



Hank Herringshaw, Grade 10

DEPEW

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Declan O'Laughlin, Grade K



Victoria Keller, Grade 1



Tashfia Arysha, Grade 2



Hafcha Sharun, Grade 12

Depew Union Free School District

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REGULAR SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

School Begin Half Day Dismissal Dismiss

High School..... 7:38 a.m..... 11:18 a.m..... 2:20 p.m.

Middle School..... 7:38 a.m..... 11:18 a.m..... 2:20 p.m.

Cayuga Heights..... 8:45 a.m..... 12:05 p.m..... 3:05 p.m.

Additional Half Day Dismissal

On Friday, December 1 there will be a half day dismissal for all students in grades Pre-K-12.

Emergency School Closings

Closing schools due to hazardous weather conditions during the winter months is a difficult decision. The final decision is made by the District's Superintendent after consultation with the local weather bureau, area police agencies, and neighboring school districts. Parents are urged to follow these guidelines for school closings.

Automated Telephone Notification System

Our automated telephone notification system will dial the home, work and cell phone numbers of parents, guardians, and staff to deliver important messages. The district will record emergency messages, school closing information and other pertinent information and broadcast these messages rapidly to all stakeholders in the district. It is an improved way of disseminating information under our District Safety Plan.

Listen to your Radio and Television Stations

Announcements will be made over the radio and television stations as early as possible (between 6:00 and 7:00 AM). Please check announcements on one of the following if the weather is stormy. Do not call the schools as phone lines are used to handle the emergency situation.

Radio	WBUF (92.9)	WTSS (96.1)	WGRF (96.9)	WKSE (98.5)
(FM)	WEDG (103.3)	WHTT (104.1)	WYRK (106.5)	
(AM)	WBEN (930)	WECK (1230)	WGR (55)	
Television	WKBW (Ch. 7)	WGRZ (Ch. 2)	WIVB (Ch. 4)	SPECTRUM

Check with Neighbors They may have heard the radio announcements and can relay messages. Please refrain from calling the public schools, if possible. Do not make presumptions about Depew closing schools. Although other area schools have closed, DEPEW MAY NOT CLOSE.

Students With Disabilities will not be transported to BOCES or private placements when the public schools are closed due to weather.

Non-Public Schools served by Depew will be notified. Depew buses will not transport students to private or parochial schools on that day.

Evening Activities Families should expect that afterschool and evening activities will be canceled during emergency closings.

If school is closed during the school day, students will be kept at the schools until the latest possible moment for safety reasons. Generally the students are safer at school in a supervised and warm environment. In the event that children **MUST** be returned home, dismissal will occur on a school-by-school basis. Please have an emergency plan in place. Parents should arrange to have their children met upon their return and have a neighbor alerted to provide temporary shelter until you arrive home.

Breakfast and Lunch

It is with great pleasure to announce that Depew Union Free School District has received a four (4) year Community Eligibility Provision approval for all children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 academic school year, which would allow for all children at all schools to be served meals at no charge! Each family will be requested to complete the (CEP) Household Income Eligibility form, which is critical in the success of the program and to maintain receiving adequate federal funds for our instructional programs at Depew UFSD. These forms will be mailed out to each family in the district and can be found on our Food Service Webpage. For questions, please call 686-5010 or 686-5009. Menus will be available at www.depewschools.org.



Kendra Chudzinski, Grade 8

During the year, please check our website at www.depewschools.org for updates to this calendar.

Important Information

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Visit our Website

Information on the Depew Union Free School District can be found at www.depewschools.org. You will find information specific to the High School, Middle School and Cayuga Heights Elementary School. The calendar of events and activities will be posted, along with news events from each building. As you go to each building site you will find even more information about your child's school.

If you are interested in athletics you will find sports schedules, team information and driving directions, if needed. Information on sportsmanship and school-sponsored tournaments is also available.

Before every Board of Education meeting, the Board agenda is posted online for those who are interested. Along with this you will find the names and contact numbers of all the trustees elected to the Board of Education.

