

Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8

2023-2024 Student Handbook

Pittsburgh Arlington

800 Rectenwald Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15210

Telephone: 412-529-4701

Mrs. Crystal Caldwell, **Principal**
Mr. Matthew May, **Assistant Principal**

Welcome Home to Arlington!

Parents and guardians are welcome at Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8. Because we are working diligently to meet the varying needs of all of our students and families, we highly encourage all visitors to call ahead to schedule an appointment at **412-529-4701**. This will ensure our attention is given to you and your needs, while still maintaining and prioritizing our students' education. When you arrive, please enter from the main doors and go through security, then sign in with our secretary in the main office.

Pittsburgh Arlington's Vision Statement

We envision a school where all students, staff, and community members feel safe, valued, inspired, and empowered to achieve their highest potential here at Pittsburgh Arlington. When we achieve this, our student's regular attendance rate will reach 100%, indicating that all students were present more than the required 90% of days enrolled.

Pittsburgh Arlington's Mission Statement

It is our mission to increase attendance of students, staff, and community members in our school through an improved positive culture, engaging educational opportunities, and consistent systems that support success. If we achieve our purpose, our school will be a welcoming place of learning for all and then we can truly achieve.

School Mascot: Arlington Eagles

School Colors: Black and Gold



BELL SCHEDULE

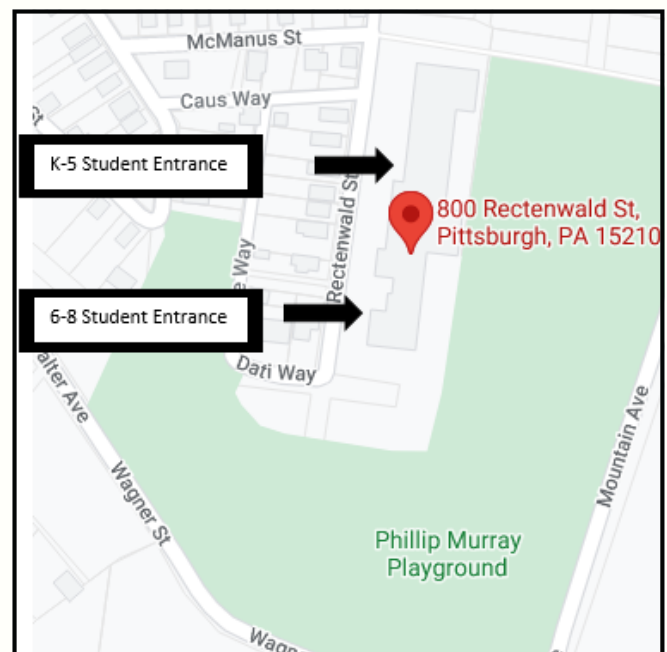
Arrival/Breakfast/Homeroom	8:05	8:25
1st	8:25	9:08
2nd	9:08	9:51
3rd	9:51	10:34
4th	10:34	11:19
5th	11:23	12:08
6th	12:08	12:51
7th	12:51	1:34
8th	1:34	2:17
9th	2:17	3:00
Dismissal	3:00	3:15

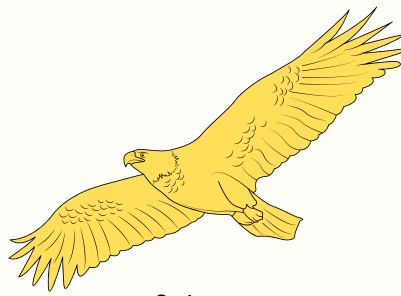
Attendance

Arriving on time to school and class each day is an important factor to school engagement and success. All students are required and encouraged to have regular attendance to support their growth. Intervention strategies will be utilized with the goal of improving school attendance for truant students, with a special focus on eliminating barriers to school attendance. PPS's Attendance Policy can be found in full on the District's website at: Board Policy 204 - Attendance. Parents/guardians can submit absence excuses in paper form or electronically, by sending an email. If a legal excuse is not submitted, the absence will be considered unlawful and noted as unexcused.

AM Arrival Procedures

K- 5 Students enter the building through the main entrance (at the top of Rectenwald St.). 6-8 Students enter the building at the lower entrance (end of Rectenwald St.). All students turn in their cell phones to their dismissal bins upon entering the building. Students must have their bags checked prior to entering the metal detectors. Once students enter the building, they can pick up their breakfast at the table, unpack at their lockers, and report to homeroom promptly.





