

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

- Orlando A.
Battista

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Patchogue-Medford High School

181 Buffalo Avenue

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P.A.S.S.
PROGRAM



POSITIVE
ALTERNATIVE
TO STUDENT
SUSPENSION

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P.A.S.S. Program
181 Buffalo Avenue
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SCHEDULE

Arrival: 2:30 p.m.

Departure: 4:30 p.m.

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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.

Bus transportation is provided (mini-buses) with specifically designated pick-up and drop-off points and times. It is recommended that the student be at his/her assigned bus stop approximately ten minutes before the designated pick-up time. Consult District Transportation at 631-687-6460 with any questions.

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.