

Buffalo Elementary School of Technology #6

414 South Division Street
Buffalo, N.Y. 14204
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2026-2027 Family Handbook



Mrs. Wendy Emerling, Principal
Mr. Todd Strange, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Jillian Mislin, Assistant Principal

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English:	This is an important document. Please find someone who can translate this information for you.
Arabic:	المعلومات لك هذه وثيقة هامة. يرجى العثور على شخص قادر على قراءة
Bengali:	এটি একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নথি। অনুগ্রহ করে এমন কাউরক খুঁজুন যিনি আপনাকে জনস্ব এই তথ্য অনুবাদ করতে পারেন।
Burmese:	ဤစာသည်အရေးကြီးသော စာ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ဤအချက်အလက်များကို မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်အတွက် အရေးကြီးသော အချက်အလက်များ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
Karen:	တၢ်အံၤမ့ၢ်လံာ်လၢအကၢၤဒိၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ဝံသးတူယုယုတၢ်ဂၢၤလၢအဖးသ့ဒ်သီးကဖးန့ၢ်နၢလၢတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကၢၤအံၤအဂီၢ်န့ၣ်တက့ၢ်.
Kinyarwanda:	Iyi n'inyandiko igomba kwitonderwa. Byaba byiza ushatse umuntu wagufasha akagusemulira ibili mo.
Nepali:	यो एउटा महत्त्वपूर्ण कागजात हो। कृपया यो जानकारी पढ्न सक्षम जो कसैले तपाईंलाई मद्दत गर्न सक्नेछ।
Somali:	Kani waa dokumenti muhiim ah. Fadlan raadi qof kuu akhriyo akhbaartan.
Spanish:	Este documento es muy importante, por favor encuentre a alguien que pueda traducir esta información para usted.
Swahili:	Hii ni hati iliyo na maana sana.Tafadhali mtafute mtu wa kukusaidiya kutafsiri yaliyo mo.
Tigrinya:	እዚ ሓደ ኣገዳሲ ሰነድ እዩ። ነዚ ሓበሬታ ከትርጉሙልካ ዝኸእል ሰብ ከምትረከብ ግበር።

School Contact Information

Main Office:

Wendy Emerling, *Principal*

Todd Strange, *Assistant Principal*

Jillian Mislin, *Assistant Principal*

Chantel Smith, *Clerk*

Shayla Geiger, *Typist*

Phone: 716-816-3767

Fax: 716-851-3770

Attendance:

Tara Maj, *Attendance Support Teacher*

Phone: 716-816-3767

Health Office:

Mieasha Walker LPN, *School Nurse*

Phone: 716-816-3769

Fax: 716-851-3767

School Website:

<https://www.buffaloschools.org/o/ps6>

Address:

414 S. Division Street

Buffalo, NY 14204



Buffalo Public Schools 2026-2027 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2026

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OCTOBER 2026

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NOVEMBER 2026

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DECEMBER 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Supt. Conf. Day (Professional Development)
- 2 Teacher Set-up Day
- 3 First Day for Students
- 7 Labor Day

OCTOBER

- 12 Indigenous Peoples' & Italian Heritage Day

NOVEMBER

- 3 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

- 24-31 Winter Recess

JANUARY

- 1 Winter Recess (cont.)
- 18 Dr. MLK Jr. Day
- 26-29 NYS Regents Exams (high school)

FEBRUARY

- 15 Presidents' Day
- 16-19 Mid-Winter Break

MARCH

- 10 Eid al-Fitr
- 26 Good Friday
- 29 Easter (observed)
- 30-31 Spring Recess

APRIL

- 1-2 Spring Recess (cont.)
- TBD WIDA Speaking Test Window
- 13-14 NYS 3-8 ELA Testing
- 27-28 NYS 3-8 Math Testing

MAY

- TBD WIDA Speaking Test Window
- TBD WIDA Listening, Reading, and Writing Test Window
- 4 NYS 5&8 Science Testing
- 12 Early Release Day
- 13-14 Supt. Conf. Days/NYS Test Scoring
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 15-24 NYS Regents Exam (high school)
- 18 Juneteenth Holiday (observed)
- 24 Last Day for Students
- 25 Rating Day/Last Day for Faculty

JULY

- 5 Fourth of July (observed)

FEBRUARY 2027

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**2 Supt. Conf. Day & NYS Test Scoring in May

JUNE 2027

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CALENDAR DAYS

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SEPT	21	19	FEB	15	15
OCT	21	21	MAR	18	18
NOV	16	16	APR	20	20
DEC	17	17	MAY	20	18
JAN	19	19	JUN	18	17

Total Faculty Days: 185
Total Actual Student Days: PK - 12 = 180 (incl. Regents exam dates for grade 9-12)
Credited Student Days: 183 (incl. 3 Supt. Conf. Days)

H.S. Regents Exams
3-8 NYS testing

Supt. Conf. Day & NYS Test Scoring
Central Office Also Closed

Early Release Day
Schools Closed

Approved by
Board of
Education
XX/XX/XXXX

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 - 2027

B.E.S.T. #6

25 AUGUST 2026

Ready Freddy

PreK & K - Kick off the year
with a frogtastic welcome!

