

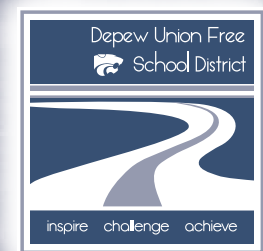
DEPEW

Union Free School District

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2016-2017 Calendar & Information

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Depew Union Free School District

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Visit our Website

Information on the Depew Union Free School District can be found at www.depewschools.org. You will find information specific to the High School, Middle School and Cayuga Heights Elementary School. The calendar of events and activities will be posted, along with news events from each building. As you go to each building site you will find even more information about your child's school.

If you are interested in athletics you will find sports schedules, team information and driving directions, if needed. Information on sportsmanship and school-sponsored tournaments is also available.

Before every Board of Education meeting, the Board agenda is posted online for those who are interested. Along with this you will find the names and contact numbers of all the trustees elected to the Board of Education.

The Food Service Department will make the school lunch menus for all three buildings available. You will also find other nutrition and healthy eating tips.

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Emergency School Closings

Closing schools due to hazardous weather conditions during the winter months is a difficult decision. The final decision is made by the District's Superintendent after consultation with the local weather bureau, area police agencies, and neighboring school districts. Parents are urged to follow these guidelines for school closings.

Automated Telephone Notification System

Our automated telephone notification system will dial the home, work and cell phone numbers of parents, guardians, and staff to deliver important messages. The district will record emergency messages, school closing information and other pertinent information and broadcast these messages rapidly to all stakeholders in the district. It is an improved way of disseminating information under our District Safety Plan.

Listen to your Radio and Television Stations

Announcements will be made over the radio and television stations as early as possible (between 6:00 and 7:00 AM). Please check announcements on one of the following if the weather is stormy. Do not telephone the schools as phone lines are used to handle the emergency situation.

Radio	WBUF (92.9)	WJYE (96.1)	WGRF (96.9)	
(FM)	WEDG (103.3)	WHTT (104)	WYRK (106.5)	WKSE-KISS (98.5)
(AM)	WBEN (930)	WECK (1230)	WGR (55)	
Television	WKBW (Ch. 7)	WGRZ (Ch. 2)	WIVB (Ch. 4)	

Check with Neighbors They may have heard the radio announcements and can relay messages. Please refrain from calling the public schools, if possible. Do not make presumptions about Depew closing schools. Although other area schools have closed, DEPEW MAY NOT CLOSE.

Students With Disabilities will not be transported to BOCES or private placements when the public schools are closed due to weather.

Non-Public Schools served by Depew will be notified. Depew buses will not transport students to private or parochial schools on that day.

Evening Activities will generally be canceled, with the possible exception of away games in sports.

If school is closed during the school day, students will be kept at the schools until the latest possible moment for safety reasons. Generally the students are safer at school in a supervised and warm environment. In the event that children MUST be returned home, dismissal will occur on a school-by-school basis. Please have an emergency plan in place. Parents should arrange to have their children met upon their return and have a neighbor alerted to provide temporary shelter until you arrive home.

During the year, please check our website at www.depewschools.org for updates to this calendar.

Important Information

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be issued quarterly for all middle and high school students in grades 6-12. New this year, Cayuga Heights will operate on a trimester schedule and report cards will be issued three times a year for students in kindergarten to grade 5. All quarterly and trimester marking period closing dates are included in the calendar section. If a parent has any reason to meet with the teacher at any time during the school year, please contact the teacher by calling the school's main office.

Schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Cayuga Heights Elementary (Gr. K-5)	High School & Middle School (Gr. 6-12)
Thursday, Nov. 3, 6-9 p.m.	Thursday, Nov. 3, 6-9 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m.	Monday, Nov. 7, Noon-3 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m.	

Information regarding Parent-Teacher Conferences will be sent home with the students so that you may schedule your appointment.

Additional Early Dismissal Day

On Friday, Nov. 4 there will be early dismissal for all students in grades K-12.

Open House Schedule

Depew High School, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.
Depew Middle School, Sept. 27, Grades 7-8, 6:30 p.m.
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 21, Grades K, 2, 4, 6:30-8 p.m.
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 22, Grades 1, 3, 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration - March 20-23, 2017

A child is eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their fifth birthday falls on or before Dec. 1 following the start of the school year in September. A birth certificate, proof of immunization, and proof of residency are required. Kindergarten registration will be held during the week of March 20-23, 2017. Please call the Cayuga Heights Elementary School Office (686-5003) for an appointment to register and for the student to participate in our kindergarten screening for school readiness.

On May 18, 2017, there will be an Orientation Program for those new kindergarten students registered for the 2017-18 school year. The program includes discussion of school procedures, a short familiarization bus ride, and a visit to the classrooms. Students presently in kindergarten will have no school that day so that teachers will be available for the orientation sessions.

Lunch Prices

Lunch prices are as follows: Grades K-5, \$2.00 for lunch and Grades 6-12, \$2.25 for lunch. Breakfast for all buildings, \$1.20.

Pre-payment of meals is available at each school and online at www.myschoolbucks.com. Free and reduced lunch applications are available online and from Depew's Food Service Director, Barbara Albi, whose office is in the Cayuga Heights Elementary School. She can be reached at 686-5009.

REGULAR SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

<u>School</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>Dismiss</u>
High School	7:40 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Middle School	7:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Cayuga Heights	8:45 a.m.	3:05 p.m.

Grace Paulino Pappaterra, Grade 10



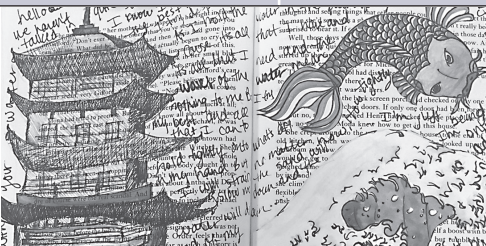

August Events

- 23 Link Crew Leader Training, DHS large gym, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., thru Aug. 24
- 31 Freshman Parent Information Program, DHS Aud., 9 a.m.
- 31 Freshman Connection Link Crew, DHS large gym, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- 31 Move-in Day, Grade 7-8 students, 9 a.m.-noon
- 31 New Student Welcome Breakfast, Transfer Students, Grade 7-8, 9:30 a.m.
- 31 Grade 6 Orientation, 6 p.m.

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS Locker Ladder sale, Sept. 12-21 • DMS Class Color T-Shirt sale, Sept. 12-23 • DHS AOF Buffalo Bills T-shirt sale, Sept. 2-16 • DHS Chorus Zap a Snack/Save Around the City sale, Sept. 7-21 • DHS Band Magazine sale, Sept. 15-29 • DHS Classes of '19 & '20 Fall Fundraiser, Sept. 23-Oct. 7 • DHS Class Spirit Week Clothing sale, Sept. 14-28 • DHS Candy sale, DECA/AOF, Sept. 9-23 		 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Jordan Kanick, Grade 5</p>	 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Erica Rottger, Grade 12</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Superintendent Conference Day No School for Students</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Superintendent Conference Day No School for Students</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day Holiday No School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Superintendent Conference Day No School for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Kindergarten Hot Dog Roast, 3:30-5:30 p.m. 	<p>7</p> <p>First Day for Students</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Test • DHS NHS Free Car Wash, HS pkg. lot, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS DECA Week begins • Underclassmen photos, DHS Aud. • Freshman Parent Information Program, DHS Aud., 6:30 p.m. 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underclassmen photos, DHS Aud. 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Clothing Order & Payment deadline • Counselors Visit Senior English Classes (college prep) • Freshman Parent Information Program, Lancaster HS, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Exit Interviews Begin with Counselors • High School Open House, DHS, 6 p.m. 	<p>16</p> <p>Early Dismissal Half Day - Grades K-12</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors Visit Junior English Classes (PSAT/ASVAB prep) • DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. • CHE Open House, Grades K, 2, 4, 6:30-8 p.m. • Senior Parent College/Financial Aid Info. Night, DHS Café, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE Open House, Grades 1, 3, 5, 6:30-8 p.m. 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman Parent Information Program, Lancaster HS, 10 a.m.
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS Grades 7-8 Open House, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE School Pictures, Grades K-2 • Senior Portrait make-ups/re-takes • Financial Aid Information Night, Maryvale HS, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE School Pictures, Grades 3-5 	 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Amanda Nguyen, Grade 9</p>




