

# HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

*Home of the Golden Knights*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023  
**GRADUATES**



## OUR MISSION

Holland Patent Central School will provide a safe, caring, positive environment where all students can achieve their maximum innate potential and acquire the skills, attitudes and abilities necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

*Back to School*



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
*Thursday, September 7*

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

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Holland Patent Named  
**NYSPHSAA**  
**SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**  
Winner 2022-2023

The purpose of NYSPHSAA is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor. Holland Patent is one of 219 schools earned Excellence.



*September 2023*

## Dear Holland Patent School Community:

As summer comes to conclusion and we look forward to the first day of school with all of the learning and excitement ahead this coming school year, I am reflecting on how it is a special time to be a part of the Holland Patent school community. This past summer we were able to welcome our students for a second year of full day enrichment summer programming. Our classrooms were filled with smiling children enjoying an in-person and engaging learning experience. In addition to the traditional reading, writing and math enrichment, students had the opportunity to engage in camps ranging from music, sports, arts, technology and more. It was uplifting to see them also having time to be social with each other and make lasting connections.

Throughout the summer our teachers enthusiastically engaged in professional learning and preparing for the upcoming school year. We have a talented group of teachers who are excited to welcome the new year in with learning strategies to foster a positive and academic learning environment. We will be focusing on expanding opportunities for our students as we move towards preparing our children for a future-oriented path. We have been reviewing the current technology, infrastructure and grounds for future opportunities for our students, as we focus on capital improvements. We are always looking for additional opportunities to provide to the students in the Holland Patent community.

The upcoming school year will be focused on the district's efforts to innovate, allocate resources and continuously grow in a coordinated, thoughtful and aligned manner. We will continue to embrace the three priorities of our Blueprint for Excellence, including Academic Excellence, Student Opportunities and Community Connections. These three areas will be focus points for our schools as we keep our vision to be a leading educational organization where all students and staff are excited to be engaged and growing to their full academic potential as the focus. We are committed to meeting the comprehensive needs of our students. We will embrace and support a culture of positive collaboration and productive cooperation. It is through this lens we begin on our journey for this upcoming year.

Welcome back to a school year full of opportunities for growth and achievement!

*Dr. Cheryl J. Venetozzi*  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

ANNEX BOARD ROOM (unless stated otherwise)

September 13, 2023	6:30 p.m.
October 11, 2023	6:30 p.m. – HS Library
November 8, 2023	6:30 p.m.
December 13, 2023	6:30 p.m. – MS Library
January 17, 2024	6:30 p.m.
February 7, 2024	6:30 p.m. – HPE Cafeteria
March 6, 2024	6:30 p.m.
March 20, 2024	6:30 p.m. – GWF Cafeteria
April 16, 2024	6:30 p.m. – BOCES Budget
May 7, 2024	6:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing – HS Library (no regular meeting)
May 21, 2024	7:00 p.m. - HS Library (Budget Vote Day)
June 12, 2024	6:30 p.m.

Any Special Board of Education meetings will be called at least twenty-four hours in advance and notice of such special meetings will be posted on the school district bulletin board and prompt notification will be given to the news media.

## NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

If you need to register a student or you have questions other than registering a new student, contact the following secretary:

### Elementary Schools

Melissa Wyrick | 315-865-8151  
*Holland Patent Elementary*

JoAnn Carro | 315-865-5721  
*General William Floyd Elementary*

### Middle School

Jody Shepard | 315-865-7204

### High School

Carrie DeBernardis | 315-865-8154

## CHECK OUT ONE OF OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES!

Sophomores in Ms. Robert's English classes helped to build and decorate Little Free Libraries as their end-of-the-year project.

There are three of them in all:

1. Trenton Town Park
2. Holland Patent Park (by the gazebo)
3. Floyd Town Park



## Notice of Compliance

### The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) is a federal law that affords certain rights to parents of minor students with regard to surveys that ask questions of a personal nature. Briefly, the law requires that schools obtain written consent from parents before minor students are required to participate in any U.S. Department of Education funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information: <http://web2.moboces.org/policies/hollandpatent/6131.1%20PPRA%20Opt%20Out%20Letter.pdf>

### Student Privacy Policy

Student Privacy Policy - FERPA Board of Education Policy #6130.2 <http://web2.moboces.org/policies/hollandpatent/6130.2%20FERPA%20Notice.pdf>

### Attendance Policy

Attendance Plain Language - Board of Education Policy 6020.1 <http://web2.moboces.org/policies/hollandpatent/6020.1%20plain%20language%20student%20attendance.pdf>

### Title VI, IX

The Holland Patent Central School District prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or other legally protected category. This policy is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Inquiries concerning this policy and information about complaint procedures may be referred to Nancy Nowicki at (315) 865-7200.

