



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Levittown Memorial Education Center
150 Abbey Lane
Levittown, NY 11756



Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools
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August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great enthusiasm and pride that I assume the role of Superintendent of Schools. Having started my career as a social studies teacher at Division Avenue High School in 1995, it is truly an honor to be selected to lead the district I have called home for most of my professional career. With 27 years of experience as a public educator, I am eager to build upon the work of my predecessors to continue moving the district forward. I would also like to sincerely thank the many community members who have reached out with congratulatory messages.

In addition, please join me in welcoming the two newest members of Central Office: Dr. Beth Ziropiannis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance. They bring with them many years of experience, exciting ideas, and a fresh perspective. In becoming part of the team with Debbie Rifkin, our Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, I do believe we are in an excellent position to enhance the opportunities we provide Levittown students.

Our district has always prided itself on ensuring "Success for Every Student." We will continue to do that by focusing on the needs of all of our students. Whether they seek to pursue post-secondary education, select to enter the workforce on a particular career path, or decide to join the military service to defend our nation, we will do everything we can to support their goals and dreams. As part of that process, please look out for several surveys that will allow us to collect feedback from students and parents, as we plan for the future of our school district.

I hope you enjoy the remaining weeks of the summer. I look forward to serving you, your family, and the entire community. Most importantly, I wish your children much success in the upcoming school year.

Be well,

Mr. Todd Winch
Superintendent

Code of Conduct Summary - September 2022

This summary of the school district Code of Conduct has been developed as required by the New York State SAVE Act and will be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of the school year. The entire code is available at the Levittown District Website (www.Levittownschoools.com). This Code has been adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the New York State Education Department as required by law. The Code applies to all students, school personnel, parents, and other visitors when on school property (including school buses and vehicles) or attending school functions and extracurricular activities. The Code contains the following provisions:

- Appropriate conduct, dress and language when on school property, including school functions and extracurricular activities as well as appropriate range of disciplinary procedures that may be imposed for violations of the Code.
- Acceptable civil and respectful treatment of teachers, administrators, other school personnel, students, and visitors on school property or at school functions and extracurricular activities as well as roles of teachers, coaches, administrators, other school personnel, the Board of Education and parents.
- Standards and procedures to assure the security and safety of students and school personnel.
- Standards for remote learning.
- Provisions for the removal from the classroom, school property (including school functions and extracurricular activities) detention, suspension of students or other persons who violate the Code or who possess or use illegal substances or weapons, use of physical force, vandalize school property, or violate another student's civil rights, or threaten violence.
- Provisions for the removal of students from the classroom, including plans to ensure continued educational programming and activities for such students.
- Procedures by which violations are reported, determined, discipline measures imposed, and such measures carried out.
- Procedures by which students may be suspended or removed from participation in extracurricular activities, including sports.
- Procedures by which students may be disciplined in school for events that take place out of school when a connection to school exists.
- Provisions that ensure that enforcement of the Code is in compliance with state and federal laws relating to students with disabilities.
- Procedures for notifying local law enforcement agencies of Code violations which constitute a crime.
- Provisions for notifying persons in parental relation to the student of Code violations by the student.
- Provisions and procedures by which a complaint in criminal court, a juvenile delinquency petition or person in need of supervision petition as defined in Article Three and Seven of the Family Court Act will be filed.
- Circumstances under and procedures by which referral to appropriate human services agencies will be made.
- A minimum suspension period, for students who repeatedly are substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interfere with the teacher's authority over the classroom will be suspended from school for at least five days. The suspending authority may reduce such period on a case-by-case basis to be consistent with any other state or federal laws.
- Provisions by which students may be searched.

Please review the Code of Conduct on the district website and then sign and return the portion below:

I have read and understand the complete version of the Levittown School District Code of Conduct from the district website :

Student Name (please print): _____ School _____

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return this tear-off to your child's classroom teacher (elementary) or 1st period teacher (secondary) no later than September 16, 2022.
Thank you.



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Christopher Milano
Director of Facilities
516-434-7554

July, 2022

Dear Parents:

Our District Wide Safety Plan references specific responses to crisis situations. Our responses will help us prepare for a variety of different emergencies. Each school year, these drills are practiced by students and staff to ensure their effectiveness. In many instances, these drills are conducted in cooperation with the 8th or 1st precincts of the Nassau County Police Department. Below you will find a brief description of each drill.

Emergency Drills

In accordance with NYS Education Law, schools are required to hold twelve emergency drills per year, four of which must be lockdown drills, and the remaining eight are required to be evacuation drills. Eight of the required twelve drills will be completed by December 31st.

Emergency Sheltering Drill & Early Dismissal Drill (District Wide)

The Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents require all school districts under Section 155.13 of the Commissioner's regulations to conduct an **emergency sheltering drill** and **early dismissal drill** each year. Students will be dismissed from school early. **Due to COVID-19, all dates, times and procedures are subject to change at the direction of NYS Education Department.**

On **November 10th, 2022** approximately 20 minutes before dismissal (3:08 PM elementary schools, 2:35 PM for Middle Schools and 2:05 for High Schools**) students will be assembled in the designated sheltering areas for their building. **Approximately ten minutes before the end of the day (3:18 PM elementary, 2:45 PM middle and 2:15 for high schools) students will be dismissed.** Transportation will be adjusted on that day for all students who are eligible for bus services. All parents should make necessary arrangements to ensure adequate coverage for their student's arrival home ten minutes early. All after-school activities including the LAP program will **not** be canceled.

Lock Out Drill

This is a procedure that allows the school to continue with the normal school day but curtails outside activity and allows no unauthorized personnel into the building. The "lock out" is most commonly used when the threat is general or the incident is occurring outside the school building or on an off-school property.

Lockdown Drill

In certain situations it may be determined that the safest place for students and staff is inside the building and, under such circumstances, the building will be secured by using a lockdown signal from the office. Students and staff are trained to follow proper protocol during lockdowns. They will remain in classrooms until the "all clear" is sounded. Students and staff are not allowed to use their cell phones for calls or for text messaging during a lockdown drill or situation. Hundreds of calls being made simultaneously will not only jam the system, but will result in parents arriving at the school, which only increases the danger to everyone.

These drills are practiced a minimum of four times per year. Please be advised that during the drill visitors are prohibited from entering the building. Visitors who are already inside the building will take part in the drill.

During a lockdown, parents are asked to remain calm as local authorities resolve the situation. If the lockdown is expected to last beyond normal dismissal time, the District will make every attempt to keep parents informed and post information on the District and school website via local media where appropriate. Please keep in mind that you will not be able to pick up your child(ren) while the lockdown remains in effect. This is for your safety and the safety of your child(ren).

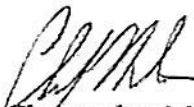
Extended Evacuation Drill

This drill requires that all building inhabitants leave the building and grounds and go somewhere safe. Students and staff will move to an alternate offsite pickup zone. District buses will transport students to the building's evacuation site. At the successful conclusion of the drill, students will be transported back to their regular school. Since this drill is held only at select buildings during the year, parents will be notified if their school will participate in the drill.