16 SEPT. 2026

Open House

Meet the teachers and explore
the school.

10 NOV. 2026

A Harvest of Learning

Enjoy an engaging evening filled
with learning and discovery.

18 MARCH 2027

Multicultural Night

Enjoy traditional dances, art
displays, storytelling, and flavors
from around the world.

7 MAY 2027

Sweet Treats with Mom

Join us for a happy breakfast
with Mom, filled with smiles and
sweet moments.

11 JUNE 2027

Ties & Treats with Dad

Start the morning together
with a fun breakfast with Dad.

More Information:

Event details will be sent out ahead of time and
added to ClassDojo.

First Student Bussing Information



Transportation Contact Numbers

District Transportation	(716) 816-4895
200 Buses	(716) 874-0544
300/400 Buses	(716) 835-5410
500 Buses	(716) 826-4771
600 Buses	(716) 896-1171
700/800/900 Buses	(716) 894-4778

To change your primary address please bring proof of address to your child's school location

- Updated Landlord Statement/Renters Agreement or Updated Utility Bill/Cable Bill
- Updated Driver's License

*To add a secondary address, forms are available on the buffalo public school website (<https://www.buffaloschools.org/o/dept-transportation/page/transportation-forms>) to submit directly to the bus company. *

B.E.S.T. #6 2026-2027



DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

- Arrive no earlier than 8:20am
- Use visitors entrance on 414 South Division Street, closest to Hickory Street
- Students who arrive after 8:20am will be marked tardy and receive a late pass to class

PICK-UP PROCEDURES:

- Pick-up window is 3:00 – 3:15pm
- Use visitors entrance on 414 South Division Street, closest to Hickory Street
- A staff member will greet you at the door
- Please have Photo ID ready

“PLEASE NOTE: Any student assigned to a bus route will be placed on a bus at dismissal unless the main office has been informed otherwise.

B·E·S·T· #6 Visitor Policy



Schools are a place of work and learning; therefore, certain limits must be set for visitors. The building principal or his or her designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. For these reasons, the following rules apply to visitors:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the particular school will be considered a visitor.
2. Visitors and parent meetings can be arranged in person, if necessary. These meetings must be scheduled PRIOR with a specific date and time arranged through the main office. This includes arrival and dismissal times.
3. All visitors Upon arrival, visitors will be asked to go through the eVolu system and then report to the Main Office and sign in. There they will be required to sign the visitors' log and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds.
4. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public are not required to wear an identification tag.
5. All visitors are expected abide by the rules contained in the BPS Code of Conduct.



Internet Distraction Free School Zones

In compliance with the New York State's distraction free policy, student use of personal, internet-enabled devices and the associated headphones/headsets (Bluetooth enabled accessories), are prohibited during the entire school day (bell to bell), including all instructional and non-instructional times (e.g., homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, passing time). Personal, internet-enabled devices include but are not limited to: smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, or other devices capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including social media applications.



***At no time is the school responsible for replacing a lost/stolen, damaged, or misplaced electronic devices as described above.**

Device Storage

All non-district issued electronic devices brought to school will be collected using a coat-check system for students in Grades 2-8. Electronic devices for students in Grades Pre-K –Grade 1 will be collected and stored in the student's homeroom. All electronic devices will be kept in a secure location and returned at dismissal.

Methods of Communication for Parents to Contact their Child During the School Day

To accommodate necessary communication, parents or guardians may use the following methods to contact their student during school hours while adhering to this policy:

- a) **School Office Phone:** Parents or guardians may call the school's main office, and the office staff can relay messages to the student or call the student to the office to speak with their parents or guardians.
- b) **Classroom telephone system:** In case of an emergency, the school's main office can use the classroom telephone to notify the classroom teacher directly. Students can be asked to report to the main office.
- c) **Parents or guardians may use the classroom teacher's Class Dojo to send a message to their child.**
- d) **Written Notes:** Parents or guardians can drop off written notes at the school's main office, which can then be delivered to the student by school staff.

Enforcement and Consequences

- **First Offense** - Device confiscated. Parent notification. Warning. Returned to student at the end of the school day.
- **Second Offense** - Device confiscated. Parent notification. Warning. Returned to parent.
- **Third Offense and beyond** - Device confiscated. Parent notification. Additional school consequences. Returned to parent.
- **Refusal to Comply:** May be subject to progressive discipline.

