



2021-22

GATES CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Handbook

Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Gates Chili Families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! The Gates Chili Central School District is committed to cultivating a welcoming, affirming and equitable



environment where barriers are removed, empowering growth, learning and success for all. In addition, we will maximize student growth by being responsive to academic and social-emotional needs of the learning community.

This handbook serves as a useful tool full of information to support your student in their educational journey. From emergency closing policies to health services, please review the information thoroughly and keep this handbook as a reference throughout the school year.

Additionally, you will find a calendar covering the school year months. While we strive to be as accurate as possible with these dates, the need may arise for dates and times to change. Always check the district website for the most up-to-date dates and times for events.

I look forward to working on behalf of you and your student this year. If there is any way that I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to email me at christopher_dailey@gateschili.org.

Go Spartans!

Christopher J. Dailey
Gates Chili CSD Superintendent

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About the District

The Gates Chili Central School District seeks to teach and inspire excellence for all learners through excellent academic programs, extensive co-curricular activities, family involvement, community partnerships and a commitment to providing the knowledge, skills and resources to prepare students for success.

Gates Chili CSD serves nearly 3,700 students in four elementary schools for grades UPK-5, one grades 6-8 middle school and one grades 9-12 high school. Our diverse population, comprised of students from more than 20 different countries who speak more than 20 home languages, fosters an accepting and positive school culture.

The district offers a robust variety of learning opportunities from our youngest learners in Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) to our high school scholars and

transition-aged students. Along with rigorous curriculum and highly-qualified staff, Gates Chili CSD offers instructional technology integral in educating the 21st-century student. One-to-one computers, stationary and mobile computer labs and online learning opportunities are some of the technology resources available to students and staff. The district also places an increased focus on social-emotional learning and development.

GCCSD features state-of-the-art learning opportunities and facilities, with additional investments being made to students' futures with the current Capital Improvement Plan underway. Gates Chili High School has top-notch facilities including a national award-winning, state-of-the-art science wing; an art and graphic arts wing; a 9,000-square-foot library; and a 22,000-square-foot field house that serves students and the community at large.

2021-22

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2021-22 BOE Meetings

The Gates Chili Board of Education holds regular business meetings twice a month on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. The BOE visits district buildings throughout the school year. Locations for the meetings are noted below. For a full list of BOE meetings including the most up-to-date times and locations, visit gateschili.org/calendar.

Sept. 14	Administration Building
Sept. 28	High School
Oct. 12	Paul Road
Oct. 26	Walt Disney
Nov. 9	Neil Armstrong
Dec. 7	Florence Brassier
Dec. 21	Middle School
Jan. 11	Administration Building
Jan. 25	Administration Building
Feb. 15	Administration Building
March 8	Administration Building
March 22	Administration Building
April 12	Administration Building
April 26	Administration Building
May 10	Administration Building
May 24	Administration Building
June 7	Administration Building
June 21	Administration Building

Building Directory

Florence Brasser Elementary School

1000 Chili Center Coldwater Road, Rochester, NY 14624
Main Office: (585) 247-1880

Principal: Timothy Young
Assistant Principal: Rebecca Scott
Student Day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Attendance: Janet Manciocchi, 247-5050 ext. 51101

Neil Armstrong Elementary School

3273 Lyell Road, Rochester, NY 14606
Main Office: (585) 247-3190

Interim Principal: Liz Konar
Assistant Principal: Jeannine Bezon
Student Day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Attendance: Karen Lynch, 247-5050 ext. 41101

Paul Road Elementary School

571 Paul Road, Rochester, NY 14624
Main Office: (585) 247-2144

Principal: Peter Hens
Assistant Principal: Kimberly Doty
Student Day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Attendance: Ana Keller, 247-5050 ext. 81101

Walt Disney Elementary School

175 Coldwater Road, Rochester, NY 14624
Main Office: (585) 247-3151

Principal: Elaine Damelio
Assistant Principal: Sara Mucino
Student Day: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Attendance: Laurie Miller, (585) 247-5050 ext. 61101

