Pioneer School District Calendar

2026-2027



UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL PHONE DIRECTORY

DISTRICT

Dial 716-492-9300, enter the extension or say the name of the person you are seeking. Except where noted, the listings below can be direct-dialed.

Nicholas Silvaroli
Superintendent
716-492-9304

Brent Titus
School Business Executive
716-492-9303

Tracy George
Secretary to the
Business Executive
716-492-9067

Matthew Langworthy
Director of Curriculum &
Instruction
716-492-9311

Jennifer Higgins
Secretary to the
Superintendent/District Clerk
716-492-9305

Heidi Miles
Food Service Director
716-492-9347

Nicholas Titus
Director of Facilities
716-492-9414

Donna Almeter
Tax Collector
492--9300 ext. 1130

Cheri Minehan
Director of Special
Education
716-492-9435

Edward Hausauer
Director of Computer
Operations
716-492-9316

Tech Support Hotline
716-492-9330

Christopher Edwards
Athletic Director
716-492-9351

HIGH SCHOOL

TBA
Principal
716-492-9345

Kalli Harrington
Assistant Principal
716-492-9328

John Krumpek
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9339

Judith Emerling
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9341

Timothy Breen
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9446

Allison Nourse
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9343

Karen Duttry
Guidance Secretary
716-492-9337

Joanne Slocum
Secretary
716-492-9334

Amber Platt
School Nurse
716-492-9344

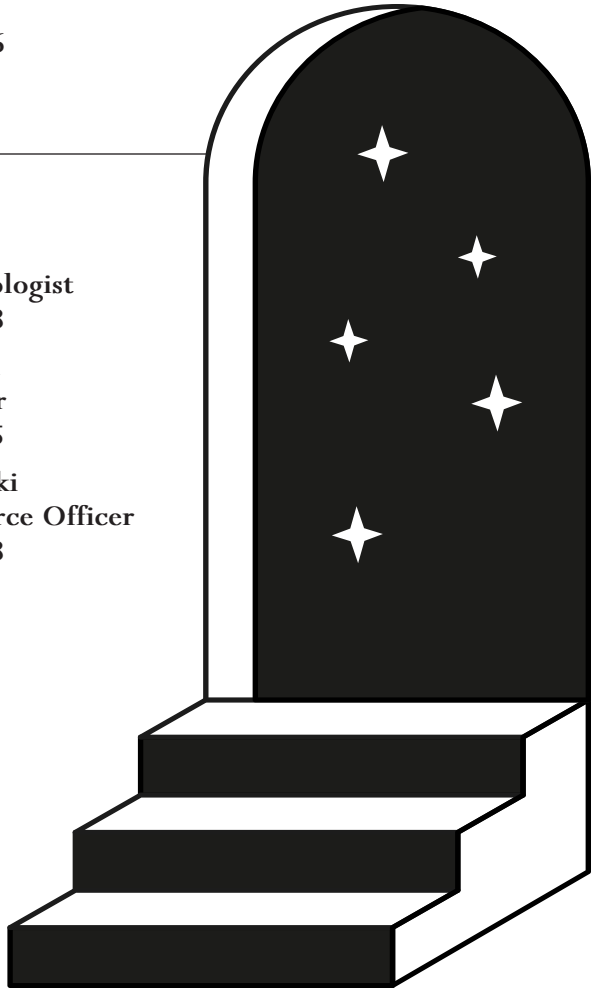
Alison Heilig
School Psychologist
716-492-9338

Angela Mason
Social Worker
716-492-9485

Dylan Paprocki
School Resource Officer
716-492-9398







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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jenna Driver
Principal
716-492-9393

