

# POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



VISION



OUR

• JOURNEY •

DESTINATION

2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR  
TOGETHER  
WE ARE CHAMPIONS  
FOR CHILDREN IN  
POUGHKEEPSIE CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Welcome to our 2020-2021 school year!

The Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff are excited and committed to the work of continuing our journey of supporting the individual success of all PCSD students. Our goal is to provide innovative, high quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community. With your partnership, support and engagement, we are making great progress in our journey. It cannot be overstated how much we appreciate the partnership of our PCSD families and community stakeholders in this challenging, yet very rewarding, work we engage in for the children we serve daily.

Now, more than ever, we need your continued engagement in ensuring the success of our students and of PCSD. Given these unprecedented times, it is important that we strengthen our bond in supporting the success of our children. As part of our district turnaround work, PCSD has created Annual Goals and Performance Objectives that are designed to:

1. Increase student achievement,
2. Improve the district's resource stewardship,
3. Strengthen internal processes, systems and structures, and
4. Intensify the school district's effectiveness.

Each of these will result in improved outcomes for all students.

As part of helping you ensure that our students are prepared and ready to learn throughout the year, I'm excited to share that the Poughkeepsie City School District is creating a Parent Empowerment Center to empower, educate and engage our parents as we partner to address the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of our children. The Center will be open for operations in January 2021.

To further support you this year, we are going deeper to improve transparency, responsiveness and accountability. Our goal is to strengthen our partnership with families and community stakeholders to increase satisfaction.

This year's calendar includes important information about the district, key dates, district contact information, including school addresses and phone numbers, and important notifications.

I and the entire Poughkeepsie City School District staff look forward to working with you this year. We are committed to this journey of delivering on the democratic principle that an equal and high quality education is every child's civil right: as educators and supporters of Poughkeepsie City Schools, we must hold this paramount in everything we do and stand for.

Yours in Education,



Dr. Eric Jay Rosser  
Superintendent of Schools

## ¡Bienvenidos a nuestro año escolar 2020-2021!

La Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie (PCSD), los administradores, la facultad y el personal están entusiasmados y comprometidos con el trabajo de continuar nuestro viaje de apoyo al éxito individual de todos los estudiantes de PCSD. Nuestro objetivo es proporcionar oportunidades educativas innovadoras y de alta calidad que preparen a todos los estudiantes para embarcarse en caminos individuales de éxito en una comunidad globalmente diversa. Con su asociación, apoyo y compromiso, estamos haciendo grandes progresos en nuestro viaje. No se puede exagerar lo mucho que apreciamos la asociación de nuestras familias de la PCSD y los interesados de la comunidad en este trabajo desafiante, pero muy gratificante, que realizamos para los niños a los que servimos diariamente.

Ahora, más que nunca, necesitamos su compromiso continuo para asegurar el éxito de nuestros estudiantes y del PCSD. En estos tiempos sin precedentes, es importante que fortalezcamos nuestro vínculo para apoyar el éxito de nuestros hijos. Como parte de nuestro trabajo de reestructuración distrital, PCSD ha creado Metas anuales y Objetivos de desempeño que están diseñados para:

1. aumentar el rendimiento de los estudiantes,
2. mejorar la administración de los recursos del distrito,
3. fortalecer los procesos, sistemas y estructuras internas, y
4. intensificar la eficacia del distrito escolar.

Cada uno de ellos resultará en mejores resultados para todos los estudiantes.

Como parte de su ayuda para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes estén preparados y listos para aprender durante todo el año, me complace compartir que el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie está creando un Centro de Empoderamiento para Padres para empoderar, educar e involucrar a nuestros padres mientras nos asociamos para abordar las necesidades académicas, sociales, de emoción y de bienestar de nuestros hijos. El Centro estará abierto para operaciones en enero de 2021.

Para seguir apoyándolos este año, estamos profundizando en la mejora de la transparencia, la capacidad de respuesta y la rendición de cuentas. Nuestro objetivo es fortalecer nuestra asociación con las familias y las partes interesadas de la comunidad y aumentar la satisfacción.

El calendario de este año incluye información importante sobre el distrito, fechas clave, información de contacto del distrito, incluyendo direcciones y números de teléfono de las escuelas, y notificaciones importantes.

Yo y todo el personal del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie esperamos trabajar con ustedes este año. Estamos comprometidos con este viaje de cumplir con el principio democrático de que una educación igualitaria y de alta calidad es el derecho civil de cada niño: como educadores y partidarios de las Escuelas de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie, debemos tener esto en cuenta en todo lo que hacemos y defendemos.

Suyo en la Educación,



Dr. Eric Jay Rosser  
Superintendent of Schools

# Board of Education

The Board of Education consists of five members of the community, each elected to a three-year term of office. They are elected by City residents to carry out functions mandated by the State Constitution, Legislature and State Education Department. They are responsible for establishing school District philosophy, policy and goals. The Board also appoints District personnel and evaluates the effectiveness of District programs.

# Junta de Educación:

La Junta de Educación está formada por cinco miembros de la comunidad, cada uno de los cuales es elegido para un mandato de tres años. Son elegidos por los residentes de la ciudad para llevar a cabo las funciones encomendadas por la Constitución del Estado, la Legislatura y el Departamento de Educación del Estado. Son responsables de establecer la filosofía del distrito escolar, política y objetivos. La Junta también nombra al personal del Distrito y evalúa la eficacia de programas del Distrito. Las reuniones de la Junta se enumeran a continuación.

## CONTACTING THE BOARD MEMBERS

### BY MAIL:

Board of Education  
18 South Perry St.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

### BY EMAIL:

boe@poughkeepsieschools.org

### IN PERSON:

Public comments are welcomed at regular meetings of the Board during "Public Participation" at the beginning of the meeting and, if needed, a second comment period will be at the end of the meeting. All comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The initial public comment period is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

### BY PHONE:

Call District Clerk Becky Torres  
at (845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973

## COMO COMUNICARSE CON LOS MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA

### POR CORREO:

Junta de Educación  
18 South Perry St.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

### POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO:

boe@poughkeepsieschools.org

### EN PERSONA:

Las observaciones del público son bienvenidas en las reuniones ordinarias de la Junta durante la "Participación Pública" en el comienzo de la reunión y, si es necesario, un segundo período de comentarios será al final de la reunión. Todos los comentarios se limitarán a 3 minutos por orador. El período inicial de comentarios públicos se limita a un total de 30 minutos.

### POR TELÉFONO:

Llame a la Secretaria Distrital Becky Torres al  
(845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973

## 2020-21 BOARD MEMBERS/ MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA

Dr. Felicia Watson <i>President/ Presidenta</i>	Debra Long <i>Vice President/Vice Presidenta</i>
Thomas O'Neill, Esq. <i>Member/Miembro</i>	Michelle Martinez-Leffert <i>Member/Miembro</i>
Dr. Andrew Rieser <i>Member/Miembro</i>	Becky Torres <i>District Clerk/ Secretaria Distrital</i>

## 2020-21 BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise specified and Executive Sessions will begin at 5:30pm unless otherwise specified.

