

CALENDAR



FORESTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Forestville, NY



Your School Calendar and Directory

We are hopeful that this calendar will assist you throughout the coming year by notifying you of important school events that are scheduled at this time. In the event that changes are necessary regarding dates, events and times, announcements of such changes will be made through the proper channels.

Student Registration

Students should register as follows:

- Students in grades Kindergarten-6 should register at the elementary building as soon as possible between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Students in grades 7-12 should register in the high school building as soon as possible between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration makes it possible to approve and prepare each student's schedule in advance, avoiding delays on opening day.

All new students to the Forestville Central School District must bring the following with them when registering:

- Birth Certificate
- Custodial Papers
- Proof of Residency
- Immunization Records
- Report Card

Welcome Back

All Forestville Central School students will report back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024.

Elementary children will report directly to rooms assigned on report cards issued in June. New students will report to the office for directions. Students will be permitted to enter the building at 7:35 a.m. Bus dismissal is at 2:35 p.m. Parent pick-up is at 2:35 in the pick-up/drop-off loop. Walkers will be dismissed when buses leave the elementary school.

Students in the middle/high school building (grades 7-12) will report to homeroom upon arriving at school. Opening bell will be at 7:35 a.m. Homeroom will be from 7:40 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Regular dismissal will be at 2:24 p.m. and academic help dismissal will be at 3:05 p.m.

Automated Calling System

We will use several reliable methods to communicate this important information in a timely fashion. Our first mode of communication will be our automated calling system. This system automatically calls all parents of students within the district, as well as staff members, notifying them of the closing/cancellation. The system will not only be used in the case of closing/cancellations but also whenever there is an important announcement from the District. If you are not currently on the automated call system and would like to be included, please send an e-mail request to Mr. Wright at wwright@forestville.com.

Emergency Closing

When school officials communicate with the larger school community, they will use a clear and concise message. Information may include what is being done and to address the safety of the children and staff. When the need arises to close school, parents should tune in to stations: WDOE 1410AM / 94FM, WBKX 96.5FM / 100.3 FM, WBEN 930AM, WGR 55 AM, WKSE 98.5 FM, WTSS 102.5 FM WBUF 92.9FM, WBLK 93.7 FM, WECK 1230 AM/102.9 FM, WJYE 96.1FM, OR WYRK 106.5FM, WWSE 93.3 FM / WJTN 1240 AM / WHUG 101.9 FM / WKSJ 1340 AM / WQFX 103.1 FM / WKZA 106.9 FM, WGRZ-TV Channel 2, WIVB-TV Channel 4, KBW-TV Channel 7, Spectrum News, to learn whether school is open, delayed, or closed.

If school needs to be closed during school hours, radio and television stations will be contacted, and an automated call will be sent out. It is very important that the school office has your latest contact information. Alerts and notifications will be posted to our school website, www.forestville.com.

You may also contact our offices:

Elementary Main Office 716-965-2742

High School Main Office 716-965-2711

Superintendent's Office 716-965-6539

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Forestville Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Forestville Central School District Compliance Officers are:

Superintendent, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062, (716) 965-6539

MS/HS Principal, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062, (716) 965-2711

Elementary Principal, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062, (716) 965-2742

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2500, phone (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, email: OCR.NewYork@ed.gov.

Attendance Policy

The Forestville Board of Education recognizes that excellent attendance is a prerequisite for academic success and that school should be a setting where students learn the benefits of punctuality and reliable attendance.

The Board of Education acknowledges the following legitimate reasons for absence:

- Personal illness
- Illness or death in the family
- Impassable roads due to inclement weather
- Religious observances
- Quarantine
- Required court appearances
- Attendance at health clinics
- Approved college visits
- Approved cooperative work programs
- Military obligations
- Road tests
- Other reasons as may be approved by the Board

Absences

Each student absence must be accounted for. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to notify the Health Office (Elementary= 716-965-6536, Middle/High School= 716-965-6518) on the morning of the absence. Upon returning to school, any student who was absent must submit a written note to the Health Office, signed by the parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence. If the note is not submitted within two school days after the student's return, the absent day/s will be considered unexcused. A written note is required even when the absence was called in to the health office. An email from the parent/guardian will be accepted as a written note. (Elementary nurse- ndonovan@forestville.com Middle/high school nurse- across@forestville.com)

Tardiness/Early Dismissals

Tardiness to school and early dismissals from school, also require a written note from the parent/guardian.