Homeroom Period

Homeroom is an important part of the school day where teachers take attendance and the announcements give important information such as: school activities, calendar reminders, and staff and student shout-outs.

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing at all times while at school. Clothing must not be of any style, length or fit that is of a provocative nature. Revealing attire that permits the exposure of undergarments or private body parts is prohibited. Families will be contacted if a student needs a change of clothes. If necessary, Arlington will provide a change of clothes from our community clothing closet. So that all Eagles feel safe and valued, certain items are not permitted, including apparel/jewelry that promotes sexual activity or violence, the use of alcohol or drugs, or demeans or degrades another because of race, sex, religious persuasion, national origin, handicap or disability.

For the safety of all students and for a focus on education, large bags of snacks and seeds will not be permitted and will be confiscated upon entrance to the building. Opened drinks will not be permitted and will be confiscated and thrown away at the metal detectors. Water bottles need to arrive empty and can be filled at the school. Any small/individual type of snack or drink must be in a lunchbox or lunch bag, and remain in their locker until lunch time. All cell phones will be collected at the metal detector and handed back at the end of the school day.

Lockers

All students will be assigned one locker for their convenience. Students will need a lock to store and secure their items such as bookbags, coats, lunches, etc. While locks are not required, the school is not responsible for items stored in lockers. The school reserves the right to inspect the contents of any locker when there is reason to do so.

Please click on the link below to learn more about our District's Code of Conduct.

- [Code of Conduct](#)

Please click on the link below to learn more about our District's Non-Discrimination Policy.

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Please click on the link below for information about Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness.

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Please click on the link below for information about Title IX procedures.

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Please click on the link below for information about PSE Services.

- [PSE \(Special Education\) / Child Find Annual Notice](#)



Early Dismissals

On rare occasions, a parent may need to request an early dismissal from school for their child (such as for a doctor's appointment or other important business). The procedure for obtaining an early dismissal is as follows:

- Early dismissals end at 2:20pm to support getting ready for the whole school dismissal.
- Please send in a note or email to notify us of the early dismissal. The note should contain the reason for the dismissal, the time of the dismissal, and a phone number where the parent can be reached. The note should be given to the homeroom teacher or the main office secretary.

Dismissal Procedures

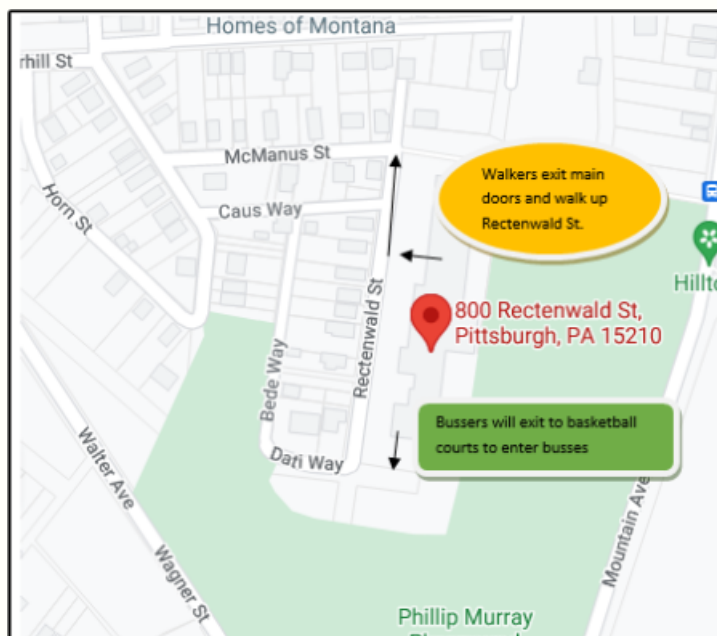
Dismissal begins at 3:00pm.

- Car riders: Car riders will be escorted to the cafeteria and wait seated to be called out to their car. Once their name is called, they may exit the cafeteria and walk to their car. This begins at 3p to ensure cars can leave before buses arrive.
- Walkers: Walkers will remain in their walker room until their student walker group is called, then they will walk to the main entrance to be dismissed. All walkers will walk up Rectenwald St. and immediately begin walking home.
- Bus riders: Bus riders will wait in their assigned bus room until their bus is called over the loudspeaker. When their bus is called, students will be escorted to the middle school basketball court exit to board their bus.

