





### Welcome to our 2021 -2022 school year!

The Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff are excited to welcome back our students to a new academic year. Although the journey school districts experienced last year was unprecedented, PCSD remained focused and committed to the goal of providing innovative, high quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community. This goal will remain paramount as we continue our journey together on behalf of children during these unique times.

This 2021-22 academic year ushers in a new chapter for the Poughkeepsie City School District as there are many great things that are underway to **elevate student success** to new levels. This year, students can expect:

1. School transformation efforts to continue under the \$98 million Capital Improvement Project;
2. A new K-8 ELA and Math Curriculum;
3. Greater student social emotional supports and programming under the High Needs Student Support Plan;
4. Increased college readiness and workforce development programming for elementary, middle, and high school students;
5. Continued progress in the district’s strategy to integrate technology into the instructional program through the distribution of 1-1 devices; and
6. More opportunities for PCSD children to cherish memories of their school experiences.

Each of the above activities supports the goals outlined in the Poughkeepsie City School District’s five-year Strategic plan, which serves as the foundation for our efforts to innovate our thinking and approach to supporting student success.

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 also encourage parents and caregivers to access the district’s website, which we are improving for greater accessibility and functionality.

PCSD remains committed to delivering on the democratic principle that an equal and high-quality education is every child’s civil right. Our children are our future, and our future will be informed by how well we cultivate them to lead it.

Yours in Education,

*Eric Jay Rosser*

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser  
Superintendent of Schools

### ¡Bienvenidos a nuestro año escolar 2021 -2022!

La Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie (PCSD), los administradores, la facultad y el personal están entusiasmados de dar la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes a un nuevo año académico. A pesar de que el viaje que el distrito escolar experimentó el año pasado no tuvo precedentes, el PCSD se mantuvo enfocado y comprometido con la meta de 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. Este objetivo seguirá siendo primordial mientras continuamos nuestro camino juntos en nombre de los niños durante estos tiempos únicos.

Este año académico 21-22 marca el comienzo de un nuevo capítulo para el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie, ya que hay muchas cosas grandes que están en marcha para **eleva el éxito de los estudiantes** a nuevos niveles. Este año los estudiantes pueden esperar:

Los esfuerzos de transformación de la escuela para continuar bajo el proyecto de mejora de capital de \$ 98 millones;

1. Un nuevo plan de estudios de ELA y Matemáticas de K-8;
2. Mayor apoyo académico bajo el Plan de Recuperación Académica;
3. Mayor apoyo social y emocional a los estudiantes y programación bajo el Plan de Apoyo a los Estudiantes de Altas Necesidades;
4. Aumento de la preparación para la universidad y la programación de desarrollo de la fuerza de trabajo para los estudiantes de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria;
5. El progreso continuo en la estrategia del distrito para integrar la tecnología en el programa de instrucción a través de la distribución de dispositivos de 1-1; y
6. Más oportunidades para que los niños del PCSD guarden recuerdos de sus experiencias escolares.

Cada una de las actividades mencionadas apoya las metas delineadas en el Plan Estratégico de 5 años del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie, que sirve como base para nuestros esfuerzos por innovar nuestro pensamiento y enfoque para apoyar el éxito de los estudiantes.

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. También animo a los padres y cuidadores a acceder al sitio web del distrito, que estamos mejorando para una mayor accesibilidad y funcionalidad.

PCSD mantiene su compromiso de cumplir con el principio democrático de que una educación igualitaria y de alta calidad es un derecho civil de cada niño. Nuestros niños son nuestro futuro y nuestro futuro será informado por lo bien que los cultivamos para dirigirlo.

Suyo en la Educación,

*Eric Jay Rosser*

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# District Mission

We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community.

# 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. Below 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 2021-2022 Strategy Map



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## Marking periods

Poughkeepsie City School District operates on a quarterly grading basis. At the end of each marking period grades are finalized and shared with families. PCSD encourages families to regularly review their child’s academic progress throughout the year but also wants to share the end dates of each quarter.

- November 11, 2021 - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- January 28, 2022 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
- April 8, 2022 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- June 24, 2022 - End of 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period

## Parent Conferences & Staff Development Days

Poughkeepsie City School District wants to ensure that our families and community are aware of days this year that instruction will be paused for staff development and parent/family conferences.

