2018-2019 CALENDAR

South Orangetown Central School District

An environment where the excitement of teaching and learning is shared by all
Dear Residents,

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 school year in the South Orangetown Central School District! Our school district serves to unite our community around the common belief that we can achieve any goal to which we aspire. Our motto is: “Together we can,” and we truly believe that it takes the collective efforts of many caring community members to ensure the success of our students. Whether you are a student, family member, district employee, or a community member, our school district represents the very best in all of us. We hope that you will use this calendar to get involved and stay involved with all of the activities and events that we have to offer. Our calendar is a valuable tool to this end. This calendar is also available digitally on our website at www.socsd.org. Our most significant measure of success is our ability to strengthen the many partnerships with the people who live and work in South Orangetown. The students and staff in our schools truly rely on our community’s participation in school events to promote learning opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

Last year, the district administration worked closely with the board of education and the community to develop the districtwide strategic plan. This plan is designed to empower each of our students to explore their passions and interests. At the core of the strategic plan is our vision to “elevate, engage, and inspire” our students by building a culture of high expectations where students will possess the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for a variety of post-graduation options. Our children will benefit from healthy, productive, and supportive relationships between students, staff, families, and the community. Finally, every student learns and develops differently. Keeping this in mind, each student must have equitable access to educational opportunities that will allow each to pursue their full potential as responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Another critical component of a high-quality education is an ability to adapt to the changing needs of modern society. We must embrace teaching strategies that foster innovation and risk-taking so that our children may realize happy and productive futures. Innovation is a thought-process that creates something new and better. Community partnerships develop trust which, in turn, can help to empower learners to take risks that move our district forward. We must also encourage an approach to student learning that goes beyond the boundaries of the physical classroom.

The start of the new school year brings a great deal of enthusiasm and energy. Our shared commitment to providing a high-quality education to every child continues to be our ultimate priority. All this is possible because of community partnerships that are responsive to the needs of our children and their families. As such, I look forward to serving the South Orangetown Central School District and am excited at the prospects that the new school year brings!

Sincerely,

Robert R. Pritchard, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
THE ROLE OF YOUR SCHOOL BOARD
★ Guides the accomplishments of the school district’s purpose, focusing particularly on the education of the district’s children. It guides the fundamental change in goals, program and structure.
★ Screens and supports key projects identified to improve existing programs and operations and monitors progress to these ends.
★ Directs and evaluates the Superintendent.
★ Oversees the planning and deployment of material and human resources.
★ Serves as a bridge between the district and the community in reflecting community desires as well as promoting understanding and support. The Board leads the coalescing of disparate community views while building and maintaining partnerships and collaborative relationships with other organizations.
★ Ensures fiscal, legal and programmatic accountability.

TERMS OF OFFICE
Board members are elected to office for a term of three years. Each Board trustee represents ALL of the children of South Orangetown.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD
★ Establish, review, revise and update policies.
★ Voice concerns, suggestions and opinions of constituents.
★ Report to constituents on important issues and decisions.
★ Monitor finances and put forth the best possible budget each year.
★ Maintain and update long-range plans.
★ Plan for future needs concerning growth, facilities and funds for mandated programs.
★ Ensure children receive a quality education.
★ Ask questions, review best practices, disseminate data to the community.
★ Hire and evaluate the Superintendent.

HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE
★ Identifies areas in need of improvement and/or review.
★ Addresses critical issues.
★ Accesses all relevant data and information.
★ Discusses issues deliberately and openly.
★ Considers alternative actions.
★ Seeks public input.
★ Communicates with staff, administration and parents.
★ Works toward consensus.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS
★ Attend all Board meetings, retreats and committee meetings as assigned.
★ Show commitment to all Board activities.
★ Are well informed on issues and agenda items in advance of meetings.
★ Contribute skills, knowledge and experience when appropriate.
★ Are accessible to the community as a whole.

SOCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meetings Calendar 2018–19
2018
September 13 & 27
October 4 & 18
November 1 & 15
December 6 & 20

2019
January 10 & 24
February 7 & 28
March 14 & 26*
April 4 & 11
May 7* & 21* & 30
June 6 & 13
July TBD
*denotes Tuesday meeting.

All Board meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm in the SOMS Library unless otherwise noted.
(All times & dates are subject to change.)

WE SERVE BECAUSE
★ Our students’ successes make it all worthwhile.
★ Education is a gift our children will forever unwrap.
★ A good education is the basis for strong leadership and future success.
★ The children of South Orangetown deserve only the best.

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Grandparents’ Day
Rosh Hashanah
SCHOOL CLOSED

Patriot Day
Rosh Hashanah
SCHOOL CLOSED

TZHS Picture Day (Underclassmen)
8am – 3pm – Auditorium
Gr. 1 Meet the Teacher Night
7pm

Board of Education
– Regular Meeting –
7:30 pm SOMS Library

TZHS Picture Day (Underclassmen)
8am – 3pm – Auditorium

Gr. 1 Meet the Teacher Night

Board of Education
– Regular Meeting –
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TZHS Sophomore Class Ring Sale
9 – 11am – Cafeteria

SOMS PTA Meeting
7:30pm – Library

TZHS Sophomore Class Ring Sale
9 – 11am – Cafeteria

TZHS Sophomore Class Ring Sale
Lunch Periods – Cafeteria
SOMS PTA Meeting
7:30pm – Library

TZHS Counseling Workshop
Parents of Seniors:
Post Graduate Planning
The Application Process
8:15am – Rm. 951

TZHS Meet the Teacher Night
6:45pm

TZHS Sophomore Class Ring Sale
9 – 11am – Cafeteria

Gr. 2 Meet the Teacher Night
6:45pm

Gr. 3 Meet the Teacher – CLE

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1  TZHS Fall Blood Drive
   8:30am – 8:30pm – TZHS Gym

2  TZHS Fall Play – 8pm Auditorium

3  TZHS SAT & Subject Tests
   TZHS Fall Play – 8pm Auditorium

4  Daylight Savings Time ends

5  SOMS Gr. 6-8 P/T Conferences
   6 – 8pm

6  ELEMENTARY SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY

7  Diwali
   TZHS Parent Teacher Conferences – 6 – 8pm

8  TZHS French Honor Society
   Induction Ceremony
   7pm – Library

9  Gr. 8 Washington Trip
   Fundraising ends
   TZHS Acoustic Underground
   7pm – Rm 951

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1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
**December 2018**

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1. **TZHS SAT & Subject Tests**

2. **NYSSMA All-State**

3. **NYSSMA All-State**

4. **TZHS National Honor Society Induction Ceromony 6pm - Auditorium**

5. **SOMS Picture Retakes**
   - TZHS/SOMS Progress Reports available online
   - Elementary report cards sent home

6. **SOCES PTA WOS Book Fair**
   - Gr. 5 to SOMS - Foreign Language & Music Presentation

7. **Pearl Harbor Day**
   - **ELEMENTARY 1/2 DAY P/T CONFERENCES**
   - **SECONDARY SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY**

8. **1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS**
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January 2019

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

1. **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
   - **DECEMBER RECESS**
   - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

2. **DECEMBER RECESS**
   - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

3. **SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

4. **RCMEA Sr. All-County**

5. **RCMEA Sr. All-County**

6. **Epiphany**

7. **SOMS PTA Meeting: “Social Changes”**
   - 7:30pm - SOMS Library

8. **TZHS Workshop for Parents of Sophomores: The Transcript & College Readiness**
   - 8:15am - Rm. 951

9. **Board of Education - Regular Meeting**
   - 7:30 pm SOMS Library

10. **RCMEA Sr. All-County**

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12. **Central School District 2019 January**
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February 2019

