



Neshaminy School District

The Neshaminy community builds futures by empowering each child to become a productive citizen and a lifelong learner.

Dear Neshaminy Family,

Welcome to the best school district in Bucks County, and thank you for choosing to have your child/children educated in the Neshaminy School District. We have a strong tradition of community values and a superb teaching staff. As the Director of Pupil Services, I work closely with all buildings to ensure that all of our students' needs are met during the school day.

With a total student population of approximately 9,000 attending district educational placements, I am sure that Neshaminy School District will provide your child/ children the best educational opportunity.

Please take time to review this informative registration packet so that you may take full advantage of what the Neshaminy School District has to offer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office, and a Pupil Service representative will be happy to assist you.

Thank you,

Anthony Devlin
Director of Pupil Services
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Neshaminy School District

Did you know?

- 82% of our graduates go on to post-secondary education
- **Gym Night** is a proud tradition started in 1954 that is shared among generations of District families
- Neshaminy has been named a "**Best Community for Music Education**" and "**Outstanding Visual Arts Community**"
- Neshaminy has a 1:1 **Technology Program** for all students in grades K-12

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Welcome Letter From Our Superintendent

Welcome to Neshaminy!

Whether you are new to the District or have lived here for many years, I would like to welcome you and your family to our school community. You are joining the District that has a long and proud history of a strong commitment to education, at Neshaminy we build futures! Our School Board, administrators, teachers, support staff and parents are firmly committed to the mission of providing a safe, positive atmosphere for all students to learn and grow.

While we take pride in the accomplishments of the past, we are always looking ahead to meet the challenges our students will face in the future by making them lifelong learners ready to achieve excellence in all their pursuits. You can help us reach this goal by actively participating in your

child's education, staying informed of District and schools news, and supporting activities and programs in our schools throughout the year.

By working together we can make a positive difference for our families, the Neshaminy community, and the entire world.



We Build Futures

www.neshaminy.org



Neshaminy School District Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, High School

Elementary Schools 9:10AM– 3:35PM



Pearl Buck Mr. Brian Kern, Principal 143 Top Road Levittown, PA. 19056	215-809-6300
Joseph Ferderbar Mr. Andre Modica, Principal 300 Heights Lane Feasterville, PA. 19053	215-809-6370
Herbert Hoover Dr. David Glennon, Principal 501 Trenton Road Langhorne, PA. 19047	215-809-6340
Walter Miller Mr. Troy Bodolus, Principal 10 Colbalt Ridge Drive North Levittown, PA. 19057	215-809-6360
Albert Schweitzer Dr. Amy Orlando, Principal Harmony Road Levittown, PA. 19056	215-809-6380
Tawanka Elementary Mr. Donald Palmer Principal 2055 Brownsville Rd. Langhorne, Pa. 19047	215-809-6310

Middle Schools 7:55AM– 2:55PM



Maple Point Middle Mr. M. Andrew Sokol, Principal 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road Langhorne, PA. 19047	215-809-6230
Poquessing Middle Mrs. Joann Holland, Principal 300 Heights Lane Feasterville, PA. 19053	215-809-6210
Sandburg Middle Mrs. Dawn Kelly 30 Harmony Road Levittown, PA. 19056	215-809-6220

Neshaminy High School 7:16AM - 2:14PM



Neshaminy High School Mr. Ryan Staub, Principal 2001 Old Lincoln Highway Langhorne, PA. 19047	215-809-6102 Guidance: 215-809-6161
Bucks County Technical High School Mr. Robert Azar, Principal 610 Wistar Road Fairless Hill, PA. 19030	215-949-1700



The Board of School Directors consists of nine officials who set the policies and directions for the school district. Although these positions are elected, they are voluntary since no compensation is given for service.

The term of office is four years and elections take in every other year. The Board of School Directors are elected from one of three regions. Each region elects three board members.

Board of Directors

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Treasurer

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Front: Cyndie Bowman, Tina Hollenbach, Marty Sullivan and Irene Boyle.

