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This year, I am excited to join all of you in this new beginning as we prepare for a school year filled with opportunities for all of our students to learn, grow and succeed.

Building connections with our wonderful students, staff, families and community has truly been a highlight of my first summer as an Albany resident.

Those of you who have visited me at Academy Park may have noticed the drum set in my office. This was my first drum set as a student, and serves as a reminder of the doors that education can open.

Music was the cornerstone of my public school experience, motivating me to find the successes I knew I was capable of, and it continues to be such an important part of my life, both professionally and personally.

And while for me it was music, I know that there are so many additional incredible programs and pathways that our district offers, and I am committed to ensuring equitable access to all of these opportunities so that each and every one of our students can achieve the successes I know they are capable of.

This is the heart of our guiding principles – to be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

Students like those featured in this calendar, who represent the remarkable promise of every one of the more than 8,500 students we serve. Whether they excel in the classroom, in extracurricular activities or in efforts to improve our community – or all of the above – they represent the future of our city.

And I didn't have to be here long to know our future is bright!

As the seasons turn throughout the 2023-24 school year, and as you turn the pages of this calendar, know that I and every employee of our school district are committed to helping every student achieve success and follow their dreams.

We also remain committed to working with all of you – our families and community partners – to meet those goals.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hochreiter

Superintendent



ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

The City School District of Albany and our more than 1,700 faculty and staff strive to provide an academically challenging, safe and welcoming experience for all our students.

The district serves about 8.500 students in 16 schools: 12 elementary schools, three middle schools and Albany High School, a comprehensive high school with a career and technical education center. We also offer additional innovative academic opportunities for students in support of our vision, mission and goals.

OUR VISION

The City School District of Albany will be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the City School District of Albany is to work in partnership with our diverse community to engage every learner in a robust educational program designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

OUR GOALS

- Increase student achievement
- Enhance the delivery of quality instruction
- Build our leadership capacity and increase accountability
- Empower families
- Partner with our diverse community

BOARD OF **EDUCATION**

Vickie Smith, President Anne Savage, Vice President Sridar Chittur, Ph.D., Secretary Hassan I. Elminyawi Ellen Krejci **Damarise Mann** Tabetha Wilson

Our Board of Education typically meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month.

The first meeting features the board's "action" agenda and the second is a roundtable discussion of different topics. All board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

A specific time for public comment is set aside at each board meeting. This gives the public an opportunity to address the board and express opinions or ask questions about school district matters, and reserves the rest of the meeting for uninterrupted deliberation and action.

Public comment can be provided in a variety of ways, including in-person and virtually, or via an online submission form, voicemail, email or postal mail.

Board elections are held on the third Tuesday in May each year, in conjunction with the annual budget vote.

To learn more, including board committees, meetings, minutes and policies, and how you can run for the board, please visit albanyschools.org/boe or contact our board clerk at (518) 475-6015.



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SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					PD DAY No school	2

3	LABOR DAY No school	PD DAY No school	PD DAY No school	SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS To learn more, visit albanyschools.org/start	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	22	23
24	YOM KIPPUR No school	26	27	28	29	HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY Albany High 9 a.m. HOMECOMING Football vs. Mohonasen Albany High 2 p.m.



OCTOBER **2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	6	SAT EXAM Albany High 7:45 a.m.

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	COLUMBUS/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY No school	ALBANY HIGH ACADEMY LOTTERY 2024-25 applications available			SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD First quarter interim ends for grades 6-12 ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for high school winter sports	
15	16	17	18	19 BOARD OF		21
				EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for modified winter sports	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES Early evening conferences; times vary by school	PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES/ PD DAY No school	
29	30	31				
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NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	3	SAT EXAM Albany High 7:45 a.m.

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD First quarter ends for grades 6-12	VETERANS DAY No school	
12	ATHLETICS High school winter sports begin	14	15	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	ALBANY HIGH ACADEMY LOTTERY 2024-25 application deadline ALBANY HIGH SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL 6:30 p.m.	ALBANY HIGH SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL 6:30 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ALBANY HIGH SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL 2 p.m.	ATHLETICS Modified winter sports begin		THANKSGIVING RECESS No school	THANKSGIVING DAY No school	THANKSGIVING RECESS No school	
26	27	28	29	30		



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					ELEMENTARY MARKING PERIOD First trimester ends for Pre-K-grade 5	SAT EXAM Albany High 7:45 a.m.