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- RCMEA Jr. All-County
- TZHS/SOMS Report Cards available online

**8**
- TZHS Interact Valentine's Dance 5:30pm – Cafeteria

**9**
- TZHS AMC Exam 8:15am – Cafeteria
- Board of Education – Regular Meeting – 7:30 pm SOMS Library

**3**
- Super Bowl Sunday
- PTA Council – 7pm – TZH

**4**
- Chinese New Year
- TZHS Gr. 8 into Gr. 9 Parent/Student Orientation (snow date) 7pm – Auditorium

**5**
- Groundhog Day
- RCMEA Jr. All-County
10 11 12 13 14 15 16
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**Kindergarten Orientation**
7pm – WOS

**SOCES PTA Coffee Chat**
9:30am – CLE
**SOMS PTA Meeting**
7:30pm – SOMS Library

**Lincoln’s Birthday**

**SOCES PTA General Meeting**
7pm – WOS

**Gr. 4 Publishing Party**
School hours

**SOCES PTA Meeting**
7:30pm – TZ Library

**Rockland Read-In**

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**MID WINTER RECESS**

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**Valentine’s Day**

**SOMS PTA Meeting**
7:30pm – SOMS Library

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**Gr. 4 Publishing Party**
School hours

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**TZHS PTSA Meeting**
7:30pm – TZ Library

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**Rockland Read-In**

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**SOUTH ORANGETOWN Central School District**

- **SOCES Family Fun Night**
  6:30 – 8:30pm – CLE

- **PTA Council**
  7pm – TZH

- **Ash Wednesday**
  TZHS/SOMS Progress Reports available online

- **SOMS Gr. 8 Washington Trip Information Meeting**
  7pm – TZH

- **School Maker Faire**
  6:30 – 8:30pm – TZHS

- **Read Across America Day**
  Dr. Seuss’ Birthday
  - RCMEA Intermediate All-County
  - Rockland Read-In (Snow day)

- **Rockland Read-In (Snow day)**

**Central School District 2019**

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April 2019

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 April Fool's Day 2 PTACouncil – 7pm – TZH 3 NYSESLAT Testing begins 4 NY State ELA Exam 5 TZHS Hepcat Library – 7pm 6 TZHS ACT Exam

MAY 2019

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Board of Education – Regular Meeting – Budget Workshop 7:30 pm SOMS Library

Board of Education – Regular Meeting Adoption of – 2019-2020 Budget – 7:30 pm SOMS Library

PTACouncil – 7pm – TZH

NYSESLAT Testing begins

NY State ELA Exam

NY State ELA Exam

TZHS Hepcat Library – 7pm

TZHS/SOMS 3rd Quarter ends

Gr. 5 Parent/Student Evening Orientation – 7pm – SOMS

TZHS History Honor Society Induction 7:30pm – Auditorium

TZHS/SOMS Report Cards available online

Board of Education – Regular Meeting – Adoption of – 2019-2020 Budget – 7:30 pm SOMS Library

7:30pm – Cafeteria
Palm Sunday

TZHS MuFest – 8:15am – 3:05pm
Rm. 951

SOCES/SOMS
PTA Meeting – 7pm

VACATION DAY
IF 0, 1 OR 2 SNOW/EMER.
DAYS USED

Good Friday

SPRING RECESS

First day of PÅSSOVER

Earth Day

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**SOUTH ORANGETOWN Central School District**

**May 2019**

**BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE**

**MAY 21, 2019 • 7am – 9pm**

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

A voter registration card may be picked up from the U.S. Post Office and mailed directly to the Rockland County Board of Elections or you may register through the District Clerk’s Office, Administration Building, Blauvelt NY from 8am - 4pm on school days from September through June and from 9am - 3pm Monday - Thursday during July and August.

To be eligible to vote, you must be:
- A District resident for 30 days
- A U.S. Citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered to vote in either a general or school election

If you have NOT voted in a school election in the past 4 years, or if you are not registered to vote in general elections, you must register to vote.