Gates Chili Middle School

2 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624
Main Office: (585) 247-5053

Principal: Dr. Lisa Buckshaw
Amerk Assistant Principal: Kenya Rollins
Red Wing Assistant Principal:
Rhino Assistant Principal: Costadinos Tavelaris
Student Day: 7:58 a.m. to 2:57 p.m.
Attendance: Joann Brown, (585) 247-5050 ext. 31101

Gates Chili High School

1 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624
Switchboard: (585) 247-5050, option 1

Principal: Kenneth Hammel
Class of 2022 Assistant Principal: Kevin Whitmore
Class of 2023 Assistant Principal: Jennifer Kern
Class of 2024 Assistant Principal: Richard Pound
Class of 2025 Assistant Principal: Thomas Hammel
Attendance Last Name A-K: Angela Boyd, (585) 247-5050 ext. 21101
Attendance Last Name L-Z: Lisa Edlin, (585) 247-5050 ext. 21102

Gates Chili Administration Building

3 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624
Switchboard: (585) 247-5050
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools: Christopher Dailey
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction: Troy Olin
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services: Jason deJong
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations:
Michaela Perrotto
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Dr. Mitchell Ball

Gates Chili Transportation and Facilities Center

4 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624
Main Office: (585) 247-4774

Director of Facilities: William Bennett
Director of Transportation: Matt Helmbold

Safe School Helpline

Parents, students, staff and community members can report concerns to district administration utilizing the Safe School Helpline. This may include bullying/harassment, drug use/abuse and safety concerns. Submit confidential information by calling 1-800-418-6423 ext. 359, texting TIPS to 66746 or clicking the link on the homepage of the district website.

Abbreviations

BOE – Gates Chili CSD Board of Education
FB – Florence Brasser Elementary School
HS – Gates Chili High School
IC – Imagination Childcare Academy
MS – Gates Chili Middle School
NA – Neil Armstrong Elementary School
PR – Paul Road Elementary School
PTO – Parent Teacher Organization
SIT – School Improvement Team
WD – Walt Disney Elementary School



General Information

Emergency Closings

 3510

The superintendent of schools may close schools, delay opening schools, dismiss students, faculty and staff early or cancel after-school activities when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health and safety of students and personnel.

In the event of inclement weather or an emergency, the district website (gateschili.org) will display an emergency notification and automated phone calls and text messages will be made to registered phone numbers. The information will also be submitted to local television and radio stations, as well as posted on the official social media accounts. School closings will be announced by 6 a.m. Should it be necessary to close school during the day, an announcement will be made as soon as possible through these same communication channels.

Parents/guardians whose home is unattended during the day should make prior arrangements for their students to be properly supervised should an early dismissal occur. No private or parochial school transportation is provided when GCCSD is closed.



To ensure you receive emergency notifications, please update your information through SchoolTool. Visit gateschili.org/UpdateContact for directions on how to login to the SchoolTool Parent Portal to make changes to your contact information.

Attendance

 7110

A record of attendance is maintained for each student registered in the district. Parents/guardians are asked to ensure regular attendance for their child(ren) as excessive absences can interfere with the educational progress of the student.

The Gates Chili Central School District recognizes the importance of vacations to families and provides several recesses throughout the school year to accommodate this need. However, when students are absent from school due to extended family vacations, important instructional time is lost and may be difficult to make up. Therefore, the district discourages vacations which would cause students to be absent from school.

If it becomes necessary for a student to be absent from school due to illness or for other reasons, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to report the absence via phone during the first hour that school is in session. Students are required to provide documentation regarding their absence on the day they return to school. The note or email should be signed or sent by a parent/guardian and should include the date and reason for the absence. Students who have been absent from school due to illness should not participate in school-related activities on the day(s) of illness.

