Learning Never Stops
At PPS, education is not relegated to the classroom—or always packed into a regular school day. There’s so much more to learn before and after school and during the summer months. That’s why we offer a wide range of out-of-school programs designed to keep students on track and engaged. Whether they are learning how to cook or plant a garden, exploring nature, enjoying a musical performance, or receiving extra help with school work, students discover more about themselves and the world around them through high quality out-of-school programming. Some programs are offered at little or no cost. Others provide scholarships for students to attend.

Is your child looking for something new and exciting to do? Or for help in preparing for college entrance exams? There’s something for everyone from PreK–12. Contact the Out-of-School Time office for assistance in finding a program that is right for you!

Community Partners Make a Difference
At PPS we believe that high quality out-of-school time programs play an important role in helping students become ready for college, career, and life. These programs support their academics, expand their interests, and are exciting and fun! But this kind of programming wouldn’t exist without our community partners.

We are fortunate to partner with more than 89 different community organizations to help our students succeed. Local museums, foundations, social service agencies, community and faith-based organizations, and businesses work with us year-round to provide continuous learning experiences for our students at every grade level.

Community Partner Programs
Our community partners offer services in a variety of areas, including:
- Arts and Culture
- Career and Employment
- Recreation
- Mentoring and Youth Development
- Health and Wellness
- Leadership and Character Development
- Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Strategies
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
Award-Winning Summer Dreamers Academy

Summer is never boring when students participate in the 5½ week-long Summer Dreamers Academy. This no-cost, premier summer learning camp is one of the most popular programs in the District.

Every year, approximately 1,500 students converge at three regional sites to join in the fun. It’s the ideal way for students in grades K–7 to immerse themselves in a positive environment that combines learning with exciting enrichment activities.

Working with expert PPS teachers, campers will…

• Increase academic achievement by improving skills in reading and math.

• Develop a passion for lifelong learning and realize that learning takes place in diverse settings.

• Build confidence by discovering new strengths and developing a more positive self-concept.

• Learn to persevere by attempting new things and acquiring 21st century skills.

After-School Programs

We’re working hard to help students develop the skills and interests they will need to be successful in life. We’re also here to provide additional support when they face challenges along the way.

If your child is experiencing difficulties and would like extra help, contact his or her teacher or the school counselor to discuss various options.

Fight the Summer Brain Drain!

There are plenty of educational activities that you can enjoy with your child. Go fly a kite, or spend time in the kitchen preparing a healthy snack. Work with your child to write and illustrate his or her own book, or go on a treasure hunt!

For a list of activities and programs in Pittsburgh, visit www.afterschoolpgh.org/programs.

Last year, 89 different community organizations served more than 20% of PPS students from 54 different schools.

Don’t miss the boat! Sign up your child for a summer program from March-May.

High quality, engaging, and accessible out-of-school programming complements the academic instruction that students receive during the school day and promotes better academic, social, and emotional outcomes for our youth.

For a list of current community partners along with program names and contact information, visit pghschools.org/communitypartners. You can also visit the DiscoverPPS portal and click on the “Community” tab for your school.

Need more information?
Contact the Out-of-School Time Department at 412-529-3926 or outofschooltime@pghschools.org.

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