

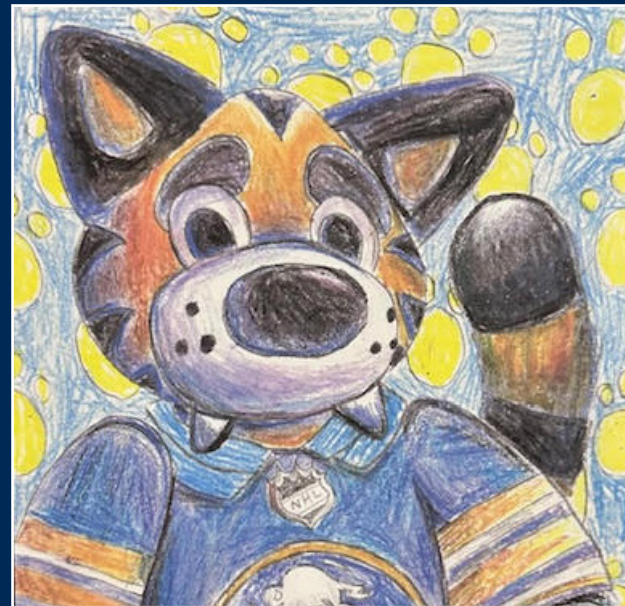
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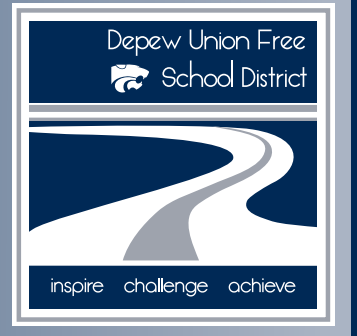


Hannah Nguyen, Grade 5

# DEPEW

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dakota Jakubowski, Grade 11



# 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.

## 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 will continue the Community Eligibility Provision for all children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2025-2026 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 (716) 686-5010 or (716) 686-5009. Menus will be available at [www.depewschools.org](http://www.depewschools.org).



Aliyal Natal, Grade 11

*During the year, please check our website at [www.depewschools.org](http://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](http://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)

Monday, Nov. 24, 1-7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24, 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 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. 2, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, 3-4:30 p.m. (Supply drop off)  
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 2, Kindergarten, 1:30-3:00 p.m. (Hot Dog Roast/Supply drop off)  
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 2, Grades 1, 3, 5, 4-5:30 p.m. (Supply drop off)  
Cayuga Heights, Sept. 2, Grades 2 & 4, 3-4:30 p.m. (Supply drop off)  
Depew Middle School, Sept. 4, Grades 6-8, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Depew High School, Sept. 4, Grades 9-12, 6-7:30 p.m.

## Kindergarten Registration - March 23, 2026

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 23, 2026. Please call the Cayuga Heights Elementary School Office 716-686-5003 for an appointment to register and for the student to participate in our kindergarten screening for school readiness.

On May 14, 2026, there will be an Orientation Program for those new kindergarten students registered for the 2026-2027 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 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September Fundraisers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cayuga PTO Fall Fundraiser</li> <li>• Music Booster Mum Sale</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>  <b>Labor Day</b> No School	<b>2</b> <b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> No School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHE Open House &amp; Supply Drop-Off (Various Grades)</li> <li>• Welcome to Kindergarten Hot Dog Roast, 1:30-3pm</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of School for Students</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMS/DHS Open House, 6-7:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHS Underclassman Pictures, DHS Aud</li> </ul>	<b>9</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHS Underclassman Pictures, DHS Aud</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm</li> </ul>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>17</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Pictures (Grades Pre-K-2)</li> </ul>	<b>18</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Pictures (Grades 3-5)</li> </ul>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMS Picture Day (during PE Class)</li> </ul>	<b>23</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMS Picture Day (during PE Class)</li> </ul>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of Eighth Grade Fundraiser for Eighth Grade Trip</li> </ul>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>August 2025</b> <div>                     5 Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 7am                      18 Start date for all Varsity and JV Sports                      19 Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm                      21 Modified Football Begins                      25 All Modified Sports Begin                      26-27 DHS Freshman Locker Days, 10am-1pm                      26 Grade 6 Orientation in DHS gym, 8am-12pm                 </div> <div>                     26 Grade 6 Locker Move In, 12-1pm                      27 Grades 7 &amp; 8 Grade Locker Move In, 10am-12pm                      27 Grades 7 &amp; 8 Transfer Student Orientation, 8:30-9:45am, Counseling Center                      27 7th &amp; 8th Grade Locker Move In, 10am-12pm                      27 DHS Freshman Connection, 8:30am-12:30pm                      28 Superintendent's Conference Day                 </div>			