## Annual Notification

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education that require an annual structural safety inspection, a copy of each report is available for review during school hours by appointment. Please contact Kenneth Smith at (315) 865-7213 if you wish to arrange an appointment or if you have any questions.

Safety staff from the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES performed the inspections as per guidelines.

## Official Newspaper

Many district residents are unaware that the official newspaper designated by the Board of Education is the *Daily Sentinel*. Residents are reminded that this newspaper is used to release both legal and all general school information throughout the year. The *Utica Observer-Dispatch* also receives our news releases.

## Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment

The Holland Patent Central School District makes decisions regarding employment without consideration of an individual's race, color, creed, religion, national origin (regardless of English language skills), age, sex (including gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation), marital status, military or veteran status, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, arrest record, or prior criminal convictions, except when sex or age are a bona fide occupational qualification, when a criminal conviction is related to job duties, and when an individual's religion or disability warrants reasonable accommodation. <http://web2.moboces.org/policies/hollandpatent/8005%20Prohibition%20of%20Discrimination%20and%20Harassment%20Including%20Sexual%20Harassment%20in%20Employment.pdf>

## Pesticide Notification

As required under New York State law for notification of herbicide application, this notice is to inform you of the following herbicide use since the Spring of 2021.

DATE	LOCATION	PRODUCT NAME	EPA REG. NUMBER
August 18	High School	Ranger Pro Herbicide	524-517
August 18	Bus Garage	Ranger Pro Herbicide	524-517
August 18	HP Middle School	Ranger Pro Herbicide	524-517
August 18	MS & Annex	Ranger Pro Herbicide	524-517
August 18	GWF Elementary	Ranger Pro Herbicide	524-517

School districts and BOCES are required to maintain a list of parents or guardians who wish to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their children's facility. If you wish to be included on the School District Notification List, please contact Kenneth Smith at (315) 865-7213. You will then receive advance notification of a pesticide application at your children's facility of pesticide product covered by notification requirements.

For further information about the products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals or the environment, call the National Pesticides Telecommunication Network at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health at 1-800-458-1158. For additional information on the District's pesticide program, contact Kenneth Smith at (315) 865-7213.



## NINTH GRADE ENGLISH STUDENTS COMPLETE

# Community Service Project

Students in Mrs. Carroll's ninth grade English class recently completed a community service project as part of their unit titled Our Responsibility to Provide Care to Others.

Students read Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and then reflected on how they could apply the story's meaning locally. Students researched local charities, competing with one another before selecting The Neighborhood Center to support as a class. They wrote charity campaign letters to family and friends asking for donations to support the organization and also held a hygiene product drive at the high school.

On March 2, students toured The Neighborhood Center, getting to see first-hand what the organization has to offer the community, and presented the organization with their donations of \$675 and over 400 hygiene products!



# CINEMAHOOLICS

ATTENDS PROFESSIONAL 'CLUE' PERFORMANCE

# Club

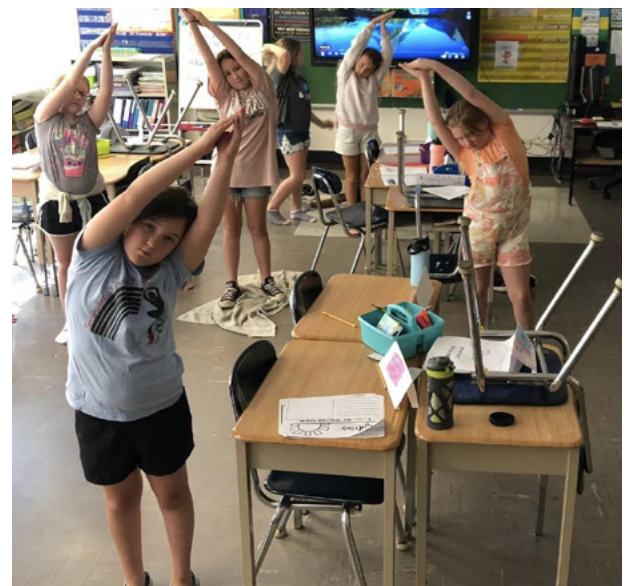


This year's movie club, Cinemaholics, had the opportunity to attend a professional performance of the show "Clue" on June 8. Based on the timeless Hasbro board game and hit 1985 film, the show features all the favorite, well-known suspects: Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet, Colonel Mustard, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. White and Mr. Green. In this comedic adventure, everyone is suspect as minor characters fall victim at a dinner party gone awry. Club members watched and discussed the film version before attending the stage performance, gaining an appreciation for the various mediums of art.