Sept. 2, 2020 (Business Meeting)	Dec. 16, 2020 (Workshop Meeting)	April 7, 2021 (Business Meeting)
Sept. 16, 2020 (Workshop Meeting)	Jan. 6, 2021 (Business Meeting)	April 27, 2021 (Workshop Meeting)
Oct. 7, 2020 (Business Meeting)	Jan. 20, 2021 (Workshop Meeting)	May 5, 2021 (Budget hearing)
Oct. 21, 2020 (Workshop Meeting)	Feb. 3, 2021 (Business Meeting)	May 18, 2021 (Budget Vote)
Nov. 4, 2020 (Business Meeting)	Feb. 17, 2021 (Workshop Meeting)	June 2, 2021 (Business Meeting)
Nov. 18 2019 (Workshop Meeting)	March 3, 2021 (Business Meeting)	June 16, 2021 (Workshop Meeting)
Dec. 2, 2020 (Business Meeting)	March 17, 2020 (Workshop Meeting)	

## BOARD ELECTIONS AND SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

School Board Elections and the School Budget Vote are held the third Tuesday in May.

For information about the annual election and polling sites, call District Clerk Becky Torres at (845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973

## ELECCIONES DE LA JUNTA Y VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO ESCOLAR

Las elecciones de la Junta Escolar y la votación del presupuesto escolar se celebran el tercer martes de mayo.

Para información sobre las elecciones anuales y los centros de votación, llame a la Secretaria Distrital Becky Torres al (845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973.

# Polling Places

## Board Of Education Election and 2020-21 Budget Vote

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021 • 9:00 am – 9:00 pm**

To use the Board of Elections website to determine your Ward number, please visit:

<http://ntsdata.dnsalias.com/dutchessboe/pollingplacelookup.aspx>

### MORSE SCHOOL

101 Mansion Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Ward and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

### WARRING SCHOOL

283 Mansion Street  
5<sup>th</sup> Ward

### CLINTON SCHOOL

100 Montgomery Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

### POUGHKEEPSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

55 College Avenue  
6<sup>th</sup> Ward and 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

### KRIEGER SCHOOL

Whittier Blvd.  
Entrance  
8<sup>th</sup> Ward

For further information about voting in the City of Poughkeepsie, please visit the website for Dutchess County Board of Elections at:

<http://www.dutchesselections.com>



# September



## Student Attendance

September is Attendance Awareness Month. As parents and school staff work together to improve the outcomes of PCSD students it is important to note that missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.

Students who miss 10% of the school year are more likely to struggle academically. Let's work together to make sure that every student attends school every day.

### 4 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Make school attendance a priority.
2. Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
3. Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
4. Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.

**Our Notes**      **MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**      **SATURDAY**

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	7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL 	8 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL 	9 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL	10 School Opens	11	12
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# October



## Poughkeepsie Community Schools Model

Starting the 20-21 academic year, all Poughkeepsie City School District Schools are designated as Community Schools. PCSD will be working to develop all schools to serve as an epicenter to strengthen student achievement.

Through academics and instructional technology, extended learning programs, the Parent Empowerment Center, student and family supports, and community partnerships, PCSD will accomplish this goal.

### 3 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Have your child participate in extended learning opportunities.
2. Take full advantage of the Parent Empowerment Center.
3. Engage in family activity offered through the Saturday Morning Lights Initiative.

*Our Notes*

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BOE Regular Meeting  
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Columbus Day  
NO SCHOOL



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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

Half Day  
STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

BOE Workshop Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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Halloween

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

# November



## Parent Engagement

Parents/caregivers are children's first teachers. Parents and caregivers provide their children with the foundation of their values, including educational values, responsibilities, expectations, rules for home/school environment, and aspirations.

Research indicates that when school and home partner students succeed.

### 3 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Celebrate yourself! As a parent you have the gift of your child.
2. Show your child how much you value them and their education.
3. Contact the school to learn the various ways you can become more involved.



***Our Notes***

**MONDAY**

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Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
NO SCHOOL

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BOE Regular Meeting  
7 PM

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Veterans Day  
NO SCHOOL



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End of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Marking  
Period

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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ELC, PMS, PHS  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
ELC, PMS & PHS STUDENTS  
ATTEND AM ONLY

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Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences  
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY  
Education Support  
Professionals Day

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BOE Worskhop Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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Thanksgiving

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# December



## Academic Readiness and Preparation

Academic Readiness and Preparation are the cornerstones for student learning and success.

To attain success it is important that students make sure their work is done to the best of their ability and that they spend additional study time (up to two hours each day) outside of school hours.

### 3 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Encourage your child to read everyday.
2. Encourage your child to do their very best when completing school assignments.
3. Reward you child when they attain school success.

***Our Notes***

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BOE Regular Meeting  
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Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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9 AM - Noon

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Winter Concert  
Time TBD, PHS

BOE Workshop Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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Half Day  
ALL STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

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Christmas Eve



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NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS

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NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS

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# January



## College and Career Readiness and Preparation

College and Career Readiness and high school graduation is the end goal that the Poughkeepsie City School District has for every student.

Research indicates that college and career readiness starts as early as kindergarten and spans across all grade levels.

### 7 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Encourage your child to read and expand their vocabulary.
2. Support your child's learning through praise and encouragement.
3. Help your child set goals.
4. Establish a set time for learning every night.
5. Stay connected with the school.
6. Encourage your child to seek help when needed.
7. Have conversations with your child about their future and college attendance.

*Our Notes*

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New Year's Day<sup>1</sup>



**NO SCHOOL  
WINTER RECESS**

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	4 School Reopens!	5	6 BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM	7	8	9 Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
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	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL  GRAND OPENING Parent Empowerment Center 9 AM - Noon Poughkeepsie Middle School	19	20 BOE Workshop Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
	25	26	27	28	29 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period	30 Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
<b>REGENTS EXAMS</b>						

*January 2021*

# February



## Social Emotional Wellness

The social emotional wellness of students is paramount for them to have a foundation to receive instruction.

As school and community, it is essential for us to partner to address the needs of all students through supports and services offered in and out of school.

### 6 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Show your affection for your child.
2. Encourage your child to try new things.
3. Talk with your child every day about how they are doing.
4. Acknowledge your child's feelings.
5. Establish daily routines for your child.
6. Ask your child's school social worker, counselor, or psychologist for additional tips to support your child's positive youth development.



