

“An error  
doesn’t  
become a  
mistake until  
you refuse to  
correct it.”

- Orlando A.  
Battista

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**P.A.S.S.  
PROGRAM**

Saxton Middle School  
121 Saxton Street  
Patchogue, NY 11772  
(PPS entrance at rear of building)



**IN-PERSON PASS:**  
**DATES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIVE  
ALTERNATIVE  
TO STUDENT  
SUSPENSION**

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## **SCHEDULE**

**Session 1: 7:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Session 2: 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

## **P.A.S.S. PROGRAM**

- Based on New York State Education Law and the District's Code of Conduct, there are various infractions that remedy an out-of-school suspension. All questions about suspension should be directed to the school principal. After a student receives an out-of-school suspension, school districts are required to take immediate steps to provide suspended students with alternative instruction as long as they are of compulsory age.
- The Patchogue-Medford School District created the Positive Alternative to Student Suspension Program (P.A.S.S.). This alternative instruction does not have to match every aspect of the instructional program the student received in school prior to the suspension. However, it must be substantially equivalent so the student can complete the required courses in most of his or her academic subjects scheduled throughout the suspension period. If a student is currently taking a class that is NOT offered at the P.A.S.S. Program when the student is suspended, the student must consult with the guidance counselor.
- Students are expected to arrive to P.A.S.S. with their district laptop. Additionally, no air pods and/or cellphones are to be out during P.A.S.S. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in an increase of suspension and/or referral to the Superintendent of Schools.

Bus transportation is provided (mini-buses) with specifically designated pick-up and drop-off points and times. Consult District Transportation at 631-687-6460 with any questions.

If there is an extenuating situation when the student misses the bus, a parent/guardian may bring their child to the PPS entrance at the rear of Saxton Middle School.

**Parent/Guardian will be required to sign the child in. I.D. is required.**

**Students are not permitted to drive themselves to P.A.S.S.**

**Attendance is mandatory and must align with the District Attendance Policy.**

**Any classified or Section 504 student placed in the P.A.S.S. Program will receive all of his/her testing accommodations and special services during the prescribed suspension.**