Brooke Neamon
Assistant Principal
716-492-9376

Richard Schumacher
Assistant Principal
716-492-9402

Lynne Roth
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9381

Kimberly Boberg
Guidance Counselor
716-492-9382

Debbie Franklin
Guidance Secretary
716-492-9380

Danielle Ensell
Administrative Secretary
716-492-9371

Amy Opferbeck
Administrative Secretary
716-492-9373

Donna Holmes
School Nurse
716-492-9344

Lisa Heim
Greeter
716-492-9416

Nicole Ochoa
Attendance
716-492-9377

Travor Nourse
School Resource Officer
716-492-9356

DELEVAN ELEMENTARY

Stephanie Sullivan
Principal
716-492-9463

Judith Rodgers
Secretary
716-492-9461

Denise Lavery
Secretary
716-492-9464

Sharley Dubay
Greeter
716-492-9460

Stacy Cameron
School Nurse
716-492-9465

School Resource Officer
716-492-9370

ARCADE ELEMENTARY

Kerry Slocum
Principal
716-492-9423

Sandra Fontaine
Secretary
716-492-9424

Debbie Nickerson
Secretary
716-492-9422

Davina Conroy
Greeter
716-492-9421

Lisa Reynolds
School Nurse
716-492-9426

Sheri Bell-Beyer
Social Worker
716-492-9383

Jared Benkelman
School Resource Officer
716-492-9428





REMINGTON REINARD - DES



PIONEER BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Pioneer Board of Education's regular meetings are the first & third Tuesday of each month at Pioneer High School, except as noted in the calendar. The public is urged to attend. More information about the board can be found at https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/pioneerschools/Board.nsf



Shawn Hannon
President
Member since 2022



Jim Fleischman
Vice President
Member since 2024



Cory Higgins
Member since 2025



Shannnon King
Member since 2026



Amanda McKerrow
Member since 2024



Kate Uhteg
Member since 2024



Brandon Pyc
Member since 2023



Mark Kless
Member since 2022



Pat Hoffman
Member since 2024



MISSION STATEMENT

Pioneer Schools develop curious, creative, and critical thinkers. Our foundation is a learning environment that is safe, caring, inclusive and engaging. Our mission is realized by enabling children to reach their full learning potential in a supportive community.

VISION STATEMENT

Pioneer students consistently demonstrate the skills, knowledge, integrity and understanding needed for success in life. They are motivated, self-confident, collaborative, and civic-minded.

CHARACTER TRAITS

WE ARE FOCUSING THIS YEAR ON:

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
EMPATHY
KINDNESS
OPTIMISM
TEAMWORK
PERSEVERANCE
HONESTY
COURAGE
INTEGRITY



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AUGUST 2026

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9	10	11 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	12	13	14	15
16	17 New Educator Academy	18 New Educator Academy	19 New Educator Academy	20	21	22
23 30	24 31 All Staff Day 7:30AM-2PM	25	26	27 HS Seniors Paint Parking Spaces	28	29

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RESPECT

Treating others with courtesy and valuing differing perspectives.





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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Return to Learn Parent-Student Orientation	2 All Staff Day 7:30AM-2PM	3 First Day of School for students K-12	4	5
6	7 Labor Day - **No School**	8 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	9	10 HS Picture Day	11	12 Marching Band at West Seneca
13	14 MS After school activities start AES Picture Day	15	16	17	18	19 Marching Band at West Seneca
20	21	22 First Day of Fall MS Picture Day	23	24	25 AES 2nd Grade Grandparents' Day	26 Marching Band at Medina
27	28 Spirit Week	29 Spirit Week	30 Spirit Week			

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RESPONSIBLITY

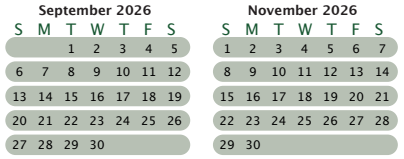
Owning your actions, fulfilling commitments, and being accountable.



ELLIOT MALIK - DES



BRAYDEN MARTIN - HS



OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spirit Week	2 Homecoming Celebration, including Family Tailgate, Athletics Wall of Fame Induction and Homecoming Football	3 HS Homecoming Dance
4	5	6 MS No afterschool activities	7 AES Open House	8 5-12 1st Quarter Progress Reports issued	9 MS No afterschool activities	10
11	12 Columbus Day Indigenous People Day **No School**	13 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	14	15 DES Picture Day	16 HS Deadline for senior photos to Mrs. Wrotniak	17 Marching Band at Webster
18	19 National FFA Convention	20 National FFA Convention	21 National FFA Convention	22 HS Picture Retakes National FFA Convention	23 National FFA Convention	24 Marching Band at Orchard Park National FFA Convention
25	26	27	28 AES Picture Retakes Middle School Musical - 'Trolls' - HS Aud- 6:30PM	29 Middle School Musical - 'Trolls' - HS Aud- 6:30PM	30	31

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EMPATHY

Understanding and sharing the feelings of others.





