

# POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH SCHOOLS

## School Calendar & Parent Guide



2011 - 2012

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On behalf of Point Pleasant Borough Schools' Central Administration, faculty and staff I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all district students and their families to the 2011-2012 school year.

On Wednesday September 7th, more than 3,000 students, from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, will walk through the front doors of one of Point Pleasant Borough's four outstanding schools to begin the new school year.

Whether your child is entering school for the first time as a kindergarten student, preparing for their final year as a high school senior or somewhere in between, the start of a new school year bears a certain incomparable energy – the anticipation of endless possibilities.

Our district is proud to continue to offer diverse educational programming balanced with a multitude of co-curricular activities in academics, athletics, performing arts and social organizations. We encourage all students to take advantage of the valuable opportunities our district has to offer.

For many, summer is a time for rest and relaxation; however, our administration, faculty and staff have been keeping busy this summer engaged in projects in preparation for the return of our students.

This summer saw staff members continuing to participate in countywide curriculum development consortiums, helping to design the educational standards that will shape the content and methods by which our students learn.

Central Administration has been working with the Board of Education to develop and refine district policies. And all district personnel has been working together to implement the new kindergarten through grade 4 Language Arts Curriculum, as well as the Algebra Readiness program for students in grades 7 & 8.

And prior to the start of school all faculty and staff will once again take part in professional development workshops focused on differentiated instruction assisted by technological interventions thus ensuring all our students learn effectively concomitantly with 21st century themes.


These developments are in alignment with our district's mission to ensure that all students become critical thinkers and life-long learners.

The successful achievement of this goal is evident in the many accolades bestowed on our district. Last year nearly 250 students and staff members were recognized for their accomplishments in academics, athletics and performing arts while staff members were lauded for their outstanding performance as educators as well as their numerous successful fundraising efforts. These many accomplishments are just a small example of why Point Pleasant Borough High School was recently named New Jersey Monthly Magazine's second highest-ranking Ocean County high school based on student performance, student outcomes, and school environment an achievement bolstered by the astounding near 90 percent of the class of 2011's planned pursuit of higher education utilizing over \$160,000 in competitive scholarships.

Our school district excels because our parents, teachers, staff and community do a remarkable job of supporting our students and setting high expectations that our children consistently meet and exceed. Excellence in our schools is tradition. Our schools' achievements would not be possible without the unyielding support of our community. And as we prepare to embark on this year's journey, we remain mindful of that fact and ever grateful.

Our continued partnership will ensure our students continued achievements and I look forward to another successful year.

Sincerely,



Vincent S. Smith  
Superintendent of Schools



## Point Pleasant Borough Schools Central Administration

**Vincent S. Smith**

Superintendent of Schools

**Robert H. Alfonse**

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

**Rita Miller**

Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services

**Steven W. Corso**

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## Board of Education

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**Susan Ward**

**Daniel Popovitch, Esq., Board Attorney**

The Board consists of seven members. Each member is elected by the people and each serves without salary for a term of three years. Terms of office are staggered; thus, the retirement of all members at any one time is avoided. All Board of Education Meetings are held at 7pm. Workshop meetings are held at the Administration Office and Business Meetings are at the Ocean Road Cafeteria unless otherwise noted.

## Responsibilities of the Board

The Board of Education is responsible for establishing the quality of education in the district. As elected officials, they represent the public by:

- ▶ Defining the philosophy of the district
- ▶ Establishing policies for the operation of the school district
- ▶ Developing a budget consistent with educational needs and community resources
- ▶ Setting goals and objectives to achieve education progress
- ▶ Evaluating the effectiveness of district programs and services
- ▶ Communicating the needs and progress of the district to the community, educational governing boards and legislators

# August 2011

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## Point Pleasant Borough High School

Grades 9 - 12  
808 Laura Herbert Drive  
732-701-1900 Ext. 2205  
**Hours:** 7:10am - 2:31pm

Linda Rocco ..... Principal  
Jacquelyn Moore ..... Assistant Principal  
Edward Kenney ..... Assistant Principal  
Kevin McDermitt ..... Assistant Principal



## Memorial Middle School

Grades 6 - 8  
808 Laura Herbert Drive  
732-701-1900 Ext. 2300  
**Hours:** 7:30am - 2:15pm

Gary Floyd ..... Principal  
Barbara Hanna ..... Assistant Principal  
Heather Karagias ..... Assistant Principal