October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>October Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Applebee's (Transit Rd.) Flapjack Fundraiser, Class of 2019, 8-10 a.m., Oct. 8 • DHS Candy sale, Student Senate, Oct. 11-25 • DHS AOF Haunted Catacombs Ticket sale, Oct. 17-31 • DHS Class of '19 Ring sale, DHS cafe, lunches, Oct. 20 • DHS Class of '19 Ring sale, DHS cafe, lunches & 6 - 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25 • DHS Band Cookie Dough sale, Oct. 27-Nov. 10 			 <p>Samantha Szykowsky, Grade 11</p>	 <p>Madisen McMindes, Grade 10</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Test 	
2	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS AOF Cookout, DHS Cafe, 3-8 p.m. • CHE PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/TAP Application Assistance, DHS Room 207, 7 p.m. 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/TAP Application Assistance, Cleveland Hill HS, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Drill/Early Dismissal (15 minutes) • Grade 6 (only) Dance, 7-9 p.m. 	<p>8</p>
9	<p>10</p> <p>Columbus Day No School</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Week • DHS Powder Puff Football, DHS Stadium • DHS Bonfire, 7:30 p.m. 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar classes (5-week review) • Modified Football, DHS Stadium, 7 p.m. 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar classes (5-week review) • KED Leadership Summit, 7-12 select students, Wesleyan Church of Hamburg • DHS Gym Decorating, 2:30 - 7 p.m. • JV Football, DHS Stadium, 7 p.m. • Alumni Wall of Fame Dedication, DHS Cafe 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS/DMS First Quarter 5 Week Reports • DHS Motorcade • Pep Assembly • Varsity Football, Lancaster HS, 7:30 p.m. 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Homecoming Dance, DHS large gym, 8-11 p.m.
<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trebuchet Launch at Clarence Pumpkin Farm, 11 a.m. 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNY College Consortium in small gym, 10:15-11 a.m. (Juniors/Seniors) 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. • College Night for Students with Disabilities, University at Buffalo, 6:15 p.m. 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Test • DHS Talent Show Auditions, DHS Aud., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pops Concert, DHS Large Gym, 6:30 p.m. • Red Ribbon Week begins 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Health and Wellness Day 1, A-G, LYB • HELP Club Health & Wellness Day, Lancaster Youth Bureau • DHS Underclassmen Photo make-ups/re-takes, DHS Aud. 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Fair, cafe during lunch periods 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE Spooky Stories Night, 6:30-8 p.m. • DHS Talent Show Auditions, DHS Aud., 2:30-4:30 p.m. 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Early Out Day • DMS Grades 6-8 Dance, 7-9 p.m. 	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS Halloween Dress Up 					




November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE PTO Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff, Nov. 2 • DHS AOF Sabres T Shirt sale, Nov. 1-15 • DHS PTO Gift Card sale, Nov. 9-Dec. 7 • DHS Class of 2018 & NHS Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser, 1785 Walden Ave, Nov. 19, 8-10 a.m., Pre-sale tickets only • DHS Student Senate Dinner for 2 Gift Certificate sale, Nov. 21-Dec. 7 		1	2	3	4	5
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAT for Juniors in small gym • Cap & Gown Payment Due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-9 p.m., Grades K-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day - Early Dismissal - Grades K-12 • Homeless Sleep Out - H.E.L.P • Senior Yearbook Ads Due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Band Craft Show, DHS, 10-3:30 • Junior High Area All-State, Akron HS • SAT Test
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day - Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences (Grades K-5, 1-3 p.m.) (Grades 6-12, Noon-3 p.m.) • Winter JV/Varsity sports begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HELP Club Health & Wellness Day, Lancaster Youth Bureau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE Fall Picture Retakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS NHS Induction, DHS Aud. & Café, 6:30 - 9 p.m. • DHS/DMS End of First Marking Period 	<p>Veterans' Day Holiday No School</p>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day - Early Dismissal K-5 Only, Parent-Teacher Conferences, (Grades K-5, 1-3 p.m.) • DMS Food Drive, through Dec. 9 • Winter Modified sports begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. • Grade 7 Health and Wellness Day 2, H-N, LYB • What's Next? Life After High School-Post Secondary Options, Cleveland Hill HS, 6 p.m. • LEO Club Warm Clothing drive, thru Dec. 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS PTO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. • Counselors Visit Sophomore English Classes (Career Planning & CTE FT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/TAP Application Assistance, Cheektowaga HS, 6 p.m. • DHS Talent Show, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. 		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEO Club Giving Tree, thru Dec. 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASVAB Career Exploration Program for Juniors 	<p>Superintendent Conference Day No School for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE End of First trimester 	<p>Thanksgiving Recess No School</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Recess No School</p>	
27	28	29	30			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Health and Wellness Day 3, O-Z, LYB • HELP Club Health & Wellness Day, Lancaster Youth Bureau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Honor Roll Breakfast, Q1, DHS café 	<p>Christian Pagano, Grade 7</p>	<p>Bryce Nowak, Grade 4</p>	





December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Class of 2018 Candy sale, Dec. 1-15 	 <p>Lexi Gullo, 10</p>		 <p>Kaylee Deveso, Grade 1</p> <p>Tabitha Farnsworth, Grade 2</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar Classes (Career Planning) World A.I.D.S. Awareness Day H.E.L.P. Club 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar Classes (Career Planning) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Test CHE Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS 12 Days of Christmas, through Dec. 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Holiday Concert #1, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Grades 6-8 Holiday Activity Night, 7-9 p.m. ASVAB Career Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT Test Wildcat Wrestling Tournament
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz / Show Concert, DHS Cafe, 7:30 p.m. Harkness/Potter Road Career Tech Ed field trip for Sophomores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. DHS Musical Auditions begin, DHS Aud., 2 p.m. DMS Holiday Concert #2, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Holiday Assembly and YB pictures, DHS Aud. CHE Holiday Concert, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. Adpro Public-Private Boys Basketball Challenge, DHS Large gym, thru Dec. 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Holiday Assembly and YB pictures, DHS Aud. DHS/DMS Second Quarter 5 Week 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Holiday Concert, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. Concert Snow Date, DHS Aud. Wildcat Boys' Basketball Holiday Tournament 		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildcat Boys' Basketball Holiday Tournament 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> December 23 - January 2 • WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL </div>					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lady Wildcat Basketball Tournament 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lady Wildcat Basketball Tournament 		