Each of these drills will be announced and explained to the children. The children will be told that these drills will prepare us to be safe in emergency situations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,



Christopher Milano
Director of Facilities



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Debbie Rifkin
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
516-434-7030
Fax: 516-520-8332

August, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardian:

New York State Education Law mandates that all absences from school, both excused and unexcused, be treated equally in attendance policies. Parents and students are therefore advised that all absences from school and class are counted equally in determining that a student has exceeded the maximum number of absences permitted under our attendance policy.

Some examples of absences counted equally:

Illness	Suspension	Road test	College visit
Court	Doctor's appt.	Religious observance	Field trip
Accident	Cut class	Family vacation	Physical exam
Truancy	Job interview	Babysitting	
Health Office	Drug counseling	Funerals	

Although some absences are unavoidable, such as illness and college visits, unexcused absences are to be discouraged and disciplinary action may be taken. Examples would include late to school and truancy. When a parent allows a student to miss school, for an unexcused reason, it is called unlawful detention. Examples would include vacation and babysitting. Please keep in mind, that in terms of our Attendance Policy, **all absences count towards credit denial.**

Each student is expected to be in school on time every school day. Absences should be reported no later than 8:00 a.m. by telephone to the attendance office by a parent or legal guardian. Students absent from school for more than half of the day may not participate in any after school activities including athletic and music events scheduled for that day.

Each course is considered to be one class. If a student's absences from a class exceed the attendance requirements for that course, that student will be denied credit. Three latenesses of less than 15 minutes will count as one absence in that course. If a student is late by more than 15 minutes it will count as an absence. Remember all absences count towards the attendance policy.

Daily course – all year	20 absences
Daily course – semester (Sept. – Jan.) (Feb. – June)	10 absences
Odd/even course – all year	10 absences
Daily course with lab on alternate days	20 absences
Daily 2 period course – all year	20 absences

If you have any questions about the district attendance policy, please contact the Attendance Office in your child's school.

Sincerely,


Debbie Rifkin
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources



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Form A – Parents’ Notification
ESSA Right-to-Know

Ms. Debbie Rifkin
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
(516) 434-7030
Fax: (516) 520-8332

August, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing in compliance with provisions of the federal ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act to inform you that, if your child's school receives Title I federal funding, you have a right to request information regarding the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher as well as any paraprofessional staff who may be working to assist your child.

You have a right to know:

- If your child's teacher has met State certification criteria for the current grade level and subject he or she is teaching;
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an "emergency" license or temporary status through which state qualification or licensing criteria has been waived;
- The baccalaureate degree major and graduate degree held by the teacher who is currently teaching your child as well as field of discipline of the degree held by the teacher;
- Whether your child is taught by a paraprofessional and if so, the qualifications of this individual.

We will be happy to provide this information to you. Simply fill out the form, which can be accessed on the district website (www.levittownschoools.com). Click on **Parents, More Parent Resources, Parents’ Right to Know Information and Form**. You may print the form, fill it out and mail it to the address below. The requested information will be completed and mailed to you.

Levittown School District
Att: Department of Human Resources
Memorial Education Center
150 Abbey Lane
Levittown, N.Y. 11756

Sincerely,



Debbie Rifkin



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September, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2010, New York State passed the *Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)*. This law went into effect on July 1, 2012 and protects students from harassment, discrimination and bullying by other students or school employees. It stipulates that no student shall be subjected to discrimination based on his or her *actual or perceived* race, color, national origin, ethnic group, gender identity, or biological sex. DASA explicitly states that bullying, taunting, and intimidation on the protected grounds listed above are all forms of harassment; however, it is not limited to those categories.

Harassment under DASA is defined as the “creation of a hostile environment by conduct or verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student’s education performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being...”

Bullying under DASA is defined as “hostile activity which harms or induces fear through threat of further aggression and/or creates terror”. Bullying may be subtle or easy to identify, done by one person or a group. Bullying often includes a real or perceived power imbalance, intent to harm, threat of further aggression.

Cyberbullying under DASA is defined as “the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person”. Examples of cyberbullying include; mean text messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles.

In response to this new law, and following the recommendation of the NYS School Boards Association, Levittown Public Schools reviewed its policies related to student conduct and social-emotional learning. All necessary updates were made and subsequently approved by the Board of Education. These updates are now included in the Board Policies as well as the Code of Conduct for students and include complaint forms, all of which can be found on the school website on the Board of Education page. The District will continue to review its policies to ensure that the most stringent procedures are in place to deal with these issues.

Dignity Act Coordinators have been appointed in each building. They are the building principal and social workers, who have been specially trained. The process for filing a concern is available on the school website or can be picked up in the main office of your school. Every reported incident of bullying should be recorded and documented.

Dignity Act Training has been given to all employees and will continue throughout the school year. The District will continue to deliver its curriculum to promote civility and citizenship, and as is always the case, a partnership between home and school is essential.

Please continue to visit the school website at www.levittownschoools.com and follow the instructions for continuously updated information.

Sincerely,

Debbie Rifkin
Civil Rights Compliance Officer



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Mr. John Avena, Principal
Mr. Craig Arvelo-Shaw, Assistant Principal
(516) 434-7300
Fax (516) 434-7323

August 2022

Dear Student:

Let me be one of the first to welcome you to the 2022/2023 school year.

The middle school years are a time of transition from childhood to adolescence and from the elementary grades to the high school. The staff at Wisdom Lane strive to make your time here a positive period of academic, social and emotional development. We will create opportunities for you to learn the facts and skills you need to be successful. Your role is to be prepared to learn and achieve no matter the academic setting.

The success of a school is built on the commitment of the community, administration, teachers, students, and parents. I believe those ingredients are in place here. As you begin the new school year, set your goals high and we will do our utmost to help you attain them.

Sincerely,

John Avena

School hours are 7:57 A.M. to 2:55 P.M.

Students will be allowed in the Main Lobby at 7:00 A.M.

Breakfast Program will be from 7:15 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The price for school lunch at Wisdom Lane Middle School is **\$3.00** while Breakfast is **\$1.35** for the 2022/2023 school year

CALENDAR 2022-2023

Levittown Public Schools

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This calendar has 178 student attendance days and 4 teacher conference days.

Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students: Sept. 1-2, November 8 (Parent/Teacher Conferences) and April 21

First day of School for Students: September 6

Last day of School for Students: June 23

Days off for Students:

September	5 Labor Day	2 New Years Day Observed
	26 Rosh Hashanah	16 Martin Luther King Day
	27 Rosh Hashanah	20 Presidents Day
October	5 Yom Kippur	21 February Recess
	10 Columbus Day	22 February Recess
	24 Diwali	23 February Recess
November	8 Election Day/Supt. Conf Day	24 February Recess
	Elementary/P/T Conferences	April:
	11 Veteran's Day	6 Holy Thursday
	24 Thanksgiving Recess	7 Good Friday
	25 Thanksgiving Recess	10 Spring Recess
December	26 Winter Recess	11 Spring Recess
	27 Winter Recess	12 Spring Recess
	28 Winter Recess	13 Spring Recess
	29 Winter Recess	14 Spring Recess
	30 Winter Recess	21 Supt. Conference Day
		May
		29 Memorial Day
		June
		19 Juneteenth

If MORE THAN 2 snow days are used, remote instruction may be provided on additional snow days, OR additional in-person school days will be scheduled as follows:

0	No School on May 26
1	No School on May 26
2	No additional Days Off
3	There will be school on April 6
4	There will be school on April 6 & 14

Snow days used

Approved: - 3/9/22



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Success for Every Student

Dr. Beth Ziropiannis
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
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Fax: 516-520-8408

Dear Parents:

In order to ensure that the lines of communication between teachers and parents are kept open and parents are informed of any significant changes in their child's performance prior to the receipt of report cards, teachers will be posting comments in the *Gradebook* on the Parent Portal for the following circumstances:

- Student is in danger of failing
- Student is currently failing
- Student's grades dropped by 10 points or more
- Student's grades improved by 10 points or more

These comments will be posted by the following dates for each marking period:

- Quarter 1: October 6, 2022
- Quarter 2: December 20, 2022
- Quarter 3: March 6, 2023
- Quarter 4: May 16, 2023

A *Connect-Ed* message will be sent to all parents immediately following these dates to remind you to check the Parent Portal for your child's grades and for comments that may be posted by the teacher.