## Nellie F. Bennett Elementary School

Grades K - 5  
2000 Riviera Parkway  
732-701-1900 Ext. 5204  
**Hours:** 8:45am - 3:20pm  
Preschool Session I: 8:40am - 11:10am  
Preschool Session II: 12:50pm - 3:20pm

James Karaba ..... Principal  
Derek Hulse ..... Assistant Principal



## Ocean Road Elementary School

Grades K - 5  
Benedict Street  
732-701-1900 Ext. 4111  
**Hours:** 8:10am - 2:45pm  
Preschool Session I: 9:10am - 11:40am  
Preschool Session II: 12:25pm - 2:55pm

Sheila Buck ..... Principal  
Barbara Hanna ..... Assistant Principal

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# General Information

## 2011-2012 Meal Prices

Elementary School Breakfast .....	\$1.75
Middle School Breakfast .....	\$2.00
High School Breakfast .....	\$2.00
Reduced Breakfast .....	\$0.30
Elementary School Lunch .....	\$2.50
Middle School Lunch .....	\$3.00
High School Lunch .....	\$3.50
Reduced Lunch .....	\$0.40

## District Nutrition Program

In the effort to meet and exceed the nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Program, the Point Pleasant School District encourages all its students to maintain healthy eating habits while engaging in daily physical activity. This is achieved through a comprehensive nutrition and physical education program for grades K-12 that is consistent with the standards set by the New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Content Standards.

To reinforce nutrition awareness efforts, Point Pleasant Schools serve only healthy and nutritious foods for their Breakfast, Lunch and After-School Snack programs. Foods served by the district meet all the USDA nutrient standards and include serving fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat milk, and whole grains.

Foods that are prohibited under the nutrition policy include: foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by the USDA, food and beverage items listing sugar as the first ingredient and all forms of candy. Based on manufacturer data, some other foods prohibited by the policy include: foods containing eight or more grams of total fat, with the exception of nuts or seeds; and foods that contain more than two grams of saturated fat. Except for water and two-percent or low-fat milk, no beverages shall exceed 12 ounces. Whole milk shall not exceed eight ounces. In the elementary schools, 100 percent of all beverages offered shall be milk, water or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. In the middle school, at least 60 percent of all beverages offered, other than milk and water, shall be 100 percent fruit or vegetable juices. Also in the middle school, no more than 40 percent of all ice cream/frozen desserts shall be allowed to exceed the aforementioned standards for sugar, fat and saturated fat.

Food and beverages served during special school celebrations or during curriculum-related activities shall be exempt from this policy, with the exception of foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by the USDA.

This policy does not apply to medically authorized special needs diets pursuant to 7CFR Part 210; school nurses using FMNVs during the course of providing health care to individual students; or special needs students whose Individual Education Plan indicate their use for behavior modification.

## Emergency School Closings

Schools may be closed due to inclement weather, power failure, or other emergencies beyond district control. Should a situation occur that makes school closing advisable, parents, guardians and staff members will receive announcements from the Honeywell Instant Alert System. Emergency school closings will also be announced on the following radio stations;

**WJLK - 1310 AM or 94.3 FM**  
**WOBM - 1160 AM or 92.7 FM**

Announcements will indicate whether a school is closed or delayed. If the district operates a delayed opening schedule, all school openings will be delayed two hours. Buses will also run two hours after the normally scheduled time. However, school dismissal will occur at the regularly scheduled time. If an emergency warrants the closing of a school or all schools during the course of a school day, announcements will be made via the Honeywell Instant Alert System. The early dismissal schedule will follow each school's half-day schedule. Both Nellie F. Bennett and Ocean Road Elementary Schools will remain open two hours after dismissal for afternoon childcare. In the event of early dismissal, elementary walkers will be released to their parents and bussers will take their normally scheduled bus.