# summer

## SCHOOL 2023



Our more than 200 students in grades K-8 were excited about the learning opportunities and fun they had together this summer!

During the six-week program, students were busy reading, swimming, planting gardens, investigating STEM activities, and most importantly, creating memories together.

# ISABELLA STALKER

*receives*  
EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP  
AWARD



It is with great pleasure to announce that Isabella “Izzy” Stalker has been chosen to receive the 2023 Exceptional Leadership Award at the Oneida County Youth and Adult Awards Ceremony.

Izzy graduated as the class of 2023 valedictorian. She always goes out of her way to help other students with class work if needed and volunteers to tutor. In the classroom, she continues to add to the conversation and ask questions, even when her classmates don't. She was able to excel in such a heavy course load, while also being extremely involved within our school community. She has been involved in the school musical every year and has played a lead in some way shape or form. She also helps lead the younger castmates in any way she can. These students have really looked up to her for direction.

Izzy is always the first to volunteer to be involved with the fun extracurricular activities that HP puts on. For example, we had a show that was put on for the community to showcase our seniors and she hosted the event for the night. She did such a wonderful job and really made everyone feel welcome and glad to be there. Without her the show would not have been as successful. She has also baked multiple times for the Student Council's bake sale. She was one of the few students who brought in and helped sell them. All of the money goes towards various events within our school.

This may not seem like your normal “leadership” role, but when you have students who are afraid to be themselves and to speak out, Izzy has shown them how to do that time and time again. She is an advocate for others, she leads by example and she is a wonderful role model to students and teachers. She always shows up for others and is very reliable and respectful. She is overall a fantastic person and we know she is going to do great things. She will be truly missed at HP.

# NICOLE SANTA MARIA

*receives*  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD



On May 11, Nicole Santa Maria was honored by the School Board Institute as a recipient of the Student Achievement Award. Mr. Ferris nominated Nicole for the award in order to recognize her multiple achievements and the great character that she possesses. Nicole was one of only 13 juniors selected out of over 4,000 juniors in three counties.

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO NICOLE ON ALL HER SUCCESS!



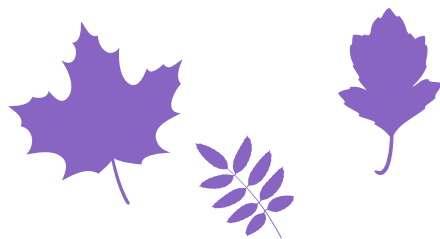
## HONOR SOCIETY

The members of National Honor Society gathered for their end of the year dinner to say goodbye to our seniors. We also initiated next year's officers:

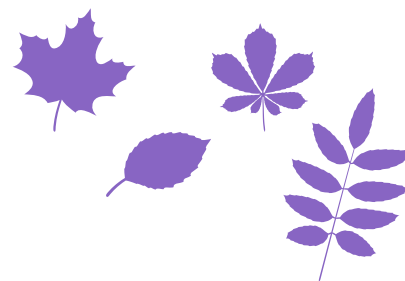
- Nicole Santa Maria** - President
- Ella Armitage** - Vice President
- Nadia Foley** - Secretary
- Michaela Cushman** - Treasurer

Congratulations to our new officers, and best of luck to our seniors on their next endeavors!





## IMPORTANT Fall Dates



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### Parent Information Night

GWF September 5, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

HPE September 6, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

#### Picture Day

HPE September 25, 2023

GWF October 5, 2023

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

November 3, 2023

November 9, 2023

November 17, 2023

#### Go Home Early Drill

HPE / GWF November 21, 2023

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Sixth Grade Orientation

August 29, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Open House

September 6, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Picture Day

October 11, 2023

#### Go Home Early Drill

November 21, 2023

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Freshman Orientation

August 30, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

#### Open House

September 5, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Picture Day

October 27, 2023

#### Go Home Early Drill

November 21, 2023

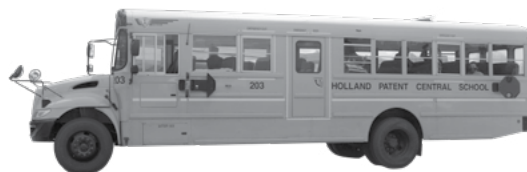
## Middle School Bus Circle and Pick-Up Information

Please use the bus circle at the middle school between the hours of 7:50 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please make a note that students will not be allowed in the building until 7:00 a.m. and the doors in the back courtyard will be locked at 8:00 a.m. The only courtyard door that is open in the morning will be the door on the left.

