CANDOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS

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CANDOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Candor Central School District is to empower students to be lifelong learners who are caring, capable, responsible citizens who value differences and have a meaningful, positive impact in their community.

Vision Statement

Candor Central School District will set the standard for small, rural, public school districts. Our students will be effective communicators, critical thinkers and collaborative problem solvers who excel on their path to being caring and contributing citizens.



Opening Day for students is Tuesday, September 8th.

CCSD 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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September 8th: 1st Day of School

October 7th: Early Release Day

October 12th: Indigenous People's Day

October 23rd: Superintendent's Conf. Day

November 4th: Early Release Day

November 11th: Veterans Day

November 25th - 27th: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2nd: Early Release Day

December 24th - 31st: Holiday Recess

January 1st: Holiday Recess

January 18th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 26th-29th: Regents Exams

February 3rd: Early Release Day

February 15th - 19th: Winter Recess

March 3rd: Early Release Day

March 19th: Superintendent's Conf. Day

April 5th - 9th: Spring Recess

May 5th: Early Release Day

May 31st: Memorial Day

June 15th-17th & 21st-25th: Regents Exams

June 25th: Graduation (tentative)



2026-2027

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Candor Families, Staff and Community Members,

As summer vacation draws to a close, it is my privilege to welcome you all back for the 2026-2027 school year. While I have shared many back-to-school seasons with you, this year holds special meaning for me. As an alumnus of the Candor Central School District, and after serving our school district for 33 years - first as a special education teacher, then as elementary principal, and most recently in district-level administration - it is my utmost honor to step into my first year as your Superintendent of Schools. I am excited to have this opportunity to lead, encourage, and support our school community.

Whether you are a returning family or new to our community, we are thrilled to have you in our Candor school family. Our core values remain constant: modeling respectful and responsible behavior and providing a safe, caring environment. This summer, our teams worked diligently to prepare our facilities for the new year.

Phase II of our capital project is nearing completion, with several key upgrades including:

- Upgraded parking lot drainage and repaving
- Full reconstruction of the Jr-Sr High School courtyard, retaining wall, and back gymnasium steps
- Improved discus and shot-put platforms
- Newly fenced and paved pickleball and basketball courts in the intermediate recess area
- New lockers in the second and third-grade wings
- Repaired concrete caps and front wall at the elementary school

As we look toward an exciting year of growth and learning, please make note of these foundational calendar dates for the start of the year:

- **First Day of School for Students: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026**
- **October 7, 2026 Early Release Day for Students**
- **October 12, 2026 Indigenous People's Day**
- **October 23, 2026 Superintendent's Conference Day**
- **November 4, 2026 Early Release Day for Students**
- **November 11, 2026 Veterans Day**
- **November 25 - 27 Thanksgiving Break**

Thank you for your continuous trust, support, and dedication to our students. Together, we will make this school year a remarkable success for every Candor student!

Be well,

Kimberleigh Nichols
Superintendent of Schools

A Message from the Elementary Principal

WELCOME BACK CANDOR ELEMENTARY FAMILIES!

We are extremely excited to welcome students back on **Tuesday, September 8th**! Below are a few reminders as we welcome everyone back. Open House is **Thursday, September 3rd** from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Rooms invitations will be sent out for you to join your child's classroom very soon.

Student Arrival

For the upcoming year, we will be going to a single point of entry for all students at arrival. The single point of entry will be the Elementary's Main Entrance. Parents will still drop students off at the West Entrance. Students eating breakfast will go right to the cafeteria through the main entrance doors. This offers enhanced supervision and improved safety and security for everyone in the building. Dismissal locations will remain unchanged. *If you will be dropping your child off at school,* please use the drop-off loop near the West Entrance between 8:45 AM and 9:00 AM. We have staff available to help your child get out of the vehicle safely; there is no need to exit your vehicle. Students who are not eating breakfast may begin entering the building at 8:45 AM. School staff is not responsible for supervising the children outside prior to 8:45 at any time throughout this school year. **Kindergarten-6th grade families, please say your goodbyes outside of the building.** Kindergarten-6th grade parents will not enter the building. The instructional day begins at 9:00 AM. Any Kindergarten-6th grade child interested in eating breakfast can eat breakfast from 8:35 AM to 9:00 AM, **at no cost**.