Skipping school will be considered truancy and will result in in-school suspension. For more information on your child's attendance requirements, be sure to refer to each parent/student handbook for building specific guidelines.

Truancy is any absence during the instructional day that does not have the permission of the school. Under New York State attendance regulations, habitual truancy tolerated by the parent/guardian will be deemed neglect and shall be reported to Social Services as a person in need of supervision. Refusal on the part of the student to comply with attendance regulations may lead to being petitioned to Family Court.

The District has the right to require that a physician exempt or examine the student in the case of chronic attendance problems. If the District deems that a student has excessive absences, a hearing between the District and parents may be held. A student who is identified as having a disability and has an attendance problem will be referred to the Committee on Special Education.

The Forestville Central School District Board of Education expects that students will be in school every day that school is in session. The Board of Education believes that student participation in the classroom is an integral part of the learning process. Therefore, attendance at school will impact the student's ability to receive course credit. In order to receive course credit, students must meet academic requirements and comply with attendance requirements.

The following information provides course credit information that will be used to determine course credit:

- Secondary students with unexcused absences exceeding 10% in any class may be denied credit for the course.
- Elementary school students with unexcused daily absences in excess of 10% will be considered for retention.
- Transfers and re-enrollees will attend 90% of the time remaining in the course to obtain credit.
- Students will have the opportunity to make up classes and work missed as determined by the Principal and as outlined in the student handbook.
- An Attendance Review Committee comprised of the principal, counselor, and at least one teacher will review cases that resulted in students being denied course credit. The committee will ensure that due process was provided, proper notification of parents was made, and reasonable opportunities were afforded to students for making up missed academic work.
- A properly excused pupil absence, for which the pupil has performed any assigned make-up work, shall not be counted as an absence for the purpose of determining the pupil's eligibility for course credit.

The MS/HS principal will use the disciplinary referral form when a pupil has an unexcused tardy or unexcused absence from school. A written notice will be mailed to the parent or legal guardian when it becomes apparent to the Principal that a student might be in jeopardy of being denied course credit due to excessive absences. The Principal will also attempt to meet with the parent or legal guardian, as well as the student, to clarify the ramifications of continued absences and denying course credit for the particular course.

Elementary Attendance Procedure

Attendance will be taken at 7:50 each morning. Anyone entering the building after 7:50 am will be marked tardy and should report to the school office. All students will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. Students being picked up before 2:35 p.m. will be considered an early dismissal.

Bus Dismissal: 2:35 p.m.

Parent Pick-Up and Walkers Dismissed: 2:35 p.m.

August 2024 Dates

8/15 Public Hearing on Safety Plan 5:15 p.m.

8/15 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.

8/26 Fall Sports Begin

8/26 7th Grade Orientation 6:30 p.m.

8/26 9th Grade Orientation 7:30 p.m.

8/26-29 Marching Band Camp 3-5 p.m.

8/28 Superintendent's Conference Day

8/29 Superintendent's Conference Day



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School Labor Day	3 First Day for Students Ringing of the Bell Ceremony 8 a.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Grade 7-12 Picture Day & Senior Pictures Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Title I Parent Night Meeting 5 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria Elementary Open House 5:30-7 p.m.	4 Emergency Evacuation Go Home Early Drill 2:15 p.m. Q1 Progress Reports	5 Forestville Fall Festival SAT Test Date
6 Forestville Fall Festival	7	8	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 No School Columbus Day	15	16 Elementary Pictures CCMTA Teacher/Admin Banquet	17 MS/HS Open House 6:00 p.m. MS/HS Fall Concert 7:15 p.m. Class of 2025 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 p.m. MS/HS Cafeteria	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 7-12 Picture Day & Senior Retakes	25	26 ACT Test Date
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!</p>  					<p>1</p> <p>NYSSMA JH Area All-State</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NYSSMA JH Area All-State</p> <p>SAT Test Date</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>No School Superintendent's Conference Day</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No School Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Q1 Report Cards</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Winter Sports Begin</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PreK-8th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NHS Induction Ceremony 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NYSSMA SH Area All-State</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NYSSMA SH Area All-State</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day No School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>30</p>
			Thanksgiving Recess			