Back: Paul Saraullo, Adam Kovitz, David Marrington, Stephen Pirritano and John Allen.

Board Meetings

School Board Public Meetings are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month during the school year. A list of Board and Committee meeting dates can be found on the [District website](#).

Meeting Videos

Neshaminy School District's Board Meeting archive videos can be viewed on the [Neshaminy School Board YouTube channel](#)

Meeting videos will also be aired at 6pm and 11pm daily on the Neshaminy cable access channels (NSDTV):

Channel 28 -Comcast or Channel 43-Verizon Fios



Neshaminy School District Food Services Information

Neshaminy Food Service offers a delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch at all schools and at an affordable price. It has been shown that students who eat healthy meals at school are more alert, well behaved, and ready to learn. Even our Ala Cart items meet the Smart Snack guidelines.

School meals at Neshaminy meet the USDA's required regulations as students are encouraged to choose at least 3 of the 5 great choices including Meat/Meat Alternative, Bread/Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, and Milk. Students choosing a fruit or vegetable will get the school lunch pricing. At Breakfast, students are encouraged to take at least 3 of the 4 items offered and 1 item must be a fruit to get the school breakfast price.

In order to make purchases at our cafeterias, each student is given Personal Identification Number (PIN). Students retain this PIN for their duration of time within Neshaminy School District. To help our students remember PINs, those in Grades 1-3 use a swipe card kept in the cafeteria; all other Grades get a paper reminder. Student photographs appear at the register enabling cashiers to validate that students are using correct PINs. In the event that a student forgets their PIN, he/she can get it from the cashier, manager or call the Food Service office at 215-809-6542. All purchases must be confirmed with a PIN. The PIN helps the electronic system manage all school lunch balances including the balances of those on Free and Reduced Lunch Assistance. Borrowing money for lunch is not permitted.

Create an account online at schoolcafe.com to manage and track your child's account by viewing their purchases and add money to their account.

Families can apply for Free and Reduced meals at www.paschoolmeals.co at any time during the school year. If approved, support is provided for the entire school year and 45 days into the following year to allow time to update the application.

For more information including but not limited to: daily menus, meal prices, snack prices, carb counts, free and reduce priced meal link, contact information and much more can be found on the Food Service Link on the District Homepage at www.neshaminy.org.

<u>Meal Prices:</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Alacarte/Snacks</u>
<i>Elementary Schools</i>	\$1.35	\$2.60	<i>Varies</i>
<i>Middle Schools</i>	\$1.60	\$3.10	<i>Varies</i>
<i>High School</i>	\$1.60	\$3.10	<i>Varies</i>
<i>Free ~ all schools</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	<i>Varies</i>



Neshaminy School District Inclement Weather Information

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority at Neshaminy School District. The following policies and procedures have been established to ensure their safety and keep our community informed should weather or other circumstances warrant changes and/or cancellations to school and activity schedules.



School Closing

Should conditions warrant an inclement weather closure, alerts will be broadcast by the following outlets:

- Notifications on the District website www.neshaminy.org and each school's home page
- NSDTV channel 43 (Fios) and 28 (Comcast)
- Email and text alerts
- Neshaminy mobile app alerts
- Neshaminy District Twitter account
- Philadelphia TV stations – ABC-6, CBS-3, NBC-10, FOX-29



****PLEASE DO NOT CALL OUR SCHOOLS FOR CLOSING INFORMATION***

Delayed Openings

Notification of delayed openings will be made in the same manner as school closings.

Two-Hour Delay Start Times

Neshaminy High School: 9:16 AM

Middle Schools: 9:55 AM

Elementary Schools: 11:10 AM

Early Dismissal, Activity Cancellation

Parents and the community will be notified as early as possible for early dismissals and afternoon /evening activities cancellations using all the same manners as school closings.