The middle school has a single point of entry after 8:00 a.m. To enter the building, you must ring the doorbell located on the first door to the left. If you plan to pick up your child at dismissal time, please do so in the back courtyard.

Important: If you pick your child up from school prior to dismissal, you MUST come in and sign them out in the main office.

When entering the middle school EVERYONE is required to report to the main office. These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of your children, which is our number one priority.



# we are a CONNECTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL!

## We are a Connected Community School!

Connected Community Schools' (CCS) mission is simply to ensure that students' and families' basic needs are met so they can engage in their education worry- and struggle-free, allowing them to be successful and have fun.

## What is CCS?

Connected Community Schools is a collaborative initiative which combines efforts of over 200 businesses and community-based agencies in pursuit of finding solutions to a wide-ranging array of challenges facing students, their families and the school community. In each district, we help to coordinate, streamline and deliver needed supports and resources to students and families so they can succeed.

## Examples of areas where the CCS team can provide assistance include:

- housing
- food insecurity
- medical and dental issues
- mental health
- many other areas of need to help the child and the whole family



## How do I reach out to the Holland Patent CCS for confidential assistance?

### **Sarah Smith - GWF/ Middle School**

Holland Patent CCS Site Coordinator  
sarahs@hpschools.org  
315-865-5721 GWF Main Office  
315-865-8152 Middle School Main Office  
315-985-3000 Site Coordinator

### **Shauna Cone - HPE/ High School**

Holland Patent CCS Site Coordinator  
shaunac@hpschools.org  
315-865-8151 HPE Main Office  
315-865-8154 High School Main Office  
315-985-0859 Site Coordinator

## ALL SUPPORTS OFFERED ARE AVAILABLE TO EACH AND EVERY FAMILY IN OUR DISTRICT.

The district and the CCS team has implemented a Hub at the school that provides students and families with no-cost essentials such as food items, hygiene needs and school supplies that are available to any student or any family with any need.



*Mrs. Sherry Kennerknect*  
RECEIVES CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY AWARD

It is with great pleasure to announce that our own Mrs. Sherry Kennerknect has been chosen to receive the 2023 Connecting Our Community Award at the Oneida County Youth and Adult Awards Ceremony.

Mrs. K, as she is referred to in school, has been a teacher's assistant at Holland Patent Central School for 34 years. She has dedicated her time, energy and skills to helping special education students be successful in the classroom. Her efforts, however, don't stop there. Mrs. K is adept at connecting students and families to community resources. She reaches out to friends, business owners, community agencies and school personnel to help ensure that students have their needs met.

Mrs. K is an invaluable resource to teachers, staff and administration. She is willing to and does go above and beyond the expectation in everything she does. Students look to her as a confidant, resource and support for both academic and personal problems. Mrs. K is very keen to the needs of individual students. Her empathy and compassion is beyond measure. She gives to those that are often overlooked. Mrs. K has traveled with the Tornado Squad, youth from Holland Patent, to areas damaged by natural disasters. It was her hope that students would look beyond their own needs and help others less fortunate, teaching them to be compassionate and giving of their time and resources, traits that she possesses and a motto she lives by every day.

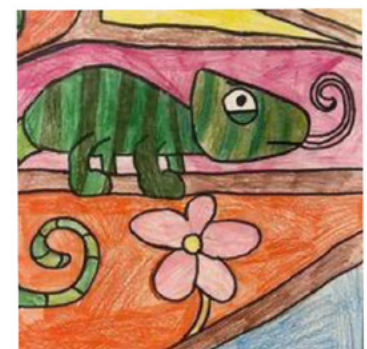
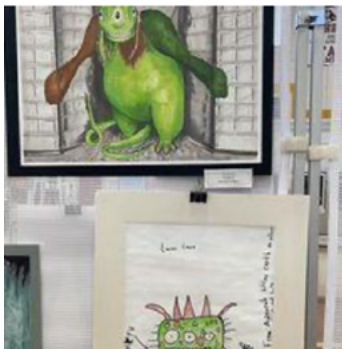
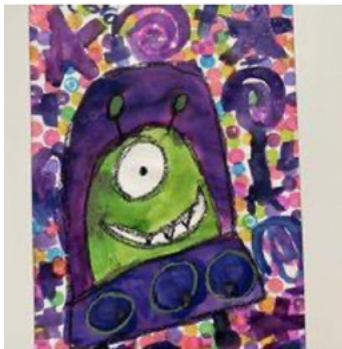
Mrs. K retired at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We are saddened to have her leave and her absence will be felt every day. The Holland Patent school and community has been made a better place by her presence.