**School closing information is also accessible by calling the district's main telephone number, 732-701-1900, or by visiting the district website, [www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us](http://www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us).**

## Honeywell Instant Alert

The Point Pleasant School District utilizes the Honeywell Instant Alert System. Within minutes, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, concise message to students' parents and guardians through communication by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, these devices. Instant Alert is school information including, openings, student absences, important district to register for this service is [www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us](http://www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us) schools.



and/or PDA, or any combination of used to notify families of important school closings or delayed schedule changes and other information. Information on how available at the district website, and will also be provided by the

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# Student Responsibilities

The Point Pleasant School District is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment for students. As members of the Point Pleasant School community, students are expected to abide by the schools' code of conduct. In order to foster a positive learning environment, students are expected to;

- ♦ Follow the rules and regulations of the Point Pleasant School District
- ♦ Complete required course work
- ♦ Respect school authority
- ♦ Behave appropriately to and from school, on school grounds and buses
- ♦ Act morally. No gambling, intoxicants, smoking, profanity, or immoral conduct is permitted on school grounds
- ♦ Respect property. Defacing, damaging or destroying school property is against the law
- ♦ Practice good study habits. Good study habits include;
  - ♦ completing assigned work
  - ♦ being prepared for class
  - ♦ paying attention in class
  - ♦ cooperating with other students and teachers
  - ♦ practicing good attendance and punctuality
- ♦ Demonstrate good taste in dress and conduct
- ♦ Respect the rights and property of others
- ♦ Demonstrate good citizenship

## Care of School Materials: Policy 5513

Pupils are expected to take care of the books and materials that are assigned to them. Appropriate fines will be assessed by the classroom teacher in the event of damage or loss of school books and other school property.

## Homework: Policy 2330

Homework is an important adjunct to school work and reinforces the learning process. The amount of homework necessary depends on the subject, type of class, and the individual student. Parents may assist students by providing a satisfactory environment that is free from distractions to complete homework assignments. Designating a specific time and place for doing homework can be extremely beneficial as is showing a sincere interest in the child's work.

## Vandalism: Policy 7610

Students or their parents shall be held monetarily liable for any willful damage to school property.

## Report Cards: Policy 5420

The school faculty and administration strives to provide parents and guardians with a clear understanding of each student's progress. Although report cards are informative records of a student's academic performance, they are not intended to be the sole method of communicating a student's progress. Report cards are supplemented with progress reports as well as parent-teacher conferences which parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.

## Telephone Calls - Middle & High School

Incoming EMERGENCY messages ONLY will be forwarded to students. Routine plans for out of school matters cannot be made through the main office.

## Student Accident Insurance: Policy 8760

The Point Pleasant Board of Education has extended its insurance coverage to provide accident insurance for all students including student athletes. The school insurance coverage is secondary to the coverage carried by the family and benefits are only available AFTER the family's private insurance has been utilized. Parents should be advised that the school insurance coverage may not cover all medical expenses.

## School Attendance/Absences/Tardiness: Policies 5200/5230/5240

Regular school attendance is a critical component of academic success and is necessary for a student to meet the state's academic standards. Students are expected to attend school on all scheduled days and should not be absent except for illnesses or special emergency situations. Parents are reminded to keep children home in the event of illness and to reinforce procedures to prevent the spread of illnesses (i.e., frequent handwashing, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and seeing a doctor when you are sick). Absences due to family vacations should be avoided. When a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the parent and the student to ensure that missed work is completed and missed tests are taken. Promptness is an essential component of school attendance. Three instances of tardiness will result in an unexcused absence in the calculation of attendance.

## Cell Phones & iPods

Student use of cell phones and iPods has become increasingly intrusive to the learning process. Should a student use a cell phone/iPod during school, he/she will be sent to the main office to deposit the device with an administrator until the end of the school day and detention will be assigned. On the second offense, a parent will be called to meet with the grade level administrator in order to retrieve the device; detentions will be assigned. Continued offenses will result in suspension. We ask that you refrain from calling/texting your child's cell phone during the school day as parent phone calls will not negate the policy. Should an emergency occur and you need to contact your child, call the main office during school hours and the office staff will be happy to assist you.

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# Pupil Personnel & Guidance Services

## Child Study Team Services

The Child Study Team enables school personnel to meet the needs of individual children within the school district who are having difficulty in the educational setting. Children may be referred for evaluation by the Child Study Team by counselors, teachers, parents or guardians, or the school principal.

The Child Study Team is comprised of a school social worker, psychologist, and learning disability teacher consultant. The team collaborates to provide the evaluation and diagnosis of children with suspected learning disabilities resulting in the development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The Individualized Education Program, which is reviewed and approved by the parent or guardian, details the specific accommodations, services, and interventions recommended to enable the child to be successful in school.