Car Riders



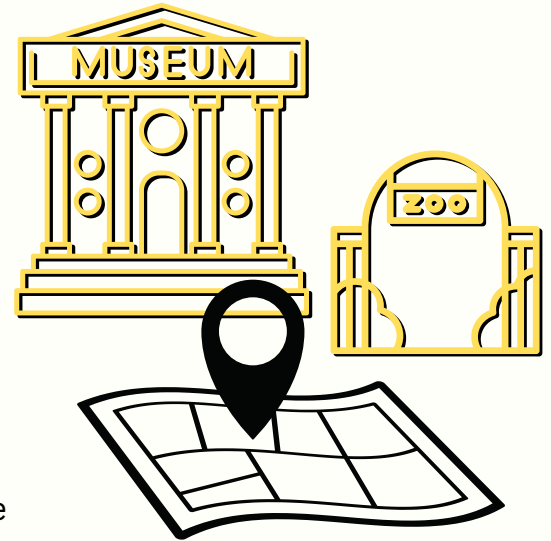
Walkers & Bus Riders



Arlington Field Trips and Activities

Field Trips/Special Events

Field trips are valuable learning opportunities for students. They are also a means of incentivizing students for academic achievement and SOARING behavior. Parental consent is required for all field trips in the form of a signed permission slip. Each grade level team plans several activities for students. Some educational field trips are planned that correspond to activities that go on in class. Other trips/events are meant as rewards. Quarterly field trips will be planned throughout the school year and criteria to attend will be shared with students and families prior to the field trip.



Inter-Scholastic Sports

Throughout the school year, we offer a variety of interscholastic sports such as cross country, soccer, basketball, flag football etc. A “C” average is required in order to participate.




In-School Activities

We have numerous programs at Pittsburgh Arlington for students to participate in throughout the school day. Some of our partners and programs include: STEM coding sessions, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, STEM Stars, CLO Theater, Alcosan, Reading is Fundamental, Arlington Arts, Student Envoy, Diamond Steppers.



School Expectations & SOAR Behavior

Students at Pittsburgh Arlington are expected to SOAR. **SOAR** is an acronym for students to follow and to remember: **Safe, Organized, Accountable, and Responsible.**

PBIS Behavior Matrix	Classroom	Hallway	Cafeteria	Restroom	Playground	Virtual
S AFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Be mindful of your voice level Keep hands and feet to self Keep chairs on floor Follow social distancing rules Wear mask over mouth and nose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the right Be mindful of your voice level Keep hands and feet to self Report any issues/problem Walk and line up six feet apart Wear mask over mouth and nose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Be mindful of your voice level Sit facing forward Keep hands and feet to self Place trash in trash can Wear masks when not eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Flush toilet Wash hands Turn off water Report any problem to an adult Wear mask over mouth and nose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter and exit following voice level Keep hands and feet to self Stay in approved area with grade level Report any problems to an adult Wear mask over mouth and nose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a space free from distraction Use equipment as intended Remain in your class Only answer calls from school staff
O RGANIZED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Bring all materials Bring technology and charger Charge device before school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have all materials that you need for the day Use your lockers at designated times when permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in assigned area Get all items needed while in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place trash in trash can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return equipment to appropriate place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise your work based on teacher input Check Schoology for assignments, materials and due dates
A CCOUNTABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively listen Complete and return assignments Think about your choices Charge device before school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry a hall pass Go directly to your destination Return to class promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Pick up things that you drop on the floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Flush toilet before leaving Wash hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take turns Play by the rules of the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow adult directions Be the owner of your assignments and learning Check in for attendance Remain near your computer Report tech issues the same day
R ESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise hand Wait your turn Listen to others Respect personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire student work with your eyes instead of your hands Be mindful of your voice level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say please and thank you Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect privacy of others Keep hands, objects and feet to self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care of equipment Use equipment as it was intended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time and ready to learn Communicate with teachers Chat is for educational reasons only Come fully clothed Mute microphone

"When Eagles get tired of flying, they don't quit, they SOAR!"

