

Borough of Alpine General Information

2011-2012

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is a privilege. Behavior and deportment that support the school's code of conduct are expected. Violation of the rules, as specified in the student handbook, may be cause for suspension of this privilege.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Detailed information is available in the Student Handbook.

Regular school hours

Grades K-4 8:25 – 3:00

Grades 5-8 8:25 – 3:00

Supervision is not available before 8:20 AM. Therefore, the district will not assume responsibility for students who arrive at school earlier than that time, unless other arrangements have been made with specific teachers. Kindly see the student handbook for student gathering points.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is required by law and is a key ingredient for success in school. After each absence or lateness, students must bring a written explanation, signed by a parent or guardian, describing the cause. Kindly remember, a note explains the absence or lateness, it does not necessarily excuse it – only compliance with state regulations can do that.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

When school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, all after school activities are cancelled. Announcements are made on Cablevision/News 12 and www.news12.com. Phone chains are also activated. Please note details on delayed openings or early closings in the student handbook. Students attending **Tenafly High School**, or at placements within the **Northern Valley, Region III Consortium**, are governed by their closing announcements. At the beginning of each school year, parents are required to provide updated information on each child's Emergency Card. Please be sure to include two contacts with phone numbers that can be reached if a parent is not available. Special release forms are also required for both regular and early dismissal times. A phone number for emergency evacuations must also be provided. School must be in session for a minimum of 180 days. Should school closures drop attendance below that number, days will be eliminated from the spring recess period until we are in compliance with the required minimum number of days.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Alpine Board of Education pledges itself to avoid any discriminatory actions and instead seeks to foster good human and educational relations in all areas. In compliance with Title IX and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly known as Section 504, a federal statute which prohibits discrimination against a disabled person, this district maintains an environment free from all forms of sexual harassment and intimidation. **Alpine's Affirmative Action Officers for 2008-09 are Ms. Donna Alonso and Mrs. Stacey Murphy.**

PROJECT CHILD FIND

1-800-322-8174

Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. In addition, **Project CHILD FIND** develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services (birth-5 year olds) and special education programs throughout New Jersey.

Call 1-800-322-8174 for further information.

IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Federal legislation (PL94-142) ensures that all children with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate education which includes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the New Jersey regulations implementing IDEA, create the format for providing special education services for students with special needs ages 3-21. Upon written notification by a child's parent, guardian, professional staff member of the district or licensed physician that there is reason to believe that such child may have a disabling condition, the Child Study Team must hold a meeting with the parent and the general education teacher to determine whether an evaluation is warranted. If it is determined that an evaluation is warranted then the scope and nature of the evaluation must also be determined. Parents should refer to the "Parental Rights in Special Education" (PRISE) from the New Jersey Department of Education for complete details on this subject. Eligibility under Section 504 - Section 504 covers qualified students with disabilities who attend schools receiving Federal financial assistance. To be protected under Section 504, a student must be determined to: 1) have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; 2) have a record of such an impairment, or 3) be regarded as having such an impairment. Section 504 requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to qualified students in their jurisdictions who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

TESTING

The school administers the State Standardized testing, **NJASK**, in grades 3-8 annually, as well as math and language arts benchmarks in grade 2. The district also administers **Terra Nova** standardized I.Q. tests in grades 2 and 7. Dates for testing are included in the calendar. State testing results are discussed at the September BOE meeting.

ALPINE HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2011-2012

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT KATY MARTINELLI
VICE PRESIDENT OR-LEE FROMM & ALANNA GOLDSTEIN
SECRETARY AMY LERNER
TREASURER SAPNA JAIN

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 8:45 AM in the Library.

Please review the online calendar for changes.

2011-2012 ALPINE SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

Emiljia Spaseska	Kindergarten Teacher	1301
Stacey Murphy	1st Grade Teacher	1202
Suzanne Mulvihill	2nd Grade Teacher	1203
Judy DeLaurentis	3rd Grade Teacher	1204
Philip Lockwood	4th Grade Teacher	1206
Michael DeLoreto	Social Studies 5,6,7,8	1208
Anne Serekian	Language Arts Literature 5,6 Math 5	1209
Karen Langfelder	Language Arts/Literature 7,8	1210
Lisa Wolfelsperger	Mathematics 6,7,8 Science 5,6	1216
Rivka Rosenstein	Mathematics 6,7,8 Science 7,8	1212
Francoise Moffitt	French K-8	1501
Federico Valasquez	Spanish K-8	1205
Maria Kazmierczak	Resource Center	1506
Wendy DeMoya	Resource Center	1215
Elim Lee	General/Choral Music	1207
Karin Tokatlioglu	ESL Teacher	1508
Olga DiPalo	Speech Therapist	1214
Jane DeLisi	Reading Teacher	1505
Stephanie Bailey	Art, Technology	1213
Dora Ibelli	Technology/Media Specialist	1121
Jonathan Rohrbeck	Health/Physical Education K-8	1221
Marcia Hankle	Instrumental Music, School Band	1218
Dorian Soares	Nurse/Health/Attendance Officer	1113
Lauren Delgado	Instructional Aide	1509
Carolyn Abramson	Instructional Aide	1507
Tracy Angelakos	Instructional Aide	1504
Ava Gangeri	Instructional Aide	1502
Leela Ramsook	Instructional Aide	1503
Jeanine Saal	Instructional Aide	1121
Jackie Collins	Non Instructional Aide	1110
Nancy Smith	School Secretary	1110
Lu Ann Post	Bookkeeper, Payroll and Accts. Payable	1118
Sue De Palma	Administrative Secretary	1117
Arber Bairami	Network Administrator	1219
Rueben Menendez	Head Custodian	1220
Barbara Battaglia	Supervisor of Student Services	1115
Maureen McCann	Supervisor of Support Services	1111
Donna Alonso	Business Admin./ Board Secretary	1119
Kathleen Semergieff, Ph.D	Superintendent	1112

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS, DIAL 201 FIRST

MAIN OFFICE, MRS. SMITH 768-8255 PRESS 5
ATTENDANCE OFFICE MS. SOARES, 768-8255, PRESS 3
MAIN OFFICE, DR. SEMERGIEFF 768-8255, PRESS 5
CHILD STUDY TEAM, 768-8255, PRESS 4
STAFF DIRECTORY 768-8255, PRESS 2
BUSINESS OFFICE, MS. ALONSO 768-6804