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Elementary Picture Retakes	4	5 Elementary Winter Concert 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day SAT Test Date
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. MS/HS Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.	13 Q2 Progress Reports	14 ACT Test Date
15	16	17 Winter Concert Make Up Date	18	19	20	21
22	23 No School	24 No School Christmas Eve	25 No School Christmas Day	26 No School	27 No School	28
	Winter Recess					
29	30 No School	31 No School				
	Winter Recess					

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  			1 No School New Year's Day	2 No School	3 No School	4
			Winter Recess			
5	6	7	8	9 Board of Education Budget Workshop 5:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
		Regents Exams				
26	27	28	29 No School Lunar New Year	30	31 Q2 Report Cards	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CCMTA Solo Festival Fredonia HS
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8 CCMTA Winter Festival at Chautauqua Lake ACT Test Date
9	10	11	12	13 Board of Education Budget Workshop 5:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 No School Presidents' Day	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22
	Mid-Winter Recess					
23	24	25	26	27	28	Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

March 2025

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 MIOSM Concert 7:00pm Q3 Progress Reports	7 No School Superintendent's Conference Day	8 SAT Test Date
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13 Board of Education Budget Workshop 5:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day Spring Sports Begin	18	19	20 School Musical	21 School Musical	22 School Musical
23 <div>30</div>	24 <div>31</div>	25	26	27	28	29

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 ACT Test Date
6	7	8	9	10	11 Elementary Spring Pictures & Kindergarten Graduation Pictures Q3 Report Cards	12
13	14 No School	15 No School	16 No School	17 No School	18 No School Good Friday	19
	Spring Recess					
20 Easter	21 No School Spring Recess	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!</p>  				1	2	3 SAT Test Date
4	5 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9)	6 Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7 p.m.	7 2025-26 Kindergarten Info Meeting	8 2025-26 PreK Orientation 4:30 Budget Hearing 5:15 p.m. & Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 MS/HS Spring Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	16 NYSSMA Solo Festival SUNY Fredonia	17 NYSSMA Solo Festival SUNY Fredonia
18	19	20 School Budget Vote & Board Election 1 - 8 p.m. Hornet Lobby	21	22 Q4 Progress Reports	23 No School	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day Forestville Memorial Day Parade & Sheridan Memorial Day Service	27	28 CCSBA Honors Night	29	30	31

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 2025-26 Kindergarten Screenings	5 Elementary Spring Concert 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.	6 Yearbook Dedication 8:30 a.m.	7 CCMTA Spring Festival Chautauqua Institution SAT Test Date
8	9 Regents Exams	10	11	12 HS Academic Awards 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. MS Academic Awards 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	13 Flag Day Celebration Elementary Field Day Last Day of School for MS/HS Students Class Night 7 p.m.	14 ACT Test Date
15 Baccalaureate	16	17 Regents Exams	18	19 No School Juneteenth	20 Regents Exams	21 Alumni Banquet 1 p.m.
22 Father's Day	23	24 PreK Moving Up Ceremony 8:30 a.m. Regents Exams	25 Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 a.m. Early Dismissal Elementary Students 11:30 a.m.	26 6th Gr. Moving Up 8:30 a.m. Class of 2025 Graduation Rehearsal 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Last Day for Elem. Students	27 Rating Day	28 Class of 2025 Graduation 2 p.m.
29	30 Q4 Report Cards					

School Health Requirements

Immunizations

Children attending pre-K through 12th grade in New York State are required to receive all required doses of vaccines on the recommended schedule in order to attend or remain in school. This is true unless they have a valid medical exemption to immunization. A medical exemption is allowed when a child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine. There are no nonmedical exemptions to school vaccine requirements in NYS. Within 14 days of the first day of school, parents must show proof of their child's up-to-date vaccinations, OR provide a valid medical exemption from vaccination. In order to attend or remain in school, children who are unvaccinated or overdue must receive at least the first dose of all required vaccines within the first 14 days. They also must receive subsequent vaccines in the series within a 14-day period of when they are due to complete the immunization series.