# milestone M O M E N T S

Our students celebrated many milestone moments this school year! Thank you to our students, their families, their teachers and all faculty/staff for supporting us to be able to accomplish all that we have this year!

Celebrating  
our  
**ARTIST**  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



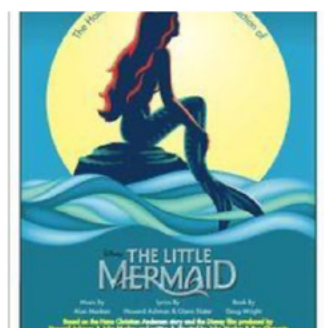
Celebrating  
our  
**FINAL DAY**  
OF KINDERGARTEN





We have many fantastic events we invite our community to each year. Here are just a few! Be looking for more outstanding events to join us in the 2023-2024 school year!

# Involving our COMMUNITY



## Celebrating our BUS DRIVERS



We are grateful for our bus drivers for all they do to get us to school and home safely. We start and end our days with you all year long. GWF students had an opportunity to celebrate with our drivers. Our community donated generously to help celebrate them with us!



## Celebrating our ATHLETES



## Celebrating our STUDENTS



### Did you know there's a French speaking region less than four hours from Holland Patent?

Holland Patent students spent their Memorial Day weekend in Montréal learning about French-Canadian history, culture and language. The first day they got to see the views of the city from Mont Royal, visit the Basilique Saint Patrick and take a walking tour of Old Montréal before finishing the day with dinner at a Montréal steakhouse. The second day they visited the Biôme, where they visited four different indoor recreated ecosystems and the animals that live there. From there they went to the Pointe à Callière Archeology museum and saw real ruins of the original city of Montréal. Later on they spent time part of the Underground City (a very large underground shopping mall) and visited Notre Dame de Montréal, where Céline Dion was married. For their last dinner they visited a Crêperie in Old Montréal. We all had a great time and hope to repeat this trip in the future!

# HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SUMMARY – CODE OF CONDUCT

### I. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. Student Rights

The district is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law. In addition, to promote a safe, healthy, orderly and civil school environment, all district students have the right to:

1. Take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of a persons actual or perceived race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, creed, religion, national origin, weight, ethnic group, gender (including gender identity or expression), gender orientation, or physical or mental ability including conduct that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause emotional harm;
2. Present their version of the relevant events to school personnel authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty.
3. Access school rules and, when necessary, receive an explanation of those rules from school personnel.
4. In order to provide and maintain a safe environment for learning, the district has established guidelines authorizing student search and seizure. Specific rules for such searches must be followed by district administration.
5. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy rights in school lockers, desks or other school storage places.
6. Trained canines or related technologies may be utilized by the district when necessary to ensure a safe learning environment.
7. Police may only search a student or locker in the presence of an administrator and must have a valid warrant or have 'probable cause.'

#### B. Student Responsibilities

All district students have the responsibility to:

1. Contribute to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
2. Be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations dealing with student conduct.

3. Attend school every day unless they are legally excused and be in class, on time, and prepared to learn.
4. Work to the best of their ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward their highest level of achievement possible.
5. React to direction given by teachers, administrators and other school personnel in a respectful, positive manner.
6. Control their anger.
7. Ask questions when they do not understand.
8. Participate equally in all school activities regardless of actual or perceived race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression) or sex.
9. Seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline.
10. Dress appropriately for school and school functions.
11. Accept responsibility for their actions.
12. Conduct themselves as representatives of the district when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events and to hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship.
13. Access to educational and extracurricular activities on an equal basis, without regard to a persons actual or perceived race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, creed, religion, national origin, weight, ethnic group, gender (including gender identity or expression), gender orientation, or physical or mental ability including conduct that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause emotional harm.
14. Learn in an environment free of discrimination, harassment and bullying based on actual or perceived race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression) or sex or any other reasons or reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause physical injury to a

student or to cause a student to fear for their physical safety.

15. Have complaints about school-related incidents that occur on school property or at school function, as well as to acts occurring off school property when those create or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, and it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation, or abuse might reach school property investigated and responded to.