***Our Notes***

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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

BOE Regular Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
9 AM - Noon

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ELC & PHS  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
ELC & PHS STUDENTS  
ATTEND AM ONLY

PMS Parent-  
Teacher  
Conferences  
PMS STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

Elementary  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
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President's Day  
NO SCHOOL



BOE Workshop Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
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# March



## Positive Youth Development

In order for students to grow into prosperous adults, it is essential that they have positive youth development opportunities and experiences.

Through partnership, parents, school, and community can ensure that all PCSD students have access to opportunities and experiences that will guarantee their positive development.

**3** Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Provide a safe environment for your child to express their emotions.
2. Engage your child in many school and community activities.
3. Expose your child to cultural experiences different from their own.

*Our Notes*

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Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
NO SCHOOL



BOE Regular Meeting  
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NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK

Half Day  
Professional  
Development  
ALL STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

Saturday Morning Lights  
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BOE Workshop Meeting  
7 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
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Spring Recess



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# April



## Extracurricular Involvement

Extracurricular involvement increases academic success. Student's engagement in clubs, afterschool and Saturday programs, athletics, and/or community based extracurricular activities support student achievement and positive youth development.

### 3 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Ask your child what they are interested in and find a program to support their interest.
2. Encourage your child to participate in school and community extra-curricular activity.
3. Ask your child's school social worker, counselor, or psychologist for suggestions of activities your child can engage in.

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Spring Recess



**NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS**

5	6	7  BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM	8  Poughkeepsie City School District Exemplary Teacher Appreciation Ceremony Time/Location TBD	9	10  Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
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<b>Gr. 3-9 ELA &amp; NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test Speaking exams</b>					
26  End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period  Gr. 3-8 ELA & NYSESLAT Speaking exams	27  BOE BOCES BUDGET VOTE 7 PM	28	29	30	



# May



## Community Engagement

Community engagement matters in supporting the needs of the whole child.

One of Poughkeepsie City School District turnaround strategies is to involve our community in addressing the varying and evolving needs of our students. Together, we can do great things for PCSD children.

### 3 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Enroll your child in community based programs.
2. Communicate the importance of community based programming to your Common Council member.
3. Spread the word when community based organizations are offering programs for children.



*Our Notes*

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	<b>3</b>	School Teachers' Day <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Superintendent's Conference Day <b>7</b> NO SCHOOL 	<b>8</b>	School Principals' Day Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon	
NYS Math Assessments Grades 3-8								
<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>	School Nurses' Day <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon	
NYS Math Assessments Grades 3-8								
<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon	
WEEK OF THE ARTS								
NYSESLAT Listening, Reading Writing testing begins		BOE Budget Vote and School Board Election 9:30 PM		High School Fine Arts Festival Time TBD, PHS Spring Concert Time TBD, PHS		<b>21</b>	Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon	
<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon	
Memorial Day NO SCHOOL 		<b>31</b>	Gr. 8 Science Performance Test Window					
Half Day ALL STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY								

# June



## Early Learning

A child's early years are the foundation for his or her future development, providing a strong base for lifelong learning and learning abilities, including cognitive and social development.

PCSD involvement with the Poughkeepsie Children Cabinet will support efforts to increase the readiness of students prior to school enrollment.

### 4 Things Parents can do to Ensure their Child's Success:

1. Talk, read and sing to your baby.
2. Maintain a consistent routine.
3. Provide responsive care by smiling, laughing and cuddling with them.
4. Expose your child to new things to develop their understanding of their environment.

***Our Notes***      **MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**      **SATURDAY**

		1	2	3	4	5
			BOE Regular Meeting 7 PM			Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Gr. 8 Science NYS Testing Program						Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
	14	15	16	17	18	19
			BOE Workshop Meeting 7 PM	Regents Exams		Saturday Morning Lights 9 AM - Noon
	21	22	23	24	25	26
				LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period	REGENT'S RATING DAY/ SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS	
	Regents Exams					

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# Parent/Student Information

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Scheduled dates of official parent-teacher conferences are listed on the calendar pages in this publication. However, parents are encouraged to contact their children's teachers or guidance counselors when they feel a need to discuss their child's progress. Individual conferences may be arranged by making an appointment through the elementary school office or secondary guidance office. Please visit the Parent Portal on Infinite Campus for current information.

## Report Cards

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter of the academic year. Elementary report cards will be distributed at parent/teacher conferences. Secondary report cards are typically mailed home.

## Procedures for Solving Parent Concerns

If you have any concerns pertaining to your child's educational well being and/or academic performance at their school:

- Contact the staff member and schedule a conference.
- If the conference fails to satisfactorily resolve the issue, contact the building principal and/or designated assistant principal to schedule a conference.

If the issue remains unresolved, contact the If the issue remains unsolved, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education to request assistance. The Assistant Superintendent will gather the facts and attempt to resolve the problem.

If the issue still remains unresolved, please state the problem/concern in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, 18 South Perry St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

## School Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Program

Free lunch and breakfast meals are offered in all schools in the Poughkeepsie City School District. Eligibility for free and reduced meals is based upon the economic need of the community. Completed applications may not be necessary to determine eligibility. Applications would be necessary if your family does not receive assistance from the county social services department or if you are new to the district. If you believe you need to fill out an application, it may be obtained through the school office in September and throughout the year.

For additional information regarding the school lunch program call (845) 451-4780. We will accept collect calls. Dinner Program is served at PHS and PMS, Monday - Thursday 3:00pm-5:30pm, and Fridays 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

## Education Law § 807 Fire and Emergency Drills

It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of every public or private school or educational institution within the state, other than colleges or universities, to instruct and train the pupils by means of drills, so that they may in a sudden emergency be able to respond appropriately in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic.

Such drills shall be held at least twelve times in each school year, eight of which required drills shall be held between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each such year. Eight of all such drills shall be evacuation drills, four of which shall be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress. Four of all such required drills shall be lock-down drills.

Drills shall be conducted at different times of the school day. Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly, provided however, that such additional instruction may be waived where a drill is held during the regular school lunch period or assembly. Four additional drills shall be held in each school year during the hours after sunset and before sunrise in school buildings in which scholars are provided with sleeping accommodations. At least two additional drills shall be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, and one of such drills shall be held during the first week of summer school.

For any Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) concerns, please contact your child's Principal.

## To Have an Effective Parent-Teacher Conference:

- Be prepared by looking over your child's classwork and homework.
- Make a list of questions or concerns and send them to the teacher ahead of time—this will also help the teacher to prepare.
- Arrive on time.
- Raise your most recent concerns first.
- Listen carefully.
- Ask questions.
- Keep in touch with the teacher to set a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound) goal plan for your child.

## Student Records

Student records are private unless a parent, guardian, or student over 18 years of age consents to disclosure of personally identifiable information.

Parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age have the right of access to records, files, documents and other materials containing information directly related to their children. Parents, guardians, and students over 18 years of age may also request the amendment of records believed to be inaccurate or misleading.

Parents/guardians or eligible students should submit a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect.

