

2023-2024



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Poughkeepsie
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Poughkeepsie City School District Parents, Students, Employees and Partners,

We begin this school year with great excitement for what is in store for Poughkeepsie City School District children. We ended the 2022-2023 year with evidence-supported student growth. This was achieved through new programs, increased supports, expanded programming for all students and districtwide improvements to our schools under our Strong Schools Equal Strong Communities Capital Improvement Project. We return, advancing the next chapter of the work of our 5-year Strategic Plan, strengthening our impact on the success of our community's most precious asset - our children.

The Poughkeepsie City School District is dedicated to fulfilling its mission so that every child is provided with innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community. Our strategy of employing a school, home and community approach – utilizing a Community Schools model to address the needs of children from birth to career – has greatly advanced our work of helping children to explore and maximize their full potential.

Our Children, Our Schools, Our Community is a frame of mind for everyone vested in the interest and success of our children to embrace. Our collective goal is to place all children on paths of upward mobility. Working together, we will elevate student opportunity and success and move the needle with educational and positive youth development opportunities thus improving the outcomes of our children. Through the collective investments we make through school and community, I'm confident we can broaden this work so that all means all.

This year's calendar includes information about the district's Community Schools model, 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 and your child this year.

We appreciate your commitment and ongoing support.

Yours in Education,

Eric Jay Rosser

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendent of Schools



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, internal processes, systems and structures and organizational effectiveness.

District Vision

The Poughkeepsie City School District is committed to providing equitable, high-quality education for all students that enables them to explore and maximize their fullest potential.

Mensaje del Superintendente Estimados Padres, Cuidadores y Miembros de la Comunidad,

Comenzamos este año escolar con gran entusiasmo por lo que los espera a los niños del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie. Terminamos el año 2022-2023 con un crecimiento estudiantil respaldado por evidencia. Esto se logró a través de nuevos programas, mayores apoyos, programación ampliada para todos los estudiantes y mejoras en todo el distrito en nuestras escuelas bajo de nuestro Proyecto de Mejoramiento Capital de Escuelas Fuertes Iguales a Comunidades Fuertes. Regresamos, avanzando en el próximo capítulo del trabajo de nuestro Plan Estratégico de 5 años, fortaleciendo nuestro impacto en el éxito del activo más preciado de nuestra comunidad: nuestros niños.

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie está dedicada a cumplir su misión de brindar a cada niño oportunidades educativas innovadoras y de alta calidad que los preparan para emprender caminos individuales de éxito en una comunidad globalmente diversa. Nuestra estrategia de emplear un enfoque de escuela, hogar y comunidad, utilizando un modelo de escuelas comunitarias para abordar las necesidades de los niños desde el nacimiento hasta la carrera, ha avanzado mucho en nuestro trabajo de ayudar a los niños a explorar y maximizar todo su potencial.

Nuestros Niños, Nuestras Escuelas, Nuestra Comunidad es un estado de ánimo para todos en los conferidos en el interés y el éxito de nuestros niños para ser aceptado. Nuestro objetivo colectivo es colocar a todos los niños en caminos de movilidad ascendente. Trabajando juntos, elevaremos las oportunidades y el éxito de los estudiantes y moveremos la aguja con oportunidades educativas y de desarrollo juvenil positivo, mejorando así los resultados de nuestros niños. A través de las inversiones colectivas que hacemos a través de la escuela y la comunidad, estoy seguro de que podemos ampliar este trabajo para que todo signifique todo.

El calendario de este año incluye información sobre el modelo de Escuelas Comunitarias del distrito, fechas clave, información de contacto del distrito, incluidas las 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 usted y su hijo este año.

Agradecemos su compromiso y continuo apoyo.

Suyo en la educación,

Eric Jay Rosser

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendente de Escuelas



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 or Warring Elementary School!

2020-2025 Strategy Map

Organizational Effectiveness

Foster a culture of high expectations to support college, career, and civic readiness for all students

Transform and develop effective and sustainable leadership

Ensure a culture of accountability

Develop 21st century learning environments

Internal Processes, System and Structures

Improve effectiveness and efficiency of the District

Improve internal and external communication and collaboration

Emphasize data acquisition, accountability and verification

Student Achievement

Provide equitable opportunities and access to all students

Improve culture, climate, and school safety

Build staff capacity and improve support

As partners, engage, educate, and foster empowerment among our families

Engage and expand partnerships with community stakeholders

Resource Stewardship

Ensure fiscal responsibility and stability

Align resources with strategic priorities

Create equity in allocation of resources to schools, departments, and programs



Community Schools Model

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

The Poughkeepsie City School District is proud to have designated all seven of its schools as Community Schools. Community Schools are designed to bring together school and community resources to improve student success and create stronger families and healthier communities.

