Championing Student Success for All

Poughkeepsie City School District

2022-2023 Academic School Year

Arts • Athletics • Community Partnerships • Community Schools • Leadership • Music • Parent Empowerment • Positive Youth Development
Dear Poughkeepsie City School District Parents, Students, Employees and Partners,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. The start of the school year ushers in the opportunity for students to actively engage in high quality learning, positive youth development activities and extended day programs to help them develop the skills and competencies needed to succeed. And, we, as a school district, are strengthening our impact so that Poughkeepsie City School District students achieve success in and beyond the school environment.

The Poughkeepsie City School District ended 2021-2022 with another year of steady growth in our mission to inspire and nurture all PCSD students by providing innovative, high quality educational opportunities that prepare each of them to embark on individual paths of success in and beyond the school environment.

As we open the doors to this school year, the entire Poughkeepsie City School District community can look forward to even more exciting innovations that will support the five-year transformation efforts of the district.

I am excited to share a few of the innovations that will welcome the school community upon their return:

**Instructional Program**
- Expanded programming for ENL students Including a dual language program at the Early Learning Center
- Expanded programming for Students with Exceptionalities
- Expanded Music and Art programming
- New and updated curriculums in many of the elementary, middle and high school curricular areas
- Updated 21 Century Learning Environments including student furniture upgrades

**Student Support Program**
- Crisis Intervention Workers at all schools
- Social Emotional Learning Counselors at PMS and PHS
- Social Emotional Resource Centers at PMS and PHS
- Athletic programming for Students with Exceptionalities
- Increased college readiness and workforce development programming for elementary, middle and high school students.

**Operational Program**
- Building and Facilities improvements through the Capital Improvement Project
- Districtwide Safety and Security Upgrades
- Districtwide Technology Upgrades

As one can see, we are Championing Opportunities for all Poughkeepsie City School District students.

For more information on what is in store for the 22-23 academic year, please take a look at the 22-23 Districtwide Goals and Performance Objectives. In this school calendar, the entire school community will find important information on district and school key dates, district contact information - including school address and phone numbers, and important notifications. I also encourage everyone to visit our website, www.poughkeepsieschools.org, for the latest information about our school district and sign up to receive the weekly Superintendent’s Brief at bit.ly/pcsdbrief.

We are working hard to keep you informed and are working even harder to provide greater opportunity and access to all Poughkeepsie City School District students as they journey through our school district identifying, exploring, and maximizing their potential.

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Yours in Education,
Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendent of Schools

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

Elevando el Éxito de los Estudiantes continúa reflejando el trabajo colectivo del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie (PCSD) y sus socios para fortalecer nuestro impacto en el aprendizaje de los estudiantes y el desarrollo positivo de la juventud. Mientras que el distrito escolar y otras organizaciones están combatiendo los desafíos provocados por la pandemia del COVID-19, nuestra adaptabilidad para abordar las necesidades emergentes de nuestra población estudiantil ha dado lugar a resultados positivos tanto en lo académico como en lo social y emocional. Aunque se han logrado muchos objetivos en nuestro trabajo, hay mucho más que se requiere para que el distrito escolar asegure que todos los niños encuentren el éxito en la escuela y al graduarse de la escuela secundaria.

El presupuesto 2022-2023 permite al PCSD profundizar en el fortalecimiento del éxito de los estudiantes de manera estratégica, creando un beneficio duradero para las familias de Poughkeepsie y la comunidad en general. Los miembros de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie adoptaron por unanimidad el presupuesto propuesto de $118.3 millones de dólares, que representa un aumento de impuestos de sólo 0.74 por ciento, manteniéndose dentro del límite de recaudación.