January 2017




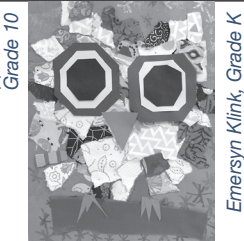
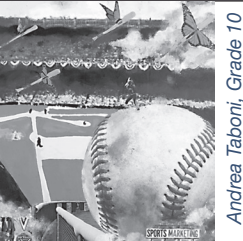
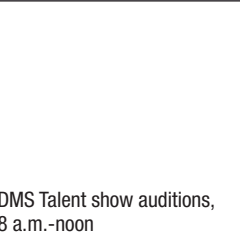
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1	2 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	3 Classes Resume	4	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECMEA Elementary Solo Festival, DMS & DHS, all day
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DECA Regionals	9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counselors visit Juniors in PE Classes (SAT/ACT, College Prep)	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counselors visit Juniors in PE Classes (SAT/ACT, College Prep)	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS Early Out Day	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECMEA Jr. High Solo Festival, Orchard Park
15	16 Martin Luther King Holiday No School	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m.	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m.	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMS Grades 6-8 Dance, 7-9 p.m.• CHE PTO Winterfest, 6:30-8 p.m.	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAT Test• ECMEA Sr. High Festival, BPA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Regents Exams - January 24 - 27						
				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS AOF Information Night for Grade 9 Parents, DHS Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS/DMS End of Second Marking Period• DMS Bubble Soccer, 7-9 p.m.	
29	30 Reorganization Day No School for Students	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counselors visit Junior SS Classes (programming)• DHS AOF Application Due Date (Class of 2020)	January Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS Candy sale, Bands & Choruses, Jan. 10-24			
						

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Spring Candy Fundraiser Starts, Feb. 28 DHS Class of 2018 Valentine Flower sale, Feb. 1-9 DHS Class Follies Week Clothing sale, Feb. 27-March 8 DHS Mixed Bags sale, Class of 2018, Feb. 27-March 10 			<i>Brittany Hnat, Grade 12</i> 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juniors Meet with Counselors for Course Selections 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juniors Meet with Counselors for Course Selections 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Super Bowl Essay Contest DHS AOF Interviews 	4
5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. Counselors Visit Sophomore SS Classes for Programming 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophomores Meet with Counselors for Course Selections DMS Valentine Grams, through Feb. 13 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophomores Meet with Counselors for Course Selections 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS NJHS Decade Dance, 6-9 p.m. 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT Test Father/Daughter Dance, Leo Club, DHS large gym, 7-9 p.m.
12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors Visit Freshmen SS Classes for Programming 	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen Meet with Counselors for Course Selections Honor Roll Breakfast, Q2, DHS café DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen Meet with Counselors for Course Selections Dancing with the Faculty, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
February 20 - 24 • MID-WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL						
26	27 <p>Classes Resume</p>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate Life Blood Drive Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 				
			<i>Annabell Dietz, Grade 10</i>	<i>Caitlin Kowalczyk, Grade 7</i>	<i>Annabell Dietz, Grade 10</i>	





March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Masterminds Anderson's coupon book sale, March 1-15 • DHS Masterminds Spirit Night at Anderson's, 4 p.m. March 20 • DHS Yankee Candle Fundraiser, Classes of '19 & '20, March 10-24 		 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Arianna Adusei, Grade 3</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE End of Second trimester 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS/DMS Third Quarter 5 Week Reports 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring JV/Varsity sports begin 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Secondary Options Fair, DHS small gym, 6-7 p.m. • College Information Night, DHS Café, 7p.m. 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT Test
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Modified sports begin 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National College Fair, Buffalo Convention Center, 9 a.m.-noon; 6-8:30 p.m. (Convention Center) • DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Musical Preview for DMS & CHE, DHS Aud. • National College Fair, Buffalo Convention Center, 9 a.m.-noon 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Musical, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Musical, DHS Aud., 2 and 7:30 p.m. • ECMEA Jr High Concert
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Check-Ins with Counselors, thru March 24 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Literacy Celebration 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Early Out Day • DMS Grades 6-8 March Madness Dance, 7-9 p.m. 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Band Spring Craft Show, DHS Cafe, 10-3:30 p.m. • ECMEA Sr. High Concert at UB
Kindergarten Registration and Screening • March 20 - 23						
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Follies Week begins 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Festival of Bands, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follies Assembly 	 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">BriAnna Hoellig Grade 11</p>
Grades 3-8 - NYS ELA Test • March 28 - 30						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Maggie Hupkowitz, Grade K</p>	 <p>Lukas Wolfe, Grade 4</p>		 <p>Grace Paulino Pappaterra, Grade 10</p>	 <p>Emersyn Klink, Grade K</p>	 <p>Andrea Taboni, Grade 10</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Talent show auditions, 8 a.m.-noon
2	3	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors Visit Sophomores in PE Classes (Career Planning & ACT prep) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors Visit Sophomores in PE Classes (Career Planning & ACT prep) CHE PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. 	6	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS/DMS End of Third Marking Period 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Bands Beatles Concert, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. ACT Test
9	10	<p>April 10 - 17 • SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL</p>				15
16	<p>17</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SPRING RECESS NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Classes Resume</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">30</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Reviews (College Planning To-Do List), thru April 28 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Job Fair, during lunch periods 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice ACT, Sophomores, DHS small gym DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. 	27	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Talent Show, 6-9 p.m. 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildcat Relays, DHS Stadium, 9 a.m. Lady Wildcats Softball Tournament, Walden Ponds, 9 a.m.

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Lona Tucci, Grade 7</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Depew Rehearsal, DHS Aud., thru May 2 	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades 3-8 - NYS Math Test • May 2 - 4</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Roll Breakfast, Q3, DHS Café 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS NJHS Induction, 6 p.m. 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Depew, DHS Aud., 8 p.m. 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Test
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Spring Concert #1 Choruses, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Spring Concert #1 Bands, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. • Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar classes (Career Planning) • Budget Hearing, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors Visit Freshmen Seminar classes (Career Planning) • Cayuga Heights Concert 4 & 5 Bands, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Statistics Exam, Noon • DMS Concert #1 7/8 Band, Chorus DMS SC, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS/DMS Fourth Quarter 5 Week Reports • DHS Junior/Senior Prom, 6 p.m. • CHE PTO Mother's Day Individual Plant Sale for students 	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Vote and Election, Cayuga Heights Library, noon - 9 p.m. • Chicken Barbeque, Cayuga Heights • Art Department Auction for Charity, Cayuga Heights, 3 - 7 p.m. • District-wide Music Department Performances, Cayuga Heights, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS Concert #2 Band /Chorus 6, DHS Aud., 7:30 p.m. • CHE Kindergarten Orientation- No School for Kindergarten • Grade 5 Middle School Transition Program, in class at CHE 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 Middle School Transition Program, in class at CHE • DHS Early Out Day 	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. • DMS Character Education Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. 	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades 4 & 8 - NYS Science Performance Test May 24 - June 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. • DHS PTSO Meeting, DHS Main Office, 3:30 p.m. 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Band Trip to NYC 	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day Holiday No School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS Grade 8 Cedar Point Trip 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day Holiday No School</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades 4 & 8 - NYS Science Performance Test May 24 - June 2</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Department Banquet at Ripa's 	 <p>Riley Williams, Grade 8</p>	 <p>Liz Maroshick, Grade 9</p>	 <p>Landon Smith, Grade 7</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>Zachary Bridenbaker, Grade 1</p>	 <p>Kassie Somerson, Grade 2</p>	 <p>Brooke Blahowicz, Grade 11</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Grades 4 & 8 - NYS Science Performance Test May 24 - June 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Awards Consortium, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. 		<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECA/AOF Car Show, DHS, 5-8:30 p.m. CHE Grade 4 Spelling Bee, DHS aud., 9:30 a.m. CHE Grade 5 Promotional Ceremony, DHS aud., 1 p.m. 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Test 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4 & 8 Written NYS Science Exam DHS Senior Portraits for the Class of 2017, thru June 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS, DHS Jazz, DHS Show Choir Concert, DHS Cafe, 6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate Life Blood Drive, DHS Small Gym Grade 5 Walking Tour to DMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class of 2017 Pre-Commencement Banquet 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT Test DMS NJHS Car Wash 	
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Athletes Award Night, 6 p.m. Class of 2017 Graduation Picnic 	<p>Regents Exams - June 13 - 22</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Grade 8 Class Night, 6:30-10:30 p.m. 	17
18	<p>Regents Exams - June 13 - 22</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS/DMS End of Fourth Marking Period Graduation Rehearsal, DHS Cafe, 9 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class of 2017 Commencement, DHS Aud., 7 p.m. Regents Rating Day 	24
25	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS café, 6:30 p.m. 	28	29	30	 <p>Alix Ostempowski, Grade 10</p>	