Absences, tardy arrivals and early departures will be categorized in one of two ways:

- **Excused:** an absence, tardy arrival or early departure due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations or other such reasons as may be approved by the board of education
- **Unexcused:** an absence, tardy arrival or early departure that does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, haircut, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping)

Any absence for which an excuse is not submitted within five (5) school days after the student returns will be considered unexcused.

Upon returning to school following a properly-excused absence, tardy arrival or early departure, it is the responsibility of the student to consult with their teacher(s) regarding arrangements to make up missed work, assignments and/or tests in accordance with the time schedule specified by the teacher.

A student is truant if they were absent from the school building and/or scheduled instruction without permission of their parent/guardian. Truancy will not be tolerated and truant students will be subject to disciplinary measures.

To report an absence, call (585) 247-5050 and use the building extensions below

Florence Brassler	51101
Neil Armstrong.....	41101
Paul Road	81101
Walt Disney.....	61101
Middle School	31101
High School Last Name A-K	21101
High School Last Name L-Z.....	21102

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General Information

Equity and Inclusion

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The Gates Chili Central School District is dedicated to creating a welcoming and affirming environment for everyone. As such, the district is committed to strengthening equity and inclusion for all. Through the Strategic Plan for Equity, the district will remove barriers that hinder growth and learning, so student success is achieved at equitable levels across the district.

The district identified five improvement areas outlined in a strategic, multi-year plan to improve outcomes for all students. The following five areas emerged as districtwide areas in need of improvement in order for students to achieve success equitably across the district: teaching and learning; recruitment, hiring and retention; multi-tiered systems of support; restorative practices; and data systems. This work

is underpinned by the district's moral imperative, adopted by the Board of Education in October 2020:

The Gates Chili Central School District has a moral duty to serve its students and families. Every student must be able to receive an equitable education where they are represented, protected and able to thrive. The district acknowledges the presence of white privilege and bias and how this perpetuates systematic racism. The Gates Chili Central School District is committed to the necessary growth required to develop and sustain equity and dismantle disproportionality.

For ongoing updates on the district's equity journey, including ways to engage in this ongoing work, go to gateschili.org/Equity.

Non-Discrimination Policy

3420

The Gates Chili Central School District hereby advises students, parents/guardians, employees and the general public that it offers employment, educational and vocational opportunities without regard to actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, age, weight, marital status, military status, veteran status, political affiliation, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, predisposing genetic characteristic, domestic violence victim status, gender identity or non-conformity, disability, or any other status protected by law.

Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to the district's civil rights compliance officers. Non-discrimination grievance procedures can be found in district policy 3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District.

Dignity for All Students Act

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New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the state's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. In addition, the Dignity Act prohibits harassment, bullying and/or discrimination that occurs off school property where such acts create or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that such acts might reach school property. This also includes cyberbullying, which is defined as harassment or bullying which occurs through any form of electronic communication.

The Dignity Act protects against all forms of harassment, particularly those based on a student's actual or perceived race; color; weight; national origin; ethnic group; religion or religious practice; mental or physical ability; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; or sex.

Additionally, the district creates the foundation for a positive school culture through classroom curriculum on diversity, sensitivity, civility and citizenship, and professional development on culturally-responsive teaching.

In accordance with the Dignity Act, the district will take necessary steps to address matters related to harassment, bullying and/or discrimination of students. If you have questions/concerns related to suspected harassment, bullying and/or discrimination of students or if you wish to make a report, please contact your building's coordinator.

2021-22 Dignity Act Coordinators

Florence Brassler: Rebecca Scott
Neil Armstrong: Jeannine Bezon
Paul Road: Kimberly Doty
Walt Disney: Sara Mucino
Middle School: Kenya Rollins
High School: Jennifer Kern

Gates Chili Central School District Civil Rights Compliance Officers

Primary:

Michaela Perrotto
Assistant Superintendent for
Human Resources and
Labor Relations

Secondary:

Dr. Sandra Vazquez
Director of Recruitment, Hiring
and Diversity Practices

3 Spartan Way
Rochester, New York 14624
(585) 247-5050
civilrightscompliance@gateschili.org

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General Information

Registration and Assignment to School

Families who are new to the Gates Chili Central School District will enroll their students through a centralized registration process at the administration building. Registration packets are available at the administration building or can be found online at gateschili.org/register.