Early Dismissal Plan A (with lunch)

Neshaminy High School: 11:30 AM

Middle Schools: 12:15 AM

Elementary Schools: 1:00 AM

Early Dismissal Plan B (without lunch)

Neshaminy High School: 10:00 AM

Middle Schools: 10:30 AM

Elementary Schools: 11:00 AM



Resources for Students and Parents

- Home Access Center: Allows you to view student report cards, attendance, discipline, transcript, success plan, course request, classwork and scheduling information.
- Canvas: Class assignments, teacher / school communication
- Free Neshaminy Mobile App (Apple Store / Google Play)
- Email, text, and robo-call communications
- NSDTV: Comcast Ch. 28 / Verizon Fios Ch. 43
- District and school websites
- Neshaminy District Facebook Page
- Neshaminy District Twitter account
- Neshaminy Update District newsletter (emailed monthly)



Neshaminy School District Beliefs

The Neshaminy community believes that....

Children are the future.

All people can learn.

- ◇ People learn in different ways and at different rates.
- ◇ Achievement is realized through challenge.
- ◇ Trust promotes creative problem solving.

All people have worth.

- ◇ Laughter, joy, and hope are essential for a quality life.
- ◇ Success builds self-esteem.
- ◇ Valuing diversity strengthens our society.
- ◇ People have a responsibility to themselves and others.
- ◇ Family is the cornerstone of society.

A quality education is a right.

- ◇ Excellence in education requires support, sacrifice, and involvement from the total community.
- ◇ All people have the right to a safe and healthy learning environment.



School Nurses Parent Information

STATE MANDATED HEALTH SERVICES

Physicals – Kindergarten, 6th and 9th Grades

Dentals – Kindergarten, 3rd and 7th Grades

Height and Weight – All Grades

Vision Screening - *Far Test: ALL students yearly

*Near Test : ALL students yearly

*Convex Lens Test : Grade 1 (and previously untested)

*Color Vision Test: Grades 1 & 2(and previously untested)

*Stereo Depth Perception Test: Grades 1& 2 (and previously untested)

Hearing Screening – K, Grades 1, 2, 3, 7 & 11

Scoliosis Screening – Grades 6 & 7

Body Mass Index [BMI] and BMI Percentile yearly grades Kindergarten through 12th

All Screening exams may be rated as pass or fail. Failure means that the results are outside the expected range but are not a diagnosis of ill health. Parents are notified of all failures with regard to health

Certified Nurse	School	Telephone	Email Address
Joanne Strack, MSN, BSN, RN, CSN	Neshaminy High School (A-K)	215-809-6664	jstrack@neshaminy.org
Cynthia Wells, M. Ed., BSN, RN, CSN	Neshaminy High School (L-Z)	215-809-6665	cwells@neshaminy.org
Kristie Muzyk-Luca, BSN, RN, CSN	Maple Point Middle	215-809-6326	Kmuzyk-
Moira Manila, M. Ed., BSN, RN, CSN	Poquessing Middle Ferderbar Elementary	215-809-6376	mmanila@neshaminy.org
Sharon Binder, M. Ed., BSN, RN, CSN	Sandburg Middle Schweizer Elementary	215-809-6236	sbinder@neshaminy.org
Colleen McIlhenny, M. Ed., BSN, RN, CSN	Pearl Buck Elementary	215-809-6306	cmcilhen- ny@neshaminy.org
Janette Aguilar, M. Ed., BSN, RN,	Walter Miller Elementary	215-809-6386	jaguilar@neshaminy.org
Carol Alexis, M. Ed, BSN, RN, CSN	Tawanka Elementary	215-809-6316	calexis@neshaminy.org
Sharon White, M.Ed. BSN, RN, CSN	Herbert Hoover Elementary	215-809-6346	slwhite@neshaminy.org



Growing Up Mobile iSmart Parenting Cyberbullying Prevention

Working together for safer communities and promoting respectful relationships.



Your best online protection is YOU!

Your knowledge and comfort with digital safety and responsibility will provide a strong basis to support your child as he or she grows into adolescence.