Any questions, please contact the school (716) 816-3767.



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Attendance Matters: Every Student, Every Day!



School attendance is a shared responsibility among parents, the community, and our schools. We encourage our students and families to make attendance a priority because every school day counts.

1. **Missed Lessons = Falling Behind:** Even one day can mean missing critical instructions and activities, making it harder for your child to catch up.
2. **Impact on Future Success:** Consistent attendance is a strong predictor of academic achievement and future opportunities.
3. **Building Resilience:** Regular attendance teaches your child the value of perseverance and responsibility—essential skills for success in life.
4. **Stronger Friendships:** Daily presence helps your child develop and sustain friendships, which are crucial for emotional and social development.
5. **Healthy Routine:** Attending school every day establishes a stable routine, promoting better mental and physical health.

Who to contact if your child doesn't want to come to school:

Ms. Maj, (716) 816-3767

Thank you for your continued support in promoting strong attendance across our district. 😊

Parent Room Information

A message from our PEL:

I'm thrilled to be back at Buffalo School of Technology #6 as your Parent Engagement Liaison! For those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Natasha Rodriguez.

My role is dedicated to strengthening the connection between families and our school community. Whether you have questions about upcoming events, are looking for ways to get involved, or need help accessing school resources, I'm here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please call ahead before visiting.

Feel free to reach out — I look forward to working together to make this school year a great one!

Natasha Rodriguez

Parent Engagement Liaison

☎ (716) 816-3767 Ext. 119

✉ nlrodriguez@buffaloschools.org



Student Device Information

For any student device questions or issues, please contact the Main Office (716) 816-3767 with any questions. Information is listed below for the CITT (Center for Innovation, Technology, & Training).

Location:

1515 South Park Ave
Buffalo, NY 14220

Phone:

[716-816-7128](tel:716-816-7128)

**HOURS Students:**

Monday ~ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tuesday ~ 8:00 am - 2:30 pm (Early Hours)

Wednesday ~ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Thursday ~ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fridays ~ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

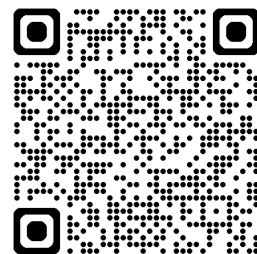
**Disclaimer: Hours subject to change for holidays and unforeseen events.*

Please Note:

Protect your student's school device for the 2026-2027 school year by purchasing Device Insurance. Don't wait until something happens, pay now and save.

- **Grades 1-4 iPads - \$29.00**
- **Grades 5-8 Laptops - \$25.00**

**Scan QR Code
to Pay**





ClassDojo

B.E.S.T. #6 is participating in a district-wide initiative using ClassDojo. ClassDojo connects teachers with students and parents to build amazing classroom communities.

Look out for an invite to join from your child's teacher or scan the QR code. Great way to stay connected!

Any questions regarding ClassDojo, please contact your child's teacher or call the school (716) 816-3767.

<https://www.classdojo.com/>



Infinite Campus – Parent Portal

Parents and families, if you haven't connected to the parent portal, we highly encourage you to do so. You can stay up-to-date on your child's grades. Please note that this is the only way to access student grades, as progress reports and report cards will no longer be mailed home.



[Parent Portal](#) is the online tool developed by Infinite Campus for parents to access their child's school information—attendance, assignments, grades, etc. anytime, anywhere.

You can go to this website to watch a video - <https://vimeo.com/677946332>

[Download the Parent Portal App today!](#)