September 7, 2021	November 17, 2021 at PMS - Morning instruction only	February 2, 2022 at PMS - Morning instruction only
September 8, 2021		
October 22, 2021 - Morning instruction only	November 18, 2021 at All Elementary Schools - Morning instruction only	February 3, 2022 at All Elementary Schools - Morning instruction only
November 2, 2021	December 22, 2021 - Morning instruction only	March 11, 2022
November 16, 2021 at PHS & ELC - Morning instruction only	February 1, 2022 at PHS & ELC - Morning instruction only	May 27, 2022 - Morning instruction only

## Emergency closures

When the Poughkeepsie City School District needs to close for inclement weather, there are several methods that PCSD uses to communicate with families. Our primary communication source is voice and text messages through Parent Square. A pop-up alert is also placed on our website site. Finally, PCSD communicates with over 20 local TV and radio stations.

## Meals

Poughkeepsie City School District recognizes the importance of nutrition for all students. All PCSD students can receive free breakfast, lunch, and dinner five days a week. The Dinner Program is held at Poughkeepsie High School from 2:45-5 pm Monday-Friday. If you have specific questions for Food Services, they can be reached at (845) 451-4780.

## Central Registration

The Poughkeepsie City School District registers all students through our Central Registration Office at Poughkeepsie High School, 70 Forbus St., Poughkeepsie.

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, registration for PreK, Kindergarten and all other grades will be done virtually through email for the 2021-22 school year.

All parents/guardians must complete the forms available online at <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/registration>.

Fillable forms should be saved electronically on your computer and a copy emailed to: [centreg@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:centreg@poughkeepsieschools.org)

Forms may also be mailed to: Central Registration Office, Poughkeepsie High School, 70 Forbus St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Please note that mailed forms may take longer to process.

Because occupancy of our school buildings is limited during this crisis, once the restrictions are lifted, we will be contacting you to set up an appointment for you to sign forms and provide any additional required documentation.

Reach us at 845-437-3480. More information on pg 31



# 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

## 2021-22 Board Members



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**Becky Torres** - *District Clerk*

## 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

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>

## Polling Places

### Board Of Education Election and 2022-23 Budget Vote

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**9:00 am – 9:00 pm**

To use the Board of Elections website to determine your Ward number, please visit:  
<https://vip.ntsteamed.com>

#### 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

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

## 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

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## Períodos de Marcado

El Distrito Escolar de Poughkeepsie City opera en base a calificaciones trimestrales. Al final de cada período de marcado, las calificaciones se finalizan y se comparten con las familias. El PCSD alienta a las familias a revisar regularmente el progreso académico de sus hijos a lo largo del año, pero también quiere compartir las fechas de finalización de cada trimestre.

- 11 de noviembre de 2021 - Fin del primer período de marcado
- 28 de enero de 2022 - Fin del segundo período de marcado
- 8 de abril de 2022 - Fin del tercer período de marcado
- 24 de junio de 2022 - Fin del cuarto período de marcado

## Conferencias de Padres y Días de Desarrollo del Personal

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie quiere asegurarse de que nuestras familias y la comunidad estén al tanto de los días de este año en que la instrucción se detendrá para el desarrollo del personal y las conferencias de padres / familias.

7 de septiembre de 2021	17 de noviembre de 2021	2 de febrero de 2022
8 de septiembre de 2022	En PMS - <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	En PMS - <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>
22 de octubre de 2021	18 de noviembre, 2021	3 de febrero, 2022
- <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	En todas las escuelas primarias	En todas las escuelas primarias
2 de noviembre de 2021	- <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	- <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>
16 de noviembre de 2021	22 de diciembre de 2021	11 de marzo de 2022
En PHS y ELC - <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	- <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	27 de mayo de 2022
	1 de febrero de 2022	- <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>
	En PHS y ELC - <i>Sólo instrucciones por la mañana</i>	

## Cierres de Emergencia

Cuando el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie necesita cerrar por las inclemencias del tiempo, hay varios métodos que el PCSD utiliza para comunicarse con las familias. Nuestra principal fuente de comunicación son los mensajes de voz y de texto a través de Parent Square. También se coloca una alerta emergente en nuestro sitio web. Finalmente, el PCSD se comunica con más de 20 estaciones locales de televisión y radio. See page 29

## Comidas

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie reconoce la importancia de la nutrición para todos los estudiantes. Todos los estudiantes del PCSD pueden recibir desayuno, almuerzo y cena gratis cinco días a la semana. El Programa de Cena se lleva a cabo en la Escuela Secundaria de Poughkeepsie de 2:45 a 5 pm de lunes a viernes. Si tiene preguntas específicas para los Servicios de Alimentos, puede comunicarse con ellos al (845) 451-4780.

## Registro Central

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie registra a todos los estudiantes a través de nuestra Oficina Central de Registro en la Escuela Secundaria de Poughkeepsie, 70 Forbus St., Poughkeepsie.