NYS Required Vaccines:

Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP or Tdap)

Hepatitis B vaccine

Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)

Polio vaccine

Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine

Tdap vaccine for students entering Grades 6

Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for students entering Grade 7, and students entering Grade 12 need an additional booster dose of MenACWY given on or after their 16th birthday

Additional vaccines required for pre-K

Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (HiB)

Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)

Health examinations

Health examinations are required for each student upon his/her entrance into the district and for each child entering grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. This exam may be done by a private physician or our school physician. A health examination of any child may be required by the local school authorities at any time. This examination would be at the discretion of the local school authorities and to promote the educational interests of this child.

All students wishing to participate in interscholastic sports must be examined by the school physician or their private physician within 12 months prior to the start of practice for that sport. If the student suffers an injury during that sport season, s/he must be reexamined before s/he can again participate in that sport. A release from the doctor is also

required.

Screenings

New York State Education Law requires Hearing and Vision screenings for new entrants to the district, and for students in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11. It is also a requirement for girls in grades 5 and 7 and boys in grade 9 to receive a scoliosis screening. Screenings will be done by the students primary physician during their Health Examination, or by the school nurse if the screenings aren't documented on the Health Examination form.

If your child has an abnormal screening, you will be contacted promptly.

Accidents

All accidents happening to the school staff and/or students during the school day should be reported immediately to the school nurse. If the accident happens to students during interscholastic sports participation either in practice or games, it should be reported to the coach immediately and to the school nurse the first school day following the accident.

Medications

New York State law requires that any student taking medication during school hours must have an order from his/her physician. This medication must be delivered to the school by the student's parent or legal guardian in its labeled original container from the drugstore, and must remain in the Health Office.

Sickness of a Child

For all illnesses, it is best to keep your child home until they begin feeling better and have been fever free, and no vomiting or diarrhea without medication, for greater than 24 hours. This rule includes if your child was sent home sick from school. If they are prescribed an antibiotic, they should be on the medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school. An emergency release form must be on file for a student to be released to any individual other than a parent or guardian. A new form must be completed each school year.

Head Lice

Head lice are a recurring infestation that requires a collaborative effort at home, school, and community to keep it under control. If you suspect or know that your child has lice, please notify the school nurse. When the school nurse confirms that a student has lice, parents must treat the child for lice. Your child should be treated for lice before returning to school.

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed. They can

only move from one person to another by head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. They cannot jump onto another person's head. Head lice lay eggs which hatch after 7-10 days. It takes about 10 days for a recently hatched louse to grow into an adult and start to lay eggs. Children who get head lice may feel embarrassed or ashamed, but they shouldn't. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with their hair being dirty or clean. Lice do not spread disease or illness.

The following guidelines will be implemented at Forestville Central School for students identified during school hours to have an active case of head lice (live lice or nits):

- The parent will be notified and provided with information about lice treatment, and the parent will be offered the option of picking their child up to begin treatment.
- Upon returning to school following the diagnosis, the student will be permitted to return to the classroom after treatment confirmation and a lice check by the nurse. A parent or designated adult must accompany their child to the school and confirm that treatment was provided.
- In the elementary school, when more than one child is identified to have an active case of lice, all children in the class will be checked for lice, and written notification will be sent home with all children in the classroom to alert parents/guardians to be vigilant in monitoring for lice in their own children.

Unfortunately, mass screenings of all pupils in a classroom and/or school does not control the spread of head lice. Rather, the spread of head lice can be minimized with routine inspection for live head lice and nits by all parents and full treatment of those pupils with live head lice. Encourage children to avoid sharing personal items, such as combs, hats, and scarves. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Donovan or Mrs. Cross, our school nurses, with any questions.



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  		1	2	3	4 School Closed Fourth of July	5
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Bus Information

Children should be at their bus stops and ready to board the bus when it arrives. It should be pointed out that some buses are filled to capacity with over 60 students. If each student was late only one minute for the bus, it would result in the bus arriving one hour later to school. The buses cannot wait for students who are not ready when the bus arrives. Children should always remember to be safe by standing back from the curb. If children need to cross in front of the bus, make sure to wait for the bus driver to signal and look both ways before crossing. When exiting, move away from the bus. Your bus driver's number one interest is your safety. Follow his or her directions. All passengers need to behave, stay in their seats, and be respectful of others so that the driver is not distracted. Reminder: It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing, and the stop sign is out. All vehicles must stop, even in parking lots for buses with their red lights flashing. The bus is either loading or unloading students. Students attending BOCES will have transportation provided.