Sincerely,

Dr. Beth Ziropiannis
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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Dear Parents:

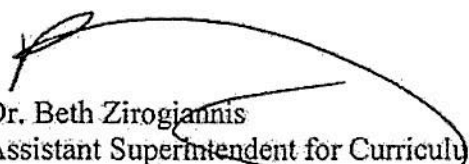
We have implemented the process of updating all parent email addresses in our student management system. Our goal is to increase the use of email as a communication tool and reduce our reliance on Connect Ed telephone messages. To that end, please be sure to review the email on file on the enclosed *Emergency Contact Information Card* and provide any necessary updates.

At the High School level, we are also asking for you to include the cell phone number of your child. This will allow us to send out messages directly to our high school students in case of an emergency that occurs while students are off-campus (For example: during lunch or if students are traveling from out-of-district programs, etc.). It is yet another way we can help to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Thank you for your assistance!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and best of luck to your family this fall.

Sincerely,


Dr. Beth Ziropiannis
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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WISDOM LANE

PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

School year 2022-2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at Wisdom Lane Middle School! As always, we encourage you to join the Wisdom Lane PTA. Partnerships between parents, educators, and children enhance children's successes. We know that children learn more and have a better school experience when everyone in the school community works together to share thoughts and information. Wisdom Lane PTA hosts programs that benefit the children at our school. These programs enforce both curricular and social-emotional growth. By becoming a member of Wisdom Lane PTA, you can become an essential part of helping to ensure that these programs continue. We also welcome you to our meetings to offer your ideas to benefit the children. Please join us to help make this a fantastic year for the students of Wisdom.

Thank you for all you do for the children of Wisdom Lane Middle School! We look forward to having YOU as a member!

Sincerely,

Tara Reyes

2nd Vice President



MemberHub.
wisdom.memberhuba.com

Membership is \$10 per membership. We accept cash or check (made out to Wisdom Lane PTA). Please fill out the form below (or scan the QR code above to sign up online) and drop it in the main office in an envelope marked "PTA Membership. Attn: Tara Reyes". You may also bring it to our first PTA Meeting on Monday, September 19th at 7 pm in the Wisdom Lane Library. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Reyes at Taracrnd@yahoo.com.

Member #1 Information

Name	Mobile # (for text messaging)	Email (required to send eCard)	
Membership Type (circle one) Standard / Staff / Additional Family	Interest In Volunteering Yes No	Room # (Staff Only)	

Member #2 Information

Name	Mobile # (for text messaging)	Email (required to send eCard)	
Membership Type (circle one) Standard / Staff / Additional Family	Interest In Volunteering Yes No	Room # (Staff Only)	

Student Information

Student Name	Grade		
Student Name	Grade		

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY BECOMING A PTA MEMBER TODAY!



Wisdom Lane PTA
President – Kathleen Pedrick
Email: WLMSPATA206@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/WisdomLane
MiddleSchoolPTA

1st VP – Lauren Sica
2nd VP – Tara Reyes
3rd VP – Danielle Maiorana
4th VP – Mrs. Mortillaro

Treasurer – Amy Hoffmann
Recording Secretary – Susanne Gallina
Corresponding Secretary – Jeanine Quigley

Dear Wisdom Lane Families,

On behalf of the entire Wisdom Lane PTA, I want to welcome you all to the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited for the new year ahead and are planning an excellent year for our Wisdom Lane students and families. As always, we count on your support to make that happen. You can help in several ways, but the most important is becoming a PTA member. Membership is only \$10 per member and an excellent opportunity to be involved. Becoming a member will help you stay informed of what is happening at our school and in the PTA. The membership form is enclosed in this packet or scan the QR code below to sign up online!



MemberHub
wisdom.memberhub.com

Picture day this year will be on Thursday, September 15th. The envelope to order is enclosed in this packet.

Our first PTA meeting is Monday, September 19th @ 7 pm in the Wisdom Lane Library, where we will discuss our plans for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there!

We wish all students, teachers, staff, and families a healthy, safe, and productive school year.

Warmest Regards,

Kathleen Pedrick
Wisdom Lane PTA President
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WISDOM LANE PTA APPAREL FALL 2022

This year's Wisdom Lane Apparel will be offered via our online order form. To place your order, log onto our website: www.liathletic.com

- In the text box below "Have a Team Code? Enter it Here", type the Team Code Provided Below.
- **Your TEAM CODE: WISDOMPTAFALL22**
- Once orders are complete, orders will be distributed at school.
- If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, please check your SPAM or JUNK Folders.

The ordering period will only be open through
Friday, September 16th, 2022.

*You will not be able to order after this date.
All orders are processed after the ordering
period ends.*

Scan to Access your
Custom Ordering Page!



Sample sizes are available to try on at Long Island Athletics in our Farmingdale location. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you take the time to see sizing samples. All orders are custom and therefore final with no refunds or exchanges.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 516-293-8712.



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Debbie Rifkin
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August, 2022

Dear Parents,

The safety of our children is the top priority of the Levittown School District. This letter outlines the major safety drills, code of conduct and sex offender notification system used throughout our schools.

In the summer of 2000, the New York State Legislature passed the S.A.V.E. Act, Safe Schools Against Violence in Education. This act is one of the most comprehensive regulations in the nation seeking to address school safety and violence prevention. The legislation covers several specific areas of concern which each district must address.

One such area is the development of a comprehensive School Safety Plan. Our District emergency plan, as well as detailed information about our safety drills including the annual Sheltering/Early Dismissal Drill, can be viewed on our District website under *Parent Resources*.

Another area outlined in the S.A.V.E. legislation is the District Code of Conduct, which is required for the maintenance of order on school grounds. The summary of our Code of Conduct, which must be distributed to all parents as required by law is included with this letter for your review. The entire Code of Conduct can be viewed on our District website under *Parent Resources*.

The Levittown School District uses an e-mail notification system developed by Parents for Megan's Law (PFML) for sex offender notifications. Funded by county, state and federal governments, PFML is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through the provision of education, advocacy, counseling, policy and legislative support services. Subscribers to PFML's e-mail alert system will be notified when a moderate or high-risk sex offender moves into the area. This service is provided to residents at no cost. To sign up for this email notification, go to the district website and click on *Parent Resources*.

Lastly, on September 13, 2010 The Dignity Act was signed into law and took effect on July 1, 2012. New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. To find out more about this important legislation and what the District does to promote an environment where students feel safe, valued and connected, go to www.levittownschoools.com.