Apple iPhone



Android





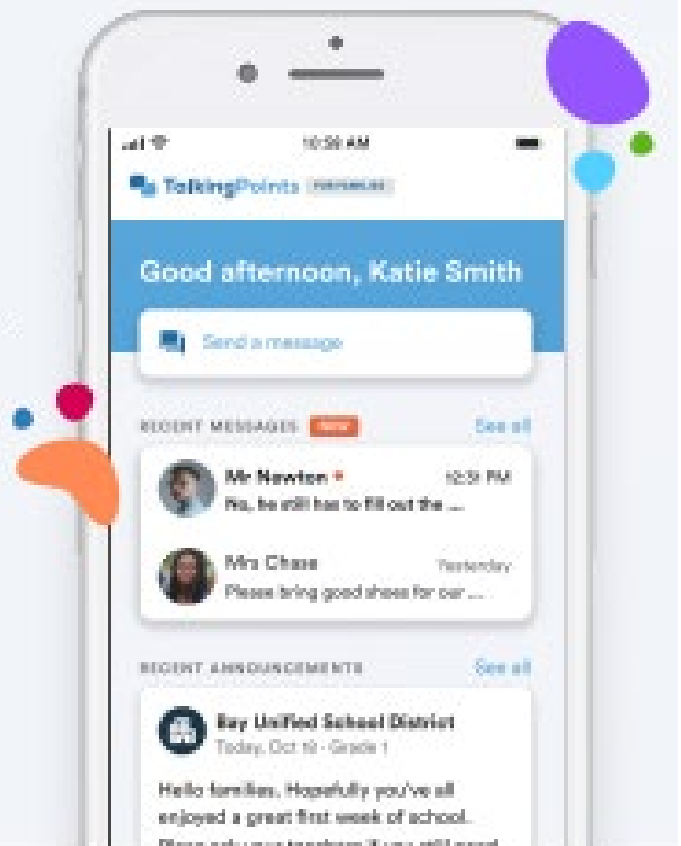
Welcome to TalkingPoints, Families

Stay connected with your child's
teachers easily and effectively!



WHAT IS TALKINGPOINTS?

TalkingPoints is a communication tool designed
to help families and teachers stay connected.



Getting Started with Text Messages

- No opt-in required!
- Save your school's and teachers' phone numbers in your contacts for easy access.
- Share thoughts about your child's needs and/or ask questions.



Scan to
Download



Other Ways to Connect

Using the TalkingPoints for Families app (optional)

The TalkingPoints for Families app offers more benefits. Share messages with family members, use speech-to-text and text-to-speech, and more.

- Download the TalkingPoints for Families app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Sign up using your phone number.

Messaging with the TalkingPoints Website (optional)

- Go to www.talkingpts.org.
- Login with your phone number to easily send and receive messages from your child's teachers.

B.E.S.T #6

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2026-2027 School Year

PreKindergarten

- 1 - LARGE backpack
- 1 - SMALL rug OR beach towel OR blanket for rest time
- Reusable water bottle to be kept at school
- Extra change of clothes to be kept at school in case of emergencies (socks, pants, shirts, underwear)

*Any additional supplies needed will be provided by the PreK Dept and School.

Please make sure your child's things are labeled with his/her

FIRST and **LAST NAME**

BACK TO
school



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SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2026-2027 School Year

Kindergarten

- 12 - #2 Pencils
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - 8 count box Crayola Markers
- 1 - 24 count box Crayola Crayons
- 1 - bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 - package of disinfecting wipes
- 1 - box of tissues
- Device Insurance \$29 (See Below)
- 1 - LARGE backpack
- Reusable water bottle to be kept at school
- Extra change of clothes to be kept at school in case of emergencies (socks, pants, shirts, underwear)

Please make sure your child's things are labeled with his/her

FIRST and **LAST NAME**

Protect your student's school device by purchasing Device Insurance for \$29 - scan QR Code

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B.E.S.T. #6 Gr. 1-8

School Supplies Checklist 2026-2027



All Students Grades 1-8

24 - #12 Pencils ☐

1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue ☐

2 Elmer's Glue Sticks ☐

2 Erasers ☐

Pencil sharpener ☐

Color pencils - 12 ct. ☐

USB-C Headphones ☐

2-Pocket Folders - 6 total ☐

Composition Notebook (2) ☐

Pencil Case ☐

1 Hand sanitizer ☐

1 Clorox Wipes ☐

1 Box of tissues ☐

Device Insurance **See below** ☐

Grades 1-4 Only

Crayola Crayons - 24 ct. ☐

Crayola Markers - 8 ct. ☐

GIRLS - Sandwich Ziploc Bags ☐

BOYS - Gallon Ziploc Bags ☐

Grades 5-8 Only

Spiral Notebooks - 4 total ☐

Scientific Calculator (gr.6-8) ☐

Highlighters (pink, yellow, green) ☐

Notes

Please make sure your child's things are labeled with his/her **FIRST** and **LAST** Name. Thank you!

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Device Insurance - scan QR Code
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Student Emergency Contact Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room # _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # _____ Male ____ Female ____

Household Information

Mothers Name: _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Fathers Name: _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Guardian Name: _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Information other than parents

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone # _____ Additional # _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone # _____ Additional # _____

Siblings that attend Buffalo Schools that live in the same house

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ School _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ School _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ School _____

The following people have permission to pick up your child

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone# _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone# _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone# _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone# _____

****In order for someone to pick up your child they must be listed on this sheet or else we cannot release your child to them. We can only accept additions or deletions to this list in writing. For the safety of your child, we cannot accept phone calls.****

I hereby certify that the above information is correct _____

Parent Signature

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COURT ORDERS (Current Court Order for student)? YES ____ NO ____ TYPE ____ Please provide copy to school