Pre-K Families:

Pre-K families may walk their child to their classroom on the first day of school through the main entrance. If you're planning to walk your child to the classroom, please park in a designated parking space in the parking lot. Pre-K students will eat breakfast in their classrooms.

Student Dismissal

If you are picking your child up after school, pickup begins at 3:10 PM. When you arrive for dismissal on the first day, you will be assigned and directed to one of two locations: the West Entrance loop or the bus loop in front of the Main Entrance. We have faculty and staff available to help your child get into the vehicle safely; no need to exit your vehicle at student dismissal.

If your child is a walker, please wait for your child on the lawn in front of the high school. Teachers will begin escorting the walkers to the front lawn, starting at 3:20 PM.

Please remain patient with us throughout the first few weeks of school as we work to make arrival and dismissal as seamless as possible.

Please contact the main office with any questions at (607) 659-3935.

Sincerely,
Peter Ahart
Elementary Principal

A Message from the Jr/Sr High School Principal

I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We are excited for another positive and productive school year! The high school and student service offices have been busy planning and preparing for the upcoming year. In order to continue to build a Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Caring school environment, we have modified the schedule to incorporate our advisory period between 1st and 2nd period. This will help facilitate social/emotional and citizenship initiatives in the building throughout the year. This change will result in a slightly longer school day, with students being released at 2:27.

We are ready to begin Standards-Based Grading with the 7th grade cohort (and 8th graders in PE, Band, and Chorus) starting in September. Teachers have developed their rubrics, and we have done the necessary work with SchoolTool to provide standards-based report cards. Academic Accountability is based on the 7th grade Learner Behavior Rubric categories: Prepared, Engaged, and Respectful. This transition will help provide a clearer and more transparent method for measuring and communicating student academic and behavioral growth.

Teens and young adults are especially vulnerable to the effects of energy drinks because their bodies are still developing. Most energy drinks contain high levels of caffeine, often equivalent to 3-4 cups of coffee, as well as significant amounts of added sugar and stimulants. These ingredients can lead to negative health effects such as fast or irregular heartbeats, anxiety, irritability, sleep problems, and high blood pressure. As I'm sure you are aware, coffee and sodas also contain high levels of caffeine, which can have the same effects as energy drinks. Therefore, we are prohibiting the use of caffeinated drinks in the building. The student handbook specifies that only water may be consumed during the school day, and we will be more diligent with this expectation this school year. Our goal is to educate and encourage students to make healthier and safer choices.

The Governor's "no cellphone" mandate is still in effect, and we will continue to utilize Yondr pouches for student phone storage throughout the instructional day. We saw a significant increase in student engagement due to the absence of cellphones in the classrooms, and we expect the same this year.

I would like to start the year again by emphasizing the importance of school attendance. Research has proven that chronic absenteeism from school is directly linked to poor academic performance, and our own data from Candor High School shows that the most common factor among high school dropouts is poor attendance. Your assistance in working with the school to ensure students regularly attend school is greatly appreciated.

Important dates:

- Opening Day for Students - 09/08/2026 (Doors open at 7:30, and classes start at 7:45)
- Homecoming Week - 09/21 - 09/26/2026
- High School Open House - 10/21/2026 from 6:00 to 7:30

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the high school office. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing all students, faculty, and staff in the near future!

Sincerely,

Wayne Aman
Jr/Sr High School Principal

Transportation Department News

Welcome to the **2026–2027 school year!** The Transportation Department is excited to welcome our students back on the buses and begin another safe and successful year.

As we get back into our school-year routines, we appreciate the patience and cooperation of our families. Transporting our students safely takes teamwork between our drivers, students, families, schools, and Transportation Department. Here are a few important reminders as we begin the year.