If you have any questions related to student safety or for further information regarding The Dignity Act, please visit our Levittown Public Schools Website or you may contact my office. Good luck in the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,

Debbie Rifkin
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Christopher Milano
Director of Facilities & Operations
850 Seamans Neck Road
Seaford, NY 11783
516 434-7550



Initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Levittown School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornet.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hours prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the Levittown School District, Director of Facilities, Chris Milano, 850 Seaman's Neck Road, Seaford, NY 11783, Phone 516-434-7555, Fax# 516-520-8347 Cmilano@Levittownschoools.com.

Levittown Public Schools Request for Pesticide Application Notification		
School Building Name:		
Name:		Address:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone	Email Address:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & LEGIBLY

Please feel free to contact Chris Milano, Levittown Public Schools Director of Facilities at one of the following:

Buildings & Grounds Office – 850 Seaman's Neck Road, Seaford, NY 11783

Phone: 516-434-7550

Fax#: 516-520-8347

Email Address: cmilano@levittownschoools.com

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150 Abbey Lane
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STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

Student Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Student agreement must be renewed each academic year.

I. STUDENT SECTION

Student's Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

School _____ Homeroom/Class _____

I have read the Student Use of Computerized Information Resources Acceptable Use Policy. I understand and agree to follow the rules contained in this Policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be suspended or cancelled and I may face other disciplinary actions, which may include expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

II. PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read the Student Use of Computerized Information Resources Acceptable Use Policy and grant permission for my son/daughter to computer access. I understand that the district's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that it is impossible for Levittown School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use in and outside of a school setting.

Parent's Name (please print) _____

Home Address _____ Phone # _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

**SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)**

This policy is in accordance with the Internet safety guidelines set forth by the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2001, (CIPA", 47 USC 254 [h]) and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act ("NCIPA"). The Levittown Union Free School District provides all students and staff access to a wide range of computer resources for the advancement of teaching and learning. Our goal in making this service available is to promote educational excellence by facilitating learning and enabling students to become technologically literate, to supply staff with the necessary tools to ensure their students reach their full potential, and to support district graduation goals that require each student demonstrate computer literacy skills.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that use of the district's digital resources, networks and the Internet is consistent with our stated mission, goals, and objects. The procedures that follow provide details regarding the appropriate and inappropriate use of the District's resources, network and Internet. The smooth operation of the District relies and expects all users to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, professional and decent manner while using the District computers.

All students will be supervised or monitored when accessing or using the district's computers, networks and Internet. *When an account is created for a student or staff member, individuals are legally bound to the terms and conditions outlined in this policy.*

The district's computers can be used to connect to many digital resources including the Internet. These connections, via the network, will provide opportunities for collaboration and innovation throughout the district and worldwide. The purpose for providing access to the network and the Internet is to offer resources to students and teachers for instructional purposes only. The district regards this access as a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Acceptable Use

The purpose of instructional technologies, including use of the district's digital resources, networks and the Internet is solely to support education and research and must be consistent with Levittown School District mission and educational goals. The district expects all users to be responsible for good behavior and judgment on computer equipment. In addition to specific guidelines listed here, general school rules for behavior and communications also apply to communications on the network. This communication is often public in nature. Users will abide by the rules of network etiquette. Equipment is provided for students to conduct research and communicate appropriately with others. Independent access to network services is provided only to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

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(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)**

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications. Users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Users are responsible at all times for proper use of their accounts. Users are to protect their accounts' passwords and not share, loan and/or disseminate them.

Unacceptable Use

Any violations of the Levittown School District's Digital Resources, Networks and Internet regulations may result in permanent loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state and federal laws.

- **Illegal or Indecent Use:** Using district computers for illegal, harassing, bullying, vandalism, indecent or inappropriate purposes are strictly forbidden.
- **Illegal activity** includes a violation of federal, state, local laws including but not limited to copyright infringement laws or any other material deemed "harmful to minors".
- **Harassing activities** includes unreasonably interfering with an individual's performance in school or smooth operation of the school. This may include but not limited to: insults, slurs, discrimination, defamation of character, cyber bullying, obscene language, jokes, cartoons, pranks, jokes, unwelcome compliments, or other communications creating an offensive or hostile environment.
- **Vandalism activities** include but are not limited to any action taken to trespass, damage or destroy data, software, or equipment.
- **Indecent activities** include but are not limited to accessing, storing, printing or viewing pornographic, sexually explicit, indecent or inappropriate material
- **Inappropriate activities** include but are not limited to: accessing social networking sites, un-censored blogs, and violating social accepted standards including the ones listed in this document.
- **Disruptive Use:** Using District computers to disrupt services or equipment from working effectively is strictly forbidden and includes but is not limited to: "bypassing the district's website filtering system", "hacking into", "Spamming", creating/promoting viruses, or overwhelming the system.
- **Political:** This may include, but is not limited to, using District computers to advocate political opinions directly or indirectly.

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L/EB

**SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
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- **Personal or Commercial:** This may include, but is not limited to, using District computers for product advertisement, political lobbying, gambling or any illegal activities.
- **Unauthorized Use:** Only Levittown students, district employees, and others authorized by the District may use the District's equipment is strictly forbidden.

Privacy

Access to computers and people from around the world also increases the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value. In spite of our efforts to establish regulations for the system, families must be aware that some material obtained via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by CIPA and NCIPA, the district has worked with the Internet Service Provider to take precautions to restrict access to the most controversial material through filtering software. Filtering is provided locally for all Internet enabled computers used by students, patrons, and staff on a networked basis. The filtering software restricts the use of electronic mail, social networking sites, chat rooms, instant messaging and other forms of direct electronic personal communications. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and a user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately. We believe that the benefits to students from online access outweigh the possibility that users may procure materials that are not consistent with our educational goals. School instructional staff will supervise online activities by the students; nevertheless, the user maintains ultimate responsibility for his/her actions in accessing Internet resources. Just as students are responsible for their actions in school, they are required to learn and use correct procedures and rules for using educational technologies.

All communication and information accessible via the computer resources are regarded as school property. Users should not expect that e-mails or files stored on district's storage areas guarantee privacy. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal or irresponsible activities may be reported to the authorities.

Discipline

Inappropriate use of the district's networks will result in disciplinary action. The Director of Computer and Library Media Services will deem what is inappropriate use and the decision is final. The administration, faculty and staff may request the system administrators to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts. Disciplinary actions may include: account(s) (termination or denial), internet account(s) (termination or denial), suspension/expulsion for students and termination of employment for employees, and/or legal actions.

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Disclaimer

The Levittown School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. We assume no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, usage fees or financial obligations, nor for any damages a user may suffer as a result of using the district's networks. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, corrupted files, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or users' errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at users' own risk. We specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Adopted: February 10, 1999
Revised: November 13, 2002
Revised: September 5, 2007

Re-Adopted: January 25, 2012



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DENTAL

Dear Parents

We strongly urge you to make an appointment with your dentist. If your child has received treatment, please have this form completed by the dentist and **return it to your child's school nurse.**

LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
 STUDENT ANNUAL DENTAL EXAMINATION REPORT
 (to be completed by Dentist)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

The above child has had his/her teeth examined and the necessary work is:

Completed _____ Under treatment _____ Does not need treatment _____

1. The occlusion was found to be: Faulty _____ Good _____

2. Is child receiving orthodontia: Yes _____ No _____

3. Is orthodontia recommended: Yes _____ No _____

4. Remarks: _____

 Dentist's Signature

 Dentist's Stamp

 Date

Health and Dental Examination Requirements

August 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New York State law requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade. The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. The physical must be documented on the form found at this link: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/health-exam-form.pdf> or a NYS approved electronic form.