Those registering new students must provide the following:

- proof of a student's address (mortgage statement, rental or lease agreement, tax receipt).
- documentation of age (birth certificate, record of baptism, passport);
- record of immunizations and current physical; and
- custody/guardianship/adoption documents, if applicable.

For additional examples of acceptable proof of address, documentation of age or any other questions, contact the district registrar.

(585) 247-5050 ext. 12224
registrar@gateschili.org

Administration Building
3 Spartan Way
Rochester, NY 14624



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is held at the four elementary school buildings during March of each year for students entering kindergarten that fall. To register, students must be five years old by Dec. 1 of the calendar year in which they begin kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration information will automatically be mailed in February each year to any eligible families currently in the district census database. If your child is eligible for kindergarten and you have not received registration information by the end of February, or if you are a new district resident, please contact the district registrar.

Student Information Change

Personal information is handled confidentially by the district and needs to be accurate. Change of a student's personal status should be reported to the principal, assistant principal or counselor in the school office in advance and include the following changes in status:

- moving (within or out of the district)
- telephone number change
- name change (family or individual)
- temporary residence change due to family emergency
- other situations (extended vacations, trips abroad, homeless students, etc.)

Changes in address may result in students being assigned to a different elementary school based on the new residential area.



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Facility Use

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School buildings and grounds are available for use by non-school community organizations providing there is no conflict with school activities. District use of facilities will take priority and scheduled events are subject to change. Nonschool organizations will be charged a fee for the use of facilities. Requests may be entered within the school year, but may not be approved until one month prior to the event date.

The Gates Chili Facility Use form is an online application with a two-step process that includes registering your group and completing a facility request. A certificate of insurance will be required for registering your group. Your group may also be required to submit additional insurance information.

For more information including online applications and instructions, visit gateschili.org/FacilityRequest.

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General Information

School Nutrition

The Gates Chili Central School District believes one of the most important ways to help students perform better in their classrooms is to provide them with the nutrition necessary for the healthy growth of their minds and bodies. A well-nourished student will generally have better attendance, be more attentive and have more energy to take on the day's activities. The School Nutrition Program provides tasty, nutritious and reasonably priced breakfasts and lunches to both students and staff.

Gates Chili CSD participates in the Federal Child Nutrition Program. For the 2021-22 school year, a nourishing breakfast and lunch is available for free to students each day, pending ongoing USDA funding. While meals are free for this school year, we encourage families to complete the Free and Reduced Meals application. Those forms are available in each school cafeteria, on

the district website or in the district's school nutrition office at Gates Chili Middle School, 2 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624. Applications are accepted throughout the school year. Please submit forms as soon as possible for processing.

The district retains the services from MyPaymentsPlus, a third-party prepayment and information service. Accounts can be accessed online through mypaymentsplus.com or through the MyPaymentsPlus app available for both Apple and Android devices. This free service allows families to view account balances, deposit funds using a credit card or electronic check and view purchase history. Families are strongly encouraged to use this service to track school meals money.

For more information about school nutrition or free meals, go to gateschili.org/SchoolNutrition.



Transportation

The Gates Chili Central School District Transportation Department is proud to log more than one million miles each school year while safely and efficiently transporting students each school day.

Buses are provided and maintained by the district for each student, including those transported to private and parochial schools and students with disabilities.

Gates Chili bus drivers have the responsibility of transporting students safely to their destinations. The students have the responsibility of cooperating with the bus conduct guidelines:

- Keep your feet out of the aisle
- Stay in your seat with your seat belt on
- Use your inside voice and be respectful to the driver
- Keep your hands to yourself

Additionally, district-provided buses are equipped with lap-shoulder belts to ensure every student is transported to and from school safely.