Sin embargo, debido a la pandemia de Covid-19, el registro para Pre-K, Kindergarten y todos los demás grados se realizará virtualmente a través del correo electrónico para el año escolar 2021-22.

Todos los padres/tutores deben completar los formularios disponibles en línea en <https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/registrartrion> .

Los formularios rellenos se deben guardar electrónicamente en su equipo y se debe enviar una copia por correo electrónico a: [Centreg@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:Centreg@poughkeepsieschools.org) Los formularios también se pueden enviar por correo a: Central Registration Office, Poughkeepsie High School, 70 Forbus St.,

Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Tenga en cuenta que los formularios enviados pueden tardar más en procesarse.

Debido a que la ocupación de nuestros edificios escolares es limitada durante esta crisis, una vez que se hayan levantado las restricciones, nos pondremos en contacto para concertar una cita para firmar los formularios y para proporcionar cualquier documentación adicional necesaria. Llámen al 845-437-3480.

# 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.

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**Becky Torres - Secretaria Distrital**

## 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.

## 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 at (845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973

Para más información sobre la votación en la ciudad de Poughkeepsie, visite el sitio web de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Dutchess en:  
<http://www.dutchesselections.com>

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## Centro de Votación

### Elección de la Junta de Educación y Votación del Presupuesto 2022-23

**Martes, 17 de mayo de 2022**  
**9:00 am - 9:00 pm**

Para utilizar el sitio web del portal de información al votante para determinar su número de distrito, por favor visite:  
<https://vip.ntsteamed.com>

### ESCUELA MORSE

101 Mansion Street  
1er Distrito y 3er Distrito

### ESCUELA WARRING

283 Mansion Street  
5º Distrito

### ESCUELA CLINTON

100 Montgomery Street  
2º Distrito y 4º Distrito

### ESCUELA INTERMEDIA DE POUGHKEEPSIE

55 College Avenue  
6º Distrito y 7º Distrito

### ESCUELA KRIEGER

Whittier Blvd. Entrada  
8º Distrito



# 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**

**August 2021**

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**NATIONAL SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK**

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**PHS SENIOR PORTRAITS Portraits**

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National IT Professionals Day


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# October



## Poughkeepsie Community Schools Model

Starting the 20-21 academic year, all Poughkeepsie City School District Schools were 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***

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

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**September 2021**

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**November 2021**

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9:00 AM - Noon

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BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

Krieger Family  
Math & ELA Night  
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Morse Literacy Night

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon  
PHS Homecoming Game  
7:30 PM

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Columbus Day  
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Multicultural College Fair

5 Week Progress Reports  
Morse Literacy Night  
(Snow Date)

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

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Warring & Krieger  
Fall Picture Days  
Warring PTO Meeting 3:30  
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BOE Meeting  
6:30 PM

ELC Family Night

Half Day  
Professional  
Development  
STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

ELC BOOK FAIR

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Clinton - 1st Grade  
Parent Data Breakfast

Clinton - 2nd Grade  
Parent Data Breakfast  
Superintendent Fireside Chat  
6:00 PM

Clinton - 3rd Grade  
Parent Data Breakfast  
Warring Literacy Night

Clinton - 4th Grade  
Parent Data Breakfast

Clinton - 5th Grade  
Parent Data Breakfast  
Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

WARRING BOOK FAIR

**October 2021**

# 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 together, 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.



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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.





# 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.







## 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.



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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK						
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	14	15	16  Warring PTA Meeting 5:00 PM  BOE Workshop Meeting 6:30 PM	17  Krieger Science Fair 5:00 - 7:00 PM  PHS Student Success Celebration	18   Morse Black History Assembly	19   Saturday Morning Lights 9:00 AM - Noon
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21 President's Day NO SCHOOL  	22   School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	23	24	25   Morse Black History Assembly (Snow Date)	26   Saturday Morning Lights 9:00 AM - Noon
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# March



## 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.

### 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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PHS Honor Breakfast

BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

Warring Book Fair

5 Week Progress Reports

Maintenance Worker  
Appreciation Day

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

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Krieger Math & ELA Night  
5:00 - 6:30 PM  
Pops Concert at PMS

Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
ALL STUDENTS ATTEND AM ONLY

SAT Exams  
Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK

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ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY

Warring PTA Meeting 5:00  
PM  
BOE Workshop Meeting  
6:30 PM

National Speech Pathologist  
Day  
Morse Math Night

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

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ELC Literacy Night

Morse Math Night  
(Snow Date)

