

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

COUNSELING SERVICES

Eight full-time counselors and three full-time social workers are employed in the district for consultation with pupils, parents, and school staff members. Counselors seek to help pupils gain understanding of themselves and their educational and vocational opportunities; to learn to make mature, responsible decisions in developing their plans for the future; and to meet, satisfactorily, the day-to-day problems related to their educational and personal development.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Five full-time psychologists and one part-time psychologist are employed to work with pupils, parents, and teachers at all grade levels. Some of their functions are to diagnose learning difficulties and social maladjustments, administer tests, advise and assist teachers and supervisors in remedial measures and confer with teachers and parents in regard to learning and behavior problems of children. They also recommend special services for disabled children.

HOME INSTRUCTION

Pupil Personnel Services provides home instruction for public school children in Bethpage who cannot attend because of a temporary or permanent illness or physical handicap.

SPEECH SERVICES

The District employs one part-time and five full-time speech-language pathologists. Remediation is provided at all grade levels to students exhibiting communication disorders. Priority is given to those students recommended by the District Committee on Special Education.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURE

Procedures followed in the event of pupil injuries during school hours are vitally important to any school system and its community. For the benefit of parents new to our community, and as a reminder to residents of longer standing, the following Emergency Contact Procedure is provided for your information:

In the event of an accident, first aid is administered immediately and every effort is made to contact the family. If family contact cannot be made, and the nurse assesses that further medical attention is necessary, the principal will be informed and an ambulance will be called to send the student to the hospital.

As you can see, the success of this procedure depends upon accurate and up-to-date information. If you have recently changed your business phone, home phone or emergency contact, please be sure to notify the school your child attends, of these changes, so that our records can be corrected accordingly.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Your Board of Education has provided insurance coverage for reimbursement of certain medical expenses in connection with your child's accident. Please note the following instructions for filing our claim;

1. The student accident claim form is to be completed and signed, as indicated. Claim forms can be submitted without bills. This will make certain that the claim is on file with the carrier.
2. Mail the claim form as soon as possible, to ensure coverage, to: CIGNA Insurance Company, The Allen J. Flood Companies, Inc. at Two Madison Avenue,

Larchmont, NY 10538.

3. Only one form is required for each accident, regardless of the number of bills involved. The first expense must be incurred within 90 days of the injury.
4. Bills should be forwarded to the address noted above as you receive them. Be sure to identify them by indicating the name of the injured student, date of accident, and name of the school district.
5. Since the District's student accident policy pays reasonable and customary charges only in excess of any medical insurance which you may carry, submit your claim for such expenses first to your own insurance company. The District's policy will pay, in accordance with its provisions, those covered balances for which benefits are not provided by your insurance.
6. An initial claim form must be submitted within one year of date of accident, in order for bills to be honored.
7. For further information or assistance, you may contact: CIGNA Insurance Company, The Allen J. Flood Companies, Inc. via mail at Two Madison Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538 or by phone: 1-800-972-7629.

HEALTH SERVICES

All pupils of the district are provided health services in accordance with State Law.

The State Law requiring children to have yearly physical examinations has been changed. As of September 1, 2005, all students entering 6th grade must provide the school nurse with proof from their doctor of immunization or blood titer for varicella (chicken pox). Each youngster must have a physical examination upon entering school and again upon entering grades 1,3,7 and 10. Examination forms will be given to the children entering grades 1,3,7 and 10 by the school nurse. Please have your doctor complete the forms and return them to the school nurse.

The school health services, through the coordinated efforts of school nurses and doctors, establish policies, programs and procedures to meet the health needs of the student body and school personnel.

Health education in the schools covers such areas as nutrition, safety and first aid, human growth and development, disease prevention, mental and emotional health, narcotics, alcohol and tobacco addiction, consumer education, family health, and careers in the field of health. The health services are also concerned with healthful school living including physical, emotional and social conditions beneficial to the health and safety of students and staff.

School nurses promote the acquisition of health knowledge and sound health practices and attitudes. The school doctors are medical advisors and consultants who appraise the health status of pupils and, when necessary, refer the pupil to the parent for further treatment by the family doctor.

School health services supplement, but are not a substitute for, the health care parents provide for their children. Rather than relieving parents of their responsibilities, these services are designed to encourage parents to devote attention to child health. Parents may help insure that each child obtains optimum benefit from their education by:

- broadening their health education;
- responding promptly to requests from the health office for recommended physical, dental, eye, and other examinations

In order for internal or external medication to be given in school, be it prescription or non-prescription, state law requires a written request from the doctor and parent in order to administer the medication. Forms are available in the nurse's office, or you may have your doctor write the order on his or her stationery.

Medication must be in the original bottle and delivered with the medication form by the parent. Students are at no time allowed to carry medication of any kind on their person, with the exception of inhaler use at Middle School and High School. However, a medication form still must be submitted for inhaler use.

If you have any questions, please call the nurse's office.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

Special arrangements are made for children who are eligible, but who because of various types of disabilities are unable to participate in the regular program of classroom instruction.

Within our School District there are classes for children who have been identified as disabled. In addition, special services for many of our disabled children are provided at a number of instructional centers. Through arrangements with Nassau County's Board of Cooperative Educational Services, the BOCES programs to which children are provided transportation offer special education for the blind, deaf, emotionally disturbed, cerebral palsied and the mentally retarded.

A percentage of the cost of programs under BOCES is recoverable by local districts through State Aid.

CSPD

The district CSPD document is available in the Pupil Personnel Office at: 644-4020.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

Arrangements have been made to notify the general public whenever schools are to be closed because of weather conditions. If our schools are to be closed, the announcement will be broadcast intermittently over the following stations:

WCBS	.....(880 on the dial)
WINS	.....(1010 on the dial)
WHLI	.....(1100 on the dial)
WKJY	.....(98.3 on the dial)
WBAB	.....(102.3 on the dial)
WMJC	.....(94.3 on the dial)
WBZO	.....(103.1 on the dial)
WALK FM	.....(97.5 on the dial)
NEWS 12 Long Island	.....(Channel 12)

Whenever inclement weather prevails, a message will be played on each school's announcement line containing information about possible school closings or delayed openings. Whenever a delayed opening is announced, please have your children at their bus stops **two hours later than the normally designated times.**

Whenever you are in doubt about the schools being open, you are urged to listen to one of these stations for updated bulletins or log on to our website at: www.bethpagecommunity.com. You may also call the Announcement Line for your child's school which is listed in the Telephone Directory of this calendar.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY (Excerpts)

Important Safety Reminder: It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. Passing a stopped school bus can result in a minimum fine of \$250 and 5 points on your license.

Transportation Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Transportation Telephone Numbers:

Phone: 644-4040 Fax: 931-2675

See page 2-3 for a full listing of district telephone numbers.

TRANSPORTATION MILEAGE

Children residing more than the mileage indicated below, but less than fifteen (15) miles from the school they are legally attending, will be entitled to transportation from their neighborhood to school:

Kdgn.- 2nd Grade	.....1/2 mile or more
3rd - 5th Grade	.....3/4 mile or more
6th - 8th Grade	.....3/4 mile or more
9th - 12th Grade	.....1 1/2 miles or more
Disabled Students	.....No Minimum