SOARING Academic Expectations

All Pittsburgh Arlington soaring Eagles will:

- Be prepared and engaged.
- Participate in class discussions.
- Use time responsibly.
- Complete assignments and turn them in on time.
- Ask for help when it is needed.

PBIS Rewards

We utilize the PBIS Rewards app in our classrooms for behavior management. Students have an opportunity to earn at least 4 points per period for showing SOARing Eagle Expectations. These points can be used towards weekly, monthly, and quarterly incentives such as rewards and field trips, as well as shopping in our PBIS store! You can check on your child's progress by logging into their Clever account and going to the PBIS Rewards app!

Pittsburgh Arlington Community Partnerships

Pittsburgh Arlington is a community school that collaborates with a variety of local organizations to provide on-going support for our students and their families. Partnerships between our school and the community offer programs which focus on academics, enrichment, health and social supports, youth and community development and family engagement. Community Schools promote student achievement, positive conditions for learning and the well-being of families and communities.

Community Schools Partner will:

1. Support the needs of students and families
2. Provide relevant programs and services for the students and community
3. Identify the expectations for programs
4. Provide a creative, fun, and safe environment

Community School Students will:

1. Be on time for scheduled activities
2. Sign in on the attendance form
3. Always be courteous, cooperative, and safe
4. Be respectful of the adults leading and your peers
5. Keep my area neat and clean
6. Have fun!

Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 Community Partners and Programs

Adagio Health - The Power Up program is a nutritional and physical activity program that teaches lessons to PreK and school-age children in the classrooms using evidenced-based curricula.

Contact: Amy Macklin

Address: Two Gateway Center, 603 Stanwix St #500, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Phone: (412) 288-2130

Website: <https://www.powerupeatright.com/about>

Arts at Arlington - The Middle Years program is an in-classroom program of the August Wilson Center that prepares students in seventh and eighth grade to audition at Pittsburgh CAPA for dance.

Contact: Celeta Hickman

Address: 980 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Website: <https://awaacc.org/about/education/>

Phone: (412) 339-1011



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CLO - Creative Vision Program: Students build self-confidence, model positive behavior, and learn to express themselves through writing, public speaking, and theater performances.

Contact: Jim Scriven

Address: 719 Liberty Ave 6th floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Phone: (412) 456-6666

Website: <https://www.pittsburghclo.org>



Boy Scouts - The traditional Scouting program, Scouts BSA is where youth develop outdoor survival skills, self-confidence, and ethics through youth-planned activities with increased attention to service, community engagement, and leadership. This program serves students in first through fifth grade.

Contact: Cameron Boston

Address: 1275 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Phone: (412) 471-2927

Website: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/>

Cub Scouts - Cub Scouts is for boys and girls, kindergarten to 5th grade. It is a program where youth develop the foundations for leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities.

Contact: Cameron Boston

Website: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/>

Address: 1275 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Phone: (412) 471-2927

Girl Scouts - The Girl Scouts program works with Students K-2 and 3-5 with various activities during 8 weeks in the fall and spring. They can earn badges to create outdoor art, mechanical engineering projects, field trip to Phipps, and cookie sale.

Contact: Meagan Loftus

Website: <https://www.gswpa.org/>

Address: 503 Martindale St Suite 500, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Phone: (800) 248-3355

Hilltop Urban Farm - Students that attend their programs get a hands-on education learning about agriculture and ecology. They teach students about growing food, nutrition, cooking, and having a career in agriculture.

Contact: Ms. Hattie

Website: <https://www.hilltopurbanfarm.org/youth-farm>

Address: 700 Cresswell Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: 412-586-5807

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Math Motivators - Math motivators is a tutoring program that works with students in grades 3-8. Tutors go through training in basic math instruction and work with diverse students with various needs.

Contact: Mark Elliot

Website: <https://www.actuarialfoundation.org/math-motivators-tutoring-program/>

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring - Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is a volunteer program that pairs older adults with children in grades K-3 to work one-on-one each week as their tutors, mentors, and friends. Oasis tutors use a six-step approach to literacy designed by educators that emphasize improved reading, speaking, listening, and writing.