When Students are Tested

In the 2016-17 school year, students in grade levels 3-8 will take the NYS English language arts and math assessments in March and May. The chart on this page gives more specific dates.

Examination	Administration Dates	Make-Up Dates
High School Regents	Jan. 24-27	
Grades 3-8 ELA	March 28-30	April 3-5
Grades 3-8 Math	May 2-4	May 8-10
Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance	May 24-June 2	Within Testing Dates
Grades 4 & 8 Science Written	June 5	June 6-7
High School Regents	June 13-22	
Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities	Sept.-Feb.	Within Testing Dates
NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test-Writing	May 8-19	Within Testing Dates
NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test- Spoken	April 10 - May 9	Within Testing Dates

Besides the English language arts and math assessments in grades 3-8, there are benchmark exams in science in fourth and eighth grades. For information on testing and other documents including the new common core curricula in English Language Arts and Math visit www.engageny.org.

Overview of the Standards and Assessments

The Common Core State Standards, released in June 2010, focus on two areas: English Language Arts and Mathematics. In high school, however, the English Language Arts standards for reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language are also translated to literacy standards in history and social studies, science, and technical subjects. The expectation is that students will develop literacy skills specific to these subject areas in addition to what they learn in their language arts classes. The goal of common core standards is to raise the achievement bar to a level comparable to those of the best education systems in the world. Graduating students must be college and career ready. The U.S. Department of Education is funding the development of common assessments to measure student learning of the standards in more complex and multidimensional ways than current tests do. The new design includes more frequent, real-time, formative measures to provide feedback on how well students are progressing throughout the school year. In addition, testing will capture evidence of deeper, more complex learning, such as online simulations, performance tasks, and project-like assignments. The new PARRC assessments will be implemented over the next few years.

Graduation Requirements: High school students must pass five basic Regents Examinations and a foreign language proficiency to graduate. These tests include: Global Studies, U.S. History, Common Core Algebra, English Language Arts, and Science. Students can take any of the Science Regents including Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, or Physics for the Regents credit. Advanced Regents require the basic diploma requirements plus: Geometry, Algebra 2/Trig, another science and the French or Spanish equivalent exam for Regents.

Higher Level Thinking Skills: The state assessments like the curricula focus on students being independent thinkers. Learning facts and computations are only a beginning. Students need to apply skills to solve daily as well as abstract problems. The key to school success is the ability to express knowledge, support opinions with data, and utilize a variety of resources. To be competitive in today's global market, our students need to be highly skilled, problem solvers, and good communicators. The standards and assessments developed by New York State set the criteria and measure our success at preparing students for life.

College Entrance Schedule 2016-17

To complete most college applications, students often take college entrance examinations. Either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and/or the American College Test (ACT) meet this requirement for many colleges. These tests may also be used to qualify for some scholarships. Students should plan to take one or both exams in May or June of their junior year, which gives them the opportunity to repeat one or both at the beginning of their senior year. Applications are available in the Counseling Center or register online. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) given in the fall of the junior year is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. This year it will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. Students should seek assistance in the HS Counseling Center.

Depew students may earn college credit by taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams in their junior or senior year. Depew offers AP courses in U.S. History and Government (grade 11), and senior year courses in English, Calculus, Physics, Statistics and U.S. Government & Politics. There are also opportunities to earn college credit for Project Lead the Way, Spanish, and French. For further information, contact the High School Counseling Center at 686-5076.

SAT & ACT Testing (Please visit the Counseling Office to register or register online)

SAT Test Dates

Oct. 1, 2016
Nov. 5, 2016
Dec. 3, 2016
Jan. 21, 2017
March 11, 2017
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

SAT Registration Deadline

Sept. 1, 2016
Oct. 7, 2016
Nov. 3, 2016
Dec. 21, 2016
Feb. 10, 2017
April 7, 2017
May 9, 2017

ACT Test Dates

Sept. 10, 2016
Oct. 22, 2016
Dec. 10, 2016
Feb. 11, 2017

ACT Registration Deadline

Aug. 5, 2016
Sept. 16, 2016
Nov. 4, 2016
Jan. 6, 2017

Board of Education

The Depew Union Free School District Board of Education sets policy for the school district, in accordance with state and federal laws. The seven members are elected by District residents and serve unpaid, three-year terms. Elections are held at the time of the annual budget vote in May.

President

Barbara Staebell
668-1391

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Dave Sheff
684-4772

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Todd Bush
807-8537

Donna Kapinos
706-9234

Patrick Law
656-9376

John Spencer
681-1557

Justin P. Young
683-1421

District Clerk

Jessica Neischel
686-5104

Treasurer

Nancy Gerretsen
686-5107

Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) and will be held in the High School Cafeteria. The annual reorganization meeting takes place in July each year. The public will be notified of any change in location, time or dates. Board meeting dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Education. Meeting dates are available on the district Website calendar, www.depewschools.org.

Aug. 16	High School Cafeteria
Sept. 20	High School Cafeteria
Oct. 18	High School Cafeteria
Nov. 15	High School Cafeteria
Dec. 20	High School Cafeteria
Jan. 17	High School Cafeteria
Feb. 28	High School Cafeteria
March 21	High School Cafeteria
April 18	High School Cafeteria
May 23	High School Cafeteria
June 20	High School Cafeteria

Budget Information

May 9, 2017 - Budget Hearing at Depew High School cafeteria

May 16, 2017 - Budget Vote and Election at Cayuga Elementary School, Noon - 9 p.m.

District Administration

5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 686-5000

Superintendent of Schools	Jeffrey R. Rabey, Ph.D.	686-5104
Assistant Superintendent	Susan B. Frey	686-5129
Business Administrator	Susan Arena	686-5110
Board of Education, District Clerk	Jessica Neischel	686-5104
Director of Special Education Services	Janet Gajewski	686-5123
Director for Pupil Personnel Services	Joseph D'Amato	686-5125
Athletic Coordinator	Brian Wilson	686-5077
District Technology Coordinator	Maria Sommerfeldt	686-5066
Director of Facilities	David Hess	686-5088
School Lunch Manager	Barbara Albi	686-5009

Depew High School • Grades 9-12

5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 686-5065

Principal	Carol Townsend	686-5095
Assistant Principal	Hillary Weir	686-5090
Counseling Center		686-5069
School Nurse	Linda Heinen	686-5087
Attendance Office	Patty Budniewski	686-5084

Depew Middle School • Grades 6-8

5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 686-5045

Principal	James J. Lupini	686-5051
Dean of Students	Jill Snuszka	686-5040
Counseling Center		686-5055
School Nurse	Gale Kandefer	686-5042
Attendance Office		686-5055

Cayuga Heights Elementary • Grades K-5

1780 Como Park Boulevard, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 686-5005

Principal	Michelle Kudla	686-5006
Assistant Principal	Lynn Girdlestone	686-5113
School Nurses	Julie Smith	686-5008
	Nancy Fayad	686-5007
Attendance Office		686-5005

Transportation Department

Supervisor	Douglas Baumgarden	686-5155
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Comprehensive District Education Plan 2016-17

Vision

Provide an engaging learning environment focused on achieving excellence.