# October 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October Fundraisers</b> • CHE PTO Candy Apple Sale		 Addison Swiderski, Grade 6	1  • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm • DHS College Aid Information Night, DHS Café, 7-9pm	2	3  • DMS/DHS Quarter 1- 5 Week Reports • K-12 - 15 min. Early Release Drill	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13  <b>Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day</b> No School	14	15  • Senior Portrait Retakes	16	17  • DHS Picture Retakes	18
19	20  • Homecoming Week vs. Lancaster • Chicken BBQ, DHS, 3-6pm • DHS Bonfire, 6-8pm	21  • Powder Puff Football Game • Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	22  • Modified Football Depew vs. Lancaster @ Depew, 7pm	23  • JV Football Depew vs. Lancaster @ Depew, 7pm	24  • DHS Pep Assembly & Motorcade • Depew Lancaster Varsity Game @ Lancaster, 7pm	25  • DHS Homecoming Dance, DHS Gym, 7pm
26	27  • CHE Red Ribbon Week until Oct. 31 • DHS Pops Concert, DHS Large Gym, 6:30pm • Trunk or Treat- Challenge for Change, DHS Parking Lot, 7:30pm	28  • CHE Spooktacular Halloween Bash, 6-7:30pm	29  • PSAT (Juniors) • CHE Fall Picture Retakes	30	31	 Annabella Rubach, Kindergarten



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Anthony Frank-Sasiadek, Grade 11</p>	 <p>Anya DiPasquale, Grade 1</p>	 <p>Ashley Erman, Grade 8</p>	 <p>Austin Smith, Grade 12</p>	 <p>Avery Ley, Grade 7</p>	 <p>Faiza Hassain, Grade 3</p>	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> No School	<b>Veterans Day</b> No School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE PTO, 7pm</li> <li>DHS NHS Induction Ceremony, DHS Aud, 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMS Picture Retake Day</li> <li>DHS CTE Parent Info Night, Café, 7pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Quarter 1 Marking Period</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Dept. Craft Show, DHS, 10am-3pm</li> </ul>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of JV and Varsity Winter Sports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm</li> </ul>				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Modified Winter Sports</li> <li>Parent-Teacher Conferences, PK-5 (1-7pm), Grades 6-12 (4-7pm)</li> <li>CHE Early Dismissal, Grades Pre-K-5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent-Teacher Conferences, PK-5 (1-3pm), Grades 6-12 (12-3pm)</li> <li>Early Dismissal, Grades K-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Half Day</li> </ul>	<b>Thanksgiving Recess - No School</b>		

# December 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Courtney Cole, Grade 11</p>	1	2	3 • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	4	5	6 • PTO Breakfast with Santa
7 • CHE Merry Moose Holiday Shop until Dec. 12	8	9	10 • DMS Winter Concert, 7:30pm, DHS Aud	11 • DHS Band and Chorus Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm	12 • DMS/DHS Quarter 2-5 week reports	13
14 • CHE Intermediate Band Concert, 6:30pm; CHE Chorus Concert, 7:15pm, CHE Aud	15	16 • Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	17 • DMS/DHS Jazz Bands & Choirs Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm	18 • Concert Snow Date • Wildcat Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament until Dec. 20, DHS Gym	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Recess - No School						
28	29 Winter Recess - No School	30	31	 <p>Dorcaelle Eugene, Grade 3</p>	 <p>Delilah Torres-Hirsch, Grade 9</p>	 <p>Giada Rzeszutek, Grade 11</p>