Morning Bus Runs

Anytime your student(s) will not need bus pick-up, please call the bus garage at 965-2104. With the number of turn-a-rounds our buses encounter each day, we greatly appreciate any notice you could offer.

Bus Rules of Conduct

Listed below are the rules of conduct on all Forestville Central School Buses:

- There will be no profanity, fighting, or other unruly conduct permitted.
- There will be no talking back to the driver.
- There will be no lighting of matches, firecrackers, or other incendiary articles, nor any other forms of vandalism.
- Students will be expected to be at the exact pickup point in the mornings and on time.
- Students are expected to show respect for the bus driver and to act in a safe manner.
- Students who do not will be subject to discipline which includes suspension of riding privileges for a period of time.

Bus Drills

The NYS Education Department Regulations requires 3 emergency bus drills per school year. The first drill is to be conducted within the first 7 days of school. Your student's bus driver will announce to the riders what day they plan to conduct this drill. The 2nd and 3rd drills will happen at the beginning of winter and the beginning of spring.

Rules of Conduct at School Events

- Refreshments are to be consumed in designated areas only.
- Elementary pupils grade 4 and under are to be accompanied by an adult.
- Pupils who go under the bleachers are subject to expulsion from an event and any future event.
- Congregating in the lavatories, hallway or near the gymnasium doors is not permitted.
- Sitting or standing on or near the stage is not permitted.
- Since athletic events are public events, all spectators are expected to display good taste in attitude and behavior. Those who do not will be given a warning from the chaperone.
- Subsequent offenses will result in removal from the activity in accordance with Education Law.
- Forestville Central School and grounds are designated smoke-free areas. Students and adults are prohibited from the use of tobacco products at all times.
- This includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) Students deemed to be unruly will be removed from an event. Parents will be contacted for pupils under the age of 15.
- If students leave an event, they are not allowed to return.

Procedural Steps to Address Parent Concerns

To ensure that parental concerns involving pupils and teachers are addressed in a satisfactory fashion and to bring about better communication between the school staff and the school district parents.

Procedural steps to follow:

- The parent(s) to meet with the teacher at a mutually convenient time, either with or without the pupil involved. The latter is to be agreed upon by the parent/teacher.
- If this first meeting does not resolve the issue, then a subsequent (or if possible at that time) meeting to be held with the above parties involved now including the building principal.
- If this second meeting does not resolve the issue, then a subsequent (or if possible at that time) meeting to be held with the parties in step 2 with the Superintendent.
- If the meeting in step 3 does not resolve the issue, then parents can contact the Board of Education.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers encourage all parents/guardians in grades K-8 to come to school for conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place in the fall. In March/April, the parent of any child that might be retained will be contacted for a conference.

Care of School Property

Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, and furniture supplied by the school. Students who disfigure property, break windows, or do other damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item.

Transportation for Students Enrolled in Nonpublic Schools

Section 3635 of the Education Law requires all non-city districts to provide transportation for pupils enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who live more than two miles from the school they attend and for pupils enrolled in grades 9-12 who live more than three miles from the school, they attend up to a distance of fifteen miles. The distances in each case are measured by the nearest available routes from home to school. In order to obtain transportation for their children, parents must file requests with the district in which they live by April 1 of the preceding school year or within 30 days of moving to the district.

Smoking on School Premises

In accordance with state law, students, staff, and the public are forbidden to use or possess tobacco and tobacco-related products (also known as "smokeless" or "chewing" tobacco) on school premises, on school buses, or at school-sponsored activities. The use of e-cigarettes and any other products containing nicotine is also prohibited.

School Supplies

Some school supplies needed by the student are not provided by the school. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide these items. If you are unable to purchase these items due to financial difficulty, please contact the school office, and we will try to help.

August 2025

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Student Accident Information

If your child is hurt at school during the day or at a school-sponsored event, make sure the incident is reported to the school nurse in the appropriate building as soon as possible. A form should be filled out detailing the facts of the accident. (This is in addition to reporting to coaches or teachers.) Any insurance claims should be made with your family's primary insurance first. The school offers secondary insurance once the primary coverage is exhausted.