Community Schools integrate rigorous academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. They are intentional in providing supports, programs, information and resources to meet the needs of students, parents, and community members.

The Poughkeepsie City School District Community School model focuses on the following five pillars:

Early Learning – Pre-natal to Pre-school, **Integrated Student and Family Supports**, **High Level Community and Family Engagement**, **Expanded and Enriched Learning Opportunities**, and **Collaborative Leadership Practice**.

To learn more about these five pillars, and how PCSD is implementing these pillars into the fabric of the district's transformation work, visit the Community Schools page on the district website, at www.poughkeepsieschools.org/communityschools.



WHAT WILL PCSD'S 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, drill team, theater, STEM, history, language, etc.
- Physical activities and sports
- Mentoring and much more

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- Parent Empowerment Centers
- Free parent workshops
- Computer and financial literacy classes
- Job readiness supports
- Parent resources and life skills training
 - Help learning English
 - Health and wellness resources
 - K-12 Academic resources

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Marking periods

Poughkeepsie City School District operates on a quarterly grading schedule. 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.

End Dates of Each Quarter

November 9, 2023 - End of 1st Marking Period

January 26, 2024 - End of 2nd Marking Period

April 12, 2024 - End of 3rd Marking Period

June 26, 2024 - End of 4th 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 5, 2023 *

September 6, 2023 *

November 7, 2023 *

November 28, 2023

½ Day at Elementary for
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 29, 2023

½ Day at PMS for Parent
Teacher Conferences

* Superintendent Conference Day

November 30, 2023

½ Day at PHS, ELC, UPK
Parent Teacher Conferences

December 22, 2023

½ Day All Buildings for
Parent Teacher Conference/
Give Back Day

February 6, 2024

½ Day at Elementary for Parent
Teacher Conferences

February 7, 2024

½ Day at PMS for Parent
Teacher Conferences

February 8, 2024

½ Day PHS, ELC, and UPK
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 7, 2024 *

March 22, 2024

½ Day All Buildings for
Parent Teacher Conference/
Give Back Day

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. Finally, PCSD communicates with over 20 local TV and radio stations.

Meals

Poughkeepsie City School District recognizes the importance of providing healthy and nutritious meals for all students. Poughkeepsie City School students can receive free breakfast and lunch five days a week.

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:
Central Registration Office
Administration Building,
18 South Perry St., Poughkeepsie.

All parents/guardians must complete the forms available online at bit.ly/pcsdnroll

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

Forms may also be mailed to:
Poughkeepsie City School District
Central Registration Office,
18 South Perry St.,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Please note that mailed forms may take longer to process.

We will be contacting you to set up an appointment for you to sign forms and to provide any additional required documentation.
See page 31 for more information.
Reach us at 845-437-3480.

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.

2022-23 Board Members



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btorres@poughkeepsieschools.org

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 Clerk of the Board Becky Torres at (845) 451-4900 Ext. 4973

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 Clerk of the Board 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 2023-24
Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
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
1st Ward and 3rd Ward

WARRING SCHOOL

283 Mansion Street
5th Ward

CLINTON SCHOOL

100 Montgomery Street
2nd Ward and 4th Ward

POUGHKEEPSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

55 College Avenue
6th Ward and 7th Ward

KRIEGER SCHOOL

Whittier Blvd. Entrance
8th Ward

2023-24 Board Meetings

Sept. 6, 2023
(Regular Meeting)

Sept. 20, 2023
(Workshop Meeting)

Oct. 4, 2023
(Regular Meeting)

Oct. 18, 2023
(Workshop Meeting)

Nov. 1, 2023
(Regular Meeting)

Nov. 15, 2023
(Workshop Meeting)

Dec. 6, 2023
(Regular Meeting)

Dec. 20, 2023
(Workshop Meeting)

Jan. 3, 2024
(Regular Meeting)