# January 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Grace Pesola, Grade 6	 Isabella Shipley, Grade 6	 Kate Durham, Grade 10	 Kiaan Enhagen, Grade 4	1  <b>Winter Recess - No School</b>	2	3
4	5  <b>Classes Resume</b>	6	7  • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	8	9  • DMS Spelling Bee	10  • ECMEA Elementary Solo Festival/Jr High Vocal Auditions/HS Instrumental Jazz Auditions
11	12	13	14	15	16	17  • ECMEA Junior High Instrumental Solo Festival (Grades 7,8 and 9), Orchard Park
18	19  <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> No School	20  <b>Regents Exams</b>	21	22	23	24  • ECMEA Sr. High Solo Festival, TBA
25	26  <b>Reorganization Day</b> No School	27  • Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	28  • DMS Freshman Orientation (Grade 8), DHS Aud, 7pm	29  • CHE Musical, CHE Aud, 7pm	30  • CHE Musical, CHE Aud, 7pm	31



# February 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	5 • CHE Musical, CHE Aud, 7pm	6 • CHE Musical, CHE Aud, 7pm	7 • DHS Father/Daughter Dance - KEY Club, DHS Gym/Café, 6:30-8:30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Mid-Winter Recess - No School					
22	23  Classes Resume	24  • Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	25	26	27	28
 Layken Simme, Grade 2	 LeeAnne Edwards, Grade 11	 Lucas Glosek, Grade 1	 Lucas Jackson, Grade 6	 Mia Place, Grade 4	 Mina Mohammed, Grade 9	 Natalie Justen, Grade 1

# March 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	5  • CHE PTO Family Fun Night	6  • DMS/DHS Quarter 3- 5 week reports • ECMEA Junior High South Festival (Grades 7 & 8)	7  • ECMEA Junior High South Festival (Grades 7 & 8)
8	9	10  • CHE Spring School Pictures, Grades Pre-K-2	11  • CHE Spring School Pictures, Grades 3-5	12  • DMS Musical Preview	13  • DHS Musical, DHS Aud, 7:30pm	14  • DHS Musical, DHS Aud, 2pm & 7:30pm
15	16  • Start of Modified, JV and Varsity Spring Sports	17  • Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	18	19  • DHS Fourth Annual Skilled Trades Expo, DHS Gym/ Café, 6-8pm	20  <b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> No School  • ECMEA Sr. High Festival, UB	21  • ECMEA Sr. High Festival, UB
22	23  • Start of Modified Spring Sports • Kindergarten Registration & Screening until March 26	24	25  • DHS College & Financial Aid Information Night, DHS Café, 7pm	26  • Spring Festival of Bands, Grades 4-12, DHS Aud, 7pm	27  • ECMEA Elementary Concert, Kleinhans	28  • Music Dept Spring Craft Show • ECMEA Elementary Concert, Kleinhans
29	30	31	<div>   </div> <div>           Ryan Snyder, Kindergarten                       Samantha Fino, Grade 10         </div>			

# April 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>Bailey Bator, Grade 6</i>	 <i>Cecil Milligan, Grade 12</i>	 <i>Aubrey Johnson, Grade 3</i>	1 • CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm	2 • District Half Day	3 <div>Spring Recess No School</div>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Spring Recess - No School					
	• Grade 3-8 ELA & Math, Grade 5 & 8 Science Testing Window until May 15				• End of Quarter 3 Marking Period	• Wildcat Relays
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Classes Resume					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		NYS ELA Assessments Grades 6-8				
		• Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm	• SAT School Day-Juniors			
26	27	28	29	30	<b>April Fundraisers</b> • CHE PTO Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale	
				<div>NYS Science Assessment Grade 8</div> • Practice ACT (Sophomores)		