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

ELC BOOK FAIR

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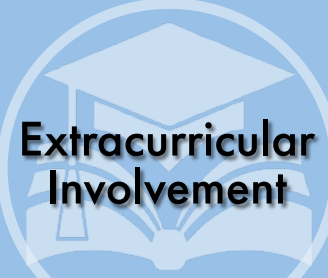
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GR. 3-8 ELA & NYSESLAT SPEAKING EXAMS

**March 2022**

# 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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Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

Superintendent Fireside Chat  
10:00 AM

GR. 3-8 ELA & NYSESLAT  
SPEAKING EXAMS

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School Librarian  
Appreciation Day

Krieger Spring Picture Day

Paraprofessional  
Appreciation Day

BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

End of Third Marking Period

GR. 3-8 ELA & NYSESLAT SPEAKING EXAMS

MORSE SPIRIT WEEK

NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WEEK

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Spring Recess



NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS

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ELC Math Night

Warring PTA Meeting 5:00 PM

Career Fair (Sponsored by CAC)

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

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BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

GR. 3-8 NYS MATH TESTING

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon



## 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.



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# June

## DOUGHKEEPS High School



### 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.

#### 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***

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Awards & Scholarship  
Celebration  
  
BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

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Krieger Field Day

Krieger Field Day (Rain Date)

ELC Field Day

Saturday Morning Lights  
9:00 AM - Noon

WARRING SPIRIT WEEK

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Warring Field Day  
  
ELC Field Day (Rain Date)

Warring Field Day  
  
Warring PTA Meeting 5:00 PM  
  
BOE Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM

Warring 5th Grade Moving Up  
9:00 AM

NYS REGENTS TESTING

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Juneteenth  
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NO SCHOOL



Krieger 5th Grade Moving Up

End of 4<sup>th</sup>  
Marking  
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Rating Day  
  
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

NYS REGENTS TESTING

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Superintendent's  
Conference Day



PHS Graduation



July 2022

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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 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.

## 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.

## 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 maybe obtained through the school office in September and throughout the year.

The application must reach the Food Service Office as soon as possible after you register your child for school and a new application may be required each year depending on your method of qualifying. The price of a second meal for an elementary school student is Breakfast \$1.25, Lunch \$2.00. The cost for secondary students is Breakfast \$1.25, Lunch \$2.25. Payments for purchases may be made in advance, by depositing money into a student’s account. Menus for each month are sent home with students.

For additional information regarding the school lunch program call (845) 451-4780. We will accept collect calls. Dinner Program is served at PHS Monday-Friday 2:45-5:00 pm.



### 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:

- 92.1 Lite FM WRNQ; 107.3 FM WRWD**
- 96.1 Kiss FM WPKF; 1450 AM WKIP**
- 93.3 FM WBWZ; 1370 AM WKIP**
- 99.3 FM WRWB**
- 101.5 FM WPDH; 92.7 FM WRRV**
- 94.3 FM WOLF; 100.1 FM WDST**
- 100.7 FM WHUD; 104.7 FM WSPK**
- WNBC-TV Channel 4; WNYW-Fox TV Channel 5**

#### 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	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses			Not applicable	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 Business 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 Business at (845) 451-4900 ext. 1437 if you have questions concerning this annual notice.

## NOTIFICACIÓN ANUAL DE AHERA

Esta notificación es para informarle que el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie ha realizado su vigilancia periódica según lo requerido por AHERA (763.92). El programa de operaciones y mantenimiento, junto con las inspecciones continuas, garantiza que el asbesto presente en los edificios del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie está bien mantenido y no supone ningún peligro para la salud de los ocupantes. Todo el amianto presente en los edificios del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie no es peligroso y está en buenas condiciones.

Un plan de manejo está disponible en la Oficina del Superintendente Asistente para Negocios y está disponible para su revisión durante las horas regulares de trabajo. El plan contiene toda la información pertinente relativa a las inspecciones de vigilancia, respuestas de emergencia y reducciones.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Superintendente Asistente de Negocios al (845) 451-4900 ext. 1437 si tiene preguntas sobre este aviso anual.

## STUDENT MEDIA RELEASE

Poughkeepsie City School District likes to highlight the good work of our students throughout the year. This may involve interviewing students, showcasing their art, literary works, theatrical or sports performances and/or taking photos of them engaged in a particular school, sport or club activity. We may use these items in district publications, on district websites and social media and in news releases sent to local media for potential coverage.

We have moved to an opt-out form for media coverage related to our schools and students.

If you prefer NOT to have your child included in this type of coverage as well as exempted from Directory Information as indicated in the Family Educational Rights and School Privacy Act please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/pcsdmediaoptout21> and return it to your child's school principal. Otherwise, Poughkeepsie City School District will assume permission has been given to publish your child's photo, video, name and comments.

