

Pittsburgh Allegheny Traditional Academy 6-8 May PSCC Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2024

12:00 p.m.



Today's Agenda

- Welcome
- General School Updates
- 2024-2025 Cell Phone Policy Update & Review
- Attendance Updates
- Hershey Park Trip/ Zone 28 Trip
- New Curriculum
 - Math- *Illustrative Math*
 - ELA- *myPerspectives*
- Closing

General School Updates

- ATA 6-8 Field Day is June 10th.
 - This is a DRESS DOWN day.
 - Students will have a DAY of fun to close out the 2023-2024 YEAR!
- 8th Grade Promotion is June 12th @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Ceremony lasts approximately 1 hour
 - Cake/cupcakes will be served immediately after
 - Invites are coming soon!
- Last Day of School for ALL Students
 - Wednesday, June 12th
- PPS Parent Surveys
 - Closes 5/31/24
 - Give feedback at: pghschools.org/parentsurvey



2024-2025 Cell Phone Policy Review

- Return to the former Cell Phone Policy during the 2024-2025 SY
- Policy requires students to turn in cell phones and any unauthorized technology devices/items upon entry into school. They will be locked in the main office and returned to students at the end of the day.
- Phones will be collected and sorted by bus rooms.
- Any device found during the school day will be confiscated; parent/guardian is required to retrieve the device from the main office
- Students refusing to turn in a cell phone or any unauthorized technology device/item will receive an immediate consequence
- 31 devices were taken during the 2023-2024 SY; Many incidents reported and handled
- The updated policy will increase time and focus on task in the classrooms/hallways and decrease some behaviors that go against our Code of Conduct. It will also prevent video recording in bathrooms, etc. during the school day

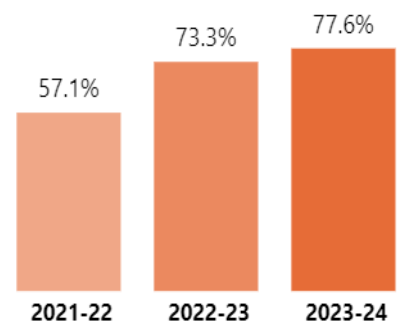




Attendance Updates

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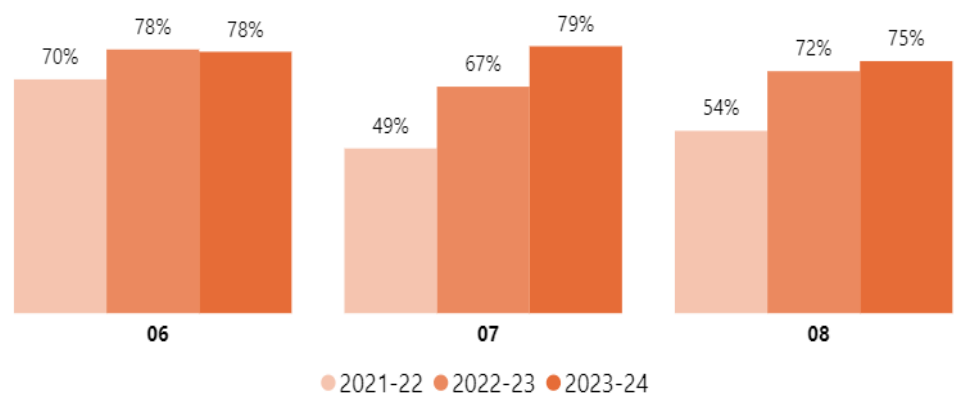
YTD Regular Attendance by School Year



School Improvement Plan reporting
 The table below shows the cumulative regular attendance rates for each marking period (e.g. the regular attendance rate for Q2 includes Q1 and Q2).

School year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 (Total)
2023-24	81.3%	75.8%	78.1%	
2022-23	75.0%	75.6%	75.2%	73.9%
2021-22	65.4%	53.8%	54.5%	58.3%

YTD Regular Attendance by Grade



Hershey Park Trip Information



- Students must be at the school no later than 6:00 a.m. (report on Arch Street/ National Aviary Side).
- Buses will depart promptly at 6:30 a.m.
- Students must remain in groups or pairs at the park and check in during the scheduled check-in times
- Students will need to give a working cell phone number in case an attending staff member needs to reach them during the visit
- Student must be ready for departure at 6:30 p.m.
- Buses will depart the park at 7:00 p.m.
- Parents should be at the school no later than 10:45 p.m.
- Hershey Park is CASHLESS. Students will need a debit or credit card, Apple pay, Google pay, or can use the cash converter machine
- Students can use cash to purchase snacks at the rest stop on the way to the park
- Students are **REQUIRED** to wear their Hershey Park field trip shirts to Hershey.

Zone 28 Trip



- Zone 28 is alternate field trip for those not attending Hershey.
- Permission slips will go home today.
- All students are invited to attend.
- There is no cost for the field trip.
- Trip includes transportation, 2 games of Cosmic Bowling, 1 Laser Tag round, and a \$5 Arcade Card. Students will also receive 2 cuts of pizza and soft drinks.
- Concession stand will be open if students choose to purchase additional food.
- We will return to school by 1:45 p.m.

New Curriculum Resources

Beginning the 2024-2025 School Year

Math- *Illustrative Math*



<https://illustrativemathematics.org/math-curriculum/6-8-math/>

ELA- *myPerspectives*

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Thank You!



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