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	ALBANY HIGH ACADEMY LOTTERY 2024-25 lottery drawing	
10	11	12	13	14	SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD Second quarter interim ends for grades 6-12	16
17	18	19	20	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for modified swim	23
31	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	30



JANUARY **2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	HOLIDAY RECESS No school	2	3	PRE-K 4 & MAGNET 2024-25 lottery applications available	5	6

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY No school	16	17	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	19	20
21	ATHLETICS Modified swim begins	REGENTS EXAMS MUSIC TEACHER CONCERT Albany High 6:30 p.m.	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD Second quarter ends for grades 6-12	27
28	29	30	31			



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	2	3

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES Early evening conferences; times vary by school	PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES/ PD DAY No school	INDOOR PERCUSSION HOME SHOW Albany High 8 a.m7 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for high school spring sports				BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	PRESIDENTS DAY No school	WINTER RECESS No school	WINTER RECESS No school	WINTER RECESS No school	WINTER RECESS No school	
25	26	27	28	29		
ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for modified spring sports						



MARCH **2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2

3		5	6	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	ELEMENTARY MARKING PERIOD Second trimester ends for Pre-K-grade 5 SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD Third quarter interim ends for grades 6-12 ALBANY HIGH SPRING MUSICAL 6:30 p.m.	SAT EXAM Albany High 7:45 a.m. ALBANY HIGH SPRING MUSICAL 6:30 p.m.
ALBANY HIGH SPRING MUSICAL 2 p.m.	ATHLETICS High school spring sports begin	12	ALL-CITY CHORUS CONCERT North Albany 6:30 p.m.	14	PRE-K 4 & MAGNET 2024-25 lottery application deadline	16
17	18	19	ALL-CITY STRINGS CONCERT Hackett 6:30 p.m.	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	22	23
31	ATHLETICS Modified spring sports begin	26	ALL-CITY BAND CONCERT Albany High 6:30 p.m.	28	SPRING RECESS No school	30



APRIL **2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SPRING RECESS No school	6				

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	NYS SCIENCE EXAM Grades 5 & 8 testing window begins		EID-AL-FITR No school	NYS ELA EXAM Grades 3-8	NYS ELA EXAM Grades 3-8	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	NYSESLAT Speaking window begins		PRE-K 4 & MAGNET 2024-25 lottery drawings	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD Third quarter ends for grades 6-12	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PRE-K 4 & MAGNET Registration begins for students selected in lotteries					
28	29	30				



MAY **2024**



5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	PRE-K 3 2024-25 lottery applications available	NYS MATH EXAM Grades 3-8	NYS MATH EXAM Grades 3-8		PRE-K 4 & MAGNET Registration deadline for students selected in lotteries	
12	KINDERGARTEN 2024-25 registration begins NYSESLAT Listening, reading and writing window begins	14	15	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.	SECONDARY MARKING PERIOD Fourth quarter interim ends for grades 6-12 NYS SCIENCE EXAM Grades 5 & 8 testing window closes	18
19	20	SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION PD DAY No school	22	NYSESLAT All NYSESLAT testing windows end	RECESS DAY Only in the event of unused snow/emergency days; remains a regular school day if three snow/emergency days are used	25
26	MEMORIAL DAY No school	RECESS DAY Only in the event of unused snow/emergency days; remains a regular school day if two snow/emergency days are used	RECESS DAY Only in the event of unused snow/emergency days; remains a regular school day if one snow/emergency day is used	30	PRE-K 3 2024-25 lottery application deadline	



JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SAT EXAM Albany High 7:45 a.m.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		REGENTS EXAMS		BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			PRE-K 3 2024-25 lottery drawing	ALBANY HIGH Last day of classes	REGENTS EXAMS	
16	17	18	19	20 REGENTS	21	22
	REGENTS EXAMS PRE-K 3	REGENTS EXAMS	JUNETEENTH No school	EXAMS BOARD OF EDUCATION	REGENTS EXAMS	
	Registration begins for students selected in lottery			MEETING Harriet Gibbons 6:30 p.m.		
23	24	25	SCHOOL	27	28	29
30	REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS	YEAR ENDS			
ALBANY HIGH GRADUATION MVP Arena Noon			To learn more, visit albanyschools.org/end			



JULY **2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	PRE-K 3 Registration deadline for students selected in lottery	6

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						SUMMER CELEBRATION & SAFETY DAY Location TBD Noon-4 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for high school fall sports	27
28	29	30	31			



AUGUST **2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				ATHLETICS Sign-ups begin for modified fall sports		