Contact: John Spehar

Address: 411 Seventh Ave Ste. 525, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Phone: 314-862-2933

Website: <https://tutoring.oasisnet.org/provide-tutoring-in-your-district/>

Safe Routes to School - The Safe Routes to School program provides skill-building and safety education for students, creates encouragement activities that get children moving together, and builds enthusiasm and support among families, teachers, school administrators, and the community.

Contact: Ms. Harriet Jackson

E-Mail: harriet.jackson@pittsburghpa.gov

Website: <https://ourfuture.pittsburghpa.gov/pages/safe-routes-to-school>

Stem Coding Labs - This program offers students in third through seventh-grade technology activities learning App design & development, gaming, robotics, and website design and development.

Contact: Casey Mindlin

Address: 800 Vinial St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Phone: (412) 426-3523

Website: <https://stemcodinglab.org/>

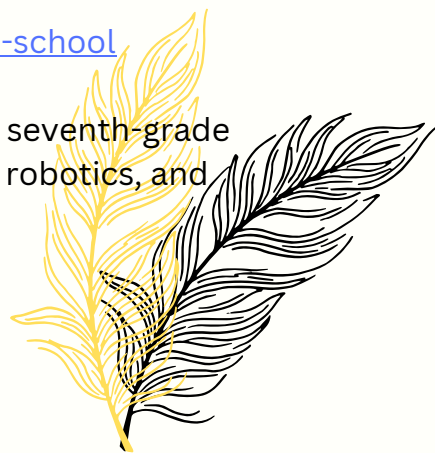
Strong Women Strong Girls - This program serves girls in grades third through 5th offering a 10-week program in the fall and spring with Duquesne University Mentors Reading Biology SEL 6 -C's of positive development

Contact: Michi Heckler

Address: 1620 Murray Ave 3rd floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Phone: (412) 488-0791

Website: <https://swsg.org/>



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The Brashear Association - The Brashear Foundation offers various programs and resources to support your family. They support Pittsburgh Arlington with a weekend backpack program that provides nutritious food and snacks. They also serve the community with employment, food assistance, utility and rental assistance, an after-school program, and community planning and resources.

Contact: Candice Benson

Director of Programs and Services

cbenson@brashearassociation.org

Address: 320 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 431-2236

Website: <https://www.brashearassociation.org/>

YWCA Stem Stars - STEM activities that offer Project Based Learning experiences, and a Saturday Academy at a college campus! The students create and work on various projects streamlining with science, math, technology, and engineering content.

Contact: Dawnise Kozen

Address: 305 Wood St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Phone: (412) 391-5100

Website: <https://www.ywcapgh.org/what-we-do/education/stem/stem-stars-techgyrls/>

25 Tech - Their program provides students with technical trainings and creative projects that benefit learners by building their understanding and comprehension of the Event Technology Arts. Through STEAM activities, students will improve Math, Science, and Art skills.

Contact: Jordan

Address: 25 Carrick Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 885-4327

Website: <https://www.tech25.org/in-school-programs/ear-educational-audio-resource-modules/25>



Local Family Resources

Family Care Connection Center Mt. Oliver - They service families in 15210 with parenting support, home visits, early childhood education, connections to resources, programming, family fun nights, and field trips.

Contact: Kelly Galiyas

Address: 1630 Arlington Ave, Mount Oliver, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 432-1635

Website: <https://www.chp.edu/locations/dms-chp-fccc-mt-oliver>

Childcare

A Plus Childcare (*2 locations*)

Address: 705 E Warrington Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 481-3180

Address: 2510 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 882-4005

Website: <https://www.apluschildcarellc.com/>

Clara's Community Childcare

Address: 756 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

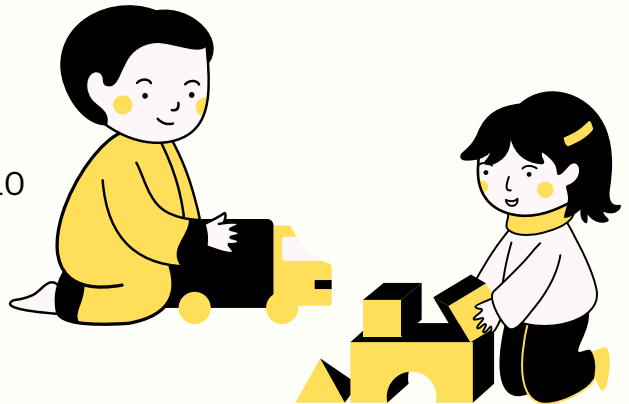
Phone: (412) 488-8703

Hilltop Community Children's Center

Address: 201 Orchard Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 381-6750

Website: <http://www.hilltopccc.org/>



Jerimiah's Place - Jeremiah's Place offers emergency childcare for children ages 0 to 6. Children can stay for a few hours or a few days based on family needs.