Mission

Challenge and inspire students to achieve at the highest level and become responsible citizens.

We Believe

- All students can learn.
- Literacy is essential for all learning.
- Good character and a healthy lifestyle enrich student well-being.
- Individual student needs must be met through caring classrooms and engaging instruction.
- Parental involvement and support enhance a child's ability to succeed.
- Effective communication is essential for success.
- Students will be prepared to adapt to an ever-changing world.
- Excellence in our schools requires significant and continuing commitment of human and financial resources.

District Improvement Goals

- Prepare students to be college and career ready by improving student achievement at all levels.
- Align through collaboration PreK-12 curriculum with current learning standards.
- Devise ongoing PreK-12 assessments that provide timely and meaningful feedback for teachers, students and parents.
- Empower parents through communication to become active participants in their children's success.

Guiding Philosophy

Continuous Improvement

Zoe Harris, Grade 7



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Parent Information Packet 2016-2017

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, an environment free of discrimination and harassment is of paramount importance. Students must exhibit behaviors that promote positive educational practices, allow appropriate social and academic growth, and encourage healthy dialogue in respectful ways.

All forms of discrimination and harassment of students and staff based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school property and at school-sponsored activities and events that take place at locations off school property is hereby strictly prohibited. In addition, any act of discrimination or harassment, outside of school sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process may be subject to discipline.

Rules against discrimination and harassment are included in the Code of Conduct, publicized District-wide and disseminated to all staff and parents. An age-appropriate summary shall be distributed to all students at a school assembly at the beginning of each school year.

The District will investigate all complaints of harassment and discrimination, either formal or informal, and take prompt corrective measures, as necessary. Complaints will be investigated in accordance with applicable policies and regulations. If, after an appropriate investigation, the District finds that the policy has been violated, corrective action will be taken in accordance with District policies (Policy 7550), the Code of Conduct, and all appropriate federal or state laws.

Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student has been subjected to discrimination or harassment by an employee or student, who acts reasonably and in good faith and reports such information to school officials or law enforcement authorities, shall have immunity from any civil liability that may arise from making such report. The District prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed at complainants, victims, witnesses and/or any other individuals who participated in the investigation of a complaint of discrimination or harassment.

For more information or clarification, please contact Joseph D'Amato, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, 686-5125.

Attendance Policy

It is a well-known fact that being a good student starts with good attendance. In fact, good attendance is important in school, work, sports, club activities, or any other aspect of life.

Having good attendance lets others know that you are responsible and take your work seriously. That is important to being a good student, a good employee and a good citizen. In order to do well in school, you must first make sure you are in school and on time.

Therefore, in keeping with New York State Law, the Depew Board of Education has adopted an attendance policy, which applies to all students in grades K through 12.

Who is required to attend school?

According to New York State law, children must attend school between the ages of 6 and 16. A student who turns 16 years of age during a school year must continue in attendance until the end of the school year.

What happens when a student is absent?

The student must present a signed note from a parent giving the child's full name, date, days of absence, and reason for absence, on the day of return to the designated person responsible for attendance in that building.

What is an excused absence?

Excused absences include personal illness, death in the family, religious observance, medical appointments, quarantine, impassable roads due to inclement weather, approved college visits, required presence in court, military obligation, approved educational trips, and approved cooperative work programs. An absence for any other reason is unexcused and is so noted on the student's record. After three days without a written excuse, the student's absence will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

How will unexcused absences from class effect a student?

In grades K-12 consequences may include, but are not limited to, in-school suspension, detention and denial of parking privileges and participation in interscholastic and extra curricular activities. See Student Handbook for more information.

How would students and parents know how many absences a student has?

Although it is the parent/student's responsibility to keep track of attendance, the school will notify parents when attendance becomes a problem. This quarterly notification will alert you that possible consequences may result. However, students or parents may consult with the school at any time to find out the student's current attendance status. This information is also accessible on the Parent Portal.

What happens when a student needs to be excused from school early?

In grades K-12, the student should present a note, signed and dated by the parent/person in parental relation, to the designated person. In grades K-5, the student should present the excuse to the classroom teacher, and in grades 6-12, to the Attendance Office.

A complete copy of the Depew Union Free School District Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy is available at the District Office which is located in the High School.

District Dress Code

...when buying school clothes, keep in mind

- The Board of Education is seeking the help and cooperation of parents in ensuring that the students of Depew are dressed for success.
- Give your children a quick check in the morning to see that their dress is acceptable. It will go a long way toward helping them look their best.

The District's Code of Conduct provides that a student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Recognize that brief garments and see-through garments are not appropriate.
3. Ensure that underwear and under-garments are completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
5. Not include the wearing of hats or headwear in the building except for a medical or religious purpose.
6. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion or religious practices, ethnic group, national origin, gender, weight, sexual orientation, or disability.
7. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day for repeatedly failing to comply with the dress code and shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out-of-school suspension. Please refer to the Student Handbook in place at your building for further guidance.

Work Permits - N.Y.S. Child Labor Law

Work permits with different restrictions for different types of jobs and hours of work are issued from the High School Counseling Office, 5201 S. Transit Road, Depew (686-5069). New York State Labor Laws governing the employment of minors (under age 18) require the following to issue a permit:

1. parent's permission in writing for the student to work;
2. proof of age;
3. a certificate of physical fitness.

These permits are available: Newspaper Carrier Permit - Ages 11-18; Non-Factory Employment Permit - Ages 14-15; and Student General Employment Permit - Ages 16-17

Special Education Services

The office of Special Education is located in the Depew Middle School. It is responsible for providing services and programs for students with disabilities. These services and programs may be provided within district facilities or out-of-district. The Depew Union Free School District adheres to all legislative mandates including IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), which mandates a FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) for all students with disabilities. The Committee on Special Education (CSE), and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) are integral components, along with building level 504 and Child Study Teams (CST) in the identification and servicing of students with specialized needs. Parents are directed to NYSED website relating to a parent's guide to special education in NY for children ages 3 through 21 (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm>). For further information, contact Mrs. Janet Gajewski, Director of Special Education Services at 686-5123.

Child Find Notice

If your child is disabled or you suspect he/she may be disabled, he or she may be entitled to special education and/or related services without cost to you. A child with a disability is entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). If you have questions or wish to refer your child, please contact Mrs. Janet Gajewski, Director of Special Education Services at 686-5123, at 5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, New York 14043.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Depew Union Free School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, disability, color, Vietnam era veteran status, or national origin in employment and in the educational programs and other activities that it operates, as is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") and other state and federal statutes.

This policy of non-discrimination includes areas of employment, recruitment and appointment of employees, pay and benefits; and access to and participation in educational programs and activities. No qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of that disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of or be subject to discrimination under any of the district's programs or activities.