Health Information

Every school has a school nurse who coordinates health care in the school setting, answers routine medical questions, gives immediate first aid, provides medical care according to the medical regimen prescribed by the private health provider, performs and coordinates mandated NYS screenings and advises parents on immunization and mandated physical examination requirements.

School Nurse Extensions

Call (585) 247-5050 and use the building extensions below

Florence Brasser	51200
Neil Armstrong	41200
Paul Road.....	81201
Walt Disney	61200
Middle School.....	31201
High School.....	21200

Medications

 7513

The school nurse has the primary responsibility for administering any medications to students. A written order from the student's primary care provider must be on file in the school's health office for prescription and over-the-counter medication, as well as a written request from the parent or guardian. The medication should be delivered to the school nurse by the parent or guardian in the original prescription container, marked clearly with the full name of the student who is taking it. Over-the-counter medication must be in the new and unopened container it was sold in. Parents will also need to sign a consent form giving the nurse permission to administer the medication. Students may not transport medications to or from school, including over-the-counter medications.

Physical Examinations

 7512

Physical examinations are state mandated in kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 and for eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports. A health certificate signed by a duly-licensed New York State physician must be provided to the Health Office for new entrants to the district or for any student entering in any of the above grades. Health appraisals need to be presented within 30 days of entry. They are valid for 12 months, through the last day of the month in which the physical was completed. It is recommended that students have their annual physical with their primary medical doctor since that person knows the student's health and medical history the best. Physical examinations are also available at school free of charge, if necessary. Examinations are conducted by the school physician/nurse practitioner on selected days during the school year.

Screening

The New York State Education Department requires certain screening exams at certain ages or grades of students as listed to the right. The New York State Department of Health also requires that your private health care provider reports and the school district collects information on your student's Body Mass Index (BMI) and Weight Status Category (WSC). You may fulfill these legal obligations by having your personal physician conduct the screening exams privately and then notifying the school nurse not to do the examinations. You will then present your student's private certificates to the school prior to screening dates. The administration may grant a religious exemption for screening exams of families with a sincerely held religious belief. Please contact the nurse for information about how to apply for a religious exemption. If you have not provided a certificate or notified the nurse of your plan to have the screenings done privately by the time the nurse conducts the school screenings, the district will follow NYS Education Department mandates and will conduct the screening as scheduled. Please communicate regularly with your school nurse to avoid confusion.

The following screening evaluations are conducted by the school nurse who will advise you of any concerns:

1. Distance visual acuity and near visual acuity for all new entrants and for students in kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 and at any other time deemed appropriate.
2. Color perception for all new entrants within six months of entrance.
3. Hearing acuity for all new entrants and for those in kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 and at any other time deemed essential.
4. Scoliosis screening (curvature of the spine) for girls in grades 5 and 7 and for boys in grade 9.



Health Information

Immunization of Students

 7511

Per New York State law, there are no longer non-medical or religious exemptions permitted to the requirement that students are to be vaccinated against measles and other diseases to attend prekindergarten through grade 12 in a public, private or parochial setting or to be enrolled in daycare.



Immunizations	Prekindergarten (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or UPK)	Kindergarten-Grade 5	Grades 6-11	Grade 12
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses ONLY if the child is 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster (Tdap)			1 dose (on or after age 11 years)	
Polio (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	3 doses
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult Hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB) if the doses were received at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 and 15 years	
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)			Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose ONLY if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type B conjugate (Hib)	1 to 4 doses Depends on child's age and doses previously received			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	1 to 4 doses Depends on child's age and doses previously received			
Influenza	1 dose			

 Denotes corresponding policy number

Programs

Academics

The district mission statement articulates the fundamental purpose of the Office of Instruction. The office collaborates with stakeholders to support the mission and prepare students to be college and career ready and to live by the Spartan Way values of respect, responsibility, compassion and hard work. Together, teachers and administrators, have established a strong curriculum foundation aligned to New York State Standards. The curriculum is actualized in the classroom through instruction that is rigorous, engaging and student centered. From early childhood education to expansive secondary electives, students are challenged and supported in their academic journey. Students are exposed to the core academic programs such as science, English, mathematics and social studies, in addition to subject areas such as physical education, the arts, business, family and consumer science, health, languages other than English and technology.