Un énfasis especial en la ampliación de los apoyos y la programación para los estudiantes con excepcionalidades y estudiantes de inglés fue una prioridad para el presupuesto del próximo año, junto con la asignación de recursos para mejorar la cultura escolar y el clima y apoyar a los estudiantes que enfrentan enormes desafíos. Los aspectos más destacados del presupuesto/programática para el próximo año incluyen:

**Programa de Instrucción**
- Programa de doble lenguaje (Prek- K)
- Ampliación del Programa de Estudiantes con Educación Formal Interrumpida (SIFE) y del Programa para Recién Llegados a PMS y PHS
- Ampliación de la programación para los estudiantes con excepciones
- Ampliación de la programación de música y arte
- Mejoras en el auditorio de PHS
- Mejoras en el mobiliario de instrucción para estudiantes

**Programa de Apoyo a los Estudiantes**
- Consejeros de Aprendizaje Social
- Psicólogo secundario en PMS y PHS
- Trabajador de Asistencia Escolar @ PMS
- Clínicas de Salud Mental @ PMS & PHS
- Mayor apoyo a los estudiantes en situación de desamparo

**Programa Operativo**
- Trabajadores de mantenimiento adicionales en PMS y PHS
- Mejoras/proyectos de seguridad en todo el distrito
- Mejoras tecnológicas (Internet)
- Contratos de servicios de gestión de instalaciones

Este documento sirve como la edición especial del presupuesto de Visión - Viaje - Destino, el boletín oficial del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie.

Esta publicación incluye información sobre el presupuesto propuesto para el distrito escolar 2022-23 y las elecciones de los miembros de la junta escolar. Por favor, aproveche esta oportunidad para conocer el presupuesto propuesto para 2022-23 y emitir su voto en la votación anual del presupuesto y la elección de la Junta de Educación el 17 de mayo de 2022.

Estamos entusiasmados con lo que nos espera para el próximo año escolar. Entrando en el tercer año de nuestro trayecto de cinco años para transformar nuestras escuelas, nuestro enfoque colectivo y el impacto en los estudiantes continuará dando resultados positivos para los niños.

El plan estratégico de 5 años describe lo que tenemos que hacer, nuestras asociaciones con las partes interesadas de la escuela y la comunidad enmarcan nuestro enfoque, y nuestra acción para lograr nuestros objetivos en última instancia, resultará en el cumplimiento de nuestra obligación con los niños.

Agradecemos su continuo apoyo.

Suyo en la educación,
Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendente de Escuelas
High Quality Elementary Education with an emphasis on literacy will provide our students with standards-based teaching and learning utilizing a curriculum that supports academic success and prepares students for the rigor of middle school. Middle School Transformation will be an opportunity for PCSD and school and community stakeholders to reimagine the school's 6th - 8th grade instructional program, integrating school and community programs and supports into the fabric of the student experience, while providing them with a seamless pathway to transition to high school. High School Transformation will be an opportunity for PCSD and school and community stakeholders to reimagine the school's 9th – 12th grade instructional program and align it to emerging industry and occupational fields in the Hudson Valley. Integrating school and community programs, the Arts, Life Skills, Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Computer Science into the fabric of the student experience will enhance our students’ preparation for post-secondary options of their choice.

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Strategic Initiatives

### 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.

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Parent Conferences & Staff Development Days
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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.

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 10, 2022 - End of 1st Marking Period
- January 27, 2023 - End of 2nd Marking Period
- April 14, 2023 - End of 3rd Marking Period
- June 23, 2023 - End of 4th Marking Period

Central Registration
The Poughkeepsie City School District registers all students through our Central Registration Office at the Administration Building, 18 South Perry St., Poughkeepsie.

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

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 provide any additional required documentation (See page 31 for more information).

Reach us at 845-437-3480.

Meals
Poughkeepsie City School District recognizes the importance of nutrition for all students. 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.