An Intervention and Referral Services Committee is available in each school to provide teachers and parents with intervention strategies prior to the referral to the Child Study Team. In addition, the school social worker and psychologist serve as resources and contacts between the schools and the numerous community agencies that are available to assist parents and children. Crisis intervention services are also provided.

The Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services, Rita Miller, can be reached at 732-701-1900 ext. 2414.

## Special Education: Policy 2460

Students who are classified as Eligible for Special Education and Related Services are placed in programs according to the Individualized Education Plan developed by the Child Study Team. The IEP sets personalized goals for the student and is tailored to that student's individual needs and ability.

Special education programming options include; modification to the regular classroom program, continuance of the regular class with in-class support, continuance of regular class with pull-out replacement in a resource center, or placement in a self-contained special education class.

Related services may also be warranted. These services may include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy or counseling services. The necessity for these services is based upon evaluations by the appropriate therapists.

## Home Instruction: Policy 2481

Pupils who are unable to attend school because of a physical condition may receive home instruction provided extended absence is indicated by a physician and approval is granted by the Board of Education. Application for home instruction should be made to the school principal or guidance counselor.

## Guidance Services: Policy 2411

The Point Pleasant School District has a guidance program for all students, Kindergarten through Grade 12. Guidance counselors are assigned to students in grades 6-12. The guidance program works collaboratively to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the students. Guidance counselors provide each student with assistance in course selection, career and college planning, and adjustment to school. During a series of conferences and group sessions spanning the junior and senior high school years, counselors help students plan their post secondary options.

In addition, substance abuse counselors are available to provide individual and group counseling, as well as make referrals to outside agencies.

## Elementary Extended School Day Program

The Point Pleasant School District offers an Extended School Day Program to provide students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 with care before and after school.

### Extended Day Rates

#### Ocean Road Elementary School

Morning Care:

7:00am - Start of School ..... \$4.00 per morning

After Care:

End of School - 4:00pm ..... \$6.00 per afternoon

End of School - 5:00pm ..... \$9.00 per afternoon

End of School - 6:00pm ..... \$12.00 per afternoon

#### Nellie Bennett Elementary School

Morning Care:

7:00am - Start of School ..... \$5.00 per morning

After Care:

End of School - 4:00pm ..... \$5.00 per afternoon

End of School - 5:00pm ..... \$8.00 per afternoon

End of School - 6:00pm ..... \$11.00 per afternoon

For more information regarding the Extended Day Program, visit the program website at [www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us/daycare\\_website/index.htm](http://www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us/daycare_website/index.htm) or contact the Program Supervisor, Mr. Derek Hulse, at 732-701-1900 ext. 5206.

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# District Policies

## Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying: Policy 5512.01

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a pupil. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. In compliance with the State's Anti-Bullying Legislation, the Point Pleasant School District has appointed a District Anti-Bullying Coordinator as well as an Anti-Bullying Specialist based in each school.

### District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

Ms. Rita Miller  
**Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services**  
2100 Panther Path  
Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742  
Phone: (732) 701-1900 ext. 2414  
rmiller@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us

### School Based Anti-Bullying Specialists

Mrs. Karen Luicci  
**Point Pleasant Borough High School**  
808 Laura Herbert Drive  
Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742  
Phone: (732) 701-1900 ext. 2209  
kluicci@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us

Ms. Cheryl Schneider  
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2000 Riviera Parkway  
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Mr. Justin Kahn  
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Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742  
Phone: (732) 701-1900 ext. 2309  
jkahn@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us

Ms. Susan Hansen  
**Ocean Road Elementary School**  
Benedict Street  
Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742  
Phone: (732) 701-1900 ext. 5215  
shansen@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us

## Affirmative Action: Policy 2260

The Board of Education shall, in accordance with law, strive to maintain a learning environment that is free from discrimination in school and classroom practices and to ensure continuing compliance with anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

The Director of Curriculum & Instruction will serve as Affirmative Action Officer to identify and recommend the correction or removal of impermissible bias based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.

Sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated. It shall be a violation of policy for students to harass other students or employees through conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

## Student Health Services: Policy 5310

The Health Services staff is comprised of a school physician and school nurses. A nurse is on duty everyday in each school. School nurses are responsible for the first aid care of school children who are injured or become ill while under school supervision. Responsibility for providing medical care beyond first aid is the obligation of the parent or legal guardian. When illness occurs during school hours necessitating the dismissal of a student, a parent or designated substitute is notified.