Address: 6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: (412) 924-0726

Website: <https://jeremiahsplace.org/>

Child Care Information Services - CCIS of Allegheny County - CCIS assists families with child care referrals, emergency, and subsidized childcare for qualifying families.

Phone: (412) 261-2273 or 1(800) 392-3131

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findfacilsandlocs/childcareinformationservices/>

After School Programs

Light House Church

Contact: Pastor Trent

Address: 810 Fisher St, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 431-2230

Carnegie Library (Knoxville Branch)

Contact: Mr. Ian - Head Librarian

Address: 400 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh PA 15210

Phone: 412-381-6543

Website: https://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/knoxville/

South Side Youth Organization - If you are interested to sign your child up for volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball, or basketball, you can fill out the application on the website listed. If you have any questions, you can send an email to this address.

South Side Youth Organization

Email: SSYOMN@aol.com

Website: <http://www.ssyomn.com/index.php>



Education Support Services Pre-K

Arlington Early Childhood Center - Pittsburgh Arlington provides early learning opportunities for children 3-5 meeting the needs of the “whole child”. We ensure that all children are prepared for kindergarten entrance.

Address: 800 Rectenwald Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Phone: (412) 529-4701

Website: www.pghschools.org/earlychildhood

Early Head Start - Pittsburgh Public Schools offers Early Head Start programs for children ages 0-2. You may choose the home-based or center-based programs. The center-based programs are offered at Allderdice, Brashear, Westinghouse, and UPrep high schools

Sherlyn Harrison, EHS Coordinator

Phone: (412) 529-8021.

Website: <https://www.pghschools.org/Page/669>.

Alliance for Infants and Toddlers - If you are concerned about your child's development or would like to know more about Early Intervention services, contact intake services. Referrals for Early Intervention services can be made by parents or guardians. With parental permission, physicians, medical personnel, other community agencies, and other family members can also make referrals to the Alliance.

Address: 2801 Custer Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Phone: (412) 885-6000

Website: <https://www.afit.org/>

Mental Health Support Services

Mercy - Pittsburgh Mercy is a community health and wellness provider servicing families with needs for behavioral, physical, and intellectual health. They also offer services for addiction, homelessness, intervention, crisis, and veterans.

Address: 1200 Reedsdale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Phone: 1-877-637-2109

Website: <https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/>

E-Mail: info@pittsburghmercy.org



Western Psychiatric Hospital - Western Psychiatric hospital serves the community with behavioral and mental health, as well as crisis services.

Address: 3811 O'Hara St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15213

Phone: 412-624-1000 or toll-free 1-877-624-4100

Website: <https://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/western-psychiatric>

Resolve - Resolve services individuals and families going through a crisis. They offer counseling and support, referrals, and intervention services.

Address: 333 N Braddock Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Phone: (888) 796-8226

Website: <https://www.upmc.com/services/behavioral-health/resolve-crisis-services>

Suicide Prevention Helpline - If you or a loved one is experiencing a crisis and need someone to talk to, you may call or text the helpline. Services are 24 hours and confidential.

Phone: 988

Crisis Textline: Text "HELLO" to 741741

Website: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention>

Safe Schools Bullying Prevention Helpline - The bullying prevention consultation line is free and services students that are experiencing chronic bullying. This line is not open 24 hours. If you are experiencing a crisis, please call one of the above numbers.

Phone: 1-866-716-0424

Website:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/bullying/Pages/default.aspx>

Allegheny County Children, Youth, and Families Intake Office

Phone: 412-473-2000

PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313

Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8 Student Handbook Sign-Off



We have read and understand the Handbook Rules and Policies for Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-8. We understand that we will be held accountable for the items detailed in this handbook.

Please complete one form for each student.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone Number

Date

Student Signature

Grade/ HR Teacher

Date