Please Be Patient as We Start the Year
The first few weeks of school are always an adjustment as students, families, and drivers settle into their new routines. Pickup and drop-off times may fluctuate slightly during the first several days of school as routes become established. Please allow us a little time to work through any adjustments that may be needed. Our goal is always to provide safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for every student.

Adults Must Be Present at Drop-Off
For students in grades PK–6, an adult must be visibly present during afternoon drop-off. Drivers are instructed not to discharge students unless an adult is seen in the driveway, doorway, or another location clearly visible from the bus. This applies to both private residences and daycare providers. If no adult is present, your child may be returned to the school or bus garage for pickup. Thank you for helping us make sure every student gets home safely.

Seatbelts on Buses
As part of our continued commitment to student safety, our newer buses are equipped with 3-point seatbelts. Students riding a bus equipped with seatbelts are expected to wear them while the bus is in motion. Please encourage your child to buckle up when riding one of our seatbelt-equipped buses and to follow all directions provided by the driver.

Be Ready 5 Minutes Early
Please have your child ready and waiting at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pickup time. Traffic, weather, road conditions, student loading times, and other variables can cause buses to run a few minutes early or late. In many locations, buses cannot safely stop and wait for students to come outside. Being ready helps prevent missed pickups and keeps our routes running safely and on schedule.

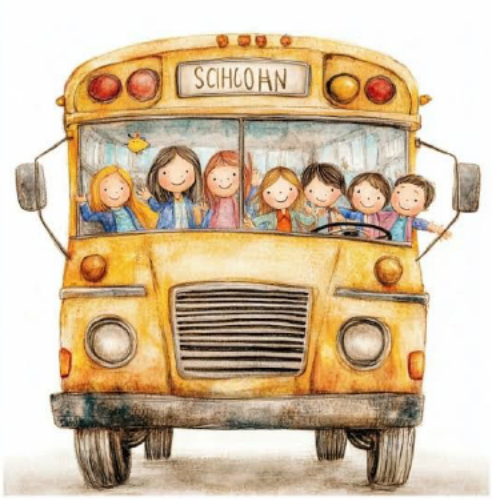
Reporting Student Absences
If your child will not be riding the bus, please email transportation@candorcs.org as soon as possible. Letting us know helps us adjust routes in real time and avoid unnecessary stops, improving efficiency for everyone. When reporting an absence, please include your child's name and whether they will be absent from the morning bus, afternoon bus, or both.

Changes to Your Child's Transportation
If your child's regular transportation needs change during the school year, please make sure the Transportation Department is notified. Changes in addresses, daycare arrangements, or regular pickup/drop-off locations can affect routing and may require time to process. Please do not rely on your child to communicate transportation changes directly to the bus driver.

Bus Safety Starts at Home
Please remind students that school bus safety rules apply from the moment they approach the bus until they reach their destination. Students should remain seated, keep the aisle clear, use appropriate behavior, and follow the driver's directions at all times. Our drivers' number one responsibility is getting students to and from school safely. Good bus behavior allows them to keep their attention where it belongs—on the road.

We're Hiring – Join Our Team!
We are always looking for reliable individuals to join our Transportation Team as school bus drivers and monitors. Training is provided, and it's a great opportunity to serve our students, schools, and community. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit the district website to complete an application.

Thank You!
We know that families place a great deal of trust in us each day when their children step onto one of our buses, and we take that responsibility seriously. Thank you for your patience, communication, and partnership with our Transportation Department.



We look forward to a safe, smooth, and successful 2026 – 2027 school year!

Katie Anderson
Transportation Supervisor

Food Services Department News

Attention Elementary School Parents:

If you are sending money to school for your student's meal account, please place it in an envelope with your child's name clearly written on it.

If you are sending the money in a plastic bag, please be sure to include a note inside the bag with your student's name so we know who the payment belongs to.

This helps ensure that all payments are correctly credited to the right meal account.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!