The Food Service Department will make the school lunch menus for all three buildings available. You will also find other nutrition and healthy eating tips.

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Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be issued quarterly for all middle and high school students in grades 6-12. Cayuga Heights operates on a trimester schedule and with report cards issued three times a year for students in pre-kindergarten to grade 5. All quarterly and trimester marking period closing dates are included in the calendar section. If a parent has any reason to meet with the teacher at any time during the school year, please contact the teacher by calling the school's main office.

Schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Cayuga Heights Elementary (Gr. Pre-K-5) High School & Middle School (Gr. 6-12)

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1-7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6-9 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4, 12-3 p.m.

Information regarding Parent-Teacher Conferences will be sent home with the students so that you may schedule your appointment.

Open House Schedule

Cayuga Heights, Sept. 5, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, 3:30-5 p.m. (Supply drop off)
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 5, Kindergarten, 2-3:30 p.m. (Hot Dog Roast/Supply drop off)
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 5, Grades 1, 3, 5, 4:30-6 p.m. (Supply drop off)
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 5, Grades 2 & 4, 3:30-5 p.m. (Supply drop off)
Depew Middle School, Sept. 28, Grades 6-8, 6-8 p.m.
Depew High School, Sept. 21, Grades 9-12, 6-8 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration - March 19-22, 2024

A child is eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their fifth birthday falls on or before Dec. 1 following the start of the school year in September. A birth certificate, proof of immunization, and proof of residency are required. Kindergarten registration will be held during the week of March 19-22, 2024. Please call the Cayuga Heights Elementary School Office (686-5003) for an appointment to register and for the student to participate in our kindergarten screening for school readiness.

On May 16, 2024, there will be an Orientation Program for those new kindergarten students registered for the 2024-2025 school year. Students presently in kindergarten will have a half day of school that day so that teachers will be available for the orientation sessions.

All artwork in this publication is captioned with the name and grade that the student was in when they produced the artwork.

September 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2023 21 All Other JV/V Sports Begin 23-24 DHS Freshman Locker Days, DHS, 10am-1pm 24 Modified Football Begins 28 All Other Modified Sports Begin 29 DHS Freshman Connection, DHS, 9am			September Fundraisers • AOF/DECA Candy Sale • DMS Class Color T-Shirt Sale Sept. 6-22 • DMS Grade 8 Frozen Food Fundraiser Sept. 29-Oct. 10 • DHS Class of 25, 26 and 27, Spirit Week T-Shirt Sale Fundraiser Sept. 29-Oct 6 • Cayuga PTO Fall Fundraiser & Apparel Sale		1	2
3	4 Labor Day No School	5 Superintendent's Conference Day No School • Welcome to Kindergarten Hot Dog Roast, 2-3:30pm • Open House and Supply Drop Off: UPK (3:30-5pm), Grades 2 & 4 (3:30-5pm), Grades 1, 3, 5 (4:30-6pm)	6 First Day of School for Students	7	8	9
10	11 • DHS Underclassmen Pictures, DHS Aud	12 • DHS Underclassmen Pictures, DHS Aud	13	14 • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm • DHS Mandated Drug & Alcohol Parent Meeting, 7pm	15	16
17	18	19 • Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm	20 • DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting	21 • DHS Open House, 6pm • Senior Portrait Make-Ups/ Re-takes • CHE School Pictures Grades Pre-K-2	22 • CHE School Pictures Grades 3-5	23
24	25	26	27	28 • DMS Fall Picture Day • DMS Open House, 6pm • DHS College Aid Information Night, 7pm	29	30

