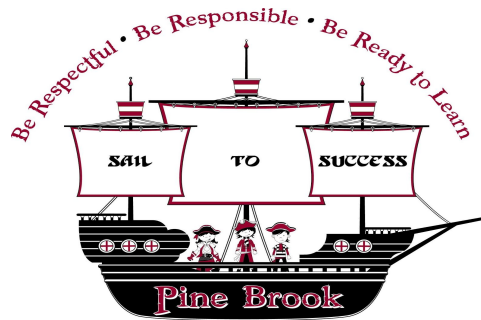


PINE BROOK SCHOOL

6th Grade Center

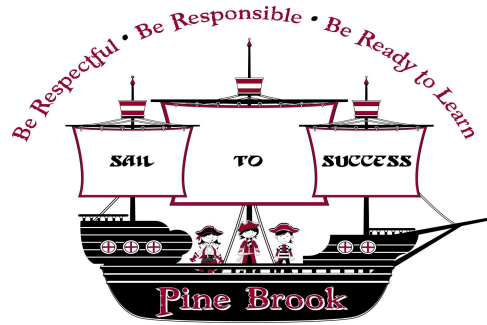
Student Handbook

2018 – 2019



Welcome to Pine Brook 6th Grade Center. We are happy to welcome you back to school! This will be an exceptional year filled with interesting and enriching learning experiences. In addition, we are excited about our amazing program called PBSIS – Positive Behavior Supports in School. You will have an active role in promoting positive behavior, improving our school community, and providing support for all Pine Brook students.

This handbook has been designed to help you and your family better understand the operations of the school and your responsibilities as a student with regard to the rules and regulations of Pine Brook School.



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| Principal | Mrs. Julie Szustowicz |
| Assistant Principal | Mrs. Allison Rogers |
| School Secretaries | Mrs. Mary Castaldo Mrs. Vivian Simancas |
| School Counselor/ Anti-Bullying Specialist | Ms. Caitlin Conforti |
| CST Case Managers | Mrs. Katherine Trump Mrs. Teresa Macaluso |
| School Nurse | Mrs. Charisse Pliszak |
| School Office Hours | 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM |
| Pine Brook School Main Number | 732-786-2800 |
| Pine Brook School Fax | 732-786-2810 |
| Main Office Telephone Number | 732-786-2801 |
| Guidance Office/Office of ABS: | 732-786-2812 |

SCHOOL DAY

Your school day is from 8:50 AM to 3:10 PM. **Students should not come to school any earlier than 8:45 except by special arrangement with a teacher or for scheduled extra-curricular activities.** A four-hour day is held from 8:50 AM to 12:50 PM. A delayed opening is held from 10:20 AM to 3:10 PM.

DISCLOSURE

In order to maintain a proper educational environment and keep our school, staff, and students free of danger and disruption, we have developed the following handbook, which includes the code of conduct for our school. Please understand that the rules you are about to read in this handbook/code of conduct supplement our broad, discretionary authority to maintain safety, order and discipline inside the school zone which includes behavior at bus stops and on the school bus. The rules/policies contained within this handbook support, but do not limit, our authority. In addition, please note that the code and the aforementioned authority extend to ALL who enter the school zone and/or attend school sponsored events.

SCHOOL CLOSING

In addition to receiving an automated message from the Superintendent's Office in the event schools are to be closed or the day is abbreviated due to inclement weather, please be aware of the district and school website for your convenience: www.mersnj.us and www.mersnj.us/pb

PLEASE DO NOT call the school since all phone lines need to be used for emergency purposes only. Thank you for your cooperation.

ABSENCES

As per New Jersey State Law and related Board Policy #5110, pupils are expected to be in attendance on all days that school is in session. A pupil must be in attendance for one hundred sixty-five or more school days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course of which he/she is assigned.

A waiver of these attendance requirements may be granted for good cause by the school Principal upon recommendation of a review committee, appointed by him/her, and consisting of representative staff, including pupil service personnel and classroom teachers.

In recommending the granted of a waiver of this attendance requirement, the review committee shall consider the nature and causes of all the absences rather than only those in excess of the one hundred sixty-five days. Documentation of the nature and course of these absences shall be the responsibility of the pupil and parent(s) or legal guardian(s). All decisions of the review committee will be submitted to the Superintendent for his/her final approval.