Medication, including prescription and nonprescription drugs prescribed by a professional may be dispensed by the school nurse. Medication must be properly labeled and accompanied by a written statement from the prescribing professional stating the name of the medication, the dosage, and the dispensing interval, as well as a parent's permission slip. All medications must be approved by the school physician. Under specific established guidelines, some students may self-medicate.

State Statutes require mandatory tuberculin testing for *all* students that have transferred to the district during the school year from another state or country who do not have a valid record of a Mantoux tuberculin test result. In addition, pupils who have transferred during the school year into the eighth grade from another New Jersey public school are also required to either have a Mantoux tuberculin test administered or submit a valid record of test result. Pupils who show a positive reaction to the tuberculin test will be scheduled for an additional examination.

Immunizations are required for students as prescribed by State Law. For a complete list of required immunizations, visit <http://nj.gov/health/forms/imm.pdf>. A pupil who has not commenced a program of immunization will not be admitted to school.

State Statutes provide for annual scoliosis screening for all pupils age ten to eighteen. This examination may be done by the family physician or will be done by trained school personnel.

State law also requires all students in grades 9-12 to have the Hepatitis B series vaccine. If you do not have a personal doctor, you may contact the Ocean County Health Department at 732-341-9700. The Health Department offers immunizations including Hepatitis B at a low cost.

## Reporting A Student Accident: Policy 8442

Any student accident occurring during a school related activity or athletic event must be reported to the appropriate school district personnel so that a Student Accident Report can be completed. During school hours, all accidents must be reported to the school nurse. Accidents occurring during athletic events or after-school activities must be reported to the Athletic Trainer, coach or teacher in charge of the activity. If an injury occurs during an after-school event, it is the parent's responsibility to contact the school nurse the following day to ensure the Student Accident Report was filed. Failure to report an injury by the next day will result in denial of any claim by the district insurance carrier.



## Transportation: Policy 8600

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide transportation to and from district schools as follows:

- ▶ **Kindergarten:** All kindergarten students will be provided with transportation.
- ▶ **Grades 1 - 5:** Students who live more than 3/4 mile remote from the assigned school except that no child shall be required to walk across a canal bridge.
- ▶ **Grades 6 - 8:** Students who live more than 9/10 mile remote from the assigned school except that no child shall be required to walk across a canal bridge.
- ▶ Medically and educationally handicapped pupils in accordance with their prescribed needs.
- ▶ Pupils participating in Board approved extracurricular activities and field trips.
- ▶ Transportation to and from schools shall be provided as required by law to eligible non-public school pupils.
- ▶ Buses, whether contracted or district owned, shall be kept in optimum condition and shall conform to all state safety regulations

## Bus Schedules, Routes & Services

Students are to be transported from the assigned bus stop to the assigned school or to the district's child care program. On the return trip, students shall be transported from the assigned school to the assigned bus stop or to the district's child care program. There shall be no exceptions to this rule.

Eligible riders shall not be transported to relatives, friends, baby sitters or other institutions. Transportation is provided only for eligible riders to and from their assigned stops and their assigned school or the district's day care program.

Bus riders should plan to be waiting at the designated pick-up location at least five minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Drivers have been instructed not to wait for habitual stragglers nor to stop for those waiting at undesignated bus stops.

To report an emergency situation or a bus that is more than twenty minutes overdue, call 732-701-1900 extension 2508. Brief delays can be expected during the first week of school. On rare occasions, both the Lovelandtown and/or Route 88 Bridges may be inoperable for extended periods of time. When this occurs, an alternate route for transporting students will be implemented.

## Behavior

All students will remain seated throughout bus trips. Smoking, fighting, foul or abusive language, or other discourteous behavior shall result in the loss of the privilege of transportation.

## Security Cameras

The Point Pleasant School District employs the use of security cameras on district school buses and in the schools. It is the hope of the Board of Education that the cameras will add to the safety of all students in the district and will act as a deterrent to those whose behavior or actions are deemed unacceptable.

## Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal: Policy 8601

The Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education recognizes that dangers exist for younger pupils at dismissal as children are susceptible to numerous risks, including negligent conduct, when leaving school property. Because of these risks, the Board of Education has implemented a policy for the supervision of younger pupils after dismissal.