October 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			• CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm		• Early Dismissal - Pre-K-12, 15 min. Emergency Drill • First Quarter 5-Week Reports	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Columbus Day No School				• DMS Grade 7 Field Trip	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	• DHS Spirit Week until Oct. 20 • All Classes Chicken BBQ, DHS, 3-7pm • Bonfire, 7-9pm	• Powder Puff Game, 5pm • Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm	• DMS Pep Assembly • Modified Football Depew vs. Lancaster @ Depew, 7pm	• JV Football Depew vs. Lancaster @ Depew, 7pm	• DHS Motorcade • DHS Pep Assembly • Depew Lancaster Varsity Game @ Lancaster, 7pm • CHE Book Fair until Oct. 27	• DHS Homecoming Dance, 8-11pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	• Red Ribbon Week until Oct. 27 • DHS Pops Concert, DHS Large Gym, 6:30pm • Trunk or Treat - Challenge for Change, DHS Parking Lot, 7:30pm	Superintendent's Conference Day No School	• DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting • CHE Spooktacular Halloween Bash, 6-7:30pm	• PSAT (Juniors)	• DHS Picture Re-takes • DMS Student Council Dance	
29	30	31	<div>  <div> Alexandra Krasteva, Grade 10 </div> </div> <div>  <div> Annalise Reed, Grade 8 </div> </div>			
			October Fundraisers • CHE PTO Candy Apple Sale • DHS Student Seneate Candy Sale Oct. 6-20 • CHE Book Fair Oct. 20-27 • DHS Music Dept. Cookie Dough Sale Oct. 27-Nov. 9 • DHS Sophomore Class Apparel Sale Oct. 30-Nov. 17			

November 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November Fundraisers • CHE PTO Holiday Wreath Sale			1 • DHS NHS Induction Ceremony, DHS Aud, 6:30pm • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	2 • CHE Fall Picture Re-takes	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 • End of First Marking Period	10 Veterans Day Observed No School	11 • Music Dept. Craft Show, DHS, 10am-3:30pm
12	13 • Start of JV and Varsity Winter Sports	14 • Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm • DHS CTE Parent Info Night, Café, 7pm	15 • DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting	16 • DMS Picture Re-takes • DHS Talent Show, DHS Aud, 7pm	17	18
19	20 • Start of Modified Winter Sports	21	22	23	24	25
Thanksgiving Recess - No School						
26	27 Classes Resume	28	29	30 • CHE Early Dismissal Grades Pre-K-5, Students leave at noon • Parent Teacher Conferences, Pre-K-5 (1-7pm), Grades 6-12 (6-9pm)	 <i>Raina Connors, Grade 2</i>	 <i>Roman Boyer, Grade 9</i>

December 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>Mordue Reinhardt, Grade 12</i>	 <i>Shayla Berroa, Grade 1</i>				1	2
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day - Pre-K-12 • Parent Teacher Conferences, Pre-K-5 (1-3pm), Grades 6-12 (12-3pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Roll Breakfast Grade 6 • CHE Winter Concert, Bands & Choruses, DHS Aud, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Roll Breakfast Grade 7 • DMS Winter Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Roll Breakfast Grade 8 • DMS Winter Assembly & Pictures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day - Pre-K-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE PTO Breakfast with Santa
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHE Merry Moose Holiday Shop until Dec. 15 • DHS Winter Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS/DHS Jazz Bands & Choirs Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concert Snow Date 	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildcat Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament until Dec. 23, DHS Gym 		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Winter Recess - No School					

January 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div>Aliyah Natal, Grade 9</div>	1 <div>Winter Recess No School</div>	2 Classes Resume	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm 	4	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECMEA Elementary Solo Festival, DMS/DHS, All Day
7	8	9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Spelling Bee 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECMEA Jr. High Solo Festival, Orchard Park HS, Orchard Park
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting 	18	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECMEA Sr. High Festival, BPA
21	22	23 <div>Regents Exams</div>	24	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Second Marking Period ECIC/NFL Varsity Basketball Challenge until Jan. 27, DHS Gym 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECMEA Elementary Solo Festival, DMS/DHS - Snow date if necessary
28	29 Reorganization Day No School	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Freshman Orientation (Grade 8), DHS Aud, 7pm 	January Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 Fundraiser Jan. 10-29 		