Michelle Dougherty
Food Services Manager

SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

What a fantastic summer of learning, growth, friendships, and fun! From July 7th through August 13th, approximately 75 students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade joined us each day from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Students were provided with breakfast and lunch each day to keep them energized, focused, and ready to learn.

This year, we focused on creating a mostly "unplugged" Summer Academy, giving students opportunities to step away from screens and spend more time socializing, building friendships, collaborating, and interacting with their peers. Students also had the opportunity to build relationships with their incoming teachers, maintain a consistent summer routine, and learn alongside some of their close friends.

Approximately 25 dedicated teachers and staff designed and supported engaging learning experiences aligned with upcoming grade-level curriculum, giving students a head start on their learning for the fall. Each day included 45-minute blocks of ELA and Math, along with a 30-minute STEM/Recreational block, providing a balance of academic learning, hands-on experiences, movement, creativity, and fun.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and I am grateful to our teachers, staff, families, and community partners who helped make Summer Academy such a successful and meaningful experience!

Ashley Martone
Summer Academy Coordinator





THANK YOU

A huge thank you to **Tioga County Public Health, Jessica Spaccio, Becca Rodomsky-Bish (her son, Owen), and Owego Gymnastics** who helped make Summer Academy so special! Your time, generosity, and support gave our students fun, meaningful, and educational experiences they won't forget.

SUMMER ACADEMY 2026



Athletic Department News

Welcome to the 2026 Fall Athletic Season:

The fall season has officially begun, and our teams are ready to compete! Over the offseason, our student-athletes and coaches have put in extra time, hard work, and dedication to prepare for the season ahead. We are excited to see their efforts come together as they represent our school and community in competition.

Fall sports schedules are available through **Schedule Galaxy** at www.schedulegalaxy.com. Please be sure to **subscribe to our schedules** so you can stay up to date with any changes, including adjustments to game dates, times, or locations.

Once again this season, games will be livestreamed through our **HUDL** page. Visit https://fan.hudl.com/usa/ny/candor/organization/91564/candor-high-school to find our landing page and access available livestreams.

A special thank you goes out to our coaches, who have put in countless hours this summer to prepare our student-athletes for success—both on and off the field. Please use the following chart to reach out to the coach(es) when needed.

We look forward to an exciting fall season and appreciate your continued support of our student-athletes and teams.

Thank you,

Michael Swartz
Director of Phys. Ed., Health, & Athletics





2026 Fall Coaches		
	SVEC Teams	
Gino Martone	Varsity Football	gmarton1@binghamton.edu
Craig Bennett	Varsity Football	CBennett@candorcs.org
Chris Teribury	Varsity Football	cteribury@candorcs.org
Nick Thomas	Varsity Football	Nathomas4109@icloud.com
Keith Whitmarsh	Modified Football	kewhitmarsh@gstboces.org
Patrick Rekczis	Modified Football	prex58@gmail.com
Michael Leljedal	Varsity Girls Soccer	mileljedal@svecsd.org
Aaron Decker	Varsity Girls Soccer	aarondecker12@gmail.com
Rhianna Lawrence	Modified Girls Soccer	RHLAWRENCE@svecsd.org
Jason Banks	Varsity Boys Soccer	jbanks@candorcs.org
Gary Holmes	Varsity Boys Soccer	gholmes@candorcs.org
Ryan Collier	Modified Boys Soccer	rcollier@candorcs.org
Ken Decker	Modified Boys soccer	kdecker@matcoelectric.com
Catherine Collins	Varsity Cheerleading	sveyacheer@gmail.com
Jennifer Jones	Modified Cheerleading	killerwhale73@hotmail.com
Abby Gentile	Varsity Field Hockey	agentile@svecsd.org
Jeremy Kastenhuber	Varsity Field Hockey	jkastenhuber@svecsd.org
Lindsay Domion	Modified Field Hockey	ldomion@svecsd.org
Terry Dhuy	Modified Field Hockey	tdhuy@svecsd.org
	CANDOR Teams	
Pam Quinlan	Varsity Volleyball	pquinlan@candorcs.org
Brittney Cochrane	JV Volleyball	bcochrane@candorcs.org
Bree Zogaria	Varsity Cross Country	bzogaria@candorcs.org
Julia Strull	Modified Cross Country	jstrull@candorcs.org
Kenny Macumber	Candor Strength Coach	kmacumber@candorcs.org
Prestin Sample	Candor Athletic Trainer	psample@candorcs.org