Officials to Contact

Inquiries and complaints may be directed to:

1. The district official responsible for Section 504 and the ADA (pertaining to discrimination on the basis of disability) for students is Joseph D'Amato, Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Depew Union Free School District, 5201 S. Transit Rd., Depew, New York 14043, telephone 686-5125.
2. The district official responsible for Title IX (pertaining to discrimination on the basis of sex) coordination is Carol Townsend, Depew Union Free School District, 5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, New York 14043, telephone 686-5095.
3. All other inquiries and/or complaints concerning other areas of alleged discrimination should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, 5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, New York 14043, telephone number 686-5105.

These officials will provide information, including complaint procedures to any citizen, student, or employee who feels that his rights have been violated by the district or its officials.

The McKinney-Vento Act:

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

The McKinney-Vento Act program is designed to address the problems that students in transition have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State Education Agencies (SEAs) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as other children and youth. Homeless children and youth should have access to the education and other services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging New York State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment. States and districts are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.

For more information about the application of these laws, contact the OCR enforcement office that serves your state or the District Liaison, Mr. Joseph D'Amato at 686-5125.

Physicals, Immunizations & Medicines

New York State Education law requires PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS to be completed in grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10, as well as for new entrants to school and special education students due for tri-annual evaluations. Examinations may be done by your physician or the school physician. Physical forms are available at the school. A current physical exam is required for all interscholastic sports; current is defined as within one calendar year. Sports physicals done by the school physician will require complete health history and parental consent prior to physical; this can be found on the back of the physical form. Dates are set up periodically for school physicals for students who do not turn in mandatory physicals within 30 days. A dental examination is requested for all new students as well as students in grades K, 2, 4, 7, & 10.

Release of BMI

(Body Mass Index) Information

Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's health examination. We will be reporting every other year to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

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, you must complete a refusal to release BMI form. To obtain this form, please contact your child's school nurse.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicine

Medicine may be dispensed in school under strict guidelines established by New York State.

1. The medication must be in the container prepared by the pharmacist;
2. The school nurse must have on file a written request from the student's physician, and a written request from the parent to administer the medication;
3. The prescribed medicine must be delivered directly to the school nurse - not transported on the bus by the student.
4. The medication may only be administered by the school nurse or designee.

Immunization Requirements

Parents should consult with their child's physician regarding their child's immunization schedule. The complete immunization schedule is available at www.depewschools.org.

New for 2016-17: New York State is requiring the following for students entering:

- Grade 7 – 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine
- Grade 12 – 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine, or 1 dose if dose was received at 16 years of age or older

Updates for students entering Kindergarten:

- 2 varicella vaccines (chicken pox) or physician documented proof of disease
- 5 doses of DPT or DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), or 4 if fourth dose was received at four years of age or older.

- 2 doses of MMR vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella)
- 4 doses of polio vaccine, or 3 if third dose was received at four years of age or older.

Updates for students in Grade 1-5:

- 4-5 doses of DPT or DTaP (if fourth dose given after 4 years of age, fifth dose not required)

Updates for students in Grade 6:

- 2 varicella vaccines (chicken pox) or physician documented proof of disease
- Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) as previously required. Grade 6 Tdap is required only if last Tdap was given prior to age 7.
- 3-4 polio vaccines (if third dose given after 4 years of age, fourth dose not required)

The law states that medical exemptions from immunization **MUST** be renewed annually by your medical provider. The law requires either proof of adequate immunization signed by the physician or a certificate from a physician stating that your child cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. If the above requirements are not met prior to entrance of your child into school, your child will be excluded from school by the principal.

Immunizations for College-Bound Students

Students planning to attend colleges in New York State are required to show proof of immunity against measles, mumps and rubella (unless born before January 1, 1957), as well as two doses of measles vaccine. Most colleges also require a dose of Menactra (Meningitis Vaccine). A copy of the students immunization records will be sent home to seniors; please maintain this for your record.

Communicable Diseases

In the case of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, the district recommends:

1. If there is a suspicion of a communicable disease such as chicken pox, impetigo, conjunctivitis (pink eye), streptococcal infections such as strep throat or pediculosis (head lice), consult your physician for diagnosis and treatment. Please keep students home until contact with a physician is accomplished.
2. Call the nurse's office in the school to report the disease and ask about the re-admittance policy.
3. For re-admittance to school in some instances, the parent must accompany the child to school for examination and acceptance by the health services personnel.

Also please be advised pertinent health information will be shared with school staff as needed for the health and safety of the students.

School Food Service - Self Funded and Successful

Depew's Food Service Program offers nutritious breakfasts and lunches for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. To provide students with a satisfying school breakfast and lunch, Depew's 22 employees work from three to seven hours per day. In 2015-16 school year, they prepared and served 149,745 student lunches and 111,723 breakfasts. They also prepared daily meals for teachers and staff as well as ala carte and special functions. School lunches are subsidized by the State and Federal governments to help schools keep the cost per lunch low so most students may participate in the program. Additional subsidies are available for families who are eligible for the Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. School meals are still the best deal in town. The cost for breakfast at all schools is \$1.20 and Lunch: Cayuga - \$2.00, Middle and High Schools - \$2.25.

Children need healthy meals to learn - Depew UFSD offers healthy meals every school day.

Registration Procedure for New Students

The Depew Union Free School District utilizes a building registration process. All registration of students new to the district will take place at one of the school buildings. You need not go to more than one site, even if you are registering more than one child. Please go to the building of your choice or to the one that the majority of your children will attend.

Families new to the district are encouraged to register as soon as possible. For information about registration procedures or to schedule an appointment, please call one of the numbers below.

- Cayuga Heights Elementary, Kindergarten through Grade 5, 686-5003
- Depew Middle School, Grades 6-8, 686-5055
- Depew High School, Grades 9-12, 686-5069

The Student Registration form is available on the District web site at www.depewschools.org. Parents and guardians may print out, complete the form, and bring it to their registration appointment, along with the required documentation. Visits to the schools are encouraged and may be arranged once the registration process has been completed.

The following documentation is required for registration of students new to the District:

- Proof of Identity of custodial parent or guardian (Photo ID)
- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of immunizations
- Two proofs of residency

Acceptable proofs of residency are:

- Lease or purchase of home documentation
- Purchase contract
- Post Office form documenting official change of address
- Utility or tax bill specific to the new address
- Notarized statement from landlord.
- Payroll Stub
- Government benefit document
- Car insurance or registration
- Special circumstances; legal affidavits for custodial/non-custodial and residential needs

Transportation

Transportation mission statement to the District parents is as follows: To provide our District with the safest, most economical and fairest transportation possible.

For bus concerns, call Mr. Douglas Baumgarden at 686-5140.

Depew Buses and Vans Travel to 70 Different School Buildings Every Year

Depew School District's Transportation Department maintains a fleet of 65 vehicles with which we transport nearly 3,000 Depew public, private, parochial and students with disabilities daily. Our goal is to transport our children to and from school safely and on time. The bus garage is located at 5261 Transit Road or 1/4 mile south of Broadway, next to the roller skating rink. The Depew Transportation Supervisor can be reached at 686-5140 and his office is located in the bus garage. We supply transportation to private and parochial schools outside the district up to 15 miles, and transportation for students with disabilities (mandated by law) to a maximum of 50 miles.

All requests for transportation of regular education students attending private schools must be made by April 1, preceding the school year through the respective schools. All Special Bussing Request forms must be properly submitted by July 31 of each new school year before transportation to elsewhere other than the normal stop will take effect in September. An ample supply of these forms can be found at the Cayuga Heights Elementary School or the Bus Garage.