	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		REGENTS EXAMS	REGENTS EXAMS				
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		ATHLETICS High school fall sports begin					
		sports begin (modified fall sports begin Sept. 1)					
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SCHOOL & PTA DIRECTORY

Albany High School

700 Washington Avenue (518) 475-6200 · Fax: (518) 475-6202 albanyschools.org/albanyhigh

Principal: Jodi Commerford

PTSA contact: Sara Whalen, ptsaalbanyhigh@gmail.com

Albany International Center

50 Lark Street

Dual Language Program

50 Lark Street (518) 475-6600 · Fax: (518) 475-6602 albanyschools.org/dual

Principal: Rachel Stead

PTA contact: Natasha Howlett or Rocío Murillo, aicdlp.pta@gmail.com

Eagle Point

Elementary School

North Albany Middle School

570 North Pearl Street (518) 475-6800 · Fax: (518) 475-6802 albanyschools.org/northalbany

Principal: Andrea Piper

PTA contact: Call school

Community School Coordinator: David Sherrod, dsherrod@albany.k12.ny.us

Pine Hills

Thomas O'Brien **Academy of Science** and Technology (TOAST)

94 Delaware Avenue (518) 475-6875 · Fax: (518) 475-6877 albanyschools.org/TOAST

Principal: Sophia Newell

PTA contact: Catherine Gunn, toastpta@gmail.com

Community School Coordinator: Micaela Townsend, mtownsend@albany.k12.ny.us

(518) 475-6600 · Fax: (518) 475-6602 albanyschools.org/AIC

Principal: Rachel Stead

PTA Contact: Natasha Howlett or Rocío Murillo, aicdlp.pta@gmail.com

Albany School of Humanities (ASH)

108 Whitehall Road (518) 475-6575 • Fax: (518) 475-6577 albanyschools.org/ASH

Principal: Marie Culihan **PTA contact:** Dora Fisher, dorafisher@gmail.com

Arbor Hill Elementary School

1 Arbor Drive (518) 475-6625 • Fax: (518) 475-6627 albanyschools.org/arborhill

Principal: Rosalind Gaines-Harrell

PTA contact: Shanae Lawrence, slawrence@albany.kl2.ny.us

Community School Coordinator: Shanae Lawrence *(contact info above)*

Delaware Community School

43 Bertha Street (518) 475-6750 · Fax: (518) 475-6754 albanyschools.org/delaware

Principal: Stacy J. Dobbs, Ph.D.

PTA contact: Vanessa Curet, v.curet6503@gmail.com

1044 Western Avenue (518) 475-6825 · Fax: (518) 475-6827 albanyschools.org/eaglepoint

Principal: Jared Fox

PTA contact: Emily King or Leah Hoey, eaglepointpta@gmail.com

Giffen Memorial Elementary School

274 South Pearl Street (518) 475-6650 · Fax: (518) 475-6652 albanyschools.org/giffen

Principal: Jasmine Brown
PTA contact: Linda Mitchell,
Imitchelll@albany.kl2.ny.us

Community School Coordinator: TBD

Montessori Magnet School

45 Tremont Street (518) 475-6675 · Fax: (518) 475-6677 albanyschools.org/montessori

Principal: John Powell **MCC contact:** Ana Killings, anakillings@gmail.com

New Scotland Elementary School

369 New Scotland Avenue (518) 475-6775 • Fax: (518) 475-6777 albanyschools.org/newscotland

Principal: Lesley Buff
PTA contact: Mary Kohan,
newscotlandpta@gmail.com

Elementary School

41 North Allen Street (518) 475-6725 · Fax: (518) 475-6729 albanyschools.org/pinehills

Principal: Tia Corniel

PTA contact: Jill Brenneman, pinehillsPTA@gmail.com

Roots Academy at West Hill

676 Clinton Avenue (518) 475-6700 · Fax: (518) 475-6704 albanyschools.org/roots

Principal: Kendra Chaires-Francis

PTA contact: Tonya Venable, tvenable@albany.kl2.ny.us

Community School Coordinator:

Michael Johnson,

mjohnson6@albany.k12.ny.us

Sheridan Preparatory Academy

400 Sheridan Avenue (518) 475-6850 · Fax: (518) 475-6852 albanyschools.org/sheridan

Principal: Zuleika Sanchez-Gayle

PTA contact: Emily Goodreau, PTOsheridanprep@gmail.com

Community School Coordinator: TBD

Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School

100 Elbel Court (518) 475-6425 • Fax: (518) 475-6427 albanyschools.org/myers

Principal: William Rivers

PTSA contact: Jennifer Bryant, ptsamyers@gmail.com

Tony Clement Center for Education

395 Elk Street (518) 475-6525 · Fax: (518) 475-6527 albanyschools.org/clement

Principal: Chris Martel

Community School Coordinator: Monica Santiago, msantiagol@albany.kl2.ny.us

William S. Hackett Middle School

45 Delaware Avenue (518) 475-6475 • Fax: (518) 475-6477 albanyschools.org/hackett

Principal: Michael Paolino
PTA contact: Jennifer Lange,
hackettpta@gmail.com

DISTRICT OFFICES

(see next page for specific contact info)

Academy Park

1 Academy Park (518) 475-6000

Harriet Gibbons Student Services Center

75 Watervliet Ave. (518) 475-6000







HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

The guide below is designed to help you get in touch with the right people to help. We recommend always starting with your child's school as your first point of contact, but there are several additional district offices and departments that also support student success. The table below lists the general "chain of command" for these offices, and the phone numbers for each can be found below.

You are also welcome to submit questions, comments or concerns through our online contact form, which is available at **albanyschools.org/contact**.

QUESTION	PEOPLE & OFFI	ICES WHO CAN H	ELP YOU GET AN ANSWER
PRE-K	► Classroom Teacher	► Building Administrator	► Early Childhood
ELEMENTARY (K-5)	► Classroom Teacher	► Building Administrator	► Elementary Instruction ► Superintendent
SECONDARY (6-12)	► Classroom Teacher	► Building Administrator	► Secondary Instruction ► Superintendent
ATHLETICS	► Team Head Coach	Health, Physical Education and Athletics	► Curriculum, Instruction and PD
ATTENDANCE	► Classroom Teacher	► Building Administrator	► Pupil Personnel Services
BOARD OF EDUCATION	► Board Clerk	► Superintendent	▶ Board President
BUDGET & FINANCE	► Business and Finance	► Superintendent	
COMMUNICATIONS	Communications and Operations	► Superintendent	
CONSTRUCTION	► Building Administrator	► Facilities Planning	► Business and Finance ► Superintendent
EMPLOYMENT	► Human Resources	► Superintendent	
ENL SERVICES	► ENL Teacher	ENL and Refugee Services	Elementary/Secondary Superintendent Instruction
FACILITIES USE	► Facilities Use	► Business and Finance	
FOOD SERVICE	Building Cafeteria Manager	► Building Administrator	► Food Service
HEALTH SERVICES	► School Nurse	► Building Administrator	► Health Services
MAINTENANCE	► Building Administrator	► Maintenance	► Business and Finance ► Superintendent

REGISTRATION	► Central Registration	Elementary/Secondary Instruction	► Superintendent
SCHOOL SAFETY	► Building Administrator	Safe Schools and Violence Prevention	Pupil Personnel Services Elementary/Secondary Superintendent
SCHOOL TAXES	► Tax Collector	► Treasurer	► Business and Finance
SPECIAL EDUCATION	► Classroom Teacher	► Building Administrator	► Special Education
TECHNOLOGY & DATA	► Help Desk	Assessment, Accountability and Technology Innovation	► Superintendent
TRANSPORTATION	► Building Administrator	► Transportation	► Communications and Operations ► Superintendent
VOLUNTEERING	Community Engagement	Communications and Operations	► Superintendent

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

Superintendent's Office (518) 475-6012

Elementary Instruction (518) 475-6012

Secondary Instruction (518) 475-6012

Assessment, Accountability and Technology Innovation (518) 475-6175

Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (518) 475-6060

Board of Education Clerk (518) 475-6015

Business and Finance (518) 475-6020

Central Registration (518) 475-6125

Communications and Operations (518) 475-6065

Community Engagement (518) 475-6067

Health, Physical Education and Athletics (518) 475-6310

Safe Schools and Violence Prevention (518) 857-5999

Early Childhood (518) 475-6591

ENL and Refugee Services (518) 475-6147

Facilities Planning (518) 475-6109

Facilities Use (518) 475-6161

Food Service (518) 475-6644

Grants and Program Development (518) 475-6080

Health Services (518) 475-6732

Human Resources (518) 475-6055

Maintenance (518) 475-6160

Pupil Personnel Services (518) 475-6130

Special Education (518) 475-6150

Tax Collector (518) 475-6035

Technology Help Desk (518) 475-6195

Transportation (518) 475-6170

Treasurer (518) 475-6030

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