Jan. 17, 2024
(Workshop Meeting)

Feb. 7, 2024
(Regular Meeting)

Feb. 21, 2024
(Workshop Meeting)

March 6, 2024
(Regular Meeting)

March 20, 2024
(Workshop Meeting)

April 3, 2024
(Regular Meeting)

April 23, 2024
(Annual BOCES Vote)

May 1, 2024
(Budget hearing)

May 22, 2024
(Budget Vote)/results
Workshop Meeting

June 5, 2024
(Regular Meeting)

June 18, 2024
(Workshop Meeting)

July 1, 2024
(Organizational/
Regular Meeting)

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm unless otherwise specified — Executive Sessions will begin at 5:15 —

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Períodos de Marcado

El Distrito Escolar de Poughkeepsie City opera en calendario 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.

Las Fechas de Finalización de Cada Trimestre

- 9 de noviembre del 2023** - Fin del **primer** período de marcado
- 26 de enero del 2024** - Fin del **segundo** período de marcado
- 12 de abril del 2024** - Fin del **tercer** período de marcado
- 26 de junio del 2024** - 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.

5 de septiembre del 2023 *	30 de noviembre del 2023	7 de febrero del 2024
6 de septiembre del 2023 *	mediodía en PHS, ELC, y UPK	mediodía en la primaria
7 de noviembre del 2023 *	conferencias de padres/maestros	conferencias de padres/maestros
28 de noviembre del 2023	1 de diciembre del 2022	8 de febrero del 2024
mediodía en la primaria	mediodía en PHS, ELC, y UPK	mediodía en PHS, ELC, y UPK
conferencias de padres/maestros	conferencias de padres/maestros	conferencias de padres/maestros
29 de noviembre del 2023	22 de diciembre del 2023	7 de marzo del 2024 *
mediodía en PMS	Mediodía Conferencia de todos	22 de marzo del 2024
conferencias de padres/maestros	los edificios padres y maestros/	Mediodía Conferencia de todos
	Día de retribución	los edificios padres y maestros/
		Día de retribución
* Día de la Conferencia	6 del febrero del 2024	
del Superintendente	mediodía en la primaria	
	conferencias de padres/maestros	

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.

Comidas

El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie reconoce la importancia de brindar servicios saludables y comidas nutritivas para todos los estudiantes. Los estudiantes de la escuela de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie pueden desayunar y almorzar cinco días a la semana. Si tienes unas preguntas específicas sobre 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 Columbus, 18 South Perry 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 2022-23.

Todos los padres/tutores deben completar los formularios disponibles en línea en bit.ly/pcsdennroll.

Los formularios rellenables se deben guardar electrónicamente en su equipo y se debe enviar una copia por correo electrónico a: Centreg@poughkeepsieschools.org

Los formularios también se pueden enviar por correo a: Central Registration Office, 18 South Perry 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. Llámel 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.

2022-23 Board Members



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btorres@poughkeepsieschools.org

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 de la Junta 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:

Secretaria de la Junta Becky Torres
(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>

2023-24 Fechas de reuniones

Sept. 6, 2023
(reunión regular)
Sept. 20, 2023
(reunión taller)
Oct. 4, 2023
(Regular)
Oct. 18, 2023
(Taller)
Nov. 1, 2023
(reunión regular)
Nov. 15, 2023
(reunión taller)

Dic. 6, 2023
(reunión regular/
taller)
Dic. 20, 2023
(reunión taller)
Enero 3, 2024
(reunión regular)
Enero 17, 2024
(reunión taller)
Feb. 7, 2024
(reunión regular)
Feb. 21, 2024
(reunión taller)

Marzo 6, 2024
(reunión regular)
Marzo 20, 2024
(reunión taller)
Abril 3, 2024
(reunión regular)
Abril 23, 2024
(Voto Anual de BOCES)
May 1, 2024
(Audiencia de
Presupuesto)

May 22, 2024
(Resultados de
votaciónTaller)
Junio 5, 2024
(reunión regular)
Junio 18, 2024
(reunión y taller)
Julio 1, 2024
(reunión organizativa
y regular)

Las reuniones comienzan a las 6:30 pm a menos que se indique lo contrario
— Las sesiones tejeutivos comienzan a las 5:15 pm —

Centro de Votación

Elección de la Junta de
Educación y Voto del
Presupuesto 2023-24

martes, 21 de mayo de 2024
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



Parents are their child's first teacher. What a child learns before they attend school will determine their success in school. For some ideas on how to prepare your child for school, access Head Start's Activities Handbook.