A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time.

- A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from when your child first starts at the school, and when your child starts K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades. If a copy is not given to the school within 30 days, the school will contact you.
- If your child has an appointment for an exam during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date.
- For your convenience, a physical exam form and dental certificate for your health care providers is enclosed.
- As we struggle with Covid-19 and see increases in overdoses across Nassau County, we continue to make youth mental health and substance issues a top priority. To that end, we recommend that you ask your pediatrician for a SBIRT Screening. This can assist with early identification and intervention of alcohol and/or drug use in adolescent children. Such screening results are never shared with the district and are protected under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996). Please note that this is a parental option, not a requirement.

We suggest you make copies of the completed forms for your own records before sending them to the school health office. Forms may also be faxed to the number below.

Sincerely,

School Nurse: Carol Fitzpatrick RN Christine Llinas RN		School: Wisdom Lane Middle School	
Phone #: 516-434-7330 516-434-7331	Fax: 516-434-7323		Email: cfitzpatrick@levittownschoools.com cclinias@levittownschoools.com

REQUIRED NYS SCHOOL HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR SCHOOL MEDICAL DIRECTOR
IF AN AREA IS NOT ASSESSED INDICATE NOT DONE

Note: NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11; annually for interscholastic sports; and working papers as needed; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special education (CPSE).

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	DOB:
School:	Grade:	Exam Date:

HEALTH HISTORY

Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Anaphylaxis Care Plan Attached
Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma Care Plan Attached
Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Care Plan Attached Date of last seizure:
Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Medical Mgmt. Plan Attached

Risk Factors for Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes: Consider screening for T2DM if BMI% > 85% and has 2 or more risk factors: Family Hx T2DM, Ethnicity, Sx Insulin Resistance, Gestational Hx of Mother, and/or pre-diabetes.

BMI _____ kg/m2

Percentile (Weight Status Category): <5th 5th-49th 50th-84th 85th-94th 95th-98th 99th and >

Hyperlipidemia: No Yes Not Done Hypertension: No Yes Not Done

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT

Height:	Weight:	BP:	Pulse:	Respirations:
Laboratory Testing	Positive	Negative	Date	List Other Pertinent Medical Concerns (e.g. concussion, mental health, one functioning organ)
TB-PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sickle Cell Screen-PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lead Level Required Grades Pre-K & K			Date	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test Done <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Elevated > 5 µg/dL				

System Review and Abnormal Findings Listed Below

<input type="checkbox"/> HEENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremities	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular	<input type="checkbox"/> Back/Spine	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Emotional
<input type="checkbox"/> Neck	<input type="checkbox"/> Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/> Genitourinary	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal

Assessment/Abnormalities Noted/Recommendations: **Diagnoses/Problems (list):** **ICD-10 Code***

Additional Information Attached

*Required only for students with an IEP receiving Medicaid

Name:				DOB:	
SCREENINGS					
Vision (w/correction if prescribed)		Right	Left	Referral	Not Done
Distance Acuity		20/	20/	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near Vision Acuity		20/	20/		<input type="checkbox"/>
Color Perception Screening		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes					
Hearing Passing indicates student can hear 20dB at all frequencies: 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 Hz; for grades 7 & 11 also test at 6000 & 8000 Hz.					Not Done
Pure Tone Screening	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Left <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes					
Scoliosis Screen Boys in grade 9, and Girls in grades 5 & 7		Negative	Positive	Referral	Not Done
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS/PLAYGROUND/WORK					
<input type="checkbox"/> Student may participate in all activities without restrictions. <input type="checkbox"/> Student is restricted from participation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Sports: Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Diving, Downhill Skiing, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Wrestling. <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Contact Sports: Baseball, Fencing, Softball, and Volleyball. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Contact Sports: Archery, Badminton, Bowling, Cross-Country, Golf, Riflery, Swimming, Tennis, and Track & Field. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Restrictions: 					
Developmental Stage for Athletic Placement Process <u>ONLY</u> required for students in Grades 7 & 8 who wish to play at the high school interscholastic sports level OR Grades 9-12 who wish to play at the modified interscholastic sports level. Tanner Stage: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V Age of First Menses (if applicable) : _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Accommodations*: (e.g. Brace, orthotics, insulin pump, prosthetic, sports goggle, etc.) Use additional space below to explain. *Check with athletic governing body if prior approval/form completion required for use of device at athletic competitions.					
MEDICATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Order Form for Medication(s) Needed at School Attached					
IMMUNIZATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Record Attached		<input type="checkbox"/> Reported in NYSIIS			
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER					
Medical Provider Signature:					
Provider Name: <i>(please print)</i>					
Provider Address:					
Phone:			Fax:		
Please Return This Form To Your Child's School When Completed.					



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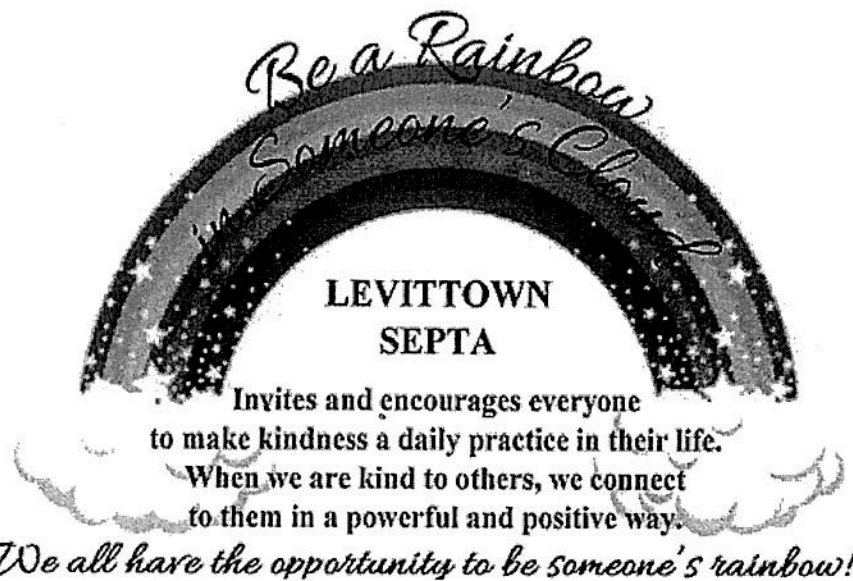
August 2022

Dear Levittown Families,

On behalf of the Levittown United Teachers, please accept this car magnet as a symbol of how proud we are to be part of the Levittown community. We hope this upcoming school year is full of lasting memories, learning, and success for your children.

Sincerely,

Teachers of the Levittown School District



Reasons to Join SEPTA:

- ❖ You have a child that receives speech, counseling, resource room, reading, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or if your child is in a special education class.
- ❖ You know a child with special needs.
- ❖ You care about the quality of education and resources for all children.
- ❖ Your support of SEPTA helps us to provide programs and scholarships for graduating special education students.