The Spartan Way

Respect - Responsibility
Compassion - Hard Work



ARTS Partners

Using the arts in the classroom is one of many ways to build creativity, encourage critical thinking and connect the outside world with the classroom. ARTS Partners (Arts Reaching and Teaching in Schools Partners) is a one-of-a-kind partnership between the Gates Chili Central School District and Rochester Broadway Theatre League (RBTL). Topics and themes related to touring Broadway shows are adapted into age-appropriate lessons for classroom learning. Students are provided the opportunity to attend a live theatre experience by of a Broadway production at RBTL's Auditorium Theatre.



Gates Chili CSD was awarded a 2019 Magna Award for equity in education by the National School Boards Association. The ARTS Partners Program was identified as an exemplar for removing barriers to achievement for vulnerable or underserved students.

Athletics

The Gates Chili Central School District Athletic Department believes athletics is an important part of the total educational program. It allows students the opportunity to challenge themselves both physically and mentally. The athletic department believes student-athletes develop skills they will use throughout their lifetime. Dedication, commitment, determination, perseverance and teamwork are all values that guide decision-making and behavior that is expected of student-athletes. Athletic participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the team, to the student body, to the community and to the student as an individual. Read more about the achievements of the athletics department in the "Building a Championship Culture" section of each district newsletter issue.

Response to Intervention Support Services

School-based Intervention teams meet in each school to develop prevention and intervention service plans for students in need of academic, emotional, behavioral and/or social support. Teachers, speech therapists, counselors, psychologists and administrators work with referred students and parents to promote academic success and enhance communication between home and school. For more information, contact the school principal.

Code of Conduct 3410

The Gates Chili Central School District Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver, quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The Board of Education has clearly defined these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property in the BOE-adopted Code of Conduct and Character. The district's complete Code of Conduct and Character is available for review at each building's main office, as well as on the district website at gateschili.org.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services is committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students. The department partners with families to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities in the least restrictive environment while providing the appropriate academic, social, emotional and behavioral supports. As a district, GCCSD offers students a wide continuum of services and works diligently to provide students with the skills needed to be successful and productive citizens. Through the use of specially designed instruction, students are provided individualized supports in an attempt to ensure success for all learners.

The Student Support Services Department supports the students of the District who qualify for an Individualized Education Program (IEP). An IEP can provide students with needed accommodations and/or modifications to help ensure that he or she has the supports needed to succeed. Special Education Teachers utilized Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) to ensure that instruction is provided in an explicit, intentional and systematic way. Student progress is closely monitored and teaching practices are altered accordingly to best meet the needs of individual learners.

Vision

The Student Support Services Department strives to work in collaboration with families, students and the community to provide student-centered learning opportunities that enable and empower our learners to maximize their potential and become productive citizens.



Speech/Language Services

Speech language services are provided to facilitate language development for students in the areas of expressive language, receptive language and/or articulation. These services are available to students based on recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).

Substance Use Services

Parents and students can contact mental health staff members at each building for details on where and how to find substance use related services. Information provided by student/parent is confidential and will not be used in any school disciplinary proceeding.

Mental Health Support

Mental health staff members, including social workers, caseworker and psychologists, work collaboratively with families and school teams to improve student success in school through targeted interventions and consultation. Their goal is to assist students in gaining the social-emotional skills needed to succeed in school and beyond the school walls.



Occupational/Physical Therapy Services

The focus of occupational therapy (OT) and physical therapy (PT) services in a school setting is to promote functional independence and participation within the educational environment through purposeful and goal-directed activities.