### II. STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

The responsibility for student dress and general appearance shall rest with individual students and parents. However, the Board of Education requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process. The Board also requires students to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes (including, but not limited to: home & careers, technology, physical education, science). In addition, the Board prohibits attire bearing an expression or insignia that is obscene or libelous, or which advocates racial, religious, or gender prejudice. The Superintendent of Schools and other designated administrative personnel shall have the authority to require a student to change their attire should it, in their opinion, be deemed inappropriate according to the above guidelines. Administrators may discipline students if their dress or grooming endangers their own or others' physical health and safety, or if the dress or grooming is so distracting that it interferes with the learning process. Clothing that is or that bears messages that are lewd, vulgar, obscene, or sexually provocative, as well as clothing bearing messages advocating illegal activities, including drug or alcohol use, is likely to distract students



# HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SUMMARY – CODE OF CONDUCT

from learning and is therefore forbidden.

Each Building Principal or their designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

### III. PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community, and for the care of school facilities and equipment. The best discipline is self-imposed, and students must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, as well as the consequences of their misbehavior. District personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on school property or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct.

Students may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when they:

#### A. Engage in conduct that is disorderly.

Examples of disorderly conduct include:

1. Running in hallways.
2. Making unreasonable noise.
3. Using language or gestures that is profane, lewd, vulgar or abusive.
4. Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
5. Engaging in any willful act that disrupts the normal operation of the school community.
6. Trespassing. Students are not permitted in any school building, other than the one they regularly attend, without permission from the administrator in charge of the building.
7. Computer/electronic communications misuse, including any unauthorized use of computers, software, or internet/intranet account; accessing inappropriate Websites; or any other violation of the district's acceptable use policy.

#### B. Engage in conduct that is insubordinate.

Examples of insubordinate conduct include:

1. Failing to comply with the reasonable directions of teachers, school administrators or other school employees in charge of students or otherwise demonstrating disrespect.
2. Lateness for, missing or leaving school without permission, failing to follow sign-in/sign-out procedures.
3. Skipping detention.

#### C. Engage in conduct that is disruptive.

Examples of disruptive conduct include:

1. Failing to comply with the reasonable directions of teachers, school administrators or other school personnel in charge of students.

#### D. Engage in conduct that is violent.

Examples of violent conduct include:

1. Committing an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching, or scratching) upon a teacher, administrator or other school employee or attempting to do so.
2. Committing an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching, or scratching) upon another student or any other person lawfully on school property or attempting to do so.
3. Possessing a weapon. Authorized law enforcement officials are the only persons permitted to have a weapon in their possession while on school property or at a school function.
4. Displaying what appears to be a weapon.

5. Threatening to use any weapon.

6. Intentionally damaging or destroying the personal property of a student, teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti or arson.
7. Intentionally damaging or destroying school district property.

#### E. Engage in any conduct that endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others.

Examples of such conduct include:

1. Lying to school personnel.
2. Stealing the property of other students, school personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function.
3. Defamation, which includes making false or unprivileged statements or representations about an individual or identifiable group of individuals that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group by demeaning them.
4. Discrimination, which includes the use of a person's actual or perceived race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, creed, national origin, weight, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation or disability as a basis for treating another in a negative manner.
5. Harassment and bullying which includes a sufficiently severe action or persistent pervasive pattern of actions or statements directed at an identifiable individual or group, which are intended to be, or which a reasonable person would perceive as ridiculing or demeaning.
6. Intimidation, which includes engaging in actions or statements that put an individual in fear of bodily harm.
7. Hazing, which includes any intentional or reckless act directed against another for the purpose of initiation into, affiliating with or maintaining membership in any school-sponsored activity, organization, club, or team.
8. Selling, using or possessing obscene material.
9. Using vulgar or abusive language, cursing or swearing.

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10. Using, possessing or distributing tobacco or nicotine products including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes or chewing or smokeless tobacco.
11. Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, or being under the influence of either. "Illegal substances" include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs."
12. Inappropriately using or sharing of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
13. Gambling.
14. Indecent exposure, that is, exposure to sight of the private parts of the body in a lewd or indecent manner.
15. Initiating a report warning of fire or other catastrophe without valid cause, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher.

### **F. Engage in misconduct while on a school bus.**

It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses, to ensure their safety and that of other passengers and to avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving and fighting will not be tolerated.

### **G. Engage in any form of academic misconduct**

Examples of academic misconduct include:

1. Plagiarism.
2. Cheating.
3. Copying.
4. Altering records.
5. Assisting another student in any of the above actions.

## **IV. REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

All students are expected to promptly report violations of the code of conduct to a teacher, guidance counselor, the Building Principal or designee. Any student observing a student possessing a weapon, alcohol or illegal substance on school property or at a school function shall report this information immediately to a teacher, the Principal, the Principal's designee or the Superintendent of Schools.

