



BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

School Year 2023-2024

On behalf of the administrators, teachers, staff, and the Board of Education, I enthusiastically welcome you and your family back to another school year. All the following information is important; please give your full consideration to each item. Items A-I are accessible through your child's Parent Portal account which enables you to grant or not grant permission. Item A is not required for students in Pre-K.

If you do not have internet access, hard copies will be provided for you through your school's Main Office. The following items are required each year:

- A. Family Life & HIV/AIDS Awareness Program Permission Form – permission is required for participation/exclusion in the programs for parents who may want to opt out of the Family Life portion of the Health curriculum.
- B. Photo/Media/Internet Use Guidelines and Permission Form.
- C. Release Statement for Emergency Treatment.
- D. Parent/Student Handbook: Please review and reach out if you have any questions.
- E. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement form.
- F. BTSD Device Policy, Procedures & Information Handbook and Acknowledgement form (Grades 7-12).
- G. Therapy Dog Consent.
- H. Behaviorist Consent.
- I. Transportation Code of Conduct.

Listed below are items that will be sent home with the student:

- A. Student Profile Sheet – please review and make any necessary changes. Please sign the bottom and return to the Main Office.
- B. Important information from your School Nurses.
- C. 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Any Changes: If you have a change to an email address or telephone number of the documents listed above, please contact the main office of your child's school **and** the transportation office to make the necessary changes. We recommend listing your cell phone number as your primary number so that you can receive text message notifications along with our other forms of communication.

The following items may be found online at www.barnegatschools.com.

Policies, including Pupil Attendance (Policies 5200 and 5200.01); Early Sign Out/Late Arrivals (Policy 5230); Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (Policy 5512); Zero Tolerance (Policies 5512.02 and 5611), and Return to School Post Illness (Policy 5311). As well as: Medication in School; HPV information (students Grades 6 and above); Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (we are requesting all parents/guardians read the directives from the State of New Jersey regarding student immunizations); Child Care Provider Form; Additional Student Insurance (voluntary program); and Chain of Command.

Our collective mission is to nurture and educate our children in accordance with all curriculum standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

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Behavioral Expectations

As the Barnegat School District returns to pre-pandemic norms, there are a few expectations that will be uniformly emphasized throughout our Barnegat Schools this year. First, classroom time is incredibly important for learning, and the use of electronic devices, specifically cell phones, distracts students from learning. Students' personal use of electronic devices during instructional time will not be allowed. Likewise, students are required to follow the dress code as set forth by their school's dress code policy. Inappropriate attire can disrupt the learning environment and/or cause student safety issues.

In order to provide a safe, supportive learning environment to foster school improvement, there are certain outrageous student behaviors that explicitly will not be tolerated in the Barnegat School District. These include horseplay, smoking/vaping, fighting, assaults, possession of weapons, or defacing of school property/vandalism. Please know in these instances disciplinary action will result according to the severity of the infraction, but severe instances may result in students being removed from the traditional school setting

Finally, we know that the last two years were tough, but we're excited to get back in the classroom and we are looking for your support with student attendance. Barnegat School district will be closely monitoring student attendance and working with families to meet the school attendance and truancy guidelines set forth by the state of NJ.

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership throughout your child or children's education. To reinforce, a successful partnership is grounded in maintaining open lines of communication and joint accountability. Please keep an eye on your child's school and district calendar (which can be found on the website) for important events happening within your child's school! Wishing you and your family nothing but the very best with this upcoming school year!

Sincerely,



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