A school-based OT program targets those students who demonstrate a need in the area of fine motor skill development, sensory integration and/or visual perception that impacts their academic achievement.

A school-based PT program targets those students who demonstrate evidence of limited mobility, range of motion, balance, coordination, strength and/or endurance which limits their ability to fully benefit from educational experiences.

Opportunities for Community Involvement

Job Opportunities

The Gates Chili Central School District is dedicated to fostering curiosity, growth and diversity within our school community. The district celebrates and embraces differences and strives to dismantle exclusion, bias, racism, and prejudice of all forms.

A large, diverse district with award-winning programs, Gates Chili CSD provides resources and support to help employees and students succeed, learn and grow. Join a team that cares deeply for students, is supported by the community and sets the standard for commitment to education.

Gates Chili CSD accepts employment applications for all positions electronically. The easy-to-use, secure online application ensures that your application has been received by the district for review and consideration for employment. You may visit the site 24/7 to update and review your information and application status.

Gates Chili Central School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE) and is dedicated to promoting diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion. Diversity is more than a commitment at Gates Chili CSD; it is set as the foundation of what we do. The district is focused on equity and believes deeply that diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin and all other characteristics make us stronger. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

To view employment opportunities and to check the status of your application, visit gateschili.org/hr. You can also follow the HR department on Twitter at @gateschilijobs.



Virtual Backpack

Area non-profit, community and school organizations can offer activities and events to our community throughout the year. The Gates Chili Central School District will post these activities as e-flyers for families as part of Virtual Backpack. The information is provided as a courtesy service to the community. GCCSD no longer sends paper flyers/promotional material home with students from community groups and organizations. Please note that the district does not sponsor nor endorse these activities/events. These e-flyers from local non-profit organizations can be found at gateschili.org/VirtualBackpack.

Continuing Education

The Gates Chili School Central District Continuing Education program offers a variety of programs for all ages. With more than 400 classes offered annually, classes are fun, educational and affordable. Elementary students can take advantage of after-school courses, language classes, cooking camps, sports camps, swim lessons and safety classes. Continuing Education also offers driving classes for adults and students. High school students can take their permit test at school, the five-hour safe driving course or the New York State driver education program. Adults can choose from fitness classes, culinary courses, dance programs, music classes, arts and crafts, yoga classes and more. The department is always looking for new courses ideas and instructors.

GCCSD Continuing Education also hosts passport nights, community safety programs, the wellness fair and the mental wellness fair. Through Continuing Education, community members can utilize the Spartan Field House on select evenings and weekends including the fitness center, walking track and pool.

For more information and to check out community offerings, visit to gateschili.org/ContinuingEd. You can also contact Director of Continuing Education Marla Chefalo by phone at (585) 247-5345 or by email at continuingeducation@gateschili.org.

Gates Chili Education Foundation

The goal of the Gates Chili Education Foundation is to provide student-centered support to the learning community of the Gates Chili Central School District, including the awarding of grants for funding programs and expenditures and the awarding of scholarships.

Community members can support the foundation through monetary donations, volunteering on the board, participating in foundation fundraising events and promoting the foundation's goal.

For more information, visit the foundation's website at gateschili.org/GCEF.



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Asbestos Notice

 5630

Gates Chili Central School District is required to maintain a list of asbestos management plans, current or planned asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions in accordance to the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA). A copy of the GCCSD AHERA Management Plan is available for review in the administration building.

Pesticides

 5632

The Gates Chili Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification prior to certain pesticide applications. Prior notification of pesticide applications is not required under multiple circumstances, including but not limited to: school unopened for 72 hours following application; anti-microbial product use; nonvolatile rodenticides/insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant stations inaccessible to children; and application of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated biopesticides and exempt materials. If you would like to receive notification of non-exempt pesticide use, please send your request to William Bennett, Director of Facilities, 4 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624.