The Board of Education permits absences for the following reasons: personal illness, death in the family, court appearances, or administratively approved absences. Vacation or family travel while school is in session is **NOT** condoned by the Board of Education. Therefore, it is not the responsibility of the teachers to provide homework/classwork in advance.

Parental Responsibility in the Event of an Absence:

1. Notify the school by phone each day of the absence. The number is 732-786-2800.
2. A written note must be provided upon a child's return to school.
3. If your child sees a doctor during an absence, please procure a note in the event that an administrative review is warranted later in the year. A medical note is recommended for any absence related to illness, but it required for each absence starting with the 6th absence.
4. If your child is absent for one day, the missed work will be given when he/she returns to school the following day. Should your child be absent more than one day, the homework will be available following the first full day of absence. For example, if your child is only going to be out on Monday, there is no need to make homework arrangements. However, if your child is going to be out sick on Monday and Tuesday, please email or call your child's homeroom teacher by 9AM Tuesday for pickup at the end of the day on Tuesday.

Student Responsibility in the Event of an Absence:

1. Students should check their specific teachers' Google Classroom to see what work has been missed.
2. Upon returning to school, deliver your absence note to your homeroom teacher.
3. In addition, make arrangements with teachers to gather and hand in make-up work.

TARDY

Tardiness is defined as arriving late to homeroom. Homeroom takes place from 8:50 – 8:57AM each morning. Any student arriving to homeroom after 8:54AM will be considered tardy. Most instances of tardiness can be avoided by **utilizing school sponsored transportation**. If you choose to drive your child to school, you must drop your child off on the parking lot side of the building. Please make sure students do not get out of the car until you are along the sidewalk side of the building.

1. After 4th tardy per trimester after-school detention will be assigned
2. At 6th tardy per trimester a parent/guardian notification or conference to discuss further consequences, including in-school suspension, will be arranged.

HOMEWORK POLICY

The Manalapan-Englishtown Board of Education "... strongly believes in and reasserts... its belief that homework is an integral, necessary, and required part of the teaching-learning process." Therefore, homework is assigned on a regular basis to review and/or reinforce what has been taught. Your parent/guardian will be encouraged to keep a constant check on your assignments. Students must complete all homework assignments on time and to the best of their ability. **Please note that lack of homework completion will result in consequences, including but not limited to parent meetings, lunch detention, and activities suspension.**

ACCIDENT REPORTS

If you are hurt on the school grounds, in the building, or in a classroom, it is important that you immediately report your injury to your teacher or nurse to complete an accident report.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Assembly programs are an important part of your educational experience at Pine Brook School. You are expected to be courteous and to show respect for everyone involved in the assembly program. Always remember that your behavior represents yourself, your school, and your community. Please note that all assemblies are privileges, which the school may revoke from students who do not meet behavioral or academic expectations.

BATHROOMS

Your teacher will give you permission to use the bathroom. It is your responsibility to sign out when you leave the classroom and sign in when you return. Bathroom/hall passes must be used at all times. All students should use the bathrooms that are **CLOSEST** to the room from which they are leaving.

BIKERS /WALKERS

You may ride your bike or walk to and from school with your parent's permission and with approval from the Principal. Biker and walker permission will only be granted to students who would walk in the direction of Old Queens Blvd. for safety purposes. You should print a Walker/Biker Permission Slip from the website, to be filled out and signed by your parent/guardian. Bring this completed permission slip to the office to be kept on file. Bicycles are to be chained to the outside bicycle rack. Upon arrival in the morning, walkers/bikers must wait outside the school building until the buses have been unloaded. Walkers/bikers will be dismissed after second dismissal from the exit next to Room 29.

All students not utilizing bus transportation will report to the Media Center for dismissal. You will be dismissed from the back door near the library when the first dismissal is called at 3:04PM.

CARE OF PROPERTY

The school and school grounds reflect the attitudes of the students and the community. Let's do our part to show pride in our schools and grounds by keeping halls, classrooms, and outside areas neat, clean, and free from litter and vandalism. If you mark or damage school property, you will be required to pay for the damages.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Fair and responsible rules and regulations are a necessity for the successful operation of any school on a daily basis. The Code of Conduct for all Pine Brook students follows. This code is in keeping with recommendations for local school districts by the State Department of Education. It was written with input from both faculty and students and addresses the needs of Pine Brook School. We share this Code of Conduct with you so that you will be aware of our policies and so that you will work with us to ensure the success of our school program and the safety of all of our students. Students will be responsible for these rules from the first day of school.