Family guidelines for electronic devices:

- 1.) Strengthen your password and keep it private. Your password and user account name should be kept in a safe place. Share only with a parent/guardian.
- 2.) Never provide your password using email or in response to an email request.
- 3.) Establish family Internet safety rules. Include whether your child can use social networking sites and how your child can use them.
- 4.) The recommended age to sign up for social websites is usually 13 and older.
You cannot rely on the services themselves to prevent your underage child from signing up.
- 5.) Evaluate the sites your child plans to use and make sure your child understands the privacy policy and code of conduct.
- 6.) Remind your child to always log in and log out of online accounts.
- 7.) Teach your child to think before posting or sharing information. What seems funny today, might not be funny tomorrow.
- 8.) Realize anything you message or post can be copied, pasted, and sent to other people without your permission.
- 9.) If a site asks your child to submit his/her name to personalize web content,

Online Resources:

- www.netsmartz.org
- www.ikeepSAFE.org
- www.wiredsafety.org
- www.common sense media.org
- www.cyberwise.org
- www.onguardonline.gov
- www.netlingo.com/emailsh.cfm
- www.facebook.com/centeronmediaandchildhealth
- www.google.com/familysafety
- www.microsoft.com/security/family-safety/childsafety-age.aspx
- www.ioanganzcooneycenter.org



Questions to ask before sending a message:

- ➔ How private is the message I am sending? Am I willing to have others read this message or forward it without my permission?
- ➔ Am I sending or saying anything that could be considered rude, insulting, or controversial?
- ➔ Do I have permission to forward someone else's messages, photos, or share their personal information?

* Set family safety tools on the medium settings, which should have some limitations to content, websites, and activities.

* Help protect your child from offensive pop-up windows by using the pop-up blocker that is built into Internet Explorer.

Source: Microsoft: Security • 2014



A Guide for Students Cyberbullying Prevention

Promoting responsibilities and respect when using electronic devices



If you are cyberbullied:

1. **STOP!** Take time to calm down.
2. Do not respond to any cyberbullying message.
Save and print screenshots, emails, and text messages.
3. Block the person from contacting you.
4. Do not erase messages.
Save and print screenshots, emails, and text messages.
5. Tell a trusted adult about bullying.
*Keep telling until the adult takes action.
If, necessary, use the evidence to report to web and cell phone service providers.*

Don't encourage cyberbullies! If someone you encounter online insults you, **DO NOT REPLY**. If you refuse to respond there is a good chance they will stop. If a cyberbully harasses you through email or instant messaging, you can also use built-in features to prevent further contact.

For Parents and Guardians

If harassment is via email, social networking sites, IM, chat rooms, online gaming:

- Together with your child, or instruct your child, to block the bully
- Or delete your child's account and open a new one
- And/or submit a complaint or report

If harassment is via text or phone messages:

- Change the phone number
→ Instruct your child to only share the new number with trustworthy people
- You may want to investigate phone features that allow a particular number to be blocked

If your child refuses to follow the rules you have established to protect his/her safety and you have attempted to help change his/her behavior, you can contact the social website your child uses and ask them to remove the page.

microsoft.com/security/familysafety/childsafety-internet.aspx

If you are not being cyberbullied but you know about the cyberbullying.....

Be an UPSTANDER!

This is what you can do!

- Refuse to pass along messages.
- Tell friends to stop.
- Block communication with the cyberbully.
- Report to a trusted adult.





Neshaminy School District Clubs, Sports Programs and Activities

Clubs and team sports are an integral part of a child's social, emotional and academic development. Neshaminy offers multiple opportunities to participate in academic and athletic pursuits at all levels such as musical groups, drama and theater, community service clubs, academic interest clubs and more. Starting in 7th grade, students can compete in inter-scholastic sports.