February 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Spring Candy Sale DMS Student Council Valentines Grams Sale Feb. 2-12 			 Kinsya Kretzman, Grade 4	1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Winter Ball 	3
4	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Follies Week Assembly 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Father/Daughter Dance - KEY Club, DHS Gym/Café, 6:30-8:30pm
11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 6 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 7 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 8 	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day No School	20	21	22	23	24
Mid-Winter Recess - No School						
25	26 Classes Resume	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting 	29	 Ava Purpura, Grade 9	 Vyncena Clark-Benton, Grade 9

March 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Fundraisers • CHE PTO Spring Candy Sale		 <i>Mordue Reinhardt, Grade 12</i>	 <i>Zoey Zmozynski, Grade 5</i>		1	2
3	4	5	6 • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	7 • DHS Third Annual Skilled Trades Expo, DHS Gym/Café, 6-8pm	8 • CHE PTO Hoops and Scoops • Third Quarter 5-Week Reports	9 • ECMEA Jr. High Concert
10	11 • Start of JV and Varsity Spring Sports	12 • CHE Spring School Pictures Grades Pre-K-2	13 • CHE Spring School Pictures Grades 3-5	14	15 Superintendent's Conference Day No School • DHS Musical, DHS Aud, 7:30pm	16 • ECMEA Elementary Concert, Kleinhans • DHS Musical, DHS Aud, 2pm & 7:30pm
17	18 Superintendent's Conference Day No School • Start of Modified Spring Sports	19 • Kindergarten Registration & Screening until March 22 • Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm	20 • DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting	21 • DHS College & Financial Aid Information Night, DHS Café, 7pm	22	23 • ECMEA Sr. High Concert, UB
24	25	26	27 • Spring Festival of Bands, DHS Aud, 7pm	28	29 Spring Recess No School	30
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April 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Hannah Stencel, Grade 12</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Spring Recess - No School					
7	<div>Spring Recess No School</div>	Classes Resume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3-5 ELA & Math, Grade 5 & 8 Science Testing Window until May 17 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm 	11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Music Spring Craft Show, DHS, 10am-3:30pm
14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS/DHS PTO Meeting Practice ACT (Sophomores) 	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Third Marking Period 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Depew, DHS Aud, 8pm 	27
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheektowaga Choirs Concert, DHS Aud, 3pm 	29	30	 <p>Mya Culley, Grade 3</p>	April Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE PTO Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale 		

May 2024

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 Kiera Burns, Grade 2			1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Spring Concert Bands, DHS Aud, 7:30pm CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm 	2	3	4
5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 6 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 7 Cayuga Heights Spring Concert: Bands & Choruses, DHS Aud, 7pm 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Roll and Most Improved Breakfast Grade 8 DMS Spring Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Freedom In America Assembly, DHS Aud, 8:30-9:30am CHE PTO Individual Mother's Day Plant Sale for Students 	11
12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Awards Consortium, DHS Aud, 7pm CHE PTO Book Fair until May 17 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Budget Hearing, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Spring Concert Choruses, DHS Aud, 7:30pm DMS/DHS PTSO Meeting 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Orientation Half Day for Kindergarten ONLY DMS NJHS Induction, DHS Aud, 5:30pm 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Band/Choir Trip Fourth Quarter 5-Week Reports 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Band/Choir Trip
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Band/Choir Trip 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Band/Choir Trip 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMS Character Breakfast of Champions Budget Vote and Election, DHS Gymnasium, 12-8pm, Board of Education Meeting to Follow Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner, Café, 3pm 	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 Class Trip 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 Class Trip 	25
26	Memorial Day No School	Classes Resume	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Department Banquet, Ripa's, 6-10pm 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Grim Reaper Day 	 Keyla Ruiz, Grade 8