Non-custodial parents may receive their child's educational information if they make an annual request to do so, unless the District receives a court order or other legally binding documentation prohibiting the release of information.

## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION / NOTIFICACIÓN DE NO DISCRIMINACIÓN

The Poughkeepsie City School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, creed, color, national origin, marital status or disability in educational programming, employment or activities that it offers. This nondiscriminatory policy includes the following areas: recruitment and appointment of employees, pay and benefits, access by students to educational programs, course offerings and activities.

El Distrito Escolar de Poughkeepsie no discrimina en base a la raza, el color, el credo, la religión, la práctica religiosa, el origen nacional, el grupo étnico, el sexo (incluyendo el acoso sexual y la violencia sexual) el término "orientación sexual" significa heterosexualidad, homosexualidad, bisexualidad o asexualidad), afiliación política, edad, estado civil, estado militar, estado de veterano, discapacidad, peso, estado de víctima de violencia doméstica, registro de arresto o convicción, información genética o cualquier otro prohibido por las leyes estatales y/o federales de no discriminación en sus programas y actividades y proporciona igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Las consultas relacionadas con las políticas de no discriminación del Distrito deben dirigirse a: Superintendente, Recursos Humanos, Human Resources, 18 S. Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

### SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS AND EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSALS

The decision to close schools due to the weather or for other emergency conditions is made by the Superintendent, Dr. Rosser, in consultation with our weather service, the director of buildings and grounds, and other school superintendents in surrounding school districts. When a closing or delay is announced, it affects all schools and programs of Poughkeepsie City School District, unless the closing or delay is due to an emergency situation specific to a particular building. Automated calls will be made by the School Messenger System as soon as possible.

### RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS

Information about school closings will be provided to the following:

<b>92.1 Lite FM WRN</b>	<b>107.3 FM Country WRWD</b>	<b>101.5 FM WPDH</b>	<b>92.7 FM WRRV</b>
<b>96.1 Kiss FM WPKF</b>	<b>1450 AM WKIP</b>	<b>94.3 FM WOLF</b>	<b>100.1 FM WDST</b>
<b>93.3 FM Star/1370 AM</b>	<b>WBWZ</b>	<b>99.3 FM Country WRWC</b>	<b>100.7 FM WHUD</b>
			<b>104.7 FM WSPK</b>
			<b>WNBC-TV Channel 4</b>
			<b>WNYW-Fox TV Channel 5</b>

### EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSALS

The District makes every effort to avoid emergency early dismissals. In the event of an emergency early dismissal, no elementary school scholar will be released until contact has been made with a parent or approved emergency contact person. Therefore, it is very important that all scholars' emergency cards have adequate and updated information.

### CANCELLATION OF AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sometimes it may be necessary to cancel after-school activities although school has been in session for the full day. Information about cancellation of after-school activities will be announced on the radio stations and through phone calls to parents of affected children.

## TITLE IX AND SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE

The Poughkeepsie City School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, weight, carrier status, perceived race, perceived gender, national origin or disability. Secondary vocational education opportunities available to District residents under age 21 are courses in the business education, home economics and technology industrial arts programs. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX Coordinators and the Section 504 Coordinators at 18 South Perry Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Telephone: (845) 451-4900. These officials will provide information, including complaint procedures to any citizen, student or employee who feels that his or her rights under Title IX or Section 504 may have been violated by the District or its officials.

### Parent Participation

Parents are welcome to become active participants in PTAs at all Poughkeepsie City Schools.

### Testing New Entrant Screening

In addition to registering your child for kindergarten a screening is administered to measure the child's abilities. This will provide the District with a profile of your child in order to assist in determining their kindergarten placement.

### Norm-Referenced Tests

In addition to tests that are developed by the classroom teacher, children also take certain standardized or "norm-referenced" tests to assess their strengths and weaknesses in mastering the full-range of learning appropriate to each grade level.

### NYS Testing Program

All students in grades three through eight in New York State take the Common Core English Language Arts test and the Mathematics test in the Spring.

The tests require students not only to show basic skills in English and mathematics, but also to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned. Students read passages, answer comprehension questions and complete writing exercises on the English language arts tests. They solve mathematics problems and demonstrate understanding of concepts and applications on the mathematics tests. The tests are mandatory; there is no "opting out."

Students in grades four and eight take a state assessment in science that consists of a performance test (laboratory component) and a written test on science skills and content. All exams scheduled by New York State have been listed on this calendar.



## PARENTS AND EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW

Test results provide the student, teacher and parent with a report of individual student strengths and weaknesses in a variety of skill areas. The New York State Testing Program provides our schools with data that helps to assess the instructional programs that students receive. They are also used to identify both students and schools that need to improve performance under state and federal accountability standards.

At the high school level, all students must now take and score satisfactorily on Regents examinations in the following subjects: English, mathematics, global history, U.S. history and government, a living environment science course and a physical setting science course. A more comprehensive explanation of the diploma requirements is available through the High School Guidance Office at (845) 451-4910.

### Other Standardized Tests

The College Boards Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs) and the American College Tests (ACTs) are required for admission to many colleges. SATs are given in verbal and math sections; achievement tests cover English, mathematics, social studies, science and foreign languages. Poughkeepsie High School is a center for CEEB tests.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and the National Merit Studentship Qualifying Test will be administered in October. This combined examination is recommended for juniors. Tenth grade students may take the test for practice. The American College Test will be given at Poughkeepsie High School.

For more information, contact the Poughkeepsie High School Guidance Office at (845) 451-4910.

### Additional Information About the New York State Testing Program

If your child is in elementary school and you wish to find out additional information about the New York State Testing Program, call for an appointment with your child's Principal.

If you wish additional information about the tests administered at the middle school and high school level, or for course requirements for graduation, call for an appointment with your child's Guidance Counselor.

## Advanced Placement and College Credit Offerings

PCSD offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a variety of subject areas. These AP courses are available to qualifying students at the high school level, as well as dual credit college courses in conjunction with Dutchess Community College.

### Music Instruction

General music instruction is provided for all students in Clinton, Krieger, Morse, Warring and Poughkeepsie Middle School. Students who wish to play a musical instrument may receive lessons. Band, chorus and/or orchestra opportunities are offered throughout the elementary, middle, and high schools.

### Student Activities

Poughkeepsie Schools offer a wide range of extracurricular activities and athletic programs including baseball, basketball, crew, football, golf, soccer, swimming and tennis. The Poughkeepsie Middle School is equipped with a six-lane, 25-yard swimming pool.

### Scholarship Opportunities

The following studentships are among the several scholarship opportunities offered each year to graduating seniors: The Principal's Leadership Scholarship totaling \$1,000, The Board of Education Scholarship totaling \$500 for two or more students, The Poughkeepsie Education Foundation Scholarship, totaling \$4,000 for up to four years of college study; the I. Ann Davidson Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$4,000 for up to four years of college study; the Community Foundation of Dutchess County John J. Cizmar Scholarship, \$3,500 each for two students; and the Howard Reid Scholarship, \$5,000 each for two students who attend college.

