred by state law or court order.

Student Work/Photo Recognition

The Ballston Spa Central School District may use, reuse, copyright, and/or publish original student work, photographic pictures or video footage which may include references to a specific child(ren), in conjunction with an actual or a fictitious name. The intent is for illustration, promotion, and public relations of school programs and may appear in printed material, video presentations, news coverage (either print or television) and/or on the district's website or social media. If you as a parent or guardian do not wish your child's image to be utilized, please notify your home school office.

Affirmative Action

Educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, are offered to students without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin or disability. The Title IX Coordinator for the Ballston Spa Central School District is Pam Motler (884-7195, ext. 1398). The Section 504 Coordinator is the Director of Special Education (884-7195, ext. 1336).

District Wellness Policy

The district has adopted a Wellness Policy in compliance with the WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 approved by the United States Congress. It is based on research that points to declining nutritional intake, increasing sedentary lifestyles and increasing obesity in our children. This Act states "each school district participating in the National School Lunch Program must adopt local school wellness policies that address healthy eating and physical activity."

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 adds to the scope of local wellness policies so they become useful tools in evaluating, establishing, and maintaining healthy school environments, and to provide information to the public on key areas that affect the nutrition environment.

The District Wellness Team annually reviews the BSCSD Wellness Policy. The policy addresses such issues as healthier snacks in vending machines and food served in school cafeterias, healthier fundraisers that promote children's health, classroom parties that include healthy food items or non-food items and opportunities for more physical activities that promote an active, healthier lifestyle.

Additional information will be available throughout the year and is also available from school offices or the district website.

Notification of Rights Under The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) For Parents and Students of the Ballston Spa Central School District

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the Ballston Spa Central School District ("District") receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. The following data on students have been designated by the District as directory information and may be released only as deemed necessary and appropriate by District officials: name, address, phone number, date and place of birth, major fields of study, participation in activities and sports, weight and height of athletes, degrees and awards received, dates of attendance, and previous educational institution attended. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is 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 person serving on the School Board; 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 in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the District must release directory information of secondary students to military recruiters and higher education institutions upon request.
5. However, any parent, legal guardian, or student age 18 or older who does not want any or all directory information released must notify the District in writing of this refusal within thirty days of publication of this notice. Refusals should be addressed to the appropriate school office via Ballston Spa Central School District, 70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
6. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

Immunization & Health Requirements

All Ballston Spa students must meet certain health and immunization requirements for school entry. Students new to the district, as well as those in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are required by state law to have health exams. This may be done by a family doctor or school physician. As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to calculate the student's body mass index or "BMI" which helps the doctor know if the student's weight is in a healthy range. Recent changes to the NYS Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health record. We will be reporting to NYS Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. The information sent to the NYS Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. No names and no information about individual students are sent. If you choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report, contact your child's school nurse.

New York State immunization requirements are consistent with the most current childhood and adolescent immunization recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP is a group of medical and public health experts that develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States. The district has alcohol-based hand sanitizers available in several locations in each school building. Parents who do not wish their child to use these alcohol-based hand sanitizers need to send in a note to the school nurse informing them that their child should not use them in school. BSCSD staff may administer baseline IMPACT and King Devick testing to all students in 6-12th grade and as needed for head injury evaluation. Please contact your school nurse if you would like to opt out. For additional information, please refer to the health information on the district website at www.bscsd.org.

Food Allergy Awareness

In an ongoing effort to keep all of our students safe, we request that all food that is brought to school to be shared has a manufacturer's label attached with food ingredients listed. If you have any questions, please contact the District Health Leader at 884-7150 ext. 2663.

Centralized Registration

The district has a centralized student registration process, and families are asked to make an appointment to visit the Registration Office at 70 Malta Avenue to register for school. Families must bring two proofs of residency, birth certificate(s), school records, custody papers (if applicable) and immunization records to enroll in school(s). Complete medical information, including shot records and physical examination, is required. Information about the district and follow up information required by the individual school that the student(s) will attend will be provided to each family. Please call 518-602-0256 for more information on registering students in the Ballston Spa Central School District.