The policy states, that any parent or guardian of a pupil attending a district school or program in grades Kindergarten to five, where the pupil is not eligible for district-provided transportation or is eligible and elects not to use district-provided transportation after dismissal may request the school or program not release the pupil to walk home after dismissal unless the pupil is released to the parent or guardian or escort designated by the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must submit a completed **Request for Supervision at Dismissal from School Form** to the Principal, or program administrator. The Form is available in the Main office of the school building and will be sent home with students in the beginning of the school year.

In the event the parent, guardian or designated escort does not arrive to pick up their child after school dismissal, the Principal or designee will attempt to contact the parent or guardian using the district's emergency call procedures. The pupil shall be supervised by school staff in the designated area of the building and will only be released to the parent, guardian or designated escort.

Should an emergency prevent a parent, guardian or designated escort from arriving of the school building for no more than ten minutes. After ten minutes the pupil will be relocated to the Day Care Program for supervision by after-school program staff until the parent or legal guardian or designated escort arrives. A day care fee will be assessed. If it is determined by the building administrator that the frequency of delayed pick-ups is excessive, a pupil may be relocated to the Day Care Program and subject to after school program fees immediately.

**To view the complete policies of the Point Pleasant School District, visit the Board of Education page on the district website, [www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us](http://www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us). Print copies of the policies are also available at the Board of Education office located at 2100 Panther Path.**

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# Federal & State Compliances

## Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act: Policy 8335

The Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education maintains compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), is a federal law designed to protect and ensure the privacy and accuracy of a student's education records. The legislation gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records, including:

- ▶ The right to inspect and review their child's education records.
- ▶ The right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading.
- ▶ The right to limit the disclosure of their child's records.

The law also states that schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:A:35-19.1, educational, occupational and military recruiters must be accorded access to school facilities and student information directories; however, any adult pupil or parent may request in writing to the chief school administrator permission to be excused from participating in all recruitment programs or from having his/her name appear in student information directories for all recruitment purposes. Parents or eligible students also have the right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the categories of personally identifiable information with respect to that student as directory information. Such persons may inform the Board of Education in writing of their objections to the release of all or part of such information.



## Pupil Right of Privacy: Policy 5770

The Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education recognizes that a pupil's right of privacy may not be violated by unreasonable search and seizure and directs that no pupil be searched without reason or in an unreasonable manner.

Teaching staff members are charged with responsibility of maintaining order and discipline in the school and safeguarding the safety and well-being of the pupils in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, a teaching staff member may search or request the search of the person or property of a pupil, with or without the pupils consent, whenever he or she has reasonable grounds to suspect that the search is required to discover evidence or a violation of the law. The extent of

the search will be governed by the seriousness of the alleged infraction, the pupil's age and the pupil's disciplinary history.

The Board acknowledges the need for the in-school storage of pupil possessions and shall provide storage places, including desks and lockers, for that purpose. Where locks are provided for such storage places, pupils may lock them against incursion by other pupils. In no storage place provided by the Board shall pupils have such an expectation of privacy as to prevent examination by a school official. Pupils are notified at the beginning of the school year that inspections of their lockers, desks, and other storage facilities may be conducted. The school principals are directed to conduct a regular inspection of such facilities provided to pupils for the storage of property.

Except as required by exigent circumstances, a request for the search of a pupil or a pupil's private possessions will be directed to the building principal who shall, whenever feasible, first request the consent of the pupil to inspection.

A search prompted by the reasonable belief that circumstances are exigent and pose an immediate threat will be conducted by any teaching staff member with as much speed and dispatch as may be required to protect persons and property.

The principal shall conduct a pupil search on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the voluntary and knowing consent of the pupil or when the principal has independent grounds to suspect the presence of an incriminating object.

The principal shall be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each pupil search, including:

- ▶ The reasons for the search.
- ▶ Information received that established the need for the search including the informant, if any.
- ▶ The persons present when the search was conducted.
- ▶ The substances or objects found including their disposition.

The principal shall be responsible for the custody, control, and disposition of any illegal or dangerous substance or object taken from the pupil.