Job shadowing, internships, and career mentors are available through the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Career Action Center (CAC) located at Poughkeepsie High School. CAC also offers scholarships through The Chamber Foundation. Contact the PHS guidance team for more information about scholarships, at (845) 451- 4910.

## IMMUNIZATION

Students are required by New York State Public Health Code to receive a series of immunizations in order to be eligible to attend school. New York State (NYS) Public Health Law Section 2164 and New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Title 10, Subpart 66-1 require every student entering or attending public, private or parochial school in New York State (NYS) to be immune to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, and varicella in accordance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

Effective September 1, 2016, students entering or attending grades 7 and 12 in (NYS) must also be vaccinated against meningococcal disease in accordance with ACIP recommendations. Every child in day care, Head Start, nursery school or prekindergarten in NYS must be immune to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, varicella, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), and pneumococcal disease. Public Health Law Section 2164 provides for medical and religious exemptions to immunization. Full details on school and child care immunization requirements are

available at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws\\_regs.htm#Schools](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws_regs.htm#Schools).

Please visit the following website for details about immunization schedules:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to speak with your school nurse.

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2 and 3	Grades 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9	Grades 10, 11 and 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTp/Td) <sup>1</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older			3 doses
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) <sup>2</sup>		Not applicable			1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>3</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>4</sup>	1 dose			2 doses	
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>5</sup>	3 doses			3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years	
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>6</sup>	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>7</sup>		Not applicable		Grades 7 and 8: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>8</sup>	1 to 4 doses			Not applicable	
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses			Not applicable	



## CENTRAL REGISTRATION

Families who are enrolling their students for the first time must go to the Central Registration Office, located in the Poughkeepsie High School, 70 Forbus St., weekdays between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

### Entrance Requirements

Students reaching five years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> may enter kindergarten in September. Students who reach the age of six during the school year are required to attend school at the start of classes in September.

### Documents Required for Admission

- Birth Certificate or other evidence of proof of age
- Evidence of family address in the City of Poughkeepsie
- A physician's certificate and evidence of required immunization

### Internal Medication

Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the written request of the parent and the written order of the prescribing physician must be submitted to the school nurse. All medication must be administered in the health office by the school nurse, parent, or with the parent's permission, the student himself/herself.

### Accident and Illness

A student who becomes ill or injured is referred to the school nurse, who functions under the guidance of the school physician.

In the event of an accident, first aid may be administered. The parent will be called when a student must leave school due to illness or injury and will be asked to provide transportation for the child. The family physician or, if not available, the school physician may be contacted by the nurse if medical attention is indicated.

### School Attendance

It is important to make sure your child attends school regularly. If your child is not in school he/she cannot learn.

Legal absence from school may be granted for the following reasons: personal illness, illness or death in the family, religious observance, required court appearance, approved college visits, military obligations, or such other reasons as may be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

A note signed by the parent or guardian explaining the cause of the absence must be presented upon the child's return to avoid the school recording an illegal absence. In addition, parents are asked to make every effort to notify the school by telephone on the day of the child's absence. If a child is absent for more than three days, parents may expect a phone call from the health office.

All absences, lateness, or early departures (excused or unexcused) are counted on a student's attendance record. If a student exceeds 28 absences for a full year class or 14 absences for a half-year class or seven absences for a 10-week course, and does not make-up assignments, he/she will not receive credit for that course and will not be allowed to sit for the exam(s). Outreach will be made to parents after the third consecutive day of absence.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, requires public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Poughkeepsie City School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. Certain applications are not subject to prior notification requirements: a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application; anti-microbial products; nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate; the application of EPA designated biopesticides; the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; and the use of aerosol products with directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, or for further information, please notify the Director of Facilities at (845) 451-4996.

## SCHOOL HOURS AND ATTENDANCE

School hours vary and are listed on the last page of this calendar. New York State Education Dept. Law requires each child from six to 16 years of age to attend school. However, our District has made a true commitment to provide students with many opportunities to remain in school in order to earn a high school diploma and to move on to future endeavors that would make them productive citizens.

### Tardiness

A note signed by the parent or guardian explaining the cause of the child's late arrival is required for the late arrival to be considered legal.

### Release of Pupils During School Hours

Pupils may be excused by the principal before the end of the school day only when it is for a purpose related to their best interests. Requests for early release must be made in writing by the scholar's parent or guardian. The request must specify who the child is to be released to.

### Visitors

All visitors to a school building are required to: present identification, sign-in, and report to the main office or building greeter upon arrival. Parents who wish to visit their child's classroom are welcome to do so, provided the principal is given reasonable notice of the proposed visit.

### Homebound Instruction

Individual instruction will be provided to students who are confined to home or the hospital for at least two weeks due to a physical disability, illness, injury or psychiatric cause. Applications for homebound instruction should state the nature of the illness, the possible length of absence from school, include a physician's recommendation and be approved by the building principal. The Superintendent may also recommend homebound instruction pending and/or following a suspension hearing.



## **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND SCHOOLS PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

1. The Family Educational Rights and Schools Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within a reasonable time period not to exceed 45 days from the date the District received a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights. It should be noted that this right applies to matters of fact, not to opinions, expressed in the student’s educational record.

a. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to grant or refuse to grant consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. A school may disclose personally identifiable information from an education record to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the students or other individuals. FERPA also permits disclosure without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities.

4. Information about a homeless child’s or youth’s living situation shall be treated as a student education record, and shall not be deemed to be directory information, under section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), Every Student Succeeds Act, PL 114-95, December 10, 2015, 129 Stat 1802

5. The right to transfer their FERPA rights to a third party. Where a parent wishes to do so, a transfer of the parent’s FERPA rights should be confirmed in writing, signed by the parent and notarized. However, in certain circumstances, the district has discretion in determining whether or not to disclose education records to a third party.

6. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) concerning alleged

failures to comply with the requirements of the Act. The complaint must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of FERPA has occurred.

### 7. Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that the Poughkeepsie City School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education record. However, the Poughkeepsie City School District may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Poughkeepsie City School District to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your child’s role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor roll or other recognition lists
- Graduation programs
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.
- Video.
- Photographs.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, potential employers; colleges; or companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student’s information disclosed to military recruiters without their prior written consent.<sup>1</sup>

If you do not want the Poughkeepsie City School District to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing [to your child’s school principal] by December 1, 2020. The Poughkeepsie City School District has designated the following information as directory information: Student’s name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph (any medium – film or digital; still or moving images maintained by the District in the course of its business), date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic team, degrees, honors, and awards received, the most recent educational agency or institution attended.

<sup>1</sup> These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, PL 114-95, December 10, 2015, 129 Stat 1802, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation’s armed forces.