PINE BROOK SCHOOL ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

At Pine Brook School we practice good citizenship and highlight the positive choices students make each and every day.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

1. Students have the right to be heard and to have fair and consistent rules.
2. Students have the right to due process.
3. Students should not be discriminated against because of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, or any other characteristic.
4. Students have the right to a thorough and efficient education free of distractions and disturbances.

Expectations of Student Behavior

1. Be respectful
2. Be responsible
3. Be ready to learn
4. Maintain good attendance
5. Work cooperatively
6. Refrain from any conduct that can be harmful or disruptive to oneself or other students and staff.
7. Meet the academic and behavioral requirements of each class.

Positive student behavior is expected of all Pine Brook School students while school is in session, as well as when traveling to and from school, while waiting at the bus stop, and when engaged in school-related activities or events.

General School Rules

1. Students need to follow the expectations for student conduct that are posted throughout the building.
2. Teachers/staff may assign students disciplinary action for inappropriate conduct.
3. Students who are absent are required to bring absence notes upon returning to school.
4. Students **MUST** get an Advance Permission form from the office in order to make a bus stop change on the same bus. There will be **NO** approval or authorization of school bus changes by the office.
5. Students may not deface school property.
6. Students must go directly to their buses when exiting the building at the end of the school day.
7. Students may not chew gum/candy in school or on the bus at any time.
8. Sexual harassment or harassment/bullying/intimidation of any kind are not permitted and should be reported to the teacher, school counselor/anti-bullying specialist, administrator, and/or parent/guardian.
9. Students must follow all of the guidelines of the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement.
10. Students are not permitted to re-enter the building during dismissal for any reason, without teacher or administrator permission.
11. Students are not permitted to sell or solicit sales in school or on the school bus.
12. Students may use school phones only for emergencies.

Prohibited Items

Cellular Phones: The use of cell phones during the school day disrupts and interferes with the educational process and will not be tolerated. Students will be subject to disciplinary procedures and confiscation if devices are visible and/or used during school hours or at school performances/events. Therefore, all items that fall in this category should be turned off and placed in lockers during the school day.

Games and Electronic Devices: Music/recording devices, Ipods/Ipads, video game systems, laser pens or any other electronic devices are not to be brought to school or carried on the bus. Students will be subject to disciplinary procedures and confiscation if devices are visible and/or used during school hours or at school performances/events. *A special exception is made for electronic reading devices such as Nooks and Kindles. A signed permission slip is required for students to utilize these reading devices in school.*

Disciplinary Action

At Pine Brook School, we promote positive behavior among students and reinforce it. However, we do realize that there are those times when a student may deviate from the appropriate behavior. As such, the following actions may occur:

- 1) Warning
- 2) Parent/Guardian contact
- 3) Detention
- 4) Removed from participating in special school and afterschool activities

5) Suspension

Disciplinary action will depend upon the severity of the behavior and/or the previous pattern of the behavior.

Cafeteria

At the beginning of the school year, students will sit with their homeroom classes in the cafeteria. Once basic procedures and policies are understood and followed, students will be given the opportunity to change their lunch tables. The students will be expected to stay at the lunch table they choose each day for the entire lunch period. If issues arise with these privileges, students will be required to sit back with their homeroom classes or at an assigned location by the administration and/or lunchroom assistants.

Cafeteria Rules

- 1) Walk to your assigned table
- 2) Stay in your seat
- 3) Use a polite and quiet voice
- 4) Clean up your area
- 5) Exit quietly and orderly.

When basic cafeteria expectations are not followed, or should inappropriate behaviors, such as food throwing, fighting, and/or bullying occur, a student will be referred for Disciplinary Action.

DRESS CODE

Students often wonder what clothes are appropriate to wear to school when the weather is warm. Students should feel comfortable, but also should remember that they are in a school environment. Students may not wear upper or lower body clothing that disrupts or has the potential to disrupt the learning of any other student. What follows are guidelines for suitable school attire:

Lower-Body Wear:

- a. When standing at attention, shorts and skirts ***MUST*** be of “fingertip” length or longer
- b. Lower-body garments and shirts ***MUST MEET*** at all times so as not to reveal bare skin, even when bending or raising one’s hand
- c. No pajamas

Upper-Body Wear:

- a. Shoulder-straps ***MUST*** be at least three fingers in width or more
- b. Upper-body garments ***MUST*** not be low-cut, sheer, or revealing
- c. Students’ backs ***MUST*** be covered at all times. Racerback tops are not acceptable unless a shirt meeting the Dress Code is worn underneath.
- d. Loose-cut tank tops (for males and females) ***MUST*** be accompanied by another shirt worn underneath
- e. Undergarments ***MUST*** not be visible.