Our Notes	Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday							Thursday							Friday							Saturday													
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September 2023



High-level Community and Family Engagement

The National Education Association states that parents who are actively engaged in their child's schooling find that their child has:

- Higher grades.
- Greater social skills.
- Better reported behavior.
- Greater likelihood of continuing into post-graduate education.

Ask your school's Community Schools Liaison and/or PTA about how you can become more involved.

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Integrated Student and Family Supports

Children find greater success when they are provided with support in and out of school.

PCSD's school, home and community approach to addressing the academic, social, emotional and wellness needs of all children is important to their success.

Contact your school's Community Schools Liaison for help.

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November 2023

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Extended and Enriched Learning Opportunities

Children taking advantage of after-school and Saturday extended learning time and/or athletic programming are more likely to succeed academically, graduate high school on time and have greater access to post-secondary opportunities.

To learn more about the opportunities available to your child, contact your school's Community Schools Liaison.

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Collaborative Leadership Practice

Parents, students, teachers, building leaders and community stakeholders all play major roles in cultivating the whole child. Through collective trust and shared responsibility, successful outcomes for children will remain paramount.

Learn how you can serve in a leadership role in the district.

Contact your school's Community Schools Liaison.

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January 2024

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Reading to young children daily, starting in infancy, can help with language acquisition, communication, social and literacy skills. Children with these skills and experiences have higher success rates. Visit the Poughkeepsie Public Library District to access books you can read to your child and programming specifically for young children.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

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BOE Workshop Meeting
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February 2024



Community Engagement

Community Schools function as neighborhood hubs that support student and family success as today's children will one day be adults and leaders of our community.

Community Schools Liaisons are always looking for ways to expand community and family engagement.

Please share your ideas with your school's Community Schools Liaison.

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Parent Empowerment Centers

Poughkeepsie City School District's Parent Empowerment Centers are great resources for parent and student success.

Free workshops, pre-K through 12th grade academic resources, job readiness support, computers with internet access and more are available to parents and caregivers.

Visit the centers at Poughkeepsie Middle School or Warring Elementary School.

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April 2024

May



Engaging your child in a summer program is a great way to support their academic success and positive youth development. Community Schools provides programming for Poughkeepsie City School District students and links parents to programs provided by community organizations.

Contact your school's Community Schools Liaison for information.

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Parent Teacher Associations

Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) help build community among parents, educators and students. These associations help organize social events, family-oriented activities and collaborative projects that bring people who are interested in student success together.

To learn about how you can get involved in your school's PTA, contact your school's Community Schools Liaison.

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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.

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.

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:

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 1st and December 31st 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.

- 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.

Dignity for All Students Act

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

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 Meals Program

Poughkeepsie City School District is a Community Eligible Provisional (CEP) district, which means all the students eat free breakfast and lunch.

School Lunch 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.

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, \$1.50 and Lunch, \$2.50. The cost for middle and high school students is Breakfast, \$1.75 and Lunch, \$3.00. 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 and posted on the Poughkeepsie City School District website.

For additional information regarding the school meals program call (845) 451-4780.

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 nondiscrimination 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, in consultation with our weather service, the director of facilities 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 Parent Square as soon as possible and it will be posted to the PCSD website.

RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS

Information about school closings will be provided to the following/*información sobre cierre de escuelas:*

92.1 WRNQ FM	101.5, 106.1, 97.7 WPDH FM	WNBC-TV, Ch. 4
92.9 WBPM FM	104.7 WSPK FM	WNYW-FOX TV, Ch. 5
93.3 WBWZ FM	107.1 WXPX FM	WABC-TV, Ch. 7
94.3, 97.3 WOLF FM	107.3 WRWD FM	schoolclosingsnetwork.com
96.1 WPKF FM	1260 WBNR AM	PoughkeepsieJournal.com
96.9, 92.7 WRRV FM	1370 WBWZ AM	MidHudsonNews.com
99.3 WRWC FM	1420 WLNA AM	News12 Hudson Valley
100.1 WDST FM	1450 WKIP AM	https://hudsonvalley.news12.com
100.7 WHUD FM		

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 grade 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.