## AVISO SOBRE DERECHOS POR LA LEY SOBRE LOS DERECHOS EDUCATIVOS FAMILIARES Y PRIVACIDAD EN LAS ESCUELAS (FERPA)

La ley FERPA otorga a los padres de familia y a los estudiantes mayores de 18 años (los “estudiantes elegibles”) ciertos derechos con respecto a los archivos educativos de los estudiantes. Ellos son:

El derecho de inspeccionar y estudiar los archivos educativos del estudiante dentro de un plazo razonable que no exceda 45 días a partir de la fecha en que el distrito recibe una petición de acceso. Los padres de familia o los estudiantes elegibles deberán presentar al director de la escuela (o al oficial apropiado de la escuela) una petición por escrito que permita identificar los archivos que deseen inspeccionar. El director hará los arreglos para permitir acceso y notificará a los padres de familia o a los estudiantes elegibles la hora y lugar en que podrán inspeccionar los archivos.

El derecho de solicitar la corrección de los archivos educativos del estudiante que los padres de familia o estudiantes elegibles crean que son inexactos o engañosos, o que contravengan de algún otro modo los derechos de privacidad del estudiante. Deberán escribir al director de la escuela, identificar claramente la parte del archivo que desean sea cambiado, y especificar la razón de por qué es inexacta o engañosa o que contraviene de algún otro modo los derechos de privacidad del estudiante. Se debe tomar nota que este derecho es aplicable a hechos, no opiniones, expresados en el archivo educativo del estudiante.

a. Si el Distrito decide no corregir el archivo según la solicitud de los padres de familia o el estudiante elegible, el Distrito ha de notificar a los padres de familia o el estudiante elegible sobre la decisión e informarles de su derecho a una audiencia con respecto a la solicitud de corrección. Cuando se les notifique del derecho a una audiencia, se dará a los padres de familia o el estudiante elegible información adicional con respecto al proceso de audiencia.

3. El derecho de otorgar o rechazar consentimiento para revelar información que permita la identificación personal contenida en los archivos educativos del estudiante, exceptuando lo que FERPA autoriza a revelar sin consentimiento. Las escuelas pueden revelar información que permita la identificación personal proveniente de un archivo educativo a terceros apropiados en relación con alguna emergencia cuando sea necesario tener conocimiento de tal información para proteger la salud o seguridad de los estudiantes u otras personas. FERPA además permite la revelación sin consentimiento a oficiales escolares que tengan legítimos intereses educativos. Se entiende como oficial escolar una persona empleada por el Distrito como administrador, supervisor, instructor, o miembro del personal de apoyo (incluyendo el personal médico o de salud y el personal de las unidades para aplicación de la ley); personas miembros de las Juntas Escolares; personas o compañías que el Distrito ha contratado para ejecutar tareas especiales (tales como abogados, auditores, consultores médicos y terapeutas); o padres de familia o estudiantes miembros de comités oficiales, o que estén ayudando a otros oficiales escolares en la ejecución de sus tareas. Los oficiales escolares tienen intereses educativos legítimos cuando ellos necesitan ver los archivos educativos para poder ejecutar sus responsabilidades profesionales.

4. La información sobre la situación de la vida de un niño/a sin hogar o de un joven será tratada como un archivo educativo del estudiante, y no se considerará como información de directorio, bajo la sección 444 de la Ley de Provisiones de Educación General (20 U.S.C. 1232 g), la Ley de Cada Estudiante Tiene Éxito (Every Student Succeeds Act), PL 114-95, 10 de diciembre, 2015, 129 STAT 1802.

5. El derecho de presentar una queja con la Oficina de Cumplimiento de la Política Familiar (Family Policy Compliance Office, FPCO) en relación a presuntos incumplimientos de los requisitos de la Ley. Tal queja debe contener alegatos específicos de los hechos que dan una causa razonable a la creencia de que ha ocurrido una infracción de la ley FERPA.

6. Información de directorios FERPA, una ley federal, obliga al Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie, con ciertas excepciones, a obtener su consentimiento por escrito antes de revelar información que permita la identificación personal proveniente de los archivos educativos de su hijo. Sin embargo, el Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie puede, sin consentimiento previo, revelar “información de directorios” designada apropiadamente, a menos que usted le haya avisado al Distrito de lo contrario y de acuerdo a los procedimientos del Distrito. El propósito principal de la Información de directorios es permitir que el Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie incluya ese tipo de información de los archivos educativos de su hijo en ciertas publicaciones escolares. Algunos ejemplos son:

- Carteles de teatro, en los que aparece el papel de su hijo/a en una producción de teatro.
- La revista anual de la escuela.
- El cuadro de honor y otras listas de reconocimiento;
- Programas de graduación.
- Hojas de actividades deportivas, tales como lucha, en las que aparece el peso y la estatura de los miembros del equipo.
- Vídeo.
- Fotografía

La información de directorios, cuya diseminación generalmente no se considera peligrosa ni una invasión de la privacidad, puede además ser revelada a organizaciones externas sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de los padres de familia. Entre las organizaciones externas se incluyen, pero no se limitan a ellos, posibles patronos, colegios mayores; compañías que fabrican anillos de graduación o que publican las revistas anuales. Además, hay dos leyes federales que obligan a las agencias educativas locales que reciben ayuda mediante la Ley de Educación Primaria y Secundaria (Elementary and Secondary Education Act, ESEA) de 1965 a dar a los reclutadores militares, cuando así se lo soliciten, tres tipos de información de directorios: nombres, direcciones y listados telefónicos, a menos que los padres de familia hayan informado a las agencias educativas locales que no desean que la información sobre sus estudiantes sea revelada a los reclutadores militares sin el consentimiento previo por escrito.<sup>1</sup>

Si no desea que el Distrito de Escuelas Públicas de Poughkeepsie revele la información de directorios de los archivos educativos de su hijo sin su consentimiento previo por escrito, deberá notificar de ello por escrito al Distrito (al director de la escuela de su hijo) antes del 1 de diciembre del 2020. El Distrito de Escuelas Públicas de Poughkeepsie ha designado la siguiente información como información de directorios: Nombre del estudiante, Dirección, Listado telefónico, Dirección de correo electrónico, Fotografías (cualquier medio, película o digital; imágenes fijas o en movimiento que el Distrito recolecta en el curso normal de sus actividades), Lugar y fecha de nacimiento, Campo principal de estudio, Fechas de asistencia, Grado, Participación en actividades y deportes oficialmente reconocidos, Peso y altura de los miembros de equipos atléticos, Títulos, honores y premios recibidos, Agencia educativa o institución a la que asistió más recientemente

<sup>1</sup> Esas leyes son: Sección 9528 de ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), y sus enmiendas por la Ley Cada Estudiante Tiene Éxito (Every Student Succeeds Act), PL 114-95. 10 de diciembre, 129 Stat 1802. y 10 U. S. C. 503, y sus enmiendas por la sección 544, la ley Autorización de la Defensa Nacional para el año fiscal 2002 (P. L. 107-107), la legislación que suministra fondos para las fuerzas armadas del país.