Student Services

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! We have worked hard this summer to make sure that opening day is a smooth transition. Just a reminder about the drop/add procedure for the fall: **There will be no changes to students' schedules during the first week of school.** Students will, however, be able to come to the Guidance Office on Monday, September 14th and fill out a drop/add form. We are hoping this will give students more time to adjust and settle in, and unnecessary course changes will be minimized. Last spring, during course selection, we were careful to take into account required courses and elective courses allowing the students to choose and prioritize their elective choices. If a student does not receive an elective course, it is most likely due to the fact that it did not fit into the schedule. If there are any concerns or desired changes to a schedule, students are welcome to fill out a request for course change form in the Guidance Office starting on September 14th. **Please encourage your child to follow his/her original schedule until he/she is notified of a change. This is imperative to keep the opening of school running efficiently.**

Students are notified of the change by getting called to the Guidance Office to receive a copy of their new schedule. There are often a significant number of schedule changes that need to be done, and patience is greatly appreciated!

The counselor assignments are:

* Mr. Andrew Davenport: Grades 5 - 8
* Mr. Jason Banks: Grades 9 -12
* Mrs. Leslie Thomas: Student Services Secretary

Please feel welcome to call us with any questions or concerns at (607)659-3195, or send and email to:

Mr. Jason Banks:	jbanks@candorcs.org
Mr. Andrew Davenport:	adavenport@candorcs.org
Mrs. Leslie Thomas:	lthomas@candorcs.org.

Great tips to students from the College Board
www.collegeboard.com

As early as your **freshman year**, you should begin thinking about the following:

1. *Create a high school plan*
   * Make sure you know what high school courses are required by colleges and that you´re taking the right classes starting this year.
   * Get to know the levels of courses offered by your school.

2. *Take challenging classes*
   * You should take at least five solid academic classes every semester. These usually include classes in English (language arts), Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Languages and the arts. Try to take advantage of honors and other higher-level courses to challenge yourself.

3. *Read and write as much as you can*
   * Go beyond your reading and writing assignments in school. Reading books and magazines, keeping a journal or blogging can help you improve.

SAT Test Schedules

Registration materials for the SAT are available in the Student Services Office. It is strongly encouraged to register online with www.collegeboard.com.

SAT Exams for 2026 - 2027

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 6, 2026	September 18, 2026
November 7, 2026	October 23, 2026
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027

Other Standardized Tests

The **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)** measures verbal reasoning, math problem-solving and writing skills. Mr. Banks will be visiting classes in September and giving students information regarding the PSAT. The PSAT will be offered to all juniors in October.



A special

"Welcome to the High School"

to all 7th-grade students!!!

Selection Process

The National Honor Society is a nationally recognized organization that seeks to honor and encourage academic achievement, and at the same time help young men and women develop ideals of character, service and leadership. Membership in the National Honor Society is viewed as both an honor and a commitment to living up to these ideals.

In order to obtain what the honor society recognizes as the standards of character, service, and leadership, students should be conscientious on the requirements for entrance into the society as early as 7th grade. Starting to volunteer and beginning to think about how to become a leader are both extremely important. These things should not only start as early as possible, but also continue throughout the student's high school years.