# March 2012

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				1	2 Spring Sports Begin	3											
4	5 Board of Education Workshop Meeting 	6	7 PTO Meeting Middle School: 7pm No Voyager or Think Tank	8	9 Kids vs Cops Basketball Game Middle School: 7pm	10											
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# Referral Agencies & Hotline Numbers

Al-Anon/Alateen Information Services .....	856-547-0855
Alcoholics Anonymous/Addictions Hotline .....	800-322-5525
Association for Retarded Citizens .....	732-363-3335
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ocean Count.....	732-905-5349
Birthright .....	732-349-0154
Board of Social Services .....	732-349-1500
Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund .....	800-335-3863
Child Care Helpline .....	800-332-9227
Commission for the Blind .....	732-255-0836
Council on Compulsive Gambling .....	800-426-2537
Division of Children and Families (17 & Younger) .....	609-292-4741
Division of Developmental Disabilities .....	800-832-9173
Division of Mental Health Services (18 & older) .....	800-382-6717
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services .....	732-505-2310
Division of Youth and Family Services .....	877-652-2873
Domestic Violence Intervention/Providence House/Catholic Charities...	732-244-8259
Family Crisis Intervention .....	732-864-2117
Family Planning of Ocean County .....	732-364-9696
Focus Healthcare - Substance Abuse/Eating Disorders .....	800-234-0420
Homelessness Prevention Program .....	800-308-2145
Narcotics Anonymous .....	800-992-0401
NJ Family Care .....	800-701-0710
NJ Legal Aid .....	732-341-2727
Ocean's Harbor House .....	732-929-0660

Ocean County Health Department/Early Intervention Program....	732-341-9700 Ext. 7602
Parent's Anonymous/Stress Hotline .....	800-843-5437
Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ .....	732-367-4700
Salvation Army .....	732-270-8393
Seashore Family Services .....	732-920-2700
St. Francis Counseling Center .....	609-494-1554
Teen Pregnancy Hotline .....	800-843-5437
Victim's Assistance Program/Ocean County Prosecutor's Office .....	732-929-2027
Visiting Home Care .....	732-244-5565
The Visiting Nurse Association .....	732-747-1204
Women's Referral Crisis Hotline .....	800-322-8092

**NOTE:** The inclusion of an organization in this directory serves to identify a resource and implies no endorsement by the Point Pleasant Board of Education.

## WeTip - 1-800-78CRIME

WeTip's School Safety Program provides an anonymous crime reporting resource for teachers, students and community members. The toll free hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with trained operators who record tips on illegal activities affecting school districts and communities such as vandalism, graffiti, weapons and drugs. The operators then relay the information to local law enforcement and school officials. WeTip's hotline is a way for people to get involved in establishing a safer community.

The WeTip National School Safety hotline program is a joint involvement of law enforcement, students and their families and school districts. It's implementation serves as an additional tool to ensure a safe and healthy living and learning environment for students and families nationwide.

The WeTip Hotlines are 1-800-78-CRIME, 1-800-47-DRUGS, 1-800-47-ARSON and 1-800-87-FRAUD and are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Tips may also be submitted anonymously and confidentially at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

# April 2012

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# Asbestos Statement & Integrated Pest Management Plan

## Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

The Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education continues to conduct required inspections of all district facilities in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR 763 subpart E.

As part of the inspection process, the district is required to notify the parents, faculty and staff of any pertinent changes in the district relating to asbestos containing materials. The inspection reports are on file at each individual school and a complete district-wide set is available at the Board of Education Office.

All asbestos containing materials within the district are part of an ongoing Operations and Maintenance Program to keep the materials properly maintained. At this time, there is no change in the condition of any of the asbestos containing materials identified in the district management plan.

Should you have any questions regarding the most recent inspection or the condition of asbestos containing materials within the district, please contact the district Facilities Director, Brian Murphy at 732-701-1900 extension 2507.



- ▶ Outline non-chemical controls that will be routinely practiced at the school. Define prescribed use of low impact versus non-low impact pesticides. Maintain records of all pesticide application.
- ▶ Keep the school community informed. Maintain IPM records, issue annual notice of school IPM program status. Establish pre-notification procedures for non-low impact pesticide use. Establish posting procedures for indoor and outdoor areas that are treated with non-low impact pesticides.