Below is a list of some of the activities and sports available at Neshaminy High School

List of Clubs and Activities:

Action Adventure
Art Club
Band/Orchestra
Book Club
Buddy Club
Change IT Up
Chorus
Computer Science Club
Craft Club
Dance Team
Debate Team
Diversity Pride
Drama Club
Environmental Action Club
Friends Helping Friends

Future Problem Solving
Game Night
Gender Equality
GYM Night
Home Work Club
Howler Literary Magazine
Interact Club
Intermural
Mathletes
Movie
Musical Club
National Honor Society
Neshaminy Pride Club
No Place For HATE Club
Pathfinders
Photography
Reading Olympics

Political Debate
Rotary Club
School Store
Science Club
School Store
Serving Learning Club
Sewing/Craft Club
Ski Club
Spark
SPECTRUM
Student Council
Ultimate Frisbee Club
Vocal Music
World Affairs Club
World Language Club
Year Book Club
Yoga
24 Club

Fall Sport Teams:

Cheerleading
Cross Country -Boys' & Girls'
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Soccer- Boys' & Girls'
Tennis - Girls'
Volleyball - Girls'

Winter Sport Teams:

Basketball - Boys' & Girls'
Bowling—Boys' & Girls'
Indoor Track—Boys' & Girls'
Swimming—Boys' & Girls'
Wrestling

Spring Sport Teams:

Baseball
Lacrosse—Boys' & Girls'
Softball
Tennis - Boys'
Track—Boys' & Girls'
Volleyball - Boys'

Sports teams and clubs vary for each school.

A "late bus" is available for students participating in sports practices and club activities at the secondary schools.



IMMUNIZE!

"In 2021, It's the Rule for Back to School."



PA Law mandates that every child K-12 be immunized on the 1st day of school.

Vaccination Requirements

For more information on the vaccines your child needs in order to attend school, talk to your healthcare provider or your school nurse.

Vaccines	Kindergarten & Grades 1-6	Grades 7-11	Grade 12
Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Usually given as DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td) (1 dose on or after 4 th birthday)	4 doses	4 doses	4 doses
Polio (4 th dose on or after 4 th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)	4 doses (A 4 th dose is not necessary if the 3 rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)	4 doses (A 4 th dose is not necessary if the 3 rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)	4 doses (A 4 th dose is not necessary if the 3 rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)
Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (Usually given as MMR)	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses or evidence of immunity	2 doses or evidence of immunity	2 doses or evidence of immunity
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)	Not applicable	1 dose	1 dose
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	Not applicable	1 dose (First dose is given at 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12 th grade)	1 or 2 doses (If 1 st dose of MenACWY was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12 th grade dose)

Neshaminy School District

2021-2022

M	T	W	Th	F
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July, 2021

			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

July
7/5 July 4 Observance

M	T	W	Th	F
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January, 2022

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

January
1/17 No School, MLK, Jr Holiday

August, 2021

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August
8/30 & 8/31 Teacher Act 80

February, 2022

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

February
2/21 No School, Presidents Day
2/22 No School, Act 80 Day

September, 2021

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

September
9/1 - First Day of School Grades K, 5 & 9
9/2 - All Grades
9/6 - Labor Day Holiday
9/7 & 9/8 No School, Rosh Hashanah
9/16 No School, Yom Kippur

March, 2022

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

March

October, 2021

				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October

April, 2022

				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April

November, 2021

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

November
11/2 No School, Act 80 Day/Election Day
11/11 No School Veterans Day
11/24 No School - Act 80 Day
11/25 & 11/26 No School, Thanksgiving

May, 2022

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

May

December, 2021

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

December
12/10 - Grades K-4 No School, Conferences
12/23 - 12/31 No School, Holiday Break

June, 2022

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

June

End of 1st Marking Period- TBD
End of 2nd marking period - TBD
End of 3rd marking period - TBD
End of 4th marking period - TBD

182 Grade 5 & 9
181 Grades K, 6, 7, 8, 10, & 11
180 Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
176 Grade 12

6/15 - Tentative Graduation Date

Border denotes District Closed

8 Elementary Teacher Inservice Days
7 Secondary Teacher Inservice Days
189 Certified Staff Days

Board Approved 1/26/2021