Our district has six day care centers within our boundaries. During the school year, if your child should need a change in pick-up at one of these facilities or elsewhere within the district, a "Special Bussing Request" form must be completed and returned to the Transportation Department. Such request must be received three days in advance of the effective date of such special transportation. This will enable the schools and the Transportation Department to know where your child is going to be picked up or dropped off on a particular day. Students from other school districts will not be allowed to ride a Depew bus, as they are not covered under our insurance.

When Depew Schools are closed because of a Staff Development Day, BOCES students, parochial/private, school students, and students with disabilities will be transported if their school is open. When Depew Schools are closed due to a holiday, private/parochial students will not be transported. If the district is closed due to a proclaimed snow day, no transportation will be available to any destination.

Bus passes with bus numbers and pick up times are mailed in late August to each student's home. Our bus fleet is equipped with full radio communication and we ask your cooperation in advising us if you do not need transportation (if your child is the only one picked up) or if you intend to pick up your child from an out-of-district school. We ask parents to help in assisting with their children's bus safety and we look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

Depew UFSD Code of Conduct Summary

Summary of the Depew Union Free School District Code of Conduct

The Depew Union Free School District has adopted a Code of Conduct. The Code has been written to comply with the New York State Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (also known as project SAVE). This summary describes some of the important aspects of the Code of Conduct.

Who? The Code of Conduct applies to all students, District personnel, parents, volunteers, contract workers and other visitors when on District property or attending a District function.

When? Instituted on July 1, 2001. This document is reviewed annually.

Where? The provisions of the Code of Conduct apply to activities taking place on any property, or in any building, owned or leased by the District, including District-supervised school buses. The Code also applies at District-sponsored extra-curricular events, any school related work to study, internship, field trip or site visitation.

Why? The Depew Union Free School District is committed to providing a safe and orderly educational environment where students receive and District personnel deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference and to comply with state, federal and local code, laws and policies.

The Depew Union Free School District Code of Conduct contains provisions regarding:

- Student rights and responsibilities
- Appropriate conduct, dress and language

- Security and safety of students and personnel
- Prohibited student conduct
- Disciplinary consequences, procedures, penalties and referrals
- Disciplinary measures to be taken for incidents involving illegal substances, weapons, the use of physical force, vandalism, violation of another student's civil rights, harassment and threats of violence
- Student removal from a classroom, District property or function for substantially disruptive behavior
- Compliance with state and federal laws relating to students with disabilities
- Law enforcement notification for Code violations which constitute a crime or reporting violations
- Notification to parent(s) of Code violation(s)
- Minimum suspension periods for students who are violent or who repeatedly are substantially disruptive or substantially interfere with the teacher's authority over the classroom.
- Visitors to District buildings
- Public conduct on District property
- Dissemination and revision of the Code of Conduct
- Student searches & interrogations
- Alternative Instruction

A complete version of the Code of Conduct is available for review in each of the District's school buildings, online at the District website, as well as in the District Office, 5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, NY.

A Balanced Program of Participation

Depew High School offers an interscholastic athletic program with educational values consistent with the academic philosophy for grades 7 through 12. The focus is on the development of self-esteem and individual skill while fostering an atmosphere of teamwork, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Our sports programs provide a source of pride and hopefully motivation for lifelong success.

The District has set high goals and standards and all personnel and athletes are encouraged to strive to achieve them while maintaining a proper perspective on sports, school and life. Over the past several years, we have sponsored over 40 teams involving more than 40 coaches and up to 800 athletes each year. Being an athlete in Depew is a privilege and an honor. Representing our school and community carries a great deal of responsibility.

Our program is guided by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, as well as the Erie County Interscholastic Conference. The N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. requires that at the beginning of each sport season, a student shall receive an adequate health examination. The N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. further recommends that all participants in interscholastic sports be covered by appropriate insurance. Depew Public Schools carries supplemental accident insurance through Pupil Benefits, Inc.

Students in Grades 7-12 can benefit from participation in Depew's Interscholastic Athletic Program.

Visit our website at www.depewschools.org for up-to-date information concerning our athletic program.

Caryn Brown Reardon Memorial Playground

The play area at Cayuga Heights Elementary school is for your enjoyment.

School programs have preference during school days.

The play area is closed from dusk to 7 a.m.

The Technology Acceptable Use Regulation for Students of the Depew School District

The Depew Union Free School District will make available a variety of technological resources to support learning and enhance instruction. Our goal is to provide access to diverse, state of the art technology tools to facilitate resource sharing, innovation and communication.

Ethical Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Computers and Computer Networks in Schools

We encourage students to use the computers and technology available at Depew Union Free School District; however, with this use comes responsibility. Violations of the following guidelines may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action in accordance with applicable laws and/or due process procedures. Users are expected to:

Respect the privacy of others.

- Users will keep their passwords confidential and not try to learn others passwords.
- Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to networked or stand alone systems.
- Users will not modify or read files of other individuals, however, it should be noted that system administrators have access to all files. Privacy shall not be assumed in this case.

Respect the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data.

- Users will not make copies of licensed programs in violation of Copyright Laws.
- Users will not install their own software on district computers without authorization.

Respect the integrity of every computer and of the Depew School Network, Internet and other networks to which we are connected.

- Users will not intentionally develop or use programs to harass others or infiltrate a computer system or damage or alter the software components or network.
- Users will not intentionally send inappropriate, obscene or hateful messages/mail to others, or cyberbully.
- Users will not occupy or modify server or network system files.
- Users will not abuse computer or network hardware. (i.e. mice, keyboards, etc.)
- Users will not violate Copyright Laws.
- Users will not use telecommunications for anything other than educational purposes.
- Users will not employ the network for commercial purposes.

Respect the materials and resources of the Depew School District.

- Users are limited to using approved educational games only.

Consequences of Violations

All violations or suspected violations of acceptable use will be communicated to the building administrator. Users found to be in violation of acceptable use will be denied technology access on appropriate district equipment. Improper use or tampering will not be tolerated. Possible actions include the following:

- User may be banned from access to specific technological equipment, local or internet accounts or facilities for a period of time.

- User may be required to make full financial restitution.
- Suspension or detention is a possible outcome of a severe violation.
- Users could face prosecution if criminal activity is involved.

AGREEMENT STATEMENT: Use of the Depew Public Schools computer equipment, Internet accounts, local networks and the information contained on them is conditioned upon proper student conduct in accordance with this regulation. While every reasonable effort will be made by school district personnel to monitor proper technology usage or to provide Internet filters of questionable materials, the student and the parent/guardian also must accept the responsibility for ethical usage of the district's facilities, equipment and software, and of the programs and networks accessed.

Depew Public Schools will mail to every parent or guardian a copy of this regulation for their review. In addition, a copy will be placed in the student's handbook and discussed with the student by the homeroom teacher. A copy will be mailed to the parent or guardian as part of the district calendar, and a copy will be submitted to the official newspaper for publication.

If at any time, the parent or guardian wishes to withdraw student permission to have Internet access, please notify the building principal in writing.

The School as a Community Resource

Community Use of Facilities

The District makes its buildings and athletic fields widely available for community use. Priority is given to instructional and extracurricular programs for students. For information about scheduling and application, call Brian Wilson, Athletic Coordinator, 686-5078.

Music Department Events

Concerts, musicals, parades, festivals and competitions annually involve hundreds of Depew's performing elementary to high school age students. Concerts are admission-free and the public is encouraged to attend. See calendar listings.

Semi-Annual Surveillance

As required by AHERA(40 CFR Part 763), once the presence of asbestos is confirmed or assumed, the material must be visually evaluated semi-annually (December/January - June/July).