Student Accident Insurance Information

In the event of an accidental injury to your child while participating in a school-sponsored and supervised activity, and when you have incurred medical expenses, you need to file a student accident claim. By following these procedures, you will help settle your claim as swiftly as possible. Submitting incomplete claim information will delay your settlement.

The student accident insurance is excess coverage. This means that you must submit medical expenses to your own personal health insurance carrier first and then to the student accident carrier. When your child is injured in a school-sponsored activity, a written notice of claim must be given to the company or its designated agent within 30 days after the occurrence of the insured person's covered loss. Also, you have 90 days from the date of injury to seek medical treatment.

You must obtain a claim form from the District. The School completes Part 1 of the claim form, and the Parent/Guardian completes Parts 2 and 3. Attach copies of itemized medical bills (showing treatment codes) and any Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) received from your personal health insurance carrier(s) directly to the Company. An itemized medical bill includes specific patient and medical provider data. Please ask your medical provider to submit standardized billing statements (YB04 for hospital charges and HCFA 1500 for physician charges) to expedite claim processing and payment. "Balance Due" statements often do not provide enough detail to process the claim.

If your child is injured while participating in an interscholastic sport, the physician's discharge date and allowance to return to participation terminates benefits for that injury. Coverage will be reactivated on that date for any subsequent injury. Expenses resulting from injuries to sound and natural teeth should be submitted to your medical insurance even though dental coverage is not available. When an accidental dental injury occurs, your medical coverage should consider charges first.

Determination of the amount of each Covered Expense, and where applicable, each Usual and Customary Charge, will be made solely by the Company.

Bus Accident

If your child was transported by ambulance or received medical attention or treatment because of a recent school bus incident or accident, you need to protect your rights under the New York no-fault law. The law requires that you file a claim through your Family Auto Policy and not with the School District. The law requires "any resident relative" of the injured person (parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings) who resides in the same household as the injured party to file claims under their automobile policies. The no-fault law only allows you to present your claim for a limited period, currently 30 days from the date of the accident. Also, medical claims must be submitted to your automobile insurance company within 45 days of service.

Documents

The Policies, Code of Conduct, and other documents for the Forestville Central School may be found at www.forestville.com under Our District/Board of Education/Board of Education Public Documents.

AHERA Compliance

AHERA is a federal law enacted in 1987 that requires all school districts to re-inspect facilities for asbestos-containing building materials. Our facilities have been inspected, and response actions are planned to insure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. Activities include training maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos and periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities by trained personnel. Details of such activities are described in the district's AHERA Management Plan, which is available for your review in the office of the Director of Facilities. If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, feel free to contact the Superintendent at his office on 4 Academy Street or by phone at 716-965-6539.

Pesticide Notification

The Forestville Central School District may use pesticides periodically. The school district is required to maintain a list of those people who wish to receive 48-hour notice prior to the application of pesticides. Please contact Kyle Barthel at 716-965-6531 to register to receive such notice or to receive more information if needed.

Voting Information

All residents who meet the qualifications listed below are eligible to vote in the Annual Election of school board members and adoption of a school budget, as well as any special votes regarding property, renovation, or acquisition of major items which are financed by bond issues. Registration is held at the same time as voting, and all voters must register and vote in person. Absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk.

Qualifications for Voting:

- At least 18 years of age
- A U.S. citizen
- A legal resident of the district at least 30 days immediately prior to the vote

Your legal residence is:

- The address on your driver's license, Federal income tax forms, car registration, or other government registration forms.
- Where you are registered to vote in county, state, and federal elections.
- Your legal residence is NOT: A temporary address, even if you have lived there 30 or more consecutive days before the vote.
- Related to whether you pay property taxes in the school district

To vote, you:

- Do NOT have to own property.
- Do NOT have to be a parent or have children in school.

Current Contact Information

Please be sure to let our school office know if your telephone number or mailing address changes. It is very important that we have your current information in case of a student emergency. In addition, our automated calling system uses these numbers to advise you of cancellations and other important news. If you have any questions or concerns about which contact numbers are used, please speak to your child's school office.

Substitutes

We are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers and various other substitute positions at the school. Applications may be found at www.forestville.com *In particular, we are in need of substitute bus drivers. Please contact Kris Richter in the bus garage for information and the appropriate applications.