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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Marching Band at Syracuse	**2**	**3** MS picture retake day Board of Education meets, 5:30PM MS No afterschool activities	**4** Half Day of School PreK-4	**5** CONCERT: 7/8 Band/ Chorus/Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM	**6** Jr. High Area All-State at Akron End of 1st Quarter	**7** Jr. High Area All-State at Akron
8 Daylight Saving Time ends	**9**	**10** MS No afterschool activities	**11** Veterans Day - **No School**	**12** MS No afterschool activities	**13** All Staff Day - **No Classes** K-4 1st Trimester Ends	**14**
15	**16**	**17** CONCERT: HS Chorus & Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	**18** CONCERT: 6 Band & Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM	**19**	**20** Sr. Area All-State, SUNY Fredonia MS No afterschool activities	**21** Sr. Area All-State, SUNY Fredonia
22	**23** Half Day of School PreK-4 PreK-4 Parent Teacher Conferences, noon-5PM MS PBIS Reward Afternoon MS No afterschool activities	**24** Parent Teacher Conferences: PreK-4 7:30AM-noon; Gr. 5-12 7:30AM-1:10PM	**25** Thanksgiving Recess - **No School**	**26** Thanksgiving Recess - **No School**	**27** Thanksgiving Recess - **No School**	**28**
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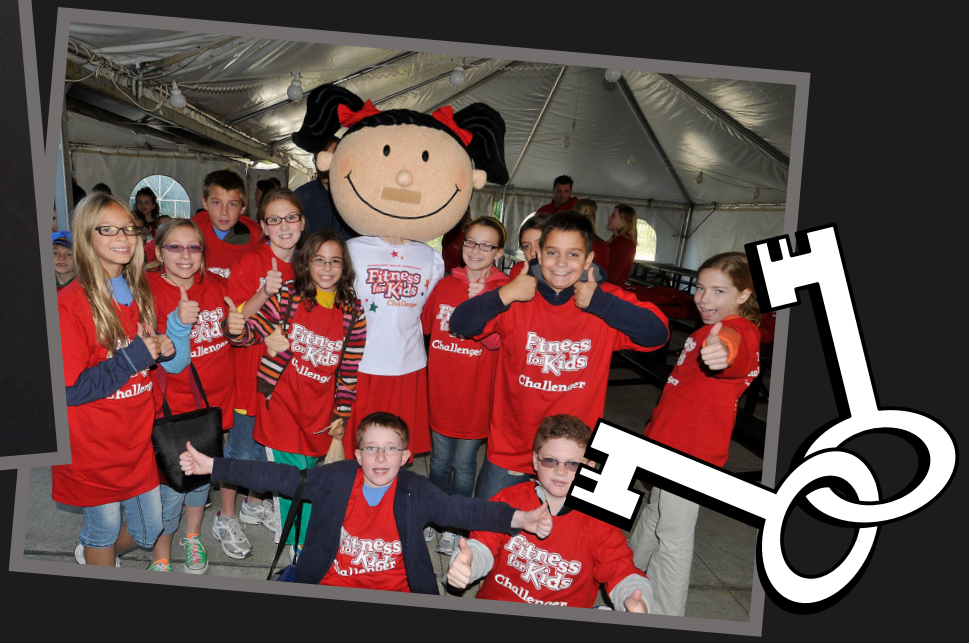
KINDNESS

Showing care and compassion for others without expecting anything in return.



LILYAN SOBCZAK - HS



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DECEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MS No afterschool activities	2	3 DES picture retake day	4	5
6	7	8 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	9 CONCERT: Arcade 3-4 Chorus, AES Aud, 6:30PM	10 CONCERT: Delevan 3-4 Chorus, DES Aud, 6:30PM	11	12
13	14	15 CONCERT: All-Chorus Concert, HS Aud, 6:30PM	16	17 5-12 2nd Quarter Progress Reports issued	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter	22 MS No afterschool activities	23 Winter Recess - **No School**	24 Winter Recess - **No School**	25 Winter Recess - **No School**	26
27	28 Winter Recess - **No School**	29 Winter Recess - **No School**	30 Winter Recess - **No School**	31 Winter Recess - **No School**		

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OPTIMISM

Approaching situations with a positive and hopeful mindset.





RAYLYN BROWN - DES

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JANUARY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Winter Recess - **No School**	2
3	4	5 MS No afterschool activities	6	7	8	9 Elementary Solofest at Depew
10	11	12 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	13 CONCERT: All Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM	14	15 MS No afterschool activities	16 Jr. High Solofest at Orchard Park
17	18 Martin Luther King Day - **No School**	19	20 CONCERT: All Band, HS Aud, 6:30PM	21	22	23 Sr. High Solofest
24 31	25	26 Regents Exams at HS	27 Regents Exams at HS	28 Regents Exams at HS	29 Regents Exams at HS End of 2nd Quarter	30

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TEAMWORK

Collaborating and working effectively with others.