Asbestos Management Plan

As required by AHERA (40 CFR Part 763), a plan must be developed for the management of asbestos in all district buildings. This plan is available in the Buildings and Grounds for review between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In an effort to make a complex document understandable, it is necessary to make an appointment with the District Safety Risk Manager at 686-5089. Copies of the plan are available at the cost of copying.

Pesticide Neighbor Notification

New York State Education Law, Section 409-H, requires the Depew UFSD to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Furthermore, the district is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. There are exemptions to this notification and a good faith effort notification process for those applications deemed an emergency.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide application and/or receive a list of exemptions, please contact the Department of Buildings and Grounds at 686-5088, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Depew Wildcats Interscholastic Sports

Depew students may participate in interscholastic sports programs beginning in Grade 7. Sports schedules for each season are available to all residents by calling the Athletic Office at 686-5078.

Fall Sports

Boys Football
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys Soccer
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Girls Volleyball
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys Volleyball
Varsity, J.V.
Girls Soccer
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys & Girls Cross Country
Varsity
Girls Tennis
Varsity
Cheerleading
Varsity, J.V.
Boys Golf
Varsity
Girls Swimming
Varsity

Winter Sports

Boys & Girls Basketball
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys Wrestling
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Varsity, J.V.
Boys Swimming
Varsity
Boys & Girls Swimming
Modified
Boys & Girls Bowling
Varsity
Boys & Girls Indoor Track
Varsity

Spring Sports

Boys Baseball
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Girls Softball
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys & Girls Track & Field
Varsity, J.V., Modified
Boys Tennis
Varsity

YEARLY INCOME

EXEMPTION	FROM	THAN
50%	-0-	\$18,500
45%	\$18,500	\$19,500
40%	\$19,500	\$20,500
35%	\$20,500	\$21,500
30%	\$21,500	\$22,400
25%	\$22,400	\$23,300
20%	\$23,300	\$24,200
15%	\$24,200	\$25,100
10%	\$25,100	\$26,000
5%	\$26,000	\$26,900
0%	\$26,900 and over	

Important Tax Information Remember – 145

Your New York State Income Tax Return requires that you enter the school district tax code of the district in which you live. It is very important that the proper code number is entered, since the distribution of state aid depends upon this code number.

The Depew School District Tax Code Number is 145.

The presence of your name on the District Newsletter mailing list signifies that you reside in the Depew School District. You must enter Number 145 even if your children did not attend the local public school or if you have no children.

Notification of Rights

Depew Union Free School District Notification of Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the date the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the building principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

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 school to amend a record that they believe inaccurate or misleading. They should write the building principal and clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school 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.

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. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests.

A “school official” includes an instructional, supervisory, administrative or ancillary employee employed by or under contract with the District;

Senior Citizens Benefit From Depew Sliding Scale For Tax Reductions

The Depew Union Free School District Board of Education continues to support senior citizen tax exemptions. Senior citizen exemptions are in addition to any school tax relief program (STAR) benefits for which a resident may be eligible. For information or an application, contact your local tax assessor’s office.

YEARLY INCOME

EXEMPTION	FROM	TO
50%	-0-	\$12,024
45%	\$12,025	\$13,024
40%	\$13,025	\$14,024
35%	\$14,025	\$15,204
30%	\$15,205	\$15,924
25%	\$15,925	\$16,824
20%	\$16,825	\$17,725
0%	\$17,726	and over

Disabled Property Owners Benefit From Depew Sliding Scale for Tax Reductions

The Depew Union Free School District Board of Education supports real estate property exemptions for property owned by persons with a disability whose incomes are limited by reason of such disabilities. Disability exemptions are in addition to any school tax relief program (STAR) benefits for which a disabled resident may be eligible. For further information, or an application, please contact your local tax assessor’s office.

a Board member; a parent or student serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing school tasks: an agent of the District, including but not limited to, a person employed by or under contract with the District to perform a special task, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist/counselor. A “legitimate educational interest” is the school official’s need to know in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Another exception is the school’s transmittal of education records to officials of another school district or college post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

Depew Union Free School District Directory Information Notice

Throughout your child’s academic career, he or she will participate in a variety of events or activities. In the course of these events, your child may be photographed by the District office or School personnel or local news media. An employee of the School or District office will be present whenever your child is photographed or interviewed.

Information about your child may appear in newspaper articles, on television, in radio broadcasts, on displays, or in District or School promotional pieces (school annuals, brochures, flyers, newsletters, programs for sports or cultural events, television shows, videotape, etc.).

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act authorizes the Depew Union Free School District to release “directory information” concerning students. The District has designated the following items as directory information:

- Student’s name
- Names of parents or legal guardians
- Grade designation
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Relevant statistics and personal data of members of athletic teams
- Achievements
- Awards and honors received

A parent or eligible student may refuse to allow the District to release any or all of the above-mentioned types of information about the student as directory information by notifying the District in writing of the objection to the release no later than September 9, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call your school’s Principal.

APPR Notice

In accordance with New York Education Law Section 3012-c(10), parents and legal guardians may request in writing the final quality rating and composite effectiveness score for each of the teachers and for the principal of the school building to which their student(s) is assigned for the current school year. The District will also provide parents and legal guardians with an oral or written explanation of the composite effectiveness scoring ranges for final quality ratings, and an opportunity to understand such scores in the context of teacher evaluation and student performance.

Parent’s Right to Know

As a parent of a student attending the Depew Union Free School District you have the right to receive, upon request to the district, certain information as authorized by federal law regarding the professional qualifications of the children’s classroom teachers. Parents have the right to request the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met New York State Education Department qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he/she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which New York State Education Department qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived due to special circumstances;
- The teacher’s college major (undergraduate level); whether the teacher has any graduate certifications or degrees and, if so, the field of discipline of the certification or degree;
- Whether your child is provided services by any teaching assistants and, if so, their qualifications. If you wish to receive this information, please contact your child’s school principal.

Questions or Concerns

The Depew Board of Education advises parents and other district residents who have questions or concerns about their child’s education or other school-related problems to first try to resolve them at the level most directly involved. This is usually the classroom teacher, school principal or coach. If a satisfactory solution cannot be reached at this level, individuals should contact the appropriate district office (curriculum, special education, athletics, etc.)

The recommended order of communication is:

Medical Concern

- STEP 1 - School Nurse
- STEP 2 - Building Principal
- STEP 3 - Assistant Superintendent
- STEP 4 - Superintendent

Instructional Concerns (Classroom Behavior, Etc.)

- STEP 1 - Classroom Teacher
- STEP 2 - Building Principal or School Counselor
- STEP 3 - Assistant Superintendent
- STEP 4 - Superintendent

Transportation Concern (Pick-Up, Route Problem)

- STEP 1 - Transportation Office
- STEP 2 - Transportation Supervisor
- STEP 3 - Superintendent

Transportation Concern (Behavior on Bus)

- STEP 1 - Bus Driver
- STEP 2 - School Counselor or Building Principal
- STEP 3 - Superintendent

Special Education

- STEP 1 - Classroom or Special Education Teacher
- STEP 2 - Building Principal
- STEP 3 - Director of Special Education
- STEP 4 - Superintendent

Athletic Concern

- STEP 1 - Coach
- STEP 2 - Athletic Coordinator
- STEP 3 - Building Principal
- STEP 4 - Superintendent

Extra Curricular Activity Concern

- STEP 1 - Building Principal
- STEP 2 - Assistant Superintendent
- STEP 3 - Superintendent

Phone numbers for schools and departments can be found in this calendar. If after following these procedures you still have concerns, appeals may be made to the Board of Education.