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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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Member  
(Term Expires 2024)

Becky Torres - Clerk of the Board  
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

2022-23 Board Meetings

Sept. 7, 2022  
(Regular Meeting)

Sept. 21, 2022  
(Workshop Meeting)

Oct. 5, 2022  
(Regular Meeting)

Oct. 19, 2022  
(Workshop Meeting)

Nov. 2, 2022  
(Regular Meeting)

Nov. 16, 2022  
(Workshop Meeting)

Dec. 7, 2022  
(Regular/Workshop Meeting)

Jan. 4, 2023  
(Regular Meeting)

Jan. 18, 2023  
(Workshop Meeting)

March 1, 2023  
(Regular Meeting)

March 15, 2023  
(Workshop Meeting)

April 12, 2023  
(Regular Meeting)

Feb. 1, 2023  
(Regular Meeting)

Feb. 15, 2023  
(Workshop Meeting)

April 25, 2023  
(Annual BOCES Vote)

May 3, 2023  
(Budget hearing)

May 16, 2023  
(9:30 pm-Budget Vote)

June 7, 2023  
(Regular Meeting)

June 21, 2023  
(Workshop Meeting)

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm unless otherwise specified.

— Executive Sessions will begin at 5:15 —
## Períodos de Marcado
El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad 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.

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## 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 la nutrición para todos los estudiantes. 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 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 [https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/registration](https://www.poughkeepsieschools.org/registration).

Los formularios rellenables 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.

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. Lámel 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 de la Junta 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.

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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.dutchesseselections.com

2022-23 Fechas de reuniones

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Las reuniones comienzan a las 6:30 pm a menos que se indique lo contrario.
— Las sesiones ejecutivas comienzan a las 5:15 pm —
For Students
Work on letter and number recognition.

For Families
Play educational games with students.
Find online resources at www.poughkeepsieschools.org/edresources.

For Community
Create a space or activity to help our students learn letters and numbers while family members visit your organization.
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- **President’s Conference Day**
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- **Superintendent’s Conference Day**
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- **School Opens**
  - Superintendent’s Conference Day

- **NATIONAL SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK**
  - BOE Regular Meeting
    - 6:30 PM Admin Building

- **PHS SENIOR PORTRAITS**
  - National IT Professionals Day
    - Workshop Meeting
      - 6:30 PM Admin Building

- **Yom Kippur**

- **ECL Open House**
  - PMS Open House
    - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Morse Open Houses**
  - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Krieger Open House**
  - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Clinton Open House**
  - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **PHS Open House**
  - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
October

For Students
Create a journal to reflect on activities and experiences you enjoy throughout the year.

For Families
Find time to discuss with your child various career opportunities and their future interests.

For Community
Examine opportunities for job shadowing in your organizations to provide work experience for students.
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For Students
Participate in extended learning time/Saturday Morning Lights programs.

For Families
Visit our Parent Empowerment Center at Poughkeepsie Middle School.

For Community
Connect with PCSD’s Community Schools department to offer supports to students and be a part of Family Engagement Events.
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Parent Engagement

For Students
Encourage your family to participate in school and district events.

For Families
Join your school’s PTA and participate in school and district events.

For Community
Contact the PCSD Community Schools Department to provide information about your services or programs to PCSD families.
January

Social Emotional Supports

For Students
Be aware of your feelings and stress. Seek help from trusted adults (teachers, administrators, social worker, counselor or a mentor).

For Families
Seek referrals from the Parent Empowerment Center for yourself or your child to help meet current needs.

For Community
Support the positive youth development of PCSD students.

An Affirmation is a statement we make about who we are, how we feel about our lives, it gives us an opportunity to focus.
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(Snow Date) | BOE Regular Meeting  
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K-12 Literacy

For Students
Use the myON digital library and the Poughkeepsie City Library to read a wide variety of books.

For Families
Find time to read with your child each day.

For Community
Encourage youth to explore their potential through reading.
For Students
Look for opportunities in your school and community to be a leader.

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Get Involved in student government or talk to your school counselor about participating in the Superintendent Student Advisory Panel.

For Families
Get involved in your child’s PTA, complete district surveys, and attend Board of Education meetings.