Forms are effective for one school year and must be signed each year to continue the exemption.



## COMUNICACIÓN DE PRENSA PARA ESTUDIANTES

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie le gusta destacar el buen trabajo de nuestros estudiantes a lo largo del año. Esto puede implicar entrevistar a los estudiantes, exhibir su arte, obras literarias, representaciones teatrales o deportivas y/o tomar fotos de ellos que participan en una escuela, deporte o actividad de club en particular. Podemos usar estos artículos en publicaciones del distrito, en sitios web del distrito y en medios sociales y en comunicados de prensa enviados a medios locales para cobertura potencial.

Nos hemos mudado a un formulario de exclusión voluntaria para la cobertura de

los medios relacionados con nuestras escuelas y estudiantes.

Si prefiere NO incluir a su hijo en este tipo de cobertura, así como eximirlo de la Información del Directorio como se indica en la Ley de Derechos Educativos de la Familia y Privacidad Escolar, rellene el formulario en <https://bit.ly/pcsdmediaoptout21> y devuélvalo al director de la escuela de su hijo. De lo contrario, el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie asumirá que se le ha dado permiso para publicar la foto de su hijo, video, nombre y comentarios.

El formulario es efectivo por un año escolar y deben firmarse cada año para continuar con la exención.

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# PCSD Community Schools Model



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

# Parent Empowerment Center



Under the district's Community Schools Initiative the Parent Empowerment Center(PEC) provides PCSD parents and caregivers with resources and access to empowering workshops that will be offered through the Parent Academy. The Parent Empowerment Center is a resource to Empower, Educate, and Engage our parents and caregivers spot that together we are poised to jointly address the academic, social, emotional and wellness needs of our children.

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

- Parent Square Registration
- Academic and parent Resources
- Health Insurance Provider Enrollment
- Computer and Internet Access
- Printing Services
- Job Search Information
- Clothing, food and Toy giveaways
- Voter Registration
- And so much more.....

Visit the PEC inside Poughkeepsie Middle School (55 College Avenue). Phone: 845.451.4900 ext. 1425

# Poughkeepsie Public Schools Foundation



The Poughkeepsie Public Schools Foundation provides funding to help close opportunity gaps in science, technology, engineering, math, the arts, and students' experience in and beyond their community. PPSF is a nonprofit, charitable, 501 c3 organization independent of the Poughkeepsie City School District and Board of Education, but with the same goal of enhancing the learning experience of students. The Foundation is a facilitator connecting those who have the ability and desire to assist with the opportunities to make a difference.

Donations are fully tax deductible. Visit <http://ppsonline.org/donate/> for more information on how to donate.

For information on the foundation, please visit <http://ppsonline.org> and follow them on Facebook @PoughkeepsiePublicSchoolsFoundation.



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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*

Rob Woods - *Assistant Principal*

Robert Parkes - *Assistant Principal*

Wendy Wright - *Assistant Principal*

Paul Weir - *Assistant Principal*

### 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
Jenna Ferris - *Assistant Principal, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
Ronald Jackson - *Substitute Assistant Principal 8<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:**  
Arrival..... 8:00 am  
School Dismissal Begins..... 2:35 pm

Julliet Coxum - *Principal*  
Nicole Penn - *Assistant 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*  
TBD - *Assistant Principal*

### The Early Learning Center W. W. Smith School

**372 Church Street**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**  
**Phone: (845) 451-4720**  
**Fax: (845) 437-3425**

**Pre-K School Hours:**  
Arrival..... 8:30 am  
Dismissal ..... 3:05 pm

**Kindergarten School Hours:**  
Arrival..... 8:30 am  
Dismissal ..... 3:05 pm

Colleen Hardiman - *Principal*  
TBD - *Assistant Principal*

### G. W. Krieger Elementary School

**265 Hooker Avenue**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**  
**Phone: (845) 451-4660**  
**Fax: (845) 451-1670**

**School Hours:**  
Arrival..... 7:50 am  
School Dismissal Begins..... 2:10 pm

Starla Ciarelli - *Principal*  
Domonique Felicello - *Assistant Principal*

### S. F. B. Morse School

**101 Mansion Street**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**  
**Phone: (845) 451-4690**  
**Fax: (845) 451-4701**

**School Hours:**  
Arrival..... 8:00 am  
School Dismissal Begins..... 2:35 pm

Samantha Mitchell - *Principal*  
Patrice Woods - *Assistant Principal*

## Parent Portal Information/Portal para Padres:

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

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