Online membership: <https://levittownsepta.memberhub.store>





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August 2022

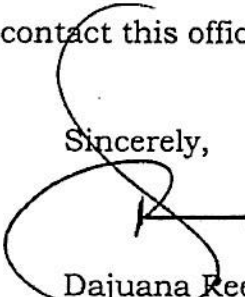
Dear Parent:

Enclosed is your child's bus pass for the 2022/2023 school year. On the pass you will find the bus stop location, bus arrival time, and bus/route number or letter. Please have students at the bus stop 5 -10 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. Kindly be advised, the time listed on your bus pass is an estimation of the time the bus should arrive. You will be advised of all contracted busing pick-up times by contracted bus company. Students, upon entering the bus, must show their bus pass to the driver. Drivers are not obligated to wait past your assigned time.

We have enclosed a Parent/Student Handbook for your review. Your cooperation in stressing these important safety rules to the students will enable both Levittown and contractor drivers to maintain discipline and ensure a safe trip to and from school.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please contact this office at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,



Dajuana Reeves- Alston
Transportation Supervisor

DRA:at
Enclosures



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SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All Kindergarten students are required to have a Parent/Guardian or responsible adult at the stop during the time of drop off. If the adult will not be the child's Parent/Guardian, the information below must be provided and returned to the Transportation Office before the start of school.

If this form is not returned to Transportation, the following procedure will be adhered to:

If the Parent/Guardian is not present at the bus stop, the Driver will contact the Dispatch Office.

Dispatchers will attempt to contact the Parent/Guardian. If there is no answer, the Driver will continue the route and return to the stop after the route is completed. If the Parent/Guardian is still not present, the child will be returned to the school.

If you are not regularly at the stop, and a designated adult will be accepting your child at the stop in the a.m. or p.m., please notify the Driver in writing the day before. If the person is not known by the Driver and/or child, Photo ID will be required.

Sincerely,

Dajuana Reeves-Alston
Transportation Supervisor

If I will not be available to accept my Kindergarten child from the Bus Driver, I am designating the following responsible adult(s) to accept my child,

(child's name)

Designated Adult(s):

My child attends: Elementary School

I am giving the following alternate phone numbers to Transportation:

Mom/Guardian's cell phone # Mom/Guardian's work #

Dad/Guardian's cell phone # Dad/Guardian's work #

Additional Phone # #

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

DRA:at

PLEASE

DON'T PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

Car Drives Around Bus and Kills Girl, 7



- It's against the law
 - It could result in serious fines
 - It could result in a license suspension
- And it could result in something much, much worse



ATENCIÓN PADRES

Tenga en cuenta lo siguiente:

Si es necesario que su hijo tenga algún tipo de dispositivo médico o requisitos específicos debido a una lesión:

(es decir, muletas, yeso, bota, cabestrillo, férulas, busing especial, etc.)

Se requiere autorización médica para viajar en autobús.

Comuníquese con la enfermera de la escuela para obtener más detalles.



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AÑO ESCOLAR 2022-2023

Estimado Padre / Tutor:

Todos los estudiantes de Kindergarten deben tener un Padre / Guardián o un adulto responsable en la parada durante el tiempo de la entrega. Si el adulto no es el padre / guardián del niño, la información a continuación debe ser proporcionada y devuelta a la Oficina de Transporte antes del comienzo de la escuela.

Si este formulario no se devuelve a Transporte, se seguirá el siguiente procedimiento:

Si el padre / tutor no está presente en la parada del autobús, el conductor se pondrá en contacto con la oficina de despacho.

Los despachadores tratarán de ponerse en contacto con el padre / tutor. Si no hay respuesta, el conductor continuará la ruta y volverá a la parada después de completar la ruta. Si el Padre / Guardián todavía no está presente, el niño será devuelto a la escuela.

Si usted no está regularmente en la parada, y un adulto designado estará aceptando a su hijo en la parada en el a.m. o p.m., por favor notifique al Conductor por escrito el día antes. Si la persona no es conocida por el conductor y / o el niño, se requerirá identificación con foto.

Sinceramente,

Dajuana Reeves-Alston
Transportation Supervisor

Si no voy a estar disponible para aceptar a mi hijo de Kindergarten del conductor del autobús, estoy designando a los siguientes adultos responsables para aceptar a mi hijo, (el nombre del niño)

Adulto Designado (s):

Mi hijo atiende: Escuela primaria

Estoy dando los siguientes números de teléfono alternativos a Transporte:

Teléfono celular de mamá/guardián# Trabajo de Mamá/Guardián#

El teléfono celular de papá/guardián # Trabajo de papá/guardián #

Teléfono adicional # #

Firma del padre / tutor:

Parents:

Importante Alerta de Seguridad del Autobús Escolar

AYUDANOS A PROTEGER A SUS HIJOS COMO VIAJAN HACIA Y DESDE LA ESCUELA

Ciertos tipos de ropa para niños pueden crear un peligro cuando su hijo sale del autobús escolar. Especialmente peligrosos son:

- **Cordones largos de chaqueta o sudadera.**
- **Correas de mochila largas.**
- **Bufandas largas u otras prendas sueltas**

Dichos artículos pueden quedar atrapados en la baranda, la puerta u otro equipo del autobús cuando el niño sale del autobús.

En los últimos años, varios niños en todo Estados Unidos se han visto atrapados mientras bajaban del autobús. Varios niños fueron arrastrados por el autobús y luego asesinados cuando el autobús pasó sobre ellos.

Tómese el tiempo de revisar la ropa de sus hijos para asegurarse de que sea segura.

Además, hable con sus hijos sobre estas reglas de seguridad.:

- **Manténgase alejado de las ZONAS DE PELIGRO alrededor del autobús.**
- **No intente recoger algo que se haya caído cerca del autobús: es posible que el conductor del autobús no lo vea.**
- **Recuerde que los demás conductores no siempre se detienen para parar un autobús escolar: tenga mucho cuidado al subir o bajar del autobús.**

***LA SEGURIDAD DEL AUTOBÚS ESCOLAR ES UN ESFUERZO DE EQUIPO
NADA ES MÁS PRECIOSO QUE LA VIDA DE UN NIÑO***

Cortesía del Instituto de Seguridad del Transporte Estudiantil: 800-836-2210 or 315-475-1836

Parents:

Important School Bus Safety Alert

HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child exits the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- **Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings**
- **Long backpack straps**
- **Long scarves or other loose clothing**

Such items can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child exits the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they left the bus. Several children were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.

Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with your children about these safety rules:

- **Stay away from the DANGER ZONES around the bus.**
- **Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver might not see you.**
- **Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.**

***SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE***

Courtesy of the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: 800-836-2210 or 315-475-1836



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to be transporting your child to and from school this year. Enclosed is your child's bus pass. On the pass you will find the bus stop location, bus arrival time and bus/route number. Kindly be advised, the time listed on your bus pass is an estimated time the bus should arrive. Drivers are not obligated to wait past your assigned stop time. Students, upon entering the bus, must show their bus pass to the Driver.

We are very proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team.

A Parent/Student Handbook has been enclosed for your review. Your cooperation in abiding by these important safety rules will enable both Levittown and contractor Drivers to maintain discipline and ensure a safe trip to and from school.