Footwear:

- a. Appropriate footwear ***MUST*** be worn at all times
- b. Sneakers with laces are to be worn for physical education
- c. Slippers, flip flops or any other footwear with very soft soles and/or no backs ***MUST*** not be worn in school

Any student who does not follow the Dress Code will be required to notify his/her parent/guardian to bring to school proper attire. The student will not be permitted to return to class until he/she is properly dressed. Repeat violations will result in further consequences.

EMERGENCY

If you become sick or hurt at school, the nurse will get in touch with your parent/guardian, and he/she will be responsible for taking you home. Parents/guardians must make arrangements in advance with a trusted neighbor/friend (only as identified on school emergency information cards) if they cannot be reached. The school nurse may administer only first-aid treatment, which is defined as immediate and temporary care for an injury. Students are not to use their cell phones to call home should they disagree with the nurse's assessment of their ailment.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

There are two important parts to a fire drill:

- Signals:**
1. The signal for a fire drill is the continuous ringing of the hallway fire bells.
 2. The signal for re-entering the building is an announcement to re-enter from the main office.
- Conduct:**
1. Follow your teacher's set rules, stand up as soon as the signal is heard, and leave the room quickly, in absolute silence.
 2. Walk quickly, staying in a single-file line.
 3. Do not talk, shove, or step out of line.
 4. If you are not in a class when the fire bell rings, follow the rules for leaving the building with the nearest class.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

The Manalapan-Englishtown School District has adopted policy 5512.01 on harassment, intimidation and bullying that may be accessed on the district website. A proactive series of lessons are presented to students each year beginning in kindergarten. In the primary grades (1st-3rd) five lessons are presented to students each year focusing on recognizing bullying behaviors as well as learning how to handle bullying situations. Students are educated about when they should use an "I-Message" (using their words instead of their hands) to express how they are feeling and stand up for themselves and when it is necessary to get assistance from an adult immediately. In the intermediate grades (4th-5th) six lessons reinforce the concepts discussed in the primary grades, while extending knowledge of the topic. The lessons continue in 6th grade and are presented by the School Counselor, PBTv messages, assemblies, and classroom lessons. In addition, students learn about the effects and consequences of cyberbullying. Our staff is committed to educating our students about bullying. More detailed information about the anti-bullying policy is available on our district website: www.mersnj.us and school website by clicking on Pine Brook. If you have specific questions, please contact the Pine Brook Anti-Bullying Specialist, Ms. Caitlin Conforti at (732) 786-2801 or caitlinconforti@mersnj.us

LOCKER RESPONSIBILITY

Students are expected to exhibit proper care for their lockers and use them for their intended purpose. Students should not bring to school excessive accessories/decorations for their lockers, and no decorations can be placed on the outside of a student locker. If a student experiences a problem with their locker opening or closing, they should contact the main office or their

teacher. Kicking and slamming the lockers will result in damage that the student will be responsible for. Throughout the day, all lockers should be closed and locked.

LOST & FOUND

A lost and found box is kept on the stage in the All Purpose Room. Please check for lost articles. Valuable items are held in the main office by the secretaries.

LUNCH

Students may buy a hot school lunch or may bring lunch from home and buy a drink and/or snack. If buying lunch, students may pay cash or use our “point of sale” system in the cafeteria. All you have to do to get started using the system is send in an initial check or cash with your child at any time. Students should give the cash or check directly to the cashier who will then place the money in the student’s account. Students will be able to draw from their account immediately. Students should NOT purchase items for other students or ask others to purchase items for them. The prices of lunch and other food items will be provided to students by the food service company at the beginning of school.

Students are expected to conduct themselves as young ladies/gentlemen at all times while in the cafeteria.

MEDICATION

Students are not to have any medication with them, either in their locker or on their possession. Before any medication may be administered by our school nurse, the following must take place:

1. A note from parent/guardian giving permission for medication to be administered by the nurse **must be on file in the nurse’s office.**
2. A note from a physician stating the name of the medication, dosage, and length of time that the medication is to be given.
3. All prescription medication must be in a properly labeled prescription bottle/container; over-the-counter medication must be in its original container.
4. Parent/guardian **must** transport medication to/from school.
5. The policy for the Guidelines for the Management of Life-Threatening Allergies is available on the district website.