ISABELLA KAISER - HS



LILLIAN WINTERS, AVA DEMARCO, ELLA ROGERS, EMILY SANFORD, MAESELLE WESTFALL - HS

January 2027

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FEBRUARY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 MS No afterschool activities	3	4	5 MS PBIS Reward Afternoon	6
7	8	9 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	10	11	12 Arcade Winterfest Weekend MS No afterschool activities	13 Arcade Winterfest Weekend Pioneer Student Art Show at Arcade Historical Society (Old Fire Hall)
14	15 Mid-Winter Recess - **No School**	16 Mid-Winter Recess - **No School**	17 Mid-Winter Recess - **No School**	18 Mid-Winter Recess - **No School**	19 Mid-Winter Recess - **No School**	20
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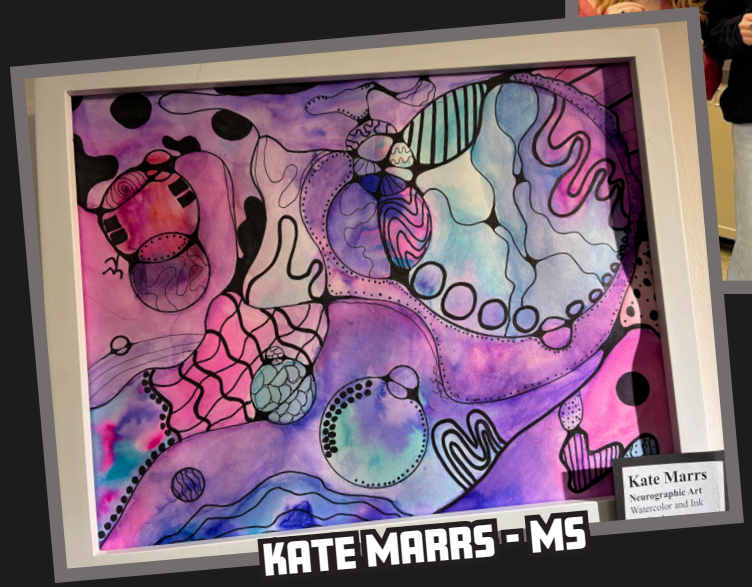
PERSEVERANCE

Continuing to move forward and achieve goals despite facing obstacles.



KATE MARRS - MS





ELLA ROGERS - HS

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MARCH 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	3 HS Musical 'Shrek' free senior citizen performance, HS Aud, 4PM FFA Substate Leadership Convention	4	5 K-4 2nd Trimester Ends Half Day of School PreK-12 HS Musical 'Shrek' , 7PM MS No afterschool activities	6 HS Musical 'Shrek', 2PM & 7PM ECMEA Elementary All-County Show, Kleinhans Music Hall
7 HS Musical 'Shrek' , 2PM	8	9	10 CONCERT: HS Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM	11 CONCERT: HS Band, HS Aud, 6:30PM	12 All Staff Day - **No Classes** ECMEA Jr. High South All-County, EAHS	13 ECMEA Jr. High South All-County, EAHS
14 Daylight Saving Time begins	15	16 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	17	18 CONCERT: MS 7/8 Band/Chorus/Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM 5-12 3rd Quarter Progress Reports issued	19 ECMEA Sr. High Music Festival	20 ECMEA Sr. High Music Festival First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24 CONCERT: HS Choral, HS Aud, 6:30PM HS Job Fair	25 MS No afterschool activities	26 Spring Recess - **No School**	27
28	29 Spring Recess - **No School**	30 Spring Recess - **No School**	31 Spring Recess - **No School**			

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HONESTY

Being truthful in your words and actions.