# May 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Fatima Jannat, Grade 12</p>	 <p>Hannah Nguyen, Grade 5</p>	 <p>Emma Bielefeld, Grade 9</p>	 <p>Jade Poules, Grade 1</p>	 <p>Kayla Szramko, Grade 6</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Mr. Depew, DHS Aud, 8pm</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>
3	4	<p>5</p> <div>NYS Math Assessment</div>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Spring Concert Bands, DHS Aud, 7:30pm</li> <li>CHE PTO Meeting, 7pm</li> </ul>	7	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE PTO Individual Mother's Day Plant Sale for Students</li> </ul>	9
10	11	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Hearing, HS Café, 6:30pm</li> <li>DHS Awards Consortium, DHS Aud, 7pm</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE Spring Concert: Bands &amp; Choruses, CHE Aud, 6:30pm &amp; 7:15pm</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten Orientation, ½ Day of School for Kindergarten ONLY</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMS Student in America Assembly</li> <li>DMS/DHS Quarter 4-5 Week Reports</li> </ul>	16
17	18	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Vote &amp; Election, HS Gym, 12-8pm</li> <li>Breakfast of Champions (Tentative Date)</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Spring Concert Choruses, DHS Aud, 7:30pm</li> </ul>	21	<p>22</p> <p><b>Memorial Day Recess</b> No School</p>	23
24	<p>25</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> No School</p>	26	27	28	29	30
31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMS Spring Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm</li> </ul>			

# June 2026

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	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE Grade 3 Instrument Recruitment, DHS Aud, 7pm</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS/DMS Jazz Bands &amp; Choirs Concert, DHS Aud, 7:30pm</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Senior Breakfast, Walk &amp; Picnic</li> <li>Class of 2027 Senior Portraits until June 5</li> <li>Music Department Banquet, Ripa's, 6-9pm</li> <li>CHE PTO Color Blast Dash</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Banquet, Grapevine, 6-9pm</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DECA/AOF Car &amp; Bike Show, DHS, 5-8:30pm</li> </ul>	6
7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE PTO Book Fair until June 12</li> </ul>	9 <div>Regents Exams</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Senior Athletes Award Night, DHS Café, 6pm</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE PTO Color Blast Dash Rain Date</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS Prom, Sterling at Arrowhead</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHE Grade 5 Promotional Ceremony</li> <li>Grade 8 Moving Up Celebration</li> </ul>	13
14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Education Meeting, HS Café, 6:30pm</li> </ul>	17 <div>Regents Exams</div> <div>DMS Tentative Start of Final Exams</div>	18	19 <div>Juneteenth Holiday</div> <div>No School</div>	20
21	22 <div>DMS Final Exams</div> <div>Regents Exams</div>	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Quarter 4 Marking Period</li> </ul>	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rating Day- Last Teacher Day</li> <li>Class of 2026 Commencement, DHS Aud, 7pm</li> </ul>	27
28	29	30  Mackenzie Krawczyk, Grade 10	 Madelyn Schoeder, Grade 9	 Max Wedzina, Grade 2	 Melanie Fatta, Grade 10	

# When Students are Tested

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The chart below details the NYS Assessments and Regents Exams for the 2025-26 school year at the time of printing. Please consult our website for any updates.

Examination	Administration Dates	Make-Up Dates
High School Regents	Jan. 20-23	
Grades 3-8 ELA, Grades 3-8 Math and Grades 5 & 8 Science	April 6- May 15	Within Testing Dates
High School Regents	June 9, 2026 June 17-25, 2026 (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](http://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 2025-26

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. 29, 2025 and the Practice ACT (PACT) will be given to sophomores on April 30, 2026. 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 716-686-5076.

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

### SAT Test Dates

August 23, 2025  
Sept. 13, 2025  
Oct. 4, 2025  
Nov. 8, 2025  
Dec. 6, 2025  
March 14, 2026  
May 2, 2026  
June 6, 2026

### SAT Registration Deadline

Aug. 8, 2025  
Aug. 29, 2025  
Sept. 19, 2025  
Oct. 24, 2025  
Nov. 21, 2025  
Feb. 27, 2026  
April 17, 2026  
May 22, 2026

### ACT Test Dates

Sept. 6, 2025  
Oct. 18, 2025  
Dec. 13, 2025  
Feb. 14, 2026  
April 11, 2026  
June 13, 2026  
July 11, 2026

### ACT Registration Deadline

Aug. 1, 2025  
Sept. 12, 2025  
Nov. 7, 2025  
Jan. 9, 2026  
March 6, 2026  
May 8, 2026  
June 5, 2026

## Census Information

The Depew Union Free School District is conducting the census defined in New York State Education Law Section 3242.