Reports can be submitted by the student meeting with the Dignity Act Coordinators and Principals, submitting a written complaint to them or an email. Reporting forms are available on the website under the "Help for Student" link.

Students, Parents and others shall report students who are having problems or appear to be having problems regarding matters covered in the Code of Conduct to the building administrator.

Teachers and Pupil Service Personnel shall report orally to a DASA Coordinator any incident of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination that they witness or that is reported to them, not more than one school day later; and file a written report not later than two (2) school days after the initial oral report.

Principals acting as DASA Coordinators, complete a report of any incident of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination that they witness or that is reported to them, not more than one day later.

The Superintendent shall review in a timely manner all reports prepared by the Compliance Coordinator or a DASA Coordinator concerning an incident of alleged harassment, bullying and/or discrimination, and ensure that appropriate reports are made to law enforcement and appropriate corrective actions have been taken in school.

## **V. DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES, PROCEDURES AND REFERRALS**

Discipline is most effective when it deals directly with the problem at the time and place it occurs, and in a way that students view as fair and impartial. School personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline. Disciplinary action, when necessary, will be firm, fair and consistent so as to be the most effective in changing student behavior. As a general rule, discipline will be progressive. This means that a student's first violation will usually merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations.

If the conduct of a student is related to a disability or suspected disability, the student shall be referred to the Committee on Special Education

and discipline, if warranted, shall be administered consistent with the separate requirements of this code of conduct for disciplining students with a disability or presumed to have a disability. A student identified as having a disability shall not be disciplined for behavior related to their disability.

## **VI. HARASSMENT, BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL**

You should never feel that it is not safe to come to school and participate in all school activities. You should never be prevented from concentrating on your schoolwork because another student or a school staff member is teasing you, making fun of you, pushing you around, or threatening you in some way, because of your race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression) or sex, or for any other reason.

A student may not act toward another student in a way that might make that other student feel threatened or unsafe, or that might make that other student unable to concentrate on their schoolwork because of the other student's race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, weight, national origin (where their family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex, or any other reason. It is against school rules for any student or school staff member to do this by physical actions or by verbal statements, including electronic messages. This kind of conduct is prohibited on school property, on school buses, and at all school-sponsored events.

## **VII. RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF POSSIBLE HARASSMENT BULLYING OR DISCRIMINATION**

In addition to the procedures described below for removal of disruptive students and possible suspension from attendance, the District provides a procedure for responding to reports of possible discrimination, bullying or harassment against students by another student, an employee, or any other person on school property or at a school



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function. The process is described in the District's Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy. Responses to acts of harassment, bullying and /or discrimination against students by students shall use measured, balanced, and age-appropriate remedies and procedures, with the goals of prevention and education, as well as intervention and discipline. We will consider the nature and severity of the conduct, the developmental age of the student engaging in the conduct, the actor's prior disciplinary record, and the impact of the conduct on the student whom it was directed.

The District has also designated a Dignity Act Coordinator for each school. Those coordinators are:

**Russell Stevener**  
**Principal**

Holland Patent High School  
315.865.8154

**Lisa Gentile**  
**Principal**

Holland Patent Middle School  
315.865.8152

**Kristin Casab**  
**Principal**

Gen. Wm. Floyd Elementary School  
315.865.5721

**Sarah Vergis**  
**Principal**

Holland Patent Elementary  
315.865.8151

**James DeAngelo**  
**Pupil Personnel & CSE Chairperson**

315.865.4148

**Nick Panuccio**  
**Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance**  
315.865.7200

The Dignity Act Coordinators are trained in methods to respond to human relations in the areas of race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), and sex. They are available to speak with any person who has witnessed possible discrimination or harassment, or if that person has experienced

treatment that may be prohibited discrimination, bullying or harassment.

### A. Penalties

Students who are found to have violated the district's code of conduct may be subject to the following penalties, either alone or in combination. The school personnel identified after each penalty are authorized to impose that penalty, consistent with the student's right to due process.

1. Oral warning – any member of the district staff
2. Written warning – bus drivers, hall and lunch monitors, coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, Principal, Superintendent
3. Written notification to parent – bus driver, hall and lunch monitors, coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, Principal, Superintendent
4. Detention – teachers, Principal, Superintendent
5. Restitution for property damage – Principal, Superintendent
6. Work detail – Principal, Superintendent
7. Suspension from transportation – Director of Transportation, Principal, Superintendent
8. Suspension from athletic participation – coaches, Athletic Director, Principal, Superintendent
9. Suspension from social or extracurricular activities – activity director, Principal, Superintendent
10. Suspension of other privileges – Principal, Superintendent
11. In-school suspension – Principal, Superintendent
12. Removal from classroom by teacher – teachers, Principal
13. Short-term (five days or less) suspension from school – Principal, Superintendent, Board
14. Long-term (more than five days) suspension from school – Principal, Superintendent, Board
15. Permanent suspension from school – Superintendent, Board.