EMILY PERKS - MS

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APRIL 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spring Recess - **No School**	2 Spring Recess - **No School**	3
4	5	6 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM MS No afterschool activities	7	8	9	10
11	12 Dallas Brass concert, HS Aud, 6:30PM	13	14	15	16 End of 3rd Quarter	17
18	19	20 Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	21	22	23 MS PBIS Reward Afternoon	24
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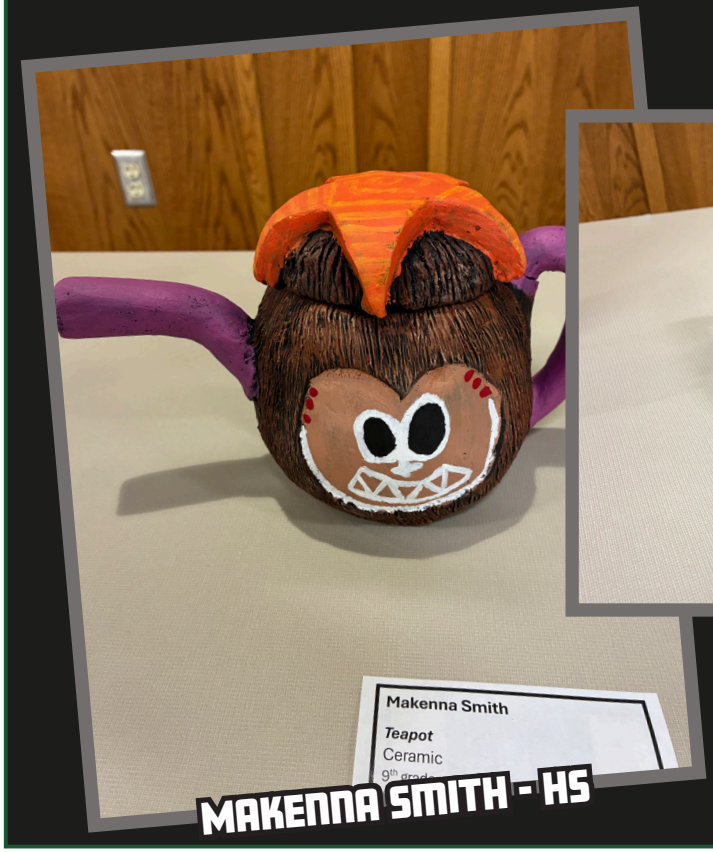
COURAGE

Facing challenges and standing up respectfully for your beliefs.



MAKENNA SMITH - HS



GAGE WILSON - HS



BLAKE SMITH - HS

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MAY 2027

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2	3	4 Public Budget Hearing, Board Candidates Forum & Board of Education meeting, 5:30PM MS No afterschool activities	5 State FFA Convention	6 State FFA Convention HS PLAY: 'Murder On The Orient Express', 7PM	7 NYSSMA Solo Festival Auditions at Fillmore State FFA Convention HS PLAY: 'Murder On The Orient Express', 7PM	8 NYSSMA Solo Festival Auditions at Fillmore HS PLAY: 'Murder On The Orient Express', 7PM
9 HS PLAY: 'Murder On The Orient Express', 2PM	10	11	12 CONCERT: Arcade 3/4 Chorus, AES Aud, 6:30PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 CONCERT: MS 5/6 Band/Chorus/Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election at HS Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	19 CONCERT: HS Chorus/ Orchestra, HS Aud, 6:30PM 5-12 4th Quarter Progress Reports issued	20 CONCERT: HS Band, HS Aud, 6:30PM	21	22
21 30	24 31 Memorial Weekend - **No School**	25	26 MS Panther Palooza 5-7:30PM	27 MS No afterschool activities	28 Memorial Weekend - **No School**	29

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INTEGRITY

Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, and standing up for morals.



MAN NI YANG - MS





MORGAN LUND - HS

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JUNE 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CONCERT: 7/8 Band/ Chorus/Orchestra, on the lawn (weather permitting), 7PM MS No afterschool activities	2 K-12 Art Show at HS Academic Hall HS Senior Recognition Concert, HS Aud, 6:30PM	3 CONCERT: 3/4 Delevan Elementary Choral Concert, DES Aud, 6:30PM	4	5
6 Pioneer Music Dept. Golf Tourney at Turkey Run, 3PM	7 Music Dept. Field Trip to Seabreeze	8 Regents Exams at HS Board of Education meets, 5:30PM	9 Regents Exams at HS	10	11 K-4 3rd Trimester Ends Half Day of School PreK-4 MS No afterschool activities	12
13	14	15 Last Day of Classes Gr. 9-12	16 Regents Exams at HS MS Last day of afterschool activities	17 AES 4th Grade Graduation, noon Regents Exams at HS	18 Juneteenth (observed) - **No School**	19
20	21 Regents Exams at HS	22 Regents Exams at HS	23 Regents Exams at HS End of 4th Quarter	24 Regents Exams at HS MS 8th grade moving up ceremony at HS Aud, 9AM	25 Last Day of Classes Pre-K - 8 Class of 2027 Graduation, 6PM Regents Rating Day MS PBIS Reward Day MS No afterschool activities	26
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BOARD POLICY NO. 7241: DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The District shall publish an annual public notice informing parents or eligible students (i.e., a student eighteen (18) years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education) of the District's definition of directory information, the parent/eligible student's right to refuse the release of student directory information and indication of the time period for their response. (Directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.) Following such public notice and a reasonable response period, the District may release such information to an outside group without individual consent.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) defines student directory information as any of the following: name; address; telephone listing; date and place of birth; major field of study; grade level; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height (if members of athletic teams); dates of attendance; honors, degrees and awards received; electronic mail address; photograph; and the name of the educational agency or institution most recently previously attended by the student. The District will release only the following defined directory information: student's name; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; address; telephone listing; weight and height of members of athletic teams; photograph; degrees, honors and awards received; date and place of birth; major field of study; dates of attendance; grade level; the most recent educational agency or institution attended.