### ABSENTEE VOTING

If a resident is unable to vote in person on May 21, 2019, and wishes to vote, they may do so by absentee ballot. This is a two-step process.

1. To vote by absentee ballot, the resident must first request an application form for an absentee ballot. Once the application form is filed with the District Clerk, the resident will receive the absentee ballot.
2. To file for an application: Contact the District Clerk at 680-1012. A resident may apply in person or receive the application by mail.
3. To file an application: Contact the District Clerk at 680-1012. A resident may apply in person or receive the application by mail.
4. Submit application form: The District Clerk must receive the application form at least 7 days before the election (May 13) if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the resident, or the day before the election if the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the resident.
5. Submit absentee ballot: Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day, May 21, 2019.

### SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019 • 7am-9pm**

Residents will vote at their official voting location:
- Blauvelt residents at South Orangetown Middle School
- Orangeburg residents at Tappan Zee High School
- Tappan residents at William O. Schaefer Elementary
- Grandview, Palisades, Piermont, and Sparkill residents at Tappan Zee Elementary

For further information on voter registration or voting, call the District Clerk at 680-1012.

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**5 Cinco de Mayo**
- Gr: 5 Fun Night – 6:30 – 8:30 pm CLE

**6 Ramadan begins**
- TZHS AP Exams
- Kindergarten Screening – WOS
- SOCSD Staff Appreciation Day

**7 TZHS AP Exams**
- Kindergarten Screening – WOS
- SOMS Gr. 8 Panoramic Photo
- SOMS Spring Concert I
- 7pm - Auditorium

**8 TZHS AP Exams**
- Kindergarten Screening – WOS
- SOMS to CLE for Lock Distribution
- SOMS Spring Concert II
- 7pm - Auditorium

**9 TZHS AP Exams**
- Kindergarten Screening – WOS
- TZHS Night of Scenes
- 7pm - Auditorium

**10 TZHS AP Exams**
- Kindergarten Screening – WOS
- SOMS to CLE for Lock Distribution

**11**
- TZHS SAT & Subject Tests
Mother’s Day

TZHS AP Exams
TZHS/SOMS Italian Awards
7:30pm – Auditorium

TZHS AP Exams
SOMS National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
7pm – Auditorium

TZHS AP Exams
TZHS/SOMS Progress Reports available online
Calendar Party – 7am – SOMS

TZHS AP Exams
Gr. 8 Washington Trip
Kindergarten Field Day
10am – WOS

TZHS AP Exams
Gr. 8 Washington Trip
Kindergarten Field Day
9:30am – WOS (rain date)

SOMS Spring Book Fair
Gr. 3 Field Day
SOCES K-5 Family Summer Literacy Extravaganza – 5-7pm WOS
SOCES PTA General Meeting
7pm – WOS

SOMS Spring Book Fair
Gr. 3 Field Day (rain date)
SOMS You Make A Difference Awards – 7:30am – Auditorium

SOMS Spring Book Fair
Gr. 3 Field Day (rain date)
SOMS You Make A Difference Awards – 7:30am – Auditorium

TBHS Mu Alpha Theta Induction 3:20 – 4:15pm – Library

TBHS Spring Concert II
7pm – Auditorium

VACATION DAY
IF 0 SNOW/EMER. DAYS USED

Board of Education Regular Meeting
– Annual Budget Vote & Board Election –
7:30pm SOMS

Board of Education
– Regular Meeting –
7:30 pm SOMS Library

SCHOOL CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY (observed)

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NOTES

1

TZHS SAT & Subject Tests

2

Grs. 4 & 8 Science Test Written
Gr. 10 The New Framework Global History and Geography Regents
Spring Sports Award Dinner
6:30 pm - Casa Mia
Gr. 3 Music Share - 6:30pm TZHS