FREE Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

We are pleased to inform you that the Forestville Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2024-2025 school year!

All students enrolled at Forestville Elementary School and Forestville Middle/High School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2024-2025 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

All students, elementary and middle/high school, receive one free breakfast and lunch daily for the school year. This provision is through June 30, 2027. Students must have money on their My School Bucks account to purchase a second meal or a la carte items. NO Charging.

We no longer need to process free/reduced applications. However, acceptance into the free and reduced lunch program can also help you in other ways. PSAT, SAT, and ACT test fees are waived. Many colleges waive their application fees as well for participants in the program. In addition to these benefits, the number of students eligible for free or reduced-priced meals plays an important role in the school's eligibility for Federal and State Funding. Those numbers are also used for a variety of purposes, including competing for grants. If your household income has decreased or the size of your household has increased, we encourage you to apply right away. You may apply at any time during the school year. Applications and full criteria are available in the main offices of each school, on our website at www.forestville.com, or you may call 716-965-6539 to request one be sent to you.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sarah LoManto, Cafeteria Manager, at 716-965-6530 or slomanto@forestville.com.

My School Bucks

There's an app for that! My School Bucks is an electronic program you can use to pay for your child(ren)'s lunch and/or breakfast. Besides having an online way to access your child(ren)'s account, you can also use the My School Bucks app. Check your app store using your phone. Either online or through the app, you can receive low-balance alerts (email or text), set auto payments, and/or pay with a check. This system allows you to monitor your child(ren)'s lunch and/or breakfast transactions. What a great way to stay connected. Learn more online at www.myschoolbucks.com or through the app store using your smartphone.

Low Balance Alerts

You can custom set what you believe is the low balance threshold for each child on your account, and you can be notified by email/text when your child's balance falls below that amount.

Auto Payments

Set it and forget it! With auto payments, you'll never have to worry about making sure your kids have money in their accounts. Just add a credit card to your account, tell us when to process the payment, and My School Bucks will take care of the rest.

Pay With A Check

eCheck is a great alternative to making a payment with a debit or credit card. Provide your check information during the checkout process and My School Bucks will deduct the payment amount directly from your bank account.

Take MySchoolBucks Wherever You GO

Make payments on the go, check balances, view purchases, and more! Download the MySchoolBucks app for iOS or Android today.

Board of Education Meetings

The Forestville Central School District Board of Education has seven active and visible members. Our current Board Members are Andrea Spengler, President; Jamie Gruber, Vice President; Derek Case; Jamie Hebner; Michelle Merritt; Lindsey Ellis; and Rachel Locke. Our board members serve as representatives of our community. They serve as advocates that work toward the best interest of our students. They donate countless hours attending meetings, representing our district at local events, serving on committees such as Policy, Audit, Athletic, Negotiations, and Diversity, Inclusivity, and Civics. Our Board of Education Meetings are generally on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library. All meetings are open to the public, and District residents are urged to attend. Dates and locations of any additional special meetings, as well as changes in regular meetings, are listed on our school website at www.forestville.com.

Parents' Right to Request Teachers' Qualifications

As a parent/guardian of a student at a school receiving funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, you have the right to request the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child and the paraprofessionals, if any, who assist them.

You may request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and their paraprofessional assistants, if any:

- Whether the teacher has met State certification requirements;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which State licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major;
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

DASA

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010, and took effect on July 1, 2012. The Act prohibits harassment and discrimination of students by peers and by school personnel. In addition, amendments to the regulation have added explicit references prohibiting bullying and cyber bullying. The Act covers all public elementary and secondary-aged students and applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as school-sponsored events or activities. The DASA Coordinator Shauna McMahon at the Elementary building can be reached at 965-2742 or via email at smcmahon@forestville.com, and Daniel Grande, DASA Coordinator at the Middle/High School, can be reached at 965-2711 or via email at dgrande@forestville.com. Please contact one of them should you have any concerns or wish to report an incident.

Sex Offender Registry

Access to the Sex Offender Registry is available on the "For Our Parents" section of our district website at www.forestville.com. A link is also provided to Parents for Megan's Law. This site allows users to search each state's registry and also provides resources for helping children stay safe.



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