

REQUIRED LIST OF NOTIFICATIONS

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The New York State Education Law permits legal absences from school for the following reasons: sickness or death in the family, religious observances, required presence in court, religious instruction, and impassable roads or weather making travel unsafe. School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The Blind Brook School District is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the New York State Learning Standards. Because the District recognizes that consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation; the School Board has developed, and, as necessary, will revise its Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy which can be accessed below:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12707&searchwords=attendance>

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

With regard to the release of student information, unless an objection is submitted in writing by the parents or legal guardians, or by students over 18, the Blind Brook School District gives notice of intent to provide, release, and/or publish in the district newsletter, newspapers, other publications, and the website, information that is appropriate in connection with school achievements, programs, music productions, athletic events, etc.

Under Title 45, US Code, Part 99, Rights of Parents and Students, parents who do not desire release of above information to the public must make specific requests in writing to the Blind Brook School District. More information can be accessed at:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12748&searchwords=FERPA>

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are: (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives the request; (2) The right to request amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate; (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent (option). Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll; (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. Parents need to put requests in writing. More information about these matters can be accessed at the following links:

STUDENT RECORDS: ACCESS AND CHALLENGE:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12746&searchwords=FERPASTU>

MILITARY RECRUITERS' ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INFORMATION ON STUDENTS:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12749&searchwords=FERPA>

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

New York Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the year.

The Blind Brook School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relations, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25

The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notifications of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school building, please send the following to the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Facilities, Jonathan Ross at jross@blindbrook.org:

- Name of School
- Your Full Name & Address
- Your Day & Evening Phone Numbers
- Your Email Address

For additional information, call:

Dr. Jonathan Ross 937-3600x3025

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

The Blind Brook School District conducts annual asbestos inspections, takes response actions and post-response action activities, as well as triennial re-inspection activities and surveillance activities that are

either planned or in progress. The results of these actions and plans are available upon request to the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Facilities, Jonathan Ross at jross@blindbrook.org.

VISITORS IN THE SCHOOLS

Visitors are welcome in the district but must go directly to the main office in the schools to report their presence after first receiving an identification pass which must be obtained at the front security desk. This request is made to better assist you, to allow classes to progress normally and ensure that the education process is not interrupted, and to ascertain that only authorized persons are in the buildings.

In order for students to concentrate and do their best in school, it is vital that they not be disturbed. We recommend that parents make doctor and dentist appointments after school hours and family members refrain from asking that a particular child be given a message.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Blind Brook School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, handicap or age in the educational programs and activities which it operates, including employment.

ANTI-HARRASSMENT

The Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District is committed to creating and maintaining a working and learning environment which is free of discrimination and intimidation. Based upon the principle that every individual is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect, and a recognition that harassment is a violation of law and District policy, the District strictly prohibits communication (verbal, written or graphic) and/or physical conduct which constitutes harassment based on an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation (the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or asexuality, whether actual or perceived), political affiliation, sex, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog or domestic violence victim status. The District also prohibits harassment based on an individual's opposition to discrimination or participation in a related investigation or complaint proceeding under the anti-discrimination statutes.

The District's policy and regulation relative to anti-harassment can accessed at these two links:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12263&searchwords=anti>

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/files/policies/3420r.pdf>

ABOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Blind Brook Board of Education recognizes that sexual harassment of students and staff is behavior that negatively impacts the school culture. The Board further recognizes that preventing and remedying sexual harassment in school is essential to ensure a healthy, nondiscriminatory environment in which students can learn and employees can work productively.

The Board is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity, and equality and that is free from all forms of sexual harassment. To this end, the Board

condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of sexual harassment on school grounds, school buses, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events including those that take place at locations outside the district.

Because sexual harassment can occur staff to student, staff to staff, student to student, male to female, female to male, male to male, or female to female, it shall be a violation of this policy for any student, employee or third party (school visitor, vendor, etc.) to sexually harass any student or employee.

In order for the Board to effectively enforce this policy and to take prompt corrective measure, it is essential that all victims of sexual harassment and persons with knowledge of sexual harassment report the harassment immediately. The district will promptly investigate all complaints of sexual harassment, either formal or informal, verbal, or written. To the extent possible, all complaints will be treated in a confidential manner. Limited disclosure may be necessary to complete a thorough investigation. If, after appropriate investigation, the district finds that a student, an employee, or a third party has violated this policy, prompt corrective action will be taken in accordance with district policy and state law. All complainants and those who participate in the investigation of a complaint of sexual harassment have the right to be free from retaliation of any kind.

The District's policy relative to sexual harassment of students can accessed at:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12789&searchwords=Title%20IX>

THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT - NCLB

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, parents have the right to have their children excused from participation in any survey that collects, discloses, or uses information regarding certain types of personal behavior or political beliefs, as well as the right to exclude their children from any activities that request personal student information for marketing purposes.

Regarding military recruiters, parents have the right to request that the district not release the student's name, address, and telephone listing to military recruiters.

Regarding state testing, the school district provides parents information on the achievement level of their children on each of the state academic assessments.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

School facilities are the property of the Blind Brook School District, supported by the citizens of the community, and the schools are an integral part of the community in terms of its intellectual and social expression and development. Because of that, the Board of Education wishes to do all that is possible to make the schools available to the community for educational and recreational purposes, consistent with the provisions of the New York State Education Law. The policy below is intended to identify the uses that community groups may make of district facilities.

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12256&searchwords=facilities%20>

WELLNESS POLICY

The Blind Brook School District is committed to providing a school environment that enhances learning and the development of lifelong wellness practices. Prompted by the New York State Education Department mandate that all schools establish a Wellness Policy, and in an ongoing effort to ensure the best health of the students and staff at Blind Brook Schools, the Blind Brook School District established a Wellness Committee comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and board members. More information can be obtained by review of the Wellness Policy at:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12458&searchwords=wellness%20policy>

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education acknowledges its responsibility to protect the educational climate of the District and to promote responsible student behavior. Accordingly, the Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for assuring the implementation of a *Code of Conduct for the Maintenance of Order on School Property*, including school functions, which shall govern the conduct of students as well as teachers, other school personnel, and visitors. The School Conduct and Discipline Policy can be accessed at:

<http://www.myschoolpages.com/schools/blindbrook/policies.cfm?pid=12752&searchwords=code%20of%20conduct>