For Community
Take advantage of all the opportunities to learn about what is happening at PCSD and have your voices heard. You can share your thoughts at bit.ly/pcsdcummunitycorner.
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**Events**

- **April 2023**
  - **April 3**: School Librarian Appreciation Day
  - **April 4**: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
  - **April 5**: Spring Recess
  - **April 6**: End of Third Marking Period
  - **April 7**: National Administrative Professionals Day
  - **April 8**: Saturday Morning Lights

- **May 2023**
  - **May 10**: NYS 3-8 ELA Testing
  - **May 11**: PEC Family Fun Night @PMS
  - **May 12**: Saturday Morning Lights
  - **May 13**: National Administrative Professionals Day
  - **May 14**: Clinton Spring Concert 6:00 PM
  - **May 15**: Saturday Morning Lights

- **NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WEEK**

- **NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS**
May

Beyond Our Walls
(Field Trips, partnerships, etc.)

For Students
Share with your building principal field trips and other experiences that you would be interested in.

For Families
Volunteer to chaperone field trips with your child to have a shared experience you can talk about with them afterward.

For Community
Reach out to the PCSD superintendent’s office to see how you can support efforts to provide students with extended learning opportunities.
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For Students
Research different types of colleges each year... you can use PCSD online College Fair at bit.ly/pcsdvirtualcollegefair to start your search

Participate in college readiness and workforce educational events.

For Families
Find opportunities to visit colleges/trade schools and learn options after graduation. PCSD’s College and Workforce Readiness Counselor is a great resource.

For Community
Reach out to PCSD’s Director of College Readiness and Workforce Education to discuss opportunities in your organization for PCSD students.

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(College/Workforce Readiness)
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**Notes:**

- **June 2023**:
  - **Saturday Morning Lights**
  - **PHS REGENTS TESTING**
  - **May 2023**:
    - **Juneteenth**
    - **Superintendent’s Conference Day**
    - **NO SCHOOL**
    - **LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS**
  - **June 2023**:
    - **PHS REGENTS TESTING**
    - **Krieger 5th Grade Moving Up**
    - **PMS Moving Up**
    - **Clinton 5th Grade Moving Up**
    - **Ceremony 1:00 PM at PMS**
    - **BOE Workshop Meeting 6:30 PM**
    - **End of 4th Marking Period**
    - **Regents Rating Day**
    - **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
  - **July 2023**:
    - **PHS REGENTS TESTING**
    - **PHS Graduation**
    - **Saturday Morning Lights**
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.

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.

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.

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 may be obtained through the school office in September and throughout the year.

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

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.

NORM-SREFERENCED 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.

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 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:

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

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.

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Parent Square 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.
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, 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.

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.

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 $3,500 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; 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.
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

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.

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.

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.

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 prior written 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.
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:

   a. 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.

   b. 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.

   c. 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.

   d. 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.

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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.³

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.

³These 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:

   a. 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.

   b. El derecho de solicitar la corrección de los archivos educativos del estudiante que los padres de familia o estudiantes elegibles crean que son inexacts 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. 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.

   c. 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.

2. 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, 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.

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, que podrá ser revelada sin el consentimiento previo por escrito a tres entidades: (1) los oficiales escolares que tengan legítimos intereses educativos, (2) los patrones de los estudiantes, y (3) las agencias gubernamentales a las que los estudiantes hayan dado consentimiento previo por escrito.¹

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:

   • 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 patrones, 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, de diciembre, 2015, 129 STAT 1802.
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 amianto 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/pcsdmediayout21 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/pcsdmediayout21 y devuélvelo 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.
PCSD 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, chess club, 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

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, 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://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 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
Robert Woods - Assistant Principal
Robert Parkes - Assistant Principal
Wendy Wright - 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
Joseph Mazzetti - Interim Principal
Kenneth Behr - Assistant Principal
Juliette Coxum - Assistant Principal

Charles B. Waring 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
Yolanda Wright - 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
Paul Weir - 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......2:00 pm
Starla Cirelli - Principal
Domenique 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
David Feliciano - Assistant Principal

Parent Portal Information/Portal para Padres:
https://poughkeepsie.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:

1. Click ‘More’ on left
2. Click ‘Address Information’
3. Click on Update to right of the ‘Phone’
4. Enter your new phone number
5. 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 Español

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, use 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”
4. Introduzca su 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

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Instagram: @poughkeepsieCitySchoolDistrict
Twitter: @twpcsd