

At the Pittsburgh Public Schools, we are committed to our vision of *Excellence for All*. This means preparing all children to achieve academic excellence and strength of character, so that they can pursue their passion and be prepared to receive scholarships through The Pittsburgh Promise.

The Pittsburgh Promise is a community commitment to help students and families plan, prepare and pay for continuing education after high school. The Pittsburgh Promise inspires and motivates students to “Dream Big” and “Work Hard” by providing scholarships to more than 100 qualifying colleges or technical/trade schools in Pennsylvania.

The work of preparing students for success after graduation must begin early and be reinforced at each grade level. During the past three years, the District has put into place core elements for raising student achievement:

- A new rigorous curriculum;
- The use of interim assessments to get help quickly to students;
- Instructional coaches in every building; and
- Aggressive, comprehensive and ongoing professional development to ensure quality classroom instruction.

Our goal is to make sure that all students are “Promise-Ready” and on course to graduate so that they can take advantage of The Pittsburgh Promise. To support this goal, a new program, “Pathways to the Promise,” will be available at all schools to better monitor and communicate student progress at important learning transitions such as 3rd grade, 6th grade and 9th grade.

The Pittsburgh Promise is a big idea that has the potential to have a significant impact on the community by better preparing students to be successful in life. Working together, all of us—school staff, students, families and community—can advance student achievement and improve the life prospects of all students. We can achieve *Excellence for All*.

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Dream Big

Work Hard



The Pathway to the Promise.™

K-5, K-8, 6-8, 6-12, High and Special Schools

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Accelerated Learning Academies

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Special Note: A revised calendar for Accelerated Learning Academies was approved by the Board of Public Education. The school year has been shortened by 2 days.

Early Childhood

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Welcome Back to School Event Schedule

Week of Aug. 31, 2009K-5, K-8, 6-8 & Special
Week of Sept. 8, 2009High & 6-12
Look for more information from your school in August.

First Day of School:

Aug. 27, 2009Teachers
Sept. 3, 2009Gr. 1-12 Students
Sept. 10, 2009Kindergarten Students

No School for Students:

Aug. 27, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Aug. 28, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Aug. 31, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 1, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 2, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 7, 2009Labor Day
Sept. 28, 2009Vacation Day
Oct. 12, 2009High/Special Schools –
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Oct. 15, 2009Early Dismissal - Half Day
Oct. 16, 2009Elementary/Middle Schools –
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Nov. 3, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Nov. 11, 2009Veterans Day
Nov. 26–Nov. 27, 2009Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 24, 2009–Jan. 1, 2010Winter Vacation
Jan. 18, 2010Dr. King Day
Feb. 1, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Feb. 2, 2010Staff Prof. Development Day
Mar. 26, 2010Early Dismissal - Half Day
Mar. 29–Apr. 2, 2010Spring Vacation
May 31, 2010Memorial Day
June 17–18, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Days

First Day of Second Semester:

Feb. 3, 2010Second Semester Begins

Last Day of School:

June 16, 2010Students
June 18, 2010Teachers

Report Card Dates:

November 25, 2009First Quarter
February 9, 2010Second Quarter
April 22, 2010Third Quarter
June 23, 2010Fourth Quarter

Welcome Back to School Event Schedule

Week of Aug. 24, 2009
Look for more information from your school in August.

First Day of School:

Aug. 17, 2009Teachers
Aug. 24, 2009Gr. 1-8 Students
Aug. 28, 2009Kindergarten Students

No School for Students:

Aug. 17, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Aug. 18, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Aug. 19, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Aug. 20, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Aug. 21, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Sept. 7, 2009Labor Day
Sept. 28, 2009Vacation Day
Oct. 15, 2009Early Dismissal - Half Day
Oct. 16, 2009Elementary/Middle Schools –
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Nov. 3, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Nov. 11, 2009Veterans Day
Nov. 26–Nov. 27, 2009Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 24, 2009–Jan. 1, 2010Winter Vacation
Jan. 18, 2010Dr. King Day
Feb. 1, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Feb. 2, 2010Staff Prof. Development Day
Mar. 26, 2010Early Dismissal - Half Day
Mar. 29–April 2, 2010Spring Vacation
May 31, 2010Memorial Day
June 17–18, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Days

First Day of Second Semester:

Feb. 3, 2010Second Semester Begins

Last Day of School:

June 16, 2010Students
June 18, 2010Teachers

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April 22, 2010Third Quarter
June 23, 2010Fourth Quarter

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Week of Aug. 31, 2009
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First Day of School -- Preschool/Early Intervention

Aug. 27, 2009Teachers
Sept. 3, 2009Child Phase-In
Sept. 4, 2009Preschool Students (Full-Day)
Sept. 4, 2009Early Intervention Students

No School for Students:

Aug. 27, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Aug. 28, 2009Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Aug. 31, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 1, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 2, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Sept. 7, 2009Labor Day
Sept. 28, 2009Vacation Day
Oct. 15, 2009Early Dismissal - Half Day
Oct. 16, 2009District Elementary/Middle Schools
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Nov. 3, 2009Staff Prof. Development Day
Nov. 11, 2009Veterans Day
Nov. 26–Nov. 27, 2009Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 24, 2009–Jan. 1, 2010Winter Vacation
Jan. 18, 2010Dr. King Day
Feb. 1, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Day
Feb. 2, 2010Staff Prof. Development Day
Mar. 26, 2010Early Dismissal - Half Day
Mar. 29–April 2, 2010Spring Vacation
May 31, 2010Memorial Day
June 17–18, 2010Staff Clerical/Organization Days

Last Day of School -- Preschool/Early Intervention

June 16, 2010Preschool/Early Intervention Students
June 18, 2010Teachers and Assistants

Additional Program Dates:

Aug. 25–26, 2009Preschool Home Visits (Optional)
Oct. 15, 2009 (PM only)Conferences/Home Visits
Oct. 16, 2009Conferences/Home Visits
Nov. 3, 2009 (PM only)Conferences/Home Visits
Feb. 1, 2010 (PM only)Conferences/Home Visits
Mar. 26, 2010 (PM only)Conferences/Home Visits
May 7, 2010Conferences/Home Visits