Staff Qualifications

 6212

In accordance with the federal law, the district is required to provide parents, upon request, with specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers and teaching assistants. If a parent/guardian wishes to file such a request, they may do so by contacting the building principal.



Access to Student Records

 7240

The Gates Chili Central School District complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and provides access to parents/guardians of students under the age of 18 to their student's school records. A student 18 or older has access to their own school records. Parents/guardians and eligible students wishing to gain access to student records need to contact the appropriate school for further information.

Disclosure to Military and Higher Education

 7242

The district will comply with requests from military recruiters and institutions of higher education for access to the name, address and telephone listing of each secondary school student, except for any student whose parent (or the student, if they are at least 18 years of age) has submitted a written request to opt out of this disclosure. To opt out of information disclosure to the military or higher education institutions, submit a written opt-out request to the Gates Chili High School Main Office, 1 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624.



 Denotes corresponding policy number

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Student Privacy

The Gates Chili Central School District is committed to ensuring student privacy and recognizes that parents/guardians are entitled to certain rights with regard to their student's personally identifiable-information (PII), in accordance with Education Law 2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Data Privacy 5676

As part of its commitment to maintaining the privacy and security of student data under Ed Law 2-d, the district will take steps to minimize its collection, processing, and transmission of PII. Information pertaining to this policy is published on the district website in the Parent's Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security. For questions about data privacy or Ed Law 2-d, please contact the District Data Protection Officer, Jeffrey McKinney at Jeffrey_McKinney@gateschili.org.



Directory Information, Photographs and Video 7241

FERPA generally requires that the district obtain written consent prior to disclosing PII to persons other than those with a legitimate educational interest. The district may, however, disclose directory information for limited purposes without written consent. Directory information is information that would not generally

be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The district defines directory information to include only the following: name, dates of attendance, photograph/image, grade level, participation in officially-recognized activities and awards/honors received.

If you do not want the district to disclose this type of information, you must notify the district in writing. Opt-out requests can be sent via email to communications@gateschili.org or by mail to Iva Petrosino, Director of Communications, 3 Spartan Way, Rochester, NY 14624. Please include the student's full name, school and grade level in the opt-out request. Please note: if your student performs in a school play, in a sporting event or a concert open to the school community and or the public, the district has no control over photographs or videos taken by the media, other parents or community members in attendance.



Get Connected with Gates Chili CSD



Communication between the district and families is important and it's never been easier. Here are a few simple ways you can stay connected with the district.



Keep Contact Info Updated

The district uses an automated notification system that delivers information to parents in minutes via phone call and text message. Go to gateschili.org/UpdateContact to update all home, work and cell phone numbers, as well as email addresses, when changes occur.

Use SchoolTool, the online gradebook

Your student's academic progress and attendance record are available at your fingertips through SchoolTool. Parents of students in grades UPK-12 can securely access grades and attendance. SchoolTool can be accessed at gateschili.org/SchoolTool or through the district app.



Use Schoology to keep up with student assignments

Schoology is a learning management system that helps guide instruction in an online environment. Students can engage in collaborative discussions, complete assignments and more. Parents and guardians now can view activity with the platform and follow their student's learning more closely. Schoology can be accessed at gateschili.org/Schoology or through the district app.

Download the Gates Chili App

Access important district and school information on-the-go with the Gates Chili CSD mobile application. This free app – available on iOS and Android devices – features postings about news and events and allows families to quickly retrieve school contact information, sports scores, lunch menus and much more. Download the app today at gateschili.org/GCapp.



Follow us on social media

Want updates about the district directly in your newsfeed? Find us @GatesChiliInfo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This is an easy way to have exciting and fun district information come to you! Be sure to check out the official Twitter accounts of Superintendent Christopher Dailey (@GatesChiliSuper) and each of the buildings!



@GatesChiliHS
@GatesChiliMS

@GCWaltDisney
@PaulRoadSchool

@BrasserWay
@NeilArmstrongES

We hope you find these electronic means of communication to be helpful.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your student's school success!