June 2024

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 <p>Aleigha Sharpe, Grade 10</p>	 <p>Jillian McClure, Grade 5</p>	 <p>McKenna Groff, Grade 6</p>	 <p>Stacey Bryan, Grade 11</p>	 <p>Abby Dzialak, Grade 12</p>		1
2	3	4 Algebra 1 Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Senior Athletes Award Night, DHS Café, 6pm Class of 2025 Senior Portraits until June 6 CHE 3rd Grade Instrument Recruitment, DHS Aud, 7pm 	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHE Grade 4 Spelling Bee, DHS Aud, 9:30am CHE PTO Color Run Grade 8 Class Celebration DECA/AOF Car & Bike Show, 5pm 	8
9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting, DHS Café, 6:30pm 	12	13	14 Regents Exams	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Regents Exams		Juneteenth Holiday No School	Regents Exams		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Regents Exams				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class of 2024 Commencement, DHS Aud, 7pm 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Junior/Senior Prom, The Admiral Room, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Fourth Marking Period 			

When Students are Tested

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The chart below details the NYS Assessments and Regents Exams for the 2023-24 school year at the time of printing. Please consult our website for any updates.

Examination	Administration Dates	Make-Up Dates
High School Regents	Jan. 24-27	
Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities	March 11-June 7	Within Testing Dates
Grades 3-8 ELA, Grades 3-8 Math and Grades 5 & 8 Science	April 9-May 17	Within Testing Dates
NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test - Spoken	April 15-May 24	Within Testing Dates
NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test - Listening, Reading and Writing	May 13-24	Within Testing Dates
High School Regents	June 4 - Algebra 1 Exam June 14-26 (No Test 6/19)	

Besides the English language arts and math assessments in grades 3-8, there are benchmark exams in science in eighth grades. For information on testing and other documents including the new common core curricula in English Language Arts and Math visit www.engageny.org.

Overview of the Standards and Assessments

The Next Generation Learning Standards, approved by NYSED in 2017, have been the result of over two years of collaborative work to ensure New York State has the best learning standards for our students. Over 130 educators and parents worked together to make recommendations and revise the standards, resulting in a new set of revised English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards. In high school, the English Language Arts standards for reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language are also translated to literacy standards in history and social studies, science, and technical subjects. The expectation is that students will develop literacy skills specific to these subject areas in addition to what they learn in their language arts classes. The goal of next generation standards is to raise the achievement bar to a level comparable to those of the best education systems in the world. Graduating students must be college and career ready.

Graduation Requirements: High school students must pass certain Regents Examinations and a foreign language proficiency to graduate. In addition, students must earn a minimum of 22 credits to graduate. Call the Counseling Center for further information.

Higher Level Thinking Skills: The state assessments like the curricula focus on students being independent thinkers. Learning facts and computations are only a beginning. Students need to apply skills to solve daily as well as abstract problems. The key to school success is the ability to express knowledge, support opinions with data, and utilize a variety of resources. To be competitive in today's global market, our students need to be highly skilled, problem solvers, and good communicators. The standards and assessments developed by New York State set the criteria and measure our success at preparing students for life.

College Entrance Schedule 2023-24

To complete most college applications, students often take college entrance examinations. Either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and/or the American College Test (ACT) meet this requirement for many colleges. These tests may also be used to qualify for some scholarships. Students should plan to take one or both exams in May or June of their junior year, which gives them the opportunity to repeat one or both at the beginning of their senior year. Applications are available in the Counseling Center or register online. This year the Practice SAT (PSAT) is offered to juniors on Oct. 26, 2023 and the Practice ACT (PACT) will be given to sophomores on April, 24, 2024. Students should seek assistance in the HS Counseling Center.

Students may earn college credit by taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams and Advanced Studies courses through Erie Community College. There are also opportunities to earn college credit for Project Lead the Way, Spanish, and French. For further information, contact the High School Counseling Center at 686-5076.

SAT & ACT Testing in New York State (Please visit the Counseling Office to register or register online).