PARENT BULLETINS & NOTICES

Pine Brook is a paperless school! We no longer rely on paper communication. Instead, we provide our parents with instant information through email. All of our school correspondence is placed on our school website in a backpack that you “subscribe” to. In order to ensure that you receive all school notices, please follow the directions below.

1. Go to the Manalapan-Englishtown website at www.mersnj.us
2. Click on “Register” on the top right corner of the page and fill out the required registration information including your username. We recommend keeping your email

address and username the same. Once you have filled in your information and accepted the *Terms of Use*, you will receive a *success* message.

3. Click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of the page and enter your account information that you created.
4. On the top right corner of the page, click on “My Account” and select “Edit Account Settings.”
5. Click on “Subscriptions” on the left side of the account settings page and then “Manage Subscriptions” in the middle of the page.
6. Under the “Sites” tab, click on the check box for Pine Brook.
7. Click on the “Other Areas” tab and select Pine Brook from the first dropdown menu then click on the checkbox next to the “Backpack” box. **You will not receive backpack notices unless this box is checked.**
8. To finalize your selections, click on “I’m Done.”

Congratulations! You have just subscribed to paperless Pine Brook School communication. Any time a notice is posted you will receive an e-mail notification with a link to view the notice.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students are required to remind parents/guardians that conferences are held in the winter. Notices will be Backpacked before conferences informing parents of how to schedule to meet with the teachers. Please look for the letters in your email prior to conferences.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL

Everyone’s cooperation is needed to remember to schedule all non-emergency appointments for dental or medical care after school hours. It is the policy of the Board of Education that such “... appointments are discouraged as reasons for early dismissal...” If you must be taken out of school early for a good reason your parent/guardian must report to the school office and sign the student dismissal register. This helps us to account for everyone at the end of the day. As a general rule, students are strongly urged to ride school buses to and from school, as the time spent interacting with other students on the school bus is an integral component of the intermediate school experience

The custodial parent has discretion to give permission to another person (e.g. babysitter/family member) to pick up children from school. The non-custodial parent may not prohibit the other parent from doing so. Accordingly, the school district may release students to those persons whom the custodial parent has designated. In the case of joint legal custody, the parent who may designate who may pick up children is the parent who has residential custody on that day of the week, as specified in the divorce judgment.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal items can be lost or misplaced by students either at school or on the way to/from school. Therefore, students should use good judgment and discretion when bringing personal property to school, except for approved classroom projects/activities. No pets may be brought to school at

any time except for an approved classroom activity with the permission of the building administration.

PTA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

During the school year, the Pine Brook School PTA sponsors book and holiday fairs, a Pine Brook field day, assembly programs, and many other events. At all activities students are expected to behave in an orderly, polite manner, using acceptable language and talking in a normal tone of voice. It should be noted that policies from the Code of Conduct are enforced any time that students are at school or are attending school-related activities. Students are to refrain from picture taking as the rules pertaining to electronic devices still apply. Please note that all activities are privileges, which the school may revoke from students who do not meet behavioral or academic expectations. We encourage families and students to support the Pine Brook PTA by joining and volunteering and/or attending PTA sponsored events.

REPORT CARDS/PARENT PORTAL

Report cards are not issued to students at Pine Brook School. We utilize Genesis Parent Portal for all communication regarding student progress. Please login and check the portal on a regular basis.

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

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| A+ = 97 – 100 | B+ = 87 – 89 | C+ = 77 – 79 | D+ = 67 - 69 |
| A = 94 – 96 | B = 84 – 86 | C = 74 – 76 | D = 65 - 66 |
| A- = 90 – 93 | B- = 80 – 83 | C- = 70 – 73 | F = 64 or below |

HONOR ROLL

An Honor Roll certificate is presented at the end of each trimester for students who meet the following criteria:

- All A's; 2 B's; No B-'s or lower:
- No Negative Comments referring to behavior or work habits
- Please note: Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 cycles impact Honor Roll for Trimester 3.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

You should think about school spirit in three ways:

1. **Courtesy** – toward teachers, your fellow students, and all other school staff
2. **Pride** – in everything our school hopes to do and has done
3. **Sportsmanship** – being able to win and lose gracefully

School spirit means showing loyalty and respect at all school functions. As a loyal student, you support your school and do your best to keep your scholastic, personal, and activity standards at the highest possible levels.