Listed below are some simple yet important procedures to follow:

- ✓ Provide your child with a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children load and unload the bus.
- ✓ Check your child's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items. Long drawstrings or other dangling items could get snagged in the bus door as the child loads or departs the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- ✓ Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop 5-7 minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road.
- ✓ Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- ✓ When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- ✓ Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.

It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact us at the transportation department, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.

We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

Thank You!


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Town of Hempstead School Bus Safety Program Launch

Dear Parent,

As our students return to school this September, Levittown Public Schools is proud to announce the start of a new School Bus Safety Program in partnership with the Town of Hempstead, and in line with NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law 1174-A.

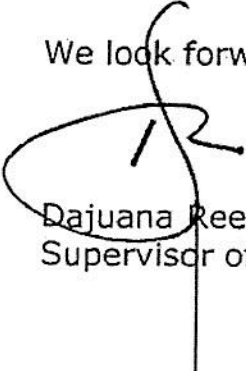
As part of the program, all Levittown owned school buses will be outfitted with safety technology to make the ride to and from school safer for everyone. This technology includes stop-arm enforcement cameras designed to detect vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses while the bus's stop sign arm and red lights are engaged. The Town then reviews the footage to determine whether to issue a violation by mail.

The safety of our Levittown children is, and always will be, our top priority. The New York Association for Pupil Transportation estimates that motorists illegally pass stopped school buses in New York State 50,000 times a day, and Levittown is no exception. Over time, this safety initiative seeks to curb dangerous driving behavior around school buses.

All this technology has been provided at zero cost to the school district and its taxpayers. This program is 100% violator funded.

If you would like more information, we invite you to review it on our district website at www.levittownschoools.com.

We look forward to seeing you this fall for the return to school!


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Town of Hempstead School Bus Safety Program

Keep Kids Safe: It's the Law in New York State

In 2019, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) released data from their annual national survey indicating that more than 17 million stop-arm violations occur in the United States each year. The Town of Hempstead has launched a School Bus Safety Program to reduce the illegal passing of school buses and improve student safety.

On August 6, 2019, New York State passed legislation (S.4524B/A.4950B) authorizing school districts to install safety cameras on school buses to catch drivers who unlawfully pass a stopped school bus and ensure student safety.

To speak to a representative about a safety violation, contact the Alertbus Customer Contact Center at 1-877-504-7080.

Is School Bus Safety an Issue in New York State and the Town of Hempstead?

Every day 2.3 million children are transported by school buses throughout New York State. Data has shown that on a single school day, an estimated 50,000 drivers throughout the State illegally pass stopped school buses*.

In New York State, a one-month study of 10 buses in East Meadow was conducted in 2019. Cameras recorded 615 illegal passes, or roughly 2.3 per bus, per day. This represents three times more than the number of tickets given out by Nassau and Suffolk counties during the entire 2018-2019 school year.

*<https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/operation-safe-stop>

Why is Automated Stop-Arm Enforcement Needed?

Reducing school bus stop-arm violations running will significantly contribute to student and school bus safety in and around the Town of Hempstead. The automated camera system serves as a deterrent and education tool to motorists that may consider breaking the law and passing a stopped school bus.

While enforcement and education are critical in helping to change behavior, current models and legal frameworks in most states require that police officers catch motorists in the act of passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing to issue a ticket. But with roughly 560,000 school buses traveling across more than 4 million miles of road and highway in America, conventional methods are not enough to effectively

enforce the law to control these violations across the country. In addition, it permits local law enforcement officers to focus their energies on other high-priority tasks.

The School Bus Safety Program will provide data to school officials to make informed decisions on school bus safety. The stop-arm violation data can also be leveraged by local law enforcement to add a physical presence to school bus stops with higher rates of infractions.

How Does the Town of Hempstead Safety Program Reduce Illegal Passings?

Entire school bus fleets will be outfitted with the latest safety technology, including safety cameras, DVR and storage devices, internal cameras, GPS, telemetry, and LTE connectivity.

In addition to this cutting-edge technology, the enforcement program is powered by software and processes and overseen by experienced safety professionals who coordinate with police, local officials, and school districts.

When a school bus is stopped with its lights and stop-arm activated, cameras capture incidents involving vehicles illegally passing the bus. Through cloud computing, data is sent to trained safety experts, who then review the footage and prepare evidence packages for municipalities.

By coupling technology-based enforcement with education and public safety campaigns, motorists learn how to adjust their behavior around school buses and children.

How will School Districts in the Town of Hempstead Benefit from the Safety Program?

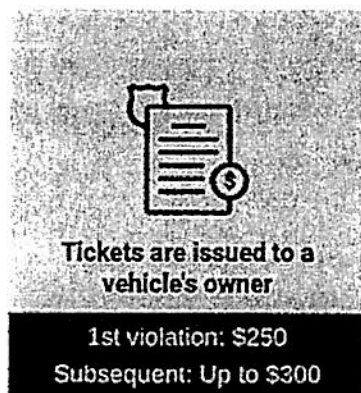
All school districts can opt-in to the program and benefit from an advanced school bus safety suite deployed across their entire fleets at no cost to the schools, taxpayers, or Town. The violator-funded safety program handles the procurement, installation, management, and maintenance of the safety technology. In addition to a targeted effort to reduce the illegal passing of school buses in the community, the school district will benefit from access to cloud-connected internal cameras and BusPatrol's AlertBus platform for live stream video and emergency alerts.

Participating School Districts:

- Bellmore Public Schools / Bellmore Union Free School District
- Bellmore–Merrick Central High School District
- East Meadow Union Free School District
- Elmont Union Free School District

- Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District
- Franklin Square Union Free School District
- Garden City Union Free School District
- Island Trees Union Free School District
- Jericho Schools
- Levittown Union Free School District
- Long Beach Public Schools
- Malverne Union Free School District
- Merrick Union Free School District
- North Bellmore Union Free School District
- Oceanside Union Free School District
- Roosevelt Union Free School District
- Seaford Union Free School District
- Uniondale Union Free School District
- Valley Stream 24 Union Free School District
- Wantagh Union Free School District
- West Hempstead Union Free School District
- Westbury Union Free School District

Who Are Stop-Arm Violation Tickets Issued to, and How Much Will They Cost Violators?