SAT Test Dates

Aug. 26, 2023
Oct. 7, 2023
Nov. 4, 2023
Dec. 2, 2023
March 9, 2024
May 4, 2024
June 1, 2024

SAT Registration Deadline

July 28, 2023
Sept. 8, 2023
Oct. 6, 2023
Nov. 3, 2023
Feb. 23, 2024
April 19, 2024
May 17, 2024

ACT Test Dates

Sept. 9, 2023
Oct. 28, 2023
Dec. 9, 2023
Feb. 10, 2024
April 13, 2024
June 8, 2024

ACT Registration Deadline

Aug. 4, 2023
Sept. 22, 2023
Nov. 3, 2023
Jan. 5, 2024
March 8, 2024
May 3, 2024

Board of Education/District Administration

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Board of Education

The Depew Union Free School District Board of Education sets policy for the school district, in accordance with state and federal laws. The seven members are elected by District residents and serve unpaid, three-year terms. Elections are held at the time of the annual budget vote in May.

President

David Sheff
208-2635

Vice President

Todd Bush
807-8537

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Amy Dooddy
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Patrick Law
560-3887

Bartholomew McGloin
341-1466

Justin P. Young
316-1243

District Clerk

Jessica Neischel
686-5104

Treasurer

TBD
686-5107

Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the High School Cafeteria (unless otherwise noted). The annual reorganization meeting takes place in July each year. The public will be notified of any change in location, time or dates. Board meeting dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Education. Meeting dates are available on the district Website calendar, www.depewschools.org.

August 15, 2023

September 19, 2023

October 17, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 19, 2023

January 16, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 16, 2024

June 11, 2024

Budget Information

May 14, 2024 - Budget Hearing at
Depew High School Cafeteria

May 21, 2024 - Budget Vote and Election at
Depew High School Gymnasium, Noon - 8 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting to Follow



District Administration

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Superintendent of Schools	Hank Stopinski, Ed.D.	686-5104
Assistant Superintendent	Shanda DuClon	686-5103
School Business Administrator	Donna Hill	686-5110
Director of Instruction, Curriculum	Joseph D'Amato	686-5129
Board of Education, District Clerk	Jessica Neischel	686-5104
Director of Special Education & Pupil Services	Jill Snuszka	686-5123
Athletic Director	Robert Skoczylas	686-5077
Director of Technology & DPO	Andrew Gilliam	686-5066
Director of Facilities	TBD	686-5088
School Lunch Manager	Joseph Metty	686-5009

Depew High School • Grades 9-12

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Executive Principal	James Lupini	686-5091
Assistant Principal	Lynne Girdlestone	686-5090
Counseling Center		686-5069
School Nurse	Meghan Stablewski	686-5087
Attendance Office		686-5084

Depew Middle School • Grades 6-8

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Principal	Bernadette Krumpek	686-5050
Assistant Principal	Natasha Fatta	686-5040
Counseling Center		686-5055
School Nurse	Lynne Martin	686-5042
Attendance Office		686-5055

Cayuga Heights Elementary • Grades K-5

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Principal	Michelle Kudla	686-5006
Assistant Principal	Rebecca Fatta	686-5026
School Nurses	Julie Smith	686-5008
	Nancy Fayad	686-5007
Attendance Office		686-5005

Transportation Department

Supervisor	Kari Turner	686-5155
Head Bus Driver	Catherine Brossard	686-5142



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Comprehensive District Education Plan 2021-24

Vision

Provide an engaging learning environment focused on achieving excellence.

Mission

Challenge and inspire students to achieve at the highest level and become responsible citizens.

Guiding Philosophy

Continuous Improvement

Goals

- To inspire and prepare students to be confident, competent, caring and contributing individuals who can meet and overcome life's challenges.
- To transform learning through an innovative K-12 educational environment that prepares our students for a rapidly changing world.
- To provide a safe and inviting school climate by fostering a culturally responsive positive environment with student, parents, staff and community.



Mak Perry, Grade 12



Tabitha Farnsworth, Grade 9