## AHERA ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

This notice is to inform you that the Poughkeepsie City School District has performed its periodic surveillance as required under AHERA (763.92). The operations and maintenance program, in conjunction with ongoing inspections, ensures that asbestos present in the Poughkeepsie City School District buildings is well maintained and poses no health hazards to the occupants. All Asbestos in the Poughkeepsie City School District buildings is non-friable and in good condition.

A management plan is available at the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and is available for your review during regular business hours. The plan contains all pertinent information relative to surveillance inspections, emergency responses and abatements.

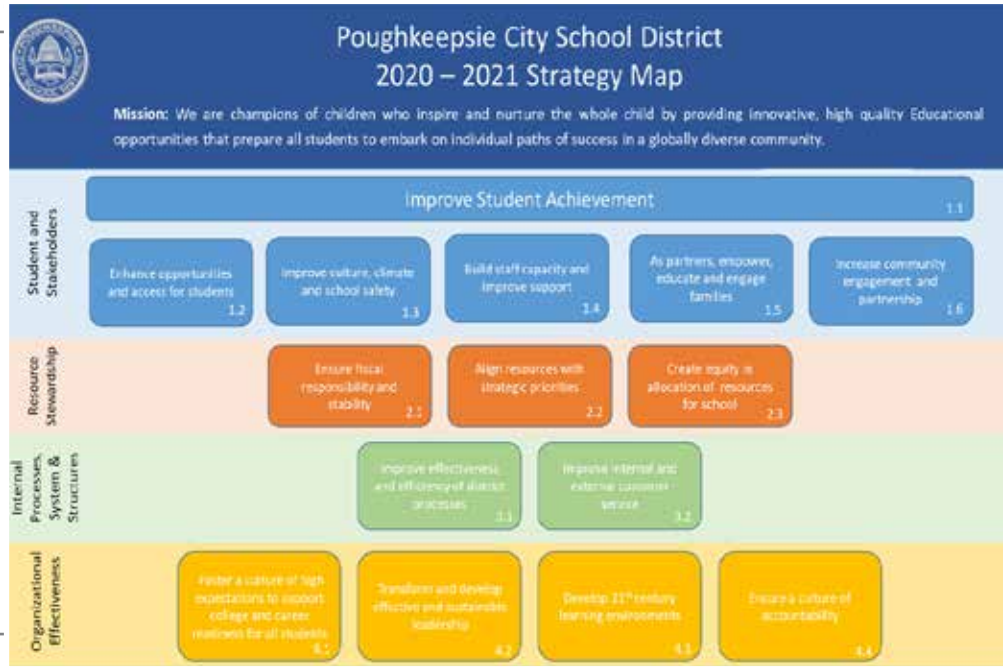
Please contact the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations at (845)451-4960 if you have questions concerning this annual notice.

### DISTRICT GOALS

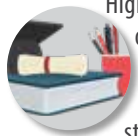
The success of Poughkeepsie City School District's students depends on a variety of factors identified during our strategic planning process.

Our district goals are to improve student achievement, resource management, systems and structures, organizational effectiveness and internal processes.

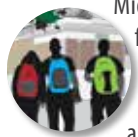
To the right is a strategy map for how we will achieve these goals.



### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



High Quality Elementary Education with an emphasis on literacy will provide our students with standards-based teaching and learning utilizing a curriculum that supports academic success and prepares students for the rigor of middle school.



Middle School Transformation will be an opportunity for PCSD and school and community stakeholders to reimagine the school's 6th - 8th grade instructional program, integrating school and community programs and supports into the fabric of the student experience, while providing them with a seamless pathway to transition to high school.



High School Transformation will be an opportunity for PCSD and school and community stakeholders to reimagine the school's 9th - 12th grade instructional program and align it to emerging industry and occupational fields in the Hudson Valley. Integrating school and community programs, the Arts, Life Skills, Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Computer Science into the fabric of the student experience will enhance our students' preparation for post-secondary options of their choice.



Services for Students and Parents will identify and align existing services to address the social, emotional, and wellness needs of our students and their families. This will require significant coordination and collaboration

with community-based organizations and providers so that students receive wrap-around services in and out of school.



New Relationship with Staff will be an investment PCSD will make to support the members of our family who have dedicated their career to supporting the academic success and positive youth development of our children. High quality professional development focused on instruction, instructional supports for students, culturally and linguistically relevant practices and responses, social emotional learning, and trauma informed care will be provided along with the resources needed to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs of our children.

New Relationship with Parents and Community will be an opportunity to leverage the roles that our parents and community partners play in the lives of children. Parents are children's first teacher and there is great benefit to the educational process and positive youth development when this is properly cultivated by school staff.



There are also tremendous community assets throughout the City of Poughkeepsie that if properly accessed can yield positive outcomes for children and parents. PCSD will take a proactive role in establishing and cultivating meaningful relationships with our parents and community.



# Community Schools



## What is a Community School?

A Community School brings together school and community resources to improve student learning and create stronger families and healthier communities. It integrates rigorous academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement.

Community Schools can become a

hub of information and resources to meet the needs of students, parents, and community members.

## WHAT WILL PCSD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE DO FOR YOU?

### STUDENT PROGRAMS

- Enriched academic supports
- Access to the latest technology
- Online learning opportunities
- Medical, dental, health and wellness supports and activities
- Extracurricular activities such as art, music, chess club, drill team, theater, STEM, history, language, etc.
- Physical activities and sports
- Mentoring and much more

### FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- Parent Engagement Center
- Free workshops
- Computer and financial literacy classes
- Job readiness supports
- Parent resources and life skills training
- Help learning English
- Health and wellness resources

# Poughkeepsie Public Schools Foundation

The Poughkeepsie Public Schools Foundation enriches the lives of Poughkeepsie City School District students by providing additional funding for equipment, programs and projects that are not in the school budget.

It provides a direct link between individuals wishing to make a difference and the students.

Donations are fully tax deductible and may be made at

<https://communityfoundationshv.org/>.

Simply click on, "An existing named charitable fund" and start typing our name.

Or, checks may be made out to **Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley** noting PPSF on the memo line and mailed to:

**Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley**

**80 Washington St., Suite 201, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.**

For more information, please email **President Ellen Staino** at [ellen.staino@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.staino@gmail.com) or treasurer **Gully Stanford** at [gullystan@gmail.com](mailto:gullystan@gmail.com) or call him at 303-349-5635.



