

HELPFUL INFORMATION

NOTICE - RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Leave No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The Hoosic Valley Central School District is required, upon request, to provide to military recruiters and institutions of higher education, such as colleges and universities, access to the names, addresses, telephone numbers, date of birth, date students entered and graduation dates of secondary school students enrolled in the district 17 years of age or older or in the eleventh grade or higher. Any parent, legal guardian, or student age 18 or older who does not want any or all of such directory information publicly released or released to the armed forces for military recruiting purposes, must notify the Hoosic Valley Central School District, in writing, of his/her refusal to permit the release of directory information within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice. For more information please contact Mrs. Amy Goodell, High School Principal, Hoosic Valley Central School, Rt. 67, Schaghticoke, NY 12154. Phone: 753-4458, ext. 2506.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Insurance is provided for students to cover school sponsored activities, including interscholastic sports, but excluding accidents resulting from misbehavior, fighting, or rough play. Injuries occurring during a school-sponsored activity must be reported to the school nurse. Insurance claim forms are available at each Health Office. The district insurance submits the claim after a claim with parent's carrier has been rejected.

ATTENDANCE

Attending school regularly and on time is important to student progress. If a child is absent or late to school, NYS Law requires that a written excuse, signed by the parent/guardian, is submitted stating the specific date(s) and the reason for an absence OR tardiness. We recognize absences due to student illness, sickness or death in the family, religious observance, court appearance or hazardous weather conditions.

EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAYS

Sometimes winter weather or emergencies cause delays or closings. When this occurs, various radio and television stations listed below are notified and will make announcements. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS.** It is important that telephone lines be available for communication between the schools, the stations and bus drivers. It is best to listen to these stations for information.

WROW – AM 59 – FM 95.5

WGNA – AM 1460 – FM 107.7

WTRY – AM 98 – FM 92.3

WGY – AM 180

WRGB – Channel 6

WTEN – Channel 10

WNYT – Channel 13

If it becomes necessary to send students home due to an emergency closing, it would be best to prepare for such an event in advance. Announcements for emergency closings/delays include any students attending BOCES, private or parochial schools as well.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is extremely important that you keep the nurse's office in each school informed of any changes in address, telephone number, place of employment and person to be contacted in case of emergency. Any newly diagnosed medical conditions, allergies or updated immunizations should also be reported. The Emergency Information Cards are sent home early in September. Please fill them out and return promptly. Remember to call during the school year if there are any changes.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Hoosic Valley Central School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and adheres to Title IX regulations. The district does not discriminate on the basis of color, creed, disability, marital status, age, national origin, race, religion or sex in the educational programs and activities, which it operates.

EXTRA HELP PERIODS

Elementary School: Help periods will be conducted from 2:20-3:00 PM

Jr./Sr. High School: Help periods will be conducted from 2:26-3:02 PM

HEALTH SERVICES

New York State Law requires a physical examination for new entrants and students in grades Pre-K, K, 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 10th. In September, parents/guardians are required to submit to the school nurse proof that their child has received a physical. Students who do not submit proof of a physician's physical will be scheduled for an examination by the school doctor.

INCOME TAX

New York State residents must include the name and code number of the public school district in which they live when filing income tax forms. Hoosic Valley's Income Tax code number is 284.

PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

According to State Law, all requests for private/parochial transportation must be submitted by April 1st. Even if your child's placement or acceptance at a particular school has not been finalized, make the request in anticipation of attendance. You may jeopardize your child's right to transportation if requests are late. Call the Transportation Supervisor at 753-4458, ext. 1503 for more information.

PUBLIC ACCESS LAW

Certain school records are available for public inspection and copying at a minimal cost, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. For more information, call 753-4458, ext. 1506.

SCHOOL CODE NUMBER FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

The School Code Number is 335095. District student and parents/guardians may need the School Code Number to complete financial aid forms and various scholastic tests, such as the SAT.

SCHOOL HOURS

Jr./Sr. High School/Elementary: Arrival 8:00 AM
Walkers are NOT to arrive mornings before 8:00 AM.
Dismissal 2:20 PM (Elem)
 2:26 PM (Jr/Sr HS)
Walkers will be dismissed after buses leave the grounds.

SMOKING POLICY

In accordance with Board of Education policy, no smoking is permitted on school property. This applies to all faculty and staff members, students, visitors, and spectators at athletic events, persons attending school functions.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Several programs and services exist for Hoosic Valley students. Among them are programs for children with handicapping conditions, for children needing remedial help in math, reading and writing as well as a gifted and talented program. Group and individual counseling is also available for students in both buildings. Please contact the Main Office of the schools for more information regarding these services.

WHO TO ASK

When you have a problem, all organizations have a procedure that allows you to take a problem to a person in authority. Our school system is no exception. You should start with the person who is closest to the problem. You should contact:

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| FIRST | Your child's Teacher. |
| SECOND | If you are not satisfied,
see your child's Principal |
| THIRD | Then if you are not satisfied,
see the Superintendent. |
| FOURTH | If you are still not satisfied,
see the Board of Education. |

VISITORS

Visitors to the schools are always welcome. For the protection of our students please stop at the Main Office for information and sign-in before going anywhere in the buildings.