A student is initially eligible based on scholarship (required to maintain a minimum of 87% overall GPA). Meeting the scholastic criteria, the students are then required to complete an application describing their participation and commitment in the remaining three criteria: leadership, character, and service. The Faculty Council, which consists of five Candor High School Faculty, meets during the month of February to review applications. Candor's selection process utilizes a uniform point system, guided by a very specific rubric. The process of using an objective and fair system for selection, is our highest priority. There are no set number of students that are considered eligible or allowed to be selected. The selection is entirely based on the student's meeting the required standards. If any student or parent has any questions about eligibility or membership in the National Honor Society, please contact the NHS advisor, Ms. Westervelt, in the high school, or Mr. Aman, High School Principal. Additionally, there is also a resource on the Candor School District web page under the link for Junior/Senior High School, titled National Honor Society.

A message from the Director of Pupil Services...

I am delighted to be stepping back into the role that I held for 13 years when arriving in Candor back in 2006. The Special Education Team has been working hard prepping for the 26-27 school year and I couldn't be more proud of their work.

In this role, you will be able to reach me for the following services:

- Preschool Special Education (CPSE) (3 years old- 5 years old)
- Special Education (Kindergarten through 22 years old)
- 504 Accommodation Plan Director K-12
- McKinney-Vento Liaison (serving families in temporary living situations)

If you have a child birth to 2 ½ years old and are concerned with them meeting developmental milestones, please contact:

- Tioga County Early Intervention at the Tioga County Department of Public Health 607-687-8600
- Tompkins County - Children with Special Care Needs 607-274-6644

If you have a child 2 ½ up to 4 ½, please contact me at the Candor School District 607-659-3192

We are looking forward to a successful 26-27 school year!

Sincerely,

Holly Carling
Director of Pupil Services



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 136.3 of the Regulations of Commissioner of Education requires each student enrolled in a public school to have a satisfactory health exam conducted by the student's physician upon entrance in school at any grade level and for each student entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Such exam shall be acceptable if it is administered not more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the exam is required.

The required NYS School Health Examination Form must be used in the 2026-2027 school year. This form can be found on the school website under the "FAMILIES" tab.

Every student entering or attending school must provide proof of immunizations. Please see the chart below for New York State Immunization Requirements.

2025-26 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

Vaccines	Pre-K	Kindergarten and Grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th	Grades: 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th	12th Grade
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td)	**4 doses**	**5 doses or 4 doses** if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or **3 doses** if 7years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	**3 doses**	**3 doses**
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap)	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**	**1 dose** given after age 10 years	**1 dose** given after age 10 years
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)	**3 doses**	**4 doses or 3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	**4 doses or 3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	**4 doses or 3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine (MMR)	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**
Hepatitis B vaccine	**3 doses**	**3 doses or 2 doses** of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years.	**3 doses or 2 doses** of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years.	**3 doses or 2 doses** of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years.
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**	**Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11: 1 dose given at age 10 years or older**	**2 doses or 1 dose** if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)	**1 to 4 doses**	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)	**1 to 4 doses**	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**

NEW YORK STATE | Department of Health

School Notice to Parents of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal Law, requires that Candor Central School District with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Candor Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Candor Central School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor roll and other recognition lists
- Graduation programs
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.
- Share work samples and other artifacts with TST BOCES School Improvement Services, as part of the District's effort to improve instruction for all students.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, the New York State Education Law § 2-1 and two federal laws require school districts receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the school district that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Candor Central School District to disclose some or all directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing within 30 days after the publication of this notice. Candor Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

1. Student's name
2. Address
3. Telephone listing
4. Electronic mail address
5. Student's Image
6. Date and place of birth
7. Major field of study
8. Dates of attendance
9. Grade level
10. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
11. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
12. Degrees, honors, and awards received
13. The most recent educational agency or institution attended

Candor Central School District
PO Box 145
Candor, NY 13743
Contact: Kimberleigh Nichols, Superintendent of Schools

PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The Candor Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. In accordance with New York Education Law § 2-d, the District wishes to inform the school community of the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes.
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record.
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx, or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints can be directed to Matt Gelder by email (mgelder@candorcs.org) or phone (607-659-5010). Complaints can also be sent in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234. Complaints may also be directed to the Chief Privacy Officer via email at: CPO@mail.nysed.gov.