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TZHS Varsity Sports Dinner
6:30pm - Casa Mia

4

Gr. 4 Field Day - CLE (rain date)
TZHS SADD Assembly
TZHS Academic Reception
7pm – Auditorium

5

Spring Blood Drive
8:30am – 8:30pm - TZHS Gym
Districtwide Celebrations
Tenure, Founder’s Day

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Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Districtwide Celebrations
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Grandparents Day

First day of Fall

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• Nineteen TZHS sophomores and seniors were honored with National Schools-to-Watch designation for excellence in middle-level education

• Six TZHS seniors earned National Merit Scholarship commendation:
  - Riya Gandhi
  - Gary Hu
  - Jake Laddis
  - Kaylee Liang
  - Nicole Malpeli
  - Sarah Pan

• TZHS’ FIRST Robotics Competition team, SO BOTZ, won the Rookie All-Star Award at FIRST Championship Detroit

• TZHS DECA Club was named a Top Community Service Project Contributor at the New York State DECA Competition and members Alex Gottlieb, Mitchell Jacobs and Jake Laddis advanced to compete in the International Career Development Center Conference and Competition in Atlanta

• SOMS seventh-grader Anthony D. placed 2nd in the Patriot’s Pen Youth Essay Contest for VFW New York State District 2

• Six SOMS Science Olympiad members medaled at the Lower Hudson Division B Regional competition

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• Brian Culot, Ed.D., Samantha Levine, Brian Newburger, Kottie Christie-Blick and Jacob Tannenbaum presented at the National Science Teachers Association Conference

• Socsd received Best Communities for Music Education designation for 5th consecutive year

• Tappan Zee High School junior Cassandra Bartels was selected for the 2018 All-National Honor Mixed Choir, the first TZHS student to earn this recognition

• Five TZHS juniors were 2017 New York State All-State eligible:
  - Cassandra Bartels (Band alternate),
  - Ciaran Shalvey (Band alternate),
  - Palak Oza (Orchestra alternate),
  - Yena Shin (Band alternate)

• TZHS sophomores Hannah Ahn, Justin Lee and Kevin Liang won 2017-2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Competition awards

• Members of Tappan Zee High School Concert Choir and Chorale performed at Radio City Music Hall and Cottage Lane Elementary School’s Fifth Grade Chorus performed in the American Young Voices Concert

• All-County 1st Team honors: Cassandra Bartels (Band alternate), Ciaran Shalvey (Band alternate), Palak Oza (Orchestra alternate), Yena Shin (Band alternate)

• Rockland Community College 2018 Black Achievement Awards:
  - Alanis D.
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  - Endy C.
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  - Maya C.
  - Ariana C.
  - Steve D.
  - Christopher A.
  - Mia A.

• Journalism New York 2017 Hispanic Heritage Awards:
  - Jahna N.
  - Jayden P.
  - Ella S.

• ...and SOMS students

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South Orangetown Central School District

District Calendar
2018-2019

Concerns or Questions?
Know where to go – who to call.

All numbers are listed in the calendar Directory

Elem. Academic Programs or Behavior:
> Teacher > Assistant Principal or Principal

Middle & High School Academic Programs:
> Teacher > Guidance Counselor > Assistant Principal > Principal

Middle & High School Behavior Issues:
> Teacher > Assistant Principal &/or Student Support > Principal

Special Education Issues:
> Teacher > Ass’t Principal > Principal > Dir. of Special Education and Student Services

Co-Curricular Activities (Clubs):
> Advisor > Assistant Principal > Principal

Student Athletics:
> Coach > Director of Physical Education & Athletics

Student Transportation:
> Transportation Office > Director of Facilities & Transportation

District Policies:
> Superintendent > Board of Education

The Superintendent may review unresolved issues after all other sources have been contacted. Decisions are based on Board of Education policy. The Board may also review issues referred to them by the Superintendent.