The Board of Education initially adopted its Integrated Pest Management Policy No. 7422 on July 12, 2004. The district Facilities Director, Brian Murphy, has been designated as the district's IPM Coordinator. The following pesticides have been used throughout the district over the last 12 months:

### Exterior:

Pesticide Common Name	Pesticide Trade Name	EPA Registration Number
Cavalcade	Proiamine	60063-28-534
Trimec	2, 4d, MCPP, Dicamba	2217-543
Barricade	Prodiamine	100-1139
Surge	Dimethylanime	2217-867
Dimension	Dithropry	707-245
Bifenthrin	Bifenthrin	53883-118-73220

### Interior:

Pesticide Common Name	Pesticide Trade Name	EPA Registration Number
Eco ARX	Eco ARX	67425-15
Max Force Quantum Ant gel/bait	Max Force Quantum Ant gel/bait	432-1506
Final Blox	Final Blox	12455-89
Max Force FC Roach Gel	Max Force FC Roach Gel	64248-14
Advance 388B Ant Gel	Advance 388B Ant Gel	499-492

Pesticides have been applied at the following locations; Point Pleasant Borough High School, Memorial Middle School, Nellie Bennett Elementary School, Ocean Road Elementary School, and the Administrative Offices.

For the district's complete Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice, please visit <http://pointpleasant.k12.nj.us/Facilities.htm>.

\*Pesticides are applied when school is not in session.

## Annual Notification of Implementation of Integrated Pest Management Plan

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires school districts to implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM). In accordance with the requirements of the act, the board shall ensure implementation of an Integrated Pest Management on school property as a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and controlling pests while minimizing pesticide exposure to children, faculty and staff. Implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological, or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The Point Pleasant Borough School District will use site assessment, monitoring, and pest management tactics to keep pests within acceptable limits. Non-pesticide management methods are used whenever possible.

The goals of the District Pest Management Plan are as follows:

- ▶ Pest Identification: Initially, define indoor and outdoor pests for the school by historical account and/or by direct monitoring. Establish monitoring types, schedules, and record keeping.

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# District Survey

## We Value Your Feedback!

The Point Pleasant School District has established a tradition of providing superior educational and co-curricular programming to our student body. An ongoing commitment to improvement necessitates consistent and frequent assessment of our district's programs internally and from the community's perspective.

Please take a few moments to answer the survey to help us better serve our students and the community.

All responses and comments are confidential.

Please return completed surveys to:

Point Pleasant Schools  
Attn: District Survey  
2100 Panther Path  
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

To complete the survey online, visit the district website at [www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us](http://www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us) and click on the survey link under the Quick Links section.

If you have any questions, please call 732-701-1900 extension 2425.

**Thank you for your participation.**



Please circle your answer to the survey questions using the following scale:

Strongly Agree = 5 Agree = 4 Neutral = 3 Disagree = 2 Strongly Disagree = 1

### ACADEMICS

I am pleased with the variety of learning opportunities available in Point Pleasant Schools.

1 2 3 4 5

My child's educational experiences suit his/her unique learning needs.

1 2 3 4 5

### ADMINISTRATION

The administration is available to parents and students.

1 2 3 4 5

The administration responds to concerns in a reasonable and timely manner.

1 2 3 4 5

### CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING

The Point Pleasant School District offers a wide range of co-curricular activities for my child.

1 2 3 4 5

### COMMUNICATION

The district keeps me informed about issues within the schools.

1 2 3 4 5

My child's school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress.

1 2 3 4 5

My preferred method of communication is;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sent Home        | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email            | <input type="checkbox"/> In Person    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter (US Mail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

My preferred method to receive information is;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sent Home        | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email            | <input type="checkbox"/> District Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter (US Mail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |

### SAFETY

Crime and violence are not an issue at my child's school.

1 2 3 4 5

### SCHOOL CLIMATE

School administration and staff foster a positive school climate.

1 2 3 4 5

### STAFF

I am pleased with the quality of the district's teachers.

1 2 3 4 5

The teachers support my child's academic success.

1 2 3 4 5

My child's school staff clearly communicate their expectations for my child.

1 2 3 4 5

### TECHNOLOGY

I am pleased with the amount of technology-based instruction.

1 2 3 4 5

Technological lessons are balanced with instruction on appropriate and safe use of technology.

1 2 3 4 5

Overall, I am satisfied with Point Pleasant Schools.

1 2 3 4 5

### COMMENTS

## **Point Pleasant Schools**

2100 Panther Path

Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

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### **Mission Statement**

To ensure that all students are equipped with the essential skills necessary to acquire knowledge and understanding;

To instill the desire to question and look for truth so that students may become critical thinkers and life-long learners; and

To ensure that all students practice self-discipline, perseverance, fairness and judicious decision making.

It is the expectation of this school district that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.