Universal Prekindergarten Program

The New York State Universal Prekindergarten Program (UPK) is an early childhood program which was established by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to provide an early learning experience to children the year before a child attends kindergarten. The primary purpose of this program is to provide four year old students with an opportunity to access high-quality prekindergarten programs that will provide the foundation to help prepare them for future school success. Eligible families are defined as those who live in our district and have children who will be four years old on or before December 1 of the current school year. A child who is age-eligible to attend kindergarten is not eligible for the UPK program. Please note that transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. For more information, please visit the website or call the Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment at 884-7195, ext. 1374.

Families in Transition Services

The Ballston Spa Central School District receives funding through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and serves a homeless student population through a variety of support services, including a homeless liaison/counselor for homeless students and students deemed at-risk. Our Homeless Liaison is located in the District Office at 70 Malta Ave and may be reached via 884-7195, ext. 1356.



Home Schooling Special Education Students

If you are planning to home school your child next year and wish to secure special education services from the district, the district must be notified in writing by June 1 prior to the year you are seeking services. For a student who is home schooled and first identified as a student with a disability after the first day of June preceding the school year for which the request is made and prior to the first day of April of such current school year, you must submit a written request for services within 30 days after your child is identified as a student with a disability to secure services. A request must also be submitted within 30 days of a change in the student's school district of residence. All written requests must be submitted to the Office of Special Education, BSCSD 70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Non-Public School Students and Special Education Services

If you have enrolled your child in an elementary or secondary non-public school located in the district and believe your child may have a disability that requires specialized instruction, we encourage you to contact your child's principal and/or our Director of Special Education at 884-7195, ext. 1405.

If your child is identified as a student with a disability, as defined in state law, and you are a resident of New York State who will be enrolling or continuing your child's enrollment in a non-public school located in our district and would like special education services for your child while attending there, you must provide our office with a written request for an Individualized Education Service Plan (IESP) no later than June 1 of the preceding school year. Once you have decided to enroll/re-enroll your child in a non-public school located in the district and are seeking special education services, we urge you to forward your request as soon as possible for planning purposes. Parents need to submit a request in writing annually for Special Education services and transportation.



Child Find Program

The Ballston Spa Central School District is required to locate and evaluate resident pre-school and school age students (and homeless children enrolled in the schools of the district regardless of their residence) suspected of having a disability who may require specialized instruction to determine their eligibility for special education. Resident students with suspected disabilities who may require accommodations to enable them to access district services or programs are also entitled to an evaluation to assess the child's needs.

If you are a resident of the district and believe your child has a disability that may require specialized instruction or special accommodations to access the district's programs or services, we encourage you to contact your child's building principal or the Director of Special Education at 884-7195, ext. 1405 to discuss a referral to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or the 504 Team for an evaluation. With parental consent, the appropriate team will arrange an evaluation and will hold a meeting with the student's parents to determine eligibility for special education, related services and/or accommodations.

Partnership for Innovation in Education

The district's Partnership for Innovation in Education program collaborates with business and industry, higher education, nonprofit and government agencies to develop innovative educational experiences that reframe teaching and learning for the 21st Century. Preparing students for jobs that do not yet exist in a world where information is growing exponentially requires educational experiences that provide new tools for teaching, curriculum, assessment and professional development. The Partnership seeks opportunities that will change the learning experiences for teachers and students, while creating evidence of mastery in the graduation competencies. To develop alternative resources as well as to support innovative programming, the district has partnered with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region to receive donations and sponsorships under a 501(c)(3) status. The Ballston Spa Partnership for Innovation in Education Fund supports district programs and initiatives not covered under the school district budget that include: **Ballston Spa Sponsor-A-Scholar, Scotties Backpack Program, STEM enrichment programs, Robotics, and the Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School** implemented in collaboration with Hudson Valley

Community College. Additional information is available on the district website, www.bsccd.org, or by contacting the BSCSD Office of Community Relations and Program Support at 518-884-7195, ext. 1369.