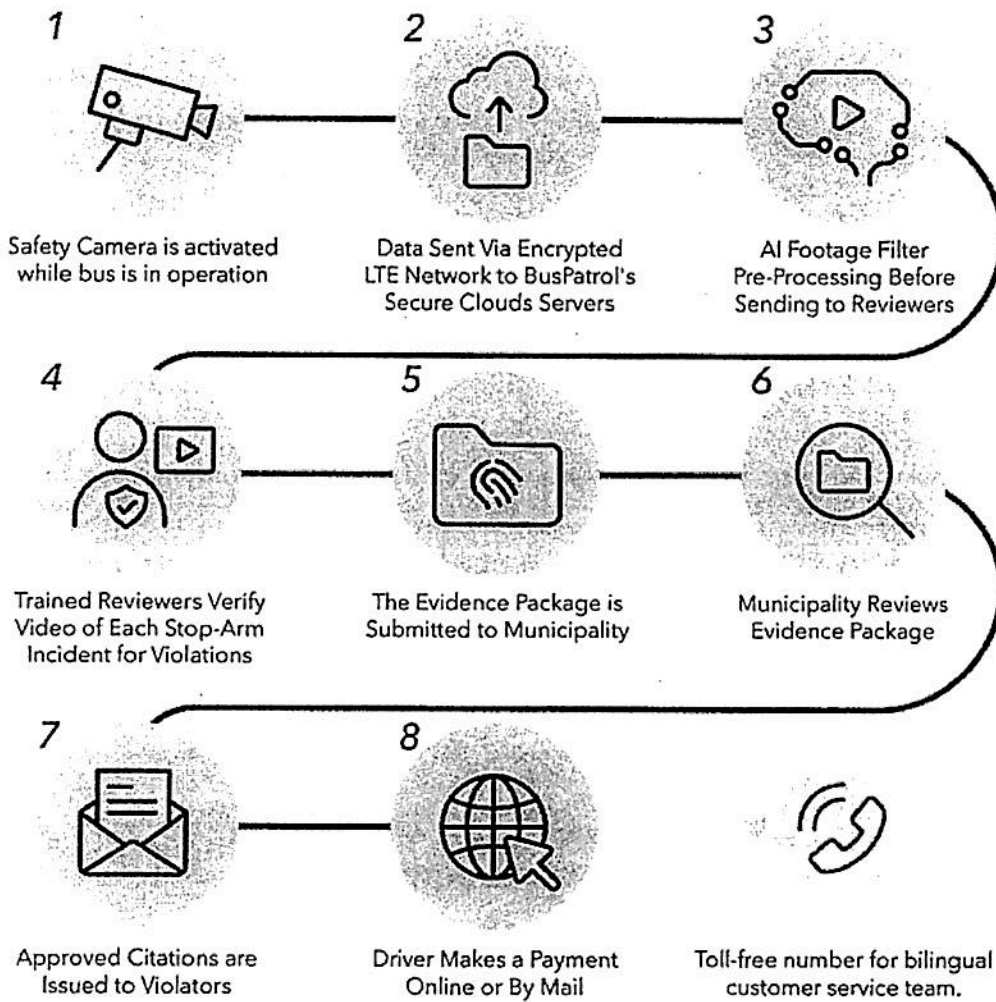


Stop-arm cameras identify illegal passers-by license plate number. Tickets are issued to a vehicle's registered owner unless the automobile is proven stolen during the time of the offense. If someone other than the vehicle's owner was driving at the time, the owner can request a transfer of liability.

In most states, a first-time stop-arm violation carries a fine of \$250. In New York state, subsequent violations within an eighteen-month period are subject to a \$25 increase in penalty, up to a maximum of \$300.

Data from other safety programs demonstrates that 94% of first-time offenders do not receive a second ticket and that 95% of drivers do not contest their ticket after seeing video evidence of their violation.

How Does It Work?



The diagram above is a representation of the camera systems used in the Town.

BusPatrol's leading stop-arm enforcement program is built on a robust, guided, and secure process. When a vehicle illegally passes a school bus while the stop-arm is deployed, BusPatrol's multi-lens camera box captures the violation and car's license plates from different depths and angles. The footage and GPS and timecode data are stored locally on an onboard digital video recorder (DVR) unique to each bus.

The data relating to the incident and violation is sent via an encrypted LTE network to BusPatrol's secure cloud system. BusPatrol's artificial intelligence (AI) software filters all footage received from each bus before it goes to one of our safety specialists for review.

A BusPatrol safety specialist reviews the filtered footage. If they determine that the violation is indeed an offense, the specialist prepares an evidence package for use by law enforcement. The package is built in accordance with state law, complete with video footage, license plate number, make, model, driver information, GPS location, and a timestamp of the incident.

The evidence package is then submitted to law enforcement via a secure cloud portal. Law enforcement reviews the evidence package to approve citation. If approved, a ticket is mailed to the vehicle's owner, along with a link to the AlertBus Driver Education & Payment Portal, where they can view video evidence of their violation. The vehicle owner makes their payment online, through the mail, or in person in the municipal jurisdiction – tickets can also be contested through the relevant jurisdiction's civil court system.

When Should I Stop for a Stopped School Bus in New York State?

When a school bus stops and flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must stop before reaching the bus:

- on a two-lane road
- on multi-lane highways
- on divided highways

Embed NYS Stopping Law Video <https://youtu.be/qY5SVVjzQlo>

Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.

Red flashing lights mean the bus has stopped, and children are getting on or off. Stop your vehicle and wait until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the driver or police officer to proceed.

Learn more at [New York DMV](#)

How to Behave Around School Buses in New York State

Information from DMV New York

School Buses are Unlike Other Vehicles

School buses have bigger blind spots, take longer to stop, and need more room to maneuver than a standard vehicle. Buses should be treated differently than you would treat an average-sized vehicle. It is important for drivers to know how to react to a school bus in operation.

When you encounter a school bus:

- Slow down. School buses make frequent stops, so be patient and drive at a reasonable speed. Remember, in addition to picking up and dropping off students, school buses are required by law to stop at railroad crossings.
- Be alert. Always be aware of children and parents that may be waiting at a school bus stop or perhaps running to catch the bus before it departs.
- Come to a complete stop at least 20 feet away from the bus.
- Be extra careful to look around before moving your vehicle, as children may be walking in front of, behind, or on the side of school buses. Check for pedestrians - especially near schools, bus stops, playgrounds, parks, and behind parked cars.

Safety Tips for Children, Student Riders, and Parents

Parents: You should discuss transportation conduct and safety rules with your children and share the safety tips below.

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (six feet) away from the curb and wait away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before stepping onto the bus.

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (ten feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falling. Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- After you get off the bus, walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- Students can only board and disembark at their designated stop.

Important Safety Tips for Children to Learn and Remember

- Check before you step.
- I see the driver. The driver sees me.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross.
- Look left, right, and left again.
- Use a backpack or book bag to avoid dropping things.
- Horn means danger.

Learn More About School Bus Safety

The primary focus of the School Bus Stop-Arm Safety Program is public awareness and education. The success of the program is measured in the reduction of stop-arm violations over time and not by the number of vehicles caught violating the law. Please review the information regarding school bus safety and the "danger zone" below.

- [Read the Code of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1174-a\(m\)](#)
- [Read Senate Bill S4524B](#)

More Sites Containing Information on this Topic:

- [National Stop Arm Violation Count \(NASDPTS\)](#)
- [Reducing the Illegal Passing of School Buses \(NHTSA\)](#)
- [State School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Laws \(NCSL\)](#)
- [NTSB Releases Full Final Report of Fatal Indiana School Bus Crash](#)
- [NYAPT](#)
- [DMV New York – School Bus Safety Laws](#)

Contact Information

The following information is provided for assistance.

To speak to a representative about a stop-arm violation, contact the Alertbus Customer Contact Center at 1-877-504-7080.

The Contact Center is available Monday- Friday (8 AM – 5 PM). English, Spanish, and French-speaking customer service agents are available to address your inquiries. To expedite our service to you, please have your Citation Number ready when you call.

To view the violation video evidence online or to pay a violation by credit card, visit www.alertbus.com and enter the following information: Your citation number (example: NY-777777), and vehicle license plate number (no dashes or spaces), as listed on your citation.