## VIII. VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Board encourages parents and other district citizens to visit the district's schools and classrooms to observe the work of students, teachers and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. The Principal or designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds.

## IX. PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL

## PROPERTY

The district is committed to providing an orderly, respectful environment that is conducive to learning. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. For purposes of this section of the code, "public" shall mean all persons when on school property or attending a school function including students, teachers and district personnel.

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school functions contained in this code are not intended to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The district recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of the district. The purpose of this code is to maintain public order and prevent abuse of the rights of others.

All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. In addition, all persons on school property or attending a school function are expected to be properly attired for the purpose they are on school property.

### A. Prohibited Conduct

No person, either alone or with others, shall:

1. Intentionally injure any person or threaten to do so.
2. Intentionally damage or destroy school district property or the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti or arson.
3. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, school programs or other school activities.
4. Distribute or wear materials on school grounds or at school functions that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, or are disruptive to the school program.
5. Intimidate, bully, harass or discriminate against any person on the basis of race, (including but not limited to hair texture and protective hair styles), color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation or disability.
6. Enter any portion of the school premises

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without authorization or remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.

7. Obstruct the free movement of any person in any place to which this code applies.
8. Violate the traffic laws, parking regulation, or other restrictions on vehicles.
9. Possess, consume, sell, distribute or exchange alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either on school property or at a school function.
10. Use tobacco, nicotine, or e-cigarette products on school property or at a school function.
11. Possess or use weapons in, on school property, or at a school function, except in the case of law enforcement officers or except as specifically

authorized by the school district.

12. Loiter on or about school property.
13. Gamble on school property or at school functions.
14. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school district officials performing their duties.
15. Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts prohibited by this code.
16. Violate any federal or state statute, local ordinance or Board policy while on school property or while at a school function.

### B. Penalties

Persons who violate this code shall be subject to

the following penalties:

1. Visitors. Their authorization, if any, to remain on school grounds or at the school function shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection.
2. Students. They shall be subject to disciplinary action as the facts may warrant, in accordance with the due process requirements.

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07/12/16, 02/13/19, 12/14/22

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## Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Holland Patent CSD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.50**; lunch costs **\$2.85**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.**

- 1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. **Return the completed application to: Cliff Casab, Foodservice Director**
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
  - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member.
  - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
  - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
  - Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
  - Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

- 3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- 4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **[school, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator information]** to see if they qualify.
- 5. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 315-865-7242 if you have questions.
- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.



7. **I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk.
8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. **You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Mr. Nicholas Panuccio, 315-865-7200, npanuccio@hpschools.org**
11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
12. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
13. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk, following the instructions on the form, for your household and **return it to the designated office listed on the application**. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the FDPIR, the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member.
  - Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.
  - No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.
- If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income for each household member, how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.
- **An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions.** We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

**Meal Service to Children with Disabilities:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. **If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.**

**Confidentiality:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA. **The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability or limited English proficiency.

**If you have other questions or need help, call Cliff Casab at 315-865-7242, or email [ccasab@hpschools.org](mailto:ccasab@hpschools.org).**

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf> from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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**2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk**

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call 315-865-7242, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

**Return Completed Applications to:** **Holland Patent School Foodservice**  
**9601 Main Street**  
**Holland Patent, NY 13354**

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4 and sign the application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2)

**All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).**

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)



\*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

 I do not  
have a  
SS# ☐

\*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS#" box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**  
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

- ☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster  
☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid  
 Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Holland Patent School Foodservice. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-865-7242. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

### PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

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### PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDIPIR number.

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### PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people **in your household**. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) **An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.**

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**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

### USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDIPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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2. **fax:**  
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3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

**SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number:** This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

**Foster Child:** A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

**Household:** A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

**Adult Family Members:** All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

**Financially Independent:** A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

**Current Gross Income:** Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

**Examples of gross income are:**

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Mr. Cliff Casab, Food Service Director  
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# 2023-24 School Year

## New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance<sup>1</sup>

**NOTES:**

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in NYS. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the [“ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.”](#) Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

**Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule**

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) <sup>2</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable		1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>4</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>5</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>6</sup>	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>7</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>8</sup>	Not applicable		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>10</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		



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