If you have children in your home 18 years of age or younger, or between the ages of 18-21 who have not yet graduated from high school, please provide all of the information requested.

If you do not have children within these age ranges you do not need to complete this census.





## 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

Batholomew McGloin  
716-341-1466

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Patrick Law  
716-560-3887

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716-390-5938

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718-508-2845

Nicholas LaMarca  
716-725-2824

Jeffrey Ordon  
716-984-0564

John Spencer  
716-863-1973

### District Clerk

Jessica Neischel  
716-686-5104

### Treasurer

Annette Rydzynski  
716-686-5107

## 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](http://www.depewschools.org).

August 5, 2025

August 19, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 16, 2025

January 20, 2026

February 24, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 26, 2026

June 16, 2026

## Budget Information

May 12, 2026 - Budget Hearing at  
Depew High School Cafeteria

May 19, 2026 - 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	Katie Smith	716-686-5104
Asst. Supt. for Business Operations	Elizabeth Sterns	716-686-5110
Asst. Supt. of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	Rebecca Fatta	716-686-5129
Board of Education, District Clerk	Jessica Neischel	716-686-5104
Director of Exceptional Education Services	Natasha Fatta	716-686-5123
Athletic Director	Robert Skoczylas	716-686-5077
Director of Technology & DPO	Andrew Gilliam	716-686-5066
Director of Facilities	Jim Geblein	716-686-5088
School Lunch Manager	Joseph Metty	716-686-5009

## Depew High School • Grades 9-12

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Principal	Paul Renzoni	716-686-5091
Assistant Principal	Lynne Girdlestone	716-686-5090
Counseling Center		716-686-5069
School Nurse	Meghan Stablewski	716-686-5087
Attendance Office		716-686-5084

## Depew Middle School • Grades 6-8

5201 S. Transit Road, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 716-686-5045

Principal	Bernadette Krumpek	716-686-5050
Assistant Principal	Jamie Roe	716-686-5040
Counseling Center		716-686-5055
School Nurse	Lynne Martin	716-686-5042
Attendance Office		716-686-5055

## Cayuga Heights Elementary • Grades K-5

1780 Como Park Boulevard, Depew, N.Y. 14043 • 716-686-5005

Principal	Michelle Kudla	716-686-5006
Assistant Principal	Bonnie Schaaf	716-686-5026
School Nurses	Nancy Fayad	716-686-5007
	Julie Smith	716-686-5008
Attendance Office		716-686-5005

## Transportation Department

Supervisor	Suzanne DeMartino	716-686-5155
Head Bus Driver	Catherine Brossard	716-686-5142
Head Bus Driver	Stephanie Musilli	716-686-5141
Transportation Clerk	Kimberly Weaver	716-686-5155



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# Comprehensive District Education Plan 2024-27

### Vision

Depew Union Free School District is an inclusive environment where all are valued, respected, and supported to reach their fullest potential.

### Mission

Challenge and inspire students to achieve academically, socially, and civically in a safe, affirming school community.

### We Believe That

With consistent school and family collaboration, all students can learn and be prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Promoting positive physical, social, and emotional health is essential to nurturing students' overall well-being.

Fostering critical thinking, knowledge application, and adaptability are key to empowering students for success.

### District Improvement Goals

- To empower students with the skills to contribute to society and overcome life's challenges.
- To harness innovative learning opportunities that prepare our students for a rapidly changing world.
- To provide a safe and inviting school culture by fostering positive relationships among students, parents, staff and the community.



Ryan Snyder, Grade K



Ella Pagano, Grade 11



Jasmine Fermin, Grade 12