ParentSquare is the district's platform to send information and alerts to parents. It is easy to sign up for the service. You can login using the email address you have on file with the district through Infinite Campus.



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.

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.

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, Poughkeepsie Middle School and Poughkeepsie High 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.

Scholarship Opportunities

The following 12 scholarships opportunities offered are possible by the George A. Strba Charitable Trust and through districtwide fundraising:

Pioneer Excellence Scholarship: Two academic scholarships- must maintain an exemplary academic record over four years. **Poughkeepsie Creator and Dreamer Scholarship:** Two arts education scholarships must participate in a PHS arts or music club or a member of a PHS band, choral, or theatrical collective. **Poughkeepsie Champion Scholarship:** Two athletic scholarships- must have been part of PHS athletic team. **Poughkeepsie Leaders of the Future Scholarship:** Two student leadership scholarships- must demonstrate school based or district level leadership responsibility while in high school. *The student liaison to the BOE will automatically receive this scholarship as long as they meet all criteria. **Poughkeepsie Dreamers Scholarship:** senior who has arrived to the United States within the past two years. **Tykeem Catts Scholarship:** Two scholarships are intended to provide students with exceptionalities with additional opportunities to attend the postsecondary school of their choice. The senior who is currently classified by the PCSD Committee of Special Education as a student with an exceptionality or has a 504 plan. **The Dr. Ronel E. Cook Scholarship:** available to who has demonstrated civic engagement in the community.

There are also multiple scholarships available, some exclusive to Poughkeepsie High School students, through the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Job shadowing, internships, and career mentors are available through the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Career Action Center (CAC) located at PHS. CAC also offers scholarships through The Chamber Foundation.

Contact ksemexant@poughkeepsieschools.org or by phone at 845-451-4850 ext. 6477.



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.

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.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION

Families who are enrolling their students for the first time must go to the Central Registration Office, located in the Columbus Building, 18 South Perry St., weekdays between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Entrance Requirements

Students reaching five years of age on or before December 1st 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

Medication Dispensing

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 school.

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.¹

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.

¹ 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)

1. 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.

2. 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

7. 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.¹

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

¹ 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 bit.ly/pcsdoptout 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 bit.ly/pcsdoptout

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, vídeo, nombre y comentarios.

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



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, 501c3 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://ppsfonline.org/donate/> for more information on how to donate.



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

Portrait of a Graduate

I want to be a



Resilient Achiever

Exhibit steadfastness in achieving success despite difficulty, opposition, and/or failure. Embrace the idea that failure is a part of success and quickly pivot to keep moving forward.



Ethical Worker

Act honestly and demonstrate care for the interests of the larger community and greater good. Honor commitments and own the outcomes, whether positive or negative.



Self-Awareness

Recognize how personal decisions and actions have an impact beyond oneself.



Time Management

Use time effectively and productively, overcome procrastination, create schedules, prioritize work, meet deadlines and deal with stress wisely.



Effective Communicator

Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts. Listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes, and intentions. Use communication for a range of purposes and audiences (e.g. to inform, instruct, motivate, and persuade).



Empathetic Leader/Leadership Skills

Are visionary and inspire positive action in others. Recognize, invest in, and leverage strengths to build collective ownership and action. Create the environment or the conditions that empower others to grow and succeed. Build relationships with others through trust and compassion.



Problem Solver

Identify, evaluate, and prioritize solutions to difficult or complex situations. Implement and reflect critically on a solution.



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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

Dr. Phee Simpson - *Principal*
Donata Carolina - *Assistant Principal*
Cecil Coston - *Assistant Principal*
Joe Mazzetti - *Assistant Principal*
TBD - *Assistant Principal*

Barrington Atkins - *Assistant Principal
of School Climate and Culture, PHS*

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

Robert Parkes - *Interim Principal*
Anishbel Brennan - *Assistant Principal*
Juliette Coxum - *Assistant Principal*
Allison Ramirez - *Assistant Principal*
TBD - *Assistant Principal
School Climate and Culture*

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

Nicole Penn - *Principal*
David Feliciano - *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

Nadine Elting-Dargan - *Principal*
Paul Weir - *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

Carolyn Fields - *Principal*
Jessica Baruffo - *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*
Yolanda Wright - *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. Asegúrense 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:



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