Directory information does not include:
a) A student's social security number; or
b) A student's identification (ID) number, except as provided below.

Directory information includes a student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems, or that is displayed on a student ID card or badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user. Parents and eligible students may not, by opting out of disclosure of directory information, prevent a school from requiring a student to wear or present a student identification card or a badge that displays information that may be directory information.

LIMITED DIRECTORY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Limited Directory Information Disclosure means that the District may limit disclosure of its designated directory information to specific parties for specific purposes, or both. Allowing limited directory information disclosure may permit the District to use student directory information for such limited purposes as school yearbooks, honor roll lists, graduation programs, playbills and other similar uses, without obtaining individual consent. Limiting the disclosure of such information may be beneficial when the District perceives such disclosure as putting students at risk of becoming targets of marketing campaigns, news media or possible victims of criminal acts. The District shall limit its disclosure of its designated directory information as specified in its public notice to parents and eligible students.

MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS

The release of student directory information is not to be confused with the release of names, addresses and telephone listings of eligible students (i.e., a student seventeen (17) years of age or older or in the eleventh grade (or its equivalent) or higher) to Military Recruiters. In compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), and the National Defense Authorization Act, the School District shall notify parents that by law it routinely releases this information to Military Recruiters upon request subject to a parents'/eligible students'request not to disclose such information with written parental verification of such request.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 United States Code (USC) Section 1232(g) 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 99



PARENT RIGHTS NOTICE

Every parent or person in parental relation has the right to refer their child to the Committee on Special Education for evaluation to determine the child's eligibility for special education programs or services. Information regarding this parental right to request an evaluation is detailed in "A Parent's Guide to Special Education", which can be found on the New York State Education Department's web site http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm. If you have any questions about your rights as a parent with relation to special education, you can contact: Cheri Minehan, Pioneer's Director of Special Education, at 716-492-9435, or by email at cminehan@pioneerschools.org.

STATEMENT ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The Pioneer Central School District is in compliance with the US Civil Service Rights Act of 1964 and the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972, Part 86. The District provides equal employment opportunity to all individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age or handicapping condition. Our 504 compliance officer, Cheri Minehan, (P.O. Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173) can be reached at 716-492-9435. Our Title IX compliance coordinator, Nicholas Silvaroli (P.O. Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173) can be reached at 716-492-9304.

Each principal and program director serves as a Title IX compliance officer for their facility or program. For allegations against officers, individuals should contact the Title IX compliance coordinator (Matthew Langworthy) directly.

The Pioneer Central School District offers vocational education opportunities without regard to color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age or handicapping condition, in compliance with the State Education Department's Standards Governing Civil Rights in Vocational Education Programs.

STATEMENT ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

It is the responsibility of the Pioneer Central School District to locate, evaluate and, if necessary, to provide special education services to preschool and school-age children residing in the district. If you suspect your child may have a disability, please contact Cheri Minehan, Director of Special Education, at 716-492-9435.

FERPA NOTICE

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1) The right to inspect and review the student's education record within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2) Parents or eligible students may request copies of such records. The district fee for copies is 25 cents per page. However, if the charge for copies would prevent an eligible party from gaining requested access to a student's record, the copying fee or a portion of it may be waived by the superintendent or district records access officer (the assistant superintendent).

3) The right to request amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal (or appropriate official), clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

4) 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. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel); a person serving on the Board of Education; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Another exception permits a school to disclose information from a student's education records to another school without parental consent where the student seeks or intends to enroll, provided that the school district (the "sending school") includes a statement in its annual notification of rights that it discloses education records for enrollment purposes, or it makes a reasonable attempt to notify the parent in advance of the disclosure. Pioneer does disclose education records for enrollment purposes, and we do include this notification annually, so this exception does apply.

5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605

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