STUDENT MOVEMENT THROUGH HALLS

Although we encourage you to take notice of the student work throughout the hallways, you are still required to take the ***SHORTEST*** path from one location to another. In doing so, you are to:

- 1) Walk directly to your destination
- 2) Walk quietly
- 3) Stay to the right
- 4) Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- 5) Adhere to your scheduled locker times

Be mindful that security cameras are located throughout the building, specifically in the hallways, and will be viewed should issues arise in behavior.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and workbooks are provided for you by our Board of Education. You are expected to take good care of your books when you are using them. If you lose or damage a book or workbook, it will be replaced; however, you will be charged the purchase price for the new book. All books are to be properly covered for protection and your name is to be written on the front inside cover. Please see below for specific information about Chromebooks.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

If you are moving out of the area or transferring to another school, your parent/guardian must call the school office at least two (2) days before the move. At that time, we can begin to work on your transfer card and mail it to your new school on your final day.

TRANSPORTATION

Our Board of Education provides buses for students. Students may ride **only** on the school bus that they have been assigned. **No changes in school buses will be permitted or authorized by the administration.**

The bus driver represents the authority of the school and is in complete charge of the bus. State law permits the school to exclude anyone from riding the bus if he/she does not cooperate and behave in an appropriate manner. If excluded from transportation, the student's parent/guardian must take responsibility for his/her regular transportation and attendance since students must still attend school. Please have your parent/guardian see the current Manalapan-Englishtown Bus Safety Rules brochure or have him/her call the Transportation office if there are any questions. Buses will be unloading between 8:40 AM and 8:50 AM. If a student is driven to school, do so before the buses arrive, **no earlier than 8:40 AM**. Students should wait outside until the bell for unloading the buses rings.

Since buses will be unloading between 8:40 AM and 8:50 AM, please tell parents/guardians to make all drop-off/pick-ups in the side parking lot between 8:40 - 8:50 AM. There will be no cars permitted in the front driveway when buses are present. When dropping off children in the morning, please **drive to the rear of the school, make a u-turn, and follow the line of cars**

at the curb dropping the children off. For the sake of student and bus safety, **parents are asked to limit this practice to emergencies only.** The routine dropping off or picking of students is strongly discouraged by the Board of Education and the administration.

If you are being picked up at the end of the day, your parent/guardian must sign you out through the rear of the building, near the media center. Please tell your parent/guardian to park and to come into the rear of the building to pick you up after first bus dismissal has been called at 3:04PM. Buses begin to arrive at 2:45 PM, so no parking is permitted in the front parking lot of the school any time after 2:45 PM. Parking along the front school driveway is not permitted at any time.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District does not provide a Before/After Care program. The following information is provided so that you are aware of the options available to you.

The following private schools are within your home school area, and we can provide transportation to and from (your school name). Babysitting requests need to be for **5 consecutive days**. Each child is only assigned one seat on a bus for the morning and afternoon. If you choose this option you must complete the Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District Child Care Request Form.

| <u>School Name, Address & Telephone</u> | <u>Age Serviced</u> | <u>Schools Serviced</u> |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| Ivy League, 140 Gordons Corner Rd., 732-446-7035 Jennifer Palmer, 149 Iron Ore Rd. | PreK – 5th All Ages | PB, TM, CM, ELC, MB MEMS, PB, WB, ELC |
| Kickin It, 337 Iron Ore Rd. 732-446-3636 | PreK – 8th | MEMS, PB, WB, ELC |
| The YMCA of Western Monmouth County | All Ages | All Schools |

The YMCA of Western Monmouth County has requested and been allotted space to run an independent Before/After Care program in the district. While Pine Brook does not house the YMCA, students needing before-care can make arrangements and be bused to school. Please contact the YMCA directly: Helene Silverman 732.462.0464 ext 155 or visit their website <https://ymcanj.org/child-care/freehold-school-age-child-care/>

VISITORS

All visitors must be registered on Passage Point via the Pine Brook Website.

MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Pledge for Responsible Chromebook Use

1. I will take good care of my chromebook.
2. I will never leave the chromebook unattended.
3. I will never loan out my chromebook to other individuals.
4. I will know where my chromebook is at all times.
5. I will charge my chromebook battery daily.
6. I will keep food and beverages away from my chromebook since they may cause damage to the device.
7. I will not disassemble any part of my chromebook or attempt any repairs.
8. I will protect my chromebook by only carrying it while in the case provided.
9. I will use my chromebook in ways that are appropriate, meet the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District expectations and are educational.
10. I will not place decorations (such as stickers, markers, etc.) on the chromebook. I will not deface the serial number chromebook sticker on any chromebook.
11. I understand that my chromebook is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District.
12. I will follow the policies outlined in the Chromebook Responsible Use Policy and the District Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources while at school, as well as outside the school day.
13. I will file a police report in case of theft, vandalism, and other acts covered, or not covered, by insurance.
14. I will be responsible for all damage or loss caused by neglect or abuse.
15. I agree to return the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District chromebook, case, charger and power cords in good working condition.

Please be mindful that all students who have a Chromebook, have already agreed to the above Pledge for Responsible Chromebook Use.

Responsible Use of Technology

As Per the MERS Responsible Use Policy

As responsible users of technology, students, staff, and administration agree that the following are unacceptable uses of technology and will result in appropriate consequences as outlined in the District Behavior Code and/or those listed below:

1. Copying an assignment from another person without explicit permission from the teacher. This includes sharing work that should be individually produced and obtaining answers from another student with or without their permission.
2. Retaining, copying, possessing, using, or circulating previously given examination materials, where those materials clearly indicate that they are to be returned to the teacher at the conclusion of the examination for use by another student.
3. Failing to follow teacher guidelines regarding collaboration, parent help, etc. Students will be expected to complete work independently unless specifically directed otherwise by the teacher.
4. Discussing or providing information about a quiz, test or assignment with students who have not yet completed the assessment or assignment without the teacher's direct approval.
5. Paraphrasing the ideas of another person without using all of the following:
 - 1) proper credit immediately following the paraphrase and
 - 2) listing the source on the works cited page at the end of an assignment.
6. Submitting text or another's ideas from an encyclopedia, book, textbook, website, database, or any other source as your own without proper citation.
7. Recycling previously submitted work. Recycling an assignment is the resubmission of academic work that has been previously submitted by oneself or another student.
8. Using artwork or pictures without proper citation. Students may not use artwork or pictures, including clipart that was created by another person, without proper citation.
9. Using, supplying or communicating with unauthorized devices with the intent of deception. This will include but is not limited to iPod, calculator, camera, textbook, recorder, computer, phone, etc.
10. Allowing a partner or other group members to do all the work, and then putting your name on the final report or putting the name of a group member or partner on a final report when that person did not contribute to the finished product.

Students should exhibit superior digital citizenship for all technology-related interactions by:

1. Not giving out personal information that is beyond the scope of academic research necessity.
2. Using appropriate language in all forms of communications
3. Not sending emails that would be considered SPAM
4. Not sending "reply all" to school-wide communications
 5. Students should not download any files, apps, extensions, software, music, videos, etc. from the Internet without teacher's approval.
 6. Using technology or the network for inappropriate or non-educational purposes (including, but not necessarily limited to) commercial or for-profit ventures, bullying, gambling, access or process for pornography, hacking or malicious system use, advertising or political lobbying, personal business, disruption, entertainment,

breaking copyright, unlawful purposes, profanity, obscenity, or racist language, and gaming (unless authorized).

7. Intentionally seeking information, files, data, or username and passwords belonging to other users or misrepresenting themselves as another user on the network or hardware.
8. Accessing other users accounts.
9. Deleting other users files.

6.4 Consequences:

Consequences for a student who violates the responsible use policy shall be varied and graded according to the nature of the behavior, the developmental age of the student and the student's history of problem behaviors and performance, and shall be consistent with Policy 5600 and the school district's Student Discipline/Code of Conduct Policy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-7.1

- Consequences for minor and/or first offenses include, but are not limited to: discipline referral, warning, parent notification, parent conferences, and loss of technology privileges until appropriate remediation training is received, and loss of Chromebook take-home privileges, and receiving a grade of zero on the affected assignment without the possibility of a make-up assignment.
- Consequences for major and/or subsequent offenses include, but are not limited to: a meeting with Principal, guidance counselor and/or parents; loss of Chromebook take-home privileges and/or denial of privileges until appropriate remediation training is received, in-school suspension; revocation or denial of membership in school sponsored extracurricular activities and events such as, honor societies, student council, and school events; may impact teacher recommendation for specialized academies and programs; out-of-school suspension, expulsion from school or referral to law enforcement.