For teacher voice mailbox numbers, dial 680-1000 and follow the prompts.

To email District employees, use first initial and full last name@socsd.org

South Orangetown Central School District Directory (Use area code 845 for all phone numbers.)

Tappan Zee High School
15 Dutch Hill Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962
Grades 9-12
School Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lunch Hours: 11:19 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Main Office: 680-1600 ext. 4 Fax: 680-1950
Principal: Dr. Jennifer L. Amos ............................680-1606
Assistant Principal: Juliet Gevargis .........................680-1650
Assistant Principal: Richard Neidhart ......................680-1655
Guidance .................................................680-1614
Library: ..................................................680-1670
Nurse: ....................................................680-1647

Cottage Lane Elementary School
120 Cottage Lane, Blauvelt, NY 10913
Grades 3-5
School Hours: 9:15 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
Lunch Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Main Office: 680-1500 ext. 3 Fax: 680-1940
Principal: Karen Ramirez ..................................680-1503
Assistant Principal: Robert Schliessman ..................680-1561
Nurse: ....................................................680-1508

Continuing Education
Director:
Terry Campanella.................................379-1012

Before and After School Child Care Programs:
Rockland County YMCA ...RocklandYMCA.org
The Children's Corner .....childrenscornernursery.com

Rockland County
Schools

Display Board
Noticedefend
Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without words
And never stops at all

The Children's Corner .....childrenscornernursery.com
Every building in the SOCSD has a Registered Professional Nurse overseeing the health office, with a responsibility for the health and medical safety of the students in the building. Please notify the nurse in your child’s building of any specific medical needs. Teachers and staff will then be made aware of any particular requirements or adaptations of your child’s medical condition. Nurse’s phone numbers are listed above as part of each building’s contact information.
**Parent’s Right to Certain Information**

As the parent of a student attending our School District, you have the right to receive, upon request to the District, certain information as authorized by Federal law regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s classroom teachers. Upon the District’s receipt of your request, we will provide you, in a timely manner, the information listed below.

You have the right to request the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

1. Whether the teacher has met New York State Education Department qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he/she teaches.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which New York State Education Department qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived due to special circumstances.
3. The teacher’s college major (undergraduate level); whether the teacher has any graduate certifications or degrees and, if so, the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by any Teaching Assistants and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to receive this information, please contact Dr. Brian Culot, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, at (845) 680-1017.

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**SOCSD Educational Records**

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act grants parents of students under 18 or eligible students (18 years or older) the right to review all official records, files and data incorporated into a student’s cumulative record folder. Students’ records are confidential and will not be made available to persons other than parents or students without prior written consent except as permitted by law. These persons may request a hearing to challenge the contents of such records. You may direct any questions in this regard to the building principal.

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**Student Privacy Rights Policy**

**Notification to Parents**

In accordance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) of the No Child Left Behind Act, the School District is committed to protecting the rights and privacy interests of parents/guardians and students with regard to the following:

1. **Student Surveys**
2. **Instructional Materials**
3. **Physical Examinations or Screenings**
4. **Collection, Disclosure or Use of Personal Information**

The School District shall provide parents/guardians with notification, at least annually, at the beginning of school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when the above activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

The School District shall provide notification to parents/guardian and offer them the opportunity to opt their child out of participation in the following activities:

1. Activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information;
2. The administration of any survey containing one or more of the items listed above.
3. Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the School and scheduled by the School in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student and/or other students.

Please Note: For more specific information, please refer to the Policy located on the district’s website.
Our Mission Statement

In a rapidly changing world, the South Orangetown school community affirms its positive vision of the future by providing a safe and caring environment where the excitement of teaching and learning is shared by all, and where we encourage and nurture the uniqueness of each child.

Through diverse and challenging programs, we promote high academic standards, creative and critical thinking, self-respect and respect for others, and acceptance of our responsibilities in a global society. We are committed to fostering a love of learning in our students.