# Parent Empowerment Center



Under the district's Community Schools Initiative the Parent Empowerment Center is being established to provide PCSD parents with resources and access to empowering workshops that will be offered through the newly instituted Parent Academy. The Parent Empowerment Center will be a source of Empowering, Educating, and Engaging our parents so that together we are poised to jointly address the academic, social, emotional and wellness needs of our children.

The Parent Empowerment Center will be a warm atmosphere where opportunities to collaborate, access resources, supports and educational workshops are available. Parents will be greeted and assisted by a Parent Center Engagement Liaison who will assist with a variety of services including:

**Parent Academy Learning session registration**

**Academic curricular and parent resources**

**Health insurance provider enrollment**

**Desktop computer and internet access**

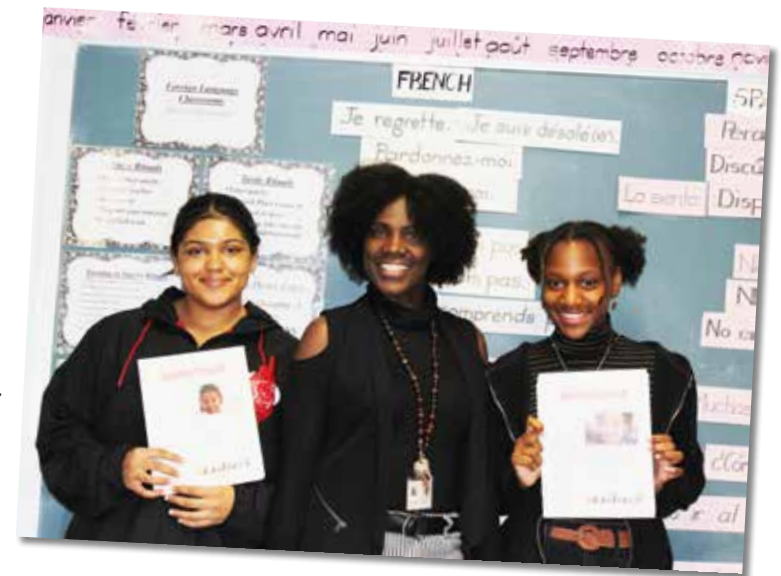
**Printing services**

**Job search information**

**Clothing, food, toy giveaways**

**Voter registration**

**And so much more...**





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*Supervisor of Secondary Education - Vacant*

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## Poughkeepsie City School District Schools

### Poughkeepsie High School

**70 Forbus Street**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Phone: (845) 451-4850**

**Fax: (845) 451-4807**

**School Hours:\***

Arrival..... 7:40 am

Dismissal ..... 2:40 pm

Kelleyann Royce-Giron, *Principal*

Robert Parkes

*Assistant Principal, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Jenna Ferris

*Assistant Principal, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Wendy Wright

*Assistant Principal 11<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Kelleyann Royce-Giron

*12<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator*

### Poughkeepsie Middle School

**55 College Avenue**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Phone: (845) 451-4800**

**Fax: (845) 451-4836**

**School Hours:\***

Arrival..... 8:05 am

Dismissal ..... 2:55 pm

Joseph Mazzetti, *Interim Principal*

Kenneth Behr, *Assistant Principal 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Paul Weir *Assistant Principal 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Samantha Velez-Mitchell, *Assistant Principal 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

### Charles B. Warring Elementary School

**283 Mansion Street**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

**Phone: (845) 451-4751**

**Fax: (845) 451-4769**

**School Hours:\***

Grades 1 - 5 Arrival..... 8:00 am

School Dismissal Begins..... 2:35 pm

Julliet Coxum, *Principal*

### Clinton Elementary School

**100 Montgomery Street**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

**Phone: (845) 451-4600**

**Fax: (845) 451-4614**

**School Hours:\***

Grades 1 - 5 Arrival..... 8:00 am

School Dismissal Begins..... 2:35 pm

Dr. David Scott, *Principal*

### The Early Learning Center

#### W. W. Smith School

**372 Church Street**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

**Phone: (845) 451-4721**

**Fax: (845) 437-3425**

**Pre-K School Hours:\***

AM Session ..... 8:30 – 11:10 am

PM Session..... 12:25 – 3:05 pm

Breakfast..... 8:10 am

Lunch..... 2:05 am

**Kindergarten School Hours:\***

Arrival..... 8:30 am

Dismissal ..... 3:05 pm

Colleen Hardiman, *Principal*

### G. W. Krieger Elementary School

**265 Hooker Avenue**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

**Phone: (845) 451-4660**

**Fax: (845) 451-1670**

**School Hours:\***

Grades 1 - 5 Arrival..... 7:50 am

School Dismissal Begins..... 2:10 pm

Jeff Noto, *Principal*

### S. F. B. Morse School

**101 Mansion Street**

**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

**Phone: (845) 451-4690**

**Fax: (845) 451-4701**

**School Hours:\***

Grades 1 - 5 Arrival..... 8:00 am

School Dismissal Begins..... 2:35 pm

Nadine Dargan, *Principal*

Nicole Penn, *Assistant Principal*

\***School Hours** reflect in-person instruction and is not reflective of the hours of school operations during remote instruction.

## Parent Portal Information/Portal para Padres:

<https://poughkeepsieny.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/poughkeepsie.js>

Don't miss essential updates from the Poughkeepsie City School District and/or your child's school. Make sure your phone number in the Parent Portal is up-to-date. Then, you'll get a call with the latest updates, closure information and more. It's easy to do:

First, use the link above to get to the Poughkeepsie Parent Portal. Then, follow these steps:

Click 'More' on left

Click 'Address Information'

Click on Update to right of the 'Phone'

Enter your new phone number

Click 'Update' at the bottom of the screen

This change takes effect immediately on the Parent Portal and on Infinite Campus. School Messenger files are updated once a day at 6:15 p.m.

### En Espanol

No se pierda las actualizaciones esenciales del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie y/o de la escuela de su hijo. Asegúrese de que su número de teléfono en el Portal de Padres esté actualizado. Entonces, recibirá una llamada con las últimas actualizaciones, información de cierre y más. Es fácil de hacer

Primero, usa el enlace de arriba para llegar a la Portal para Padres de Poughkeepsie. entonces, siga estos pasos.

1. Haga clic en "Más" a la izquierda
2. Haga clic en "Información de la dirección"
3. Haga clic en Actualizar a la derecha del 'Teléfono'.
4. Introduce tu nuevo número de teléfono
5. Haz clic en "Actualizar" en la parte inferior de la pantalla

Este cambio entra en efecto inmediatamente en el Portal de Padres y en el Campus Infinito. Los archivos del Mensajero de Escuela se actualizan una vez al día a las 6:15 p.m.

### District website:



[www.poughkeepsieschools.org](http://www.poughkeepsieschools.org)

### Find us on social media:



Facebook: @PoughkeepsieCitySchoolDistrict/



Instagram: @PoughkeepsieCitySchoolDistrict



Twitter: @twpcsd