FERPA
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational record;
2. The right to be provided, on request, with a copy of all or part of the student's educational record;
3. The right to exercise a limited control over other people's access to the student's educational record;
4. The right to designate a representative who will inspect, review, or copy such records;
5. The right to request of, and receive from, the district a reasonable explanation of
6. Information contained in the education records of the student;
7. The right to seek to correct the student's education record, at a hearing, if necessary;
8. The right to report violations of the FERPA to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and
9. The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

All rights and protections given parent(s) or guardian(s) under the FERPA transfer to the student when he/she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student".



Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

The Candor School District supports the responsible use of technology and the internet by students. Accordingly, the District may provide access to students through a variety of means, including making District technology available for student use, the issuing of network and email accounts to students, and providing Internet access through public WiFi that may be used by personal devices. Additionally, the District may utilize third parties to provide resources and services to students, and those third parties may collect information that is subject to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

If you have questions regarding the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, please contact the District directly.

Notification of Availability of Asbestos Documents:

In accordance with the EPA "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act" of 1986 (AHERA), notification is being given of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan and inspection reports, and other related documents available in the District Office for review.

For further information, please contact Lonny Seeley at (607)659-5020.

To view the District's

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy,

Please visit the school website page under District/Policies, Plans, Audit Reports

Or go directly to

https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/2707/CCSD/3995007/Title_I_Parent_and_Family_Engagement_Policy_No._5240.pdf

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Candor Central School District in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, or the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, political affiliation, sex, age, marital or veteran status, or disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The District recognizes its responsibility to provide an environment free from discrimination, harassment and intimidation in the career, technical or educational programs and activities it operates.

We do not permit discrimination by employees, school volunteers, students and non-employees such as contractors and vendors, as well as any third parties participating in, observing or otherwise engaged in activities subject to the supervision of the District. This includes recruitment and employment practices, pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to career, technical or other educational programs, courses and activities. The Board also prohibits harassment based upon an individual's opposition to the discrimination or participation in a related investigation or complaint proceeding under the anti-discrimination statutes.

This policy of non-discrimination and anti-harassment will be enforced on school district premises, in school buildings and at all school sponsored events, programs and activities including those that take place off school premises. Inquiries or complaints should be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools.

Information Requests Regarding Your Child's Teacher

As per Federal Regulations, the United States Department of Education, New York State Education Department, and Candor Central School do hereby notify parents/guardians that they may, upon written notification to the Superintendent of Schools, request information regarding the qualifications of both the teachers and the paraprofessionals who work with their child(ren) as it pertains to the regulations specified in Title I.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF PESTICIDES

September 2026

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic 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 school year.

The Candor School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.
The following pesticide 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;
- ◊ nonvolatile insecticidal baits 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 of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; and
- ◊ 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 prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school or building, please complete the form below and either fax or mail it to Lonny Seeley, School Pesticide Representative of Candor School District. His fax number is (607)236-6027 and his mailing address is 1 Academy Street, P.O. Box 145, Candor, New York, 13743. Please feel free to contact Mr. Seeley for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school or building. Mr. Seeley can be reached at (607)659-5020 or by e-mail at lseeley@candorcs.org.

Candor Central School
Request for Pesticide Application Notification
(please print)

School Building:		
Name:	Address:	
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email:

District Phone Numbers

District Office	607-659-5010
High School Office	607-659-5020
Elementary Office	607-659-3935
Attendance Office (EL)	607-659-3935
Attendance Office (HS)	607-659-5873

Nurse's Office-Elementary	607-659-4965
Nurse's Office-High School	607-659-5225
Special Education Office	607-659-7727
Food Services Manager	607-659-7227
Bus Garage	607-659-3115

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Contact the Board:

If you would like to send the Board of Education a message, please send an email to BOE@candorcs.org

Meetings:

Regular board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with special or workshop meetings held as needed.

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