Ballston Spa Education Foundation

The Ballston Spa Education Foundation (BSEF) was incorporated in 1996 as a not-for-profit organization to support the goals of the school district. The Board of Directors of the Foundation are community volunteers who are committed to raising and distributing resources for educational enrichment beyond the realm of the daily operational needs of the district. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$460,000 to our schools in the form of mini-grants. The Foundation needs community members and parents as volunteers to serve on the Board, assist with fundraising events or to support the organization through tax-deductible monetary contributions. For more information, please check their website at <https://www.bsppedfoundation.com/>.

Safety Preparedness

Written information about basic emergency response actions is communicated through schools in accordance with the NYS Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17 Emergency Planning. Each school annually conducts emergency and evacuation drills with advanced notification to parents. All drills are conducted in a trauma-informed manner. An independent annual fire safety inspection is conducted of each district building. State-issued Certificates of Occupancy are on display in the main offices of each building.

Security Procedures

Security protocols and parking regulations have been implemented throughout the district. All doors are locked and approved visitors should use the main entrance to the building to be "buzzed in" by a staff member. Visitors need to have a photo ID (Driver's License) and will be checked into the building and receive a visitor's badge. This is an important part of our building security and, while inconvenient at times, it is necessary for us to protect all staff and children in our care. If you notice unusual behavior, or anything that feels unsafe or "off", you should report it to a school administrator immediately. During the school year, visitors are encouraged to visit the district website at www.bsccd.org for the latest information for visiting district buildings and any restrictions in place.



Please obey parking regulations and traffic patterns at each of the buildings (including student drop off and pick up zones). More information is available from each school office. Also, if interested, please sign up for the school district's communication system, ParentSquare, to receive email, app, and/or text notification updates on school happenings throughout the year, including emergency information.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Notification Compliance

Information about asbestos containing building materials is on file in the District Management Plan, and is available for review by contacting the Facilities and Security Office, 884-7195, ext. 1315. The district undergoes a rigorous semi-annual inspection process to ensure that all of our buildings provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Pesticide Notification

The district utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Program that significantly reduces any use of pesticides. However, please be advised that pesticide products may be used periodically throughout the school year. The district maintains a list of parents, guardians and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notice prior to a pesticide application. If you have any questions regarding the Integrated Pest Management Program or to be added to the pesticide registry list, please contact the Facilities and Security Office, 884-7195, ext. 1315.

Student Use of Personal Technology

Ballston Spa CSD has a policy and procedure regarding the use of personal technology during regular school hours. Policy #7316 applies to all students within the school district and prioritizes a commitment to a higher level of education and engagement for all students. Please see our district website at www.bsccd.org for details. Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting our efforts to make education a priority in our schools.

Directory

District Offices



70 Malta Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Office: (518) 884-7195 Fax: (518) 884-7101

Superintendent
Gianleo Duca, Ed.D. Ext. 1310

Assistant Superintendent for Business
Brian Sirianni Ext. 1320

Assistant Superintendent for Programs and Operations
Pamela Motler Ext. 1398

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Amy Prabhakaran, Psy.D. Ext. 1374

Director of Student Support Services
Kevin Flores Ext. 1330

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Coordinator of Development
Kelly Delaney-Elliott Ext. 1369

Coordinator of Community Relations Ext. 1305

OFFICE OF FACILITIES & SECURITY

Coordinator of Facilities & Security
Jason DeGraff Ext. 1315

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Director of Elementary Special Education
Alicia Backus (518) 884-7195 Ext. 3334

Assistant Director of Elementary Special Education
Jolene Hansen (518) 884-7290, Ext. 3334

Director of Secondary Special Education
Daina Sisk, Ed.D. (518) 884-7195, Ext. 4317

Assistant Director of Secondary Special Education
Giovanna Picciocca 518-884-7200, Ext. 4317

OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

1458 Saratoga Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Office: (518) 884-7140 Fax: (518) 602-0257

Coordinator of Transportation
John Fay Ext. 5343

STUDENT REGISTRATION (518) 602-0256

CLEAN TECH ECHS (518) 629-4981

Gordon Creek Elementary School

50 Wood Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Office: (518) 884-7270 Ext. 3372 Fax: (518) 884-7268

Principal
Donald Brandt Ext. 3372

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